



BUTNER BUGLE

A look on what's happening in the Town of Butner

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Season greetings,

It is nice to see more things returning, as more people receive their vaccinations. It is delightful to see Christmas in the park and the Christmas parade reappear. We all could use some good cheer.

The New Year promises some exciting prospects for Butner. Be on the lookout for new Town projects, as well as those that were put on hold due to the pandemic.

The use of our newly acquired property, Umstead Correctional Center is one project to be revisited. Please allow your voice to be heard. Contact the Town's Planning Department or attend one of their workshops with your ideas of what would be its most beneficial use. Your input is essential. Do it now in the beginning, instead of waiting to complain after the decision has been made.

Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and a bright New Year.

- Mayor Terry Turner

TOWN PLANNING



"If you don't know where you are going, you could wind up someplace else." Yogi Berra

Peering into the future is a favorite exercise for planners and designers. From the Chicago 1893

Columbian Exhibition to New York City's two Worlds Fairs (1939 and 1965) and beyond, the future was optimistic and filled with cool technology and architecture. What do we think the future will look like 20 years or so from now? And what will Butner be like in 2040? The quality of our Town's future depends on the choices we make today. The foundation of the Imagine Butner 2040 Comprehensive Plan is the Mapping and Suitability Analysis which is a GIS-based build-out model that estimates potential future growth in the Butner. Imagine Butner 2040 is the town's comprehensive look at itself. Required by state statute, a Comprehensive Plan is fiscally neutral (basically as fancy way of saying the Plan requires no commitment of funds to implement any part of the Plan). To learn more about the 2040 Plan and future planning efforts including the future of the Umstead Correctional Center visit www.butner2040.com

BUTNER QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT DATA

Butner Planning Department issued 39 permits in the third quarter of 2021 valued at \$2,229,526.25.

Off-Premises Commercial Signs

An off-premises commercial sign is a sign not located on the same parcel as the business, product, or service being advertised. These signs are **PROHIBITED** in the Town of Butner. After numerous complaints the Town of Butner will be enforcing the removal of these signs from its jurisdiction. If you would like to report these signs, or have questions about our enforcement process, please email the Town of Butner Planning Office at planning@butnenc.org or call at 919.575.3032

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Vaccines are available to all residents 12 years or over. Go to myspot.nc.gov to locate an available location. Stay up-to-date with current news at:

www.ncdhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19

Health Beat



Mental health is a key component in having a healthier you. To put it simply, everyday life is affected by our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. Factors that can cause one to have mental health issues include:

- Biological factors, such as genes or brain chemistry
- Life experiences, such as trauma or abuse
- Family history of mental health problems

Some of the early warnings signs are:

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and usual activities
- Having unexplained aches and pains
- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Smoking, drinking, or using drugs more than usual

Help is available for recovery to improve your health, and wellness.

For further information,

<https://www.mentalhealth.gov/>

and <http://www.mentalhealth.gov/basics/recovery-possible>

— Your Public Health guru, Michel branch

ELECTION RESULTS



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The Butner Recreation Advisory Committee has voted to meet on the third Monday night of every other month instead of the second Monday. Their next meeting will be on November 15. There are vacancies. If you are interested in serving with this Committee, please contact the Town Clerk for an application.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED

*Thursday & Friday, November 25-26 Thanksgiving
Thursday, Friday, & Monday December 23-27, Christmas
Friday December 31, New Year's
Monday January 17, Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Pedestrian Safety Month



Pedestrian fatalities have been on the rise for the past decade and in a month full of fall festivities, NCDOT encourages everyone to keep safety

in mind. NCDOT recognizes National Pedestrian Safety Month. The number of pedestrian fatalities can be reduced if drivers and pedestrians: Remain alert Don't drive or walk while impaired Obey traffic laws

Litter Pickup Surpasses 10 Million Pounds

Following the Fall Litter Sweep in September, the combined efforts of volunteers, NCDOT staff and contractors have helped us collect over 10 million pounds of roadside litter for the year, putting us on track to surpass our record. This is great work, but please continue do your part and remind others not to litter.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

BUTNER CHRISTMAS PARADE



The Butner Community Association will once again host the annual Butner Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 4th at 2:00 pm. Entries are \$10 per vehicle. There is no charge for on-profits. We hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

The Butner Community Association will hold its annual Christmas in the Park on Friday night, December 3rd. The park's Christmas tree will be officially lit and entertainment starts at 7pm with Melissa's School of Dance, the Butner Presbyterian Pre-K, and the Yates Sisters. Santa will be there for the kiddos starting at 5:30 pm.



All meetings held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Town Council meets monthly on the 1st Thursday. Contact the Town Clerk for more information at 919.575.3109

Planning Board meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday, as needed. Board of Adjustment meets monthly on the 4th Thursday, as needed.

Contact the Planning Department for more information at 919.283.0983

Butner Public Safety's (BPS) Community Watch meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday. Contact BPS for info at 919.575.6561

South Granville Water and Sewer Authority (SGWASA) meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. Contact SGWASA for info at 919.575.3367