

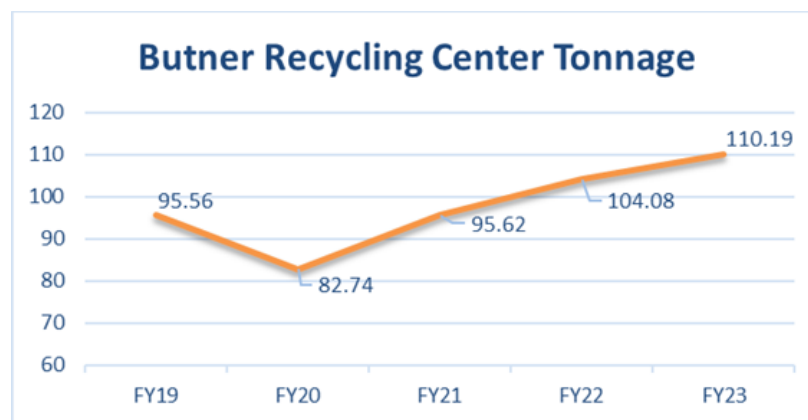


## Town Manager's Report September 7, 2023

**League Of Municipalities Training** – This month I attended an advancing municipal leaders training with the League of Municipalities. The sessions included municipal finance as well as building excellence in customer service. *For Your Information*

**Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)** – I attended the RAB meeting and received an update on the Corps. Engineers' efforts to remediate and cleanup remaining military munitions from Camp Butner located north of Town limits. The Corps. completed their mapping and investigations in 2015 which defined areas in need of cleanup (MRS – Munition Response Sites) and in 2018 provided notice and held public comment periods before finalizing their cleanup plan. The US Department of Defense has authorized cleanup of the areas which total nearly 11,000 acres with an estimated cleanup cost over \$260 million. Initial remedial efforts could begin in the next few years with the majority of cleanup occurring in the next 20-30 years subject to available federal funds. *For Your Information*

**Annual Solid Waste Report** – This past month the annual solid waste report was submitted to NCDEQ. A total of 110 tons of recycled materials were received and processed from the Town's recycling site this past fiscal year. Recycling rates are continuing to climb following a sizeable drop during the pandemic. *For Your Information*



**Butner Public Safety Parking Lot** – The parking lot replacement project is set to begin in mid-September with completion anticipated within 60 days. *For Your Information*

**Performance Stage** – This month we learned the Town did not receive the PARTF grant for the “all-in approach” to construct major improvements at Gazebo Park which included a performance stage and new adult fitness and children’s playground areas. The NC Parks and Recreation Trust

Fund received over 50 project applications with a total of 19 funded across the state. Feedback from the state indicates the lack of a system-wide recreation master plan and a recreation needs survey as hindering factors in our score. Although the Town was not awarded the grant, our intent has been to proceed with the performance stage. The Town has an existing contract with HagerSmith for design, permitting and construction administration which was paused while awaiting the grant outcome. Due to the existing contract, the project schedule can be accelerated and HagerSmith anticipates design being complete by early November with bidding in the November/December timeframe. Barring any delays this schedule allows for the possibility of completion prior to the Butner Summer Festival, but this will be further evaluated as design progresses. Funding for design was previously approved by Council and staff has given the go ahead for HagerSmith to continue with design. [For Your Information](#)

**Finance Software Replacement Update** – Last month the council authorized staff to finalize a contract with Tyler Technologies for the new finance software using funds in the current year budget. Finance staff was hopeful for going live with the software in early 2024. Unfortunately, between initial meetings with Tyler in the spring and the attorneys’ work to finalize the contract details, Tyler has picked up additional clients delaying our implementation timeline. Tyler estimates our go live timeline as summer 2024. Time will tell. [For Your Information](#)

**Planning Director** – We are pleased to announce the hiring of the Town’s next Planning Director, Jennifer Ganser. Jennifer has a master’s degree in urban planning and public policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago, is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners and has over 20 years of Planning and Economic Development experience. She recently relocated to Bahama, North Carolina after serving 10 years as the Assistant Director of Community Development with the Village of Lombard, Illinois. Prior to that she has experience as an Economic Development Coordinator and a Business Services Director for economic development organizations in Illinois. Jennifer will be starting with the Town on September 20<sup>th</sup>. [For Your Information](#)

**Sports Arena Internet** - As of last week the public internet (Wi-Fi) is operational at the Sports Arena. A public and private access is available. [For Your Information](#)