



BUTNER BUGLE

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

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings,

Summer is upon us. It is a very exciting time for Butner with a new Town Manager and Finance Director coming on board. We will start a new fiscal year in July with a budget in the black. We are constantly working to make this great, dynamic Town even greater. In mid-May, the Town will have an exhibit on loan titled "The First Gulf War: The War to Free Kuwait" organized by the North Carolina Museum of History in the Town Hall gallery from May 16th to July 7th. In conjunction with the exhibit, the keynote speaker for our annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony will be a veteran of that war, serving with the Butner National Guard, Mr. Ronnie Boyd. That ceremony will be held at 10:00 am on May 29th at Gazebo Park.

We have many other exciting events going on this summer as well, including the Butner Summer Festival, the Granville County Chamber of Commerce's Alive After Five concert, and the annual Firework Display, which is cosponsored with the City of Creedmoor, Granville County, and the State of North Carolina. Please enjoy these events and the many other things happening in Butner this summer.

- Mayor Terry Turner

Finance Director Announces Retirement

The Town of Butner's first full-time Finance Director, **Susan Hiscocks**, is retiring after 13 years of service on May 31st, 2023. Susan began working for the Town of Butner on a part-time basis in June 2009, and in May 2010, she became the Town's first full-time Finance Director. Prior to working for the Town, Susan worked for Granville County, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and Winston, Williams, Creech & Evans, CPAs.

"I am looking forward to traveling, volunteering, spending time with my family, and working in my garden during retirement," Susan stated. "I have enjoyed working for the Town of Butner, and I appreciate the support I have received from Town employees and elected officials over the years. I am excited that Hak Ung will be my replacement, and I know the Town's finances will be in great hands."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Town Council is currently soliciting applications for the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**. This seven member Committee provides staff with recommendations on recreational activities and facility planning. One (1) seat is available for application and will expire in December 2024. Please contact Mallory Richard at mrichard@butnenc.org to learn more.

Furthermore, the **Butner Community Association** is always looking for volunteers to help with community events such as the Butner Summer Festival and Beautify Butner Day. These events bring the community together, provide an opportunity to have fun and make a difference in the Town. If you are interested in volunteering for the Butner Community Association, please contact Cecil Hudgins at chudgins@nc.rr.com to learn more.



— TAKE NOTE —

Town Hall is no longer using the P.O. Box for mailing. Please mail directly to 415 Central Avenue, Suite A, Butner, NC 27509.

BUTNER QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT DATA

The Butner Planning Department issued 22 permits in the first quarter of 2023 valued at \$663,550.00.

Planning Department

Want to Start a New Business?

Contact the Town of Butner Planning Department to apply for a zoning permit!

Accessory Structures

Wanting to install that new swimming pool? Fence? Storage building? Apply for a zoning permit first! Contact the Town of Butner Planning Department, **919.283.6983**, or email the planning department at planning@butnenc.org.



Lake Holt Updates

- ◆ National Geographic and photographer Greta Rybus published an article in April highlighting several locations in Granville County, including Lake Holt. Look for the article on the Town of Butner's website and Facebook page.
- ◆ Lake Holt is open from **7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., 7 days a week.**
- ◆ Follow: **@lakeholtgrill** on Instagram or Lakeside Grill, Marina, and Park on Facebook.
- ◆ Live Bluegrass dates: **May 21st** and **July 6th.**
- ◆ Bass Tournament (dependent on weather): **May 6th.**

SGAA UPDATES

Spring Season began the week of April 24th. Registrations were higher than ever. Parking fills up quickly at the Butner Athletic Park, so please arrive early or carpool when attending games. Check out the SGAA's Facebook page or www.SGAA.me for summer and fall opportunities.



SGAA is a non-profit fully run by volunteers. Our children need your help! Please consider applying for the board of directors or to coach. If you don't have a child participating, you can still help coach a team. You could also sponsor a child who would not be able to play otherwise.

Terry Turner, Mayor

Jerry L. Ayscue, Interim Town Manager

Bill McKellar, Mayor Pro Tem

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TOWN UPDATES

Identity Theft and How It Can Affect You

Identity theft is the fraudulent use of your name and identifying data by someone else to obtain credit, merchandise, or services. Identity theft is on the rise, affecting victims of all races, incomes, and ages.



About 1 in 6 adults say they have been identity theft victims. Serious consequences can result from identity theft, including losing a large portion of their savings. Butner Public Safety receives numerous reports each month of fraud and attempts of fraud.

There are commonsense approaches that can be used to protect your identity and your finances. **Always remember that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.**

1. Install difficult passwords on your credit cards, bank accounts, and phone accounts.
2. Monitor your accounts and keep receipts to check against your monthly statement.
3. Do not give information over the phone or the Internet. Companies will not call you and ask you to verify any information about your account. The companies ask you to verify your account when you call them to protect your account.
4. A law enforcement agency will never call you and ask that you pay for anything over the phone and tell you that you will be arrested if you do not pay.
5. A legitimate company will not call you and ask you to go buy gift cards to pay for services.
6. Most public Wi-Fi networks have very few security measures in place. Wait until you are at home or on a secure, password-protected network before sharing financial information.
7. Do not open links or attachments from emails that look unfamiliar. Check the sender of the mail. Although it may look like it is from a trusted sender, determine if the email address from the sender is valid.
8. Order a copy of your credit report every year.

Butner Public Safety has more information on fraud and ways to avoid being a victim. If you suspect that someone may be trying to obtain money from you illegally, call Butner Public Safety anytime to speak with an officer regarding your question at 919-575-6561.



BE YOUR OWN HERO! BECOME A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

Public Safety Officers perform specialized law enforcement AND fire service work. This is a unique opportunity to provide dual police and fire services to our community. Applicants must be at least 20 years of age and have a high school education or equivalent. Law enforcement and/or fire certification preferred. Start the application process at www.butnernc.org.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Memorial Day: Monday, May 29th
Independence Day: Tuesday, July 4th

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

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

HEALTH BEAT



Health of your colon is an important factor in maintaining an improved healthy lifestyle. The colon is a crucial part of the digestive system, and many different conditions can cause it to work improperly. Colorectal cancer is one of the most serious colon diseases. It's the third most common cancer and the third deadliest cancer in the U.S. A major risk factor for colon cancer includes age (risk increases over age 50). Having a colonoscopy at regular intervals can not only improve your health but avoid more serious issues. Some helpful ways to improve the functioning of your colon include:

- Eat a Rainbow of Fruits and Vegetables
- Eat Whole Grains
- Drink Water and Stay Hydrated
- Take Probiotics and Vitamin D

For further information: <https://www.rush.edu/health-wellness/discover-health/eating-healthy-colon>, and <https://www.stopcoloncancer.com/colon-cancer-prevention/prevention/nutrition>

Please contact a local healthcare facility for more information.

– Your Public Health Guru, Michel Branch

Community Events

MEMORIAL DAY

The Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held on **Monday, May 29th, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am** at Gazebo Park. If inclement weather occurs, the ceremony will be relocated to the Soldier's Memorial Sports Arena on 416 24th Street in Butner.



BUTNER SUMMER FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars! The festival weekend kicks off with a dance on **Friday, June 2nd, 7-10 pm** at Soldier's Memorial Sports Arena, 416 24th Street in Butner. This year's band is The Cat 5 Band. The Butner Chicken Pickin' Festival (now called the **Butner Summer Festival**) will be held **Saturday, June 3rd, 9 am-4 pm**. The main entertainment will feature The Pizzazz Band. The day's events include a BBQ chicken cook-off contest, lots of food and craft vendors, kiddie activities, a tractor show, wine and beer, and a fantastic car show that can't be beat! The event will be held rain or shine at Gazebo Park on Central Avenue in Butner. For the safety of others, pets, skateboards, and bicycles are not allowed at the event. For more information, including vendor and car show registration, visit BCAserves.org or like their Facebook page to receive updates.

ALIVE AFTER FIVE

Mark your calendars for the Granville County Chamber of Commerce's Alive After Five event! The concert will be held at Gazebo Park in Butner, NC, on **Thursday, June 8th, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**, and will feature the Bryan's Hill Band. Please visit www.granville-chamber.com for more information.

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Join us for a spectacular fireworks display co-sponsored by the Town of Butner, the City of Creedmoor, Granville County, and the State of North Carolina at Lake Holt on **Friday, June 30th, 2023**. Gates open at **6:00 pm**, and the show will begin around **9:00 pm**. Food trucks and a DJ will be on site. Please contact Mallory Richard at mrichard@butnernc.org for more information.



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