



BUTNER BUGLE

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

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings,

Butner, being a dynamic town, continues to change. 2023 is presenting many new and exciting changes and challenges for our Town. The year began with a new Interim Manager who will serve until we employ a new full-time Manager, which will hopefully be this spring. We will also be transitioning from our retiring Finance Director, Susan Hiscocks, to the newly hired Finance Director, Hak Ung. While we regret the departure of our outstanding personnel, we wish them the very best as they move on with their lives. At the same time, we look to moving our Town forward with new people.

Hopefully this spring, we will have new sidewalks from Central Avenue down D Street to 12th Street, across to E Street, and back up to Central Avenue. This will provide a walking route without having to cross vehicular traffic.

Springtime will bring the renewal of athletics, picnics, boating and fishing in our Town. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will return, as well as the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony honoring those who gave their all for our freedoms.

Wishing all an enjoyable spring rejuvenation.

— Mayor Terry Turner

New Hire Spotlight

Mallory Richard, Event Coordinator/PIO

Mallory Richard of Butner, N.C., joined the Town of Butner staff in November 2022. She is the Town's first Event Coordinator.

Mallory graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a B.A. in Communication Studies and Public Relations. She has lived in Butner for most of her life. Mallory stated, "I am thrilled at the opportunity to serve my community in a meaningful way. Butner is a wonderful town, and I can't wait to see it grow into its full potential."



Hak Ung, Finance Director

Hak Ung of Creedmoor, N.C., will join the Town of Butner staff as the new Finance Director in February 2023. This comes after current Finance Director, Susan Hiscocks, announced her plans to retire in May 2023.

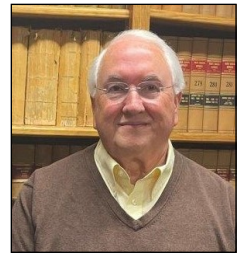


Hak has over nine years of experience in finance, seven of which he has spent with the City of Oxford. He began as a Finance and Accounting Specialist for Oxford in 2015 and worked his way up to Finance Director in 2016. Prior to that, Hak worked for Granville County as an Accounting Specialist from 2013 to 2015. He graduated from Appalachian State University with a B.S.B.A. in Finance. Hak stated, "I am looking forward to utilizing my experience for the Town and serving the community I live in."

Butner Welcomes Interim Town Manager

The Town of Butner is pleased to announce that Jerry L. Ayscue of Henderson, N.C., will serve as Butner's Interim Town Manager. He was sworn in on December 30th, 2022.

Jerry has over 31 years of business and county management experience. He most recently served as Interim Director for the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority from July 2018 to January 2019 and Interim CEO for Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. in 2016. Prior to that, Jerry served as Vance County's first Manager from November 1984 until his retirement in 2015.



He graduated from Appalachian State University in 1976 with a B.S.B.A. in Banking and Finance and again in 1977 with an M.A. in Economics and Business. Jerry stated, "It is a professional privilege to be a part of the Town of Butner team, even for a relatively short period of time. I have already enjoyed making new acquaintances and I am looking forward to meeting more of you in the near future."

New Business

Want to start a new business? Contact the Town of Butner Planning Department to apply for a zoning permit first! They may be reached at: planning@butnernc.org or 919.575.3032

Red Cross Blood Drive

When: Tuesday, February 28, 2023
from 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Butner Town Hall, Camp Butner Room

How: To schedule your life saving appointment, sign up today at www.redcrossblood.org and use code: **Butner**.



— NOTICE —

All Payments to Town Hall are due by 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. This includes facility rentals, yard sale permits, and building permits.

BUTNER QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT DATA

The Town of Butner has issued 14 permits during the last quarter of 2022 valued at \$231,599.00.

Event Interest Survey

Is there an event you would like the Town to consider in the future? Let us know by taking our survey. Scan this QR code or visit butnernc.org to learn more.

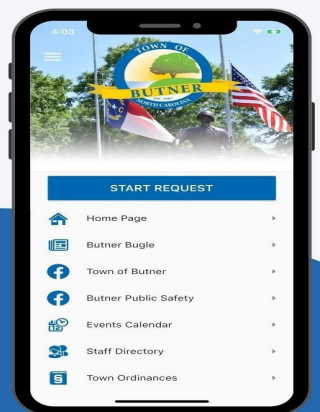


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Terry Turner, Mayor

Jerry L. Ayscue, Interim Town Manager

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Town Updates

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms and more than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present. The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.



What are ways that you can protect yourself from a fire while you sleep?

- Check your smoke alarm every month by pushing the "TEST" button.
- Replace batteries at least once a year if your alarm is powered by a nine-volt battery.
- If you have a 10-year lithium battery, replace the entire smoke alarm according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If your smoke is hardwired into your home's electrical system, replace the backup battery yearly and the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.
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- Place smoke detectors in each bedroom and outside of bedroom doors.

Butner Public Safety was awarded a Smoke Alarm Grant by the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal's Office. As part of the grant, Butner Public Safety will install smoke alarms in the homes of those people who meet the criteria for the grant. The smoke alarms have to be installed by members of the department and cannot just be given away. To find out if you are eligible for smoke alarms to be installed in your home, please contact **Capt. Brad Knutson** at 919-575-6561, extension 115.

CWEP REGIONAL CREEK WEEK



CWEP is excited to host the second annual **Regional Creek Week**, to engage the public on the importance of clean and healthy waterways. A variety of events will take place across the region, both virtually and in-person. Join us in celebrating and protecting our waterways this Creek Week!

STORMWATER RUN OFF VIRTUAL 5K, MARCH 12-19

CWEP is excited to announce the 2022 **Stormwater Run Off 5k!** To participate, you may walk or run 5 kilometers (3.2 miles), along a waterway near you, anytime during Creek Week. We are using Strava to track submissions, please register and create a free Strava account if you don't already have one. This event is free and can be completed anytime during Creek Week. During your walk/run, you may also choose to collect any litter you see along the way. We will announce multiple winners to receive CWEP prizes.

REGIONAL CREEK WEEK BIOTHON, MARCH 12-19

Welcome to the **Clean Water Education Partnership's Regional Creek Week BioThon!** This project focuses on how water connects us all through exploring, documenting and identifying native aquatic species of early spring. Submissions will be tracked on iNaturalist.

Visit <https://nc-cleanwater.com/regional-creek-week/> for more information.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED
Good Friday: Friday, April 7th
Memorial Day: Monday, May 29th

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



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

Community Events

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 1st, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

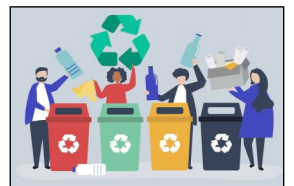
The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at Gazebo Park on Saturday, April 1st. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be divided into three age groups (0-3, 4-6, and 7-9). Following the hunt, children will be able to make crafts and take pictures with the Easter Bunny! There will not be a scheduled rain date if inclement weather occurs. *Special thanks to our BCA volunteers for all they do.*



BEAUTIFY BUTNER DAY

Saturday, April 22nd, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Are you tired of seeing littered streets in Butner? Let's do something about it! Plan to be a part of a surprisingly fun morning where picking up litter while socializing with others will make your day! We are seeking individual volunteers, families, civic groups, church groups, local businesses, etc., to help the Butner Community Association (BCA) make Butner more beautiful.



Beautify Butner Day will be held Saturday, April 22, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. We will meet at Gazebo Park.

No pre-registration is necessary. Just show up! Bring a group, or come by yourself and we will put you with a group. And if you need community service hours, this counts, so bring your form with you.

For more information or to register, please contact **Judy Cheek** at 919-906-7025, or email at cheek.judy@gmail.com. Supplies, vests, water, and snacks will be furnished.

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29th, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The **Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony** will be held on Monday, May 29th, at 10:00 a.m. at Gazebo Park. *Please check the website for more information.*



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