



# BUTNER BUGLE

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

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings,

Happy New Year to everyone! I am excited to serve as your Mayor. My transition has gone smoothly and I am still settling into my office. Let's welcome our three new Town of Butner Council members: Vicky Daniels, Ed Sosa and Josh Shank. We look forward to working with our new Council members.

Yes, spring is quickly approaching us as we continue to focus on the new performance stage at the Gazebo. Our goal is to have the construction begin mid-year with a completion date of late 2024. Get ready for our upcoming events such as the Summer Festival, boating, fishing, and outdoor activities in our Town. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will also be scheduled along with the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony honoring our military services that fought for our freedom.

Best wishes to all for an enjoyable and safe spring!

— Mayor Linda Jordon

## Planning Department

### Food Truck Update

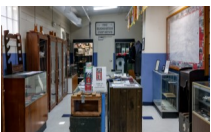
The Town of Butner is excited to announce that we have updated regulations on food trucks. Food trucks are now allowed outside of Town sponsored events on commercial properties with a permit. Food trucks are allowed 12 temporary use permits per lot in a calendar year. Food trucks will need applicable permits from Granville-Vance Public Health and any other required approvals. Food trucks may only operate between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to midnight and must be removed from all permitted locations during the hours when they are not permitted to be in operation, and may not be stored, parked, or left overnight on any public street or sidewalk. Food truck operators can contact the Butner Planning Department at [planning@butnenc.org](mailto:planning@butnenc.org) for more information and to obtain a permit.



### Road Concerns

Encountered a pesky pothole or navigated through a waterlogged section on your daily drive? We understand the importance of smooth and safe road conditions, and we want to hear from you! In Butner, various roads fall under different jurisdictions. State-owned roads include C Street, D Street, G Street, Central Avenue, Gate 2 Road, Lyon Station Road, and Will Suitt Road. Meanwhile, the Town oversees roads like E Street, F Street, and numbered streets such as 13th, 14th, and beyond. To report any concerns related to Town-owned roads, please reach out to us at **919-575-3032**. For State-owned roads, including those maintained by the NCDOT, you can contact them at **919-715-7000** or submit an online concern at [www.ncdot.gov/contact](http://www.ncdot.gov/contact). Your input is invaluable in helping us keep our roads in top-notch condition. Let's work together for safer and smoother commutes.

## Camp Butner Museum Updates



◆ **Reminder of hours:** The Camp Butner Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month, and admission is free. The museum is located in the Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena at 416 24th Street in Butner.

◆ For those who have previously visited, it's a great time to stop by again! The museum is currently updating display cabinets to feature additional stories related to Camp Butner. Recently, a new cabinet was unveiled, documenting various activities and experiences of troops in neighboring communities and beyond. Come and explore the fresh exhibits and discover even more about the rich history of Camp Butner.

◆ The Camp Butner Society is actively seeking new members to join their board. Becoming a part of the Board of Directors is easy and comes with minimal requirements. Directors are expected to pay an annual membership fee of \$20, attend most of the monthly board meetings, and volunteer at the museum at least once or twice a year. Individuals with diverse talents and backgrounds are welcome to contribute to their dynamic team. If you're interested in being a part of this exciting opportunity, please reach out to [museum@campbutner.org](mailto:museum@campbutner.org). Your involvement can make a meaningful impact on the continued success and growth of the museum.

## Election Results



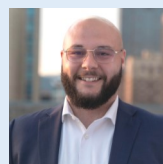
### Mayor

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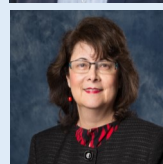
### Council Member

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## New Hire Spotlight



Please join us in welcoming **Kateri Martino**, the newest member of the Town of Butner's finance department! Originally from Upstate New York, Kateri has called Creedmoor, NC home for the past 7 years. With a degree in Liberal Arts from SUNY Broome Community College and 6 years of experience in accounting and finance at Hendricks Automotive Group, Kateri brings valuable expertise to our team.

"I am looking forward to utilizing my skills to learn and grow in the community I live in," Kateri said.



Division of Broadband and Digital Equity



The North Carolina Broadband Survey is designed to gather information on locations in the state without adequate internet access and speeds. The information gathered from the survey will:

- Provide clear data to guide investment of funds through the state's Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology grant program

- Inform research and policy recommendations
- Support strategic targeting of additional funding streams

The survey is a collaboration between the N.C. Department of Information Technology's Broadband Infrastructure Office and the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at NC State University.



## Volunteers Needed

**Join the Military Holiday Committee!** We are currently accepting new members to contribute to our mission of organizing meaningful military events. The committee convenes on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Butner Town Hall. As a member of the committee, you will play a vital role in coordinating events such as Veterans Day and Memorial Day celebrations. Veterans and current military personnel are encouraged to join. For more information, please contact Mallory Richard at [mrichard@butnenc.org](mailto:mrichard@butnenc.org).

Linda Jordon, Mayor

Jordan McMillen, Town Manager

Michel Branch, Mayor Pro Tem

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## Butner Public Safety Gun Cable Locks

Gun cable locks are devices designed to enhance firearm safety by preventing unauthorized access and use. These locks typically consist of a strong cable that is threaded through the gun's action or the barrel, rendering the firearm inoperable. They often come with a padlock or combination lock to secure the cable in place.

The primary purpose of gun cable locks is to promote responsible gun ownership and prevent accidental or unauthorized use, especially in households with children or individuals who shouldn't have access to firearms. It's essential for gun owners to store their firearms securely to reduce the risk of accidents, theft, or misuse.

North Carolina General Statute 14-315.1 states that any person who resides in the same premises as a minor, owns or possesses a firearm, and stores or leaves the firearm (i) in a condition that the firearm can be discharged and (ii) in a manner that the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor would be able to gain access to the firearm, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor if a minor gains access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minor's parents or a person having charge of the minor and the minor: (1) Possesses it on school property, exhibits it in a public place in a careless, angry, or threatening manner; causes personal injury or death with it not in self defense; or uses it in the commission of a crime.

Butner Public Safety has received a grant from Project Child Safe for safety kits. Each kit contains a cable-style gun locking device and a safety brochure. The firearm safety brochure that is included with the gun lock is just as important as the lock itself. A key goal of the program is to prevent a loaded firearm from being left lying around the house where a child could pick it up and play with it. That's a tragedy waiting to happen. If you would like to obtain a free safety kit, come to Butner Public Safety and request a kit. Firearm owners who request a kit will receive a free safety kit with "no questions asked."

## Littering

Littering is impacting the beauty of the environment around us. Winter can indeed reveal the extent of litter along roadways when the leaves fall and the grass dies. In North Carolina, citizens can be cited for littering, and they could also be cited with failure to secure loads for those that allow their litter and debris to fall from their vehicles even if they did not intentionally litter. Littering more than 500 pounds is a felony in North Carolina. Reporting such incidents to local authorities can help address the issue and promote a cleaner and more appealing environment. If someone has littered on your property within Butner Town Limits, please contact Butner Public Safety at 919-575-6561. BPS officers will then try and determine who was the owner of the trash and take enforcement action. Everyone plays a role in maintaining a clean and aesthetically pleasing community.

## 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.butnenc.org](http://www.butnenc.org).

**TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED**  
**Good Friday: March 29, 2024**  
**Memorial Day: May 27, 2024**

## Spring Into Action with SGAA

Exciting news for sports enthusiasts! The South Granville Athletic Association (SGAA) is open for spring season sign-ups. Ready to join the action? Contact SGAA at [SGAAInfo@gmail.com](mailto:SGAAInfo@gmail.com) or simply scan the QR code for more information.



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 919.283.6983.

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

## HEALTH BEAT

Many adults experience anxiety in their daily lives, whether at work or at home. The stresses of life can manifest themselves in various ways, such as agitation, anger, fear, and frustration. Teenagers, in particular, are vulnerable due to their lack of life experience in coping with these emotions. Signs of anxiety may include, but are not limited to:

- Sudden episodes of intense fear
- Constant worry about potential events
- Extreme fear of specific objects or places
- Difficulty sleeping or concentrating
- Dizziness and shaking
- Sweating

As teenagers grow older, anxieties can intensify. If left undiagnosed, these anxieties may negatively impact school involvement, academic performance, and relationships with family and others.

Seeking help is crucial for helping teenagers understand and live with these anxieties. For more information, visit CDC's Mental Health in Children and Teens. <https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/local/info-2019/national-resources-for-caregivers.html>

— Your Public Health Guru, Michel Branch

## Community Events



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.

Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Town of Butner and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at Gazebo Park on Saturday, March 23, 2024. The Easter Egg Hunt, commencing at 10:00 a.m., will cater to three age groups: 0 - 3, 4 - 6, and 7 - 9. After the hunt, children can enjoy crafts and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny! If inclement weather occurs, the event will be relocated to the Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena at 416 24th Street in Butner.

### GROOVIN' AT THE GAZEBO

Friday, April 19, 2024 • 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for an exciting evening of fun and entertainment at Groovin' at the Gazebo! This family-friendly event, sponsored by the Town of Butner, will take place on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Gazebo Park in Butner. This event will include several food vendors, a DJ, face painting for kids, and lawn games for everyone to enjoy. If inclement weather occurs, the event will be rescheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024. Please check the Town of Butner's social media channels and website for future updates.

### BEAUTIFY BUTNER DAY

Saturday, April 20, 2024 • 8:00 a.m. - 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! The Beautify Butner Event will be held on Saturday, April 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 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 in a group. If you need community hours, this counts, so bring your form with you. For more information, please contact Judy Cheek at 919-906-7025 or email at [cheek.judy@gmail.com](mailto:cheek.judy@gmail.com). Supplies, vests, water, and snacks will be provided.



HAPPY EARTH DAY

### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 27, 2024 • 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Let's come together to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Gazebo Park. If inclement weather occurs, the ceremony will be relocated to the Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena at 416 24th Street in Butner.



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