



BUTNER BUGLE

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

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings,

Ah! Summertime and the livn' is easy according to Ella Fitzgerald's song. It the time of fun vacations or just relaxing at home.

Our Town kicks off its summer events with the annual Memorial Day Wreath Laying ceremony on May 30th. This year's keynote speaker will be Mr. John Turner (no relation), the Director of the Veterans Life Center here in Butner.

The following Saturday, June 4th will see the long-anticipated return of the Chicken Pickin', a day of fun, food, and entertainment for all ages.

And on July 1st we celebrate our Nation's 246th birthday with a fireworks display at Lake Holt.

Enjoy Butner throughout the summer.

— Mayor Terry Turner

TOWN PLANNING

Butner has a unique opportunity to develop a town center that will be a place we can walk to, show off to guests, meet



your neighbors, shop, eat, drink, live, work, and enjoy! Staff is working on the rules that will guide Town efforts for the Town Center in coming years. Specifically as these relate to the Umstead Correctional Site and how

we make Butner's "Main Street", Central Avenue, a destination that reflects the Town's aspirations, serves a diverse population of residents, workers, and visitors utilizing sound design principles.

For more information on the Town's long-term aspirations visit: www.butner2040.com, or contact the Planning Department.

East End Connector Updates



NCDOT is very close to opening the East End Connector project. Demolition of an old railroad bridge is near completion. This new connection between I-85 and RTP will reduce travel times for Butner residents dramatically and is scheduled to open at the end of May.

BUTNER BEAUTIFICATION

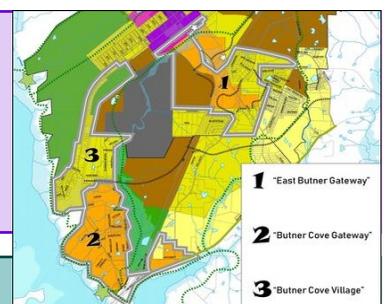
The Town of Butner's Beautification Committee has been working with Town Staff on planning ways to improve the Town's appearance and first impression of visitors. An award from WRAL helped the Town start improvements to the entrance of Town from I-85 with an award of azaleas.

LDO Updates

On April 7, Town Council approved an update that will allow for "floating" zoning districts along Gate 1 and Gate 2 Roads. This does not change any current zoning regulations in these areas, but applicants can apply for a rezoning that will enable them to develop according to these new standards. For more information visit: www.butner2040.com.

Volunteer . . .

We have vacancies for our Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and our Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Please contact staff for more information at planning@butnenc.org or by phone at 919-575-3032.



HEALTH BEAT



The pandemic has changed our lives in ways we never thought possible. One of the outcomes that has resulted from this health crisis is teleworking, and how it allows people to work from home, but also allows a positive balance between work, our health, and well-being. In the last year, the U.S. population was surveyed to find out how teleworking has benefited a person's health, and well-being. The results were:

- 64% of all respondents were satisfied with virtual work
- 67% reporting it helped to improve the quality of work
- 61% reporting that it improved their productivity
- 36% would like to continue teleworking after the pandemic
- 49% felt that they were able to balance personal and work life

Teleworking is here to stay! People have found recaptured time with their family, improved quality of health, and life, and are more productive. The even greater impact is reduction of carbon emission due to reduced vehicle traffic.

For further information:

https://www.northcentralpa.com/covid-19/bucknell-researcher-reports-u-s-telework-survey-results/article_ca1ed732-7677-11eb-8c12-431bed44ed57.html

— Your Public Health guru, Michel Branch

BUTNER QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT DATA

Butner Planning Department issued 34 permits in the first quarter of 2022 valued at \$5,241,600.

Mission: *The Town of Butner provides quality municipal services to our citizens, businesses, and visitors to enhance the quality of life of our community.*

Vision: *Butner is a safe, welcoming community that people are proud to call home. Butner has a close-knit atmosphere and the citizens actively work to maintain that feeling through its support of volunteering, community gatherings and active support of local businesses. The Town of Butner is committed to providing attractive residential homes, thriving economic development, a vibrant Town Center, and active amenities for all ages. It is a place where people can gather and afford to live, work, and grow.*

Values:

- Ethical
- Integrity
- Inclusive
- Fiscally Responsible
- Teamwork
- Respect
- Transparency

Come Visit Butner's Hidden Gem

Open year-round **Lake Holt** allows for all sorts of recreation opportunities. There are picnic shelters available for rent, a playground, and the Lakeside Grill. Boat launches are only \$3 daily, \$25 monthly, or \$150 for a year. Fishermen are allowed to keep up to 10 bass per day with only two being greater than 14 inches. For more information please visit our website at butnenc.org.

It's Mowing Season!

One of the most common code enforcement violations each year is grass. The Butner Municipal Ordinance states that grass taller than 12 inches near a residence or commercial building is subject to a notice of violation.



New Business Permits

Want to start a new business? Here's some things to keep in mind:

Talk to Planning Staff — Not all businesses are allowed in all parts of Town.

Speak to the Planning Department to see if what you would like to do is feasible in the location you select.

Apply for Permits — Even if there's always been a business in the building you've selected, it will still require zoning review, and a fire inspection.

For any questions, feel free to contact staff at:
planning@butnenc.org or 919.575.3032



What Is A Riparian Buffer?

A Riparian Buffer is a strip of vegetation along the banks of a stream. Buffers are commonly 150

feet wide on each side of a stream. Buffers reduce erosion by strengthening stream banks. They filter pollutants such as sediment, phosphorus, and pesticides through the soil before entering the stream. Learn more at nc-cleanwater.com.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30

Independence Day, Monday, July 4

Labor Day, Monday, September 5

COMMUNITY EVENTS

28th Annual Chicken Pickin'



The **Butner Chicken Pickin'** festival will be held Saturday, **June 4th from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.!** It is now in its 28th year and after a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, the **Butner Community Association (BCA)** is so excited about hosting the event this year that they have added some great additions!

There will now be a beer vendor and a wine vendor added to the mix of offerings. And the entertainment line-up is off the chart!

Stage #1 entertainment line-up includes Noah Wall & Tommy Norris of the Barefoot Movement, which is a national award-winning Americana band in which both Noah and Tommy grew up here in Granville County. They will be followed by Melissa's School of Dance. **Stage #2** entertainment line-up includes the Tim Clark Band from Myrtle Beach, SC and the Yates Sisters will perform during the break.

The day's events include: Day-long live entertainment on two stages, BBQ chicken cook-off contest, lots of food and craft vendors, kiddie activities, tractor show, and a fantastic car show that can't be beat!

The festival weekend kicks off with the **Butner Street Dance**, which will be held on **Friday, June 3rd, 7 - 10 p.m.** out in the parking lot at Soldier's Memorial Sports Arena, 416 24th Street in Butner, weather permitting. In the event of rain, the dance will be held inside Solder's Memorial Sports Arena. The band for this year's street dance is The Castaways.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. at Gazebo Park, the Town of Butner will be hosting a **Wreath Laying Ceremony**. Guest Speaker will be John Turner, Director of the Veteran's Life Center. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Soldier's Memorial Sports Arena located at 416, 24th Street.



Fourth of July

The **Fireworks Show** will be **Friday, July 1**. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., Welcome Program at 7:30!

Gates are locked at 8:45 p.m. and fireworks begin shortly after 9:00 p.m. We will have a DJ and Food Trucks on site.



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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.