

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Covid-19 has restricted many summer events and threatens fall and winter ones. Take comfort, it will pass. Still our Town's top priority is the health and safety of the people, who live, work, and visit here. So, please do your part. The long awaited Veteran Life Center has opened. There was an extremely limited ceremony due to the pandemic. As a result of much time, effort, and resources this magnificent facility is helping those who wore our nation's uniform to cope with life.

I cannot encourage everyone enough to be counted in the upcoming census. It will affect you and your family's well-being for the next decade. It is a simple, completely confidential, head count and nothing else. Please visit www.2020Census.gov.

Our recycling collector, GFL, could close our recycling center on B Street if it continues to be polluted with household trash. So, if you enjoy using it and see someone disposing such waste, please ask them kindly not to do it.

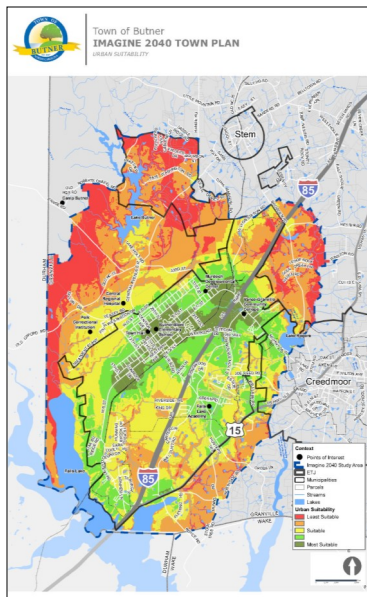
Let your dreams be known for what you want Butner to become. Come and participate in the open house for Butner's 2040 plan on September 10th. You can influence the Town for generations to come.

- Mayor Terry Turner

2040 TOWN PLANNING

Butner Development Suitability

The foundation of the Imagine Butner 2040 Comprehensive Plan is the Mapping and Suitability Analysis which is a road map that shows us where development should go based on data about lands **Most Suitable** for new development like existing infrastructure including water, and sewer; is the land too steep or wet for large-scale development; how accessible is it? Are the roads large enough to handle the traffic generated (building new roads to serve new development is very expensive).



The Analysis then looks at **Land Supply**: how much land is available for development, including vacant parcels, under-utilized parcels and unavailable, or utilized, parcels.

And finally, helps us to plan for **Fiscal Responsibility**. Developing in areas with infrastructure maximizes the public's investment. The Butner 2040 website (www.butner2040.com) goes into much more detail about these factors. The map here is a summary of lands most suitable for development overall.

Please attend the Imagine Butner 2040 Open House on Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Butner Town Hall.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

September 10, 2020

Imagine Butner 2040 Open House

Butner Town Hall

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

THIS THANKSGIVING HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR

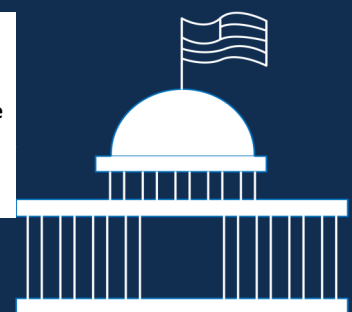
By making a donation you can help feed dozens of struggling families in the Butner/Stem Community this year. Traditionally, the Church Council sponsors a food drive in order to fill baskets with food for needy children and their families at Thanksgiving. The Pandemic has forced the Council to eliminate the door to door collection and instead will fund the Thanksgiving baskets from financial gifts.

Checks made payable to the Butner Church Council earmarked "Thanksgiving" should be mailed to BCC, P.O. Box 121, Butner, NC 27509

CENSUS 101

It's about fair representation.

Every ten years the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



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Please, complete the Census today!
www.2020census.org



Visit Butner2040.com for more information and surveys. We need your input! If you would like a paper copy of online surveys, please contact us at 919.575.3031.

Terry Turner, Mayor

Thomas S. Marrow, Town Manager

Bill McKellar, Mayor Pro Tem

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Roberts Chapel Trail

Plans are underway to create public hiking trails on a 55-acre property owned by Tar River Land Conservancy (TRLC) near the Town of Butner. The trailhead will be located at 792 Roberts Chapel Road, which is located north of Lake Holt just 9 minutes from Butner Town Hall.

The property is located in Butner's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction, which is an area outside of Butner's corporate limits but inside its Planning jurisdiction. TRLC is working with the Butner Planning and Zoning Department to secure permits for the trail project. Once opened to the public, TRLC plans to name the property the "Roberts Chapel Conservation Area." TRLC's property is located across the road from the site of the former Roberts Chapel Church, which existed before Camp Butner was established.

Trail construction is expected to begin this fall and continue for several months. TRLC's goal is to open 1½ miles of hiking trails to the public by spring 2021. Trails will start at a small gravel parking area and then wind through beautiful hardwood forest and along small streams that supply water to Lake Holt.

The Roberts Chapel Conservation Area will be TRLC's second property opened to the public for hiking. TRLC maintains five miles of trails at the Ledge Creek Forest Conservation Area located northeast of Butner.

TRLC is seeking volunteers to help build the new hiking trails. Trails will be constructed using hand tools such as brush clippers, rakes, and hoes. New volunteers will receive training from TRLC staff. To learn more, please send an email with your contact information to volunteer@tarriver.org or call (919) 496-5902.

Planning staff is working with TRLC, and with NCDOT and Durham City/County Planning staff on additional recreation opportunities for Butner residents including more trails and access to open space. A few good resources for you include: www.tarriver.org, www.ncdot.gov/divisions/bike-ped.

Also, please come by the Imagine Butner 2040 Open House on September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to talk about Butner's future parks.

BUTNER QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT DATA

Butner Planning Department issued 36 permits in the second quarter of 2020 valued at \$12,966.453. The Town has submitted requests to NCDOT for intersection improvement in the Town, for improvements to Old Oxford Road, and to continue widening of I-85 across the lake and into Granville County.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, September 7 • Labor Day
Wednesday, November 11 • Veteran's Day
Thursday and Friday, November 26-27 • Thanksgiving

HEALTH BEAT

From Butner Town Councilmember Michel Branch

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, www.mentalhealth.gov/ and www.mentalhealth.gov/basics/recovery possible.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). *The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.*

Stay up-to-date by visiting:
www.ncdhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19

BUTNER ATHLETIC PARK/D STREET FIELDS

The Town's commitment to control the spread of Covid-19 have led to the closure of Butner public parks including the BAP and D Street except for walkers until further notice.

For updates on park openings, visit: www.butnenc.org.



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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.