



# BUTNER BUGLE

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

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## GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings,

We are beginning fall, with some exciting events. Our firework celebration for the Nation's birthday did not work out, nor did one for Granville County's 275 anniversary. We will be able to have one yet, Labor Day weekend. October will bring the return of our Night-Out observance. And November 11<sup>th</sup> we will honor our veterans with a ceremony.

Growth is coming to Our Town, and we cannot stop it any more than we can stop the seasons from changing. We can sway it toward diligent development and prevent sporadic sprawl. We wish to create high standards for it and not settle for mediocre.

We want to build the very best neighborhoods, where people want to live. Put the people first with social and cultural development, then economic development will follow. This will require a cooperative effort from all involved.

Have a safe and enjoyable autumn.

- Mayor Terry Turner

## TOWN PLANNING



In June, staff and the consultant from Green Heron Planning held a public open house to discuss changes to the Butner Land Development Ordinance. These changes involve the areas around Gate 1 & Gate 2 roads and the I-85 corridor. Public input was received and the changes are currently being drafted. Once complete, another open house will be held for additional input. For more information, please visit

<http://butner2040.com>

### 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 and for improvements to Old Oxford Road and to continue widening of I-85 across the lake and into Granville County. The East End Connector, or, Interstate 885 is scheduled to be open in December 2021. The new freeway will reduce travel times to RDU Airport and RTP by 10 –15 minutes for Butner residents.

### Off-Premises Commercial Signs

An off-premises commercial sign is a sign not located on the same parcel as the business, product, or service being advertised. These signs are **PROHIBITED** in the Town of Butner. After numerous complaints the Town of Butner will be enforcing the removal of these signs from its jurisdiction. If you would like to report these signs, or have questions about our enforcement process, please email the Town of Butner Planning Office at [planning@butnenc.org](mailto:planning@butnenc.org) or call at 919.575.3032

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

Vaccines are available to all residents 12 years or over. Go to [myspot.nc.gov](https://myspot.nc.gov) to locate an available location. *Stay up-to-date with current news at:*

[www.ncdhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19](https://www.ncdhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19)

## HEALTH BEAT



Many of us, especially thru the pandemic, have had to care for our senior parents, and elderly love ones. This is a labor of love, but also places a high physical, and mental demand on those who perform that care.

This can lead to unnoticed health issues to the caregiver:

- Emotional Mood Swings
- Depression
- Reduce life expectancy

However, the benefits of taking care of your elderly love ones, in most cases, outweighs many of these negative effects.

It is important that your elderly love ones are healthy, but the caregiver's health is equally important. So coordinate resources to give yourself a mental/physical break from this effort when possible.

For more information:

<https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/local/info-2019/national-resources-for-caregivers.html>

- Your Public Health guru, Michel Branch



Terry Turner, Mayor

Thomas S. Marrow, Town Manager

Bill McKellar, Mayor Pro Tem

Butner Town Hall - 415 Central Avenue - [www.butnenc.org](http://www.butnenc.org) - 919.575.3032

# Community Events



## Mountain to Coast Tour

The Cycle North Carolina "Mountains to Coast" Tour is the state's only cross-state, fully-supported ride. During the past

22 years, Cycle North Carolina has stopped overnight in more than 100 North Carolina towns and visited over 700 North Carolina communities. This year it will pass into Granville County with a stop in Butner on **October 6**. Online registration is open at [www.ncsports.org](http://www.ncsports.org). Cycle North Carolina will be capping registration at 1,100 riders, so interested riders are encouraged to register early. To learn about ways to volunteer, please check [www.butnenc.org](http://www.butnenc.org)



## NCDOT Litter Sweep

The 2021 Autumn Litter Sweep is taking place **Sept. 11-25**.

Traditionally scheduled for the last two weeks of April and September, Litter Sweep is the N.C. Department of Transportation's biannual statewide roadside litter removal initiative. Residents throughout the state participate in local efforts to help clean up North Carolina's roadways. In addition to volunteers, NCDOT maintenance crews devote one week of their time to pick up litter and collect orange bags placed on the roadsides by volunteer pickups.

Volunteers are provided cleanup supplies, such as reversible orange/blue trash bags, gloves and orange safety vests, from their local NCDOT County Maintenance Yard office.

## Annual Harvest Show

The Lord Granville Agricultural Heritage Association invites everyone to join them at their Annual harvest Show, **October 1-2, 2021**. Visit our displays of antique tools and household items. See various tractors, farm implements, lawn and garden tractors and other collectibles. Watch as we demonstrate many pieces of machinery. Take time to talk to and learn how our forefathers cultivated the land and survived. Stop by the vendor area and start your Christmas shopping. Take the children to the play area to have some fun. Watch the Tractor Games as the riders display their skills while racing to the finish line. Our hours are 9 am to 5 pm both days, admission \$5, children under 12 free. Proceeds from the show and our other fund raisers have helped us give \$45,000 in scholarships in the last 15 years. Visit [www.lgaha.com](http://www.lgaha.com) for updates.

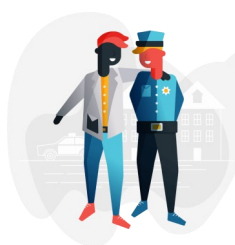


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## Labor Day

The Town of Butner will be hosting a Labor Day celebration on **Friday September 3** at Lake Holt. Gates open at 5:00 P.M. and a fireworks display will begin at 8:00 P.M. No pets or alcohol are allowed.



## National Night Out

The Town of Butner is excited to announce that the annual National Night Out event will take place on Tuesday **October 5, 2021** at the Butner Athletic Park (BAP) from 5pm to 8pm. We encourage all members of the community to come out and meet your local first responders. There will be games, activities for children, and informational booths from multiple government agencies and local businesses. We look forward to seeing everyone this year and enhancing the relationship between our community and it's first responders!



## Campfire at Lake Holt

The Town of Butner will be hosting a campfire at Lake Holt on **Saturday, November 6**. Keep an eye on our Facebook and website for details.

## Veteran's Day

On **Thursday November 11** the

Town of Butner will host a service to celebrate our veterans. Check our website and Facebook pages for any updates regarding this event.



**For additional information about these and other activities anytime, visit [www.butnenc.org](http://www.butnenc.org)**

### TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED

*Monday, 7 September—Labor Day*

*Wednesday, 11 November—Veteran's Day*

*Thursday, Friday, 26-27 November—Thanksgiving*

**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