



BUTNER BUGLE

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

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Greetings,

Autumn, the time of cooler weather and falling leaves. It is also the season of many exciting events. Butner Public Safety will be hosting *National Night Out* the first Tuesday of October. Local churches will be sponsoring Halloween Trunk-or-Treat festivals. The Town itself will be holding its annual Community Campfire for the kids at Lake Holt. Also, on Veterans Day, Butner will continue to honor all those who serve in our nation's armed forces, in a ceremony at the Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena. Unfortunately, there will not be a Harvest Show this year, due in part to dwindling membership in the Lord Granville Agricultural Heritage Association. Hopefully the Harvest Show can return next year.

Diminishing participation in community activities is creating serious issues, affecting civic, government, faith and other local organizations. We are becoming an insulated society, only reaching out to others through social media at a distance. We desperately need people to step up and get involved in our community.

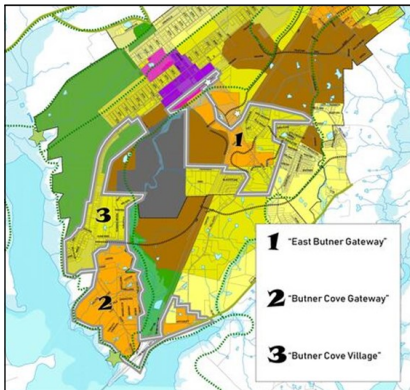
The Town is working hard on several projects to improve Butner. One of those projects happening this fall is new sidewalks, from Central Avenue down D Street to 12th Street across to E Street and back to Central Avenue.

- Mayor Terry Turner

TOWN PLANNING

Butner Gateways

The new Gateway Districts approved in March open up the potential for well designed development consistent with the 2040 Goals and Objectives. They will be a visitors "first impression" of our Town so the design is very important. These districts are regulated to focus on the built environment, site design and character of the area. For example, to facilitate more accessibility for all and reinforce Butner's "small town" feel for commercial buildings, vehicular parking will mostly be to the rear and in alleys while buildings will be close to the street. The Gateway Districts will encourage more multi-modal forms of transit such as bike lanes and sidewalks. This will lead to high quality development emphasizing walkable neighborhoods built to human scale. These new districts act as "floating zones" meaning that anyone wishing to develop must have Council approval. This allows for the Town to have the ability to propose additional conditions, and allows the developers more flexibility with a workable design. For more information contact the Butner Planning Department or visit www.butner2040.org.



HEALTH BEAT



Elderly Care, Health, and the Caregiver

Many of us, especially thru the pandemic, and after have had to care for our elderly parents, and 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>

BUTNER QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT DATA

Butner Planning Department issued 29 permits in the second quarter of 2022 valued at \$1,401,500.

Transportation and Economic Development Updates

Interstate 885 — aka "East End Connector" —



opened to the public on June 30. Within 15 minutes residents

of Butner can now access the heart of RTP! **Repaving I-85** over the Butner Cove part of Falls Lake into Durham

began in the Summer of 2022 and with completion by the end of September 2022. **High Speed Rail** from Raleigh

to Henderson to Richmond and DC has received funding for design and engineering. This is one step away from

being able to get from Henderson to DC in less than 3 hours. **Granville County Economic Development**

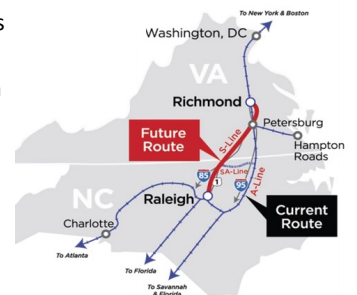
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Forestry

Forest landowners and those involved in the Forestry Management practice should consult with the Planning Department prior to forestry activities. The Town of Butner is located within the Falls Lake Watershed. This means that development that occurs within the Town may affect the drinking supply for the

Falls Lake reservoir. Any land disturbance over 1/2 an acre on residential property, and over 12,000sf on commercial property require a stormwater permit to ensure that Nitrogen and Phosphorus levels will not go over what is allowed within the Falls Lake watershed. Certain activities may be exempt from these regulations. Contact the Planning Department to see if your project qualifies: 919.575.3032.



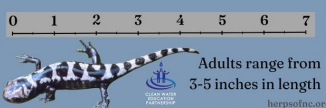
Marbled Salamander

The state salamander of NC can be found all around the state



Each salamander has a totally unique marbling pattern - like a fingerprint!

You're most likely to spot these burrowing critters on cool fall mornings, guarding their eggs under logs in low-lying wooded areas



Adults range from 3-5 inches in length

Stormwater

The Amazing Marbled Salamander! The state salamander of NC has a unique pattern, which distinguishes each individual like a fingerprint. Let's keep our stormwater clean to protect the #MarbledSalamander! To learn more, check out <http://herpsofnc.org>. If you want to learn to identify amphibians (and other animals, plus plants and fungi), try using the free iNaturalist mobile app! Just take a photo, and iNaturalist will identify the organism in front of you, and geo-tag the location for other app users to identify. You can even upload sound recordings, and fellow naturalists can identify the species for you!

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@butnernc.org or by phone at 919.575.3032.

Terry Turner, Mayor

Thomas S. Marrow, Town Manager

Bill McKellar, Mayor Pro Tem

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Butner Public Safety

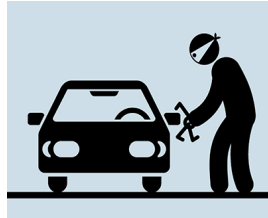
NEW EMPLOYEES AT BPS

John Bates and Jarrett Seaman were hired as Fire Engineers. Joseph Mennella is a Public Safety Officer with both his police and fire fighter certifications. Michael Dominguez Juarez, David George Jr., Kelsey Pepper, Denise Toral, and Nicholas Zuber all have their law enforcement certification and are working on their fire fighter certification. Michael Dominguez Juarez and Denise Toral are both bi-lingual in Spanish and English. Butner Public Safety currently has one opening and is looking for their next great employee to add to an awesome team to work with!



PREVENT VEHICLE THEFT

Butner Public Safety has received 55 reports of breaking and entering and thefts from vehicles since January 1, 2022. Spring and Summer months see an increased number of these incidents. Typically, the perpetrator(s) of the crime strike at night and target unlocked vehicles. Most incidents are not reported until the next morning when the owner finds that property is missing from their vehicle or things seem out of place. These individuals rely on their ability to access a large number of vehicles while circulating through the neighborhood and therefore rarely force entry into vehicles in fear of making noise and risking detection. In an effort to combat this problem, Butner Public Safety encourages residents to employ some basic preventive measures:



- Lock your vehicle
- Remove valuables from view
- Do not leave prescription medication or firearms in your vehicle
- Leave exterior lights on
- Report any suspicious activity to Butner Public Safety during the overnight hours (911 or 919-575-6561, ext. 0).

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Butner Public Safety at 919.575.6561. Thank you.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Butner Public Safety would like to invite you to our **2022 National Night Out**. National Night Out is a nationwide event that promotes law enforcement and community partnership, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. This event sends a message to criminals letting them know that citizens are joining together to fight back against the crime in their neighborhoods. Our event will be held on **October 4, 2022** at the **Butner Athletic Park** from **5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

CHILD SAFETY SEATS EXPIRE! Every year during the month of September, Safe Kids coalition members host events across the country to help parents learn how to install and use their car seat correctly. These events are in celebration of **National Child Passenger Safety Month**, with the biggest focus being on **Seat Check Saturday** on September 29th. The entire nation gets behind keeping kids safer in car seats, booster seats and seat belts. Butner Public Safety will be conducting Seat Check Saturday at the **Gazebo Park** on Central Ave. on **September 29th from 8:00 a.m. until 12 p.m.** Please come by and let one of our technicians check your child passenger seat for correct installation, defects, and manufacturer recalls. If you cannot make it to the event call Butner Public Safety at 919-575-6561 to schedule an appointment to come to the station and have your child passenger seat checked.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Monday, September 5, Labor Day

Friday, November 11, Veteran's Day

Thursday & Friday, November 24-25, Thanksgiving

COMMUNITY EVENTS



COMMUNITY CAMPFIRE

Saturday, October 22 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Lake Holt, the Town of Butner will host its annual community campfire in conjunction with the Butner Community Association (BCA). Keep an eye on our Facebook or Town website for more details about the event and activities!

Veteran's Day **Friday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m.** at **Soldier's Memorial Sports Arena**, the Town of Butner will be hosting a Veteran's Day Ceremony. Please check the Town website and Facebook for further details.

BUTNER CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The annual Butner Community Association's **CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK** will be held **Friday evening, December 2nd** at **Gazebo Park in Butner**. This beautiful evening includes a children's time of visiting with Santa, Christmas music and entertainment, and the official lighting of the Town's Christmas tree. Children can visit with Santa from 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. See the Town website or www.bcaserves.org for updates and information. The **BUTNER CHRISTMAS PARADE** will be held on **Saturday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. on Central Avenue**. The cost to participate is \$10 per entry. Non-profit groups (churches, schools, etc.) have no entry fee. Participants line up on West G Street. For information contact the Butner Community Association to participate! chudgins@nc.rr.com



Insurance Now Required When Renting Town Owned Facilities

At the recommendation of our insurance provider, effective July 1, 2022, it is necessary for individuals and organizations to have general liability insurance to rent facilities owned by the Town of Butner. This includes the Soldier's Memorial Sports Arena, Gazebo Park and the Butner Athletic Park. Proof of general liability insurance may be provided in one of the following ways:

Private Citizens (individuals): Most Homeowners policies will cover the "homeowners" use of a rental facility; reception hall or community center or park for events. The homeowner would provide the Town of Butner with a photocopy of the current Homeowners policy, or they can choose to purchase a separate Special Event policy in order to get a Certificate of Insurance. (If the Citizen does not own a home or have homeowners' insurance, they must purchase a Special Event Policy).

Civic Groups (organizations): Most Civic Groups are insured for General Liability and should have no problem providing the Town with a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town as an Additional Insured. The certificate should state they are covered for the event and the Town is an additional insured.

Tenant User Liability Insurance Program (TULIP): This is a special events policy provided through Intact Specialty as an online product. Their website <https://app.gatherguard.com/> is easy to use and generally lower rates since they are online exclusively. Once you go to their website, create a password, answer questions about what kind of event and activities that will take place and the program produces a premium. Once purchased a policy is issued and the Town is sent a certificate showing coverage. The cost of a policy to cover typical events starts at \$75.00 and may increase after questions are answered during the application process.



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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.

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