

BUTNER BUGLE

A Look at What's Happening in Our Town
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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings,

Ah! Springtime is a time to refresh and renew, not only to thaw out from winter, but also to recoup from effects of the recent health malady. This spring should see the revitalization of many exciting projects for our Town. Things such as the opening of the East End Connector, the realignment of Highway 56 and West Lyon Station Road, new sidewalks, and improved water and sewer quality. All of which will enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Butner.

Spring is also the time for rejuvenation of many events. Athletics will return to the Butner Athletic Park (BAP). Picnicking, boating, and fishing will become more enjoyable at Lake Holt. The Butner Community Association (BCA) will conduct their annual Easter egg hunt, spring clean-up, and the Chicken Pickin'. The Town will honor our fallen heroes with its wreath laying ceremony, on Memorial Day. I realize that I am being extremely optimistic, but I expect this to be a time of reawakening for Butner. Take care, stay safe and healthy.

- Mayor Terry Turner

TOWN PLANNING

"If you don't know where you are going, you could wind up someplace else." Yogi Berra

What the New Interstate 885 Means for Butner

Interstate 885, also known as the East End Connector, has been in the works since the 1950's. It will provide a stop-light free, limited access connection from I-85 to I-40.

Once complete, the East End Connector will be a 3.9-mile four-lane freeway with space for a future third lane in each direction. In addition to building a new roadway, work involves building 16 bridges, rehabilitating four others and installing four culverts on U.S. 70, N.C. 147 and other locations in the project area.

What the project means to Butner is far more important than the project details however. The new 885 freeway means residents and visitors can drive to/from Butner without hitting a single stoplight between us and Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Research Triangle Park, Raleigh, Cary...Wilmington. The new freeway puts Butner closer to downtown Durham, RTP, RDU, than most of the "boomtowns" in southern Wake: Holly Springs, Fuquay, Apex, etc..

The implications for Butner may be significant in the next 10–20 years. In the meantime, enjoy the faster travel.

TRASH...IMPACTS TO OUR HEALTH AND COMMUNITY

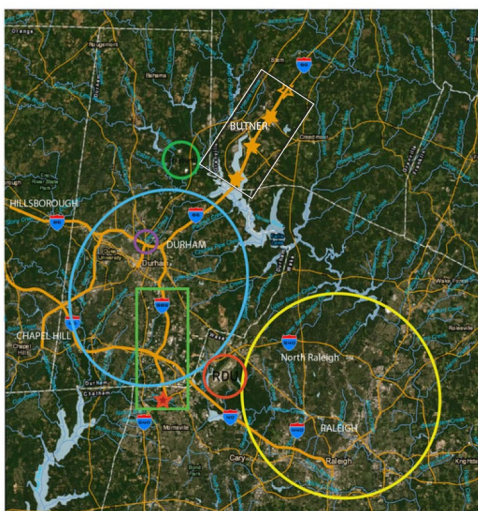
We call where we live home. We cherish it, maintain it, and create everlasting memories there. However, there is a hidden danger to our community, and it is trash. The throwing of trash from vehicles, non-recycled waste, and the improper disposal of trash has serious detrimental health effects on our families, and community.

Some of these effects are:

- Bacteria, insects and vermin thrive from garbage which is a breeding ground for deadly communicable diseases.
- Improper disposal of waste causes air pollution and respiratory diseases.
- Waste contaminates that find their way into our drinking, and surface waters, which not only affects all ecosystems, but are another cause of human disease. Our community is like the human body, keep it nourished, and cared for, and it will serve you, and our future families for many life times.

For more information: <https://www.ecubelabs.com/overflowing-garbage-bins-5-impacts-on-health-and-environment-and-how-to-prevent/>

- Your Public Health guru, Michel Branch



The opening of I-885 (East End Connector) will greatly reduce travel time for Butner residents to locations south of town.

BUTNER QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT DATA

Butner Planning Department issued 39 permits in the third quarter of 2021 valued at \$2,229,526.25.

Terry Turner, Mayor

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Thomas S. Marrow, Town Manager

Bill McKellar, Mayor Pro Tem

HISTORIC BUTNER'S UMSTEAD SITE: A KEY TO BUTNER'S FUTURE?

Butner Town Center and the Reuse of the Umstead Correction Center Site

What Is a Town Center?

A town center is an enduring, walkable, and integrated open-air, multiuse development that is organized around a clearly identifiable and energized public realm where citizens can gather and strengthen their community bonds. It is anchored by retail, dining, and leisure uses, as well as by vertical or horizontal residential uses. At least one other type of development is included in a town center, such as office, hospitality, civic, and cultural uses.



Given what we know about how development follows transportation, the opening of the I-885 Freeway could mean more growth for Butner in the coming years. 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 a quality of life to rival the best towns in America. The Town of Butner Planning Department along with the Town Council have hosted a series of visioning sessions to connect with a diverse cross-section of community and business leaders, elected officials, and residents. The goal is to develop an action-oriented and comprehensive Vision that will guide and support Town Center revitalization and redevelopment efforts for the next ten years. The consensus for a mixture of uses including places for people to age in Butner; community facilities; and, outdoor dining and offices and residences above ground floor retail/restaurants.

Proactive planning is important to spur investment in housing, commercial development, culture, and recreation, and will serve as a policy and visual guide for Butner Town Center's growth and the reuse of the Umstead Correctional Center site. This Vision will recommend changes to the built environment that could be made over the course of the next ten years given current demographic profiles, economic conditions, and community goals, as well as an examination of international, national, regional, and local trends that will impact development patterns in the community.

Specifically, the Vision will determine:

- 1.) How to reuse/develop the former Umstead Correctional Site;
- 2.) How to 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;
- 3.) The changes needed to the existing development rules to make the Vision a reality.

Please visit www.butner2040.com for more information and to submit your comments and ideas!



Butner Gateway Beautification among the Best Community Events this Spring!

The Town was awarded 50 azaleas that will be planted at the pond along Gate 2 Road. Additional clean-up and trimming will take place to make the entrance to Historic Butner more attractive. If you'd want to volunteer to help with the **Butner Beautification Committee**, please contact us at planning@butnenc.org

Easter Event

April 9 Easter Egg Hunt
Gazebo Park (Please check www.butnenc.org to confirm location and time)

Memorial Day

May 30, 2022 at Gazebo Park. Check www.butnenc.org for information about the event.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED Friday, April 15, 2022



FAVORITE RECIPE

Sugar Cookies

- Susan Hiscocks, Town of Butner Finance Director

- 1 ¾ cups sugar
- 2 sticks of margarine or butter
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs at room temperature

Mix together with a mixer for 4 minutes

Sift together the following dry ingredients into a separate bowl. Add to butter/sugar mixture and mix by hand until combined.

- 4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cream of tartar

Add 1 tsp vanilla to dough and stir until combined.

Drop dough by the teaspoon onto a greased cookie sheet the press dough down with a fork dipped in water.

Bake at 350° on the top rack of the oven until golden brown. Remove cookies from pan to layer of paper towels to cool.

Makes about 96 cookies

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Like many places, the Town of Butner operates on a "Complaint-driven basis to address violations of Town, County and State land use, zoning, environmental, and building laws. Some of the most common notices of violations are related to noise, yard waste, junk, and signs, including political signs. There are specific rules related to these on the Town's website, under Town Ordinances. If you have any questions about how it works, give us a call or send an email. Butner Planning Office at planning@butnenc.org or 919.283.6984