A look on what's happening in the Town of Butner SPRING/SUMMER 2020 • VOLUME XII

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings,

We are living in the most disturbing times that many of us have ever experienced. The effects of coronavirus Covid-2019 has touched everyone. Do not to rely on social media for accurate information. Instead, go to reputable institutions, such as your local, state, national, and world health organizations, for the facts on Covid-19.

Our Town's primary concern is the health and safety of those we serve. We have taken precautions as we continue to serve our citizens. Yet, we all have responsibilities to one another, and by forming a human bond, we will overcome these uncertain times.

With such a huge global effort combating this virus, we are optimistically planning Butner's summer events; Memorial Day ceremony, 4th of July fireworks, and Live After Five concert. Also, the construction on the Veterans Life Center is nearing competition. Its opening will be a long-awaited blessing.

Until we can resume our lives, take care and be safe.

- Mayor Terry Turner



Imagine Butner in 2040. The Town is now in the process of creating long-range strategies and visions for the future of Butner. In 2019, the Town's Planning Department began the process of gathering and analyzing data, including the "suitability" of land in Butner to support new development. There's a website dedicated now to the project, with surveys for your participation. The quality and vitality of our Town's future depends on the choices we make today.

The goal of the Planning Department is to help the Town make decisions that work now and way down the road, too. We strive to accommodate the needs of current and future residents, while preserving and protecting Butner's identity and quality of life, expanding economic opportunity and improve access. We help manage change. Imagine Butner 2040 is the town's comprehensive look at itself. Required by state statute, a Comprehensive Plan is fiscally neutral (basically as fancy way of saying the Plan requires no commitment of funds to implement any part of the Plan).

A Comprehensive plan, may also be known as a general plan, master plan or land-use plan, is a document designed to guide the future actions of a community. It presents a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the local government. This includes guidance on how to make decisions on public and private land development proposals, the expenditure of public funds, availability of tax policy (tax incentives), cooperative efforts and issues of pressing concern, such as farmland preservation or the rehabilitation of older neighborhoods areas. Most plans are written to provide direction for future activities over a 20-year period after plan adoption.

Visit <u>Butner2040.com</u> 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

OVID-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.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19

"I LIVE IN CREEDMOOR..." MAYBE NOT.

Zip codes lead to confusion, includes Stem addresses

In 2007, the Town of Butner was incorporated without regard to existing zip codes. Town limits were established and included not only residents, businesses and industry west of I-85 but also east of I-85 and in areas near the Town of Stem. This is why people with Creedmoor and Stem zip codes may actually be residents of Butner. If you are unsure and you own property, your tax bill will reflect your municipality. Also, if you receive this newsletter, you are probably a Butner resident or business. There are a few Creedmoor residents who receive this due to postal delivery routes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Butner Town Hall at 919-575-3032.

CROSSWALK COURTESY

The Department of Motor Vehicles reports that pedestrian fatalities in North Carolina have been on the rise for the past 10 years — up 54% since 2009 and up 13.4% from 2017 to 2018. Please remember that vehicles MUST yield the right-ofway (stop) to a pedestrian crossing



the roadway within any marked crosswalk, within any unmarked crosswalk or, at/or near an intersection. Or more information, visit: <u>www.watchformenc.org/</u> <u>safetyresources/</u>

BUTNER BUSINESS BUTNER WELCOMES NEW HEADQUARTERS



Butner welcomes a new corporate resident, The Nugget Company, to be located at 200 Industrial Drive. Butner will be home to the company's headquarters, production, and distribution, employing 30 people. Nugget's builds "The

Nugget", a blended couch and toy that, says the company CEO David Baron: "encourages growing imaginations and creativity and above all: open-ended, safe play (forts, puppet theaters, obstacle courses, and reading nooks) that can happen anywhere in the home when it's rooted in a beautiful, portable piece of foam furniture. It's a classroom and a puzzle and a playground, and we'd have it no other way!" Like their audience of curious kids, company founder and employees are builders and designers who like to have fun and learn. They design, manufacture, market and sell (direct to consumer via nuggetcomfort.com), all under one roof. You can also check them out on Instagram @nuggetcomfort. Play On!

CAMP BUTNER PROVISIONS COMPANY



Opening in May, the Camp Butner Provisions Company on C Street across from the Suntrust/Truist Bank branch, will offer customers fresh cuts of beef, pork, poultry, and seafood. Steaks will be cut to order or selected from the display

case. There will be prepackaged meats as well and Boars Head deli meat and cheese.

Butner Quarterly Development Data

Butner Planning Department issued 22 permits in the first quarter of 2020 valued at \$1,951,422.53

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

• May 25: Memorial Day Ceremony @ 10 AM Gazebo Park, Sponsored by Military Holiday Committee (MHC)

• May—This year's Chickin' Pickin' has been cancelled to protect the health of residents and visitors. We look forward to 2021. Thank you, BCA for all your hard work and dedication to the Town of Butner.

• July 3: Butner Town Fireworks at Lake Holt

DUE TO THE ONGOING HEALTH CRISIS, PLEASE CHECK THE TOWN OR BCA WEBSITES FOR UPDATES!

> TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED Monday, May 25 Memorial Day Friday, July 3 Fourth of July

BE A GOOD STEWARD...

...please, remember to recycle. Granville County accepts mixed recyclables in the same bin. Some of the most common items are glass jars & bottles, aluminum, tin and steel cans, plastic, flattened cardboard, mixed paper, magazines, cartons and boxes. Plastic bags are not accepted but



can be recycled at your local grocery
store. For a comprehensive list of
permitted and non permitted items
please visit: www.granvillecounty.org/

residents/trash-recycling/recycling-2/

BUTNER PRIDE - STOP LITTERING

The N.C Department of Transportation's Swat-A-Litterbug Program encourages the public to report people who litter in an effort to help make North Carolina roadways cleaner. The program provides

every individual an opportunity to be an active participant in reducing litter on North Carolina roadways. The public can report those who litter to NCDOT's



Litter Management Section by calling NCDOT Litter Management at 1-800-331-5864 or filling out an online form located on the NCDOT website: www.ncdot.gov and enter Swat a litterbug in the

BUTNER ATHLETIC PARK (BAP) & D STREET FIELDS

opened February 19th and reservations are being accepted, however, efforts 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.butnernc.org

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