



# BUTNER BUGLE

A look on what's happening in the Town of Butner  
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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings,

Forever and a day or so it seems, we have been coping with this pandemic. With inoculations on the rise, there are brighter days ahead.

Reluctantly, while keeping in mind the safety and well-being of all who live, work, and visit our Town, we reopened our parks and athletic fields. Also, the Town chose to hold its Memorial Day service.

However, unfortunately due to the guidelines at the planning stage, we were unable to prevent the cancellation of many enjoyable summer events. Disappointedly, the always pleasurable Chicken Pickin' was one such casualty. We sincerely hope that you will find some way to honor and celebrate the Nation's 245<sup>th</sup> birthday.

There is encouraging news on the vaccination front, so, may everyone have a wonderful summer.

- Mayor Terry Turner

## TOWN PLANNING

Since late 2020, Town Planning Staff has been working with residents, the Butner Community Association, Planning board, and the Town Council to evaluate and update the Town's future land use map, future goals and objectives. A draft of these documents is available to all residents on at the 2040 Website ([butner2040.com](http://butner2040.com))



The focus of the goals and objectives and future land use map is to enhance development standards to create walkable, mixed-use centers, interconnected residential areas, and high-value natural corridors to encourage a small town vibe. A goal of the future plan is to maximize use of existing infrastructure to enhance fiscal efficiency. The basis of the vision is the Suitability Analysis completed earlier in 2020, public surveys, and public workshops. Once complete, the 2040 Plan will be the basis for updating your Town's development and land use standards.

### Land Development Ordinance Update

The Town of Butner Planning Board has recommended approval for Phases I and II of the LDO update. Phase I is tied to NC General Assembly mandated changes; Phase II is to correct typos and other clerical errors. For additional information, see [Butner2040.com](http://Butner2040.com), click on LDO Updates.

### 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 16 years or over. Go to [myspot.nc.gov](http://myspot.nc.gov) to locate an available location. *Stay up-to-date with current news at:* [www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/covid19)

## HEALTH BEAT



The COVID pandemic has change our lives in ways we never thought possible. Limiting travel, and movement where we live, and where we work. However, out of this health crisis, teleworking has emerged as a solution to our work life but also obtaining balance between work, our health, and well-being. In the last year, the U.S. population was surveyed to find out how teleworking has benefited a person's health, and well-being. The results were:

- 64% of all respondents were satisfied with virtual work
- 67% reporting it helped to improve the quality of work
- 61% reporting that it improved their productivity
- 36% would like to continue teleworking after the pandemic
- 49% felt that they were able to balance personal and work life
- Teleworking is here to stay. People have found recaptured time with their family, improved quality of health, and life, and are more productive. The even greater impact is reduction of carbon emission due to reduced vehicle traffic.

For further information, [https://www.northcentralpa.com/covid-19/bucknell-researcher-reports-u-s-telework-survey-results/article\\_ca1ed732-7677-11eb-8c12-431bed44ed57.htm](https://www.northcentralpa.com/covid-19/bucknell-researcher-reports-u-s-telework-survey-results/article_ca1ed732-7677-11eb-8c12-431bed44ed57.htm)

- Your Public Health guru, Michel Branch



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# TOWN HALL UPDATES

## Sports Have Returned at Limited Capacity



- Softball, Baseball, Tee Ball
- Soccer
- Gazebo Park may be rented for events or yard sales at limited capacity
- All events must meet current COVID 19 restrictions
- Please see Town website and Town Facebook page for updates

The **Butner Town Council** will livestream its meetings on the first Thursday of every month. For more information on where to view these meetings please check our website [www.butnernc.org](http://www.butnernc.org) or our Facebook page.



### Credit Cards

The Planning Department is now accepting credit cards as a form of payment for permits.

### **TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED**

*Monday May 31st—Memorial Day*

*Monday July 5—Independence Day*

# BUTNER SAFETY EXCHANGE



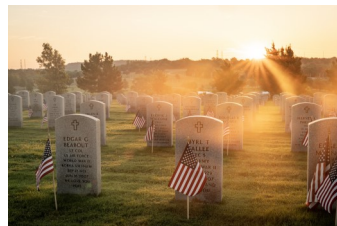
A safe exchange zone is where parties who have made arrangements to buy or sell items over social media such as Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist can meet to complete the transaction. This area is also designated for child custody exchanges. The designated areas are under 24-hour video surveillance. If requested, a Butner Public Safety Officer will stand-by during the transaction for safety only. Butner Public Safety does not get involved with, enforce, guarantee, or become a party in any way to the transaction of the individuals trading. Butner Public Safety has now designated the public parking area and lobby of Butner Public Safety as a Safety Exchange Zone. Both areas are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### How does it work?

After agreeing to meet the buyer/seller at Butner Public Safety, park in one of the parking spots in front of the Safe Exchange Zone sign. The transaction can then be conducted on the sidewalk in front of the Safe Exchange Zone sign. If you wish to have an officer stand-by, please call 919-575-6561 ext. 0 and ask the Telecommunicator if you can have an officer stand-by with you at the Safe Exchange Zone. If you would like for the transaction to be conducted indoors, enter through the public entrance and advise the Telecommunicator that you would like to conduct a Safe Exchange transaction in the lobby.

# MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

On Monday May 31 at 10:00AM the Town will celebrate Memorial Day at Gazebo Park with Mike Turner as the key note speaker. In the event that it rains the service shall be held at the Sports Arena.



## Butner Beautification Committee and Butner Community Association Making a Difference

The Butner Beautification Committee (BBC) and Butner Community Association (BCA) held a clean sweep on April 24. Everyone can do their part by:

- Securing their loads before driving. Unsecured trash can fly from a vehicle and end up as roadside litter.
- Holding onto trash until it can be disposed of properly. Keep a litter bag in your vehicle so you can properly dispose of trash later.
- Recycling when possible. Recycling protects the environment, saves landfill space and keeps the community clean.



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.

# EVENTS

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 our website or Facebook page.

At the writing of this Newsletter, the annual fireworks display at Lake Holt is cancelled. Please check our website for updates.



Granville County will celebrate its 275th anniversary and the opening of the GAP with food trucks and guest speakers on July 24 the festivities begin at 9:00AM with the ribbon cutting at GAP. souvenir coins are available for sale to the public. These heavyweight metal keepsakes are only \$5.00 each and feature an engraved image of the distinctive 275th anniversary logo, with the iconic Granville County Courthouse on the flipside. Each coin is individually wrapped and protected.

**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