



Town Government

Brittany Barnhardt
Mayor

Doug Shelton
Mayor Pro Tem

John Linker
Council Member

Laurie Mack
Council Member

Rich Luhrs
Council Member

Jason Hord
Interim Town Manager

The Town's Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Aubrey Smith
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Saturday, June 8

Fish For Fun!

Granite Lake Park | 500 N Salisbury Ave



Two Time Sessions:
9:00 - 10:30 am & 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**This event is free, but space is limited:
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

Each year, Granite Quarry hosts at least 2 fishing events at the Granite Lake Park, which normally doesn't allow fishing. The community is invited to come out for a few hours of fishing and anglers are also allowed to keep their catch. The pond is stocked with channel catfish by NC Wildlife. Volunteers of the town's Event Committee plan the event, offer the use of loaner rod 'n reels, and live bait. The fishing events are completely free to the community.

The Blue Line Brotherhood will be onsite assisting the young anglers who may be fishing for the very first time and will be introduced to the sport/hobby of fishing. A food vendor will be onsite, so plan to grab lunch.

The spring Fish for Fun coincides with National Fishing and Boating week, June 1-9. Children under 15 years old will have the opportunity to enter a statewide contest for a NC lifetime fishing license!

Please note: All children 17 years and younger must have adult supervision at all times during this event. Please be kind to your fishing neighbor by not smoking/vaping. NO PETS, and no drones.

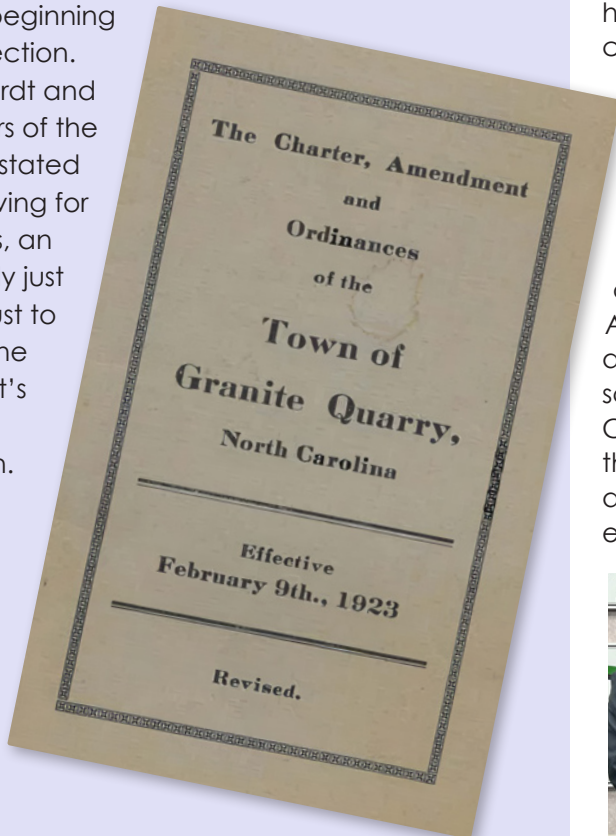


NEW ORDINANCE PASSES!

The governing body of the Town of Granite Quarry, made up of five elected officials, has changed its name from "Board of Aldermen" to "Town Council" effective May 15, 2024. What will be affected by the name change, nothing substantial. The change is truly in name only; the functions of the governing body will all remain the same. By statute, a governing body may name itself a board of commissioners, board of aldermen, or council.

In addition to being able to change the name of the governing body, North Carolina allows a local government to make modifications to its charter including the name of the town; whether it is called a city, village, or town; the number of council members and their terms, mode of election of the council; whether an election is partisan; how the mayor is selected; and whether the form of government is mayor-council or council-manager.

The name change is one of two recent charter amendments that were approved by ordinance at the April 8, 2024 regular meeting. The second change was to the term of the mayor, which is changing from two years to four years beginning in the 2025 election. Mayor Barnhardt and other members of the Town Council stated that when serving for only two years, an official has only just begun to adjust to the duties of the office before it's time to run for election again. The Council is hopeful that a four-year mayoral term will foster consistency and continuity.



IT'S BUDGET SEASON!

Granite Quarry staff are tasked each year with preparing an annual budget. The Town's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The annual budget preparation truly never ends; however, staff ramps up work in January, preparing budgeting items that are in line with the strategic goals of the Town. The Town Council holds strategic planning sessions along with an annual planning retreat to discuss the Town's goals, to prioritize the desires of the Council for upcoming years, and to develop a plan with staff and department heads to accomplish those goals. The goals must align with our core values and overall mission and must be realistic and affordable.

In fiscal year 2024 the Town Council adopted the Town's first Capital Reserve Fund, allowing the Town to set funds aside to accomplish bigger goals that simply can't be afforded in one budget cycle and to plan for larger capital projects and purchases. Examples of these types of expenses include Town property renovations, the purchase of a large piece of equipment or fire apparatus, or upgrades to park facilities. While it isn't always possible to fund an entire project with this Reserve Fund, the goal is to plan ahead and prepare so when the Town is ready to move forward with a project, it can be funded without taking on unnecessary debt.

Once the goals are compiled the Budget Officer, who in Granite Quarry is the Town Manager, must figure out how to fund it all. The majority of the Town's funding comes from taxpayers and grants. In some cases, the manager must propose a tax increase to be able to accomplish these goals, or even to balance the budget's normal day-to-day operations. Once the manager determines what amount is needed to fund the budget, he then presents a balanced budget to the Town Council for approval and feedback. This must be done prior to May 31st. After a balanced budget and a budget message are presented to the Council, a public hearing is scheduled allowing residents to give input. When the Council determines that no changes are required, the annual budget ordinance can be adopted. The annual budget must be adopted before and become effective on July 1.





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

Granite Civic Park | 202 Peeler Street

Vendor, Sponsor Or Volunteer Opportunities Available!

For more information, visit granitequarrync.gov/Community/Events/Granite-Fest.

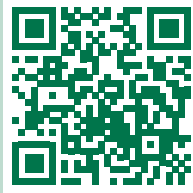
GRANITE QUARRY COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Yard Of The Month Contest

April - September

Nominate online | 2 Winners per month

Only GQ residents are eligible. Use this code to nominate:



Budget Workshops

The Town Council is planning the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

We welcome your input!

Budget workshops and discussions at regular meetings take place in the spring and early summer of each year. The notice for the public hearing on the proposed budget is posted each year in the Salisbury Post and on our website. Each of the Town Council's regular meetings includes an opportunity for public comment.

Town Hall | 143 N Salisbury Ave, Granite Quarry

LIMB COLLECTION GUIDELINES

*Limbs collected
1st & 3rd week each month*

- ◆ Max length 10 feet; max width 8 inches. No stumps.
- ◆ No pick up for debris cut by a paid individual/lawn service company – owner responsible.
- ◆ Limbs must be placed in Town's right of way but not in the street.
- ◆ Limbs must be out for pick up by Monday night.

Do You Know Whether Your Home Falls In The Granite Quarry Town Limits?

Many do not because of a confusing situation where addresses are listed with a Salisbury zip code. To learn more about our town limits and zoning classifications, visit the Planning and Zoning page of the Granite Quarry website (granitequarrync.gov/Departments/Planning-Zoning) to view the zoning map.

We also have exciting news: the Town Council is currently working to improve Granite Quarry's visibility with new downtown banners and branded street signs!

Online booking now available!

The Town of Granite Quarry has several shelters and facilities available for reservations. (A deposit may be required in addition to reservation fees.)

Visit granitequarrync.gov for more information.



Resources

Town of Granite

Quarry:

Town Hall, Public Works, Planning/ Zoning: 704.279.5596

Police Department

(Non Emergency):

704.279.2952 (GQ Office) / 704.216.8500 (Dispatch)

Fire Department

(Non Emergency):

704.279.5597

Rowan County Animal

Control:

704.633.0482

Post Office:

704.279.4500

Rowan County Tax

Administrator Office:

704.216.8544

Salisbury-Rowan

Utilities:

704-638-5300

Waste Management:

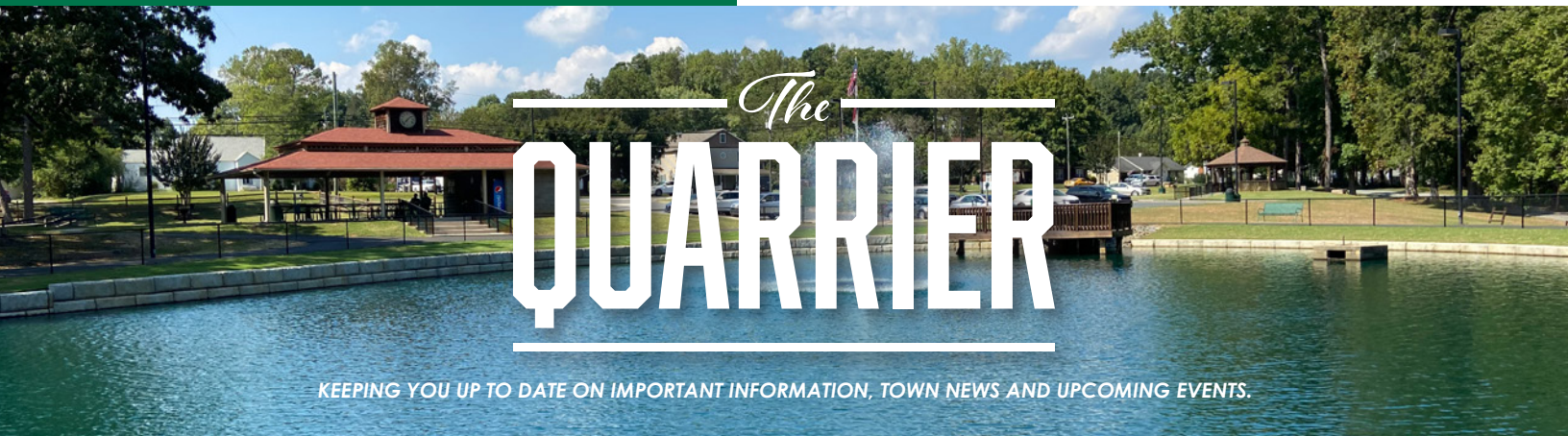
704-982-1224

- ◆ Trash pickup is Friday, please put cart at curb Thursday night
- ◆ Granite Quarry does not have bulk item pickup. See website for County recycling and solid waste options



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KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ON IMPORTANT INFORMATION, TOWN NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27

Town office closed for Memorial Day

June 3

Planning Board Meeting, 6 pm; Board of Adjustment Meeting, 6:15

June 8

Fish for Fun | Granite Lake Park; 9 - 10:30 am & 11am - 12:30 pm

October 19

Granite Fest | 202 Peeler Street