

The QUARRIER

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October 17 & 18

Granite Civic Park
202 W. Peeler St.

FRIDAY

7-9PM
5:30PM

Thomas Road Band
Food Trucks Open

SATURDAY

1-3PM
3-6PM

Jessica Yates & Jon Linker
Jim Quick & Coastline

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

INFLATABLES
GIVEAWAYS • FOOD
VENDOR BOOTHS
GAMES • FACE PAINTING
BALLOON ART • MAGIC
AND MORE

JOIN THE CREW!

- SPONSORSHIPS
 - VOLUNTEERS
- 704-279-5596 EXT. 212

- Granite Fest!
- RCA Church with Trolley Service
- Granite Crossing with Trolley Service
- Granite Lake Park with Trolley Service
- F&M Bank with Trolley Service
- Shiloh UMC
- Wittenberg Lutheran Church
- Granite Quarry Elementary School

Parking is free. Shuttle service available where designated. Look for signage.



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Department *Highlight*



This issue's department highlight is on the Granite Quarry Fire Department, a dedicated team committed to protecting the lives and property of our residents and visitors. Led by Fire Chief Jason Hord, who also serves as the full-time Town Manager, the department provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire and life safety education, and responds to both emergency and non-emergency needs in our community. Guided by its mission, vision, and core values of Honor, Integrity, and Pride, the Fire Department strives to set the standard in professionalism, customer service, and community leadership.

Chief Hord is supported by Deputy Chief Travis Barnhardt, Assistant Chief Jake Chambers, and several captains, engineers, and firefighters. The department operates with three full-time firefighters working rotating 24-hour shifts, supported by part-time personnel and an active volunteer force.

This staffing model ensures Granite Quarry has round-the-clock emergency coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The department's excellence is reflected in its prestigious ISO Class 1 rating, the highest possible score, which benefits residents by often lowering their property insurance premiums.

Town Manager and Fire Chief Jason Hord shared, "The men and women of the Granite Quarry Fire Department represent the very best of public service. Their skill, dedication, and readiness to respond at a moment's notice make them an invaluable part of our town's safety and well-being."

The Fire Department's roots go back to early 1950, when a volunteer crew and a single fire truck began serving the town. Over the decades, the department has expanded its staff, equipment, and capabilities. Today, its modern fleet, including two engine companies, a rescue truck, and a medical response vehicle, allows the team to respond quickly and effectively to a wide variety of emergencies.

Whether battling a fire, assisting at a medical call, teaching fire safety to children, or helping during severe weather events, the Granite Quarry Fire Department stands ready to serve with professionalism, compassion, and dedication. Their commitment is a source of pride for the entire community.



A Shift – L-R Firefighter Elijah Pritchard, Captain Brian Peeples, Engineer Allen Bennett



B Shift – L-R Firefighter Alexander Crowley, Part-time Firefighter Kenny Kirkman, Captain Jonathan McCulloh, Engineer Chris Paton



C Shift – L-R Firefighter Matthew Quales, Captain Sean Dunham

BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

Sponsored by Granite Quarry Public Safety Auxiliary

The Chicken fundraiser will be 10/24 from 11am through 2pm at the Lake Park.

Each meal includes 1/2 chicken, baked beans, slaw, bread, and a dessert. The tickets are \$16 each.



CHARGE into Fire Safety™

Lithium-Ion Batteries
in Your Home



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™ October 5-11

fpw.org



FISH FOR FUN

FALL EDITION

GRANITE LAKE PARK
500 N SALISBURY AVE



2 SESSIONS
4PM & 6PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

FREE!

- MUST CHECK IN & ATTEND A SAFETY ORIENTATION BEFORE FISHING
- UNDER 18 YEARS OLD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT AT ALL TIMES
- LOANER RODS & BAIT AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
- FOOD TRUCK ONSITE

REGISTER EACH PARTICIPANT ONLINE BY SCANNING QR CODE
WWW.GRANITEQUARRYNC.GOV



#GQSOLID Award



A nominee for the Officer of the Year award, Officer Atkins has been a dedicated member of the Granite Quarry Police Department since 2020.

The #GQSOLID Award is a quarterly recognition program developed to honor Town of Granite Quarry employees who go above and beyond in their roles. These outstanding individuals consistently demonstrate exceptional work ethic, initiative, teamwork, and a positive attitude that uplifts their department and the entire organization.

To be selected, an employee must show consistent dependability, initiative beyond their regular duties, and serve as a role model for others. Winners are chosen by an Employee Committee based on nominations submitted by fellow staff members.

This quarter's #GQSOLID Award winner is another outstanding team member: Officer Josh Atkins of the Granite Quarry Police Department.

Officer Atkins has served the Town since 2020 and is widely respected for his integrity, humility, and kindness. His nominator—who is also his supervisor—shared:

"Upon learning about the #GQSOLID Award, I immediately recognized that Officer Joshua Atkins was highly deserving of this honor. A nominee for the Officer of the Year award, Officer Atkins has been a dedicated member of the Granite Quarry Police Department since 2020. He is widely respected for his integrity, humility, and kindness.

Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated unwavering dependability, not only as an officer who never misses work but also as a committed team member who genuinely cares for his community.

As his supervisor, I have witnessed Officer Atkins' willingness to take on any assignment with dedication and professionalism. His commitment to excellence is evident in the quality of his work, particularly in his efforts to ensure consistent law enforcement coverage during periods of low staffing.

Without question, Officer Atkins' presence is invaluable to both the Police Department and the community. His exemplary service is difficult to put into words, but it is felt by all who have the privilege of working alongside him. Thank you for the opportunity to recognize an outstanding member of this Town."

Officer Atkins exemplifies what it means to be #GQSOLID—consistently dependable, humble in leadership, and committed to the well-being of his team and community.

We extend our congratulations and gratitude to Officer Atkins for his dedication and the impact he continues to make. Thank you for being an essential part of Team GQ!



BOOK FACILITIES ONLINE!

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

Visit the [GraniteQuarryNC.gov](https://www.GraniteQuarryNC.gov) for more information.

LIMB COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Limbs Collected 1st & 3rd week of each month

- Max length 10ft; max width 8in. 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.

TRASH PICKUP

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



REGISTER YOUR HOME
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO
WIN BRAGGING RIGHTS
AND COOL PRIZES



HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST

4 Winners
will be selected on
OCTOBER 22

IT'S EASY TO PARTICIPATE...

- DECORATE YOUR HOME IN A HALLOWEEN THEME
- SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENTER OR VISIT WEBSITE
- EMAIL PICS TO EVENTS@GRANITEQUARRYNC.GOV

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED
BY NOON ON OCTOBER 16TH
TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
FAN FAVORITE LIVE
VOTING AT GRANITE FEST
OCTOBER 18TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.GRANITEQUARRYNC.GOV
OR 704-279-5596



*Please provide two photos of your fully decorated house along with your name, address, and phone number to events@granitequarrync.gov

Thursday,
October 31st
5-8pm

TRUNK OR TREAT

Granite Quarry Fire Department
143 N. Salisbury Ave., Granite Quarry



WANT TO DECORATE A TRUNK?? Call 704-279-5596



Town of
**GRANITE
QUARRY**
PO Box 351, Granite
Quarry, NC 28072

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
Administration Office:**
704-216-8544

Salisbury-Rowan Utilities:
704-638-5300

Waste Management:
704-982-1224

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor: Brittany Barnhardt
Mayor Pro-Tem: Doug Shelton

Council Members:
John Linker
Laurie Mack
Rich Luhrs

Town Manager: Jason Hord

Town Clerk: Aubrey Smith



UPCOMING EVENTS

9/13	Fish for Fun
10/5-11	Fire Prevention Week
10/11	FD Open House
10/24	BBQ Chicken Fundraiser
10/17	Free Concert
10/18	Granite Fest
10/31	Trunk or Treat
11/11	Veterans Day

The Town Council meets
at 6PM on the 2nd
Monday of each month