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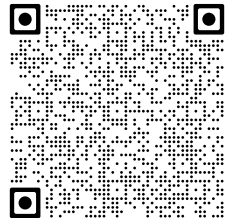
Loaner Rods & Bait Available
While Supplies Last

JUNE 6

9AM - 12PM

Granite Lake Park
500 N Salisbury Ave.

Register
Today!



**NO FISHING LICENSE
REQUIRED**

*Must check in
and attend a
safety
orientation
before fishing*

Food Vendor On Site

*17 years old
and younger
must be
accompanied
by an adult*



**RENEWAL
by ANDERSEN**
FULL-SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT



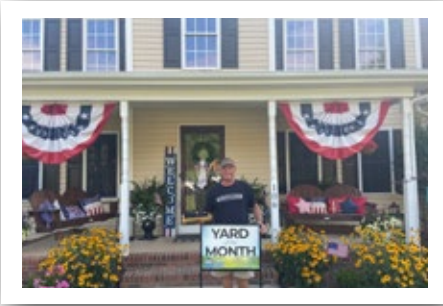
Town of
**GRANITE
QUARRY**



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704-279-5596

YARD OF THE MONTH



NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBORS (OR YOURSELF)
VIA THE QR CODE OR VISIT GRANITEQUARRYNC.GOV

TWO WINNERS CHOSEN EACH MONTH!

Judging occurs on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (May-September)

Yard of the Month sign will be placed in winner's yard & pictures will be posted on the Town of Granite Quarry website



For more information call 704-279-5596

Presented by the Community Appearance Commission of Granite Quarry



TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

**Food • DJ • Touch A Truck • Children's Games & Crafts
Face Painting • Child ID Kits • Car Seat Checks & More**

JOIN US FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Granite Lake Park
500 N Salisbury Ave • 6-8pm

McGruff & Sparky will be there with other friends



**FREE HOT DOGS, DRINKS
& ENTERTAINMENT!**



Mayor
Brittany H. Barnhardt

Brittany H. Barnhardt serves as Mayor of Granite Quarry and was first elected in 2021. A lifelong Rowan County resident with deep multi-generational ties to the area, she and her husband, Travis, chose to make Granite Quarry their home in 2016 because of its strong sense of community and family atmosphere.

Barnhardt is an entrepreneur and real estate investor with experience in business development, planning, and economic growth. She is actively involved in numerous local and regional organizations and remains engaged in youth sports, schools, and community events as a mother of two sons, Wyatt and Easton. Outside of public service, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, supporting her children's activities, and working on projects that help strengthen the community.



Mayor Pro Tempore
John Linker

John Linker serves as Mayor Pro Tem of Granite Quarry's Town Council and has been a dedicated public servant for decades, serving multiple terms beginning in 1985. A resident of the town for over 48 years, his family roots trace back to Michael Braun of the historic Old Stone House. Linker is a retired Sales Manager from McCormick & Company and previously held leadership roles with Nestlé and Zatarain's.

He has served as Chairman of the Rowan County Planning Board and the Granite Quarry Zoning Board of Adjustment and remains active in civic and community organizations. Linker is committed to the thoughtful and orderly management of growth in Granite Quarry in a way that benefits all town residents, with a focus on preserving the town's small-town character, maintaining a high quality of life.

Book a
VENUE
Online!

The Town of Granite Quarry has several shelters and facilities available for reservations.

(A deposit may be required in addition to reservation fees.)

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Coming Soon: CIVIC PARK RENOVATIONS!

Construction will soon begin on the exciting new Civic Park improvements. These upgrades will create enhanced recreation, gathering, and play spaces for the entire community to enjoy.

We appreciate your patience and support during construction as we work to create a park that reflects the spirit, growth, and future of our town.

Interested in being part of this exciting project? Contact us today to learn how you can get involved!



Council Member Rich Luhrs

Rich Luhrs is a Granite Quarry Town Council Member elected in 2023. He has been a resident of the town for 11 years. He is the owner of Carpe Vinum 121 in Salisbury and a retired C-level executive in the ground transportation and logistics industry. Luhrs also brings extensive experience in boat racing as a racer, builder, broadcast TV color commentator, and official.

A former Chair of the Granite Quarry Planning Board, he is active in Civitan International and Sacred Heart Church. His priorities include responsible use of taxpayer funds, making sure residents of the town are safe and comfortable, and limiting municipal spending on secondary priorities. Luhrs enjoys taking care of his beautiful 23-acre property where he lives with his wife, Doreen, as well as boat racing and restoration.



Council Member Doug Shelton

Doug Shelton is a Granite Quarry Town Council Member, first elected in 2019, and a resident of the town for over 41 years. He is a retired manufacturing accountant with a career that included extensive leadership experience.

Shelton is active in the Granite Quarry Civitan Club and enjoys old movies and traveling with his wife, Linda. His priorities include guiding responsible growth, preserving the town's small-town charm, and promoting fiscal responsibility. Shelton and his wife have been married for 54 years and have a large family, including children and grandchildren.



Council Member Laurie Mack

Laurie Mack serves as a Granite Quarry Town Council Member and brings a lifelong connection to the community along with a background in education. A retired elementary school teacher with a career spanning multiple regions and continents, she continues to serve local schools as a substitute teacher for the Rowan-Salisbury School System who values communication and diverse perspectives. Her work with youth and education remains central to her

community involvement.

Mack is actively involved in numerous civic and community organizations and has supported school programs, collaborated with educators and local businesses on after-school initiatives, and advocated for career and technical education opportunities that prepare students for future success. She currently volunteers with school programs, food drives, and local events. Her priorities include infrastructure improvements, support for local schools, responsible budgeting, and maintaining Granite Quarry's strong sense of community. She is committed to thoughtful, transparent leadership that preserves the town's character while preparing for future growth.

#GQSOLID Award



Continuing the Tradition of Excellence:
Police Sergeant Matthew Osborne
Named #GQSOLID Award Winner

The Town of Granite Quarry continues to recognize exceptional employee service through the #GQSOLID Award, a quarterly program honoring individuals who go above and beyond in their roles. The award highlights those who embody the Town's core values of growth, quality, communication, accountability, honesty, teamwork, and enthusiastic engagement.

This quarter, Sergeant Matthew Osborne has been named the #GQSOLID Award recipient. Having worked his way up from a part-time officer to sergeant, Osborne has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Granite Quarry-Faith Police Department, his fellow employees, and the community.

Nominators describe Osborne as a dependable and caring leader who consistently supports those around him. "Sergeant Osborne does not just do his job, he cares deeply about it," one nomination read, noting his dedication to both his coworkers and the residents he serves. He is known for mentoring new officers, collaborating with others, and stepping in wherever needed.

Osborne is also recognized for his positive presence across the community. He regularly checks on other Town staff, visits local businesses and schools, and works to build trust with residents. Colleagues say his leadership, accountability, and dedication have contributed to strong morale within the department.

His commitment to professional growth and his willingness to invest in others further reflect his leadership. Whether pursuing training opportunities or guiding fellow officers, Osborne leads with integrity, respect, and a genuine desire to make Granite Quarry better.

The Town encourages everyone to join in congratulating Sergeant Matthew Osborne on this well-deserved recognition and thanking him for his continued service and dedication to Granite Quarry.

NO BULK TRASH PICKUP SERVICE

Bulk trash items should never be left on the curb.
Help keep Granite Quarry clean and safe.



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SCHEDULE & REMINDERS

- Town wide pickup is Friday.
- Trash carts should be pulled from street within 48 hours of service.



PLEASE FOLLOW GUIDELINES

- Do not place items on the sidewalk.
- Damaged carts can be replaced by calling Town Hall 704-279-5596.



Need an additional cart?
Call 704-982-1224



TOWN SERVICES

CURBSIDE YARD DEBRIS PICKUP

BRUSH & SMALL LIMB PICKUP

YEAR-ROUND SERVICE

Small limbs and brush are picked up the 1st and 3rd week of each month throughout the year.

LEAF PICKUP

SEASONAL SERVICE

Curbside leaf collection is provided during designated times of the year. Please watch for Town announcements for dates and details.

PLEASE FOLLOW GUIDELINES

Place items neatly at the curb and keep materials clear of mailboxes, vehicles, and other obstacles.

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:
704-216-7768

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: John Linker
Council Members:
Doug Shelton, Laurie Mack,
and Rich Luhrs
Town Manager: Jason Hord
Town Clerk: Aubrey Smith



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 6
Fish for Fun

JUNE 19
Juneteenth

JULY 4
Independence Day

AUGUST 4
National Night Out

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