

BURTON

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Burton Street Neighborhood Newsletter

July 2020

Neighborhood News

Burton Street Rezoning Case

Shannon Tuch, City of Asheville Planning and Urban Design, presented a rezoning request for four properties on Burton Street at the June BSCA meeting. John and Betsy Sterling, the property owners who requested the zoning change, attended the meeting to answer resident questions.

The City plans to present the rezoning request to City Council this summer and residents are invited to attend. For more information on this request and updates on the case, please visit the BSCA website.

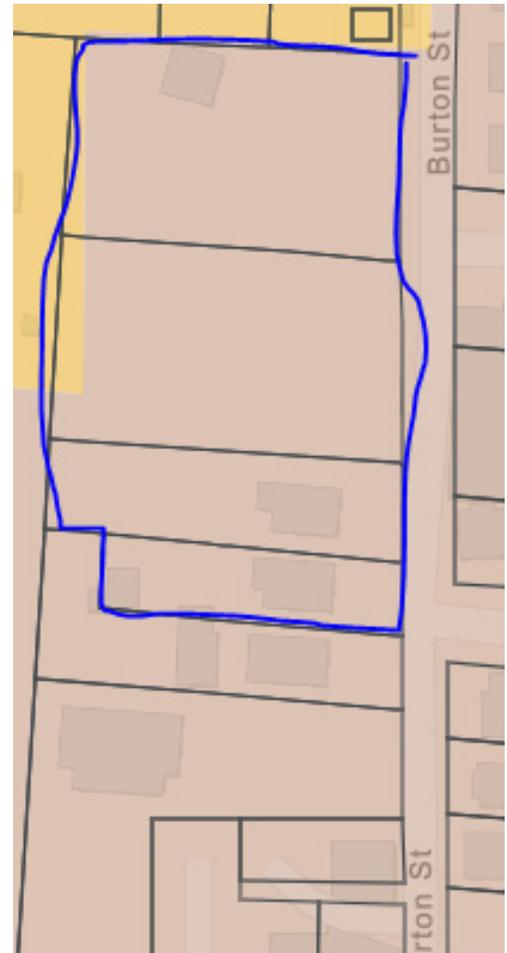
NCDOT Pedestrian Accommodations Survey

Strategy 1.2.1 of the Neighborhood Plan is aimed at improving existing sidewalks within the Burton Street community to meet ADA standards. NCDOT previously conducted an analysis to determine pedestrian comfort and safety at various intersections in the community. The analysis indicated that many sidewalks were not ADA compliant. Vegetation, fire hydrants, poles, trash cans, and a lack of aligned or accessible curbs lead to decreased accessibility of sidewalks in the community. Many intersections also lack truncated domes for the visually impaired.

The agency working group will review the results of the pedestrian accommodations survey and discuss next steps during their July meeting.

Bear Awareness

Bears have been spotted walking around during daytime hours in Asheville. To avoid an encounter with a bear, please: put your trash out the morning of trash day, remove any snacks from cars, lock car doors (as they can open them), and remove any bird feeders or dog food outside. If you encounter a bear, DO NOT RUN. Remain calm, group together, and back up slowly. If the bear continues to pursue you, try to scare it away by making yourself as large as possible and making loud noises.



Current Zoning Map: Pink is HR-3 and Orange is RM-8. Blue outline is location of proposed change from HR-3 to RM-8.

COVID-19 Updates

On June 24, Governor Roy Cooper announced that North Carolina will remain in Phase 2 of Safer at Home until July 17. Cooper also announced that face coverings must be worn in public spaces, indoor and outdoor, where 6-foot social distancing is not possible.

For more information, visit <https://www.nc.gov/covid19>

Stay Updated

Sign up for the City of Asheville email newsletter to stay updated by [clicking here](#) (for electronic version of this newsletter). You can also visit <https://www.ashevillenc.gov/> and click on “Subscribe” under “Stay in the Loop” at the bottom of the page.



Asheville Parks & Recreation News

The City of Asheville Parks and Recreation department is altering their summer programs to comply with COVID-19 restrictions. The department is launching a mobile recreation program, called Rec-n-Roll, as well as virtual summer camps and other new programs! Scheduling and more information will be available soon; check out updates on the Parks and Recreation website or Facebook page.

All public parks in Asheville are now open! Playgrounds and buildings at the parks remain closed. Group gatherings are limited to 25 people per state regulations and all are expected to adhere to state guidelines regarding distancing.

Read more about Parks and Recreation services and their upcoming changes here: <https://www.ashevillenc.gov/department/parks-recreation/>

Announcement:

City Trash Pickup

Please set trash and recycling cans in the street at curbside for pickup instead of on the sidewalk. This is to increase accessibility of sidewalks in the neighborhood as well as make trash pickup easier.



BSCA Meeting

The Burton Street Community Association monthly meeting held on the 3rd Monday of the month has been moved to a virtual platform to comply with Covid-19 social distancing.

Sign up for our BSCA emails to receive the meeting link and call-in phone number by [clicking here](#) or visiting the BSCA website and clicking on “Subscribe to BSCA Email Updates” in the right-hand column.

You can also email bscaleadership@gmail.com to get added to the mailing list.

Neighborhood Beautification Workdays

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at our Neighborhood Beautification Workdays in June! We appreciate your help in keeping our neighborhood beautiful and are grateful we could have a safe and social-distanced event.

Plan Implementation Process Overview

Two different agencies, the City of Asheville and NCDOT, developed the Neighborhood Plan with the BSCA. Thus, coordination was necessary to determine which agency would fund and implement each strategy.

Each month, a working group meets to set plan goals and strategies into motion. This group consists of BSCA leaders, City of Asheville staff, and NCDOT staff.



Plan Implementation Status

Below are notes on the implementation progress to date:

Strategy Status	Implementation Details
1.2.1 - In Progress	Improve existing sidewalks to meet ADA design standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pedestrian accommodations survey was completed. The working group will review the results and discuss the analysis during the July meeting.
2.2.1 - In Progress	Improve community center infrastructure by including additional parking, a computer lab and Wi-Fi, creating additional community meeting space, and improving existing outdoor basketball courts and playground. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCDOT is evaluating the costs for the community center parking lot and what it should include.
2.2.2 - In Progress	Expand community center programming to include year-round programs for youth and educational and vocational training for youth and adults. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCDOT will conduct an online survey to identify resident preferences for potential courses and programs; results will be presented in the newsletter and during a monthly meeting.
2.3.1 - In Progress	Construct a new park and community gathering space at Smith Mill Creek that will include an access point to the future greenway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCDOT will meet with representatives from NCDOT Right of Way to discuss acquiring property for a community gathering space along Smith Creek.

Summaries of each monthly working group meeting can be found on the City of Asheville I-26 Connector Project website.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACTS

Burton St. Community Association

President | Vivian Conley
Vice President | Thomas Davidson
Treasurer | Zanie Davidson
Secretary | Margaret Fuller

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Burton St. Community Center

For questions regarding facilities and activities:
 Kyle Autrey, Facility Manager
 kautrey@ashevillenc.gov
 828-254-1942

Neighborhood & Community Engagement

Brenda Mills, Neighborhood & Community
 Engagement Manager
 bmills@ashevillenc.gov
 828-259-5506 (office) or 828-712-2324 (mobile)

Asheville Community Resource Officer

NEW! Officer Alec Dohmann
 adohmann@ashevillenc.gov

Community Resource Officer Dohmann is the liaison between neighborhoods and the regular police assigned to West Asheville.

West Asheville Police Lieutenant

Lieutenant Evan Cowan
 ecowan@ashevillenc.gov
 828-259-5625

Lieutenant Cowan oversees the West Asheville area.

These Burton Street Neighborhood Watch magnets will be mailed to BSCA members.

Non-members can complete the membership form on the BSCA Leadership website to receive a Neighborhood Watch magnet.

TO REPORT AN ISSUE:

The Asheville App

You may use The Asheville App to report or view the status of a variety of issues, including abandoned vehicles, missed trash or recycling pickup, missed brush pickup, animals, fire hydrant leaks, graffiti, sidewalk safety, and more.



You can download the App in iOS or Android. Or you can report an issue through the app website at:

<https://www.ashevillenc.gov/service/report-a-pothole-sidewalk-issue-or-street-light-outage/>

Neighborhood Flooding

Bobby Austin
 Labor Crew Coordinator
 baustin@ashevillenc.gov

828-259-5980

Tree Maintenance Issues

Mark Foster
 mfoster@ashevillenc.gov

828-259-5979

City Customer Service

828-251-1122

Non-Emergency Police

City of Asheville Police Department

828-252-1110



The Burton Street Community Association is promoting educational, social, economic and culture welfare of its members in the Burton Street Neighborhood.



LAW ENFORCEMENT	PHONE NUMBER
EMERGENCY	911
Asheville Police Department Non-Emergency	828-252-1110
TEXT a Drug Tip to APD	828-259-5692
Crime Stoppers Anonymous Tip Line	828-255-5050
Community Resource Officer: Alec Dohmann	828-251-4032
CITY OF ASHEVILLE	
Customer Service	828-251-1122
Neighborhood & Community Engagement Manager	828-259-5506
ART Station (Asheville Transit)	828-253-5691
BUNCOMBE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Covid-19 Information	828-419-0095