

BURTON

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Burton Street Neighborhood Newsletter

October 2020

Neighborhood News

Urban Place Zoning District Summary

The City of Asheville's Comprehensive Plan, Living Asheville, proposes to guide future development in Asheville with the Urban Centers Rezoning Initiative. This initiative recommends a new zoning district, Urban Place Zoning District, along several major roads. These zoning districts aim to implement transit-supportive land use that encourages more housing, including affordable housing, closer to transit stops and jobs. Urban Place Zoning Districts also accommodate population and business growth, improve walkability and transit connections, and support a healthy environment.

Potential development under current zoning is pictured below on the left, and potential development under the proposed Urban Place Zoning District is pictured on the right.



This Urban Place Zoning...

- Creates a form regulation guide design
- Encourages the development of housing within commercial projects
- Incentivizes affordable housing and allows projects with affordable housing to bypass City Council Review
- Requires sites over one acre to retain 50% of the land as open space, with exceptions made for reducing stormwater impacts or increasing pedestrian accommodations
- Preserves the environment by requiring at least 35% of the parcel be tree canopy
- Requires large sites over two acres to submit a master plan before their application for development

To learn more about the Urban Place Zoning District or review the document, visit: www.ashevillenc.gov/urbancenters. To provide any comments or feedback on the proposed zoning, contact: Vaidila Satvika, AICP, Dept. of Planning and Urban Design at (828) 251-4036 or by email at vsatvika@ashevillenc.gov.

Burton Street Development Proposal

Application 20-04337PZ proposed the development of five cottages with parking at 94 Baker Avenue / 64 Burton Street. The plan also proposed adding a driveway apron and changing 92 and 94 Baker Avenue to have a carport underneath. The City of Asheville began processing this application in July 2020.

The property owner submitted plans during the summer to complete the last two homes that were a part of the 2017 development that stopped after the first three homes were built. Most of the review steps in the City of Asheville permit system have been completed, but construction permits have not yet been issued. These permits will be issued after some technical revisions and should be expected soon.

Want more information on the proposal?

- Read more about this proposal here: <https://simplicity.ashevillenc.gov/permits/20-04337PZ>.
- Contact Shannon Tuch, Development Review Specialist for the City of Asheville, via phone at (828) 259-5817 or by email at stuch@ashevillenc.gov
- Sign up for development updates on the SimpliCity site here: <https://simplicity.ashevillenc.gov/development/major>.

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 be added to the mailing list.

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.

Interested in neighborhood news and newsletters? You can stay up-to-date on them here: www.ashevillenc.gov/Neighborhoods.

Get Involved

Want to participate more in local government but unsure where to start? Check out the City of Asheville's engagement hub for information on City projects and how to get involved: <https://PublicInput.com/hub/88>.

Announcements:

City Trash Pickup

Please set trash cans and recycling cans for pickup in the street at curbside instead of on the sidewalk. This increases accessibility of sidewalks in the neighborhood and makes trash pickup easier.

Police Reporting

Please report any concerns to the police. The non-emergency number is (828) 252-1110. Follow up with Officer Alec Dohmann at (828) 251-4032 or adohmann@ashevillenc.gov.

Overgrown Vegetation Reporting

Report incidents of vegetation that is blocking the sidewalk or roads to Mark Foster via phone (828) 259-5979 or send photos and location information by email at mfoster@ashevillenc.gov.





In Buncombe County? Requesting an absentee ballot? You can email the form!

1. Print the request form found at: www.buncombecounty.org/vote
2. Fill it out, be sure to write legibly!
3. Snap a picture of the completed form or scan it.
4. Upload your file and email it!

For the general population (NOT military/overseas) the request goes to: elections@buncombecounty.org

Why consider email?

- It's quick!
- Relieves the postal burden!
- Timestamp of your submission!
- Confirmation emails are sent once the request is processing.

Absentee ballots will be mailed starting September 4, 2020.

****Completed ballots MAY NOT be returned via email!****

You can also mail your completed absentee ballot request form to: P.O. Box 7468, Asheville, NC 28802

Or fax the form to: (828) 250-6262

The deadline to return the completed Absentee Ballot Request Form is Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 5 p.m. We are currently accepting absentee request forms and voters are encouraged to return the form earlier than the deadline.

Absentee Ballot Reminders

If you are voting using an Absentee Ballot, please make sure the form is filled out correctly so your vote can be efficiently counted. You will need a witness signature on the form. This witness can be almost anyone over age 18 that is not a candidate in the election (unless the candidate is a close relative). If you are voting from an assisted living facility, hospital, or clinic, the witness cannot be an owner, manager, director, or employee of the facility. The witness also cannot hold any elected government position or be a campaign manager or treasurer for any political party.

Here is some important information and deadlines to keep in mind with voting absentee:

- Completed absentee ballots can be dropped off in person at early voting locations from October 15th through October 31st. Ballots **cannot** be dropped off at polling locations on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3rd).
- Completed absentee ballots can also be dropped off in person at your county Board of Elections. The deadline to submit an absentee ballot in person at the Board of Elections is November 3rd at 5:00 p.m.
 - The Buncombe County Board of Elections is located at:
77 McDowell Street
Asheville, NC 28801
- Completed absentee ballots may be returned by mail to the county Board of Elections office at the P.O. box listed above. It is best to mail as early as possible, but it must be postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd.

In Person Voting Reminders

If you are planning on voting in-person, early voting begins October 15th and goes through October 31st. Note that you can vote at any early voting location within your county during the early voting period. However, on Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling location.

Here are early voting locations for your convenience:

Dr. Westley Grant Sr. Center
285 Livingston Street
Asheville, NC 28801

West Asheville Community Center
970 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28806

More information on early voting in Buncombe County can be found here:

<https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/election/election-early-voting.aspx>

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
<p>1.2.1 - In Progress</p>	<p>Improve existing sidewalks to meet ADA design standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Working Group reviewed locations where curb ramps could be added throughout the neighborhood. • The City of Asheville is adding a raised crosswalk at the entrance of the community center.
<p>2.2.1 - In Progress</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCDOT is working to identify funding to construct a new parking lot.

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

bscaleadership@gmail.com

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

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.

Join the BSCA to receive a Burton Street Neighborhood Watch magnet!

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 EMERGENCY	PHONE NUMBER 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	
Neighborhood & Community Engagement Manager	Customer Service	828-251-1122
ART Station (Asheville Transit)		828-259-5506
		828-253-5691
	BUNCOMBE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
	Covid-19 Information	828-419-0095

It is more important than ever to...

GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

It's a **Shield of Protection** for
you and your family.

GET IMMUNIZED!

Stephens-Lee Recreation Center

30 George Washington Carver Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

October 9 | 2 - 6 PM

October 16 | 2 - 6 PM

Spanish Interpretation will be available on site.



The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Asheville & Vicinity
The Baptist Ministerial Union of Asheville & Vicinity
The Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association of Western North Carolina
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated - Asheville Area Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Asheville Alumnae Chapter
ABIPA

*The shot has no cost, but please bring your insurance card with you.