

Hello Butler Mountain neighbors,

As outlined in the February 1 newsletter, the 19 contributing Butler Mtn. Bald members voted earlier this month on a change in the rules regarding the development of a fire pit on Butler Mountain Bald. The results were 11 for, 7 against & 1 did not vote. As per our bylaws, a rule change expires at the end of the current calendar year. Therefore, we will have a fire pit as an experiment for the balance of 2019. Next year, we will evaluate the fire pit issue and vote again on whether or not to continue its use. If the fire pit is misused or considered to be a danger to the community, we would fill in the fire pit and eliminate the fire pit rule. The fire pit will take several weeks to complete and an update will be sent out when it is ready for use.

The procedure for using the fire pit will be as follows:

1. Call or email Ben Gilbert to reserve a date, alerting the Board of a planned fire and preventing double booking. 919-358-0555
bgilbert217@gmail.com
2. The day of the planned fire, users MUST CALL the WNC Regional Air Quality Agency **(828-250-6767)** to determine if it is a “burn day.” There are numerous days when open fires are prohibited by the county due to either drought conditions or when the Air Quality is Code Orange. We need to strictly abide by Buncombe County’s outdoor burning codes.
3. Bring your own firewood. Collecting firewood on the Bald is strictly prohibited.
4. Bring 3 to 5 gallons of water to drench the coals before leaving.
5. A laminated copy of these rules will be posted at the fire-pit.
6. Close the screen over the fire-pit.

The Butler Mountain Bald, INC 2019 Board:

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