

Buncombe County



Nathan Ramsey - Chairman

Nathan Ramsey is in his second term as Chairman of the Board. He is a thirty year resident of the Fairview Community in Buncombe County. He has a BS degree in accounting from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Tennessee and is licensed to practice law in North Carolina. He and his family own a dairy farm in Fairview. Chairman Ramsey currently serves on the County Audit Committee and the Buncombe County Board of Health.



David Gantt - Vice-Chairman

David Gantt, an attorney, is in his third term on the Board. He currently serves on the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board, Asheville-Buncombe Community Relations Council and is President of the Land of Sky Regional Council. Commissioner Gantt is an advocate for education and the working people of Buncombe County.

Dear Buncombe County Residents,

It is a pleasure to present Buncombe County's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. Providing effective and efficient government our citizens can trust is part of Buncombe County's mission. Preparing this report supports that mission

Operational accountability is a long-standing practice within the County. As we continue to look for ways to improve the overall management and performance of county government, managing for results is a critical part of our evaluation. We strive to be customer focused, programs and services.

As you read through the information contained in this report, you will notice the wide array of services and programs available to citizens through the hard work and dedication of Buncombe County employees. We realize the importance of a strong relationship between improve the quality of life for all residents of Buncombe County while running a streamlined

I hope you will share my sense of pride in the many accomplishments of county government that exemplify our commitment to public service. We could not do this job without the guidance and leadership of our Commissioners and our extremely dedicated workforce who labor to sustain the economic vigor and community spirit that is driving our progress.

This Popular Annual Financial Report is presented as a means of increasing public confidence in County government and its elected officials through easier, more user-friendly financial reporting. We welcome your reading and learning more about Buncombe County timely manner.



Wanda S. Greene, PhD, CPA



Carol Peterson

A fifth generation native of Buncombe County and a retired high school Vocational Director of the Asheville City Schools, Carol Peterson is serving her first term of office. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College and volunteers at the UNC-A College for seniors.



William Stanley

A retired high school coach and principal, Bill Stanley is serving his fifth term as Commissioner. In addition to his local involvement in civic affairs, he is a former President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and is currently serving as a member of the National Association of Counties Board of Directors and on the Homeland Security Task force.



David Young

In his fourth term as Commissioner, David Young is very involved in local and regional economic development serving as the Chairman of the Economic Development Board and as a member of the Regional Airport Authority. He is also part owner of Fugazy Travel.

Dear Fellow Citizens:

It is certainly a privilege to serve you as a member of the Board of County Commissioners. I have learned, in my time as Chairman, that this County is well positioned to move into the future. We are embracing growth and change while remaining firmly rooted in our mountain heritage. Our mountains are a place many people visit and decide to stay. This fact has brought us growth and prosperity and all of the hard decisions that are a part of expansion and development. We are meeting these new challenges with new technologies and working relationships with our neighboring communities. We are working to keep you informed as our partner in the future.

This report will outline the ways in which our County functions everyday to meet our mission: "To promote a healthy, safe, well-educated and thriving community with a sustainable quality of life." You, as a citizen, have placed your trust in us to bring you and your family government services using your tax dollars. We hope this report will help you learn more about the ways your investment works to provide education, recreation, public

Effective human services are an uncompromising obligation for county government. safety and social programs to our citizens. We will always care for those among us who are less fortunate and our Health and Social Services Center is reorganizing to give premium, effective and cost efficient care to those

Public safety remains a key responsibility and we will continue to fund the facilities and technology necessary to make our communities the safest place to live in North Carolina. We hope that you will use this report as well as the County's web site in need. - buncombecounty.org --to more clearly understand our funding priorities and let us know

We are here to serve you. On behalf of all our employees and volunteers, we remain firmly committed to preserving Buncombe County as the best place to live in if we have missed the mark. America.

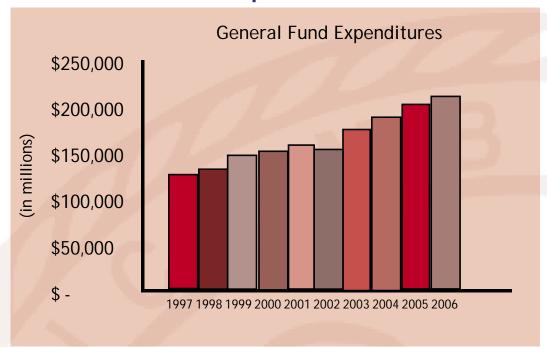
Nathan Ramsey Chairman

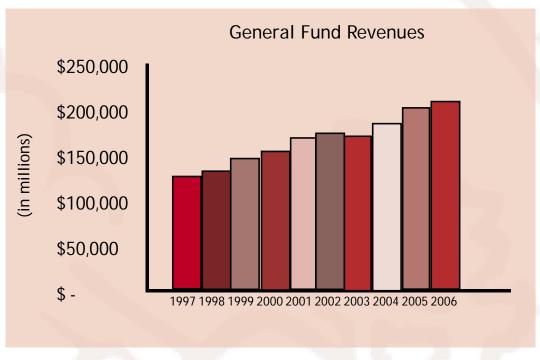


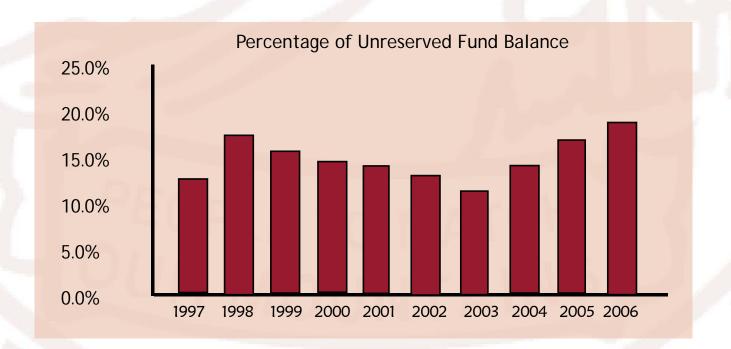
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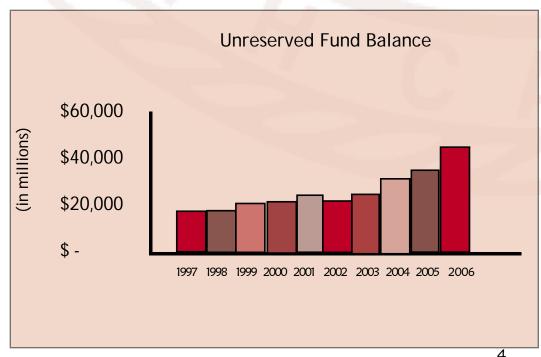
Nathan Ramsey, Chairman

Trends - Expenditures, Revenues and Fund Balance







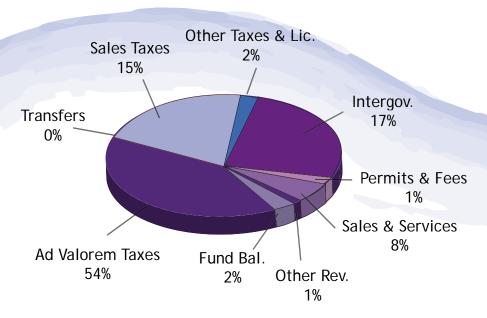


Fund balance is the difference between fund assets and fund liabilities in a governmental fund. The goal of management is to maintain unreserved fund balance (available for appropriation) at or above 15%. This is the level management considers adequate to meet the needs of the County during unforeseen events and to prevent cash flow shortfalls during periods of low tax collections.

Key Businesses

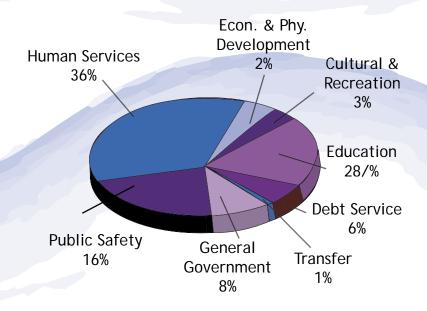
Where Does the Money Come From?

FY2006 Revenues/Sources- General Fund



Where Does the Money Go?

FY2006 Expenditures/Uses- General Fund



Key Businesses

Our 3 key businesses are Education, Public Safety, and Human Services, and they consume the largest part of our budget expenditures. These key businesses are aligned with the County's functions and are the main focus of our dollars.

The County's Education function is made up of Buncombe County Schools, Asheville City Schools, and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. Funding for public education is a major responsibility of County government. The County's appropriations comprise only a small portion of the required funds with the State of North Carolina providing most of the funding. Included in total education function group expenditures are school resource officers, school nurses, and school debt service. The Education function group accounted for 26.6% of total government fund expenditures.

The Public Safety function is composed of the Sheriff's Department, the Detention Center, Emergency Medical Services, Court Support, Pretrial Services, Criminal Justice Information System, Identification Bureau, and Centralized Data Entry. The Sheriff's Department Activities include Crime Stoppers, Metropolitan Enforcement Group, Patrol & Investigation, Court Security, and the Satellite Jail. The Detention Center began housing prisoners in April 1996 and can house 356 inmates. The Satellite Jail can house up to 80 inmates.

The Emergency Services activities include Emergency Management Radio, and Emergency Medical Services. They provide emergency communication and transportation to medical care facilities.

The Identification Bureau, Central Data Entry, and the Criminal Justice Information System provide a centralized database system of complete and accurate criminal history information on all persons arrested or cited in the County. The Public Safety function group accounted for 16.6% of total government fund expenditures.

The Human Services function is composed of the Public Health Department, Social Services, Transportation (Mountain Mobility and Section 18), Child Care Services, Aging Services, the Buncombe County Medical Society, and Indigent Care. Human Services also provides specialized human service needs to citizens through programs for children, assistance to the elderly, and transportation to people of all ages. Human Services expenditures accounted for 37.7% of total governmental fund expenditures.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY CAPITAL PLAN FY 2007 - FY 2011

FY Funding Needed	Requested By	Building	Description	Total Est. Cost	Other Funding	Source	Estimated County Dollars Needed	Annual Debt Service	Estimated Annual Operating Costs Increase
FY 2007	Human Services	Human Services	Purchase new building for Human Services campus.	TBD	\$ -		TBD	TBD	\$ -
FY 2007	Physical Facilities	Courthouse	Install energy efficient windows in courthouse.	\$ 1,500,000			\$ 1,500,000	\$ 320,000	
FY 2007	Tax	N/A	Replace old Tax system	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -		\$ 3,000,000	\$ 703,384	\$ -
FY 2007 Total				\$ 4,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 1,023,384	\$ -
FY 2008	Physical Facilities	Pack Library	Renovation and expansion of central library	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -		\$ 3,000,000	\$ 531,158	\$ 125,000
FY 2008 Total				\$ 3,000,000	\$ -		\$ 3,000,000	\$ 531,158	\$ 125,000
FY 2009	General Services	Landfill Cell #7	Future Disposal	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	Enterprise Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FY 2009	Physical Facilities	Health Center	Renovate EMS area.	\$ 658,000	\$ -		\$ 658,000	\$ 153,894	\$ -
FY 2009 Total				\$ 5,158,000	\$ 4,500,000		\$ 658,000	\$ 153,894	\$ -
FY 2010	Information Technology	N/A	Phone system	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 240,483	\$ -
FY 2010	Physical Facilities	Black Mountain Branch Library	Renovation of branch library	\$ 250,000	\$ -		\$ 250,000	\$ 48,097	\$ -
FY 2010	Physical Facilities	East Asheville Branch Library	Build replacement branch library on Highway Patrol Station land.	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 366,283	\$ -
FY 2010	Physical Facilities	Courthouse	Renovations to courthouse, including floors 11-15; sprinkler system, fire exits, and installation of panic system	TBD - Courthouse Master Plan			TBD	TBD	\$ -
FY 2010 Total				\$ 3,250,000	\$ -		\$ 3,250,000	\$ 654,863	\$ -
FY 2011 Total				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Awaiting Recrea	ation Master Plan:								
FY 2007	Parks and Recreation	N/A	Soccer complex - add stadium seating.	TBD			TBD	TBD	
FY 2008	Parks and Recreation	Zeugner Recreation Center	Renovate building, repair pool and put in new restrooms to ADA standards.	TBD			TBD	TBD	
FY 2008	Parks and Recreation	Erwin District Park	Construct 2 ball fields, concessions and playground equipment (schools own property)	TBD	\$ -		TBD	TBD	
FY 2009	Parks and Recreation	N/A	Soccer complex - Total renovation of Fields 1 & 2; strip and regrade 3 fields, add soil drainage and replace irrigation system.	TBD			TBD	TBD	\$ -
FY 2009	Parks and Recreation	N/A	Soccer Complex- Erwin	TBD	\$ -		TBD	TBD	\$ -
Y 2007 - 2011				\$ 15,908,000	\$ 4,500,000		\$ 11,408,000	\$ 2,363,299	\$ 125,000
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SUMMARY OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is to identify all capital projects for the next budget year and five additional years.

The CIP is formulated at the direction of the County Manager for financial planning purposes. All County departments are asked to submit requests for capital improvements in excess of \$5,000 that a CIP committee reviews. The CIP committee then makes recommendations on capital projects to the County Manager. Each capital project with a cost greater than \$250,000 will be detailed by description, estimated total cost, and funding source.

The Buncombe County Board has approved the 2006-2007 capital projects with approval for subsequent years depending on the availability of funds and priorities set by the Commissioners.

The stated priorities of the Board of Commissioners are the following:

- 1. Mandated services by the state and federal government including the Health Department and Social Services Department.
- 2. Public Safety, including the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Services.
- 3. Parks and Recreation Facilities.
- 4. Increased productivity in County government.

The Capital Improvement Program for fiscal year 2007 has a net increase of \$520,344 on the County's operating budget.

Emergency Services

35 Woodfin Street Asheville, NC 28801 Main Phone: 828.255.5638 Fire Marshal 828.255.5087

In case of emergency, call 911.

A call to 911 should always be a call for help!

9-1-1 Emergency Dispatch

When to call 9-1-1

Use 911 for life-threatening incidents. This includes:

- If someone is hurt.
- If you see someone taking something that belongs to someone else.
- If you see someone hurting someone else.
- If you smell smoke or see fire.



This September will mark the 3 year anniversary of Hurricanes Frances, Ivan, and Charley that brought historic and disastrous flooding to Western North Carolina. Every day, especially during times of natural disaster, Buncombe County's Emergency Management department is ready to respond around the clock. This department is comprised of EMS, Emergency Management, Radio/911, and Training and Development.

The Department of Emergency Services of Buncombe County takes pride in serving the needs of the citizens and visitors of our county. Our many roles include:

Emergency communications via our 911 call center, Pre-hospital emergency care from our paramedic EMS service, Fire and life safety from the fire marshal's office, Disaster coordination in the emergency management division and Training and development classes for county personnel

When NOT to call 9-1-1

Never Call 9-1-1 As A Joke
The equipment we have
indicates where the call is
coming from. We are required to
verify if there is an emergency,
if that can't be done, we will
send a Law Enforcement Officer
out to check.

This could engage an officer's services when he or she might be needed on a real emergency. Abusing 911 in this manner could cost someone's life. It is a criminal offense to intentionally abuse 911.

Never Call To Ask For Information Use 411 For directory assistance, and call the non-emergency number for the public safety agency you wish to reach.

Never Call 9-1-1 Just To See If It Works. It does.

Calls to 911 from a pay phone are free.

January

Sun	day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		New Year's Day - County Offices Closed	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	3 B	4	5 Last Day to pay real estate property tax before interest	6
7		8	9	10	11	12	13
14		Martin Luther King Jr. Day County Offices Closed	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	17	18	19	20
21		22	23	24 EOPLE TO JR MOU	25 MATCH	26	27
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Health Services

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. WIC Clinic until 7p.m. on Thurs. 35 Woodfin Street Asheville, NC 28801

Main Number 828.250.5000

Administration/Vital Records	250-5203
Breast and Cervical Cancer	
Control (BCCCP)	250-6006
Community Health	250-5005
Dental Services	250-5011
Disease Control	250-5109
Environmental Health	250-5016
Health Promotion	250-5040
Immunization	250-5096
Nutrition	250-5168
Pharmacy	250-5233
Primary Care	250-5000
Restaurant/Septic/	
Well Inspections	250-5016
School Health	250-5055
Social Work	250-5299
Water Testing	250-5016
WIC/Nutrition	250-5170



The Buncombe County Health Center is an integral part of the quality health care system in Buncombe County, and provides core public health services and innovative health care solutions including:

Free/low cost for adult and children primary care, and prenatal care

Drug discount cards

Vaccinations/flu shots

Dental clinic

Environmental Health

Pharmacy

DSS Access, allowing clients to apply for Medicaid at the Health Center

How Clean is Your Favorite Restaurant?

Check out the sanitation grades of restaurants in Buncombe County online at www.buncombecounty.org

In FY2006, Environmental Health Services Division:

- Inspected 1,585 facilities to protect our children, elderly, sick and tourist communities and investigated 264 complaints.
- Inspected 1,710 new well and septic systems and investigated 174 complaints.
- Investigated 185 Rabies bites reports and confirmed 14 rabies cases.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 2 Groundhog Day	Saturday 3
4	5	6 Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	7	8	9	10
11 Lincoln's Birthday	12		14 Valentine's Day We Love You Pro- Library, Feb 13-1		16	17
18	19 Washington's Birthday	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	21 Ash Wednesday	MATCH NT AINS	23	24
25	26	27	28	R		

Solid Waste

Hours for Both Facilities: Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

Buncombe County Solid Waste Management Facility (Landfill)

> 85 Panther Branch Rd, Alexander, NC 28701 Phone: 828.645.5311

Transfer Station
(Residential Waste and Recyclables Only)
490 Brevard Rd.
Asheville, NC 28806
Phone: 828,250,6205

Important Phone Numbers for County Residents:

Junk Motor Vehicle Officer - 828.250.5470 Roger Presley

Environmental Control Officer - 828.250.5471 Rick Ramsey

Environmental Control Officer - 828.250.5472 Jane Cole

Hazardous Waste Officer - 828.250.5425 Denese Ballew



At the old Buncombe County Landfill, methane gas is being captured to power an engine that generates 984 kilowatts. The annual reduction of greenhouse gases attributable to this project is equivalent to removing 8,200 vehicles from our roads, reducing oil consumption by some 100,000 barrels, or planting nearly 11,800 acres of forest.

Between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, the Buncombe County recycled:

28,928 tons of Cardboard 2,197 tons of Yard Waste • 2,427 tons of Scrap Tires • 95 tons of Electronics • 28 tons of Household Hazardous Waste • 840 tons of White Goods (Large Appliances) • 5,272 gallons of motor oil • 205 gallons of antifreeze • 978 batteries

The landfill gas energy from the old Buncombe County Landfill is sold through NC GreenPower. Buncombe County joins more than 10 other producers in providing residents and businesses across North Carolina with a renewable source of electrical energy.

RECYCLE!

March

Both the Landfill and the Transfer Station accept the following items for recycling at no charge:

	Lead-acid batteries	Sund	lay	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•	Newspaper and brown paper bags						1	2	3
•	Office paper and mail								
	Corrugated cardboard					MP	EC		
	Commingled recyclable containers including #1 & #2 plastic (milk jugs, soft drink bottles, laundry detergent jugs); aluminum cans; clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars: and steel cans.	4		5	6	7	8	9	10
At the	Landfill only: Yard waste, including fall leaves Motor oils	11 Daylig Begins	ht Savings	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
	Tires White goods, including stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, and all metals Empty, triple-rinsed pesticide	18		19	20 Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	21 First Day of Spring	22 MATCH	23	24
	containers Empty propane tanks (20-pound, gas grill type ONLY)	25		26	27	28	29	30	31

Soil & Water

Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm 155 Hillard Ave, Suite 204 Asheville, NC 28801 Main Number 828.250.4785

Advice and planning is available on erosion control and water quality issues. Agronomists, engineers, soil scientists, and other specialists from a number of local, state, and federal agencies work closely with the District staff to serve citizens' needs. Some of the areas the District assists with are:

- Soil erosion prevention and control
- Animal Waste Management
- Stream Bank Stabilization
- Stream Restoration
- Nutrient Management
- Plants for erosion control
- Storm water control/management
- Riparian Zone Restoration
- Community Conservation
- Conservation Education
- Natural Resource Planning



The Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is to conserve the soil, water, and related natural resources of Buncombe County by providing education, information, technical assistance, and economic incentives to county citizens and by establishing new programs in concert with other appropriate agencies and organizations to meet changing needs.

In Fiscal Year 2006:

Planned water quality improvement projects on private properties totaling \$336,829

Worked with private citizens to install water quality improvement projects totaling \$310,245

Cost-shared a total \$264,888 for water quality improvement projects

Received an \$18,000 grant from the Pigeon River Fund for storm water controls on a local greenhouse operation

Provided educational outreach to over 8,000 Buncombe County citizens

In FY06, the Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation District completed the Emergency Watershed Protection program, which had spanned two fiscal years. A total of \$5.1 million dollars was spent to restore over 8 miles of streams in the county.



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"Conservation Conversations" is Soil & Water's informative monthly newsletter. Contact their office for more information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April Fool's Day	2	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	B	5	6 Good Friday County Offices Closed	7
8 Easter	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Palm Sunday	16	17 Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	18	19 Passover	20	21
22 Earth Day	23	24	25 Administrative Professionals Day	26 MATCH	27	28
29	30		C	I R		

Library

Contact your local library for their hours and address

Pack Library- Information 828.250.4700 Book Renewal Line 828.251.4998 TDD for hearing impaired 828.250.4718 Library Administration 828.250.4711

DOWNLOAD AUDIO BOOKS & E-BOOKS FROM HOME

Getting started is easy.

- 1. Just visit the web site buncombecounty.org
- 2. Choose library from the drop down department list
- 3. Choose electronic resources link on the left side of the library page
- 4. Have your valid library card ready
- 5. Install the free software and browse the collection
- 6. Once downloaded, items can be transferred to a portable device, such as an MP3 player or used directly from a home computer.

When the 14 day lending period is up, digital books automatically expire so there are never any returns or late fees.



The Asheville-Buncombe Library System consists of 11 branch libraries conveniently located throughout Buncombe County, and the central branch, Pack Memorial Library, in downtown Asheville. There is also a law library located in the County courthouse, which serves the needs of both the public and the legal community. At this time there is a library within 5 miles of almost every Buncombe County resident.

Buncombe County's Library system is one of the most heavily used in North Carolina. Here are some FY06 library facts at a glance:

Items circulated: 1,471,680 • Library visits across the county: 1,619,046 • Reference questions answered: 134,588 • Attendees at Library programs: 44,608 • Number signed up for internet access: 166,120 • Items in the Library system:

525,000+ • Digital books available for download: 26,000+

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT THE LIBRARY?

Of course you can check out reading materials. But did you know that you can also:

Check out music and movies on cassettes, DVDs and videotapes



Summer Camps and programs are gearing up at Parks & Recreation! Call 250-4260 or check the County website for details.

Check out artwork	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Surf the world wide web			1 Primary Elections	2	3 National Day of	4	5 Cinco de Mayo
Get assistance with your research questions.			Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00	M B	Prayer		Cinco de mayo
Borrow books from other library systems around the world through the interlibrary			Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204			0	
loan program	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Access the North Carolina Collection, including a huge collection of area photographs, historical postcards and books by local authors				7			
Check out audio books	13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
Access Heritage Quest, a leading online resource for genealogy data			Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30			3	
Attend Preschooler and Toddler story			Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204				
times	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Participate in the Summer Reading Program			I T	505			
Make photocopies			1146	COPLE TO	MATCH		AV
Pick up the latest Federal and State Tax Forms	27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		
Visit the library website at buncombecounty.org for more details.		County Offices Closed		C	IR		

Parks & Recreation

Administrative Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

49 Mt. Carmel Road,

Asheville, NC 28806

Main Number 828.250.4260

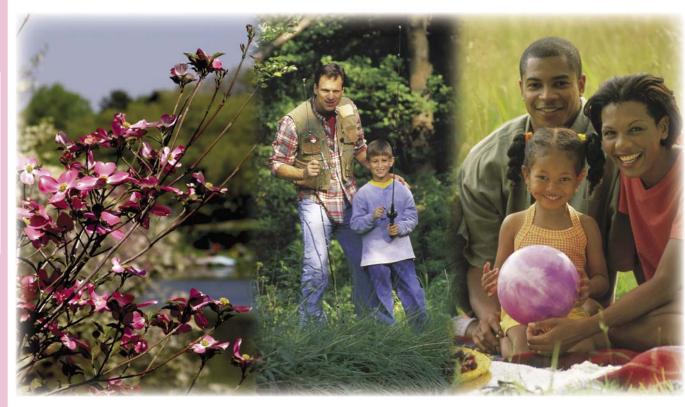
Email: parksalive@buncombecounty.org

Pools are open in June, July and early August, and all are heated!

- ♦ Cane Creek Pool
- ♦ Erwin Community Pool
- ♦ Hominy Valley Park Pool
- ♦ North Buncombe Pool
- ♦ Owen Pool
- ♦ Zeugner Center (indoor year round)

In Fiscal Year 2006:

- 82,000 visitors used the County pools
- Over 85,000 citizens visited Lake Julian
- Over 5,000 youth competed in area sports on County Parks



Kick off your summer! Are you looking for ways to fill your day during the summer months? Look no further- Buncombe County Parks & Recreation has endless opportunities for fun and relaxation.

Buncombe County Special Olympics

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year round sport training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympics-type sports for children and adults with mental retardation. Activities include events such as golfing, skiing, bowling, basketball, and the local spring games. Over 450 local athletes will participate this year.

There is a Buncombe County Park in your neighborhood with opportunities to picnic, walk, bike and more!

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9 Pinners Road, Arden, NC 28704	3		4	Commissioners'	O	'	0	9
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77 Pinners Road, Arden, NC 28704			MS	Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	5			
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194 Hominy Creek Road, Asheville, NC 28806	10		11	12	13	14	15	16
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30 Riverside Drive, Asheville, NC 28801			N					
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Karpen Soccer Fields								
207 Reems Creek Road, Weaverville, NC								
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75 Long Shoals Road, Asheville, NC 28704				Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30				
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Walnut Island River Park						D		
3042 Old Marshall Hwy, Alexander, NC 28701						111		
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Board of Commissioners

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commissioners@buncombecounty.org



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The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners is the County's legislative and policy making body, consisting of five members serving four-year terms. The Commissioners set policy, determine budgets for several agencies and set property tax rates for the entire county. Governing Body is a part of the General Government function of Buncombe County.







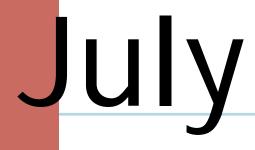
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETINGS

The Commissioners meet every first and third Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in Room 204 of the Courthouse in downtown Asheville. The agenda is noted throughout this calendar and on the website www.buncombecounty.org.

All Commission meetings are open to the public and public comment is taken before every meeting.

The pre-meetings begin at 4 p.m. and if you wish to comment, you must sign in prior to 4:10 p.m. You will be called on by the Chairman and given 3 minutes to make comments. Comments are taken prior to the regular meeting that begins at 4:30 p.m.

You can see every County
Commission meeting (and much
more) on the County Government
Channel -- BCTV Channel 2 - if you are a Charter Cable
TV customer. . If you are not a
Charter Cable subscriber, you can
watch the meetings on line at
buncombecounty.org.



	Sund	lay	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Fiscal ! begins	Year 2008	2	3	4 Independence Day County Offices Closed	5	6	7
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Education

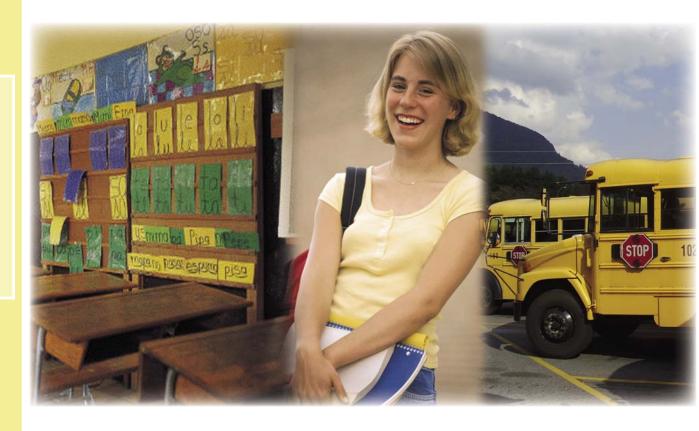
For questions regarding the amount of funding provided by Buncombe County, please contact:
Buncombe County Finance Dept.
34 Valley Street, Asheville, NC 28801
Phone: 828.250.4130

For all other information, including school budgets, please contact the school directly

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College 340 Victoria Road, Asheville, NC 28801 Phone: 828.254.1921 www.abtech.edu

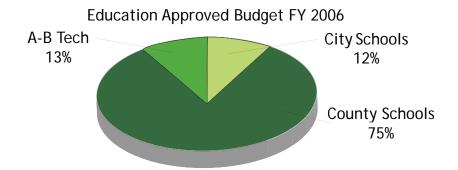
Asheville City Schools 85 Mountain Street, Asheville, NC 28802 Phone: 828.350.7000 www.asheville.k12nc.us

Buncombe County Schools 175 Bingham Road, Asheville, NC 28806 Phone: 828.255.5921 www.buncombe.k12.nc.us



The County's Education function is comprised of Buncombe County Schools, Asheville City Schools, and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community college, which operate as separate entities from Buncombe County. The totals expenditures for Education in fiscal year 2006 were \$57,441,168, which was 28% of the total fiscal year budget.

Funding for public education is a major responsibility of the County government. In recent years, Buncombe County has undertaken major initiatives to support effective education and to secure accountability for educational funds expended.



Public School Average Daily Membership Fiscal Years 2000 to 2006

Fiscal	Total	Incr
Year	Enroll-	(Decr)
	ment	
	29,211	1.5%
	28,766	0.4%
	28,649	0.5%
2003	28,516	1.3%
2002	28,159	-1.04%
2001	28,549	0.7%
2000	28,348	

August

Monday

Tuesday

Sunday

As evidenced by the chart below, Buncombe County remains committed to a quality education for all students.

Current/Capital Appropriations for Education Fiscal Years 2000 to 2007 (in millions)

Fiscal	Citv	County	A-B	Educ	Incr
Year	Schools	Schools	Tech	Total	(Decr)
2007	7.29	47.14	7.13	61.56	9.2%
2006	6.79	43.11	6.49	56.39	5.9%
2005	6.60	40.80	5.88	53.27	5.7%
2004	6.34	38.67	5.38	50.39	5.9%
2003	6.02	36.66	4.92	47.60	1.2%
2002	5.98	36.4	4.65	47.03	1.5%
2001	6.02	35.99	4.34	46.35	8.1%
2000	5.69	32.78	4.4	42.88	4.7%

The County is required by North Carolina law to distribute funds to the two public school systems on the basis of average daily membership (ADM). Funding ratios for the two school systems have changed in accordance with the ADM changes.

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5	6	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	22 EOPLE TO VR MOU	MATCH NTAINS	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Wednesday Thursday

Saturday

Friday

Finance

Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. 34 Valley Street, Asheville, NC 28801

Main Phone: 828-250-4130

Services we provide for Buncombe County:

- Managing the County's debt,
 budgetary and program compliance
- Internal auditing
- Processing payroll and accounts payable
- Investing the County's money
- Managing the County's enterprise resource system
- Financial reporting, cash flow and banking
- Collecting occupancy tax
- Grant management



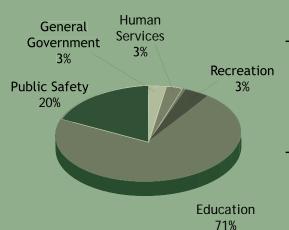
The Finance Department's mission is to insure and support a fiscally sound government, and to effectively deliver services in an environment of teamwork, with commitment to excellence. Ensuring that the County is in compliance with federal, state, and local government fiscal control rules and regulations is also a main focus.

Buncombe County is audited annually by an independent external auditing firm. The opinion letter from this firm can be found in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Copies of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report are available at the Finance Department and online at www.buncombecounty.org.

DEBT AND OBLIGATION

In Fiscal Year 2006, we increased the County's debt by \$52 million, bringing our total outstanding debt to \$259.1 million. Education, public safety and solid waste projects represent 91.6 percent of our outstanding debt. Buncombe County's debt retirement schedule is extremely aggressive and unique among North Carolina municipalities. The following table reflects our outstanding debt:

Outstanding Debt by Function



September

	Sund	day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
е					M B	E C		1
	2		3 Labor Day County Offices Closed	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	5	6 Absentee Voting by mail for Primary begins	7	8
	9		10	11	12	13	14	15
n	16		17	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	19 EOPLE TO	20 Absentee One-Stop Voting for Primary begins	21	22 Rosh Hashanah
	23 First 1 Autum		24	25	26	27	28	29
		Commissi	oners' Meetings and	other events are su	bject to change. Ple	ase confirm the pos	ed schedule at www	v.buncombecounty.org

Social Services

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00 p.m. 40 Coxe Avenue Asheville, NC 28802

Main Number 828.250.5500

Economic Services
Phone: 828.250.5592
Tim Rhodes, Program Administrator
www.timrhodes@buncombecounty.org

Adult Services
Phone: 828.250.5814 Fax: 250.5991
Abuse/Neglect Intake 828.250.5800

Children Services
Phone: 828.250.5822 Fax: 250.5779
Becky Kessel, Program Administrator
828.250.5775

Customer Response Center Phone: 828.250.5500 Fax: 255.5395



Work is required for families on welfare. Work First is based on the premise that parents have a responsibility to support themselves and their children. Through Work First, parents can get short-term training and families can get child care assistance and other services to help them become self-sufficient, but ultimately the responsibility is theirs, and most families have two years to move off welfare.

The Work First Employment and Family Support Unit is designed to:

Relieve financial crisis • Provide temporary financial stability • Remove barriers to employment and self-sufficiency • Guard against child abuse and neglect.

The services and programs available through Work First are:

Emergency Assistance Program, Project Share, Crisis Intervention Program, Work First Family Assistance, Employment Services, Intensive Services/Case Management and School Based Prevention

In Fiscal Year 2006, Social Services:

October

- Assisted approximately 300 displaced Katrina evacuees with food, medical, or cash assistance.
- Generated approximately \$15 million in child support for around 7,800 Buncombe County children.
- Assisted over 2,500 parents with emergency assistance and/or case management services that support and promote the welfare of children.
- Provided \$20 million in food assistance benefits.
- Assisted 1,272 Buncombe County veterans with the benefits eligibility process
- Responded to over 2,700 reports of alleged child abuse, neglect or dependency.
- Provided temporary or substitute care for 290 children per month in foster care.
- 33% of children were reunified with their families.
- 24% of children were adopted.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yom Kippur	Last day to request absentee ballot for Primary Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Court- house RM 204	B	4	5	6 Sukkot
7	8 Last day for sickness or disability requests for Primary Columbus Day	9 Election Day - Primary	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 National Boss' Day Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	17	18 Absentee One-Stop Voting for General begins	19	20
21	22	23	24 EOPLE TO JR MOU	25 MATCH NTAINS	26	27
28	29	30 Last day to request absentee ballot for General	31 Halloween	R		

Board of Elections

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 189 College Street Asheville, NC 28801 Main Number 828,250,4200

In Fiscal Year 2006, Election Services:

- Held three county-wide elections involving 75 precincts.
- Operated 10 Early Absentee One-Stop voting locations in the General Elections.
- Employed over 506 precinct workers in the primary and General Elections
- Buncombe County has as of May 2006:

168,080 registered voters

88,248 Democrats

49,760 Republicans

37,082 Unaffiliated



The Buncombe County Board of Elections is committed to conducting fair, honest, impartial and efficient elections so that all qualified citizens in Buncombe County may exercise their right to vote.

The Elections Office is responsible for conducting all elections in Buncombe County, including municipal, county, state, and federal elections, as well as special referenda.







What are the qualifications for registering/voting in Buncombe County?

To register to vote in Buncombe County you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Be a legal resident of Buncombe County and North Carolina for 30 days, by the date of the next election.
- Be 18 years of age or older by general election day.
- Have had citizenship rights restored, if ever convicted of a felony.
- Not be registered nor will vote in any other county or state.

Do I need to register by a certain deadline?

The deadline to register to vote in this State is 25 days before the day of the election. Forms that are received by the Buncombe County Board of Elections office or postmarked by the deadline are accepted as valid applications for the upcoming election. Also, agency and DMV voter registration transactions that are completed by the deadline are accepted as valid for the upcoming election. Applicants will be notified by the Buncombe County Board of Elections of their precinct and polling place assignments.

November

	Sund	lay	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					M B	EC	2	3
ļ	4 Daylig Time E	ht Savings Inds	5 Last day for sickness or disability ballot requests for General	General Election Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	7	8	9	10
f	11 Vetera	ns Day	Veterans Day Holiday - County Offices Closed	13	14	15	16	17
I	18		19	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	21 FOPLE TO JR MOU	22 Thanksgiving - County Offices Closed	23 Thanksgiving Holiday - County Offices Closed	24
)	25		26	27	28	29	30	

Tax

Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30- 5:00 189 College Street Asheville, NC 28801 Main Number: 828.250.4200

Taxes due or billing	828.250.4910
Listings, changes of address, personal property, exemptions	
for elderly or disabled	828.250.4920
Motor vehicle values	828.250.4920
Foreclosures	828.250.4919
Business listings	828.250.4930

Real estate values, appeals of values, present use assessments and real estate exemptions

828.250.4940

Maps to determine acreage and parcel numbers, deed references and property location

828.250.4970



The Tax Department fairly and accurately assesses and lists all real, business, and personal property taxes, generates timely and accurate tax bills, collects and accounts for all taxes owed, and conducts the quadrennial revaluation. The property tax rate for Buncombe County is currently 53 cents per 100 dollars.



Real estate property taxes are due and payable on September 1, and interest begins on January 6.

How can I pay my taxes? The most convenient way to pay your taxes is to use the self addressed envelope you received with your bill or:

Credit card by phone • Credit card online • E-check online • Use the preauthorized debit program • Use the "drive-up" drop box • Visit the Tax Department

How is my tax rate determined?

It is the responsibility of the Tax Department to value all taxable property in the County. The total value of all the property in the County is called the tax base. Each County agency or department submits an annual operating budget to the County Manager, and the County Manager submits a recommended total budget to the County Commissioners for their consideration.

In June, the Board of Commissioners reviews the budget, conducting public hearings to get citizens' input. By the end of June, the commissioners adopt the budget, which is divided by the tax base value to determine a tax rate. The tax rate is based on amounts per each \$100 in value. Of course this process is not as simple as it sounds; many laborious hours are spent analyzing the budgets and County programs to arrive at a budget that will provide the most cost efficient services to Buncombe County.

A similar process is completed for each municipality and fire district. The whole process is usually completed by the end of June and the County Commissioners and town boards establish new tax rates in July. Once the tax rates are established, taxpayers receive a consolidated tax bill, usually in August, which includes Buncombe County, and the fire district serving the property. Depending upon the property's location, the bill may also include tax for a town, Asheville City Schools, and the City of Asheville.

December

	Sund	day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	2		3	Commissioners' Meeting Work Session 4:00 Regular Meeting 4:30 Buncombe County Courthouse RM 204	5 Hanukkah	6	7	8
t	9		10	11	12	13	14	15
	16		17	18	19 = OPLE TO	20 MATCH	21	22 First Day of Winter
	23		24 Christmas Holiday - County Offices Closed	25 Christmas Day - County Offices Closed	26 First Day of Kwanzaa Christmas Holiday - County Offices Closed	27	28	29
	30		31 New Year's Eve		C			

Buncombe County Government Numbers

Air Quality Agency	250-6777
Burning Control	255-5654
BCTV (County Government Channel).	250-4107
Child Care Services	250-6700
City/County ID Bureau	
Background Checks	
Central Records	
CJIS (Criminal Justice Info. System)	250-6850
Clerk to the Board (of Commissioners) .	250-4105
Cooperative Extension	
County Attorney	
County Commissioners	
COUNTY JOBLINE	
County Manager	
Earn and Learn	
Election Services	
Emergency Services	255-5631
Emergencies	911
Erosion Control	
Finance	
Fire Marshal	
Garage	
GIS Property Information System	
Health Center	
Administration	
Community Health	
Dental Care	
Disease Control/Immunization	
Environmental Health	
Health Promotion	
Pharmacy	250-5233
Primary Care	250-5000
Restaurant/Septic Inspection	250-5016
State Regional Response Lab	250-6110
Water Testing	250-5016
Vital Records (Births/Deaths)	
WIC/Nutrition	
Information Technology	
JobLink	250-4761
Libraries:	
Pack Memorial (Main)	250-4700

TDD for hearing impaired	. 250-4718
Law Library	. 250-4734
Renewal Line	. 251-4998
Mountain Mobility	
Mountain Area Job Training	
Parks & Recreation	
Permits/Inspections	
Personnel	
Physical Facilities	
Planning	
Pretrial Services	. 250-6285
Printshop	250-4807
Purchasing	
Register of Deeds	
Recordings	250-4300
Real Estate & Plat Records	250-4302
Vital Records:	. 200 1002
Birth, Death & Marriage Records -	
Information	250-4301
Safety Officer	
Sheriff	
Animal Control	
Civil Process	
Crime Stoppers	
Crime Prevention	
Detention Center (Jail)	
Inmate Booking	
Personnel	
Senior Reassurance	
Warrants	
Social Services	
Administration	
Adult Services	
Child Support Enforcement	
Children/Family Services	
Food Assistance	
Health Choice	
Medicaid	
Protective Services Intake:	. 230 3300
Adults	250-5800
Children	
Veterans Services	
Work First Employment	
Workforce Development	250-3300
Work Permit	
Soil and Water Conservation	
Jon and water conservation	. 200-4/00

Solid Waste	
Environmental Control	250-5461
Hazardous Waste	250-5425
Junk Cars	250-5470
Landfill	645-5311
Transfer Station	250-6205
Trash Pickup	250-5460
Street Addressing (Planning)	
Tax Department:	
Business Personal Property	250-4930
Collections	250-4910
Land Records	250-4970
Personal Property	250-4920
Real Estate	250-4940
Training & Development	250-4160
Transportation (Mountain Mobility) .	

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

A-B Community Relations Council	252-4713
ABC Board	
Animal Control (City)	
(County)	
Dead Animals (City)	
(County) (only in roadways)	298-2741
Better Business Bureau	253-2392
Business License (City)	259-5595
(NC) 1-8	
Chamber of Commerce	
Economic Development	258-6117
Charter Cable	
Child Support Enforcement	232-1416
City of Asheville	
Police	
Fire/Rescue	
Mayor	259-5600
Parks & Festivals	
Water Billing	
Water Leaks	
Community Action Opportunities	
Congressman Charles Taylor's Office	
Council on Aging	
Court Related Matters:	211-0200
	222 2702
Clerk of Court	232-2600

Court Security	. 250-4607
Day Reporting Center	
District Attorney	. 232-2500
Estates and Probate	. 232-2696
Jury Duty	. 232-2706
Magistrate	. 250-4690
Pretrial Services	. 250-6294
Public Defender	. 232-2595
Department of Labor	. 299-8232
Department of Transportation (DOT).	
Driver's License (Tunnel Road)	. 298-4544
(Patton Avenue)	. 251-6065
Eblen Foundation	
Employment Security Commission	
Federal Courthouse	771-7200
Governor's Western Office	251-6160
Housing Authority	
IRS 1-800	-829-1040
License Tag Office (Tunnel Road)	
(Smoky Park Hwy)	
Mediation Center	251_6080
Metropolitan Sewerage District	251-0007
Minority Affairs Office	222 4544
OSHA	
Road Maintenance/Repair:	. 299-0232
In the County	200 0200
NC Dept. of Transportation City of Asheville	. 298-0390
Town of Weaverville	
Town of Montreat	. 669-8002
Town of Black Mountain	
Town of Woodfin	
Town of Biltmore Forest	
Schools (Asheville City)	. 255-5304
(Buncombe County)	
Closing Hotline	
Social Security	. 251-9941
State Highway Patrol	
State Revenue	. 667-0597
Streets and Roads (DOT)	. 298-2741
Street Signs/Addressing (County)	
(City)	. 259-5850
United Way's 2-1-1	
US Postal Service	
Water Department	
Zoning (City)	. 259-5831
(County)	. 250-4830

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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to Buncombe County, North Carolina for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognized conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

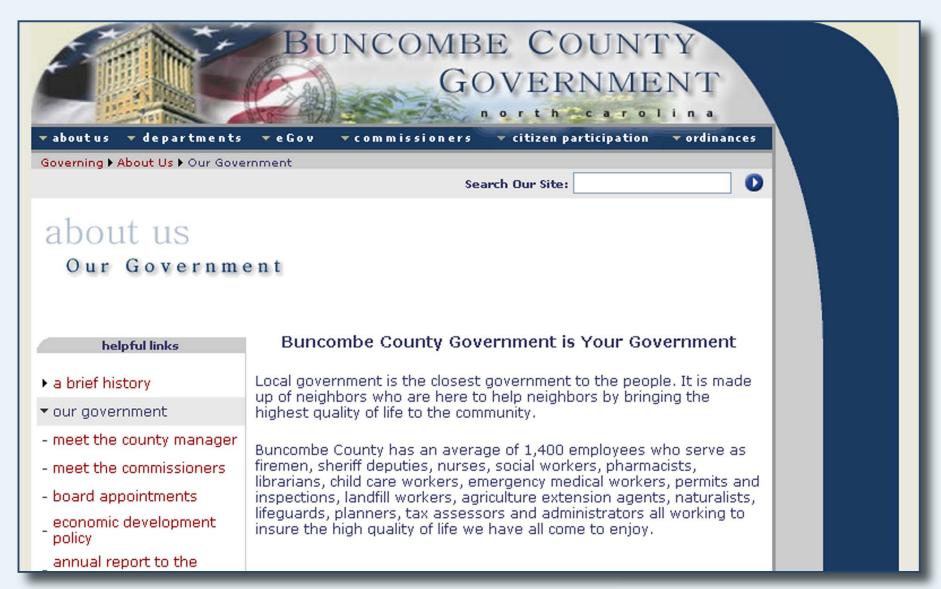
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Buncombe County has received a Popular Award for the last five years (fiscal years ended 2000 through 2006). We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Reporting Requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA.

This data represents only selected funds. These statements are not presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). A complete set of GAAP basis reports can be found in our 2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This document can be obtained at www.buncombecounty.org and at the Buncombe County Finance Department, 34 Valley Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

The Popular Annual Financial Report is available in its entirety at www.buncombecounty.org, Buncombe County libraries and the Buncombe County Finance Department. For more information, please call (828)250-4130.



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