

Create Buckhannon

Meet & Eat Lunch & Link

Meal \$5 + Tip \$2 = Lunch \$7

This is an ongoing, Open to all, **Community Conversation...**

Feel free to interject your thoughts or bring up any suggestion for making our Community a better place..

KEEP IT POSITIVE...We are Looking for a way Forward..

Everyone's Ideas are Important..

We are not the people who have all the answers, but are the ones asking questions and encouraging our Citizens to ***collaborate*** and **work together on finding solutions**, moving us beyond the notion that we are simply taxpayers and service recipients, towards the notion that we must ***accept responsibility to engage the issues*** both publicly and privately, if we want to find some real answers.

There is only one thing that will give us the ability to ***realign*** policies and confront the issues that are before us.

That *one thing* is a deeply renewed
Human Experience of Citizenship..

Success Themes of Great Communities

Strong Engagement between Citizens, Community Organizations and Government..

Power is deliberately shared. Local government actively reaches out to citizens, and residents are engaged in setting the community's agenda and future vision.

Conviction that in the long run you have to do it for Yourself..

Although outside help is sought when appropriate, successful communities believe that their destiny is in their own hands. They are not waiting for some outsider to save them, nor do they believe that they can sit and wait for things to get better. Making a community a good place to live is a proactive assignment, and these communities (and their leaders) know that.

Regional view of Community; Willingness to Adapt for new Opportunities..

Great communities know they must consider their community from a regional context for sustainable, strategic growth. Deliberate efforts are made to cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions, and there is a willingness to adapt regulations to capitalize on changing trends and new opportunities.

Accountability through Disclosure..

All public information is made public. The community is made aware of "What Is Going on within their Local Government" so they can be a proactive part of "What we can do about it".

Do What You Can with What You Have,

Where You Are.. *Create Buckhannon*