



Town of Fletcher

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District #2 (828)230-2838

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Town Manager: (828)687-3985
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Police Dispatch: (828)697-4911
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Public Works: (828)654-9208

Town Meetings

Town Council Agenda Meeting
1st Monday of month at 6:00 pm

Town Council Regular Meeting
2nd Monday of month at 6:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting
3rd Tuesday of month at 6:00 pm
All meetings are held at the
Town Hall located at 300 Old
Cane Creek Road in Fletcher.

The Town of Fletcher Newsletter is published for residents of the Town and reports on issues and events that affect our community. Past issues of our newsletter can be found on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/about-us/newsletter/>.

You are encouraged to contact us with your questions and comments by e-mailing info@fletchernc.org. For additional Town information, please visit our website at www.fletchernc.org or visit our Facebook page located at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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News from the February Town Council Meeting

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers with social distancing guidelines and mass gathering recommendations followed.

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council approved the Tax Collector's year-end report and approved the advertisement of delinquent tax payers on March 24, 2021 in a local newspaper per NC General Statute § 105-369. Cynthia Broome, Tax Collector, reported that approximately 98% of 2020 taxes had been collected as of January 31, 2021.
- Steve Smith, Health Director of Henderson County Health Department, provided an update on COVID cases and the vaccination progress in our county.
- Ben Cathey, of McGill & Associates, recommended Tarheel Paving as the lowest responsible bidder at \$97,510 for Powell Bill 2021 street resurfacing projects. The Council approved the recommendation.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, presented a draft of the new Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which would run from fiscal year 2021-2022 through fiscal year 2025-2026. The CIP provides guidance and forecasting for anticipated capital needs and is subject to change on an annual basis as revenues and priorities shift. The projects would be funded on an annual basis with up to 8.5 cents of the ad valorem property tax base. The suggested projects included departmental vehicle replacements and additions, computer software upgrades, an audio visual system upgrade for Town Hall, Fletcher Greenways Bike/Pedestrian projects, and trail resurfacing at Kate's Park. Town Council approved the plan.
- Mark Biberdorf discussed a leasing opportunity for the concessions building at Bill Moore Community Park. Recently, a Town of Fletcher business inquired about the possibility of operating Park concessions under a contractual relationship with the Town. The Town Council voted to move forward with this leasing opportunity and for our Town Manager and lawyers to prepare a proposed leasing agreement.

Henderson County COVID-19 Vaccination Status

The Henderson County Department of Public Health has added a weekly "vaccine update" to its website. This new informational page will provide data on the Health Department's overall vaccination campaign as well as progress on the Vaccine Waitlist. This general vaccine page will be updated weekly on Tuesday afternoon and can be found at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/health/page/covid-19-vaccines>. The page also provides a wealth of COVID related information such as "frequently asked questions" regarding the vaccination process and information about the vaccines presently being administered.

There are currently 12 other vaccination sites within 10 miles of Fletcher besides the one being conducted by the Health Department. More sites are being added as the NC vaccine allotment increases. To find other locations, visit the NCDHHS website at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/findyourspot> to "find your spot to take your shot".

Local Senior Accepted into West Point

Congratulations to Luther LeBlanc, a Fletcher resident and soon-to-be graduating senior at Veritas Christian Academy, on his recent acceptance into the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. A West Point cadetship includes a fully-funded four-year college education. This is a significant accomplishment for Luther who begins his 47-month experience at West Point in late June. Upon graduation from West Point, he will be appointed on active military duty as a commissioned officer and will serve in the U. S. Army for a minimum of eight years in a combination of Active Duty and Reserve Service.

During high school, Luther has been a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps and has been extensively involved at American Top Team Asheville where he trains and competes in mixed martial arts.



Luther LeBlanc with Mayor Rod Whiteside

Governor Eases Some COVID Restrictions

On 2/24/21, Governor Cooper issued Exec. Order 195, effective Feb. 26th at 5:00pm, lifting parts of the "modified stay at home order" and changing the mass gathering indoor limit to 25 persons but continuing the outdoor limit at 50 persons. Masks are also still required, for those age 5 and older, inside public places if anyone else in that space is not a member of the same household and outdoors if 6' social distancing cannot be maintained. Occupancy limits on some businesses were also increased to 50% capacity along with some changes for businesses selling alcohol. Cooper encouraged everyone to continue practicing the 3 Ws - wear a mask, wait 6' away, and wash your hands.



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight savings time begins on March 14th so don't forget to set your clock forward one hour.

Cane Creek Intersection Repaving

On February 22nd, NC DOT contractors began repaving the intersection of Old Airport Road, Mills Gap Road, and Cane Creek Road. Since they cannot pave at night due to the low temperatures, they are working during the day as weather permits. There are several different contractors involved in this process so it will take a few weeks to complete the work. You need to **expect traffic delays in this area**. Please consider an alternate route or leave early to arrive at your destination on time. DOT hopes to have the entire Old Airport Road project completed by the end of April 2021.



PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Help us help you...with your trash

- Each household has a 92-gallon rolling trash cart for household waste. Since a mechanical lift raises the cart and dumps the trash into our truck, please ensure all trash is bagged inside the trash cart.
- Please try to consolidate smaller bags into larger bags so all bags will be heavy enough to fall out when the trash cart is flipped upside down.
- Please have your cart out by 7am. Although we do typically follow a routine, sometimes things happen which cause us to rearrange our schedule and deviate from our normal time. To ensure your trash will be picked up each week, please have your cart out by 7am.

Document Shred Event

The Town of Fletcher is planning on hosting a shred event and pill-drop event again this year. Once the event details are finalized, we will share them in our newsletter, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

Is Your Driver's License Real I.D. Compliant?

The REAL I.D. enforcement deadline of October 1, 2021 is approaching. Federal agencies will begin requiring a REAL I.D., U.S. passport, or another federally approved ID to board commercial air flights and enter secure federal buildings. Don't forget to make your appointment at DMV soon.

Fletcher Library is accepting donations of yarn for its Knitting for a Cause program. This group makes hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, and blankets for the Interfaith Assistance Ministry in Hendersonville to give to children and adults. If you have donations of yarn, knitting needles, or knitted or crocheted items, please call the library at 828-687-1218. Many thanks to those who have donated items so far.



The Fletcher Library is open Monday 12pm-7pm, Wednesday 12pm-7pm, Thursday 9am-4pm, and Saturday 9am-4pm. The Fletcher Library is currently closed on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information, visit www.hendersoncountync.gov/library.

I-26 Bridge Construction Starting in Mid-March

NC DOT will close Butler Bridge Road in Fletcher at the I-26 overpass on March 15, 2021. It will be closed for 180 days and reopen on September 15, 2021. This closure is to remove the existing bridge over I-26 and rebuild a new bridge in its place. Due to the rerouting of traffic in the Butler Bridge area, Fletcher residents should expect heavier traffic on Hendersonville Highway and also on Fanning Bridge Road so consider leaving earlier to arrive on time.

This closure will be the first of several bridge demolitions which will also cause temporary closures of the interstate during overnight hours (8:00 pm or 9:00 pm to 5:00 am). These closures will only affect one side of I-26 at a time (westbound or eastbound) and last for several evenings per bridge.

FLETCHER SUMMER DAY CAMP

Day Camp Registration Begins!

- For rising 1st - 8th graders
 9 different camp weeks available
 1st Camp week is June 14th
 Accepting 55 campers per week
- Online registration begins:
March 1st at 8:00am for Fletcher Residents
March 2nd at 8:00am for Non-Residents
 - Register your child on our website at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com>. You will need to complete an application, sign 2 forms, and pay a \$25 deposit to hold a space for your child. For more information please visit our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/fletcher-summer-day-camp/>.



WE'RE HIRING! SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Apply at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/human-resources/job-openings/>

Thank You!

Morris Broadband and Advent Health
 for being our Daddy Daughter Dash Sponsors!



Youth Sports at the Park

Fletcher Youth Baseball/Softball will start practicing March 15th at Bill Moore Community Park. Player registration is open until March 7th. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Fletcheryouthbaseball>.

Empire Lacrosse will start its practices on March 9th at Bill Moore Community Park. For more information, visit their website at <https://ashevilleempire.com/contact/>.

Contact these organizations directly for more details.
 (dates are subject to change)

Easter Egg Hunt - March 27, 2021 Bill Moore Community Park 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Egg Hunt Schedule - Check in 10 minutes prior

Walkers to age 3 @ 12:00 p.m. on Field # 1
 Ages 4 - 5 @ 12:20 p.m. on Field # 2
 Ages 6 - 8 @ 12:40 p.m. on Field # 4
 Ages 9 - 11 @ 1:00 p.m. on Field # 3



- Limited space, pre-registration required \$1 per child.
- Buy tickets at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com> starting 3/12 for residents and 3/15 for non-residents.
- 50 participants per field. 1,000 eggs per field to hunt.
- MASKS REQUIRED** for ages 5 and above.
- Visit <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com> for more info.

Save the Date

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| Monday, Mar 1 | Summer Camp Registration - Fletcher Residents - | 8:00 am |
| Tuesday, Mar 2 | Summer Camp Registration - Opens to Non-Residents - | 8:00 am |
| Tuesday, Mar 9 | Empire Lacrosse Practices Start | 4:00 pm |
| Monday, Mar 15 | Fletcher Youth Baseball and Softball Practices Start | 4:00 pm |
| Postponed until Fall | Food Truck Rodeo | TBD |
| Saturday, Mar 27 | Easter Egg Hunt | 12:00 pm |

Park Reminder



Vehicle and pedestrian traffic in Bill Moore Community Park will increase when lacrosse teams begin practicing on March 9th and again when baseball and softball teams begin practicing in mid-March. Please drive with caution while in the Park and watch out for young people.

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New Business Spotlight

Please welcome these new
businesses to Fletcher!


FLETCHER'S FUN TOYS

TOYS, CARDS, & COLLECTIBLES
864-871-5281
4020 Hendersonville Rd
Suite E
Fletcher, NC 28732
Hours:
Tuesday - Friday 9am-6pm
Saturday - Sunday 10am-4pm
LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK



F&J DRYWALL
Fernando Borges,
Owner

drywall installation
and finishing



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fandjdrywall@yahoo.com
<https://fletcherdrywallinstallation.com/>
Check out our reviews on www.homeadvisor.com

Bailey and Quartz

Online E-Commerce Retailer
selling a variety of items from
health and beauty to electronic
goods to clothing

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<https://ebay.com/str/baileyandquartz>



If you leave home, know your Ws!



WEAR
a cloth face
covering.



WAIT
6 feet apart. Avoid
close contact.



WASH
your hands often or
use hand sanitizer.

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