



# Town of Fletcher

PRIDE IN OUR PAST ~ FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

300 Old Cane Creek Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732  
Telephone: 828-687-3985  
Email: [info@fletchernc.org](mailto:info@fletchernc.org)  
Facebook: [FletcherNC.Gov](https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov)  
Website: [www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org)

## April 2021

### Town Council

Rod Whiteside, Mayor  
Phone: (828)545-8913

Sheila Franklin, Councilwoman  
District #1 (828)684-5676

Preston Blakely, Councilman  
District #2 (828)230-2838

Bob Davy, Mayor Pro-Tem  
District #3 (828)687-0313

Eddie Henderson, Councilman  
District #4 (828)231-4811

### Town Phone Numbers

Town Manager: (828)687-3985  
Town Fax: (828)687-7133  
Police/Fire Emergency: 911  
Police Dispatch: (828)697-4911  
Police Non-emerg.: (828)687-7922  
Parks & Rec.: (828)687-0751  
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](mailto:info@fletchernc.org).  
For additional Town information,  
please visit our website at  
[www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org) or visit our  
Facebook page located at  
<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

This institution is an equal  
opportunity provider.

### News from the March Town Council Meeting

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

- The Town Council took action on the following matters by Consent Agenda:
  - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
  - Approved a Budget Amendment to the fiscal year 20/21 Budget Ordinance due to the underpayment of funds to Fletcher Fire & Rescue per the recent audit.
  - Approved Resolution R-21-01 to authorize the lease of the Bill Moore Community Park concession building to Baabals Ice Cream.
  - Reappointed Sam Riddle to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for another 3-year term to expire in March 2024.
- Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf, discussed the necessity of amending a previous contract amendment with Meritor which was approved to help facilitate potential economic development of the Town of Fletcher property located across from their plant. The 2020 revision required the Town to convey the property to the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development (HCPED) when considering the sale of the property for an industry project. However since it has been learned that the HCPED is not set up to purchase property for projects, a contract revision is appropriate. Town Council was in agreement for Meritor officials, the Town, and the HCPED to develop a revision to correct this issue which would authorize the Town to convey property directly to an interested industry partner.
- Mark Biberdorf shared a proposed Town Center property site plan from John Holdsworth with Strategic Real Estate Investment Partners. They had expressed an interest in developing a portion of the Town Center property for apartment style senior housing, a recreation area, and a location for a new library. No action was taken by the Town Council and the matter was tabled.
- Mark Biberdorf discussed the possibility of modifying the mutually beneficial land lease agreement we currently have with Tap Root Dairy. It allows them to farm two pieces of Town owned property: the 93 acres across from the Meritor plant and the 18 acre tract behind Town Hall. Tap Root Dairy no longer wishes to farm the smaller tract so Mr. Biberdorf proposed modifying our existing agreement and considering a separate lease for the unused property since he has received several inquiries from other farmers regarding the availability of this land for farming. This land is part of the Town Center property and would still be considered for future development for that project. Town Council approved the modification of the lease and preliminary lease discussions with interested farmers.



### Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Easter.  
The trash and recycling routes scheduled for Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be shifted to Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Town of Fletcher Hires New Police Chief**

The Town of Fletcher is pleased to announce the hiring of Daniel Terry as the new Police Chief to lead the Fletcher Police Department. Mr. Terry was selected after a comprehensive search and interview process of 38 applicants. He will officially start on April 5, 2021.



Chief Daniel Terry and wife Wendy

Mr. Terry presently resides in Hendersonville where he works with the Henderson County Sheriff's Department as Lieutenant of the Division of Professional Responsibility. He previously served as a Commander with the Elmhurst, Illinois Police Department where he retired after a 23 year career with that agency. He has also served as an adjunct faculty member with Kaplan University in Chicago, Illinois and has published several articles in law enforcement periodicals. Mr. Terry has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal/Social Justice from Lewis University and a Master of Arts degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University.

## **COVID Vaccination Update**

The Henderson County Health Department is primarily receiving the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines in their clinic. If you are still waiting for your COVID vaccine, visit their website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/health/page/covid-19-vaccines> to find out the current status of the Health Department's vaccination progress. This site is updated every Tuesday and offers vaccine shot registration if you are not already registered plus answers frequently asked COVID related questions. If you need a ride to your vaccination appointment, Henderson County residents may contact Apple Country Transportation at 828-698-8571 to schedule a free ride.

To find additional vaccine locations near our zip code, visit <https://covid19.ncdhs.gov/findyourspot> to "find your spot to take your shot".

## **Governor Further Eases COVID Restrictions**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> Governor Cooper issued Exec. Order 204, to expire at 5:00 pm on April 30<sup>th</sup>, further easing business occupancy limitations and changing the mass gathering limit to 50 persons indoors and 100 persons outdoors. The State's general mask mandate remains in effect. Subject to mask wearing, 6' social distancing and other safety protocols, occupancy limits for retail businesses were increased to 100% indoor capacity, restaurants and gyms to 75% capacity, and bars to 50% capacity. To view the complete list of occupancy limitations along with related questions/answers visit <https://governor.nc.gov/news/press-releases> and look for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> press release.

## **PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208**

### **Easter Holiday Schedule Change**

Trash and recycling scheduled for pickup on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be picked up Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Spring Leaf Pickup**

Public Works will pick up bagged leaves on **April 5<sup>th</sup>** and **April 12<sup>th</sup>**. Call 828-654-9208 to request a leaf pickup or visit our website at [www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/](http://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/) to complete an online request. After April, the next leaf pickup will be in the fall.

### **Brush Pickup Reminder**

To make an online brush pickup request, please go to <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/> or you may leave a voice message at 828-654-9208. When leaving a message for Public Works, please include your name, address, contact phone number, and the reason for your call.

**Reminder:** Please do not include any poison oak or poison ivy with your brush -- it creates issues for our equipment and our employees. Thank you for your assistance.

## **Document Shred and Pill Drop Event**



This free event offers Fletcher residents a safe way to dispose of old medications, helps reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity theft, plus helps the environment.

### **Saturday April 17, 2021 from 9:00 am - Noon Fletcher Town Hall South Side Parking Lot**

♦ The National Crime Prevention Council recommends shredding all financial documents, billing statements, pre-approved credit card offers and any other papers containing personal information and identification numbers before discarding them. *Two (2) box limit, please.*



♦ Safely disposing of old medications through a Pill Drop event instead of flushing them down the drain prevents chemicals from ending up in our water supply. Please bring your medicines in their original containers.

Residential shredding event; no shredding by businesses.



### **2021 NC Travel Guide Available**

If you are thinking about hitting the road this Spring after receiving your COVID vaccination, the 2021 Official NC Travel Guide is now available at the State's Welcome Centers, can be obtained by calling 1-800-VisitNC, or can be viewed online at <https://www.visitnc.com>. For those wanting to stay a little closer to

home, check out the Hendersonville NC Visitor Guide found at <https://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/>.

**\$10-\$12**  
PER CLASS

# FAMILY YOGA CLASSES

**JOIN US  
FOR A NEW  
6 WEEK SERIES!**

Thursdays, May 6 - June 10  
4:30pm - 5:00pm



- ✓ Laugh, Learn & Play.
- ✓ Relax & bond with your family
- ✓ Connect to nature through mindful movements

\*Yoga Mat, Beach Towel/Blanket & Water Bottle Encouraged\*

Register Online to: [FletcherParks.RecDesk.com](https://FletcherParks.RecDesk.com)

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Thank you to our sponsors!!**

State Farm Agent Tabatha Hamlin,  
Choice-Health, FABA, and First Bank

### Park Shelter Rentals

**Yes**, the park shelters are available to rent! The Steelcase Shelter at Bill Moore Community Park, on Howard Gap Road, offers two charcoal grills and electricity. Kate's Shelter at Kate's Park, beside the Fletcher Library, offers electricity and works best for those with young children. The Steelcase shelter capacity is around 50 persons and Kate's Shelter capacity is around 20 persons but please remember social distancing guidelines. To check availability and make your reservation and payment by credit or debit card, please visit <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com>. Reservations by cash or check may be made at Town Hall.



Baabals Ice Cream will begin operating the Concession Stand at Bill Moore Community Park in early April. They plan to be open on baseball/softball game nights from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and on weekends from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Stop by and enjoy some food!

**Spring Sports Season**  
**March 9 - June 12 2021**  
**Daily 4 pm- 7 pm**



**WE'RE HIRING!**

### SUMMER CAMP STAFF

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

### Save the Date

Saturday, April 24	<b>Empire Lacrosse Tournament</b>	1-4 pm
Saturday, May 1	<b>Empire Lacrosse Tournament</b>	1-4 pm
Thursday, May 6	<b>Family Yoga Begins</b>	4:30 pm

TOWN OF FLETCHER  
300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD  
FLETCHER, NC 28732

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

### **Keeping our Rivers and Streams Clean**

Stormwater runoff is water from rain (or melting snow) that “runs off” across the land instead of seeping into the ground. Runoff is also created from watering trees or vegetation, washing vehicles, cleaning decks or pavement, or any activity that puts a lot of water onto the ground or pavement quickly. This runoff usually flows into the nearest stream, creek, river or lake. On its way, runoff can pick up and carry many substances that pollute water such as pesticides, fertilizers, oil, pet waste, leaves, and grass clippings. Another common stormwater pollutant is sediment from construction sites, bare soil, dirt roads, or agricultural lands. In addition to picking up pollutants from the land, stormwater runoff is also polluted by dumping into storm drains and from illegal (illicit) hookups to the pipes that carry rainwater to the streams. The Town of Fletcher has an ordinance to prevent these “illicit discharges”.

To learn more about ways you can help prevent stormwater pollution and/or our Town ordinance, please visit [www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org) and click on Departments, Planning and Zoning, and then click Storm Water Management.

### **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.

@NCDHHS

#StayStrongNC

**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, please visit our website at [www.hendersoncountync.gov/library](http://www.hendersoncountync.gov/library).

