



Town of Fletcher

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Town Council

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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
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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. 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 April 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 Budget Amendment #4 to the fiscal year 20/21 Budget Ordinance
 - Approved Proclamation # P-21-01 in honor of the annual Spring Litter Sweep which occurs from April 10 to April 24, 2021.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, introduced Daniel Terry as the new Chief of Police for the Town of Fletcher. A drop-in reception will be held April 21st from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm to provide the opportunity for Town residents to meet Chief Terry.
- Mark Biberdorf shared that the Town recently released Tap Root Dairy, Inc. from a portion of their lease involving the 18 acre parcel located behind Fletcher Town Hall. That particular piece of land was no longer efficient or cost effective for them to farm. The Town has received several rental inquiries and one offer from an interested farmer which will require a lease arrangement, a 30-day public notice period, and a resolution approving the lease. This matter will be brought forth at the May Town Council meeting.
- Jabbo Pressley, Public Works Director, discussed repairs to a section of the Outer Greenway at Bill Moore Community Park due to the heavy rains that occurred in late March. The rains created a logjam in Cane Creek which resulted in the streambank needing repair and stabilization in order to prevent further damage to the trail. The adjoining landowner was contacted since most of the damage to the streambank is occurring on the opposite side of the creek. Jabbo shared his findings from an initial assessment of the needed repairs and talked with a contractor to help obtain a projected cost for stabilization of the area. The Town Council authorized \$20,000 for repairs and Heather Taylor will prepare a budget amendment for approval at the May Town Council Meeting.

COVID Vaccination Update

In early April, COVID-19 vaccine eligibility was opened to persons 16 or older in NC. Henderson County Health Department also launched an online appointment scheduling system so individuals can schedule their own vaccine appointment by visiting the Health Department website at www.hendersoncountync.gov/health. Dates and times are posted by noon each Tuesday so persons can select a time, enter their basic information and be booked for their first dose appointment. Individuals must ensure they will be available for their second dose 28 days later which will also be scheduled before leaving the first vaccine clinic. The Pfizer vaccine has been approved for ages 16 and older and anyone 18 and older can receive any of the three vaccine brands currently available.

Anyone without internet access can contact the Call Center at 828-585-4700 to make an appointment by phone. To find other vaccine locations, visit the NCDHHS website at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/findyourspot> to "find your spot to take your shot". To find local pharmacies/clinics offering the vaccine, you may also visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/>.

NC COVID Restrictions Changing April 30th

On April 28th, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 209, effective 4/30/21 at 5:00 pm - 6/1/21 at 5:00 pm, which lifts the outdoor face covering requirement and changes the mass gathering limit to 100 persons indoors and 200 persons outdoors. Capacity limitations on all businesses remain the same as previous, social distancing protocol, sanitation standards, and other public health restrictions also remain the same. A face covering is still required in all public indoor settings if there are non-household members present. In June 2021, the Governor anticipates lifting most social distancing and capacity measures on businesses.

Swat-A-Litterbug Web Application Launches

(copied from <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/2021-03-24-swat-a-litterbug-app.aspx>)

NCDOT recently announced that litter conscious North Carolinians now have a new way to report litterers through a simple, mobile-friendly web application.

The new Swat-A-Litterbug app will allow users to easily report when someone sees trash being thrown from a vehicle. The owner of the vehicle will receive a formal notification from the N.C. State Highway Patrol informing them about the littering offense, as well as the penalties for littering, and a note urging them to help keep NC clean.

North Carolinians can access the app by visiting [ncdot.gov/litter](https://www.ncdot.gov/litter). First time mobile users will be given pop-up instructions on how to add a shortcut to their phone's home screen. This will add an icon that, when clicked, will take users directly to the Swat-A-Litterbug form. These instructions will also be available on the app's settings page. The Swat-A-Litterbug app will only be available through [ncdot.gov/litter](https://www.ncdot.gov/litter) and any related shortcut links.

NCDOT's Swat-A-Litterbug Program has been in operation for over 30 years, allowing the public to take an active role in keeping NC's roadways clean. For more information on the program, please visit the Swat-A-Litterbug webpage at <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/litter-management/Pages/swat-a-litter-bug.aspx>.

Water Quality Reminders

You can help prevent stormwater pollution by:

- 1) Scooping up after your pet, even on the grass.
- 2) Making sure your septic system is in good condition.
- 3) Applying fertilizers and other garden products sparingly.
- 4) Planting, mulching, or containing any areas of bare soil.
- 5) Never dumping anything down a storm drain. "Only rain down the drain!"
- 6) Not blowing grass clippings or leaves from your yard into the street to possibly end up in a storm drain.
- 7) Ensuring your business disposes of all liquid and solid waste appropriately.



The Town of Fletcher has an ordinance to prevent stormwater system "illicit discharges". To learn more about stormwater pollution prevention, visit our Planning and Zoning Department at www.fletchernc.org or visit www.wncstormwater.org.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Services provided by our Public Works Department includes:

- * Trash collection and coordination of recycling collection
- * White goods collection * Brush & leaf pickup
- * Christmas tree pickup * Town street maintenance & repair

However, water service is not included since the City of Hendersonville provides water for Town of Fletcher residents. Therefore if you have any water problems or issues, please contact Hendersonville Water directly at (828) 697-3073 Monday - Friday from 8am to 5pm. Issues occurring outside of regular business hours can be reported to their after-hours number at (828) 891-7779. Please remember that in order to receive "boil water" advisories that are sent out (which occur in response to an event that could allow contaminants to enter the water distribution system), the Water Department must have your current contact information. If you need to update your phone number or e-mail address with them, call their Customer Service Department at (828) 697-3052 Monday - Friday from 8am to 5pm. Once testing has confirmed the water is again safe to drink, residents will receive a notification in the same manner they received the advisory -- so maintaining current contact info is extremely important.

To the Town of Fletcher Residents:

I consider myself blessed as I sit down to write my first Fletcher newsletter submission. Blessed first to be able to call Western North Carolina home; something my wife and I had considered and dreamed about for many years. Blessed secondly for the opportunity to represent the Fletcher Police Department as its new police chief.

What I quickly found was a group of dedicated men and women who wear the Fletcher uniform with pride. As I begin my service to the community of Fletcher, it is to this group of officers I turn my attention. It is their efforts and commitment that will continue to make a positive difference in the safety and quality of life within the Town of Fletcher. But they can't do it alone. As we look forward to the future and the challenges it brings, I, on behalf of the men and women who make up the Fletcher Police Department, ask for your support. We are not a perfect people, but we are a committed people. That commitment is to serve the Town of Fletcher to the best of our ability.

If you have ideas or feedback about the Fletcher Police Department and how we can best serve your community, I am interested in hearing from you. If you would like to share your experiences or ideas for the Fletcher Police Department, I welcome your call. I can be reached at 828-687-7922.

I look forward to meeting many of you and working together to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, and play within the Town of Fletcher.

Police Chief Dan Terry



FLETCHER SUMMER DAY CAMP

Starts June 14th

Friday
JUNE 11
6:30-8:30 pm



Friday
JULY 9
6:30-8:30 pm



Friday
AUGUST 13
6:30-8:30 pm



FLETCHER PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS

Summer Concerts *at Blue Ghost*

FREE EVENT

SPONSORED BY:



*Blue Ghost Brewing Company
125 Underwood Rd. Fletcher, NC 28732*

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.



Save the Date

Saturday, May 1	Empire Lacrosse Tournament	1-4 pm
Thursday, May 6	Family Yoga Begins	4:30 pm
Friday, June 11	1st Summer Concert at Blue Ghost Brewing Co.	6:30 pm
Monday, June 14	Summer Camp Begins	7:30 am

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APPLICATIONS FOR 2021 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 1, 2021

Elderly or Disabled Exclusion: Excludes the greater of the first \$25,000 or 50% of the assessed value of the permanent residence and up to a one acre homesite of NC residents age 65 or older, or totally and permanently disabled, whose 2020 income does not exceed the income eligibility limit for 2021 tax year of \$31,500. If you are currently receiving this exclusion, you do not need to apply again, unless you have changed your permanent residence, received a Compliance Review Application, or have a change of income.

Disabled Veterans Exclusion: Excludes up to the first \$45,000 of the appraised value of the permanent residence of a disabled veteran whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions and who has a 100% total and permanent service-connected disability or who received benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. There is no age or income limitation for this program. This benefit is also available to a surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of either (1) a disabled veteran as defined above, (2) a veteran who died as a result of a service-connected condition whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions, or (3) a service member who died from a service connected condition in the line of duty and not as a result of willful misconduct.

Circuit Breaker: Taxes for each year are limited to a percentage of the qualifying owner's income who is at least 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. For an owner whose 2020 income amount does not exceed the income eligibility limit for the 2021 tax year of \$31,500, the owner's taxes will be limited to 4% of the owner's income. For an owner whose income exceeds the income eligibility limit (\$31,500) but does not exceed 150% of the income eligibility limit, which for the 2021 tax year is \$47,250, the owner's taxes will be limited to 5% of the owner's income. However, the taxes over the limitation amount are deferred and remain a lien on the property. The last 3 years of deferred taxes prior to a disqualifying event will become due and payable, with interest, on the date of the disqualifying event. Interest accrues on the deferred taxes as if they had been payable on the dates on which they would have originally become due. Disqualifying events are death of the owner, transfer of the property, and failure to use the property as the owner's permanent residence. Exceptions and special provisions apply. You must file a new application for this program every year.

To obtain a property tax relief application, you may visit <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/forms-and-applications> and look for application "NCDOR AV-9". Completed forms should be mailed or taken to the Henderson County Tax Assessor's Office (see address below). For more information on any of these programs, contact the County Tax Assessor's Office at 828-697-4870, <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax>, or visit them at 200 North Grove Street, Suite 102 in Hendersonville 28792.