

Town of Fletcher

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# June 2021

# News from the May 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 Budget Amendment #5 to the fiscal year 20/21 Budget Ordinance, for \$20,000, for repairs to the streambank along a section of the Outer Greenway at Bill Moore Community Park and tree removal in Cane Creek due to the heavy rains that occurred in late March.
  - Town Council approved an audit contract with Lowdermilk & Church for fiscal year 20/21 for \$16,200.
- Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director of the Asheville Regional Airport, shared 2020 airport highlights with Town Council.
- Town Council approved resolution R-21-02 opposing Senate Bill 349/House Bill 401, "Increasing Housing Opportunities". This bill proposes "to provide reforms to local government zoning authority to increase housing opportunities and to make various changes and clarifications of the zoning statutes." Town Council adamantly opposes this legislation for six main reasons, with one in particular being that this bill would lump all cities and towns under one statewide zoning mandate which would thereby eliminate the single-family zoning designation and allow multi-family housing in every neighborhood without the guarantee that this legislative change would indeed create more affordable housing.
- Town Council approved a resolution to allow a local farmer to farm on the 18 acre parcel behind Town Hall which had previously been farmed by Tap Root Dairy.

#### **COVID Vaccination Update**

On May 10th, the Pfizer vaccine was approved for persons 12 and older with the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines still being recommended for persons 18 and older. For those needing a vaccination, the Henderson County Health Department's online appointment scheduling system can be found at <u>www.hendersoncountync.gov/health</u>. 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. Their clinic location is at the Henderson County Department of Public Health main entrance at 1200 Spartanburg Highway in Hendersonville. To find other vaccine locations to take your shot, visit the NCDHHS website at <u>https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/findyourspot</u> or you can also visit <u>https://vaccinefinder.org/</u>. If you do not have internet access, you may contact the Henderson County Call Center at 828-585-4700 to make an appointment.

Remember, it typically takes two weeks after vaccination to develop immunity against the virus that causes COVID-19. You are not fully vaccinated until two weeks after the second dose of a 2-dose vaccine or two weeks after a 1-dose J&J vaccine.

#### 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 District #4......(828)231-4811

#### Town Phone Numbers

Town Manager(828)687-3985
Town Fax(828)687-7133
Police/Fire Emergency911
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/aboutus/newsletter/.

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

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### Most NC COVID Restrictions Lifted

On May 14th, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 215, effective at 1:30 pm on the 14th through June 11th at 5:00 pm, which fully lifted the capacity limitations and social distancing requirements on businesses and lifted the indoor face covering requirement on most businesses and operations. Face coverings are still required in schools, child care facilities, children's day or overnight camps, health care settings, public transportation, and is strongly recommended for unvaccinated people and large indoor venues of 5,000+ seats. Employers, business owners, and local governments may still require face coverings and social distancing.

#### **Real ID Deadline Extended**

The Department of Homeland Security has delayed full implementation of the law requiring people to have a Real ID in order to board domestic flights and enter some federal buildings. The Real ID deadline has been postponed again, this time from October 1, 2021 to May 3, 2023, since COVID-19 has forced many state licensing agencies to move to appointment-only service. If you do not have a N.C. Real ID, you will still be able to fly and visit these facilities but you will need to provide additional identification, beyond your driver's license or ID.

#### **Fletcher Library Opportunities**



Tech Time Appointments: Want to learn

book? Watch a movie for free using Hoopla or from NC Digital Library? Learn a new language using Transparent Language? Baffled by your new tablet or smartphone? One-onone tech time, by appointment, is offered for free at Fletcher Library. Call the library or stop by to schedule an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled starting June 1.

Knitting for a Cause Donations: 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.

Summer Reading Program: Tails and Tales: Starts June 1, 2021. For all ages. Visit Fletcher Library for details.

Knitting for a Cause Group: Saturday, 6/12/21 (10am-12pm) Yarn and patterns are provided. Please bring your size 4, 5, 6, 7, and/or 8 circular or straight knitting needles if you have them. Have fun knitting or crocheting to help others! Registration is required. Register via our calendar at www.hendersoncountync.gov/library.

Fletcher Family Storytime: Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 (10:30am) Join us at the Fletcher Library for family story time! We will share stories, rhymes, and songs geared to enhance a lifelong love of reading. All ages are welcome. Registration is required. Space is limited to 10 families. Only one person per family needs to register. Register via our calendar at www.hendersoncountync.gov/library.

Library Hours: Mondays: 9am-6pm; Tuesdays: Closed 828-687-1218 Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9am-5pm Fridavs & Saturdavs: 9am-3pm

# PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Memorial Day Holiday: Brush pickup for June will begin on Tuesday, June 1st due to the holiday.

#### Since Public Works does not pick up grass clippings, how should I dispose of them?

Check out this article entitled "15 Brilliant and Unusual Ways To Use Grass Clippings" from Rural Sprout at https://www.ruralsprout.com/grass-clippings/. If none of these work for you, the Henderson Co. Transfer Station will accept up to 440 pounds of grass clippings for \$10.

## **ROAD CLOSURE - JUNE 7th**

As shared in October 2020, the ROAD "Northside Water System Improvements Project", as a part of the Hendersonville



Water Capital Improvement Plan, was designed to improve water pressure and system capacity for the north end of Henderson County. The work included creating a new pressure zone with a new ground storage tank at a higher elevation and a water booster station to feed the new ground storage tank. This project is now nearing completion but still has a major task remaining to connect the new Woodhill water main to the existing water main on Highway 25. Due to the nature of this work, starting June 7th Highway 25, at Woodhill Drive, will be reduced to one lane and Woodhill Drive will be closed at this intersection, with some night work also being done. This work should be completed by June 11th.

#### From the Office of the Chief:

The spring and summer months historically see a significant increase in reported crime, particularly in the breaking and entering and theft related categories. Warmer temperatures



and less inclement weather present more opportunity for property loss. Breaking and entering to motor vehicles is a primary contribution to this increase. In an effort to prevent these crimes, the Fletcher Police Department would like to remind you of the following:

- Always lock your vehicle and leave the windows up.
- Never leave valuables in plain sight, specifically in parking lots of health clubs, parks, and "drop off" locations such as schools and daycares, where offenders frequently target. Remove your purses, wallets, laptops, cell phones, or other electronic devices.
- Note any vehicles or people that may seem suspicious (i.e., vehicles parked and occupied for an unusual amount of time, vehicles occupied by multiple people, or people looking into vehicles) and report it to the police by calling 9-1-1. If possible, note the license plate number of the vehicle you are reporting.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

828-687-0751 www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/



# Your Cooperation is Needed

While using the outer greenway, please stay on the designated path. There are private agricultural fields in the back of the park so please do not walk in these fields. Also please do not go around barricades or "caution tape" you may encounter in the park. These precautions are put in place for safety reasons or because that area is not part of Bill Moore Community Park. If you choose to walk or jog around the barricades into a blocked area, you are putting your safety at risk and/or trespassing on private property. Please stay on the Town's park property and be courteous to our adjacent park neighbors. Thank you for obeying park rules.

Friday, June 11	"Flashback" Concert Blue Ghost Brewing Co.	6:30 pm
Monday, June 14	Summer Camp Begins	7:30 am
Friday, July 9th	"Tuxedo Junction" concert Blue Ghost Brewing Co.	6:30 pm
Friday, August 13th	"Super 60's" concert Blue Ghost Brewing Co.	6:30 pm

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