



Town of Fletcher

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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 June Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda:
 - Town Council set a Public Hearing for the July 12, 2021 Council Meeting to consider CZ-2021-01, a Conditional Zoning application for a portion of 220 Rutledge Road to be rezoned from R-2 to M-1 for a landscaping business.
 - Town Council approved an application from Steve Watkins for the Fletcher ABC Board for a 3-year term to expire in June 2024.
 - Town Council approved Proclamation P-21-02 in celebration of Parks & Recreation month in July.
- Bruce Macdonald, an advocate for Henderson County Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access Television, shared a presentation of the progress of PEG Television around the state and its potential benefits for Henderson County. No action was taken by Town Council.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, discussed a proposal to repair the fountain in front of Town Hall which has had continual leaking issues. The proposal was brought forth by resident, Bandon Olsen, who was interested in finding another vendor to perform the repairs. After consideration of the proposal, Council voted 4-1 to fill in the fountain rather than repair it.
- A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget. Mark Biberdorf shared the highlights of the proposed budget. Revenues and expenses for the new budget year are expected to total \$8,021,341 which represents a 5% increase from the prior year budget. This moderate increase in spending will occur primarily through an increase in sales tax revenues. The property tax rate is proposed to remain at the current \$0.34 per \$100 of assessed valuation. There are no new positions being added and the permanent and seasonal part-time positions will also remain at their current level. Multiple capital expense items are also included in this budget, some of which are included within the departmental operating budgets and others are included in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The proposed budget was accepted by Town Council through approval of Budget Ordinance 0-21-05. To review the Town of Fletcher budget in detail, please visit <https://www.fletchernc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/budget-message-presented-FY-21-22.pdf>.
- Town Council then entered into a closed session regarding "Industrial Matters".



Fletcher Town Hall will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of the July Fourth holiday. Brush pickup for the week of July 5th - 9th will begin on Tuesday, July 6th due to the holiday.

Most NC COVID Restrictions Lifted

On 6/11/21, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 220, effective through July 30th at 5:00 pm, which basically kept in place the current COVID restrictions regarding schools, child care facilities, children's day or overnight camps, health care settings, and public transportation. The capacity limitations, social distancing requirements, and indoor face covering requirement on businesses remains lifted. However, employers, business owners, and local governments may still require face coverings and social distancing. This Order also keeps the State of Emergency in place so NC will be able to meet any challenges presented by COVID-19 and allow the state to receive federal funding.

YOUR SHOT AT \$1 MILLION SUMMER CASH DRAWING

As part of NC's effort to encourage more residents to receive COVID-19 vaccines, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 219 authorizing Summer Cash and College Tuition drawings to motivate those who have not yet been vaccinated and thank those who have. Four vaccinated NC residents, ages 18 and older, will win \$1 million each and four NC residents, ages 12 to 17, will win a \$125,000 NC 529 account for post-secondary education. Vaccinated persons are automatically entered.

The cash drawings will take place every other Wednesday with the first drawing on June 23 through August 4. Individuals receive 1 entry into the Promotion if they received either the first dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine before June 10, 2021. If you take a shot on or after June 10th, you will receive 2 entries into the Promotion, thereby increasing your odds of winning. Winners will be verified by the NC Department of Health and Human Services and then announced. Prizes are subject to all applicable state and federal taxes and may be offset by outstanding amounts owed to the state, such as child support, court fees, taxes. The prizes are entirely funded by the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Pfizer vaccine appointments are still available at the Health Department for anyone 12 and older. You may schedule an appointment at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/health> or by calling 828-585-4700 if you do not have Internet access. For Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine sites, visit <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/findyourspot> or <https://vaccinefinder.org/>

Change in Unemployment Requirements

Effective June 6, 2021, Governor Cooper's Executive Order 216 reinstated certain work search and registration requirements in order for claimants to obtain weekly state unemployment insurance benefits. Reinstated in this Order is the requirement that applicants actively seek work. The NC Department of Commerce will also be assisting all claimants in registering for a jobseeker account, at www.ncworks.gov, to help encourage claimants to explore job opportunities and increase their chance of locating stable employment before their unemployment benefits are exhausted. In the Executive Order, Cooper stated that he is also "committed to supporting NC businesses as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic" and as they are actively seeking to hire workers in order to operate at full capacity.

2021 Advance Child Care Federal Tax Payments Starting Soon

While Federal tax relief is typically available only when you file your taxes, beginning July 15th the IRS will pay taxpayers half of their projected total Child Tax Credit amount in monthly advance payments through December. You will claim the other half of the tax credit when you file your 2021 income tax return next year. Families will begin to receive monthly payments of up to \$300 for each child under age 6 and up to \$250 for each child 6 to 17. If you have filed your 2019 or 2020 taxes or plan to, no further action is required to receive your automatic payments. Other eligible families who have not yet or will not need to file taxes in 2019 or 2020 and who did not sign-up for Economic Impact Payments can still sign-up to receive these monthly Child Tax Credit payments. For more information including eligibility requirements, frequently asked questions, or to sign up if you do not file annual taxes, please visit the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance->

Town of Fletcher Business Registration

Any person who conducts business within the Town of Fletcher by maintaining a business location within the Town limits is required to register their business with the Town. This registration is for informational purposes to help maintain accurate databases and contact information for the Town's public safety organizations. The annual invoices will be mailed in early July. If you have changed your mailing address or do not receive an invoice, please contact Susan Heafner at s.heafner@fletchernc.org.

From the Office of the Chief:



I'm honored and excited to introduce a new service to the residents of Fletcher. In collaboration with the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, the Fletcher Police Department now has a prescription pill drop box located in the lobby of the Police Department. Residents can now safely dispose of their unused and unwanted medications without having to travel any significant distance. This service reduces drug overdoses and drug abuse by reducing the amount of medications in our community and helps to protect the environment by keeping medications out of the water supply.

This service is available Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Pills and other unused medications, to include powdered and liquid medications, should be transported to the Fletcher Police Department in their regular prescription containers.

Residents should go to the front desk of the Police Department where an officer will assist the resident in submitting their unused medications for disposal.

Syringes, needles, and chemotherapy medications cannot be accepted. Information on disposing of syringes, needles, and other sharps can be found at <https://safeneedledisposal.org/state-search/?state=NC>.

FLETCHER PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS

Summer Concerts *at Blue Ghost*

Friday
JUNE 11
6:30-8:30 pm



Friday
JULY 9
6:30-8:30 pm



Friday
AUGUST 13
6:30-8:30 pm



FREE EVENT

SPONSORED BY:



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

Pop Up 5k Runs are Back

2nd & 4th Wednesday's of each month from 6/23/21 - 8/25/21
Rolling race starts between 6 pm - 7:30 pm

The Pop Up 5k events are a fun, safe way to keep you motivated to run through the summer, to help you reach your fitness goals, raise money for Bill Moore Community Park, and spend some time outdoors with your friends and family in a fun, welcoming and non-intimidating themed race setting -- all while staying socially distanced throughout the race. For \$15, you get a fully-marked course, a race number with chip timing, and your results will be posted online on idaph's Race Roster page. For more information and to sign up, visit idaph's website at https://idaph.net/events_calendar/pop-up-in-the-park-5k/.

Save the Date

Friday, July 9th	"Tuxedo Junction" Concert Blue Ghost Brewing Co.	6:30 pm
Wednesday, July 14th	Pop Up 5K Race "Partner Run"	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Wednesday, July 28th	Pop Up 5K Race "BlackJack Run"	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Friday, August 13th	"Super 60's" Concert Blue Ghost Brewing Co.	6:30 pm

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Fletcher Library Opportunities

Hours - Mon: 9am-6pm; Tues: Closed; Wed & Thurs: 9am-5pm; Fri & Sat: 9am-3pm 828-687-1218

Tech Time Appointments: Want to learn how to download an e-book or digital audiobook? 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-on-one tech time, by appointment, is offered for free at Fletcher Library. Call the library or stop by to schedule an appointment.

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 a 828-687-1218. Many thanks to those who have donated items so far.

Summer Reading Program: Tails and Tales - Continues until August 14. For all ages. Visit Fletcher Library for details or visit <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/library/page/summer-fun-your-library-tails-tales>.

Lego Club: Thursday, July 1 (3-4pm)

All ages are welcome to come out to the Fletcher Library on the 1st Thursday of the month for Lego Club. We will provide Legos to use while you are here. Please do not bring your own. We have Duplo blocks for younger children as well. We can't wait to see what you will create! *Please be aware that all children under 11 must have an adult stay with them.* Registration is required. Register via our online calendar at <https://hendersonpl.libcal.com/>.

French Club: Five Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 (3-4pm)

Come learn French with Elizabeth through games, songs, and activities. Beginners level for ages 8 to 13. Registration is required. Register via our online calendar at <https://hendersonpl.libcal.com/>.

Fletcher Family Storytime: Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21, and 28 (10:30am)

Join us at the Fletcher Library for family storytime! 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 online calendar at <https://hendersonpl.libcal.com/>.

Writers Guild: Thursday, July 8 (1:30-3pm)

All writers are invited to join a lively discussion about the guild's current projects related to publishing and the marketing of your work. Learn tricks and techniques from published authors and aspiring writers and reveal your own convictions. This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Knitting for a Cause Group: Saturday, July 10 (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 online calendar at <https://hendersonpl.libcal.com/>.