

# Town of Fletcher

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## August 2021

### Town Council

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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.

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is published for residents of the  
Town and reports on issues and  
events that affect our community.  
Past issues of our newsletter can  
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### News from the July Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda:
  - Town Council reappointed and charged Cynthia Broome as Tax Collector to collect 2021-2022 property taxes for the Town of Fletcher.
  - Town Council approved Resolution R-21-06 for the Town of Fletcher to accept American Rescue Plan Act Funds from the Federal government.
- A Public Hearing was held for CZ-2021-01 Conditional Zoning application to consider conditionally rezoning a portion of 220 Rutledge Road (parcel # 9643-94-9427) from R-2 (residential) to M-1 (manufacturing) for a landscaping services company. The Fletcher Planning Board had a 3-3 split vote on their recommendation to Council for this request. Eric Rufa, Fletcher Planning & Zoning Director, explained that the project would include an office building along the street frontage, an equipment shed at the rear of the property, and a material storage area at the northernmost portion of the property which abuts existing M-1 parcels. He further noted that this property is in a transitional area that borders three different zoning districts so conditional zoning would not be inconsistent with the overall land use plan and, if approved, the conditional zoning would be tied specifically to this particular site plan only. He further shared that the property owner also plans to construct a single-family home on the southern portion of the property, although that is not part of this zoning application since the property is already zoned for single-family residential. Town Council approved the conditional zoning application.
- Cynthia Broome, Fletcher Tax Collector, shared a fiscal year-end tax collection report indicating a 99.7% collection rate through July 12<sup>th</sup> with efforts continuing to collect back year taxes still unpaid.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared that the current chairman of the Fletcher ABC Board, Larry Waldrop, was retiring from the ABC Board. Town Council approved Steve Watkins as the new chairman of the Fletcher ABC Board.
- Mark Biberdorf reminded the Council of past discussions regarding the Town owned property fronting Hendersonville Road next to the Meritor plant on Rockwell Drive and suggestions of its development for industrial purposes. He shared that Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development has indicated an interest in marketing the property and advised that an appraisal would be helpful in determining a fair market value. Mr. Biberdorf noted that an appraisal was recently completed for the Town's information and indicated a value of \$1,110,000. Town Council approved conveying the results of the appraisal to the Partnership for marketing the property for light industrial development with the condition that an easement for a greenway trail be established along the northern portion of the property parallel with Cane Creek.

## **Fall 2021 Town Council Elections**

Elections for the District 1 Councilmember seat (east side of Fletcher), the District 4 Councilmember seat (northwest area of Fletcher), and the Mayoral seat will be held this fall. Candidate filing begins July 26, 2021 at noon and ends August 13, 2021 at noon. Residents wishing to file must reside in the same district as the district seat they are filing for or live in any Fletcher district for the Mayoral race. All seats are for a 4-year term. Filing information is available from the Henderson County Board of Elections at 75 East Central Street in Hendersonville, by calling 828-697-4970, or by visiting their website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>. A Primary election, if needed, will be held October 5, 2021. The General election will be held November 2, 2021.

## **2021 Property Tax Bills**

If you own real or personal property in the Town of Fletcher, you should receive your 2021 tax bill by USPS mail in early August. However if your taxes are being escrowed with your mortgage, your lender may have requested your tax bill but you are still responsible to ensure the taxes are paid. If you wish to view your bill, visit our website and enter your roll number on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/>. If you do not know your roll number, call us at 828-687-3985. Please remember that you can make partial payments on your taxes rather than paying one lump sum. 2021 taxes are due September 1st and past due on January 6, 2022.

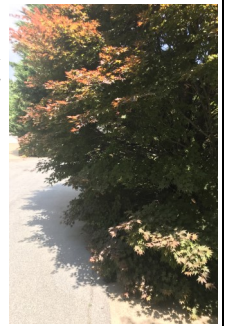
The Town of Fletcher property tax rate remained at \$0.34 per \$100 of property valuation for the 2021 tax year. Your taxes provide fire protection, police protection, street lighting, trash and recycling collection, brush pickup, seasonal leaf and Christmas tree pickup, white goods pickup, street maintenance, ice/snow removal, Bill Moore Community Park, Kate's Park, plus staff to operate and provide these services.

## **Free Pesticide Collection Event**

The Henderson County Extension Office, in cooperation with the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Pesticide Disposal Assistance Program, will be offering a Pesticide Collection Day for residents in Henderson County and surrounding NC counties. Please note: this is for pesticides only and no paint cans, used or unused, will be accepted. This event will be held Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the N.C. Cooperative Extension Henderson County Center at 100 Jackson Park Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792. All pesticide containers will be taken at no cost; however, the contents of the containers must be known and labeled. Please call 828-697-4891 if you have any questions concerning this upcoming pesticide collection event.

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

With summer winding down and the growing season coming to a close, look around your property and notice how your shrubs and trees have flourished this year. We have received several calls from Fletcher residents about shrubs and trees encroaching on public sidewalks and streets. Although most people appreciate a green yard, vegetation left unattended can create problems such as:



- Blocking the vision of drivers pulling out of side streets
- Impeding pedestrian traffic on public sidewalks



- Creating a driving hazard when drivers have to maneuver quickly to avoid vegetation protruding into the street
- Causing a power outage if vines are allowed to overgrow a healthy tree and weaken it so that it becomes more susceptible to winds and storms.

Regardless if the vegetation is on your property or in the right-of-way of your property, please be a good neighbor and do annual maintenance on your plants and trees. For information about the best time and method to use to trim your shrubs and trees, visit the Henderson County Cooperative Extension website at <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/catalog/series/99/pruning-trees-shrubs>.

## **From the Office of the Chief:**



This month we ask for your help in preventing crime. The police cannot do it alone. Let me introduce you to "The Crime Triangle", one easy step you can take in helping us prevent many crimes.

Three elements must be present for a crime to occur. The elements: desire, ability, and opportunity form a triangle. If you remove one of the elements, the triangle (crime) cannot occur.



You cannot eliminate a criminal's desire to commit a crime. You also have no control over a criminal's ability to commit a crime. You can, however, remove the criminal's opportunity to break into your home or vehicle by locking your doors and windows and securing your property out of view.

Another version of "The Crime Triangle" includes the elements of offender, victim or target, and location. You may have minimal control over the offender, but you have control of your behavior as a "would be victim" and can also reduce the appeal of the location by locking those doors and windows. So "Lock It or Lose It!"



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 20**  
6:30-8:30 pm



**FREE EVENT**

SPONSORED BY:



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



Baabals Ice Cream is still operating the concession stand at Bill Moore Community Park. They are open on Saturday's and Sunday's from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and also during special events at the park. Stop by and enjoy great tasting ice cream, snow cones home-made lemonade, hotdogs and nachos!

## Save the Date

Wednesday, August 11th	Pop Up 5K Race "Rewind Night"	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Friday, August 20th	"The Caribbean Cowboys Band" at Blue Ghost Brewing Co.	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday, August 25th	Pop Up 5K Race "80's Theme"	6:00 pm - 7:30 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 at 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, August 5 (3pm-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/>.

***Writers Guild: Thursday, August 12 (1:30pm-3:30pm)***

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, August 14, 2021 (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 found at <https://hendersonpl.libcal.com/>.