



Town of Fletcher

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December 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.

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
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Facebook page located at
<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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News from the November 8th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
- Mayor Rod Whiteside recognized ten Town of Fletcher employees who achieved between 10 and 30 years of employment service to the Town during his term as Mayor. Each employee was formally recognized and presented with a certificate of achievement.
- Carol Avery of Lowdermilk Church & Company presented the fiscal year 2020-2021 annual Town of Fletcher audit results. She reported an unqualified opinion and found no internal control issues. The Town is financially stable and healthy.
- Mayor Whiteside recommended the payment of a COVID hazard bonus to full-time and permanent part-time employees from the unappropriated fund balance. He explained that during the height of the pandemic, Fletcher staff members handled frontline duties and continued to provide Fletcher residents with outstanding service. Town Council approved the bonus and the related \$13,917 budget amendment to appropriate the funds.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, recommended the signing of a quit claim deed for the sale of a small parcel of land (.025 acre) by NC DOT to the Town. The Town has been working to acquire this property for the past several years for inclusion in the properties that will be sold to a developer as part of the Town Center project. Town Council authorized the purchase of the parcel at a cost of \$2,600.
- Mark Biberdorf shared three different design concepts for the replacement of the gateway sign located at the north end of Town at the intersection of Old Airport Road and Hendersonville Road. Council approved "option 1" with a slight modification of the type of foliage included on the sign.
- Council then entered into a closed session regarding negotiations per NC General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(5).

Holiday Observances and Schedule Changes

Fletcher Town Hall will be closed December 23rd and 24th in observance of Christmas. Trash and recycling scheduled for pick up on the 23rd will be picked up Wednesday, December 22nd. Trash and recycling scheduled for pick up on the 24th will be picked up Monday, December 27th. The Town of Fletcher will also be closed Friday, December 31st in observance of New Year's Day. Trash and recycling scheduled for pick up on the 31st will be picked up Thursday, December 30th.



Town Council Election Results

In our Fletcher Mayoral race, Preston Blakely was elected to replace Mayor Rod Whiteside who chose not to run. Since Mr. Blakely is the current District 2 Council Member, the incoming Town Council will appoint a replacement for the District 2 seat to finish out Mr. Blakely's term, which expires in 2023.



In the District 1 race, incumbent Shelia Franklin was re-elected for another 4-year term. This is her third elected term on Town Council.



In the District 4 race, Trevor Lance was elected to fill the seat being vacated by retiring Council Member Eddie Henderson.

These three Council Members will take their Oath of Office during the December 6th Agenda Review Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Fletcher Town Hall Council Chambers.

Drop-In for Retiring Council Member

A "Thank You" drop-in will be held Tuesday, November 30th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor Multipurpose room at Fletcher Town Hall to thank Eddie Henderson for his 25 years of service on the Fletcher Town Council. The public is invited.



Thank You Mr. Mayor, Rod Whiteside

Mayor Rod Whiteside presided over his final Fletcher Town Council Meeting on November 8th. Mr. Whiteside was elected as Fletcher Mayor in 2017 and previously served on the Fletcher Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mayor Whiteside will be remembered for his energy, his efficient Council meetings, his involvement with the school system and community, and his support of Town employees. Thank you Mayor Whiteside for your leadership and service to our Town!



Leaf Pickup Ending Soon

Bagged leaves will be picked up through December. Please do not include grass clippings, pampas grass, mulch, dirt, rocks, or sticks since the leaves will be recycled. Call 828-654-9208 24-hours/7-days a week to leave a voice message, visit our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>, or call Town Hall at 828-687-3985 to make a request.

Christmas Tree Pickup

The Town will pick up and dispose of your live Christmas trees after the holiday and through the month of January. They will be picked up Mondays along with brush pickup requests. All decorations must be removed from the tree. We do not accept artificial trees. Please use a contact method shared in the "Leaf Pickup" article above to make your tree pickup request.



Way to go..... Fletcher Police Sergeant Graham West was recently presented a North Carolina's Hometown Heroes award sponsored by the NC Auto Dealers.

From the Office of the Chief:

As we approach the end of the year and the beginning of the tax season, I thought I would conclude our short series on fraudulent scams with the topic of Internal Revenue Service scams. In recent years, IRS scams have been prevalent.



If someone calls reporting to be from the IRS and threatens legal action against you due to unpaid taxes if you do not respond or call them back, hang up and do not call them back. Remember the IRS will **never**:

- Call to demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed a bill.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law enforcement agencies to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Require you to use a specific method of payment for your taxes, such as prepaid debit cards, gift cards, or wire transfer.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Remember: Never allow yourself to be pressured into an immediate or impulsive decision.

Note: For additional information about tax scams and consumer alerts concerning the IRS, visit their website at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>.

* Town of Fletcher * Christmas in the Park

* **Saturday, December 4th**

2:30-4:30 PM

SANTA'S VENDOR VILLAGE
CHILDRENS INFLATABLES
SNOW GLOBE PHOTO STATION

3:00-4:30 PM

PICTURES WITH SANTA

* **3:30-4:30 PM**

LIVE MUSIC

* **5:00-5:30 PM**

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Christmas in the Park

On Saturday, December 4th the Town of Fletcher will kick off the holiday season with its **Annual Fletcher Christmas in the Park!**

This event will include food vendors, live music, a vendor village, inflatable snow globe for photos, and of course Santa! Please remember to bring your camera for any pictures you may wish to take around the snow globe or with Santa since there will not be a photographer on site. This event is free, however some vendors will also have some items for sale.

Mark your calendar for:

December 4th from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Bill Moore Community Park
85 Howard Gap Rd in Fletcher

For more information, please visit our website at www.fletchernc.org or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherParks>

Yoga 2022 Sign-up Begins

Registration for our 2022 Yoga class is now open. Registration cost is \$65 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. The 8-week class begins January 5th at 6:15 p.m. at Fletcher Town Hall in the 3rd floor Multi-purpose Room with Yoga instructor Lindsay Fox.

For more details, please visit <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

Letters to Santa

Bring your letters to Santa's Mailbox in front of Fletcher Town Hall from December 6th - 19th.

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your letter!



Save the Date

Saturday, December 4 th	Christmas in the Park Bill Moore Community Park	2:30 pm
Monday, December 6 th	Letters to Santa Mailbox Fletcher Town Hall	8:00 am
Saturday, January 29 th	Hunter Subaru Polar Bear 5K	9:00 am
February	Father/Daughter Dance	TBD

THANK YOU VETERANS

And thank you to our Nov. 6th Veterans Salute event sponsor...



Holiday Cleanup

When it's time to cleanup from your Christmas and New Year's festivities, please remember to recycle. Our recycling contractor, "Curbie", can help make your cleanup a little easier as noted below:

Curbie DOES accept the following items as recyclable:

- * Wrapping paper (except for the foil kind)
- * Cardboard boxes (don't worry about all the tape)
- * Dress boxes
- * Christmas cards (even the glittery ones!)
- * Envelopes
- * Newspapers & inserts
- * Junk mail
- * Paper shopping bags and Gift bags (remove the strings)
- * Christmas catalogs
- * Broth Cartons and Wine boxes
- * Eggnog cartons
- * 2-liter Soft drink bottles
- * Cracker, cereal, and cake, etc. boxes
- * Almost every grocery container – cans, jugs, bottles, jars
(only exception is no black microwavable trays)



Curbside Management, Inc.

828-252-2532

www.curbie.com

CustomerService@curbie.com

Curbie DOES NOT accept the following items:

- * Tissue paper
- * Ribbons
- * Used paper plates or cups
- * Styrofoam
- * Napkins or paper towels
- * Christmas tree lights
- * Black microwavable trays Example: microwave frozen dinner entrees, even if it has a recycling symbol on the bottom -- these trays are not recyclable

2022 Recycling Schedules Available

2022 Recycling Schedules are now available for pickup at Fletcher Town Hall. You may request an e-mail copy by sending an e-mail to info@fletchermc.org with your home address (so we will know which schedule to send) or by calling 828-687-3985.



Due to a readership suggestion, the color coding has been changed on the calendar this year to make it easier to distinguish between the two different routes. Thank you for your suggestion and thank you Curbie for making this cosmetic change.

Fletcher Library Opportunities in October

828-687-1218

120 Library Road Fletcher, NC 28732

HOURS: Monday 9am - 6pm; Tuesday - Thursday 9am - 5pm; Friday - Saturday 9am - 3pm

www.hendersoncountync.gov/library



Holiday Notes: We will be closed all day from Thursday, December 23rd through Sunday, December 26th. We will reopen on Monday, December 27th. We will also be closed Friday, December 31st and Saturday, January 1st, 2022 and reopen on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

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.

Family Story Time: Last one for December will be Wednesday, December 9th, 2021 at 10:30am. They will resume on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 at 10:30am. Registration is required through <https://hendersonpl.libcal.com/>.

Lego Club

Thursday, December 1st (3:30-4:30pm)

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.*

Writers Guild

Thursday, December 9th (1:30-3:30pm)

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.

Book Review Book Club

Thursday, December 9th (10:30-11:30am)

Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. This group meets on the second Thursday of each month.

Knitting for a Cause Group:

Saturday, December 11th (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!

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Property Taxes Due January 5, 2022

Property tax payments must be received in our office by 1/5/22 or have a USPS postmark on or before 1/5/22 to avoid a 2% late payment charge. Homeowners who have refinanced, paid their mortgage off, or have their taxes escrowed please remember to verify your taxes have been paid since you are still the responsible party. You may view your original tax notice, view your current tax balance, and pay your taxes online at www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/ by entering your "Roll Number" from your Property Tax Notice or by calling our office at 828-687-3985 to obtain it.



In addition to mailing your payment or paying via our website, you may pay your bill in person at Fletcher Town Hall via cash or check or place your check or money order in our secure drop box 24 hours/7 days a week located in the Town Hall south side parking lot.

Planning Board/ZBA Vacancy – At-Large Seat

The Town of Fletcher is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Adjustment. (*Members serve dual roles on the one Board*). Functions of the Planning Board include recommendations to the Town Council on applications related to Rezoning, Conditional Rezoning, Special Use Permits, and text amendments to the Town's Land Development Code. The Board also reviews preliminary plats for major subdivisions as well as design review for projects in the "Heart of Fletcher" Overlay. Functions of the ZBA include quasi-judicial hearings regarding applications for variances and appeals on zoning matters.

An "At-large" seat may be filled by anyone who resides in the Town limits, and is not specific to a particular Council district. The Board typically meets once per month, on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 PM. Anyone interested in applying may access the application at this link: <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/> OR by contacting either the Town Clerk or Planning Director at (828) 687-3985. Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2022. The Town Council is responsible for appointments to all volunteer Boards. Applicants would need to be available to attend a Council meeting as part of the process if requested.