



# Town of Fletcher

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## February 2022

### Town Council

Preston Blakely, Mayor  
Phone.....(828)230-2838

Sheila Franklin, Councilwoman  
District #1.....(828)684-5676

Vacant, Council Member  
District #2.....

Bob Davy, Mayor Pro-Tem  
District #3.....(828)687-0313

Trevor Lance, Councilman  
District #4.....(828)338-9338

### 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](mailto:info@fletchernc.org). For additional Town information, please visit our website at [www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org) or visit our Facebook page located at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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### **News from the January 10th Town Council Meeting**

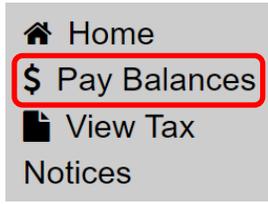
- Two Fletcher residents spoke during Public Comments.
- By Consent Agenda, Town Council approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
- The December Public Hearing was continued to discuss the possible approval of an Economic Development Agreement (EDA) and Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) for the Fletcher Town Center project. Bob Jessop, of Sanford Holshouser Law Firm, gave an overview of the proposed EDA and PSA for the project. Some details included: the sale of Town properties located at the intersection of Hendersonville and E. Fanning Bridge Roads to SDW and JHW, LLC for \$2.4 million; the developer will build space for restaurant, retail, residential, and commercial uses; the Town will offer development incentives, including demolition and removal of buildings and associated costs, not to exceed \$350,000; the Town expects this project and the associated public improvement to enhance the Town's taxable property, employment, and business prospects; and the Developer is not eligible to receive any incentive payment for any year in which the incremental assessed value is not at least \$15,000,000. Will Buie, with WGLA Engineering PLLC, also shared a presentation with proposed sketches of the project; a project summary indicating two 2-story residential buildings, two 2-story mixed use buildings, and two single story mixed use buildings; and a tentative project schedule of major activities from January 2022 - October 2023 with Phase 1 building targeted to be completed by October 2023. Shelia Franklin made a motion to approve the EDA, the PSA, and a Repurchase Agreement and Bob Davy seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, discussed the options for filling the remaining term of the District 2 Town Council seat vacated by the election of Preston Blakely as Fletcher Mayor. Applications for the vacancy are being accepted until January 19th with Council reviewing the applications from January 20th - 23th, and a Special Called Council Meeting will be held January 24th at 5:00pm to select the replacement District 2 Councilmember .
- Ben Cathey from McGill Associates provided a preliminary cost estimate for the Powell Bill street resurfacing projects of Glensprings Drive, Barrington Court, and Hedgewood Court and replacement of the culvert pipe on Belmont Drive. Bids will be accepted to determine the exact cost, in relation to our annual appropriations for this work, and to help decide how to proceed with these projects.

### **News from the January 24th Special Called Town Council Meeting**

Seven applications were submitted to Town Council for consideration to fulfill the remaining term of the vacant District 2 Town Council seat due to the election of Preston Blakely as Mayor. At the meeting, each candidate was given the opportunity to introduce themselves and answer any questions from Council. Council then voted by written ballot and Mayor Blakely announced a unanimous vote for the election of Keith Reed. Mr. Reed will be sworn into office during the February 7th Agenda Review Meeting.

### **Property Tax Information**

- When using our online tax payment option at [www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/](http://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/), please utilize the online “Pay Balances” option to view the **current tax amount due**, since interest is now being added each month until the taxes are paid in full. The “View Tax Notices” option only provides a copy of the original tax notice.
- Remember to complete and submit your personal and business personal property tax listing, plus any real estate changes greater than \$100, by January 31st to the Henderson County Tax Assessor’s Office. Listing forms can be found at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/forms-and-applications> in the “Listing Forms” section on that page. Late listings will be assessed a 10% penalty, so don’t forget to complete your listing.
- Applications for property tax relief are being accepted by the Henderson County Tax Assessor’s Office until June 1st. You may obtain an application online at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/forms-and-applications> or by calling 828-697-4870.



### **N95 Respirators & COVID-19 Tests Given to Agencies**

The Henderson Co. Dept of Public Health, the Dept. of Social Services, and Emergency Management recently received N95 respirators and at-home tests from the N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services. The county agencies were tasked with creating plans to distribute the free items that included detention facilities and agencies serving individuals experiencing homelessness and to target agencies serving populations with the highest needs.

The agencies receiving respirators and/or test kits are:

- Blue Ridge Community College • Calvary Food Pantry • Children & Family Resource Center • Council on Aging • Crossnore Communities for Children • FernLeaf Community Charter School • Hend Co. Dept of Social Services • Hend Co. Detention Center • Hend Co. Public Schools • Hendersonville Rescue Mission • Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach • Hope Coalition • Interfaith Assistance Ministry • Institute for Preventative Healthcare and Advocacy • Only Hope WNC • Pan de Vida Food Pantry • Safelight • Smart Start Partnership for Children • The Housing Assistance Corp • The Mountain Community School • The Salvation Army • Thrive • True Ridge • UNETE Inc. • WNC Source (Formerly WCCA).

### **From the New Fletcher Library Partners**

The NFLP will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Fletcher Town Hall Community Room. The evening meeting is meant to attract those who are unavailable in the afternoon. Library usage is recovering from the COVID slowdown and closings. The Partners welcome anyone interested in seeing a new, modern library building in Fletcher. All sorts of help is needed.

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

### **Public Works at Work in 2021**

- Public Works collected 2,139.62 tons of garbage in 2021 from Town of Fletcher residents, which equates to 4,279,240 pounds of waste.
- Public Works collected 3,868 brush orders which produced 4,070 cubic yards of brush. To help you visualize that, think about a dumpster that is 22’ long, 7.5’ wide and 4.5’ tall. Such a dumpster is roughly 20 cubic yards, so imagine 203 of those full of brush.
- Public Works collected 242 Christmas trees in 2021.
- Public Works also collected 680 leaf orders which produced 489 cubic yards of leaves. Try visualizing that leaf pile by imaging 489 boxes, the size of the exterior of your washing machine, full of leaves.

### **Town of Fletcher Communication Methods**

- ▶ Receive an automated call from us about changes due to weather and holidays. Add your phone number by contacting us at [info@fletchernc.org](mailto:info@fletchernc.org) or 828-687-3985.
- ▶ Town of Fletcher Facebook: FletcherNC.Gov/
- ▶ Parks & Rec Facebook: FletcherParksandRecreation/
- ▶ Parks & Rec Instagram: @FletcherParksandRecreation
- ▶ Police Dept Facebook: FletcherPoliceDepartment/
- ▶ Town website: <https://www.fletchernc.org/>
- ▶ Town e-mail: [info@fletchernc.org](mailto:info@fletchernc.org)
- ▶ Previous newsletters: <https://www.fletchernc.org/about-us/newsletter/>

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

When I have the opportunity to speak with members of the community, I’m often asked; “When is it appropriate to call police?” The consensus is that our good residents and businesses don’t want to bother officers or waste their time with perceived minor or petty occurrences or suspicions that may end up unwarranted. The hesitation to call however may be the difference between solving a crime and catching a criminal or not.



If I could provide another perspective? Our officers are dedicated public servants and get compensated to provide their service. Often it is easier and more efficient to respond to a call that ends up being unnecessary, than it is to respond and investigate a crime that could have been prevented or stopped if that call to police had been made.

So, if you “see something, say something”. Your police department is here to serve. Today we are seeing an increase in theft related cases in, and around, Fletcher. An increase in these type crimes can be expected during economically difficult times. Specifically, we have seen an increase in thefts of catalytic converters from the underside of vehicles, and copper and wiring from utility companies.

We cannot successfully do our job without your support and assistance. You are our eyes and ears inside the community. So, if you “see something, say something.”



**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

828-687-0751 [www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/](http://www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/)

**Father-Daughter Dance Tickets on Sale!**

The Town of Fletcher will host its popular **Father-Daughter Dance** on Saturday, February 12th at Veritas Christian Academy.

This is a special opportunity for dads to spend time with their daughters enjoying music, dancing, and refreshments.

Each daughter will receive a flower, a photo by a professional photographer and the opportunity to make a valentine craft.

Residents: \$20 Dads & \$10 Daughters

Non-Residents: \$25 Dads & \$10 Daughters

Buy your tickets today at:

<https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

**FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE**

**FEBRUARY 12TH 4:30-6:30PM**

**VERITAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
17 CANE CREEK RD, FLETCHER, NC**

**REGISTER ONLINE:  
FLETCHERPARKS.RECDESK.COM**

**RESIDENT REGISTRATION: JAN 21ST  
NON RESIDENT REGISTRATION: JAN 22ND**



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**Polar Bear**

**5k**



January 29th  
9:00 am

Bill Moore Community Park



**Save the Date**

Saturday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Father/Daughter Dance Veritas Christian Academy	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
TBD in March	Summer Day Camp Registration	8:00 am
Saturday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Robert G. Parish Memorial Golf Tournament	9:00 am

**Hunter Subaru Polar Bear 5k**

Due to the frigid temperatures anticipated, this event was changed to a virtual event (even a polar bear stays inside when the weather is too bad).

All monies raised supports the Fletcher Park Development Fund.

**Thank you for your support !**

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**Fletcher Library Opportunities**

20 Library Road, Fletcher

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

**Delayed Opening:** We will open at 10:00am on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> due to a staff meeting.

**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. Thanks to those who have already donated items.

**Family Story Time:** Story time will be Wednesday at 10:30am. No registration required

**Lego Club: Thursday, February 3rd (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.*

**Book Review Book Club: Thursday, February 10th (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.

**Writers Guild: Thursday, February 10th (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.

**Knitting for a Cause Group: Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (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!

**Craft Day (All ages): Monday, February 14th (10:00am-4:00pm)** Come and do a fun valentine's and celebrate Love my Library week with us!