



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
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News from the April 11th Town Council Meeting

- Adam Steurer, City of Hendersonville Utilities Engineer, provided an update on the completed Northside Water Improvements project. This project, as part of the Hendersonville Water Capital Improvement Plan, added a new water storage tank off Burney Mountain Road and a water booster station on Woodhill Drive. These improvements should have already been noticed by Fletcher residents due to an increase in water pressure and system capacity.
- A Public Hearing was held to consider Conditional Zoning Application # 2022-01 from Long Shoals Partners, LLC to conditionally rezone portions of 3056, 3086, and 3122 Hendersonville Road from C-1 and R-2 to Neighborhood Business District (NBD) for an 87 unit multi-family development located on 5.45 acres. The residential complex would be located on the rear of the property with the Hendersonville Road frontage property being commercially developed for office and retail use. Town Council members discussed concerns over potential traffic issues, the affordability of the rent, the addition of more apartments in Fletcher, and the use of green space within the complex. The Town Council approved the application by a 3 to 1 vote.
- Will Buie, with WGLA Engineering, provided a quarterly update from the developer of the Town Center project. His comments included that the overall project development focus remains the same at two 2-story residential buildings, two 2-story mixed use buildings, and two single story mixed use buildings; the project completion will be done in phases; and phase 1 initial objectives remain as the removal of existing buildings, clearing and grading the site, construction of Triangle Stop, and construction of a road access through the property.
- Police Chief Dan Terry provided an overview of recent organizational structure changes within the Fletcher Police department.
- The Henderson County Apple Country Public Transit system submitted a fiscal year 2022-2023 funding request of \$12,854 to the Town of Fletcher. Town Council made no decision on an exact funding amount but will address it at the upcoming Annual Budget Meeting on May 4th.
- Town Council then entered into a Closed Session regarding contract matters.

Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day. No trash or recycling routes will be impacted by this holiday observance. We will begin picking up brush that week on Tuesday, May 31st.





Drivers Beware



The intersection at Hendersonville Road and Old Airport Road seems to be perilous for some drivers. The Fletcher Police Department has already responded to 12 accidents in that area this year, equating to 1 accident every 9 days, which has involved 34 persons. This compares to a total of 36 accidents in that area in 2021 and 21 accidents in 2020. The accidents have involved persons from ages 18 - 68, at all hours of the day and past midnight, in all types of weather conditions, and for all sorts of reasons. However driver inattention, driver impatience, and no clear line of sight seems to be the main reasons for these accidents. Other witnessed improper driver actions, such as running stoplights and driving north into oncoming southbound traffic due to turning left before the median rather than after it, may not have resulted in accidents but has definitely created close calls.

To keep you from becoming an intersection statistic:

- 1 - Drive defensively when approaching and entering the intersection.
- 2 - Don't anticipate the changing of the red light.
- 3 - If you cannot clearly see that there is no southbound oncoming traffic...wait to turn when you can see, rather than taking a chance when turning left into Ingles. Be patient, you will have an opportunity to make your left turn safely.

It's Primary Election Time

(Please see the article on the back page of this newsletter for additional information on Primary Voting.)

With the upcoming Primary Election for national, state, judicial, and county races, comes the communication process between candidates and voters. Several residents have stopped by or called Town Hall wishing to obtain information on the various candidates. However, we do not have any candidate information at Town Hall since our goal is to remain neutral in the election process. If you wish to view your sample ballot, based upon how you are registered to vote, visit the NC State Board of Elections website and enter your personal information at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>.

Another form of candidate communication is campaign signage. Since Fletcher Town Hall is a One-Stop, In-Person Early Voting location and a polling site, we allow candidates to place their signs in front of Town Hall. However, since we also want Town Hall to look nice for our residents and visitors, we need to continue mowing the grass. Therefore at this time of the year, campaign signs will only be allowed at certain locations in front of Town Hall. If you are a campaign volunteer, please be aware of the following allowable placement locations as also indicated on a map posted to the left of the front doors of Town Hall. Campaign signs may be placed to the right of Old Cane Creek Road on the side closest to the railroad tracks. However, they do need to be placed in the mulched area around the trees so the signs will not be in the way of mowing. Signs should also not be placed in the median in front of Town Hall nor in the flower beds. Improperly placed signs will be relocated, space permitting, or completely removed if space is not available. Thank you for your cooperation.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Trash Pickup Reminder

Although the Town of Fletcher is divided into routes in order to schedule our trash pickup in the most efficient manner, occasionally we do have to deviate from our defined route and run it in a different order. On those days, it seems some carts are missed because we arrived a little earlier than normal. In order to prevent missing your trash and disruptions in your service, please ensure your trash cart is out by 7:00 am on your designated day. Thank you.

Last Call for 2022 Tax Exclusions

All applications for 2022 tax exclusions due to age, disability, or veteran status are due to the Henderson County Tax Assessor's office by June 1, 2022. If you have questions about your eligibility, call them at 828-697-4970 or visit <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/exemptions-exclusions-deferment>.

From the Office of the Chief:



With the warmer months approaching and people starting to make those summer vacation plans, I wanted to remind residents that house checks can be requested on our website. Certainly, you can continue to call or drop by Town Hall to request a vacation check of your home. However, another convenient, quick and easy way is to go to <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/police/house-check-request/> and submit your request on our website.

In addition, you can use our website to leave a "crime tip" if there is information you desire to share. Just last month, a local robbery was solved by a citizen willing to help our department by sharing valuable information that eventually led to the arrest of a serious and violent criminal. You can leave your name if you don't mind taking follow up questions from an officer or you can remain confidential. It's your choice.

And finally, we are still looking for good applicants that would like to join the team at the Fletcher Police Department. Job applications can also be submitted on our website.



The Ribbon Cutting ceremony for "The Story Trail" at Kate's and Pete's Park, located beside the Fletcher Library at 120 Library Road in Fletcher, will be held April 29, 2022 at 11:00 am. The public is invited to attend. This trail will provide an active learning experience by allowing parents and children to read a story book as they walk around the paved path at Kate's & Pete's Park.

A special "thank you" to our sponsors: Smart Start, the Fletcher Library, and Henderson County Community Foundation.

Save the Date for Upcoming Events

Friday, April 29	"The Story Trail" Ribbon Cutting Kate's & Pete's Park	11:00 am
Friday, April 29	C&FRC "Art in the Park" Bill Moore Community Park	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Saturday, April 30	Robert G. Parish Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament - Cummings Cove	9:00 am
Friday, May 13	United Way Days of Caring Mulching in Bill Moore Comm. Park	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, May 14	Land of Sky "Rain Barrel Workshop" at Steelcase Shelter	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Friday, June 10	Summer Concert at Blue Ghost Brewing - "Pleasure Chest" band	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Monday, June 13	Fletcher Parks & Rec Summer Day Camp begins	7:30 am
Friday, July 8	Summer Concert at Bill Moore Comm. Park - "Flashback" band	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday, August 19	Family Movie Night at Bill Moore Community Park	TBD

United Way Days of Caring

A few additional volunteers are needed for the United Way Days of Caring "Mulching in the Park" event at Bill Moore Community Park on May 13th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please visit the United Way website at <https://www.liveunitedhc.org/daysofcaring> to volunteer to help Park staff mulch around trees in the Park.

Easter Egg Hunt

Despite the unanticipated April cold and snowy weather, our Easter Egg-Stravaganza was well attended and enjoyed by all.

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Concession Hours at Bill Moore Community Park

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday -
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday -
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Fletcher Area Business Association - May Events

Coffee Club

Networking & Connecting over Coffee

8:00 am - Luther Ridge Conference Center

May 3rd - Radius Financial Group, Steve Clark
May 17th - Catholic Charities, Jesse Boeckermann

Focus After 5

Enjoy networking with local business leaders after hours

May 12th at Warren Restoration
174 Bradley Branch Road, Suite 5 Arden, NC 28704

Resource Recess

Growth and development opportunities

12:00 pm - Luther Ridge Conference Center
May 25th - Town of Fletcher Update, Mark Biberdorf
The public is invited to attend.

Snack Pack Delivery

May 3rd, 9:00 am - Meet at Luther Ridge Conference Center to deliver snacks to local schools.

FABA

<https://fletcherbusiness.com/> or
<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherBusiness/>

Come join us! at Steelcase Shelter
in Bill Moore
Community Park

Rain Barrel Workshop

Where: 85 Howard Gap Rd, Fletcher
When: May 14th 10 - 11 am

Is your water bill costing you more than you'd like? Would you like to recycle the rainwater that falls on your house?

Come learn about how you can add a rain barrel to your home, save water, and help protect the environment.

Registration costs \$25 for a barrel, kit, and instructions to build your own rain barrel and install it at home!

Fletcher residents only. Space is limited.
Register on RiverLink's website by May 6th!



Additional funding provided by the NC DEQ 205j grant program.

For more information, contact RiverLink at maya@riverlink.org

Littering Impacts All of Us

Littering truly is a dirty habit which is also illegal with fines as the penalty if you are caught littering. But some litterbugs may only need to be reminded that littering, whether due to deliberate carelessness or unintentional acts, is relatively easy to stop simply by exercising the proper personal choice.

Cleaning up litter is costly to the State of NC. In 2021, our State spent over \$19 million in trash removal. It is quite obvious that litter creates an eyesore and can create an image problem for a community. Littering can also be dangerous by harming the environment, endangering wildlife, hurting economic development opportunities, and creating a public safety hazard. Litter and debris blowing from unsecured loads can strike other vehicles, obscure a driver's vision, damage vehicles, injure drivers, and cause drivers to lose control of their vehicle due to swerving to miss debris.

Here are some actionable ways in which you can make a difference in littering in our Town:

- Set a good example and don't litter so your children, and soon to be young drivers, won't pick up a bad habit.
- Always cover truck and trailer beds when transporting trash or other loose items.
- Carry and use a litter/trash bag in your vehicle so you won't be tempted to toss trash out of your window.
- Lead a group of neighbors to help keep your street or subdivision clean to directly impact littering.
- Report litterbugs when you see them to the [NCDOT Swat-A-Litterbug program](#).

Source: <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/litter-management/Pages/default.aspx>

NC DOT Swat-A-Litterbug Application

The Swat-A-Litterbug app allows users to easily report when someone sees trash being thrown from a vehicle. The owner of the vehicle will receive a formal notification from the N.C. State Highway Patrol informing them about the littering offense, as well as the penalties for littering, and a note urging them to help keep NC clean.

North Carolinians can access the app by visiting ncdot.gov/litter. First time mobile users will be given pop-up instructions on how to add a shortcut to their phone's home screen. This will add an icon that, when clicked, will take users directly to the Swat-A-Litterbug form. The Swat-A-Litterbug app will only be available through ncdot.gov/litter and any related shortcut links.

NCDOT's Swat-A-Litterbug Program has been in operation for over 30 years, allowing the public to take an active role in keeping NC's roadways clean. For more information on the program, please visit the Swat-A-Litterbug webpage at <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/environmental/litter-management/Pages/swat-a-litter-bug.aspx>.

Fletcher Library Opportunities

20 Library Road, Fletcher NC 28732 828-687-1218

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

Delayed Opening: We will open at 10:00am on Friday, May 13th due to a staff meeting.

Closings: We will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 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: If you have donations of yarn, knitting needles, or knitted or crocheted items, please call the library at 828-687-1218, we are always looking for donations. Our group makes hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, and blankets for the Interfaith Assistance Ministry in Hendersonville to give to children and adults. Thank you to all those that have donated.

Check 'Em Out Book Club: Starting May 1st, ask us about signing up and reserving a book for the June book club discussion.

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

Lego Club Thursday, May 5th (3:30pm - 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.*

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, May 9th (4:00pm - 5:00pm)

Come and discuss our second selection, *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, May 10th (10:00am - 4:00pm)

Come and do a fun flower card craft with us!

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, May 12th (10:30am - 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 (Adults) Thursday, May 12th (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 (All Ages) Saturday, May 14th (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 OR your crochet hook! Have fun knitting or crocheting to help others!

Basic Computer Classes (Adults) Monday, May 16th (4:30pm - 5:30pm)

Come and learn all the different portions of the Microsoft suite and how to use them. *Must call or come by the library to sign up. Spaces are limited.*

VAYA Health – Depression: From Surviving to Thriving Wednesday, May 25th (3:30pm - 4:30pm)

Depressive symptoms often present themselves through feelings of isolation, hopelessness, and despair. This course examines different types, common causes, symptoms, and treatment methods for depression, focusing on moving from a place of simply surviving to one of thriving. Registration Required. Register online through the Vaya calendar: <https://www.vayahealth.com/calendar> OR call the Fletcher Library 828-687-1218 for assistance.

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2022 Primary Election Voting

Information taken from the State and Henderson County Board of Elections Websites

Fletcher Town Hall will be one of four 1-Stop Early Voting sites in Henderson Co. for the Primary election. Early voting starts on April 28, 2022 from 8:00am - 7:30pm and continues Monday - Friday until early voting ends on Saturday, May 14th with the hours of 8:00am - 3:00pm.

May 17, 2022 is Election Day with polls open from 6:30 am - 7:30 pm. There are 3 assigned polling places for Fletcher residents on Election Day: Fletcher Town Hall, Fletcher Elementary School, and Fletcher 7th Day Adventist Church. Please ensure you go to your correct voting location.

In the Primary Election, voters will select nominees for a political party for the November 8th General Election. Contests in the Primary include U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, N.C. General Assembly, state and local judges, and county offices. Voters affiliated with a political party will be given a ballot of candidates for their party. Unaffiliated voters may choose a ballot of candidates for any party primary. To become the party's nominee, the candidate must win by at least 30% of the vote plus one. If no candidate reaches the total necessary to become the party nominee, a second primary may be needed on July 26th.

For more details on voting, call the Henderson County Board of Elections office at 828-697-4970 or visit their website at www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections.

Needed: Travel & Tourism Board Representative

The Town of Fletcher is seeking potential candidates to represent the Fletcher area on the Henderson County Travel & Tourism Board. This volunteer Board meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 1:00pm at the Visitor's Center at 201 S. Main Street in Hendersonville. This representative will serve as an advocate for the Fletcher area in the promotion of tourism within the County.

To be considered for this Board, all candidates must:

- (1) Represent a Fletcher area business, through ownership or employment, that is part of the accommodation or restaurant industry. This business does not have to be within the Fletcher Town limits, but it must be within the Fletcher area of Henderson County.
- (2) Be registered to vote in Henderson County
- (3) Be willing to serve a 5-year term on this Board.

If you are interested and willing to serve in this capacity, please complete a volunteer Board Application found on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Board-app3new-1.pdf> or you may pick up an application at Town Hall. Please submit your completed application to Christine Thompson via email at c.thompson@fletchernc.org or in person at Fletcher Town Hall.

Thank you for considering service to our Town.