



Town of Fletcher

PRIDE IN OUR PAST ~ FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

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June 2022

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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. 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 May 9th Fletcher Town Council Meeting

- Mayor Preston Blakely read a proclamation naming May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the Town of Fletcher.
- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved a letter supporting Advent Health's proposal to the Division of Health Service Regulation for a new acute care hospital in Buncombe County.
- Jason Seickel, of Equinox Environmental, shared a probable cost estimate for a 1.3 mile westward extension of the Cane Creek Greenway from Bill Moore Community Park to the edge of the Town's property between The Carriage Road and the Meritor Plant on Rockwell Drive. This cost estimate was necessary for additional consideration of this project for Town of Fletcher ARPA funding. Mr. Seickel provided a preferred route cost estimate for a crushed stone path and an estimate for a paved path. The initial projected cost of the least expensive option was \$2.2 million. By consent, Town Council agreed to contact Conserving Carolina about other possible grant funding.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided an update on the development of benchmarking and performance measures for services provided by the Town of Fletcher. He investigated the possibility of the Town participating in a benchmarking project, through the UNC School of Government, in which a list of common municipal services are compared with other municipalities using defined efficiency measures. Our incoming Summer Intern will likely assist in the data gathering process and Mr. Biberdorf will continue with Council updates as progress continues with this project.
- The Fletcher Parks & Recreation Summer Concert Series was held at Blue Ghost Brewery in 2021. For the 2022 summer season, Parks and Rec staff proposed having a concert at Blue Ghost in June and a concert at Bill Moore Community Park in July. After discussion of the proposed change, Town Council agreed with having a concert at both locations this year.

Reminder... Town Hall will be closed May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. No trash or recycling routes will be impacted.

If you are looking for ways this Memorial Day to honor the men and women who have died while serving our country in the U.S. Armed Forces, here are some traditional observances:

- Watch the National Memorial Day Concert on May 29, 2022, at 8 p.m. EST. Visit their website at <https://www.pbs.org/national-memorial-day-concert/> to stream it online or it can be viewed on your local PBS station.
- On Memorial Day, May 30th:
 - * Fly the U.S. flag at half-staff until noon and then return it to full-staff.
 - * Participate in the National Moment of Remembrance taking place at 3:00 p.m. local time to silently remember the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform.
 - * Wear a red poppy flower.



PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Brush Pickup Reminder

Public Works provides brush pickup for residents who trim their trees themselves with no way to remove the brush. The size of the brush is limited to 6' in length and 6" in diameter and we request that the brush be stacked in a pile along the curbside and not placed in a bag or under power lines, not laying in a ditch, not on top of water meters, or near other objects such as vehicles, phone pedestals, etc. because of the equipment we use (pictured below). Our brush truck has an



extendable arm with a claw that lifts the brush off the ground and into the truck without our employees touching it. So unfortunately if the arm can't reach your brush pile, it does not get picked up as you desired and we had planned. If we have a problem at your location, we try to leave a note explaining the situation, so... "look around if your brush is still on the ground".

Because of the volume of brush we pickup from residents, we started using this brush truck about 4 years ago. As a result, we do not mulch the brush ourselves (except in extreme situations) since we have found it more economical for the Town, and consequently Fletcher residents, for us to haul the collected brush to a third party who grinds it up for mulch. Therefore, your brush pile should be limited to limbs rather than including grass clippings, leaves, vines, weeds, etc.

Please be aware that the brush pickup service we offer, included as part of your annual property taxes, is for residents who have trimmed their own trees. If you hire a professional tree trimmer or landscaper to cut your trees, it is their responsibility to haul off any brush they generate while working on your property.

However if you do have brush that you have trimmed and need it picked up, please make your request on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/public-works/brush-and-leaves-pick-up/>, call 828-654-9208 also 24-hours a day and leave a voice message, or call 828-687-3985 from 8am - 5pm to talk with someone. Requests made this week will be picked up next week unless the request is made before 7:00 am on Monday of the current week.

Because you asked...

What is being built behind Bill Moore Community Park?



The property adjacent to the back area of the park, where the greenway ends on the way to the bridge at Mills Gap Road, belongs to Blue Ridge Metals Corporation. Throughout the years, Blue Ridge Metals has been most kind in allowing our Park users to extend their walks or runs through the Blue Ridge property. However, many of you may have recently noticed a change in that property. Blue Ridge has decided to sell this property, which is zoned for industrial use, and is currently in the process of raising the property elevation through the addition of more soil. Consequently, Park visitors are asked to please observe the barriers to this area and remain off of the Blue Ridge property and out of this construction zone. Thank you for your cooperation.

What permits are required by Fletcher if I want to renovate my house or add a deck or fence?

For general inquiries like these, you may visit the "Frequently Asked Questions" section on the Fletcher Planning and Zoning Department website. It offers answers to many of your FAQs and can be found at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/frequently-asked-questions/>. For specific questions, our Zoning Staff is available to help you by contacting them at 828-687-3985.

From the Office of the Chief:



Hope the warmer weather finds everyone well and getting out to enjoy what Fletcher and the surrounding area has to offer. Please remember to enjoy it safely.

In the March edition of the Town newsletter we reported some construction work taking place within the police department. Residents and those requiring service were directed to the Administration Office on the 2nd floor of Town Hall. As of June 1st, the construction project is near completion and we welcome the public back to the police department lobby for service.

We continue to make updates that allow the department to better serve you. The pill drop box has been returned to the police department lobby. The pill box has received a lot of usage previously and we encourage you to take advantage of it here locally, to appropriately dispose of your medications keeping them from harming the environment and those we love and care for.

Finally, we encourage you to keep up with department events by following us on Facebook. Why not be a "Fletcher Follower"!

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 10:00 am on Friday, June 10th due to a staff meeting.

Closings: We will be closed for memorial Day, Monday, May 30th.

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: The June read is *The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. The July read will be *The Wife Between Us* by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen. The August read will be *The Love Hypothesis* by Ali Hazelwood. Call the branch to reserve your book and spot for this Staff led book club.

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

Summer Reading Program Wednesday, June 1st

Pick up your summer reading card, complete it and be entered into the grand prize for your age group.



Lego Club - Thursday, June 2nd (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.*

Book Review Book Club (Adults) - Thursday, June 9th (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, June 9th (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.

B-Read the Magical Buccaneer (All Ages) - Friday, June 10th (11:00am - 2:00pm)

It's a magical adventure with Captain B-Read sailing the high seas. Get ready for some swashbuckling fun! *Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218.*

Knitting for a Cause Group (All Ages) - Saturday, June 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 OR your crochet hook! Have fun knitting or crocheting to help others!

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) - Monday, June 13th (4:00pm - 5:00pm)

Come and discuss our June selection, *The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. *Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218. Spaces are limited.*

Craft Day (All ages) - Tuesday, June 14th (10:00am- 4:00pm)

Come and do a fun Father's Day Craft with us!

Soft Skills Workshop for Teens (Teens) - Tuesday, June 14th (3:00pm - 4:00pm)

Thinking of what to do during your summer off? Thinking of getting a summer job? Don't know how to start? Blue Ridge Community College staff will teach you how to perfect your skills, draft a resume, and practice interview questions to help you get ready.

Basic Computer Classes (Adults) - Monday, June 20th (4:30pm - 5:30pm)

Learn how to check your library account, set your preferences, browse the catalog, and place books on hold. *Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218. Spaces are limited.*

Drabble Forms & Author Reading (Adults) - Friday, June 24th (11:00am - 1:00pm)

Want to write and don't know where to begin? Nurture your intuition? Or just have some FUN writing? Drabble writing may be for you! Derived from Monty Python's Big Red Book, the drabble form is a short work of fiction—a complete story—with precisely 100 words, no more, no less. Sound easy? Surprisingly, it's not! But you will learn to distill the essence of a situation and convey it with power and concision. You will also learn how to create a great drabble, and take a crack at your first! I promise it will be an adventure and bring you both new skills and insight. Got an idea for a book? Something that you needed to talk to someone about? A problem to solve? Drabbling can be a path for getting you there! *Registration Required. Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218.*

**5K & 1 Mile
options!**

**Vendor fair
featuring food
truck, local
businesses,
and more!**



**Dog-friendly
run/walk!**

**Flat and scenic
course!**

June 18, 2022

**Bill Moore Community Park
Fletcher, NC**

9am Run/Walk Start

9am-1pm Pet Festival

**Run, strut or scurry the 5K or 1 Mile
events and support the animals of
Blue Ridge Humane Society! Register
by May 31 and guarantee your comfy
race t-shirt!**

**All participants receive a goodie bag
with extra treats for the furry runners
too!**

Sponsored by:



**Registration and
Vendor Info:**



www.blueridgehumane.org



June 10th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Fletcher Parks & Rec presents a

Summer Concert at Blue Ghost

125 Underwood Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

FREE EVENT

SPONSORED BY:



Featuring
"Pleasure
Chest"
band

performing
rock, soul, and
jazz music

Bill Moore Community Park Concessions Hours Until League Play ends on June 3rd

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday - 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm



**Hours Starting
June 4th**
Open Saturday & Sunday
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm



"Lost and Found" at the Park



It seems from time to time, that items are lost and found by visitors at Bill Moore Community Park. If you happen to be someone that **lost** an item at the Park, please call Fletcher Town Hall at 828-687-3985 with a description of your item, your contact information, and where you think your item was lost in the Park.

If you happen to **find** an item at the Park during the day, please call Fletcher Town Hall at 828-687-3985 so we can arrange for someone to meet you at the Park to retrieve the item. If you can't hang around for us to meet you, please bring the item to Town Hall at 300 Old Cane Creek Road, which is about 5 minutes from the Park. If the item is found during the evening and the Concession Stand is open, please leave the item with them. If you by chance see a Parks & Rec Staff member or a Fletcher Police Officer, you can of course give the found item to them.

When we are able to return a lost item to its owner, most people are amazed and so very appreciative for the honesty and helpfulness of our Park users. Thanks for helping your neighbors!

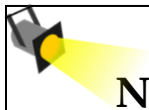
Save the Date for Upcoming Events

Friday, June 10	Summer Concert - "Pleasure Chest" at Blue Ghost Brewing Company	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Monday, June 13	Fletcher Parks & Rec Summer Day Camp begins	7:30 am
Saturday, June 18	BRHS Strut Your Mutt 5K & 1 Mile Bill Moore Community Park	9:00 am
Friday, July 8	Summer Concert - "Flashback" Bill Moore Community Park	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday, August 19	Family Movie Night - "Encanto" Bill Moore Community Park	Sunset

Visit **The Story Trail** at Kate's & Pete's Park and read the current storybook, *Bear Wants More* by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman. Stroll, walk, or a skip along the 1/4 mile paved trail as you visit the stations and enjoy this book.



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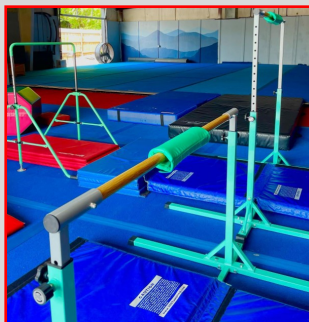
New Business Spotlight

Please welcome this new
business to Fletcher!



WNC's newest youth
recreations center focusing
on gymnastics, cheer, and
fun for the whole family.
Class enrollment open now.

Grand Opening Event
May 27th, 6 pm - 8 pm



Contact them at 828-209-8871, via email at
info@blueridgekidscenter.com, or visit their
website at www.blueridgekidscenter.com

Fletcher Area Business Association June Events

FABA invites you to network and learn with
community business leaders.

Coffee Club

Networking & Connecting over Coffee

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Luther Ridge Conference Center

June 7th and June 21st

Focus After 5

Enjoy networking with local business leaders after hours

June 9th from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Hunter Subaru

220 Hunter Airport Drive Fletcher, NC 28732

For more information, visit FABA
on their Facebook page at

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