



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 <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 June 13th Fletcher Town Council Meeting

- One resident spoke during Public Comments.
- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Reappointed Joe Tandy to the Planning Board / Zoning Board of Adjustment for an additional 3-year term to expire in June 2025.
 - Approved Budget Amendment #5 to Budget Ordinance # 0-21-05 to provide additional funding for the current Powell bill paving project.
 - Approved a 1-year extension amendment to the economic incentive agreement with Low Impact Technologies.
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved Jeremy Weber to represent the Town of Fletcher on the Henderson County Travel & Tourism Board.
 - Approved Tap Root Grain Farms, LLC to farm Town property on Rockwell Road.
- A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed fiscal year 2022/2023 budget. Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided highlights of the proposed budget. Revenues and expenses for the new budget year are expected to total \$8,651,437 which represents a moderate increase from the 2021/2022 budget. This increase in the spending plan will occur primarily through an increase in sales tax and property tax revenues but the property tax rate is proposed to remain at the current \$0.34 per \$100 of assessed property valuation. The personnel budget is proposed to include a 6% cost of living adjustment, an update to a previous salary/market study, and two additional Patrol Officer positions. Multiple capital expense items are also included in this budget, some within the departmental operating budgets and others in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Of note, is the addition of tennis courts and a basketball court at Bill Moore Community Park. The proposed budget was approved by Town Council on Budget Ordinance 0-22-03, minus the Fletcher Fire Department budgeted items which were approved separately. To review the 2022/2023 Town Budget Message, visit <https://www.fletchernc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Budget-Message-FY-22-23.pdf>.
- Mayor Preston Blakely discussed the current policy being utilized for the reappointment of members to various Town boards. After discussion, it was decided that Staff would draft a proposed policy for review during the July Council meeting.
- Will Buie, with WGLA Engineering, shared four NC DOT transportation improvement options regarding the Town Center project. After discussion regarding these options, Mr. Buie suggested that Town Council provide feedback to DOT regarding the proposed options. Council Members agreed on the following elements which they would like to include in the selected option: no stoplight at Depot Street, East Fanning Bridge Road should remain open, preserve the Public Works building, and include a right turning lane onto Hendersonville Rd from East Fanning Bridge Road.
- Mark Biberdorf shared information on several new and pending matters:
 - (1) A concrete pad still needs to be removed from the cleared Town Center property and its removal will be addressed when the property sale is complete.

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Let's Talk Recycling...

Ever wondered what happens if non-recyclable items are accidentally put in your recycling cart?

The answer is a bright yellow "Oops" tag should appear along with the non-recyclable item(s) being left inside your cart. The Oops tag will be attached to any recycling cart that contains excessive non-recyclable material or it may simply be attached to the non-recyclable items which remain in the cart. The tag will indicate the reason the item(s) were not picked up plus provide, on the reverse side, a reminder of acceptable recyclable items. The goal of the Oops tag is education and satisfied residents. Curbie, our recycling contractor, and the Town of Fletcher appreciate your recycling efforts and want to ensure all your recycling is picked up biweekly as scheduled. This limits resident frustration and helps keep Town costs lower since it reduces landfill charges. However, mixing non-recyclables and recyclables is very costly for Curbie which at some point could ultimately impact Town of Fletcher costs and ultimately your taxes. To see the impact of mixing recyclable and non-recyclable items and what happens once your recycling is picked up, take a virtual tour of Curbie's Asheville Recycling Facility by visiting their website at <http://www.curbie.com/> and viewing the video on their home page. To review a list of non-acceptable recycling items and recycling FAQs, please visit our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/What-may-I-Recycle-2022.pdf>.



Why is the lid left open on my recycling cart after it is emptied?

Curbie, our recycling contractor, intentionally leaves your recycling cart lid open for two main reasons:

1. It is a visual reminder to their employees that your cart has been emptied when they are working on both sides of the street.
2. It serves as a natural way to wash the interior of your cart. As you probably know, plastic, glass, and metal containers should be rinsed out before being placed into the recycling cart. Unfortunately, this is not always done and the resulting liquid residue builds up in the bottom and sides of the cart which causes an odor and causes items to stick to the interior unless an occasional wash occurs. And just as information, the recyclable items should not be bagged because plastic bags create havoc in the recycling equipment at the sorting center (see the video mentioned above).

** JUNE 13TH COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED **

(2) The flood repairs to Town Hall, due to a cracked pressure reduction valve in February, are almost complete.

(3) The resurfacing of Glensprings Drive, Barrington Court, Hedgewood Court and the culvert replacement on Belmont Drive are complete. (Update: after this meeting it was learned that 3 stop bars still need to be painted.)

(4) A traffic study was completed on Pressley Hill Road and did not reveal an excessive speeding issue.

(5) NC DOT did a 3-day study of Fanning Bridge Road traffic with the results being shared with the Town and the Police Department.

(6) A Special Called meeting will be needed to close out the 2021-2022 budget year. June 29th at 4:00 pm was tentatively set for this meeting.

Attention Business Owners

The Town of Fletcher annual Business Registration renewals will be sent out July 1st with a due date of August 1st. This registration is required of individuals or businesses maintaining a physical business location within Fletcher Town limits. If you have changed your mailing address and do not receive your renewal invoice or are a new business in Fletcher, please contact Susan Heafner at 828-687-3985 or via email at s.heafner@fletchernc.org.

From the Office of the Chief:

To the Town of Fletcher residents, I say thank you for your continued support of the police department and the opportunity you have given me personally, to serve your community.



Recently, the department responded to a call for help. A physical confrontation ensued and a death occurred to one of our residents. There are friends and family suffering in great pain because of this event and their loss. I ask you to be mindful and thoughtful of those hurting during this time.

There are many allegations being made on social media against the department. These allegations are based on minimal facts or understanding as to what happened that day. I understand there are many questions left unanswered. I ask for your patience as this incident is investigated thoroughly. It is important that you can trust your police department and I'm confident at the conclusion of the investigation we will have a better understanding of what occurred.

On that day, our officers responded to that call for help with the intent to serve and protect our community. We remain committed to our mission and providing quality professional services and protection to the Town of Fletcher.

Chief Dan Terry

July 8th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Bill Moore Community Park

FREE
FAMILY EVENT

Summer Concert

Event sponsored by:



The Concession Stand will be open during this event

“Flashback”

Playing music from the
70’s, 80’s, 90’s along
with Top 40’s



Summertime Reminders at Bill Moore Park

- Our Summer Day Camp has started so please be aware of children at the park during the day and extra vehicles during early mornings & late afternoons.
- The Steelcase Shelter is now unavailable for rent Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. until 8/12/22 due to Summer Camp usage.
- Concession hours: Saturday & Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Please Remember Your Bike Etiquette at the Park

- All riders must wear a bike helmet
- Riding is allowed on the outer greenway trails
- The inner paved loop is reserved for children learning to ride their bikes
- 8 mph speed limit - people are walking on the trails too
- Announce your intention to pass walkers and pass on their left side

Save the Date

Friday, July 8	“Flashback” band Summer Concert Bill Moore Community Park	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, July 9	Volunteer Gardening Bill Moore Community Park	7:00 am - 9:00 am
Friday, August 19	Family Movie Night - “Encanto” Bill Moore Community Park	8:45 pm
Saturday, Sept 24	Fletcher Family Festival Bill Moore Community Park	TBD

Do you have a green thumb?

Volunteers are needed to help weed, clean, and restore the garden beds at Bill Moore Park. A volunteer work session will be held July 9th from 7:00 am - 9:00 am. Come garden with us and meet some new friends, enjoy a continental breakfast, and help beautify the Park.

Stormwater Runoff... it's everyone's problem

Stormwater runoff is water that “runs off” across the land instead of seeping into the ground. Wherever permeable land, like fields or woodlands, is replaced with impermeable surfaces, like driveways, parking lots, or roads, water that previously soaked into the ground now runs off these surfaces. This runoff flows through storm sewers and ditches but is not treated in any way before it reaches nearby creeks and streams. In fact as it flows over the land, stormwater picks up potential pollutants such as sediment, nutrients (from lawn fertilizers), bacteria (from animal and human waste), pesticides (from lawn and garden chemicals), metals (from rooftops and roadways), and petroleum by-products (from leaking vehicles).

Here are some best management practices to help ensure that “nothing but rain goes down the drain”:

- Keep litter, pet wastes, oils, chemicals, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and do not apply if the weather forecast calls for rain.
- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints, and household chemicals properly and clean up any spills with cat litter and then sweep it up and put it in the trash.
- Control soil erosion on your property, by planting ground cover.
- Purchase outside cleaners that are low in phosphorous since phosphorus increases the growth of algae and weeds in the streams which harms the fish.

Sources: www.WNCstormwater.org; <https://www.epa.gov/nps/basic-information-about-nonpoint-source-nps-pollution>



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Fletcher Area Business Association

Upcoming July Events

Coffee Club

Network with local business leaders over coffee
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at Luther Ridge Conference Center
July 5th and July 19th

Focus After 5: “Focus on the Entrepreneur”

July 14th 5:30pm at Big Frog Custom T-shirts
336 Rockwood Road, Arden NC 28704

Join us at this special event sponsored by 14 local businesses offering food, fun and networking. Connect with local business leaders during this event and grow your network and your business. It is a free event and is open to everyone, including friends and new prospective members.

For more details, visit **FABA** on their Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherBusiness/>

FABA

Fletcher Library Opportunities

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

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

Closings: We will be closed for Independence Day, Monday, July 4, 2022.

Delayed Opening: We will open at 10:00 am on Friday, July 8th 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: 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 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: Reading Cards are still available for pick up!



Lego Club Thursday, July 7th (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.*

Critter Keeper (All Ages) Friday, July 8th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Do you love spiders, snakes, and other creepy crawly creatures? Then you will love the Critter Keeper!

Knitting for a Cause Group (All Ages) Saturday, July 9th (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!

The 10 Essentials of Hiking Monday, July 11th (1:00pm-2:00pm)

Ah, the great outdoors! We are drawn to the mountains, the rivers, the lakes, and to the never-ending wilderness. We all hurry off in hopes of some high adventure, or maybe looking for a nice place to relax. But what happens when trouble strikes, when thunder clouds loom over our heads, or when the trails seem to have vanished? What do you carry while you are hiking? Would you have what you need to survive the night? Join a park ranger as we rummage through our gear to determine the top 10 essentials of what to pack when we prepare to venture into the great outdoors! Registration Required - Call or stop by the Fletcher Library to register. 828-687-1218.

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, July 11th (4:00pm-5:00pm)

Come and discuss our July selection, *The Wife Between Us* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen. *Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218. Spaces are limited.*

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, July 12th (10:00am-4:00pm) Come and do a fun summer craft with us!

Parent Information Night Tuesday, July 12th (3:00pm-4:00pm)

Is your teen being homeschooled? Are you wondering what could come next? Are you looking for more opportunities for them? Join Blue Ridge Community College staff and learn about the wonderful opportunities they have for homeschooled students. This program is for parents of homeschooled teens.

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, July 14th (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, July 14th (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.

Ocean Explorer with Zaniac (For Rising Grades 1 – 5) Thursday, July 14th, 2022 (2:00-3:00pm)

Dive under the water's surface and learn about the largest habitat in the world. Discover how marine mammals are adapted for life in the ocean and learn all about the different animals that call the ocean their home with hands-on activities. *Limited Spaces Available. Registration Required - Call or stop by the Fletcher Library to register. 828-687-1218*

Basic Computer Classes (Adults) Monday, July 18th (4:30pm-5:30pm)

Learn how to access eBooks and audiobooks from your smartphone, tablet, or computer. *Registration Required- Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218 to register.*

Coffee With Fletcher Police Chief (All Ages) Saturday, July 23rd (9:30-10:30am)

Meet and greet with Town of Fletcher Chief of Police, Daniel Terry.

Technology Bootcamp for Teens (Ages 14 – 18) Monday - Thursday, July 25th - July 28th (2:00pm-3:00pm)

Come and learn Microsoft Suite tips and tricks to help you succeed in school. This 4-day workshop is for teens. *Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218.*

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300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD

FLETCHER, NC 28732

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Vacancy

The Town of Fletcher is seeking a person to serve on our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. This volunteer board meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday night in the Fletcher Town Hall Multipurpose Room. The main duties of this Board include recreation policy recommendations, fundraising assistance, and event assistance. There are no financial or recreational programming responsibilities associated with this role. Members of the Advisory Board are appointed by the Fletcher Town Council.

To be considered for this position, all candidates must:

- (1) Be a resident of the Town of Fletcher
- (2) Be willing to serve a 3-year term on the Board
- (3) Have a genuine interest in recreation and in helping to make Fletcher a great place to play and live

If you are interested in serving on this Advisory Board, 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 by July 31, 2022 to Christine Thompson via email at c.thompson@fletchernc.org, via USPS mail, or take it to 1st floor Administration at Town Hall. Thank you for considering service to our Town.

Holiday Observance



Fletcher Town Hall will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day. No trash or recycling routes will be impacted by this closing. Brush will be picked up starting Tuesday, July 5th for the week.

Please have a safe and fun holiday as we celebrate the birth of our Country and the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

