

Town of Fletcher

PRIDE IN OUR PAST ~ FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

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Town Council

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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/](https://www.fletchernc.org/about-us/newsletter/).

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News from the July 11th Fletcher Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Reappointed and charged Tax Collector Cynthia Broome to collect 2022-2023 property taxes for the Town of Fletcher.
 - Approved revisions to the Town's personnel handbook to include an update to the tuition assistance program.
 - Approved the 2021-2022 year-end Tax Collector's report.
- Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director of the Asheville Regional Airport, shared an annual update of Asheville Airport activities.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared a Town Council requested report on the process for amending electoral district lines in Fletcher. The Town's population has significantly changed since its incorporation in 1989 but the electoral districts have not been adjusted, except for annexations. NC General Statute 160A-23 provides Town Council the authority to revise electoral districts from time to time, but there is no requirement to adjust voting district boundaries if the population within districts has changed. No action was taken on this information.
- Mark Biberdorf presented a resolution authorizing the Mayor and/or Town Manager to negotiate an extension of the Town Center project purchase and sale agreement with the developer. This is due to ongoing due diligence matters related to transportation improvements impacting the project. Council approved a closing date extension to August 31, 2022 for developer SDW and JHW, LLC.
- Christine Thompson, Town Clerk, shared a suggested updated policy for appointments to Town of Fletcher volunteer boards. The suggestions covered the recruitment, the selection, and the expectations of board appointees. Town Council approved the updated policy changes.
- Mark Biberdorf shared updates on several matters:
 - The Police involved in-custody death at the Seasons at Cane Creek Apartments is still under investigation by the SBI and could take a few more months to complete.
 - Fern Leaf School has inquired about the possibility of the Town of Fletcher annexing the school's satellite campus on Old Hendersonville Road.
 - The Town has received a de-annexation request of a satellite parcel that was taken into the Town limits in 1999. The N.C. General Assembly will have to be involved in any such action.
 - Town staff contacted the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) about the possibility of using a portion of our ARP funding for sewer extension to unserved areas in Fletcher. A rough initial estimated cost would be at least \$615,000 which did not include pavement repair or easement costs.
 - The next Local Government Committee for Cooperative Action (LGCCA) meeting will be July 19th at 3:00pm at the Historic Courthouse.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

The major revenue sources for the operation of the Town of Fletcher and the services we will provide during 2022-2023 are projected to come from property taxes (55%), local sales tax (26%), State sources such as shared utility sales tax, cable franchise taxes, and NC DOT (12%), and roughly 7% from other miscellaneous Town fees and revenue sources.

In 2021, the average residential real estate tax bill for an individually owned property with a house was \$732. Since the property tax rate will remain at 34¢ per \$100 of property valuation during 2022-2023, below is how your \$732 will be spent.

As shown, \$491 (or 67%) provides the personnel and equipment for direct resident services such as fire protection, police protection, trash collection, recycling pickup, Town street repair, street lighting, brush removal, leaf removal, the operation of two Town parks and a Summer Day Camp, and other recreational activities. \$124 (17%) covers administrative costs such as salaries and expenses for Town Council and Town Staff, information technology, economic development efforts, stormwater programs, Town Hall utility bills, and professional services such as legal fees and accounting audits. The remaining \$117 (16%) is used for debt service on existing capital projects or new projects for the benefit of our residents.



2022 Property Tax Bills Are on Their Way

We expect the Town of Fletcher property tax bills to be mailed out in early August. If you own property and pay your own taxes, rather than having them escrowed with your mortgage company, you should receive a tax bill. If you do not, please contact us at 828-687-3985. Remember, in NC you are still responsible for paying your taxes even if you do not receive a bill.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Where do I recycle "hard to recycle" items?

White goods such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. can be picked up by Public Works by calling 828-654-9208 or by visiting <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/public-works/white-goods-pick/>.

Scanners, printers, telephones, stereos, keyboards, game consoles, etc. can be taken to the Henderson County Convenience Center at 265 Convenience Center Drive in Hendersonville 28791.

Carpet, linoleum, other types of flooring, mattresses, and furniture can be taken to the Henderson County Transfer station at 191 Transfer Station Drive in Hendersonville. TVs and computer monitors are also accepted for a \$20 per item fee.

Household chemicals, cleaners, and pesticides are collected at special events during the year at the Convenience Center. Visit <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/solid-waste/page/household-hazardous-waste-collection> for more information. Paint is also accepted at special collection events during the year at the Transfer Station. Visit <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/solid-waste/page/liquid-paint-recycling> for more information.

To find a local or regional facility that accepts other "hard to recycle" items, please visit the Earth911 website at <https://search.earth911.com/>

Asheville GreenWorks also has periodic "hard to recycle" events. Visit <https://hard2recycle.org/dates-items/> to learn about upcoming events near us.

From the Office of the Chief:



Recently, the police department has responded to two separate incidents where elderly members of our community have been conned out of a significant amount of money. These scams started with a simple, but convincing phone call. In one case, the victim was told she won a vehicle and the other was told they had won a million dollars through the Publishers Clearing House. Victims were requested to pay taxes on their winnings to receive their awards. The requested money was paid and then more phone calls and requests for money were made of them. And of course, they never received their promised awards.

The FPD asks that you help us in preventing this type of vile offense by remembering that "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Our elderly residents work too hard to make a good life for themselves, bring up their children, and invest in their community to then be victimized in such a way. Help us help them. Take care of yourself and look out for your friends, neighbors, and loved ones. Have those difficult conversations, if necessary, to protect the ones you care for. Tips on avoiding financial scams can be found on the police department website at: <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/police/crime-prevention-tips/>.



New Business Spotlight

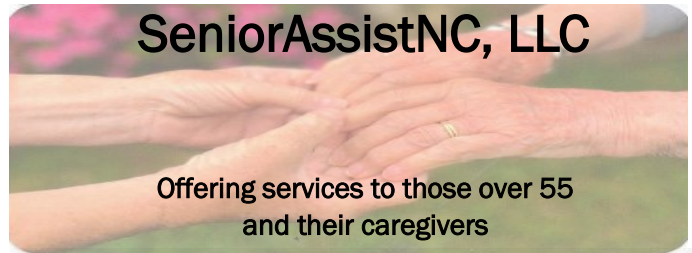
Please welcome these new businesses to Fletcher!



111 Fletcher Commercial Drive, Suite B
Fletcher, NC 28732

Oldest vape shop in Western North Carolina, in business since 2011. Selling high quality e-cigarettes, accessories and liquids as well as CBD products that are manufactured on site.

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meal preparation / caregiver relief / bill paying /
grocery shopping / home maintenance coordination /
errands & transportation / medication pick-up



Owner/Manager: Emily Schepel
828-565-2355

seniorassistnc@gmail.com
www.seniorassistNC.com

Fletcher Area Business Association

Upcoming August Events

Coffee Club

Network with local business leaders over coffee
8:00 am - 9:00 am at Lutheridge Conference Center
August 2nd and August 16th

Focus After Five

August 11th 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
United Federal Credit Union
3674 Hendersonville Road Fletcher, NC 28732

The Blood Connection will also be onsite during this event providing the opportunity to donate blood.

Resource Recess

Learn about resources that help build your business.
August 24th 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at Lutheridge Conference Center
Led by Small Business Center and Mountain Biz Works (SCORE)

For more information, 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

Delayed Opening: We will open at 10:00 am on Friday, August 12th 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: Call the branch to sign up for next month's selection.

Family Story Time: There will be no story time during the month of August. Story time will resume September 7th, 2022



Summer Reading Program: Reading Cards are due by August 13th in order to be entered for the grand prize giveaway.

Lego Club Thursday, August 4th (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, August 8th (11:00am-12:00pm) *TIME CHANGE*

Come and discuss our August selection, *Love Hypothesis* by Hazelwood. *Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218. Spaces are limited.*

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, August 9th (10:00am-4:00pm)

Come and do a fun summer craft with us!

Knitting Classes (Adults) Tuesday, August 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th (10:30am-12:30pm)

Come and learn how to knit during this 4-session workshop! Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828.687.1218 to register.

Parent Information Night Tuesday, August 9th (3:00pm-4:00pm)

Is your teen in high school? Are you unsure about what lies ahead of them? Join Blue Ridge Community College staff as they demystify what happens after high school and how to best prepare for what comes next. This program is for parents of teens in high school.

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, August 11th (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, August 11th (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, August 13th (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!



Fletcher Parks & Recreation
presents

Movie in the Park

Friday, August 19th
Bill Moore Community Park

Free!

Sponsored by Hunter Subaru

Food Truck and Concessions
will be available for purchase

Movie starts at dusk
(approx. 8:45 PM)

Bring your chairs and blankets!

Thank You Gardening Volunteers

Thank you to our volunteers who helped weed, clean, and mulch the garden beds at Bill Moore Community Park on July 9th. The beds look so much better now!

The next step is to plant flowers, which will be done in September. Please watch our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/> for the exact date and time. You are invited to join us in our next garden revitalization effort.

Save the Date

Friday, August 19	Family Movie Night - "Encanto" Bill Moore Community Park	8:45 pm
Thursday, Sept 8	Fall Yoga Class Begins Registration opens August 15th	6:15 pm
Saturday, Sept 24	Fletcher Family Festival Bill Moore Community Park	5:00pm- 8:00pm

TOWN OF FLETCHER

300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD

FLETCHER, NC 28732

Interested in being part of the Fletcher Town Center ?

The Town of Fletcher has partnered with a developer for a mixed-use development along Highway 25 between Howard Gap Road and Fanning Bridge Road as part of the Fletcher Town Center. This project will focus on office, professional, retail, restaurant, and residential living space and will include two 2-story mixed use buildings, two 1-story mixed use buildings, and two 2-story residential buildings .

Although the closing date of the land sale has been extended to August 31, 2022, we have had several inquiries about the possibility of available office and retail space in this future development. Businesses or individuals who have questions about being a part of this development may contact Martin Lewis with Lewis Real Estate Group at mlewis@Lewisrealestatenc.com or contact the Lewis Real Estate Group at 828-274-2479.

