

# Town of Fletcher

PRIDE IN OUR PAST ~ FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

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## September 2022

### Town Council

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District #1.....(828)684-5676

Keith Reed, Council Member  
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Trevor Lance, Council Member  
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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/>.

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 August 8th Fletcher Town Council Meeting**

- One resident spoke during Public Comments.
- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
  - Established a Public Hearing for the September 12, 2022 Council Meeting to consider amendments to Article 6 of the Land Development Code regarding stormwater ordinances.
  - Approved the release of the bond from Cane Creek Vistas LLC for Phase 2 infrastructure in Sycamore Cottages since the sidewalks are now complete.
- Daniel Carey, Regional Development Officer for Pisgah Legal Services, shared a PowerPoint presentation on the services they offer (see page 3 for details).
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, and Nathan Sawyer from McGill Associates provided information regarding the preliminary design of a tennis court, two half basketball courts, and 3 pickleball courts north of the fitness pad at Bill Moore Community Park. After discussion, it was determined the following items will be revisited at the September Council meeting: the cost difference between two different court surface types; the possibility of shifting the tennis courts to the west to leave room for future expansion; the possibility of adding additional basketball goals on the half courts; and additional concepts for the courts.
- Mark Biberdorf shared an update on the Town Center Purchase and Sale Agreement and a request for a time extension. At this point, NC DOT is waiting to receive the Traffic Impact Analysis being done by the developer prior to DOT deciding upon any requested driveway permits. After the DOT review, the developer should know more about their required financial contribution in this project. Mr. Biberdorf noted that he anticipates there will be an additional closing extension sought by developer SDW and JHW, LLC once the information has been reviewed by DOT and the developer has a more definitive closing date. A motion was made and passed to extend the current purchase and sale agreement date to September 30, 2022.
- Greg Walker, Parks and Recreation Director, provided an update on the Fletcher Family Fun Festival events scheduled for Saturday, September 24th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Bill Moore Community Park.
- 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. The officers involved have returned to duty.
  - Mr. Biberdorf is still investigating with the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) the logistics of extending sewer service to Westfield Road, North Hudson Lane, and Dogwood Terrace using ARP funding.
  - Mr. Biberdorf is investigating the possibility of conducting a survey of our Town residents in the future.

## **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Fletcher Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day. No trash or recycling routes will be impacted by this holiday observance. Brush will be picked up beginning Tuesday, September 6th.

Our September Town Council Agenda Review Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m. rather than Monday September 5th.

### **A Little Labor Day History**

In 1894, Congress established the first Monday in September as the Labor Day holiday. Basically, it was intended to be an annual national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. With the recent 2021 and 2022 change in workforce numbers having impacted everything from production, distribution, transportation, and even the ability to eat at a restaurant, please take a moment to thank the workers you encounter.

**A special thanks to the Town of Fletcher employees who serve our residents.**



### **2022 Property Tax Bills Have Been Mailed**

The Town of Fletcher property tax bills were mailed in early August. If you own real property and pay your own taxes, rather than having them escrowed by your mortgage company, or if you own personal property such as a manufactured home, boat, etc. and you did not receive a tax bill, 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.

**REMINDER:** If you sold personal property this year, please do not automatically assume that you do not owe 2022 taxes. If the sale occurred **after January 1, 2022**, you were the owner of record as of January 1st so you are still responsible for the 2022 taxes. Also please realize that for any boat, trailer, etc. which you sold in 2021 but the title was not transferred to the buyer, you will receive the 2022 tax bill since the property is still in your name.

If you have questions about your tax bill or the property being taxed, please contact us at 828-687-3985. Although we are happy to answer your tax related questions at any time, there is a 30-day window granted by NC General Statute in which tax bills can be adjusted due to specific documentation you provide. After that timeframe, the approval of tax adjustments becomes more complicated.

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

### **Leaf Pickup Is Just Around the Corner**

The Town of Fletcher provides fall leaf pickup from the first Monday in October until the last Monday in December. Start collecting now to be ready for our first pickup on 10/3/22. Please remember that all leaves must be bagged. Contact us later in September at 828-654-9208 to schedule a pickup or you may complete an online request at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>.



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

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) observed National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. This day was established to remember the many who have lost their lives to fentanyl and other drug overdoses. Resources pertaining to drug addiction were provided, and I thought important to ensure all members of our community likewise have access to appropriate resources, some of which are highlighted below:



Learn more about the danger of illicit fentanyl at <https://facingfentanylnow.org>, <https://www.dea.gov/onepill>, or <https://www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness>.

Vaya Health provides services, to include treatment options and crisis assistance to those suffering from mental health crisis, disabilities, and substance use disorders. Vaya Health services can be requested confidentially at 1-800-849-6127.

Safelight is a non-profit agency providing services in Henderson County to survivors of, or those presently experiencing, domestic violence, sexual assault and/or child abuse. Safelight can be reached at 828-693-3840.

Whether you can personally benefit from these services or know someone who can, the police department wants you to get any help that has the potential to improve your quality of life. If additional resources are desired, please don't hesitate to call the police department at 828-687-7922. We will do what we can to connect you with appropriate services.



**Their Mission:** Pisgah Legal Services (PLS) is a nonprofit organization that provides free civil legal aid to the most vulnerable people in Western North Carolina: disadvantaged children, seniors, at-risk families, and domestic violence victims.

### **How PLS Helps:**

- Provides free civil legal aid to people who live in poverty helping to meet urgent needs such as housing, safety from abuse, health care, and income.
- Provides services in English and Spanish and they have access to ASL experts if needed.
- Helps people gain access to healthcare and income tax credits through their Health and Economic Opportunity Program (HEOP) program. Visit <https://www.pisgahlegal.org/heop> for more information.
- Partners with other agencies to make sustainable change for people in crisis.
- Coordinates the services of approximately 300 pro bono attorneys in WNC.
- Improves systems and policies that impact the lives of thousands of low-income people.

For more information about Pisgah Legal Services or if you need their services or know of someone who might, please call (828) 692-7622 in Hendersonville or visit <https://www.pisgahlegal.org/free-legal-services/>.

**FALL  
LITTER  
SWEEP**

North Carolina  
**Sept. 10-24, 2022**  
*Volunteer Locally!*

**N.C. Department  
of Transportation**  
*Biannual Cleanup Drive*

Forms, posters, and  
telephone listings are  
available on our website  
[ncdot.gov/littersweep](https://ncdot.gov/littersweep)  
Share your clean-up images at:  
#LitterSweepNC



**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**  
Learn how you can help keep  
North Carolina beautiful.  
[apps.ncdot.gov/LM](https://apps.ncdot.gov/LM)



### **SWAT-A-LITTERBUG**

Littering is illegal and a fineable offense upon conviction. G.S. 14-399. Let us know when a person is littering by contacting Litter Management through the Online Swat-A-Litterbug process or by calling the NC State Highway Patrol at \*HP or NCDOT Litter Management at **1-800-331-5864**. Find out more at [ncdot.gov/litterbug](https://ncdot.gov/litterbug).



## **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, September 9th, 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:*** Every Wednesday at 10:30am



***Lego Club Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> (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, September 8<sup>th</sup> (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, September 8<sup>th</sup> (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, September 10<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 OR your crochet hook! Have fun knitting or crocheting to help others!

***Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> (11:00am-12:00pm)***

Come and discuss our September selection, *Razorblade Tears* by S.A. Cosby. *Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218. Spaces are limited.*

***Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-4:00pm)***

Come and do a fun craft with us!

***Voter Registration Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (11am-1pm)***

League of Women Voters will be at Fletcher Library, helping the community register for voting.

***How to be Safe from Scams Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> (9:30am-10:30am)***

Come and learn how to spot a scammer and how to be safe from them! Presented by Fletcher Police Chief Terry. This program is geared toward adults 55+.

# YOGA

Fletcher Community Yoga  
with Lindsay Fox

**Thursday's 6:15 - 7:15pm**  
**From Sept 8<sup>th</sup> – Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**at Fletcher Town Hall**

Registration is open now at

<https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=144>.

Connect with the body and the breath in this all-levels flow practice. Lindsay will lead you through an all-levels sequence, offering modifications to enhance your experience or to meet you where you are at. This practice is truly for ALL!!



## **HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

**Bill Moore Community Park**  
**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Games and candy 12:00pm - 3:00pm  
Costume contest 2:30pm - 4:00pm

More details coming soon

# Fletcher Family Festival

Bill Moore Community Park  
Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
From 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

***Live music starts at 6:00 pm***

Join us for food trucks,  
vendors, a free kid's zone with  
inflatables, face painting and  
live music from the  
JigJam Band!

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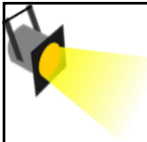


**Fall Ball Field Rentals:** If your travel team is looking for a practice field, Fields #3, #4, #5 are available for use at Bill Moore Community Park. Rental rate is \$10/hour for Fletcher residents and \$20/hour for non-residents, Monday - Friday from 5:30pm to 7:30pm (these fields do not have lights). Contact Greg Walker at 828-687-0751 to rent a field.

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300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD

FLETCHER, NC 28732



**New Business Spotlight**

Please welcome this  
business to Fletcher!



**Making custom acoustic steel string guitars**

Contact [Judson@Riviereguitars.com](mailto:Judson@Riviereguitars.com)

Hours by appointment only

[www.Riviereguitars.com](http://www.Riviereguitars.com)



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

**Coffee Club**

Meet local leaders and join us for a cup of coffee

September 6th and September 20th

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

Lutheridge Conference Center

**Focus After 5**

Enjoy food, drinks and networking after hours

September 8th from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

A-American Electric, Inc.

25 Sheehan Road Fletcher, NC 28732

**Resource Recess**

Join an inspiring panel of leaders at the brown bag lunch series: What's Your Worth?

September 28th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lutheridge Conference Center

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