

Town of Fletcher

PRIDE IN OUR PAST ~ FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

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Town Council

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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/or comments by emailing info@fletchernc.org. For additional Town information, please visit www.fletchernc.org or visit our Facebook page found at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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News from the September 12th Fletcher Town Council Meeting

- One resident spoke during Public Comments.
- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved Proclamation # P-22-02 in support of the annual Fall Litter Sweep from September 10 - September 24, 2022.
 - Approved Resolution # R-22-04 to sell surplus Town property on the GovDeals online marketplace at www.govdeals.com.
 - Approved a bond for Phase I infrastructure for "The Authors" subdivision on Rutledge Road.
 - Approved Resolution # R-22-05 in support of an Action Plan Grant through the U.S. DOT Safe Streets and Roads For All grant program.
 - Approved extending the date of the Town Center Purchase and Sale Agreement to October 31, 2022.
- A Public Hearing was held to consider and approve proposed amendments to Article 6 of the Fletcher Land Development Code pertaining to stormwater requirements. These changes, which basically were terminology related, will bring our program into compliance with the State and Federal guidelines. Eric Rufa, Planning & Zoning Director, explained that the changes did not increase or lessen the regulatory nature of the current ordinance requirements. Town Council approved the amendments as proposed.
- Dan Terry, Police Chief, discussed the staffing shortage being felt within Police departments on a local and national level. He proposed to create a Police Cadet position classification in the Fletcher Police Department to help recruit and hire new officers. Town Council approved the proposal.
- Town Council approved "Option 3" as the final conceptual design for the addition of multi-use outdoor courts at Bill Moore Community Park. This option adds 4 pickleball courts, 1 tennis court, and 2 half-court basketball courts northwest of the fitness pad at a rough cost of \$451,690. The Town will move forward with the final design.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared some options for a possible Citizen Survey to engage with our residents regarding services and key issues of importance to Fletcher. This matter will be discussed more at the October Council meeting.
- Mark Biberdorf mentioned the ongoing conversations about using a portion of the Town's American Rescue Plan funds allocation for extending sanitary sewer to three roads in Fletcher (Westfield Road, North Hudson Lane, and Dogwood Terrace), since sewer is not currently available to all of those homes. It was decided to send a letter to gauge the interest of residents in this area because there would be an approximate \$5,000 cost to each homeowner for the Metropolitan Sewerage District development fee and the connection from the service line to the residence. This would be in addition to the monthly utility fee once connected to the sewer system. A target resident response date of October 14th was set.

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October Town Council Meeting News continued:

- Mark Biberdorf shared the following updates:
 - The New Fletcher Library Partners will be meeting in mid-October to discuss if they wish to continue as an organization due to the lack of meaningful progress for a new library in Fletcher.
 - We have received resident requests for increased safety efforts regarding a road in Windsor Forest as well as reports of speeding, stop sign violations, and through-traffic issues in Southchase. Both have been or are being investigated.
 - The Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee recently shared that the 1-26 widening is expected to be completed in May 2024 and Rutledge Road resurfacing completed by 10/2023.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Town of Fletcher will be collecting canned food items for the Calvary Food Pantry in Fletcher for distribution to those in need. Starting October 24th, a large blue collection bin will be located on the ground level of Town Hall and also in the Town Hall lobby to accept your donations. Our food drive will end on November 19th with a drive-thru drop-off event in the Town Hall south side parking lot from 10:30 am - 12:00 noon. Thank you for sharing and caring for your neighbors.



November NC General Election Voting

- Fletcher Town Hall will serve as a Henderson County One-Stop Early Voting site for the General Election. Early voting will be held October 20th through November 4th from 8:00 am - 7:30 pm. The last early voting day will be Saturday, November 5th from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.
- Election Day voting is Tuesday, November 8th from 6:30am to 7:30pm with residents voting at their assigned Fletcher voting precinct (there are 3 for Fletcher).
- For a sample ballot, go to the NC State Board of Elections Voter Search website at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>. Enter the requested information and click "Search". Then select your name from the search results at the top of the page and scroll down the page to the "Your Sample Ballot" section. Click on the blue hyperlink under "Your Sample Ballot" to see **your** specific ballot.
- Any questions regarding absentee voting, early voting, the upcoming election, or your assigned voting precinct should be addressed to the Henderson County Board of Elections at 828-697-4970 or by visiting their website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>.
- Note: Fletcher Town Hall does not have any candidate information available.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

What will you do with your fall leaves?



Please choose one of the above responsible disposal options for your leaves rather than putting them down a storm drain. When leaves enter storm drains, they clog the pipes and can cause street flooding. If the leaves are not removed, they start to decay and leach phosphorus which creates algae blooms in our streams. This turns the water green and smelly and lowers the oxygen level in the water which harms the fish. So this fall, give us a call so we can remove your bagged leaves from your premises.

Public Works will be picking up bagged leaves from October 3rd until December 27th. You can make a leaf pickup request online at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>, leave a voice message at 828-654-9208 with your name and address, or call us at 828-687-3985 to speak with someone at Town Hall.

From the Office of the Chief:

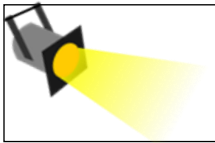


A new stoplight has been installed at the Y-intersection of Rutledge and Fanning Bridge Roads that replaces the previous caution light. Please be alert when driving in this area as there have been reports of vehicles running this new stoplight.



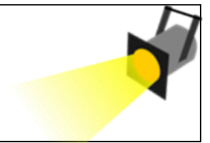
The police department has also received complaints of speeding vehicles throughout town. Some drivers may be unaware that in NC an individual's drivers license will be revoked for at least 30 days if they are convicted of driving a vehicle more than 15 mph over the speed limit while driving at a speed greater than 55 mph or driving at any speed greater than 80 mph. A license will also be revoked for 60 days if an individual is convicted of two speeding charges within one year or speeding and driving recklessly on the same occasion. More information about this law can be found at <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/license-suspension/Pages/speeding.aspx>.

Based upon the various complaints received, the department expects to increase its speeding enforcement and reminds residents; "It's your town, so let's slow down."



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

PLEASE WELCOME THESE BUSINESSES TO FLETCHER!



269 Cane Creek Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732
<https://h2o.solar/>

Low Impact Technologies USA Inc. designs and produces Concentrated Solar Multi-Effect Water Purification / Distillation & Dewatering equipment.

Their innovative technology can be used worldwide to reprocess, recycle, and distill water from a variety of otherwise unusable water sources. They are also able to provide potable water in developing nations and remote areas without access to clean drinking water. So if you see one of their reflective CSMED units sitting near the corner of Cane Creek and Mills Gap Roads know that LIT will soon be meeting a need plus helping the environment.



Our specialty areas include:

Repair & Restoration Inspection & Survey
Facility Wide Roof Maintenance Roof Design
Re-Roof, Cover Over, New Roof
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Founded in 1995, Rinehart Racing has grown from origins in NASCAR, INDYCar and NHRA to become the worldwide leader in performance exhaust products for American V-Twin motorcycles. With its world champion experience through famed names like Earnhardt, Childress, and Roush, riders around the world have trusted Rinehart both on and off the track. Since its origin over 26 years ago, Rinehart Racing has been based in WNC, and the investment in relocating to Henderson County firmly places the company in a key position for positive community impact and engagement.



<https://rineharttracing.com/>

40 Cane Creek Industrial Park Fletcher, NC 28732

Opening Soon...



3747 Hendersonville Road Fletcher, NC 28732
Open 10 am - 6 pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday

- **Your local Fletcher outdoor retailer and outfitter** -
Come check us out for the supplies and gear you need for hiking, camping, fishing, or your next outdoor adventure. We carry new and consigned gear and even some items for your dogs. We are also excited to share that starting in the Spring we will rent bikes.

Tonya Youngblood, Owner 828-713-4636
Email: FletcherOutdoorsLLC@gmail.com

October 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 be closed all day, Monday, October 10th, due to staff training.
We will resume normal hours on Tuesday, October 11th.

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, October 6th (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.*

Knitting for a Cause Group (All Ages) Saturday, October 8th (10:00am-12:00pm)

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!

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, October 11th (10:00am-4:00pm) Come and do a fun craft with us!

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, October 13th (10:30am-11:30am)

Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Writers Guild (Adults) Thursday, October 13th (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.

National Model Railroad Association Saturday, October 15th (9:00am-1:00pm)

Meeting open to public to share ideas and information about model railroads, along with a guest lecture on railroads.

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, October 17th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Come and discuss our October selection, *The Husbands* by Chandler Baker. *Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218. Spaces are limited.*

College Application Day Tuesday, October 18th (3:30pm-4:30pm)

Are you stuck on your college application? Would you like some guidance completing it? Join Blue Ridge Community College staff and get the help you need.



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



Coffee Club

Meet local leaders and join us for a cup of coffee

October 4th and October 18th

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

Lutheridge Conference Center

Focus After 5

Food, drinks and networking after hours

October 13th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Prescott Auto Reserve

37 Maxwell Drive in Hendersonville

Resource Recess

Join an inspiring panel of leaders at the brown bag lunch series:

"The Importance of Business, Financial & Personal Goal Interaction"

October 26th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lutheridge Conference Center

[https://www.facebook.com/
FletcherBusiness/](https://www.facebook.com/FletcherBusiness/)

Fletcher Parks & Rec Presents

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



October 29th

12:00-3:00 PM

Bill Moore Community Park

**Costume Contest
Games and Candy**

Sponsored By:


**Hunter
Subaru**


State Farm

Tabatha W Hamlin

Parks & Rec Upcoming Events

- Veterans Salute - November 5th
- Daylight Savings Time Ends - November 6th
Note: Park closing hours will change
- Christmas in the Park - December 3rd

TOWN OF FLETCHER

300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD

FLETCHER, NC 28732

Henderson County Solid Waste

September 13th
October 11th
November 8th

**FALL 2022
HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS
WASTE & PAINT
COLLECTION
EVENTS
8AM-12PM**

****Must be a Henderson County Resident to participate, Proof of residency required****

Liquid Paint & similar items
Cost: \$2 per 1 gallon, \$10 per 5 gallon
30 gallon limit per person
Drop off: Transfer Station (side gate)- 800 Stony Mountain Rd. in Hendersonville

Chemicals, Cleaners, & Pesticides
Cost: Free
Drop off: Convenience Center- 265 Convenience Center Dr. in Hendersonville

For more information
visit www.hcrecycycles.org
call 828-694-6524



*Be BearWise
AT HOME*

Six At-Home BearWise Basics



Never Feed or Approach Bears

Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach homes and people looking for more. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety and theirs!



Secure Food, Garbage and Recycling

Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids or garbage.



Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active

Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they're very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.



Never Leave Pet Food Outdoors

Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove food and bowls after feeding. Store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.



Clean & Store Grills

Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.



Alert Neighbors to Bear Activity

See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share information on how to avoid bear conflicts. Bears have adapted to living near people; now it's up to us to adapt to living near bears.

Learn more at: **BearWise.org**

