



# Town of Fletcher

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## November 2022

### Town Council

Preston Blakely, Mayor  
Phone: (828)215-7706

Sheila Franklin, Council Member  
District #1 (828)684-5676

Keith Reed, Council Member  
District #2 (828)367-7130

Bob Davy, Mayor Pro-Tem  
District #3 (828)687-0313

Trevor Lance, Council Member  
District #4 (828)338-9338

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

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### News from the October 10<sup>th</sup> Fletcher Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council approved Sydnee Hammond and Rich Haschke as members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a 3-year term expiring in October 2025.
- Steve Watkins, Chairman of the Fletcher ABC Board, provided an update on the operations at the Fletcher ABC. He shared that they were having issues with their new sign, which had been installed earlier this year, and also that he was stepping down from the ABC Board.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared a proposal to use a firm called Polco to develop and conduct a citizen survey of Fletcher residents. The proposal was approved and the Town will move forward with the survey.
- The scheduled Public Hearing to discuss an additional extension of the Town Center purchase and sale agreement with developer SDW and JWH, LLC, was not held. Prior to the Council Meeting, the Town received a termination letter from the developer citing a continued inability to reach an agreement with NC DOT regarding traffic design and driveway permit issuance as the reason for their withdrawal from the Town Center project.
- Mark Biberdorf presented the possibility of using the American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation funds in a manner which eased the administrative and regulatory reporting requirements for the Town. No decision was made on the use of the funds.
- Mark Biberdorf shared the following updates:
  - The Town has received approximately 12 responses from the 38 residents that were contacted about their interest in connecting to sewer if the Town could use ARP funds to assist with some of the installation costs. We will try to contact those residents who have not responded by the October 14th deadline.
  - The Town has learned about a grant program called Reconnecting Communities which provides grant funding through the Federal Infrastructure Bill. The exact details are still unavailable, but it might be a source to provide matching funds for the construction of the Cane Creek/Meritor Greenway trails.
  - The underground wiring has been run to the Hoopers Creek and Wildbriar Road intersection in which an actuated flasher will be installed. The actual equipment installation of the flasher will follow. This flashing light should be an important public safety improvement in this area, especially for the residents of the Cove.

### November Holiday Closings



Fletcher Town Hall will be closed November 11, 2022 in observance of Veteran's Day. Town Hall will also be closed November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. Please see the Public Works article on the next page for trash and recycling schedule changes for both holidays.



**NOTE:** Town Hall will also have a planned computer outage on November 23rd beginning at noon. Customer service will be limited during the afternoon due to this computer outage.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Town of Fletcher is still collecting canned food items for the Calvary Food Pantry in Fletcher for distribution to those in need. A large blue collection bin is located on the ground level of Town Hall and also in the lobby to accept your donations. Our food drive will end November 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Community Meeting - 2023 Real Property Reappraisal

N.C. General Statute §105-286 requires counties to reappraise all real property at least once every eight years with NCGS §105-283 requiring real property to be valued at market value. To promote a fair and equitable tax base, Henderson County conducts a reappraisal of real property every four years. The last reappraisal was conducted in 2019 and the next reappraisal will be effective January 1, 2023.

Darlene Burgess, the Henderson County Tax Administrator, will conduct a meeting on November 29th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Fletcher Town Hall Multipurpose Room to discuss the upcoming Henderson County real property reappraisal. The community is invited to attend this informational meeting to learn about this required process, the County timetable, and the appeal process.

## November NC General Election Voting

- The last day of One-Stop Early Voting will be Saturday, November 5th from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. From now until the 5th, Henderson County residents can early vote Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 7:30 pm at Fletcher Town Hall.
- Election Day is November 8th with voting from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm at your assigned Fletcher precinct (call the Board of Elections if you are not sure of your precinct).
- 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, your assigned voting precinct, or the upcoming election should be addressed to the Henderson County Board of Elections at 828-697-4970 or you can visit their website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>.
- For questions about the placement of political signs, view the NC General Statute regarding this issue found at [https://www.ncleg.gov/enactedlegislation/statutes/pdf/bysection/chapter\\_136/gs\\_136-32.pdf](https://www.ncleg.gov/enactedlegislation/statutes/pdf/bysection/chapter_136/gs_136-32.pdf).

## PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

### Public Work Holiday Schedule Changes

#### **November 11th - Veteran's Day**

Friday, Nov 11th trash and recycling will be picked up Monday, November 14th.



#### **November 24th - Thanksgiving**



Thursday, Nov 24th trash and recycling will be picked up Wednesday November 23rd

#### **November 25th - Day after Thanksgiving**

Friday, Nov 25th trash and recycling will be picked up Monday, November 28th.

### Got leaves?

Public Works is picking up bagged leaves now. You can make your online leaf pickup request on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leafbrush-pickup/>, leave a voice message 24 hours/day at 828-654-9208 with your name and address, or call 828-687-3985 to speak with someone at Town Hall.

### 2023 Fletcher Recycling Calendars Are Available

You can pick up a schedule at Fletcher Town Hall or request one via email by sending your email request to [info@fletchernc.org](mailto:info@fletchernc.org) with your home address so we can email you the correct schedule.

### From the Office of the Chief:

You may see your police officers looking a little different this month. Beards, which are normally prohibited, will be worn by officers during our



"No Shave November" fundraiser. The fundraiser will support Safelight, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that provides support for survivors of interpersonal violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Safelight offers a continuum of services helping survivors move from crisis to sustainability with dozens of services and partners, the Fletcher Police Department being one such partner.

Anyone wishing to support this fundraiser may do so in two ways:

1) During the month of November, you may donate in person, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the Fletcher Police Department or mail your donation to the Fletcher Police Department at 300 Old Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, NC 28732. Any checks should be made out to Safelight.

2) Secondly, Surf & Brew Restaurant will be donating 10% of all proceeds on Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>, to the "No Shave November" fundraiser. So, come on out have a great meal and support Safelight.



## **Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustment Vacancy – At-Large Seat**

The Town of Fletcher is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Members serve dual roles on the one Board.) Functions of the Planning Board include recommendations to the Town Council on applications related to Rezoning, Conditional Rezoning, Special Use Permits, and text amendments to the Town's Land Development Code. The Board also reviews preliminary plats for major subdivisions as well as design review for projects in the "Heart of Fletcher" Overlay. Functions of the ZBA include quasi-judicial hearings regarding applications for variances and appeals on zoning matters.

An "At-Large" seat may be filled by anyone who resides in the Town limits, and is not specific to a particular Council district. The Board typically meets once per month, on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in applying may access the application at this link: <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/> OR by contacting either the Town Clerk or Planning Director at (828) 687-3985. Previous applicants from earlier this year will be considered, and additional applications will be accepted through November 30, 2022. The Town Council is responsible for appointments to all volunteer Boards. Applicants will need to be available to attend a Council meeting as part of the process if requested (most likely in December or January).

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## **Fletcher ABC Board Chair Vacancy**

The Town of Fletcher is seeking to fill the Board Chair vacancy on the Fletcher ABC Board. This board is appointed by the Town Council and is responsible for running the A.B.C. Store and hiring the employees who work in the store. This board is separate from the other boards in the Town in that it handles its own affairs and also has an independent audit.

All interested applicants must be a resident of the Town of Fletcher and be willing to serve a three-year term.

The chairman of the Fletcher ABC Board responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Be familiar with ABC law and operate within the boundaries of the laws and rules that apply to alcohol in our community and the state.
- Oversee the personnel of the local ABC Board by being available with insight and advice on most store repairs that require the disbursement of a large sum of money.
- Ensure that public confidence and trust in the ABC system are preserved.
- Hold the employees of the board to the highest standard of reporting and disbursement of public monies.
- Borrow money for the board as provided in NC General Statute § B-702.
- Promote a customer-friendly, modern, and efficient store.
- Be available at least once per month, and sometimes more, for a meeting that is held to make decisions regarding personnel, operations, and other matters.
- The Board typically meets once per month.

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## **November 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 November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup> for building renovations.  
We will resume our normal operating hours, on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

***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:*** Will resume on November, Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.



***Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults)* Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> (11:00am - 12:00pm)**

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

***Apprenticeships 101 for Teens (Teens)* Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> (3:30pm - 4:30pm)**

Join us during National Apprenticeship Week and learn everything there is to know about apprenticeship opportunities available to you.

***Paws for Reading (Children)* Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> (10:00am - 11:30am)**

Children can sign up to read to a certified therapy dog! Registration Required: Call 828-687-1218 or come by the Fletcher Library to sign up for a 10-minute reading session.

## **Announcement from the New Fletcher Library Partners (NFLP)**

"The annual meeting of the NFLP was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 in the Community Room at the Fletcher Town Hall.

The decision was made to dissolve the New Fletcher Library Partners as of that date. A "Plan of Dissolution" was prepared and will be sent to the appropriate parties.

While we deeply regret this action, we were not left with any other choice. The County Commissioners have repeatedly ignored our request... With the recent vote choosing a sports complex over the Library, it is obvious that support will not come from the County Commissioners.

We sincerely thank the many individuals, businesses, and organizations such as the Fletcher Area Business Association who have supported our effort with financial and in-kind gifts."

Douglas W. Agor, President

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



For more information, please visit

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

### **Coffee Club**

**Meet local leaders and join us for a cup of coffee**

November 1st & November 15th from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Lutheridge Conference Center

### **Annual Meeting**

**A great time to learn more about FABA**

November 10th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Fletcher Town Hall 3rd Floor Multipurpose Room  
Food, drinks, announcements, and a special presentation



# VETERANS' SALUTE & Breakfast



Saturday, November 5, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Fletcher Town Hall

## **Keynote Speaker:**

**Anthony Sweat,**

United States Navy

Following the presentation,  
continental breakfast will be provided to all  
veterans and guests.

Event Made Possible By:



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**VETERANS**

Save the Date:

**Christmas in the Park—December 3rd**

**Reminder...** Bill Moore Community Park hours will change November 7th due to the Daylight Savings Time change. The Park will be closing daily at dark, around 6 pm, until we spring forward in early March 2023. The Park will still open at dawn. Also remember when parking your vehicle at either of our parks, please be safety conscience and store your valuables out of sight when you exit your vehicle to enjoy the park.

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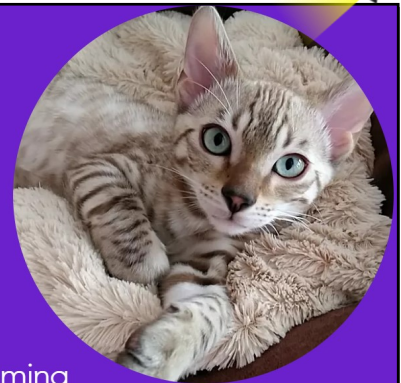
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- *Full-service grooming*
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- *Trimming - body, nail, paw pad, sanitary*
- *Vendor of ALK (cat hair allergy program)*
- *Bath*
- *Brushing*
- *Dematting*

**Hours:** Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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