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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/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 November 14th Fletcher Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved Budget Amendment #1 to the fiscal year 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance for a citizen survey of Fletcher residents by Polco, a community engagement company.
 - Approved Budget Amendment #2 to the fiscal year 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance for the payment of repairs on a wrecked police car.
 - Approved Budget Amendment #3 to the fiscal year 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance for the purchase of five new police cars.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided some additional information on a permitted use of the Town's \$2.6 million American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocation with less restrictive administrative requirements. This viable option would allow the ARP funds to be spent on Town salaries and benefits paid between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024, thereby "freeing up" funds which could be applied toward other public projects and services. He also presented the possibility of utilizing these freed-up funds for capital projects, some of which the Town Council has already considered for ARP funding. Council approved this option with the consideration of assigning the freed up funds to capital projects at the end of the current fiscal year in June 2023.
- Mark Biberdorf shared proposed updates to our Legislative Priorities List for 2022-2023 to be used for meeting with members of our legislative delegation. Mr. Biberdorf highlighted one edit to the list which changed the item to read that any new local option revenue sources could only be approved by local referendum.
- Mark Biberdorf provided an update on the discussion with NC DOT on improvements required for the Town Center Project. The purpose of a recent October meeting with NC DOT was to determine what mitigation improvements would be acceptable and at what cost so we could potentially enter back into an agreement with the developer and move the project forward once again.
- Mark Biberdorf then gave updates on several additional issues:
 - The New Fletcher Library Partners (NFLP) will be deciding to which community organization(s) the \$16,571 will be donated that was previously raised for the new Fletcher Library since the NFLP will be filing dissolution papers with the NC Secretary of State. NFLP records will be stored at the Town Hall, if needed.
 - The Fletcher residents who had been contacted by the Town in September about possible sewer connections using ARP funds have been notified that there was insufficient interest to move forward with the project.

Holiday Closings

Fletcher Town Hall will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas. Town Hall will also be closed Monday, January 2, 2023 in observance of New Year's Day. Please see the Public Works article on the next page for trash and recycling schedule changes.



Thank You Fletcher Residents

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Thanksgiving Food Drive! You donated **317 pounds** of food for distribution by Calvary Episcopal Church in Fletcher. Thanks for sharing with others.



Pictured above is Mayor Preston Blakely with representatives from the Calvary Episcopal Church Food Pantry and carts full of your donated food items.

Property Taxes Due January 5th

Don't forget that 2022 property tax payments will soon be due on January 5, 2023. Payments received after that date will incur a 2% interest charge on January 6th.



If you mail your payment, please ensure it is postmarked by the USPS on or before January 5th since any postmark after that date or any non-USPS postmark after that date will be accessed 2% interest.

You may pay your bill by cash, check, or money order in Town Hall; place your payment in our south side parking lot drop box; mail it to the Town Hall at 300 Old Cane Creek Road; or pay by debit or credit card on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/>. If you pay online, you will need to enter your "roll number" as found on your tax statement. If you do not have your statement, you may call us at 828-687-3985 and we can provide it.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Public Works Holiday Schedule Change

Christmas Eve - Trash and recycling scheduled to be picked up Friday, December 23rd will be picked up Thursday, December 22nd.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day collection schedules will not be impacted by our holiday observances.

Last Call for Leaf Pickup

Public Works will be picking up bagged leaves until the end of the year. Make your online leaf pickup request 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.

Christmas Tree Pickup

The Town will pick up and dispose of your live undecorated Christmas trees after the holiday and through the month of January. We do not accept artificial trees. Please use a contact method noted in the "Leaf Pickup" article above to make your tree pickup request.

2023 Fletcher Recycling Calendars Are Available

You can pick up a calendar at Fletcher Town Hall or request one via email by sending an email request to info@fletchernc.org with your home address, so we can email you the correct schedule.

From the Office of the Chief:



Recently, the Town of Fletcher has experienced several instances where offender's broke vehicle windows to obtain a purse left visible inside vehicles at the Park. This is a crime of opportunity that follows a specific pattern. Offenders wait in areas where would be victims are more likely to leave their purse or other belongings unattended. Once victims are out of sight offenders will break a window, grab the purse, and then quickly utilize stolen credit cards before the victim has an opportunity to cancel them. The good news is, these crimes are preventable.

In an effort to prevent these crimes, the Fletcher Police Department would like to remind you of the following:

- Always lock your vehicle and leave the windows up.
- Never leave valuables in plain sight, specifically in parking lots of health clubs, parks, and "drop off" locations such as schools and daycares, where offenders frequently target. Remove your purses, wallets, laptops, cell phones, or other electronic devices.
- Note any vehicles or people that may seem suspicious (i.e., vehicles parked and occupied for an unusual amount of time, vehicles occupied by multiple people, or people looking into vehicles) and report it to the police by calling 9-1-1. If possible, note the license plate number of the vehicle.

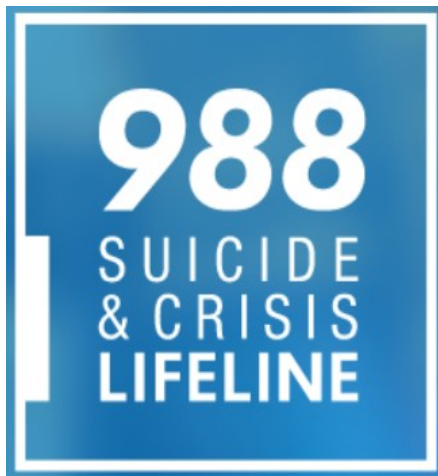
Fletcher ABC Board Chair Vacancy

The Town of Fletcher is seeking to fill the vacant Fletcher A.B.C. Board Chair position. 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 since it handles its own affairs and also has an independent audit.

The chairman 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.
- Borrow money for the board as provided in NC General Statute § B-702.
- Be available at least once per month, and sometimes more, for meetings.

Interested persons must be residents of Fletcher and willing to serve a three-year term. The application can be found at <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/> or obtained by contacting the Fletcher Town Clerk at 828-687-3985. Applications will be accepted through December 2, 2022. Applicants will need to be available to attend a Council meeting as part of the application process if requested.



988 Lifeline

988 offers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week free and confidential access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress such as thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. In 2020, the U.S. had one suicide death about every 11 minutes with suicide being a leading cause of death for people ages 10 - 34. From April 2020 to 2021, over 100,000 people also died from drug overdoses.

People who wish to talk confidentially with a trained counselor, about themselves or someone they care about who may need crisis support anywhere in the United States, can call or text [988](https://www.988lifeline.org) or chat at [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org). For more information about this free service, visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988/key-messages>.



The NC Homeowner Assistance Fund may be able to help homeowners with housing payments for their North Carolina primary residence if you have had a financial hardship during the pandemic and are behind on your housing costs related to your NC home. Financial hardship can be due to job loss/business closure, reduction

in hours or pay, difficulty obtaining new employment, death of a spouse or co-borrower or increased costs due to the pandemic. Increased expenses can be due to health care, the need to care for a family member, increased child care costs due to school closures or increased costs associated with quarantine. Please note that this program is for homeowners who are at least 30 days delinquent on their mortgage or housing-related payments. Visit <https://nchaf.gov/eligibility/> to determine if you are eligible for this assistance. There is no cost required to participate in the NC Homeowner Assistance Fund. The NC Homeowner Assistance Fund is supported, in whole or in part, by federal funds awarded to the State of North Carolina by the US Department of the Treasury.

December 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 December 23rd through December 27th in observance of the Christmas holiday. We will resume our normal operating hours on Wednesday, December 28th, 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: Every Wednesday at 10:30 am.

Lego Club Thursday, December 1st (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, December 8th (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, December 8th (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, December 10th (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!

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

Come and discuss our December selection, When Stars Go Dark by Paula McLain. Registration Required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218. Spaces are limited.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, December 13th (10:00am - 4:00pm)

Come and do a fun craft with us!

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, December 17th (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.



FABA invites you to network and learn with community business leaders



Coffee Club

Meet local leaders and join us for a cup of coffee

December 6th from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Lutheridge Conference Center

Stay tuned for an incredible lineup of community connections beginning in January.

For more information, visit our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherBusiness>

Letters to Santa



Hey kids, don't forget to

mail your letters to Santa this year at Fletcher Town Hall. Santa's Mailbox will be in front of Town Hall from December 4th to 18th.

Also, please remember to include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your special letter!



Registration Opens

December 12th - 5K Run

Early registration for the 2023 Hunter Subaru Polar Bear 5k Run will open on December 12th at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. This year's event will be held January 28th at 8:00am at Bill Moore Community Park. The early registration fee is \$25. Regular registration is \$30 and begins 1/3/23 with late registration starting 1/14/23 at \$35. All event proceeds support the Park Development Fund.



December 19th - Winter Yoga

Registration for our Winter Yoga class will open December 19th at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. The cost is \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. The 6-week class runs from Thursday January 12th, 2023 - February 16th at 6:15 p.m. at Fletcher Town Hall in the 3rd floor Multi-purpose Room with Yoga instructor Lindsay Fox.

Fletcher Parks & Recreation presents:

Christmas in the Park

Saturday, December 3rd

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Bill Moore Community Park

Ice Skating Rink – 1:00-4:30 pm

Christmas Vendor Village – 1:00-4:00pm

Visit with Santa – 1:00-4:00pm

Inflatables – 1:00-4:00pm

Live Music

Veritas Christian Academy – 1:00-1:30pm

Last Full Measure – 2:00-3:00 pm

DJ Ish – 3:00-4:30pm

Grinch visits Santa's Village – 4:00-4:30pm

Christmas Story read by Mayor Preston Blakely – 4:30pm

Christmas lights in the park – 5:00pm

Title Sponsor



Santa's Village Sponsor



Ice Skating Rink Sponsor



Tabatha Hamlin

Entertainment Sponsor



Save the Date

Saturday, Dec. 3rd	Christmas in the Park	1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Dec. 4th - Dec. 18th	Santa's Mailbox at Town Hall	
Thursday, Jan. 12th	Winter Yoga begins	6:15 pm
Saturday, Jan. 28th	Hunter Subaru Polar Bear 5k Run	8:00 am
Saturday, Feb. 11th	Father Daughter Dance Resident registration opens 1/13	TBD

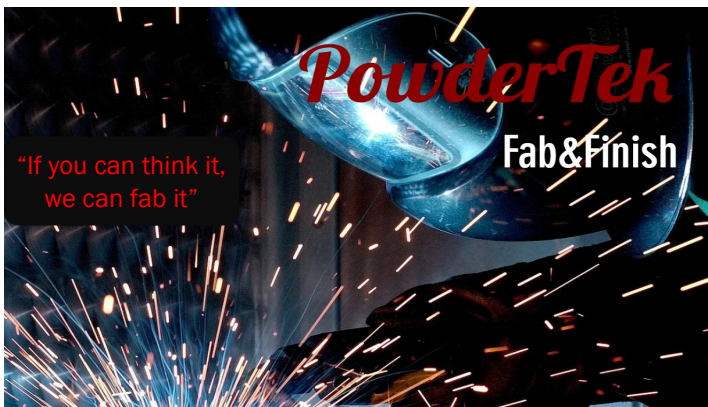
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