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Town of Fletcher

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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/>.

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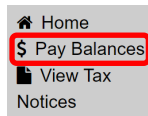
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News from the January 9th Fletcher Town Council Meeting

Prior to the Council meeting, a Budget work session was held regarding last year's accomplishments and emerging issues for the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget.

- During the Council Meeting, by Consent Agenda, Council approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
- After discussion regarding four candidates to fill an at-large vacant seat on the Town's Planning & Zoning Board, Council appointed Olga Grooman for a three-year term.
- James Voso, Traffic Engineer, with the engineering firm Mattern & Craig, gave a presentation regarding the revised traffic analysis for the Fletcher Town Center Project. It appears that previous questions regarding three specific intersections have now been satisfactorily addressed and no longer require further consideration for mitigation as it pertains to this project. There still exists two intersections which are being reviewed and discussed for mitigation.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, recommended that 2023 Powell Bill funds be used to resurface Hawksnest Drive and Sandpiper Court. McGill Associates provided a preliminary cost estimate of \$162,220 for the work. Town Council decided to proceed with the recommendation and seek bids to resurface these two streets as our street improvement projects during 2023.
- Mark Biberdorf shared a cost analysis that had been conducted to explore our Public Works department offering recycling service in-house rather than contracting for this service. Although this contract arrangement has worked well and been economical for the Town, this matter is being explored because the current contract with Curbside Management (Curbie) will expire in April and they have mentioned that they desire to bring their charges more closely in line with their actual costs which would result in an increase in Curbie's fees. Upon analysis, Town staff estimated that in-house recycling service would cost more than the current contract of \$110,520 with Curbie. Council recommended to continue contract negotiations with Curbie to determine their estimated cost per household under a new agreement as well as explore other potential service enhancements.
- Mark Biberdorf provided updates on several matters including:
 - Polco is reformatting the draft for the resident survey based on changes the Town had suggested and will be providing a final draft soon.
 - The draft design needed for bidding the tennis/pickleball courts and basketball courts is complete. Several adjustments had to be made due to storm-water requirements.
 - The consultant working on the employee pay study is almost finished. He noted some pay scales are below market level while others are above it and he has been working to formulate an equitable pay plan.

IMPORTANT Property Tax Information

- Personal Property Listing sheets for individuals and businesses are due to the Henderson County Assessors Office **by 1/31/23**. If you filed an individual property listing form in 2022, you should have received a pre-populated listing form for 2023 by mail. Make any changes to your property listing, including if you sold the property, and return it to the Henderson County Assessor by 1/31/23. If you did not file a personal property listing form in 2022 and you acquired property that must be listed, you may download a listing form from <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax> or call Henderson County Tax office at 828-697-4870. Business personal property owners may file their property tax listing by mail or via <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/business-personal-property>. Failure to list your personal or business property, or changes to your real property greater than \$100 in value, may result in back taxes and/or a 10% late listing penalty per year.
 - When visiting our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/> to make a tax payment or view your current tax balance, remember to utilize the "Pay Balances" option to view the current tax amount due which includes any interest which has been added since the original billing.
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- Note: In mid-March, any unpaid real estate taxes will be advertised in the newspaper as delinquent, per NC General Statute. You still have time to make your payment in our office, online, or by USPS mail to avoid interest and an additional advertising fee.
 - 2023 is a reappraisal year for real property in Henderson County. The goal is to appraise real property at 100% of its actual market value as of January 1st. Property owners should receive your 2023 *Notice of Assessed Value* from the Henderson County Assessor's office around February 15th. Please review this document carefully since you have a specific window of time to question the value and seek a property value adjustment. To further review the data the County Tax Assessor has regarding your property, you may visit <https://lrpwa.ncptscloud.com/Henderson/>. If you do not agree with the new assessed value because it is substantially above or below the market value of your property or because you think your property has been appraised inequitably as compared to the market value of comparable properties, there is an established appeal process. It begins with filing an *Informal Appeal* which is done by completing the same named form which will be included with your 2023 Notice of Assessed Value and returning it by April 14th to the County. Remember, assessed property value is one piece of information used to help determine the Town and County property tax rates. The tax rate is established during the annual budget process and should be established by Fletcher and Henderson County on or before June 30th.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Although our Public Works Department does offer several services to our residents, we do not handle the water for the Town of Fletcher. Hendersonville Water & Sewer (HW&S) provides the water and maintains the water lines in the Town of Fletcher for most residents. If you have a problem with your water, please call 828-697-3073 from 9:00am - 5:00pm or outside of those hours call their Emergency # at 828-891-7779.

Some Fletcher residents living adjacent to the Buncombe county line in Arden are served by the City of Asheville Water Resources Department (WRD). If you have an issue with your water, contact WRD at 828-251-1122 or visit their website at <https://www.ashevilenc.gov/departments/water/>.

What Do I Do With My Leaves Now?

Since Public Works is no longer picking up leaves until April, you might be wondering how to handle any remaining leaves you might have. Here are some suggestions:

- Mulch them into finely chopped pieces and use them as lawn fertilizer and around the base of trees.
- Add them to your compost pile to help the soil.
- Take them to the Henderson County Transfer Station at 191 Transfer Station Drive in Hendersonville, 28791. Call ahead for questions: 828-697-4505.

From the Office of the Chief:



I hope the new year has started out good for everyone!

During the last two months, the Fletcher Police Department has responded to seven drug overdoses. Fortunately, all seven persons survived, with medical attention, but all the cases were serious.

The department wants to encourage anyone who may be struggling with addiction or knows someone who is, to take advantage of some of these resources and get help before it's too late. There is no guarantee what will happen the next time!

- Hope Coalition of Henderson County: www.elementsofhope.org
- Post-Overdose Response Team: www.thefreeclinics.org
- Blue Ridge Health: www.brchs.com/services/behavioral-health-counseling/
- RHA Mobile Crisis Team West: www.rhahealthservices.org/mobile-crisis-management/

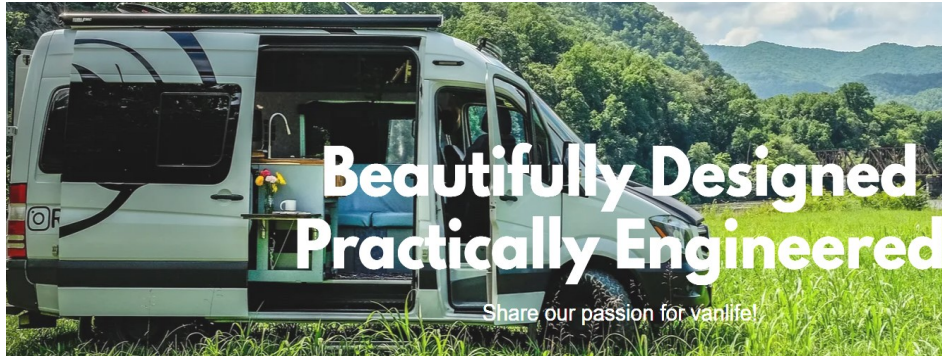
Please share these resources with those who may benefit.

Also, the Town of Fletcher will be hosting a pill drop event on Saturday April 15th. So, mark that down and keep your unused medications from getting into the wrong hands.

PLEASE WELCOME THIS NEW BUSINESS TO FLETCHER!

Raft Tiger Vans

Follow us on Instagram for regular updates! @rafttiger
Find us on the web at <https://rafttiger.com/>



Raft Tiger Vans specializes in small, practical, mobile living. We make vans that have been well thought out from the beginning of the design stage. Every component of a **Raft Tiger** has a purpose. We build vans the right way or we don't do it at all.

66 Fletcher Commercial Drive, Unit C Fletcher, NC

Email: rafttiger@gmail.com

Fletcher Area Business Association invites you to network and learn with community business leaders.

Coffee Club

Meet local leaders & join us for coffee

February 7th 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

February 21st 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lutheridge Conference Center



For more information on Coffee Club, other events and to get connected visit us online at <https://fletcherbusiness.com/> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherBusiness>.

Plan Ahead



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| February 24 | Last day to complete your Fletcher Resident Community Survey |
| March 12 | Daylight savings time begins - Bill Moore Park hours expand |
| March 20 | First Day of Spring |
| April 9 | Easter - Town Hall closed April 7th |
| April 15 | Shred and Pill Drop Event at Fletcher Town Hall
9:00 a.m. to noon (more details will be forthcoming) |

February 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, February 10th 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 10:30 am.

Lego Club Thursday, February 2nd (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, February 9th (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, February 9th (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, February 11th (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, February 13th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Come and discuss our February selection, The Fifth Gospel by Ian Caldwell. Registration required - Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218. Spaces are limited.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, February 14th (10:00am-4:00pm)

Come and do a fun craft with us!

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, February 18th (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.





Fletcher Youth Baseball and Softball League

Registration for the Fletcher Youth Baseball and Softball League is taking place now. To find out when and where the next registration is, visit the League's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Fletcheryouthbaseball/>.

You may also register your player on their website at: https://www.fletcheryouthsports.org/?fbclid=IwAROP4zr_151rhsIzX8iox_Rvgj1D_8eoczBQax91E0WKyUq8ke8bRdGRGU.

Please remember that all questions about the Fletcher Youth League should be addressed to the League rather than Fletcher Parks & Rec Department.

Fletcher Parks and Recreation
presents:

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE



Food Crafts Music

Register Online-
Fletcherparks.recdesk.com
Resident Registration: January 16th
Non Resident Registration: Jan 17th

Saturday, February 11
3:00-5:00PM
Prescott Auto Reserve Event
Center
37 Maxwell Dr. Hendersonville, NC




Save the Date

Saturday, February 11th	Father Daughter Dance	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Monday, March 6th	Summer Day Camp Registration Begins for Residents	8:00 am
Tuesday, March 7th	Summer Day Camp Registration Begins for Non-Residents	8:00 am
Saturday, April 1st	Easter Egg Hunt Bill Moore Community Park	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Friday, May 19th	Robert G. Parish Golf Tournament at Cummings Cove Country Club	Noon
Saturday, June 24th	Summer Concert Bill Moore Community Park	TBD

Part-Time Job Available

Like working outside? Need some additional spending money?

If so, Fletcher Parks and Recreation is currently accepting applications for a Park Ranger to work 16 hours per week. Work hours are in the late afternoon/early evening during the week. The position is responsible for overseeing park activities, picking up trash, enforcing park rules, as well as other duties as assigned.

Starting hourly hiring rate is \$15.00.

If you are interested, please complete an application at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/human-resources/job-openings/>.

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Town of Fletcher Resident Survey

Fletcher households are being asked to participate in a survey to measure their views on our community along with Town programs and services. The Town will use this feedback to prioritize initiatives, services and programs in the future. We ask residents to take about 15 - 20 minutes to complete the survey since the collected data is an important component of Fletcher's commitment to providing top level services to our community.

Postcards were mailed to all Fletcher households on January 13th and a paper survey was mailed on January 20th. There is also an online survey version available, if you prefer, as indicated on the postcard. Consequently, your household will have two methods in which to complete your survey -- via a paper copy or online. We ask that only one person per household complete the survey. Your responses are confidential and no identifying information will be shared.

The National Community Survey allows residents to rate their overall quality of life and provide specific feedback about municipal services, public safety, customer service and their level of participation in community events and activities. The National Community Survey was designed specifically for use by local governments by the National Research Center at Polco (<https://info.polco.us/about-nrc>). Because similar surveys are conducted in hundreds of jurisdictions, Fletcher can compare its results with other towns across the country. Survey results will be available in the spring of 2023.

If by chance your household did not receive a postcard or paper copy, an online version of the survey will be opened on February 10th for all Fletcher residents who have not yet responded to the survey. The online survey can be found at <https://polco.us/fletcher23op> starting February 10th. If you complete the online survey, you may be asked to provide your email and zip code, once you finish the survey, to help ensure Polco is hearing from each resident only once and only from Fletcher residents. You may also opt to create an account with Polco, via Google or Facebook, to facilitate future survey communication between residents and the Town.

Please remember, you have two methods for completing the survey by February 24th -- paper or online. We seek and value your opinion and appreciate your time and cooperation in this process.