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Fletcher, NC 28732

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.

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is published for residents of the
Town and reports on issues and
events that affect our community.
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News from the July 10th Fletcher Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Reappointed and charged Cynthia Broome, Tax Collector, to collect property taxes for 2023-2024 for the Town of Fletcher.
 - Approved Budget Amendment #1 to the fiscal year 2023 - 2024 budget due to Budget Ordinance # 0-23-07 to reappropriate funds for incomplete projects from fiscal year 2022-2023 (i.e. multi-use courts and security upgrades).
 - Approved the 2022 year-end Tax Collector's report.
- A Public Hearing was held to consider amendments to the Fletcher Land Development Code (LDC) as recommended by the Fletcher Planning Board:
 - Council approved changes to LDC Articles 2 and 18 prohibiting the land use "Cryptocurrency Mining Operations" in all Fletcher zoning districts.
 - After discussion of changes to LDC Article 4 regarding RV's and Campers, Eric Rufa, Planning Director, was asked to further research this matter especially hardship situations. Therefore, Council made no decision regarding this recommendation.
 - Council approved changes to LDC Article 2 regarding the removal of two references in Section 2.7 regarding residential use in zoning districts C-1 and C-2. These changes were made to match previously related changes made to this section in 2018.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided an update on the Fletcher Town Center project. Since our original project developer is no longer interested in pursuing the project due to the NC DOT restriction of left turn movement into the site, the Town scheduled a meeting with NC DOT to determine if any flexibility exists regarding this matter. Town Staff has also talked with two other potential developers -- the commercial division of Windsor Built Homes and Magnolia Properties. Council suggested that Staff continue the dialogue with the two other potentially interested developers.
- Mark Biberdorf shared an update on the performance measures being developed to help track Town service levels within the various functional areas. His goal is for Staff to start recording and tracking this information by the end of summer.
- Mark Biberdorf shared updates on several matters:
 - Mayor Blakely mentioned a letter he received from a Windsor Forest resident about the installation of small cell phone towers in their neighborhood. As of yet, the Town has not been contacted by any company requesting permits.
 - Staff will be compiling a list of Wildwood property owners who will have the opportunity to vote on the installation of a sound wall along I-26 to ensure these residents are aware of their need to vote.

Drivers Beware - Fanning Bridge and Rutledge Road Intersection

We have received several resident reports of near accidents at the intersection of Fanning Bridge Road and Rutledge Road. For those who only occasionally frequent this area, please be aware this is **NOT** the typical intersection due to the somewhat confusing line of sight for traffic traveling southeast on Rutledge Road and because Old Case Road is also a side street in this area, which results in three roads converging basically at the same point.

According to witnesses, there seems to be two main reasons for these near accidents: (1) Rutledge Road drivers are looking at the wrong stoplight when approaching the intersection. You basically cannot see the stoplight for Rutledge Road until you are nearing the intersection (see pictures below). Rutledge Road drivers mistakenly assume the Fanning Bridge stoplight is theirs simply because they see it first. (2) Drivers turning "right on red" off Fanning Bridge Road fail to come to a complete stop before turning right. This is causing near misses for vehicles pulling out of Old Case Road. So please DRIVE DEFENSIVELY when are you in this area.



Pic # 1

Traveling on Rutledge Road, headed toward the intersection, you first see the "Stoplight Ahead" warning sign -- but you cannot see the stoplight yet.

Pic # 2

Fanning Bridge stoplight

After rounding the first slight curve on Rutledge, you see a stoplight. **HOWEVER**, that is the stoplight for Fanning Bridge Road. The stoplight for Rutledge is still not visible at this point.

Pic # 3

Fanning Bridge stoplight

Rutledge Rd stoplight

After approaching the intersection, now you can see the Rutledge Road stoplight. It appears to the right of the road since the road curves to the right at the intersection.

Rutledge Road stoplight

Pic # 4

Therefore when sitting at the intersection, the Rutledge Road stoplight is in front of you rather than to your right or left.

Property Tax Bills Are On Their Way

You should receive your Town of Fletcher 2023 tax bill within the first few weeks of August. If you own real estate or personal property and do not receive a tax bill by late-August, please call the Fletcher Tax Office at 828-687-3985 to obtain a copy of your bill. Remember, tax payments are still due even if you do not receive a bill.

Free Mulch Available

Public Works still has free mulch available to Town residents. After turning off Howard Gap Road onto Parrish Municipal Drive (near the railroad tracks), the mulch is on the left beside the metal building. For more information or assistance, call us at 828-654-9208.

From the Office of the Chief:

In conjunction with Sylvan Learning, the police department celebrated Christmas in July by accepting donations to benefit victims of abuse at Safelight Healing Shelter. To ensure all our community members have the opportunity to participate, the police department will continue to accept donations in the police department lobby until Monday August 17th.

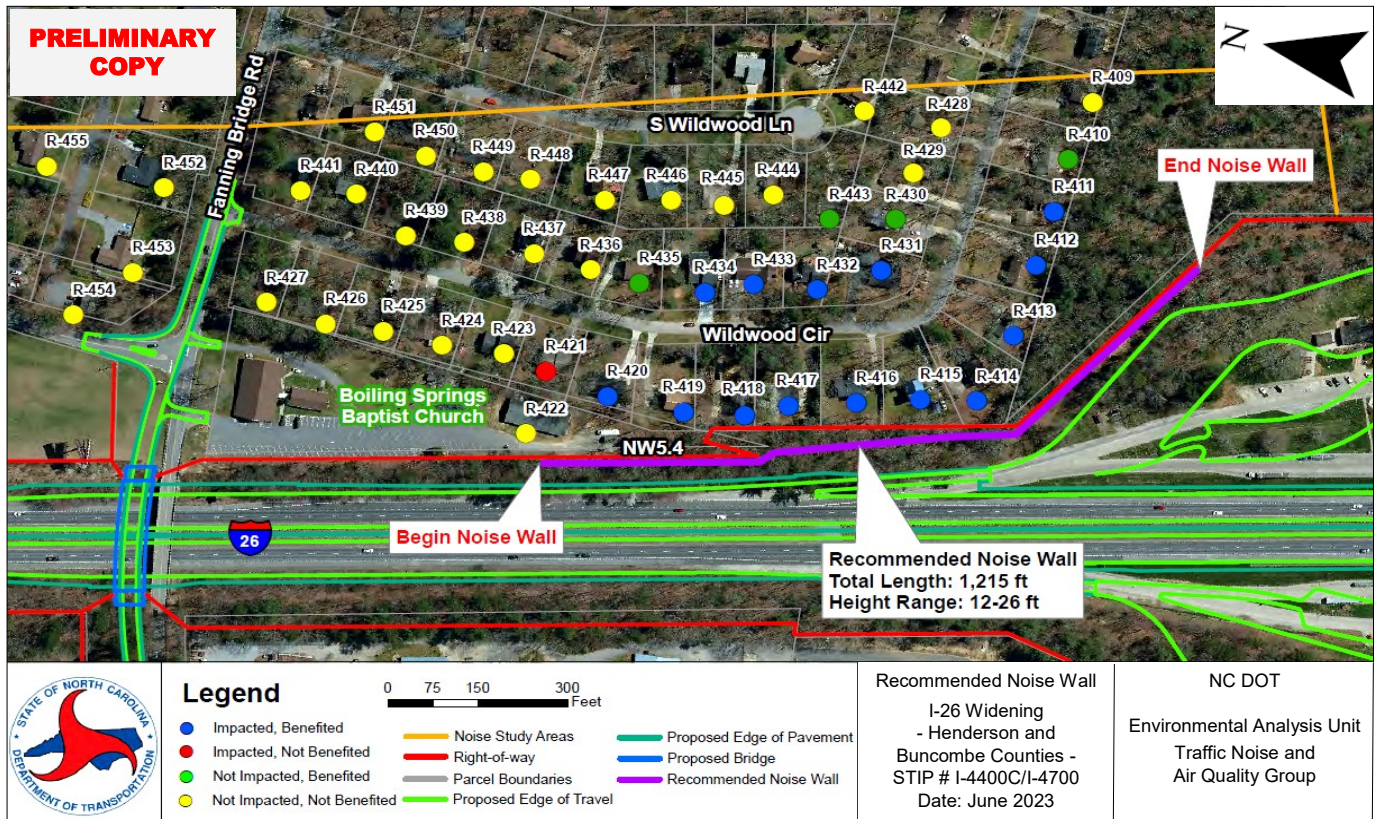
A full list of suggested items for donation can be found at: <https://bit.ly/SafelightChristmasInJuly>. These include hygiene products, such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and Chapstick; Household supplies, such as laundry detergent, soaps, towels, cloths, and disinfectant; and miscellaneous supplies, such as bottled water, snacks, socks, slippers, and pillows.

We appreciate the supportive community we have in Fletcher. As your police department, my desire and hope is that we never take that for granted. Thank you!



Wildwood Sound Wall Voting Information Being Mailed

At least 47 properties were considered in the NC DOT sound study and although all may be experiencing noise and may receive some benefit from sound walls, there were 18 properties in Wildwood which were initially identified as meeting the mandatory regulatory definition for being "Impacted" by a 66 decibels or higher noise level and "Benefiting" by a reduction of at least 5 decibels if a sound wall were constructed. These identified residents, as denoted by a **blue** or **green** dot on the below map, must vote "yes" or "no" to install the sound wall. If DOT receives enough "yes" votes, DOT will move to the design and construction phase which would likely occur in the September - November timeframe with estimated completed construction in December. DOT will mail a packet to the eligible voting property owners sometime in mid- to late-August containing a project explanation and a self-addressed stamped ballot for you to mark "yes" or "no" and return to DOT. If you receive a ballot, **please** take the time to vote. If you do not receive a ballot and think you should have received one according to the below map, please contact Town Hall at 828-687-3985.



2023 Mtn Hort Field Day Thursday, August 10, 2023

Registration **On-Site** from 12:30-1:30pm
Field Tours begin at 1:30pm
*No pre-registration and no large sit-down meal this year

Pick **2 of 3** routes

Route 1: Tomatoes & Vegetables

Route 2: Apples

Route 3: Specialty and Alternative Crops

Vendor Trade Show before field tours.



College of Agriculture
and Life Sciences



Mountain Horticultural Crops
Research and Extension Center
74 Research Drive
Mills River, NC 28759



For more information, please contact
Jessica Stepp Edney at 828-654-8590 or
Jessica_Edney@ncsu.edu.
NC Pesticide Credits Applied For.

If you have a disability or desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the NC Agricultural Research Service at 919.515-2717 during business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at least two weeks before the event to request accommodations.

Fletcher Library Opportunities in August

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, August 11th 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 (Children) Thursday, August 3rd (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.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, August 8th (10:00am-4:00pm)

Come and do a fun craft with us!

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, August 10th (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, August 10th (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.

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, August 12th (10:30am-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.

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, August 14th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Come and discuss our August selection, Five Decembers by James Kestrel.

What a Park Ranger Does (Children) Wednesday, August 16th (3:00pm-4:00pm)

A North Carolina State Park Ranger has many responsibilities from law enforcement to education to high angle rescue and wears many hats. Come meet with a ranger to learn all aspects of their jobs and see all the equipment needed to provide visitors with a safe and fun visit to our state parks.

Registration Required: Call the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218 to register.

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, August 19th (10:30am-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.

NC Medicaid Managed Care (Adults) Wednesday, August 23 (10:30am-12:30pm)

Drop by for information about the health care options available to you.



Permanent Part-Time Park Maintenance Position

Like working outside? If so, Fletcher Parks and Recreation is currently accepting applications for a permanent part-time Park Maintenance position which will work 16 hours per week. Work hours will be varied and might include weekend work.

The position is responsible for performing a variety of maintenance and repair tasks. Job duties include mowing, trimming, ball field preparation, landscape maintenance of park facilities, as well as other duties as assigned. Salary is \$16.00/per hour.

The Town of Fletcher is an equal opportunity employer, and a pre-employment drug screen and background screen will be required for the successful applicant. A job application can be obtained from Town Hall or <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/human-resources/job-openings/>.

Save the Date	
8/19/23 8:45 pm	Family Movie Night in the Park Disney-Pixar "LUCA"
9/23/23 5:00 pm	Fletcher Family Festival
10/28/23 12:00 - 3:00 pm	Halloween Event



MOVIE IN THE PARK
FREE EVENT
SPONSORED BY: 

Disney-PIXAR
LUCA

CLAPBOARD:
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
AT DUSK APPROX. 8:45 PM
BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK
85 HOWARD GAP ROAD FLETCHER, NC

Grab a chair and/or blanket and come join us! Baabal's ice cream will be open for purchases of drinks, snacks, and ice cream during the movie.

Multi-use Courts at Bill Moore Community Park - Opening Soon



Watch our Facebook page for info on how to reserve a court.

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Please Welcome This New Business



The Village Food Truck Park

**Now Open for Lunch
Weekdays 11 am - 2 pm**

The Village Food Truck Park is a new community-centered outdoor food venue at 25 Fletcher Commercial Drive. Food trucks will rotate daily offering a variety of exciting food options from some of the best food trucks and chefs in the region.

The food truck park is focused first on feeding a quick lunch to all of the hungry office and warehouse workers in the busy commercial district along Old Airport Road, and as business warrants, trucks may stay open for dinner in the future. Follow us @ Village Food Truck Park and on the web at www.villagefoodtruckpark.com to find out what's for lunch today!

The food truck business is growing rapidly in cities and towns across the country, and **The Village** offers food truck operators a commissary kitchen to prep food, indoor parking and other infrastructure to support their growing business.

HELP WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES

The Congressional Staff of Chuck Edwards and their "Carolina Cruiser" mobile office will be in the Fletcher Town Hall parking lot on Tuesday, August 15th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm to meet with residents who need help with casework involving any federal government agency (ex: the VA, Social Security, the IRS, etc.) as well as with passport and immigration matters. This is an opportunity to get free one-on-one help with government "red tape".

Fletcher Area Business Association

Coffee Club

Meet local leaders and join us for a cup of coffee
August 1st and August 15th at 8:00 am
at Lutheridge Conference Center



Focus After 5

Join local leaders for fun and conversation
August 10th from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
at CC Flooring Professionals at 246 Old Airport Road

Network and Learn

Resource Recess educational workshop for all
August 23rd from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
at Lutheridge Conference Center

For more information visit <https://fletcherbusiness.com/>.