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Town of Fletcher

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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

Parks & Rec Advisory Board

1st Thursday of month at 6:00 pm

All meetings are held at Fletcher
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 com-
ments by emailing them to
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our website at www.fletchernc.org
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<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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News from the September 11th Fletcher Town Council Meeting

- During Public Comments, two residents spoke in opposition to the possible installation of small cell wireless towers in the Windsor Forest subdivision.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, presented resolution R-23-06 regarding the location of small cell wireless towers. The resolution stated "...the Fletcher Town Council requests that companies that install small cell wireless facilities locate these facilities outside of residential neighborhoods and make their best effort to instead identify other areas where above ground utilities exist and to co-locate facilities there whenever possible." Town council approved the resolution.
- Eric Rufa, Planning & Zoning Director, presented a request from Civil Design Concepts, the engineering firm representing Cane Creek Vistas, LLC, to release the performance bond for Phase 3 of Sycamore Cottages. The bond covered the sidewalks, street trees, the final auxiliary parking area, and related surveying and engineering which are now all complete. There are still some resident concerns about other issues in Sycamore Cottages, but they are not related to this bond. Town Council approved the release of the bond.
- Police Chief Dan Terry provided an update on local traffic enforcement efforts including their intentional and deliberate strategy for police enforcement.
- Mark Biberdorf provided updates on the following:
 - Due to NC Legislative action which moved State elections to even years, the Town should decide if we wish to follow suit with our local Council elections and change to a non-partisan plurality election method. The impact of this new method would be to change the filing for Fletcher Council seats to July 2024, eliminate the need for a potential Primary election, but still hold the General election in November 2024.
 - NC DOT has reviewed the accident information provided by our Police Department and has decided to modify the traffic signal for a left turn into Ingles, at the corner of Hendersonville Road & Old Airport Road. There will soon be a protected left turn arrow only, no flashing caution arrow, from 12:00 noon until 7:00 pm since that was the time most accidents occurred. The southbound lanes will also be changed slightly at the intersection to provide a better field of sight for northbound vehicles turning left into Ingles.
 - A ribbon-cutting ceremony has been scheduled for Friday September 29th at 12:00 noon for the multi-use courts at Bill Moore Community Park.
 - The NC DOT is still moving forward with the approval of sound walls at I-26 near the Wildwood neighborhood. The letters to impacted property owners were scheduled to be mailed this week.
 - A meeting was held with Fletcher Fire & Rescue regarding suggested updates or revisions to their contract.
 - Fletcher Public Works loaded 22 truck loads of mulch this past Saturday during our mulch giveaway event. We may need to offer this event again before year end.

Town Council Meetings Available Online

If you ever wondered what was decided at a particular Council Meeting or if you read the meeting highlights in the Town newsletter and would like to know more about a particular topic, you can now stream the Council meetings live or at a later time. To access a particular meeting, please visit our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofFletcherNC/streams> and simply select the desired meeting you wish to view.

The agenda for upcoming Council meetings can be found at <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-council/agendas/>.

Sound Walls in Wildwood Subdivision

NC DOT has mailed the ballots to the 18 identified property owners eligible to vote. If you are one of the 18 owners, as identified on this DOT map included in our July Town newsletter at <https://www.fletchernc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/July-2023-Newsletter.pdf>, and still have not received a ballot please contact us immediately at 828-687-3985 or by email at info@fletchernc.org so we can contact DOT and secure a ballot for you. A simple majority vote is needed for DOT to continue this project.

Attention Drivers - Traffic Signal Change

Fanning Bridge / Rutledge Road / Old Case Road

Due to concerns partly voiced by residents regarding the near accidents witnessed at the intersection of Fanning Bridge Road, Rutledge Road, and Old Case Road, a "right on red" turn is no longer allowed from Fanning Bridge onto Rutledge Road. It seems that some drivers were not stopping at the red light when turning right from Fanning Bridge and were nearly colliding with vehicles pulling out of Old Case Road onto Rutledge Road.



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Fletcher Annual Food Drive Begins



Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will begin October 30th and continue through November 18th. We will be collecting canned goods to share with the Calvary Episcopal Church Food Panty for distribution for those in need in our area.

We will have a large collection bin on the ground floor of Town Hall and one also in the lobby outside of the Council Room to accept your donations. On November 18th from 10:30 am - 12 noon, Mayor Blakely will be in our southside parking lot to accept your canned food items. Thank you for sharing and caring about others.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Bagged Leaf Pickup Begins

We will begin picking up bagged leaves on Monday, October 2nd and will continue through Christmas week. The leaves must be bagged, but you do not have to use a particular type of bag. Also upon request, we can empty your leaf bags and leave them for your reuse. To make your leaf pickup request, please visit our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>; call us at 828-654-9208 and request a leaf pickup by leaving your name, address, and phone # on our answering machine; or call Town Hall at 828-687-3985. Pickup requests received after Monday at 7:00 am in the current week will be picked up the following week so we may efficiently schedule our work.

Free Mulch Still Available

Yes, you read that correctly... we still have free mulch available. As a reminder, this is the brush that we are picking up weekly within Fletcher and then mulching it. This makes a great base for the mulched areas in your yard. If you need help loading the mulch into your truck, trailer, etc., please call us at 828-654-9208 and schedule an appointment Monday - Friday during our working hours. The mulch pile is located on Parrish Municipal Drive beside the green building, after turning off Howard Gap Road.

From the Office of Chief Terry:

In June 2022, the police department was involved in an unfortunate and tragic event. After responding to a 911 call and attempting to arrest the involved individual, the individual, Mr. Chris Hensley, died in police custody.



After a yearlong investigation by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, the case was closed recently by the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney found that the officers were not criminally responsible for Mr. Hensley's death and no criminal laws were violated by officers responding to that incident. It was a long investigation and I know there were not a lot of details and facts provided. More details are now available and can be found on the department's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherPoliceDepartment>. The District Attorney's report is also available there.

Though grateful and confident in the outcome of the investigation, we recognize there are those in the community still suffering and in pain because of this event and ask the community to continue to be mindful of them. We thank the community for their patience and support during this investigation. We ask you to continue to support the police department while we continue to serve you. Success cannot be had alone.

Henderson County Recycling Events

HENDERSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND PAINT COLLECTION EVENTS



Liquid Paint and similar items

Cost:

- \$5 per gallon container
- \$25 per 5-gallon container

****30 gallon limit per person****

Drop Off Location:

Transfer Station, Side Gate Entrance
800 Stoney Mountain Road

2023 Fall Dates:

SEPTEMBER 12TH : 8AM-12PM
OCTOBER 10TH : 8AM-12PM
NOVEMBER 14TH : 8AM-12PM

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

Chemicals, Cleaners, Pesticides

Cost:

- Free

Drop Off Location:

Convenience Center
265 Convenience Center Drive



For more information
www.hcrecycles.org
828-694-6524



HENDERSON COUNTY FOAM COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM

Foam can now be dropped off at the Henderson Co. Convenience Center on Special Collection days.

Collection days are:

Tuesday, Oct. 10th, 7am - 4pm

Tuesday, Nov. 14th, 7am - 4pm

Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 7am - 4pm

See the information below for the foam acceptance guidelines. For more information about this event, please contact Henderson County Environmental Programs at 828-694-6524.

HENDERSON COUNTY CONVENIENCE CENTER

265 CONVENIENCE CENTER DRIVE
HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28791



Foam Collection Pilot Program Do's and Don'ts

Clean and dry foodservice packaging including clamshell take out containers, cups, meat packing trays, egg cartons, and plates.

YES!




Rigid foam packing materials including foam from electronics, appliances, furniture, or valuables and foam coolers.

YES!



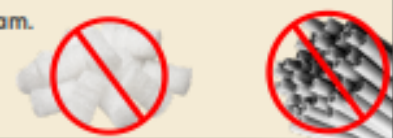
Foam covered in food residue, foam with tape and stickers.

NO!



Foam packing peanuts, foam pipe insulation, floral foam, soft/flexible foam.

NO!



Fletcher Library Opportunities in October

20 Library Road, Fletcher NC 28732 828-687-1218

HOURS: Monday 9am - 6pm; Tuesday - Thursday 9am - 5pm; Friday & Saturday 9am - 3pm

CLOSING: We will be closed on Monday, October 9th for Staff Development Training.

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, October 5th (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, October 10th (10:00am-4:00pm)

Come and do a fun craft with us!



Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, October 12th (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, October 12th (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, October 14th (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.

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, October 14th (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, October 16th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Come and discuss our October selection, *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, October 21st (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

Dining with Diabetes (Adults) Monday, October 23rd (11:00am-12:00pm)

Dining with Diabetes is a program for adults with type 2 Diabetes or Prediabetes and their families. These 4 classes will help you understand some of the more important things you need to know about managing your diabetes including: important numbers you need to know and physical activity recommendations; meal planning and carbohydrate counting; healthy cooking with less fat and sodium; medications, monitoring, and goal setting; and how to eat wisely while dining out. Join us on Sept. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, & Dec. 18 at 11am. **Registration is Required - Each person attending the class must be registered.** *This free program is presented by NC Cooperative Extension.*

Save the Date

10/28/23 Halloween Carnival
12:00 pm Bill Moore Community Park

11/4/23 Veterans Salute Breakfast
9:00 am Fletcher Town Hall

11/5/23 Daylight Savings Time Ends
* Park closing hours will change *

12/9/23 Christmas in the Park
Time TBD Bill Moore Community Park

Bill Moore Park Courts NOW OPEN

>> The 3 basketball courts are available on a first come first serve basis.

>> The 4 pickleball courts and 1 tennis court are available on a first come first serve basis **UNLESS** the courts have previously been reserved. A sign will be posted at the courts indicating the reserved court times for the day.

>> Pickleball and tennis courts may be reserved for a 1-1/2 hour time slot at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. Court reservations can be made at least 24 hours prior to use and courts can be reserved only once per day. Fees are \$2 for residents and \$4 for non-Fletcher residents.

>> After you have finished your game, with or without a reservation, please be considerate of others waiting to use the courts.

Attention PlayTime Scheduler Users

To reserve the pickleball courts at Bill Moore Community Park, you **must** use our RecDesk online registration program and pay the fee as explained above. We **do not** recognize or honor any reservations made thru PlayTime Scheduler.

Since tax dollars from Fletcher residents helped build and will help to maintain these courts, we are attempting to provide as much Fletcher resident play and use as possible.



FLETCHER PARKS AND
RECREATION PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

GAMES - CANDY - TRACTOR RIDES -
FACE PAINTING - INFLATABLES

OCTOBER
28TH, 2023 | **12:00-2:00PM**

**BILL MOORE COMMUNITY
PARK**

Sponsors:



**Hunter
Subaru**

State Farm
Tabitha Hamlin



TOWN OF FLETCHER

300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD

FLETCHER, NC 28732



Community Shred Event

October 27, 2023 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



First Citizens Bank

at 2900 Hendersonville Road in Fletcher

OTHER EVENT SPONSORS:

ingles

Hot dogs, chips, & a drink
will be served from
11:00 am - 2:00 pm



Fletcher Police Department
will also be onsite to collect
your old medications

