



300 Old Cane Creek Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732

# Town of Fletcher

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## November 2023

### Town Council

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

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District #2.....(828)367-7130

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

Trevor Lance, Council Member  
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### Town Phone Numbers

Town Manager.....(828)687-3985

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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

#### **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.

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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-  
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### **News from the October 9th Fletcher Town Council Meeting**

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
  - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
  - Approved Resolution R-23-08 to sell surplus Town property by electronic auction on [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com).
  - Set a Public Hearing for November 13, 2023 regarding potential amend-ments to Fletcher's Land Development Code and ordinances related to campers, rv's, tiny homes, and required street widths.
- A Public Hearing was held regarding a potential amendment to the Town's Charter to change to the nonpartisan plurality method for the Town's municipal elections. No comments were received during the Public Hearing. The ordi-nance will now be considered at the November Town Council Meeting.
- Michael Luplow, of FernLeaf Charter School, presented a cost-sharing proposal for the installation of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) which would display flashing lights when someone approached and entered a designated crossing area near their school on Howard Gap Road. The crossing has become a safety issue for parents and students who use the existing crosswalk and would be the preferred crossing for a future extension of the Town's green-way system. The total cost is projected at \$22,000 and NC DOT would cover the ongoing maintenance costs after the installation. Council agreed to a cost-sharing approach but no specific dollar amount was committed.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared the 2023-2024 Legislative Priorities for the Town of Fletcher. There were nine items on the list including: Fletcher Town Center funding for infrastructure, no unfunded local mandates by the passage of state or federal legislation, expanded grant funding for local recrea-tion facilities, miscellaneous funding for law enforcement needs, community and economic development equitable WNC fund distribution, etc.
- Mark Biberdorf provided updates on several issues:
  - Town of Fletcher staff met with Crown Castle representatives on 9/28/23 to discuss their list of proposed locations for small cell facilities. 3 of their 7 sites were in Fletcher, and 2 of the 3 sites were within our neighborhoods - in Franem Acres at Oakbrook Road & Hickory Drive and in Windsor Forest at Mountain Alder Lane & Red Spruce Way. Crown Castle was asked to consider alternate locations for those 2 sites.
  - The multi-use courts are being well used with 65 court rentals booked in September. Thank you to those who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.
  - The Town has had some inquiries for potential soccer field space within Fletcher. The potential use of the Meritor property was discussed and the interested party will do some additional research on that property.
  - A draft public notice and application have been prepared for the upcoming vacancy for the District 3 seat due to the retirement of Councilman Bob Davy.

## Holiday Closings

Fletcher Town Hall will be closed Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veteran's Day.

**Note:** Trash and recycling pickup scheduled for Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> will be changed to Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.



Fletcher Town Hall will be also be closed Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.



**Note:** Trash & recycling pickup scheduled for Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> will be changed to Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Trash & recycling pickup scheduled for Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> will be changed to Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### "Yes" Vote on Wildwood Sound Wall

As of October 11th, 83% of the assigned NC DOT ballot points in the Wildwood Subdivision had been voted by eligible residents (properties were assigned ballot points based upon their location to I-26). 100% of the returned ballots voted "yes" in support of adding a noise wall along I-26 westbound near the Wildwood Circle community between Fanning Bridge Road and the nearby rest area -- so the vote passed. The design plan for the noise wall is currently being finalized and the wall will be added to the contractor I-26 project work.

Thank you to all the Wildwood residents who voiced your concerns on this issue over the last several months and to those who represented the Wildwood neighborhood by casting your DOT vote on this project.



**Park Hours Changing** - Due to Daylight Savings Time ending on November 5th, our parks will begin closing daily at dark, around 6 pm. Both parks will still open in the morning at dawn.

## **PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208**

### **Bagged Leaf Pickup Continues**

Now that leaves are starting to fall, we will continue picking up bagged leaves through Christmas week. Please do not include grass clippings, pampas grass, mulch, dirt, rocks, or sticks in your bags since the leaves will be recycled. To make a leaf pickup request, visit us online at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>; call us at 828-654-9208 and leave your name, address, and phone # on our Public Works Department answering machine; or call Town Hall at 828-687-3985. Pickup requests received after 7:00 am on Monday of the current week will be picked up the following week to allow us to efficiently route our work.

### **Free Mulch Available**

Free mulch is still available from Public Works. If you need help loading the mulch into your truck, trailer, etc., please call us at 828-654-9208 and schedule an appointment Monday through 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:**



You may see your police officers looking a little different this month. Beards, which are normally prohibited, will be worn by officers during our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "No Shave November" fundraiser. The fundraiser will support The Salvation Army, who provides services to help our local community, including rent and utility assistance, providing life-sustaining medications, visiting members of senior facilities, local youth camps and activities, and services for the homeless and those suffering from addiction.

Anyone wishing to support this fundraiser may do so in two ways. During the month of November, you may donate in person, Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 5:00, at the Fletcher Police Department or mail your donation to the Fletcher Police Department at 300 Old Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, NC 28727. Any checks should be made out to The Salvation Army.

Secondly two of our fundraiser sponsors, Surf & Brew and Kostas Restaurant will be donating part of their proceeds. Kostas will donate 10% of all proceeds from sales on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> and Surf & Brew will donate the same on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>. So, come on out, have a great meal and support The Salvation Army.

In addition, FPD is now accepting toy donations in the police lobby through November 17<sup>th</sup>, to support the Annual Henderson County Toy Run. Feel free to drop off a donation for the kids.



PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW BUSINESSES TO FLETCHER!

## *Birdy & Bark*

*Dog Bakery  
and Flower Bar*



**Open:** Friday 10:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday 10:30 am - 4:00 pm  
(hours subject to change)

**Located at 3461 Hendersonville Rd  
Fletcher, NC 28732**



**Follow "birdyandbark"  
on Facebook and Instagram**



**Open Monday - Sunday 7am - 6pm**

**3445 Hendersonville Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732**

**COMING SOON!  
This November !**

- Full coffee / tea / espresso menu
- Delicious smoothies
- Warm Soup
- Pastries & savory snacks
- Ice Cream (dairy free options, too)
- Open Mic nights TBA

**CAFE PHONE # 828-376-3699  
EMAIL: ALLISWELL3445@YAHOO.COM  
FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE IN PROGRESS!**



## **Fletcher Library Opportunities in November**

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 on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday. We will also be closed on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**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.



**Goodwill Career Connections Every Wednesday (10:00pm-1:00pm)**

Do you need interview practice or help creating a resume, filling out an online job application, or getting started with your job search? Drop in to get help from a Career Connections Coordinator.

**Lego Club (Children) Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (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, November 9<sup>th</sup> (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, November 9<sup>th</sup> (1:30pm-3:30pm)** (group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month)

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.

**Zaniac: Magical Magnets (Children) Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> (3:00pm-4:00pm)**

The magnetic field is invisible but can be felt. A sensory experience, students will try and 'touch' this invisible force. Why are certain materials attracted to magnets and some are not? **Registration Required**

**Knitting for a Cause Group (All Ages) Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> (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, November 11<sup>th</sup> (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, November 13<sup>th</sup> (11:00am-12:00pm)**

Come and discuss our November selection, *Even As We Breathe* by Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle.

**Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-4:00pm)** Come and do a fun craft with us!

**Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> (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, November 20<sup>th</sup> (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 Sep. 18, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, & Dec. 18 at 11am. Registration Required - Each person attending the class must be registered. This free program is presented by NC Cooperative Extension.**



### Bill Moore Park Multi-use Courts

- Basketball courts are available on a first come first serve basis.
- Pickleball courts and the tennis court are available on a first come first serve basis unless the courts have previously been reserved. A sign is posted daily at the courts indicating the reserved times for that day.
- Pickleball and tennis courts may be reserved once per day for a 1-1/2 hour time slot at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. The cost is \$1 for residents and \$6 for non-residents and reservations must be made at least 24 hours prior to use.

Save the Date		
11/4/23	Veterans Salute Breakfast Fletcher Town Hall	9:00 am
12/1/23	Letters to Santa mailbox arrives at Fletcher Town Hall	
12/8/23	Tree Lighting & Ice Skating Bill Moore Community Park	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
12/9/23	Christmas in the Park Bill Moore Community Park	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm



**FLETCHER PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS**  
★★★  
**VETERAN'S SALUTE & BREAKFAST**  
Saturday,  
November 4th  
9:00 am  
Fletcher Town Hall  
★★★★★★★★★★★★★★  
KEYNOTE Speaker:  
Chuck Taylor  
★★★★★★★★★★★★★★  
FOLLOWING THE  
PRESENTATION  
CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST WILL BE  
PROVIDED TO ALL  
VETERANS AND GUESTS.  
Event Made Possible By: 

### **RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY HELD SEPTEMBER 29TH FOR THE BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK MULTI-USE COURTS**



**Representatives from the Fletcher Town Council, Town staff,  
Fletcher Area Business Association, and the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce**

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## ***Town of Fletcher Thanksgiving Food Drive***

***October 30, 2023 – November 18, 2023***



- With your generosity, the Town of Fletcher will be collecting canned food to share with the Calvary Food Pantry for those in need in our area.
- A large collection bin will be placed on the ground floor of Town Hall and in the lobby outside of the Council Chambers to accept your canned food donations.

**On November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Mayor Blakely will be in the Town Hall south side parking lot to accept your food donations.**