



300 Old Cane Creek Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732

### **Town Council**

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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-  
us/newsletter/](https://www.fletchernc.org/about-us/newsletter/).

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al Town information, please visit  
our website at [www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org)  
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# *Town of Fletcher*

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*December 2023*

## **News from the November 13<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting**

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
  - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson Co. Tax Office.
  - Approved Ordinance # 0-23-11 amending the Town Charter to the non-partisan plurality election method for Town Council elections.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy gave an update on current NC DOT road projects. He noted that I-26 from Airport Road to I-40 is about 71% complete with a completion date of June 2026. I-26 from Four Seasons Blvd to Airport Road is about 76% complete with a revised completion date of February 2025. He also shared that intersection realignment and turning lane adjustments at the intersection of Mills Gap Road and Cane Creek Road is scheduled to be sent out for bid in July 2024.
- Council met the second candidate which applied to fill the upcoming District 3 seat vacancy due to the retirement of Bob Davy. Council then voted on the two applicants and Mr. James Player III was appointed to fill the remainder of the District 3 term through 11/2024.
- A Public Hearing was held to discuss potential amendments to the Fletcher Land Development Code (LDC) regarding Article 4 "Campers and RV's". One resident spoke during the Public Hearing. Council voted to approve the LDC amendments as presented.
- Jabbo Pressley, Public Works Director, recommended that Continuum Drive and Snowball Lane be considered for street resurfacing in 2024 at an estimated cost of \$157,500. McGill Associates will provide a more detailed estimate at the December Council Meeting. Council approved the recommendation.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided an update on three groups that are interested in the Town Center Project: Windsor Built, The Carland Company, and NAI Beverly Hanks. Each group will be invited to present their vision for development of the property to Town Council and submit a proposal with greater detail.
- Mark Biberdorf shared updates on several issues:
  - Crown Castle has suggested two alternative sites, Underwood Road and Fanning Bridge (near Scarlet Drive), for small cell wireless facilities instead of Franem Acres and Windsor Forest. A public meeting will be held at a later date to share more information.
  - The committee to review the Fletcher Fire & Rescue agreement have met and a proposed revised version of the current Town agreement will be forwarded to the Fire Department Board for review.
  - The bank foreclosure bidding process for the 1 Oakbrook Road property has ended and the winning bidder was Carolina Legacy Investments. They will be working to renovate and resell the house.



### **Holiday Closings**

Town Hall will be closed Monday, December 25th and Tuesday December 26th in observance of Christmas. Town Hall will also be closed Monday, January 1, 2024 for the New Year's holiday.

#### **Schedule changes for trash and recycling:**

- \* December 25<sup>th</sup> - No changes in the schedule. Brush pickup will begin Wednesday for this week.
- \* December 26<sup>th</sup> - Trash and recycling scheduled for pickup on Tuesday the 26th will be picked up on Wednesday, December 27th.
- \* January 1st - No changes in the schedule.

### **2023 Property Tax Reminder**

2023 property tax payments are due by January 5th to avoid a 2% interest penalty. You may pay by check or cash in Town Hall, mail your payment to Town Hall, put it in our parking lot drop box, or pay online by credit or debit card at <https://secure.amaistech.com/ePAY-ePRINT/First?client=fletcher>.

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

### **Bagged Leaf & Christmas Tree Pickup**

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.

Also after Christmas through the end of January, we will dispose of your live undecorated Christmas tree.

To make a leaf or Christmas tree pickup request, visit <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>; call us at 828-654-9208 and leave your contact info and type of request on the Public Works Department answering machine; or call Town Hall at 828-687-3985. Pickup requests received after 7:00am on Monday of the current week will be picked up the following week to enable 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 or trailer, 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.

### **2024 Recycling Calendar Available**

Contact us by email at [info@fletchernc.org](mailto:info@fletchernc.org) with your street address to receive your 2024 recycling calendar by return email. You may also stop by Town Hall to pick up a schedule, Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

### **From the Office of Chief Terry:**

The Fletcher Police Department was recently made aware of an incident where an unknown person called a local business purporting to be a member of the police department and asking for donations. The police department does not, nor will they, participate in any fundraising through the use of unsolicited phone calls.

In light of this, I'd like to revisit the topic of phone scams. Why do we continue to get these calls? Because they work. Good people are scammed every day.

- When called by a phone solicitor, independently verify the company and company address before sending any money. You may be promised free prizes, vacations, and great deals, but "only if you act now." Or they may pull on your heartstrings by appealing to your kindness, such as supporting your local first responders. If you really think the offer is legitimate, write down the information, think it over, research the organization, and discuss the offer with friends and family you trust. Never allow yourself to be pressured into an immediate decision.
- Never give your credit card, checking account number, or Social Security number to unknown callers and/or companies.
- If the caller says they are calling from a charity, ask that written information be sent to you so you can make an informed decision. Legitimate charities will have no problems filling this request.
- And remember, IF IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!

If you have any questions about a suspicious call or any solicitation for a donation, don't hesitate to contact the police department directly at 828-687-7922.



# PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW BUSINESSES TO FLETCHER!

## SHADES & LAMPS OF FLETCHER



### UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Our shop now enters its 3rd generation, after over 40 years in the family's hands.

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Monday - Saturday  
10am to 5pm

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3917 Hendersonville Rd.  
Fletcher, NC 28732



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## A&D GARAGE

### WINTER READY??



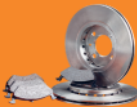
Looks like no more warm days, good time to think about safety on the road:



- Keep car battery in good shape
- Check the oil



- Check spark plugs



- Check the brakes



- Inspect all the lights

- Check tire pressure

- Maintain heating and cooling system



We are glad to help you!



Monday-Sunday



10am-8pm

24 Cane Creek Road, Fletcher

828-747-7428

[www.adgaragefletcher.com](http://www.adgaragefletcher.com)

DRIVE SAFE!



*Fletcher Community Chorus Presents*

## "Everywhere Christmas Tonight"

*Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm*

*Fletcher United Methodist Church*

*50 Library Road in Fletcher*

*Concert is Free*

*Donations are Welcomed*





## **Fletcher Library Opportunities in December**



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

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

**CLOSING: We will open at 10:00 on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> due to a staff meeting. We will be closed on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Christmas 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, 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. Thanks to all those that have donated.

**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.

**Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> (10:30am-12:00pm) \*\* Registration Required \*\***

Children can read to a certified therapy dog! Call or come by the Fletcher Library to sign up for a 10-minute session.

**Lego Club (Children) Thursday, December 7<sup>th</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.

**Knitting for a Cause Group (All Ages) Saturday, December 9<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, December 9<sup>th</sup> (10:30am-12:00pm) \*\* Registration Required \*\***

Children can read to a certified therapy dog! Call or come by the Fletcher Library to sign up for a 10-minute session.

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

Come and discuss our December selection, *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn.

**Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-4:00pm)** Come and do a fun craft with us!

**Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (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, December 14<sup>th</sup> (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.

**Zaniac: Predator or Prey (Children) Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (3:00pm-4:00pm) \*\* Registration Required \*\***

Students will understand about our ecosystem as we look at the hunting habits of an owl. Through the dissection of an owl pellet, the students will see the remains of its lunch and identify what it ate! *(All owl pellets are sterilized and contain no bacteria.)*

**Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> (10:30am-12:00pm) \*\* Registration Required \*\***

Children can read to a certified therapy dog! Call or come by the Fletcher Library to sign up for a 10-minute session.

**Eating the Mediterranean Way (Adults) Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> (11:00am-12:00pm) \*\* Registration Required \*\***

Eating like those who live in the Mediterranean region has been shown to promote health and decrease the risk of many chronic diseases, including certain types of cancers, Alzheimer's disease, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and cardiovascular disease. These classes will explore how to incorporate the Mediterranean way of eating into our everyday life. Together we will look at some simple, delicious, and satisfying recipes and make a recipe together.

**Each person attending the class must be registered. This free program is presented by NC Cooperative Extension.**



Fletcher Parks and Recreation presents:

# CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Bill Moore Community Park

**Friday, December 8th**

Ice Skating Rink - 3:30-6:30pm  
Christmas Tree Lighting - 6:00pm

**Saturday, December 9th**

Ice Skating Rink - 12:00-3:00pm  
Christmas pictures with Llamas - 12:00-2:30pm  
Veritas Christian Academy Chorus - 12:00pm  
Visit with Santa - 12:00-2:30pm  
Christmas Vendor Village - 12:00-2:30pm  
Lewendahl Band - 1:00-2:30pm

Title Sponsor: 

## Save the Date

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
1/4/24	Winter Yoga Begins Fletcher Town Hall	5:30 pm
1/27/24	Polar Bear 5K Run Bill Moore Community Park	9:00 am
2/10/24	Father - Daughter Dance Prescott Auto Reserve	TBD

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your special Santa letter!



## Hunter Subaru Polar Bear 5K Run

January 27th at 9:00 am at Bill Moore Community Park

Early registration: \$30, begins December 12th

Regular registration: \$35, begins January 2nd

Late registration: \$40, begins January 13th

All event proceeds support the Park Development Fund. Sign up at: <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.





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### **Thank You For Your Support**

With your help and support, our Thanksgiving Food Drive contributed 224 pounds of canned goods to the Calvary Episcopal Church Food Pantry. Thank you so much for your concern for our neighbors in Fletcher!

If you know someone or a family with a food need, the Calvary Episcopal Food Pantry is open Saturday's from 8:00 am - 11:00 am and is located at 2840 Hendersonville Road. More specific information about the food pantry may be found at <https://www.calvaryfletcher.org/about-our-pantry>.



Mayor Blakely delivering your canned food donations