



300 Old Cane Creek Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732

# Town of Fletcher

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## January 2024

### Town Council

Preston Blakely, Mayor  
Phone: (828)215-7706

Sheila Franklin, Mayor Pro-Tem  
District #1 (828)684-5676

Keith Reed, Council Member  
District #2 (828)367-7130

Jim Player, Council Member  
District #3 (828-702-4200)

Trevor Lance, Council Member  
District #4 (828)338-9338

### Town Phone Numbers

Town Manager: (828)687-3985

Town Fax: (828)687-7133

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  
To live stream or view previous  
Town Council Meetings, please  
visit <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofFletcherNC/streams>.

**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 at 300 Old Cane Creek  
Road in Fletcher.

This newsletter is published for  
Town residents and reports on  
issues and events that affect our  
community. Past issues of our  
newsletter are found on our web-  
site at <https://www.fletchernc.org/about-us/newsletter/>.

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ments by emailing them to  
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<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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### News from the December 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting

- Mayor Blakely recognized retiring Councilman Bob Davy for his many years of service to Fletcher and presented him the gubernatorial *Order of the Long Leaf Pine* award in recognition of his service (see the back page of this newsletter for more information).
- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
  - Set a Public Hearing for January 8, 2024 to consider Rezoning Request R-2023-01 application to rezone 9 parcels on Cane Creek Road and Pressley Hill Road from R-2 residential to Neighborhood Business District (NBD).
  - Set a Public Hearing for January 8, 2024 to consider an amendment to the Land Development Code regarding building allowances in the M-1 district. This amendment, which was recommended by the Fletcher Planning Board, would allow 56 foot high buildings (instead of the current 42 foot height) for structures in the M-1 (manufacturing/industrial) district.
  - Approved Budget Amendment #2 to the fiscal year 2023/2024 Budget Ordinance to appropriate \$10,800 for a previously agreed upon 50% cost share for the purchase of an actuated flasher on Howard Gap Road near Fernleaf Charter school.
- Town Council voted to appoint Councilwoman Sheila Franklin as Mayor Pro-Tem to replace retiring Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy.
- Carol Avery, of Lowdermilk & Church & Company, explained that the Town has received an unqualified opinion on its fiscal year 2022/2023 audit and the audit has also been approved by the Local Government Commission (LGC).
- Brad Goodson, with The Carland Company, presented their company's proposed vision and approach for development of the Fletcher Town Center project.
- Ben Cathey, of McGill Associates, provided a preliminary cost estimate for the recommended street resurfacing of Continuum Drive and Snowball Lane during this fiscal year. The estimated cost was \$211,820 with the final cost depending upon the actual winning bid for the project.
- Greg Walker, Parks & Rec Director, provided an update on our RecDesk registrations for the multi-use courts. He shared that from September 5th - December 10th there were 56 pickleball court rentals by residents and 95 non-resident rentals, which averaged two court rentals per day with the remainder of the time being available for "first come, first serve" play. After discussion, Council decided to continue with our current registration policy and revisit it in May 2024 once we had Spring court usage data available.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, presented a proposed schedule for the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget process starting with departmental brief presentations in January.
- Mark Biberdorf shared updates on the following topics:
  - The 1 Oakbrook Road property is now in the hands of the new owner who has begun the clean-up of the property and rehabilitation of the house.
  - NC DOT is working on a cost estimate to install a guardrail on Jackson Road on the Livingston Farms side of the road. We hope to hear back in April/May of 2024 if the proposed installation is approved.
  - The radar speed trailer has arrived and is now in use in the Livingston Farms subdivision (see page 3 of this newsletter for more information).

## **Tips to Avoid Property Tax Interest & Penalties**

Two important tax deadlines always occur in January: property tax payments are due on or before 1/5/24 **and** personal property tax listing forms are due by 1/31/24.

**To avoid 2% interest**, your 2023 tax payment must be received in our office by January 5<sup>th</sup>. If you mail your payment, it must have a **USPS postmark** date on or before January 5, 2024.

There are several ways to pay your Fletcher town taxes:

- 1) Mail your payment to the Town of Fletcher.
- 2) Bring your cash, check, or money order payment to the Fletcher Town Hall. (We do not accept credit or debit cards in our office.)
- 3) Pay online with your credit or debit card at [www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/](https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/). To access your account, enter your "Roll Number" from your Property Tax Notice or call our office at 828-687-3985 to obtain it.
- 4) Place your check or money order in our secure outside drop box, located in the Town Hall south side parking lot, which is available 24 hours/day and 7 days/week.

**To avoid a 10% late listing penalty**, anyone owning property subject to taxation must list individual personal property (ex: boats, mobile homes, unlicensed vehicles, etc.) and business personal property (ex: machinery, furniture, computers, etc.). If you filed a personal property listing form in 2023, you should receive a pre-populated listing form for 2024 by mail. Make any changes, including sales, to your property listing and return it to the Henderson County Assessor by 1/31/24. If you did not file a personal property listing form last year and you acquired property that must be listed, you may call the Henderson County Tax Department at 828-697-4870 or download a listing form from their website found at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/forms-and-applications>. Business personal property owners may file their business property tax listing by mail or on the Henderson County website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/business-personal-property>.

For real property, a listing form is not required unless you made improvements to your property valued at more than \$100. You will not be mailed a listing form for real property but if you need one due to property improvements, you can obtain a listing form as explained above.

Remember, you can save yourself 20% in penalties by completing your Personal Property Tax Listing form and returning it timely to the Henderson County Tax Office by January 31, 2024.

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

### **Proper Trash Preparation Reminder**

In order for your trash to be collected weekly, all trash must be bagged and the bags must be closed or tied inside your trash cart and sitting at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

### **Christmas Tree Pickup**

Through the end of January we will pickup your live undecorated Christmas tree for disposal. To make a 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.

### **Leaf Pickup Ended**

Leaf pickup for the fall has ended, until early April.

### **Free Mulch Available**

Free mulch is available on Parrish Municipal Drive, off Howard Gap Road, beside the green building. If you need help loading the mulch, call us at 828-654-9208 to schedule an appointment Monday - Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

### **2024 Recycling Calendar Available**

Contact us 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 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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

The Fletcher Police Department was able to donate \$7,387 to The Salvation Army as part of our annual "No Shave November" fundraiser. This money will go back into the community to help others in various ways.

This donation was made possible by the officers willing to donate their own money and grow those beards as well as several community partners making donations, including:

- A-American Electric
- Hunter Automotive Group
- Kosta's Kitchen
- Rinehart Racing
- Surf and Brew

We look forward to next year's fundraiser and identifying another great cause to support.



Police Captain Gutierrez and Chief Terry present donation to Salvation Army Captain Phillip Stokes



## Holiday Closings

Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday. No trash or recycling routes will be impacted by this closing. Brush will be picked up starting Tuesday of that week.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No trash or recycling routes will be impacted by this closing. Brush will be picked up starting Tuesday of that week.



### From our Police Department

The Fletcher Police Department is the proud owner of a new Speed Trailer. You will start to see this trailer around town, starting in the Livingston Farms Community. It will then be moved to other areas of town.

We ask all our community members and those passing through town to be mindful of speed limits and their speed. As speed increases, damage and injury from accidents also increases profoundly.

Remember... it's our Town, so let's slow down and let's be safe.

## Fletcher Water Pressure Information (from Hendersonville Water Department)

As you may recall, in 2022 the City of Hendersonville completed a capital improvement project that included a new water pumping station (on Woodhill Drive) and a new water storage tank (on Burney Mountain) to improve water pressure and available fire flow in the greater Fletcher area. Prior to this project, there were several areas of our water system in Fletcher that had inadequate water pressure and insufficient available fire flow.

Ideal water pressure for home plumbing ranges between 50 - 80 psi. Unfortunately, our mountainous terrain requires us to operate the water system at pressures much higher to adequately serve all of our customers. North Carolina Plumbing Code requires pressure reducing valves (PRVs) on private plumbing where the municipal water pressure serving those lines is greater than 80 psi. When functioning properly, a PRV reduces and stabilizes water pressure to levels typically between 50 and 80 psi.

The Fletcher pump station is operated during nighttime hours to fill the water storage tank. A slight increase in pressure on the public side of the water system is suspected during times the pumps are running. A properly functioning PRV should stabilize the outlet pressure regardless of minor inlet pressure variations. PRVs are typically located inside the house and before any other connections on the incoming water supply line. If you have a crawlspace, the PRV may be installed just inside the foundation wall. Below is a picture of a PRV.

If you are experiencing significant variations in your water pressure, you probably should verify the existence, location, and proper operation of a PRV on your plumbing.

If you have questions about your water pressure or to report a water or sewer issue, call 828-697-3073 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday or call 828-891-7779 after hours, on weekends and holidays.

Adjusting  
Screw



Lock  
Nut

Pressure Reducing Valve





## **Fletcher Library Opportunities in January**



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

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

**CLOSINGS:** We will open at 10:00 am on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> due to a staff meeting. We will be closed on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Year Day. We will also be closed on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**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. 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.

**Lego Club (Children) Thursday, January 4<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.

**Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> (10:30am-12:00pm)**

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, January 8<sup>th</sup> (11:00am-12:00pm)**

Come and discuss our January selection, The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett by Annie Lyons.

**Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-4:00pm)**

Come and do a fun craft with us!

**Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, January 11<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, January 11<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.

**Knitting for a Cause Group (All Ages) Saturday, January 13<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, January 13<sup>th</sup> (10:30am-12:00pm)**

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.

**Zaniac: Coding with Dashbot (Children) Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> (3:00pm-4:00pm)**

Students will learn the simple drag and drop language, Blockly, to program the Dash Bot robot around a course. Blockly is an intuitive and visual way to learn how to code. No experience needed-- fun guaranteed! **Registration Required**

**Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> (10:30am-12:00pm)**

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.



**POLAR BEAR**  
**5K**  
**RACE**

**JANUARY 27TH @9AM**  
BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK

Sign up today!  
12/11-1/1- \$30  
1/2-1/12 - \$35  
1/13-1/22 - \$40

Register Online-  
[Fletcherparks.recdesk.com](https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com) or  
Scan this code to register



Event proceeds support the  
Park Development fund.

The first 100 registrants will receive a runner's long-sleeve shirt. Register online at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home> or by clicking on the QR code above.

# Save the date...

Fletcher Parks and Recreation  
presents:

## Father Daughter Dance



**Saturday, February 10th**  
**3:00-5:00pm**

Prescott Auto Reserve Event Center  
37 Maxwell Dr. Hendersonville, NC

**Register Online**  
[Fletcherparks.recdesk.com](https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com)

	Registration cost:	
	Dad	Daughter
Resident Registration: January 8th	\$15	\$10
Non-Resident Registration: January 9th	\$20	\$10

Save the Date		
1/4/24 - 2/8/24	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	3:00 pm - 5:00pm



Mayor Blakely and Blair Felder  
with Santa at Bill Moore Park

Thank you for supporting our Christmas in the Park event on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Despite the early rain, we had a good turnout.

Happy New Year!  
Town of Fletcher  
Parks & Recreation

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Councilman Bob Davy accepting  
the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award

### **Thank you, Councilman Bob Davy....**

Councilman Bob Davy will officially retire from the Fletcher Town Council at the end of December after 32+ years of service in Fletcher. Councilman Davy began his volunteer work in 1984 helping to organize a Fletcher baseball league and helped to establish the first baseball fields. From 1991 - 2004, he worked on the Fletcher Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and in May 2004 began his 19 years of service on Town Council, serving as Mayor Pro-Tem since 2020. Councilman Davy will be remembered for his thoughtfulness, his insight, his desire for financial responsibility and accountability of taxpayer dollars, and his strong support for our parks.

At the December Council Meeting, Councilman Davy was presented the *Order of the Long Leaf Pine* award, an award bestowed by the Governor for persons who have made significant contributions to the state and their communities through their exemplary service and exceptional accomplishments. The Town of Fletcher truly appreciates Councilman Davy's many years of leadership and service and wishes him well as he enjoys his "second" retirement.