



300 Old Cane Creek Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Town of Fletcher

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February 2024

Town Council

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

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

Jim Player, Council Member
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Town Manager: (828)687-3985

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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/>.

You are encouraged to contact us
with your questions and/or com-
ments by emailing them to
info@fletchernc.org. For addition-
al Town information, please visit
our website at www.fletchernc.org
or visit our Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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News from the January 8th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved a fiscal year 23/24 audit contract with Lowdermilk Church & Co. for \$18,025.
 - Approved a language clarification update to Chapter 110 of the Fletcher Code of Ordinances changing “business privilege license” references to “business registration”.
 - Approved a language clarification update and slight revisions to Chapter 111 of the Fletcher Code of Ordinances. References to “business privilege license” were updated to “business registration” and slight administrative changes were made to the process used to issue permits for temporary and door-to-door salespeople.
- A Public Hearing was held to consider Rezoning Request R-2023-01 to rezone 9 parcels on Cane Creek and Pressley Hill roads from R-2 to Neighbor Business District (NBD). These parcels fall within the “Heart of Fletcher Overlay” which identified them as a potential area for a NBD and the request was recommended by the Fletcher Planning Board. Eric Rufa, Planning and Zoning Director, noted there is no development proposed for these lots -- it is a general rezoning request. Attorney Bob Oast, representing the property owners, gave a presentation. Council voted to approve the rezoning request.
- A Public Hearing was held to consider an amendment to the Land Development Code (LDC) regarding building height in the M-1 zoning district. Eric Rufa explained that the issue arose after an inquiry from the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development regarding a possible industry. The Fletcher Planning Board recommended amending Article 2 of the LDC to allow 56 foot high buildings (i.e. 4 stories) rather than the current 42 foot maximum for 3 story buildings. Town Council approved the proposed amendment.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, reminded Council that two developer groups, Windsor Aughttry and The Carland Company, had presented their interest and potential vision for the Fletcher Town Center project. Mr. Biberdorf asked Council their desire regarding next steps in this matter. It was decided to set up additional meetings with The Carland Company to ask some additional questions and seek clarification.
- Council discussed two local government committee vacancies resulting from the retirement of Councilman Bob Davy. New Councilman Jim Player volunteered to fill the vacancy on the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Mark Biberdorf shared updates:
 - Staff has met with Rebecca Robinson, from Conserving Carolina, to help identify possible grant funds to assist with the extension of our greenway. One such possible grant has been identified, Connecting Communities to State Trails, and she will provide more details as they are finalized by the State. McGill Associates has identified a segment of our trail that could fall within this particular estimated matching grant limit.
 - A meeting was held with the Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) to discuss the possibility of a multi-family workforce housing piece on the Town Center property north of Town Hall. It would be part of the mixed-used concept along with commercial; and although not a large number of units, should be impactful for workforce housing.
 - A meeting will be set up with Mr. Buster Brown to discuss the possibility of and answer questions regarding a cost-share approach partnership for construction of four additional tennis courts on Town property for which Mr. Brown has expressed an interest.

Property Tax Reminders

- Personal Property Listing sheets for individuals and businesses are **due by 1/31/24** to the Henderson County Assessors Office. If you need a listing form, go to <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/forms-and-applications> or call the Henderson County Tax office at 828-697-4870. Failure to list your personal or business property, or list changes to your real property greater than \$100 in value, may result in a 10% late listing penalty and possible back taxes.
- When making a tax payment or viewing your tax balance on the Town of Fletcher website found at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/>, please remember to utilize the “**Pay Balances**” option to view the total tax amount due including interest and penalties. The “View Tax Notices” option only shows the original billed amount without interest or penalties.

Town Ordinance Reminders

Town of Fletcher ordinances address various aspects of life in Fletcher. Three ordinances which occasionally interest residents involve noise, animals, and door-to-door solicitation.

The noise ordinance prohibits “unreasonably loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise”. Prohibited noise includes loud vehicle horns (except in emergencies), the keeping of animals which disturb nearby persons due to frequent or long continued noise, noisy unrepared vehicles, playing of loud music between the hours of 11:00pm - 7:00am, etc. (info taken from chapter 90).

The animal control ordinance prohibits the keeping of an animal in such a way that creates a public nuisance. The definition of “public nuisance” includes allowing a dog(s) to bark continuously or intermittently for more than 30 minutes, create damage to another’s private property, etc. (information taken from chapter 95).

The door-to-door solicitation ordinance requires that all paid solicitors must apply for and be issued a Town permit prior to any solicitation. This ordinance requires a background check, encourages residents to ask to see a solicitor’s permit, and seeks public assistance in notifying our Police department of unauthorized solicitors in their neighborhoods (information taken from chapter 111).

The language of some of our ordinances is currently being updated, but Town ordinances can be viewed at <https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/fletcher/latest/overview>. Although our ordinances clarify acceptable and unacceptable behavior/actions in our Town, residents who exercise common sense and respect and consideration for their neighbors can help eliminate the necessity of the ordinance enforcement process.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Changes in Trash Pickup Times

When we have bad weather, training, meetings, etc. sometimes our normal trash pickup time changes. In fact, in order to complete our trash routes on certain days we may utilize multiple vehicles -- which means we will probably arrive at your residence at a different time than usual. Although we do follow a route schedule which helps establish a “normal” pickup time, we cannot guarantee that is when we will pick up your trash. To keep your trash from being missed when our daily schedule changes due to workload, weather, or staffing, we ask that all trash be bagged, tied/closed, inside your cart, and sitting at the curb by 7:00am on your assigned pickup day. Thank you so much for your cooperation in helping us serve you.

Free Mulch Giveaway

If your mulch was washed away by the January rains, here’s an opportunity to get some free replacement mulch. We will be having a mulch giveaway on Saturday, February 17th from 8:00am - noon at our Parrish Municipal Drive location, off Howard Gap Road. The mulch pile is located beside the big green metal building. We will be available to help load as little or as much mulch as you want.

From the Office of Chief Terry:



I wanted to remind residents the Fletcher Police Department has a prescription pill drop box located in the lobby of the police department. During 2023 the department collected 192 pounds of medications, equal to 144,120 pills as compared to 76 pounds, equal to 57,075 pills collected in 2022.

This is a service for residents to safely dispose of their unused and unwanted medications without having to travel any significant distance. This service reduces drug overdoses and drug abuse by reducing the amount of medications in our community and helps to protect the environment by keeping medications out of the water supply. This service is available Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Pills and other unused medications, to include powdered and liquid medications, should be transported to the Fletcher Police Department in their regular prescription containers. Residents should go to the front desk of the police department where an officer will assist the resident in submitting their unused medications for disposal.

Syringes, needles, and chemotherapy medications cannot be accepted. Information on disposing of syringes, needles, and other sharps can be found at <https://safeneedledisposal.org/state-search/?state=NC>.

Besides the collection box in the lobby, a pill drop/paper shred event is scheduled at Town Hall for Saturday April 20, 2024 from 9:00 to 12:00, so mark your calendars.

Henderson Co. Board Of Elections Voting Information

Visit the Board of Elections website for sample ballots, early voting dates and times, forms, voter related information, or any questions.

Website: <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>

75 E Central Street in Hendersonville, NC 28792 828-697-4970

IMPORTANT PRIMARY VOTING DATES

Friday, January 19, 2024	Absentee Voting by Mail Begins
Friday, February 9, 2024	Voter Registration/Party Change Deadline
Thursday, February 15, 2024	Early Voting Begins
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 (5 pm)	Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail
Saturday, March 2, 2024 (3 pm)	Early Voting Ends
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (7:30 pm)	Last Day to Return an Absentee Ballot by Mail
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (6:30 am – 7:30 pm)	Primary Election

IMPORTANT VOTING INFO

- Voters will be asked to present a valid photo ID when voting in person. An unexpired NC driver's license, a NC DMV non-operator ID, or a US passport are all acceptable. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID from the Board of Elections by 3/2.
- Early Primary voting will be held **ONLY** at the Henderson County Board of Elections office.
- This Primary election will include local, state, and federal races.
- To vote in this Primary, you must be registered as a Democrat, Libertarian, Republican, or Unaffiliated. The deadline to change party affiliation is February 9th.
- Sample ballots are available.

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WHAT IS A TIP VOLUNTEER?

TIP of WNC is a group of specially-trained volunteers who provide immediate emotional and practical support and resources to victims of traumatic events. TIP Volunteers are called by law enforcement, fire, and EMS to respond to scenes of sudden or unexpected death (natural, homicide, suicide, accidental, infant), overdoses, violent crime, and other traumatic incidents.

DATES

- Wednesday 2/28 6 pm-10 pm
- Thursday 2/29 6 pm-9 pm
- Saturday 3/2 9 am-5 pm
- Sunday 3/3 9 am-3 pm
- Tuesday 3/5 6 pm-9 pm
- Thursday 3/7 6 pm-9 pm
- Friday 3/8 6 pm-9 pm
- Saturday 3/9 9 am-9 pm
- Monday 3/19 (CE) 6 pm-9 pm

ALL DATES REQUIRED

**VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND
CONTINUING EDUCATION
MEETINGS ON THIRD MONDAY
EVERY MONTH**

REQUIREMENTS

- TIP Background Check
- Successful Completion of ALL Training Sessions
- Valid Driver's License & Vehicle
- Clean Driving Record
- Proof of Auto Insurance
- Cell Phone (with Texting)
- Internet & Email Access
- GPS Navigation System
- Three 12-hour Shifts a Month
- Mandatory Monthly Continuing Education Meetings

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FLETCHER AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY EVENTS

COFFEE CLUB

Featuring 828 BIZ

February 6th 8am - 9am

at Lutheridge Conference Center
2049 Upper Laurel Dr. Arden, NC

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3628466574100352>

Please join us for Coffee Club and bring a guest!

FOCUS AFTER FIVE

Featuring Always Best Care

February 8th 5:30pm - 7pm

at 103 Underwood Rd. Suite J
Fletcher, NC 28732

<https://www.facebook.com/events/711995691032741>

After our FABAlous January FA5 we welcome all members and guests to attend our February FA5 with Always Best Care Senior Services in Fletcher!

COFFEE CLUB

Featuring Secure Roofing

February 20th 8am - 9am

at Lutheridge Conference Center
2049 Upper Laurel Dr. Arden, NC

<https://www.facebook.com/events/740801310881001>

Please join us for Coffee Club and bring a guest!

Fletcher Library Opportunities in February

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 10:00am on Friday, February 9th 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. 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, February 1st (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, February 3rd (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.

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, February 8th (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, February 8th (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, February 10th (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.

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

Come and discuss our February selection, *The Housemaid's Secret* by Freida McFadden.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, February 13th (10:00am-4:00pm)

Come and do a fun craft with us!

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, February 17th (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.



Fletcher Parks and Recreation
presents:

Father Daughter Dance



Saturday, February 10th

3:00-5:00pm

Cost: Dad Daughter

Resident \$15 \$10

Non-resident \$20 \$10

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

optimum.

Register Online

Fletcherparks.recdesk.com

Resident Registration: January 8th

Non-Resident Registration: January 9th

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Fletcher Youth Baseball and Softball League Sign-Up

Registration for the Fletcher Youth Baseball and Softball League is taking place now. To find out when and where the next registration is, visit the League's Facebook page found at <https://www.facebook.com/Fletcheryouthbaseball/>.

You may also register your player on the League's website found at: <https://www.fletcheryouthsports.org/>.

Please remember that all questions about the Fletcher Youth League should be addressed to the League rather than the Fletcher Parks & Rec Department.

Park Usage Reminders

- Bill Moore Park is a no drone fly zone.
- When parts of the park are closed off, such as trails, courts, dog park, etc., for repair or storm damage clean up, please respect our closed signs, barricades, and yellow tape and DO NOT ENTER. Please avoid a marked work zone for your own safety and to enable us to complete our work faster in order to return the areas to public use.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Feb 10th	Father / Daughter Dance at Prescott Auto Reserve	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Monday, Mar 11th	Summer Day Camp Online Registration for Fletcher Residents	7:45 am
Monday, Mar 11th	Middle School Adventure Camp Online Registration for Fletcher Residents	7:45 am
Tuesday, Mar 12th	Summer Day Camp Online Registration for Non-Fletcher Residents	7:45 am
Tuesday, Mar 12th	Middle School Adventure Camp Online Registration for Non-Residents	7:45 am
Saturday, Mar 23rd	Easter Egg Hunt at Bill Moore Community Park	Noon - 2:00 pm
Friday, May 17th	Robert Parish Mem. Golf Tournament at Cummings Cove Country Club	Noon

TOWN OF FLETCHER

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Fletcher Planning Board Vacancy

The Town of Fletcher is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Adjustment. (ZBA members serve dual roles on the one Board). Functions of the Planning Board include recommendations to the Town Council on applications related to Rezoning, Conditional Rezoning, Special Use Permits, and text amendments to the Town's Land Development Code. The Board also reviews preliminary plats for major subdivisions as well as design review for projects in the "Heart of Fletcher" Overlay. Functions of the ZBA include quasi-judicial hearings regarding applications for variances and appeals on zoning matters.

An "At-large" seat may be filled by anyone who resides in the Town limits, and is not specific to a particular Council district. The Board typically meets once per month, on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in applying may access the application at this link: <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/> OR by contacting either the Town Clerk or Planning Director at (828) 687-3985. Applications will be accepted through Monday, February 26, 2024. The Town Council is responsible for appointments to all volunteer Boards. Applicants would need to be available to attend a Council meeting as part of the process if requested.



February 19th

Presidents' Day
USPS and banks closed

March 5th

Primary Election Day
Polls open 6:30 am - 7:30 pm

March 10th

Daylight Savings Time begins

April 13th - April 27th

NC DOT Spring Litter Sweep

April 20th

Shredding Event & Pill Drop
Fletcher Town Hall
Southside parking lot
9:00 am - noon