



300 Old Cane Creek Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Town of Fletcher

PRIDE IN OUR PAST ~ FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

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March 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/>.

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
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<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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News from the February 12th Town Council Meeting

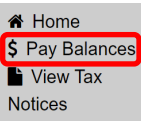
- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved the Tax Collector's report through January 2024 and the request to advertise delinquent taxes in March, per NC General Statute 105-369.
 - Approved language revisions to Chapter 115 of the Town of Fletcher Code of Ordinances, dealing with massage establishments, to update "business privilege license" references to "business registration".
- Martin Wheeler, of Carolinas Association for Passenger Trains, gave a presentation seeking Town support to restore passenger rail service though part of Western North Carolina. The Federal Railroad Administration is currently mapping potential passenger train routes which were originally discontinued in the 1970's.
- Town Council approved Trace & Company as the lowest responsible bidder for upcoming street resurfacing projects on Continuum Drive and Snowball Lane at a cost of \$172,309.30.
- Daniel Carey, of Pisgah Legal Services, provided an update on the current legal services they offer free to residents in Western North Carolina. (see page 3 for information on their services)
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, presented a six month progress report on established performance measures being utilized by Town departments.
- Mark Biberdorf shared an update on proposed revisions to the fire services contract between Fletcher Fire & Rescue and the Town of Fletcher. Discussion continues between their Board and the Town regarding some of the proposed revisions.
- Mark Biberdorf shared that The Carland Company has withdrawn their proposed development plan for the Town Center project.

PRIMARY VOTING INFORMATION

- Early voting at the Henderson County Board of Elections ends March 2nd at 3:00pm.
- Voting precincts for Fletcher residents on Primary Election day, March 5th from 6:30 am - 7:30 pm, are Fletcher Town Hall, Fletcher 7th Day Adventist Church, and Fletcher Elementary School. Please ensure you vote at your assigned voting precinct on that day.
- 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 March 2nd.
- Sample ballots are available on the Henderson County Board of Elections website.
- If you have any voting related questions, please contact:

Henderson County Board Of Elections
<https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections> or 828-697-4970
75 E Central Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Property Tax Reminders

- Unpaid property taxes accrue interest on the 1st of each month. If you mail your payment to us, please ensure it has a USPS postmark prior to the 1st of the month to avoid the upcoming month's interest.
 - **IMPORTANT:** Any real estate taxes that remain unpaid on March 15th at 5:00 pm will be advertised as delinquent in the Hendersonville Lightning in March.
 - 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.
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- If you still need to pay your 2023 property taxes, payment options include:
 - by debit or credit card on our Town website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/>
 - by cash, check, or money order in Town Hall
 - by mailing your payment to Town Hall
 - by placing your payment in our south side parking lot drop box
 - Attention new Town residents, please be aware that Henderson County and Town of Fletcher property taxes are billed separately. You can ensure your 2023 Fletcher taxes were paid at closing by calling us at 828-687-3985 or by visiting our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/>. You can search using your roll number and the "Pay Balances" option to ensure your balance is \$0.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Leaf Pickup Coming Soon

We will pick up bagged leaves once again during the first two weeks in April. After our spring pickup, the next leaf pickup will be in the fall.

Mulch Giveaway

Public Works will load free mulch on the following dates at our Parrish Municipal Drive location, off Howard Gap Road. The mulch pile is located beside the big green metal building. Just bring your truck, trailer, etc.


- Saturday, March 9th from 8:00 am - noon
- Saturday, April 20th from 8:00 am - noon
- Monday - Friday from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm upon request. Call 828-654-9208 to make your request.

Document Shred and Pill Drop Event



This free event provides Fletcher residents a way to help reduce clutter, reduce your chances of becoming a victim of identity theft, safely dispose of old medications, and help the environment.

Saturday April 20, 2024 from 9:00 am - Noon Fletcher Town Hall South Side Parking Lot

- ♦ The National Crime Prevention Council recommends shredding financial documents, billing statements, pre-approved credit card offers and any other papers containing personal information and identification numbers before discarding them.
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- ♦ Safely disposing of old medications, instead of flushing them down the drain, prevents chemicals from ending up in our water supply.
 - ♦ Please bring your medicines in their original containers.
 - ♦ Limit 2 boxes of shredding per household.
 - ♦ Residential shredding event; no business shredding.

From the Office of Chief Terry:

I hope the new year has started out great for everyone!



Though the Fletcher Police Department has seen a slight decrease in drug overdoses compared to the same time last year, overdoses and deaths continue to rise nationally. The department wants to encourage anyone who may be struggling with addiction or knows someone who is, to take advantage of some of these resources and get help before it's too late. There is no guarantee what will happen the next time!

- Hope Coalition of Henderson County
www.elementsofhope.org
- Post-Overdose Response Team
www.thefreeclinics.org
- Blue Ridge Health
www.brchs.com/services/behavioral-health-counseling/
- RHA Mobile Crisis Team West
www.rhahealthservices.org/mobile-crisis-management/

Please share these resources with those who may benefit.

Also, the Town of Fletcher will be hosting a pill drop on Saturday April 20th. So, mark that down and keep your unused medications from getting into the wrong hands.

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**MARCH
EVENTS**

COFFEE CLUB

Featuring A-American Electric

March 5th 8 am - 9 am at Lutheridge Conference Center
2049 Upper Laurel Dr. Arden, NC

<https://www.facebook.com/events/375205575059658>

Please join us for Coffee Club and bring a guest!

FOCUS AFTER FIVE

Featuring College H.U.N.K.S Hauling Junk

March 14th 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
6 Celtic Drive Arden, NC 28704

<https://www.facebook.com/events/279528031827052>

COFFEE CLUB

Featuring Dream Vacations

March 19th 8 am - 9 am at Lutheridge Conference Center
2049 Upper Laurel Dr. Arden, NC

<https://www.facebook.com/events/395572869606443>

Please join us for Coffee Club and bring a guest!

RESOURCE RECESS

CPR Recertification (recertification only)

March 27th 8 am - 11 am at Fletcher Town Hall, 3rd floor
Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/789281461097?aff=oddtcreator>

RESOURCE RECESS

CPR Certification

Includes CPR training, First Aid, and AED training
March 27th 1 pm - 7 pm at Fletcher Town Hall, 3rd floor
Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/789289354707?aff=oddtcreator>

PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES

FREE LEGAL AID TO HELP PEOPLE THROUGH TOUGH TIMES

Pisgah Legal Services provides free legal services for non-criminal issues and anti-poverty advocacy to people struggling to make ends meet in Western North Carolina.

HOUSING

Home foreclosure assistance and help for renters: preventing homelessness and evictions and ensuring safe housing conditions

INCOME SECURITY

Public benefits including Medicaid, food stamps (SNAP), and disability income

SAFETY

Assistance with domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault issues

HEALTH

Applying for/maintaining health insurance

TAX HELP / IMMIGRATION LAW

DRIVER'S LICENSE RESTORATION / EXPUNCTION

CONSUMER LAW / DEBT PROTECTION

NEED HELP?

Call 828-253-0406 or 1-800-489-6144

Apply online: www.pisgahlegal.org



**VOLUNTEER
UMPIRES
NEEDED!**

**FLETCHER YOUTH BASEBALL
AND SOFTBALL**

SPRING 2024 SEASON

Do you want to earn some extra cash this spring?
No certification required!

**APRIL 6 - JUNE 2
MONDAYS - SATURDAYS
BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK**

Contact Megan Penland
mpmango8@gmail.com
(828) 301-8556
or register at fletcheryouthsports.org



Fletcher Library Opportunities in March

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

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

Delayed Openings and Closing: We will open at 10:00 on Friday, March 8th due to a staff meeting. We will be closed on Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday.

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, March 7th (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, March 9th (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, March 11th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Come and discuss our February selection, ***Remarkably Bright Creatures*** by Shelby Van Pelt.

NC Medicaid Managed Care (Adults) Tuesday, March 12th (10:00am-12:00pm)

Drop by for information about the health care options available to you.



Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, March 12th (10:00am-4:00pm) Come and do a fun craft with us!

Chair Exercises (Adults) Wednesday, March 13th (2:00pm-3:00pm) ** REGISTRATION REQUIRED **

These classes focus on strength training exercises that support increased strength, increased mobility, and reduced fall risk. They are great for people just getting started with an exercise routine or looking to exercise with others. Hand weights will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. ***Please consult with your medical professional before attending. Class members will be required to sign a waiver before participating.***

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, March 14th (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, March 14th (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.

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, March 16th (10:30am-12:00pm) ** REGISTRATION REQUIRED **

Children can sign up to read to a certified therapy dog! Call 828-687-1218 or come by the Fletcher Library to sign up for a 10-minute reading session

Eating the Mediterranean Way (Adults) Thursday, March 28th (3:30pm-4:30pm) ** 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 that we can taste.

Zaniac: Astronaut Adventures- Train for Space Exploration! (Children) Thursday, March 28th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Calling all aspiring space explorers! Ever wondered what it takes to prepare for space travel? Dive into the unique jobs and activities astronauts perform before their cosmic journey. Discover strength training, spacewalking, and more exciting astronaut tasks in preparation for space missions. ***** REGISTRATION REQUIRED ** This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library.***

Summer Camp Registration Begins

- Summer Day Camp is for students ages 6 years old who have completed Kindergarten through children who have completed 5th grade.
- Middle School Adventure Camp is for students who have completed the 6th or 7th grade.
- There are 9 different weeks of camp this year starting on Monday's from June 3rd - July 29th.
- Registration begins **March 11th** for Fletcher residents and **March 12th** for non-Fletcher residents. Fletcher residency is defined as living within the incorporated town limits of Fletcher, which is only located in Henderson County.
- Registration is **ONLINE ONLY** this year at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/community/home>. No cash or check camp registrations will be accepted in Town Hall on March 11th or 12th -- online registration only.
- Please verify your current RecDesk account, or establish one, before online registration opens to ensure your account is active and you remember your password. If you have any questions or problems, contact Josh Queen at 828-687-0751 or j.queen@fletchernc.org **prior to** March 11th.

Fletcher Parks and Rec. Presents:

Easter EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, March 23rd 2024
at Bill Moore Community Park

Ages 3 & under - 12:00pm
Field #5

Ages 4-5 - 12:15pm
Field #4

Ages 6-7 - 12:30pm
Field #3

Ages 8-9 - 12:45pm
Field #2

Ages 10-11 - 1:00pm
Field #1



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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, Mar 7th	Spring Yoga Begins Fletcher Town Hall	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Monday, Mar 11th	Summer Day Camp & Middle School Adventure Camp Online Registration for Town of Fletcher Residents	Opens at 7:45 am
Tuesday, Mar 12th	Summer Day Camp & Middle School Adventure Camp Online Registration for Non-Fletcher Residents	Opens at 7:45 am
Saturday, Mar 23rd	Easter Egg Hunt Bill Moore Community Park	Noon - 2:00 pm
Friday, May 17th	Robert Parish Mem. Golf Tournament Cummings Cove Country Club	Noon

TOWN OF FLETCHER
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HENDERSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND PAINT COLLECTION EVENTS



Liquid Paint and similar items


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Cost:

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

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

***Drop Off Location:**


 Convenience Center
265 Convenience Center Drive

Chemicals, Cleaners, Pesticides

Cost:

- Free

Drop Off Location:

 Convenience Center
265 Convenience Center Drive

2024
Spring Dates:

MARCH 12TH : 8AM-12PM

APRIL 9TH : 8AM-12PM

MAY 14TH : 8AM-12PM

For more information, visit

www.hcrecycles.org

or call 828-694-6524

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