



Town of Fletcher

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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](https://www.youtube.com/@TownofFletcherNC/streams).

Planning Board Meeting
3rd Tuesday of month at 6:00 pm

Parks & Rec Advisory Board
3rd Tuesday of month at 5:30 pm

All meetings are held at
Fletcher Town Hall.

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

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[https://www.facebook.com/
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News from the February 10th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved Resolution R-25-02 in support of reopening Chimney Rock State Park as soon as possible.
 - Approved the Fletcher Tax Collector's mid-year tax report with a 97% collection rate through January 31st and a request to advertise delinquent property taxes, per NC General Statute §105-369, on March 19, 2025 with an assessed advertising fee of \$8 per real property parcel advertised.
 - Approved two current Fletcher Planning Board members to serve another 3-year term on the Planning Board: Lee Bowser for District 2 and George Clayton for District 3.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared that a bid opening was held February 4th for street resurfacing of N. Sunberry Trail, S. Sunberry Trail, and Wild Meadow Road in Livingston Farms. Trace & Company was the lowest responsible bidder at \$235,242.55 and the bids were certified by Ben Cathey of McGill Associates. Council approved Trace & Company as the lowest responsible bid.
- Town Council considered four applicants for the District 1 vacancy on the Planning Board. Mike Franklin was appointed by Council to fill the vacant seat.
- Mark Biberdorf gave an update on the progress of the Fletcher Farmers Market. The best time for the market seems to be Tuesday's from 3:00pm - 6:00pm during May - October. The location is still being discussed. Council asked Staff to provide a proposal with logistical issues, costs, and other considerations for the two locations being considered: Bill Moore Community Park back parking lot and the gravel parking lot near the Parks & Rec building. After deciding upon a location, the next step will be working on the packet for vendor participation including the guidelines for participation and an application.
- Mark Biberdorf provided updates on several matters:
 - The bid opening for the ballfield/multi-court repair/replacement fencing at Bill Moore Community Park did not produce the required 3 bids. A rebidding of the project will take place February 18th. If at least one bid is received on the rebid, it can be opened. A Special Called Meeting of the Council may be needed to discuss the lowest responsible bid received during the rebid to avoid waiting another month before starting on the repair project.
 - Henderson County is considering charging a fee for Fire Inspections. Currently neither businesses or municipalities are charged for this service. If the County does decide to start charging, the Town will have to decide if we wish to pass this cost along to the businesses who require an inspection.
 - We received \$26,000 from the online auction of the surplus Town property.
 - During the March Council meeting, we will discuss the possibility of donating a surplus Dodge Durango, which was not included in the recent online auction, to the Town of Marshall.
 - Public Works started picking up smaller storm related vegetative debris on February 4th. They are about 30% through with all the Fletcher streets/roads.

Brush Removal & Storm Debris Cleanup Updates

- As of February 21st, Henderson County reports that their contractor, SDR, has picked up 13,900 loads of storm debris. It is estimated that several additional months will be required for SDR to pickup all remaining curbside debris.
- On February 4th, the Town of Fletcher Public Works department began assisting in the brush pickup effort of the smaller limbs, which our equipment could handle. As of February 24th, we have just about completed two passes through every street in Fletcher. The larger limbs/trees/stumps will still have to be picked up by the County contractor.
- **You are encouraged to self-report the location and type of debris you need picked up to Henderson County by visiting <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/b0c483595fc84c44927c9014f1c26b16>.**
- Residents and businesses can still place storm debris along the road right-of-way for pickup, but it must be separated by debris type and it must be only from the storm. Other items should be disposed of at the landfill or in your trash.
- If you have specific questions or concerns about storm debris pickup, you may contact Henderson County Emergency Operations Center via email at helene-info@hcem.org.
- Property owners who cannot take their debris to the right-of-way for pickup and who do not have debris removal insurance or have inadequate debris removal insurance, may apply to have qualified disaster debris removed from their property for FREE through the "Private Property Debris Removal Program". This program also covers the demolition of eligible unsafe structures. For more information visit <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/em/page/private-property-debris-removal-program>.
- For additional options for tree cutting/removal and flood damage repair to homes, visit the United Way Community Resources website found at <https://www.liveunitedhc.org/community-resources>. There are some local and regional organizations that are volunteering to assist with cleanup efforts.

Hurricane Assistance Deadlines

The deadline for homeowners and renters to apply for Hurricane Helene FEMA individual assistance is **March 8, 2025**. The fastest way to apply is on the FEMA website at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>. You can also apply in person at the Henderson County Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) located in the Blue Ridge Commons complex at 2111 Asheville Highway, Hendersonville NC 28791. They are open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. You can also apply by using the [FEMA App](#) or by calling the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-921-3362.

The deadline to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is **March 10th**. People who are unemployed as a direct result of Hurricane Helene may be eligible for unemployment benefits and business owners affected by the storm may also qualify for benefits. Additional information and an application can be found at <https://www.des.nc.gov/dua> or you may call 919-629-3857 Monday - Friday from 8 am - 5 pm.

IMPORTANT: Unpaid Real Property Taxes

Any unpaid 2024 Town of Fletcher real estate property taxes as of March 10th at 5:00 pm will be advertised in the Hendersonville Lighting as delinquent and enforced collection action also begins. A \$8 advertising fee will be added to any accounts paid after February 28th. If you have not paid your taxes due to hurricane damage to your home, unfortunately taxes are still due, but please contact us so we can discuss possible payment arrangements. Residents, please remember you have Fletcher taxes and Henderson County taxes on your property and they are billed separately. If in doubt, please contact us to ensure your Fletcher taxes have been paid.

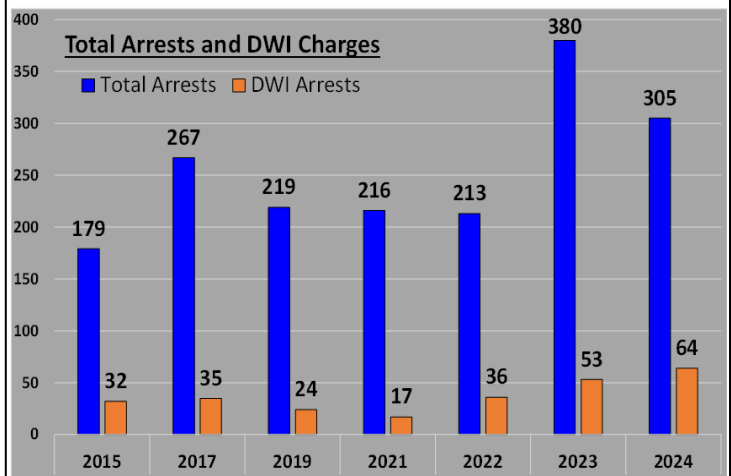
From the Office of Chief Terry:

I thought this month I would remind everyone of the dangers of drinking and driving. Driving While Impaired (DWI) has destroyed many lives and caused significant pain to innocent people. The Fletcher Police Department takes this crime seriously. The last two years, the department has filed more DWI charges than any year previous, with 53 arrests in 2023 and 64 in 2024.



I don't believe this increase is attributed to more violations than the past. I believe the increase in DWI arrests is due to increased staffing, commitment to training, and the diligence of our officers in addressing issues that affect public safety, which includes driving while impaired offenses.

I appreciate the officers commitment to public safety, but equally appreciate the commitment of the community to make decisions on the road that will enhance everyone's safety. If you decide to drink, then also make the decision not to drive. Please don't do it. It's just not worth it.



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FLETCHER AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**March
Events**

COFFEE CLUB

Always Best Care
March 4th from 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care
336 Rockwood Road, Unit 101 Arden, NC 28704

FOCUS AFTER FIVE

March 13th at 5:30 pm
Super Sign Guy
1570 Patton Avenue Asheville, NC 28806

COFFEE CLUB

YMCA
March 18th from 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care
336 Rockwood Road, Unit 101 Arden, NC 28704

RESOURCE RECESS

How to make the perfect 60 second pitch
AND Pitch Party!
March 19th at 1:00 pm
Fletcher Town Hall
300 Old Cane Creek Road Fletcher, NC 28732

<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherBusiness>

Why Apply for a SBA Disaster Loan?

- No fee to apply**
- Low interest rates**
- No payments and no interest for the first 12 months**
- No prepayment penalty**
- No late fees**
- Funds available prior to insurance settlement**



The SBA is dedicated to empowering you as you rebuild and move forward

by offering low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters, nonprofits, and businesses. Reach out today to learn how we can support your recovery journey!

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<https://www.sba.gov/disaster> or call 1-800-659-2955.

- Flexible terms (up to 30 years)**
- May apply for mitigation funds**
- Loan can be modified**
- No obligation to take the loan if approved**
- No collateral for loans up to \$50k (Presidential)**
- Can accept a partial amount**
- May be eligible for refinancing existing mortgage or relocation**

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

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.

Family Story Time: Every Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Goodwill Career Connections Every Thursday (1:00pm-4:00pm)

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, March 1st (10:30pm-12:00pm) ** Registration Required **

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

Lego Club (Children) Thursday, March 6th (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, March 8th (12:30pm-2:00pm) ** Registration Required **

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

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, March 10th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Join the Fletcher Library Book Club for good books and good conversation! We will discuss *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, March 11th (10:00am-4:00pm)

Drop by the Fletcher Library for fun crafts for all ages. Everyone is welcome!

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Wednesday, March 12th (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.

Zaniac: Engineering- Rapunzel Needs Your Help! (Children) Wednesday, March 12th (3:45pm-4:45pm)

Rapunzel has been trapped in a tower and she needs your help! In this interactive STEM workshop, students combine their knowledge of the story of Rapunzel with engineering to work together to create a pulley system to help the princess escape the tower. Students will learn about simple machines, pulleys, and working parts. **** Registration Required **** *This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library.*

Writers Guild (Adults) Thursday, March 13th (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 15th (10:30am-12:00pm) ** Registration Required **

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

Paws for Reading (Children) Tuesday, March 18th (10:30am-12:00pm) ** Registration Required **

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

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, March 22nd (10:30am-12:00pm) ** Registration Required **

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

Paws for Reading (Children) Monday, March 24th (10:30am-12:00pm) ** Registration Required **

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

2025 Medicare Updates (Adults) Monday, March 24th (2:00pm-3:00pm)

Medicare changes and so do we! Learn about what changes are coming in 2025 and how they can affect you or someone you care for! The Council on Aging of Buncombe County in conjunction with SHIIP (Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program) is offering this informational session on updates to Medicare in 2025. The free seminar will discuss changes to Medicare premiums, deductibles, and cost saving programs.



Summer Day Camp Registration Opens Soon

- **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 8 different weeks of camp this year starting on Monday's from June 9th - July 31st.
- Registration begins at 10:00 am on **March 11th** for Fletcher residents and 10:00 am on **March 12th** for non-Fletcher residents. Fletcher residents live within the incorporated town limits of Fletcher, which is only 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.
- 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 Emily Sheppard at 828-687-0751 or e.sheppard@fletchernc.org prior to March 11th. Once camp registration opens, please allow at least 48 hours for a response.



JOIN OUR
EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY
APRIL 12TH

BILL MOORE
COMMUNITY PARK

Ages 3 & Under - 12:00p
Ages 4 - 5 - 12:20p
Ages 6 - 7 - 12:40p
Ages 8 - 9 - 1:00p
Ages 10 - 11 - 1:20p

PRE-REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

REGISTRATION
OPENS 3/12
FOR FLETCHER
RESIDENTS &
3/13 FOR
NONRESIDENTS

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR		
Tuesday, March 11th	Summer Day Camp & Middle School Camp Online Registration Begins for Fletcher Residents	Opens at 10:00 am
Wednesday, March 12th	Summer Day Camp & Middle School Camp Online Registration Begins for Non-Fletcher Residents	Opens at 10:00 am
Wednesday, March 12th	Easter Egg Hunt Registration for Fletcher Residents	Opens at 8:00 am
Thursday, March 13th	Easter Egg Hunt Registration for Non-Fletcher Residents	Opens at 8:00 am
Saturday, April 12th	Easter Egg Hunt - Bill Moore Park Registration required	Noon - 2:00pm

TOWN OF FLETCHER
300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD
FLETCHER, NC 28732

Town of Fletcher

Saturday, April 12th
9:00 am - Noon
Fletcher Town Hall
Southside Parking Lot

SHREDDING EVENT AND PILL DISPOSAL

Residential shredding only
Limit 2 boxes per household
Bring medications in original containers

Town of Fletcher Brush Pickup Resumes

Public Works will begin accepting residential requests for brush pickup starting March 2nd. "Brush" consists of clippings from shrubs and tree limbs that are no longer than 6' in length and no bigger around than 6" in diameter, but excludes root balls and stumps. Please place the brush in a pile at the curb. The larger trees, stumps, and root balls left from the storm will still need to be picked up by the Henderson County contractor. Call us at 828-654-9208 anytime to make a brush pick up request or visit <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/public-works/brush-and-leaves-pick-up/>.

Community Recovery Resources

If you still need recovery assistance with food, water, shelter or home repairs, or if you are able to assist with volunteer recovery efforts, the United Way has a "Hurricane Helene Community Resources" page which offers valuable information about resources in our County. For more info, visit <https://www.liveunitedhc.org/community-resources>.