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Town of Fletcher

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December 2025



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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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News from the November 10th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved Budget Amendment #1 to the FEMA project original grant ordinance # 0-24-06 to increase the park repair line item to account for additional engineering related costs, to finalize the remaining park projects, and to increase the FEMA Public Assistance line item.
 - Approved Resolution R-25-09 appointing Susan Heafner as Deputy Finance Officer due to the retirement of the current Deputy Finance Officer, Cynthia Broome.
 - Approved Resolution R-25-10 appointing Susan Heafner as Tax Collector effective January 1, 2026, upon the retirement of the current Tax Collector, Cynthia Broome, on December 31, 2025, after 35 years of service with the Town.
- The Town contracted with McGill Associates to provide a conceptual Master Plan for the greenway trail expansion from Bill Moore Community Park westward, terminating at the I-26 bridge. McGill's proposal would add approximately three additional miles of trail to the existing system at the Park and provide connectivity to a potential future regional trail system at an estimated total project cost of \$3,279,583. Ben Cathey with McGill Associates presented their Master Plan, which divides the project into six sections, along with a recommendation to proceed with full design and bidding for Sections 3 and 4 of the plan along with Section 1 as an alternate if the bid results are favorable and the Town has available funds. The Town currently has \$900,000 available for the greenway extension due to two grants and matching Town funds plus \$100,000 currently budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan. The construction of Sections 3 and 4 would provide a new trailhead location (with a parking lot) off Rockwell Drive, a new 1.1 mile loop soft walking trail, and connectivity to the existing sidewalk system on Highway 25 at an estimated cost of \$872,103. If Section 1 was also affordable at this time, it would provide a trail from Bill Moore Park along Fernleaf School property and Cane Creek with a turnaround at the railroad bridge at Highway 25. Council agreed to vote on this proposal at their December meeting.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared that he would be updating the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to cover the period from fiscal year 2026-2027 through fiscal year 2030-2031 and asked for input from Council Members on any projects they would like to be considered in this plan.
- The Town has received one Stormwater Off-Right-of-Way Grant program application from the resident at 96 Wilkie Way. The Town Advisory Panel recommended funding this \$6,110 stormwater improvement project with the Town covering of 90% of the cost, per program guidelines. Council approved the recommendation.
- Mark Biberdorf provided updates on several issues:
 - Fletcher Public Works has completed the removal of 7 stump piles remaining from Helene which the State had not yet contracted for removal.
 - Mr. Biberdorf would like for Town Council members to meet with our new Planning/Zoning Director, Tyler Morrow, to share their individual perspectives on land use and development within Fletcher.
 - Chief Griffin of the Fletcher Fire Department has contacted the Town about the Town establishing some regulation standards in gated residential communities pertaining to gate access and public access in the event of an emergency within the community.
- Two locations on Highway 25 were mentioned as having dips in the road which need maintenance attention. NC DOT will be contacted regarding these locations.

Henderson Co. Board of Elections News

Candidate filing for contests subject to a possible primary election in the March 2026 statewide primary begins at noon on Monday, December 1, 2025, and ends at noon Friday, December 19, 2025. This December filing deadline also includes three Fletcher Council seats up for re-election in November 2026:

- Mayor (incumbent Preston Blakely)
- Council District 1 (incumbent Amber McKinney)
- Council District 4 (incumbent Trevor Lance)

Residents wishing to file must reside in the same district as the district seat they are filing for and they may live in any Fletcher district for the Mayoral race. All seats are for a four-year term.

Filing information is available from the Henderson County Board of Elections at 75 East Central Street in Hendersonville, NC 28792, by calling 828-697-4970, or by visiting the Board of Elections website found at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>.

2025 Property Taxes Due in January

2025 property taxes are due on or before January 5, 2026 to avoid 2% interest which will be applied to all unpaid balances on January 6th. Mailed payments must display a USPS postmark prior to 1/6/26 to avoid interest. You may also pay your taxes online at www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/, in person at Fletcher Town Hall via cash, check or money order, or place your payment in our southside parking lot drop box 24 hours a day.

Planning Board/ZBA ETJ Vacancy

The Town of Fletcher is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of Fletcher. Applications and applicants will first be reviewed by Council, and a recommendation will be made to the County Commissioners, who will appoint the recommended individual. Anyone living in the ETJ and interested in applying may access the application at <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/> or by contacting the Town Clerk or Planning Director at 828-687-3985. You may also call Tyler Morrow, the Planning Director, if you are unsure if you live in the ETJ. The application period will remain open until the vacancy is filled.

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 and 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. The Board typically meets once per month, on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

Bagged Leaf & Christmas Tree Pickup

Fletcher Public Works is picking up bagged leaves from now until the end of December. Please do not include any sticks, rocks, dirt, trash, etc. in your leaf bags since the leaves will be mulched. They will also pickup and dispose of your live Christmas trees after the holiday and through the month of January. All decorations must be removed from the trees. We do not accept artificial trees.

To make a pickup request, please visit our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>; call Public Works at 828-654-9208 and leave your name, address, and phone # on their answering machine; or call Town Hall at 828-687-3985.

2026 Town Recycling Calendar Available

Contact us by email at info@fletchernc.org with your street address to receive your 2026 recycling calendar by return email. You may also stop by Town Hall to pick up a recycling schedule.

From the Office of Chief Terry:

As we enter the last month of the year and prepare for the holidays and the new year, I wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and highlight some of the accomplishments the department has made in 2025.



Crime rates are still the lowest they have been in many years. We have likewise reached full staffing levels, which has not been the case for several years. Members of the department have received valuable training through organizations such as Southern Police Institute and FBI LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association) and have attended Crisis Intervention Team, Drug Interdiction, and Strategies & Tactics of Patrol Stops training. We continue to partner and foster positive relationships with other law enforcement and social service agencies, and businesses, evidenced by several significant equipment donations obtained from Asheville Police Foundation, Henderson County, and Stand T.A.L.L. We have completed our 4th annual fundraiser raising money for ongoing hurricane recovery efforts.

We are grateful for the accomplishments made this year but recognize it is only possible because of the support we receive from our community. We can accomplish much more together. We ask for your continued support. You are our eyes and ears in the community. If you see something suspicious, we encourage you to call 911 or make it known to us. Let's ensure we keep those crime rates down and the quality of life up for the Town of Fletcher. Together, we can do it.



FABA December Events

COFFEE CLUB

Discover Hometown Magazine
December 2nd at 8:00 am
Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care
336 Rockwood Road, Unit 101 Arden, NC 28704

FOCUS AFTER FIVE

Holiday Party - The Frosted Winter Ball
December 5th at 5:30 pm
Hilton Asheville Biltmore Park
43 Town Square Blvd, Asheville, NC 28803

RESOURCE RECESS

Goal Setting + The Big Intentional Calendar
December 10th at 11:30 am
Keller Williams
404 S Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792

COFFEE CLUB

David Riddell, President of FABA
December 16th at 8:00 am
Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care
336 Rockwood Road, Unit 101 Arden, NC 28704

Find us at <https://fletcherbusiness.com/>

FLETCHER COMMUNITY CHORUS

PRESENTS

"WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS"

Thursday, December 11, 2025, 7:00 PM

Fletcher United Methodist Church

50 Library Rd Fletcher

Concert is Free Donations Welcomed

Thank you for your generosity! During the Fletcher Food Drive, you donated 420 pounds of canned food items for the Calvary Episcopal Food Party. They were very grateful for your donations.



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

NOTE: The library will be closed December 24th - 26th for 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.

Family Story Time Every Wednesday (10:00am-10:30am)



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 Every Saturday (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.

Family Story Time Wednesday, December 3rd (10:00am-10:30am)

Lego Club (Children) Thursday, December 4th (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.

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, December 8th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Join the Fletcher Library Book Club for good books and good conversation! We will discuss *Sanatorium* by Sarah Pearse.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, December 9th (10:00am-4:00pm)

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

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Wednesday, December 10th (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, December 11th (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.

Holiday Crochet Workshop (All ages) Saturday, December 13th (10:00am-12:00pm)

Learn to create homemade ornaments and gifts with crochet! **Please bring a size J crochet hook and a skein of size 4 yarn to the program.** Registration Required: Register online or call 828-687-1218 for assistance.

Zaniac: Forces and Motion Monday, December 15th (4:00pm-5:00pm)

Participants will look at the physics of flight and make their own paper airplane. We will test, make improvements, and see which design goes the furthest. We will then explore forces and motion in more detail by making catapults with popsicle sticks and rubber bands. Which catapult will launch a marshmallow the furthest? Registration Required: Register online or call 828-687-1218 for assistance. *This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library.*

Paws for Reading (Children) Tuesday, December 16th (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

Paws for Reading (Children) Monday, December 22nd (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.



LETTERS TO SANTA

DROP-OFF DEC 1ST - DEC 15TH

Santa's little helpers will stop by Fletcher Town Hall to place a mail box with direct service to the North Pole! Good little boys and girls who place their letter to Santa in this mailbox are guaranteed a personal response from Old Saint Nicholas. We will collect letters beginning December 1st until December 15th. Don't forget to include a pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelope to ensure you receive a response from the North Pole before Christmas!

Fletcher Town Hall
300 Old Crane Creek Rd.



TOWN OF FLETCHER
PROUDLY PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

**6TH DECEMBER
11 - 2PM**

BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK

Live Christmas Music * Santa * Kids Zone *
Vendor Market * Carriage Rides

arden family DENTAL
AdventHealth
FABA



TOWN OF FLETCHER

WINTER YOGA CLASS

Thursdays, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
JANUARY 8TH - FEBRUARY 26TH

Opens for registration December 8th.
To register visit:
<https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

PARKS & REC EVENTS

**Santa's Mailbox @ Fletcher Town Hall
December 1st - December 15th**

**Christmas in the Park
Bill Moore Community Park
December 6th ~ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Winter Yoga Class @ Fletcher Town Hall
January 8th - February 26th at 5:30 pm
Registration opens 12/8/25 - fee charged**

**Painted With Love, Guided Painting Class
Friday, January 23rd ~ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Fletcher Town Hall, 3rd Floor
Registration opens 12/20/25 - fee charged**

**Father Daughter Dance
Saturday, February 7th ~ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Fernleaf Charter School, Wilderness Campus
Registration opens in January - fee charged**

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



**FLETCHER TOWN HALL WILL BE
CLOSED NOVEMBER 27th & 28th
IN OBSERVANCE OF
*Thanksgiving***

Trash & recycling pickups on Thursday 11/27
will be shifted to Wednesday, Nov 26th.

Trash & recycling pickups on Friday, 11/28
will be shifted to Monday, December 1st.

YEAR-END HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Fletcher Town Hall will be closed Christmas Eve, December 24th, Christmas Day, December 25th, and New Year's Day, January 1, 2026.

- Trash and recycling normally scheduled for pick up on Wednesday, December 24th will be picked up Tuesday, December 23rd instead.
- Trash and recycling normally scheduled for pick up on Thursday, December 25th will be picked up Friday, December 26th instead.
- Trash and recycling normally scheduled for pick up on Thursday, January 1st will be picked up Friday, January 2nd instead.

