

# NEWSLETTER



## Town of Fletcher

*Pride in our Past ~ Faith in our Future*

May 2026 Edition

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 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**  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month at 6:00 pm  
**Town Council Regular Meeting**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month at 6:00 pm  
**Planning Board Meeting**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 6:00 pm  
**Parks & Rec Advisory Board**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 5:30 pm

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

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 website at <https://www.fletherncc.org/about-us/newsletter/>.

Contact us with your questions and/or comments by emailing them to [info@fletherncc.org](mailto:info@fletherncc.org). For additional Town info, please visit our website at [www.fletherncc.org](http://www.fletherncc.org) or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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### News from the April 13th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
  - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
  - Approved May 11, 2026, as the Public Hearing date for a Standard Rezoning and Special Use Permit request submitted by Birkshire Trace. The applicant is requesting to rezone the subject property located at 196 Underwood Road from C-2, Interstate Commercial District, to NBD (Neighborhood Business District) to allow for the development of a 114-unit affordable, tax-credit multifamily project.
  - Approved a Consortium Resolution authorizing Mayor Blakely to execute an amended Joint Cooperation Agreement to add the Town of Mars Hill and the Town of Marshall to the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium.
  - Approved Budget Amendment #5 for the fiscal year 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance, increasing the Powell Bill Maintenance & Repair line item by \$43,000 to cover the resurfacing of Meadow Pathway Drive and Meadow Walk Court.
  - Approved Resolution R-26-05, calling on HCA Leader Sam Hazen to visit Western North Carolina for a meeting with elected officials, healthcare advocates, and other community leaders to discuss long-term improvements needed at Mission Health.
  - Approved Resolution R-26-04, opposing state legislation that limits local property tax authority and threatens essential public services provided to residents and businesses, including police protection, parks and recreation, street maintenance, and community amenities.
- Mayor Preston Blakely presented a proclamation to honor the life and legacy of Kenneth Youngblood, a lifelong resident of the Town of Fletcher. Mr. Youngblood contributed more than seven decades of legal service, helped shape Fletcher's early development, supported public schools and public safety, and strengthened civic and community institutions. Mayor Blakely expressed gratitude and condolences to his family and friends on behalf of the Town Council and residents.
- The Sons of the American Revolution, a patriotic organization of descendants of those who fought for our nation's independence, presented the Town of Fletcher with a Flag Certificate. The certificate honors those individuals and entities who properly display the American Flag.
- Two applications were received for consideration to fill a District 3 seat on the Planning Board/Zoning Board of Adjustment. Leslie Cuevas has been reappointed to fill the vacant seat.
- Lew Bleiweis, President and CEO of the Asheville Regional Airport, provided an update of the airport's 2025 activities and milestones.
- Emily Martin, Senior Director for the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development, presented Project Blaze, a Henderson County manufacturer planning to expand operations within the Town of Fletcher. The company is considering a capital investment in real property improvements and business personal property, along with the creation of approximately 33 jobs. The project includes a request for economic incentives of up to \$35,529 over a five-year period from the Town of Fletcher. A Public Hearing was held, after which the Town Council voted to approve the economic incentive request.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided an update on the Town Center development project and recommended initiating an Express Design provided by NCDOT staff at no cost to the Town. Focus areas include key intersections along Highway 25 near the Town Center area. After discussion, Council approved the recommendation.

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



**MAY  
EVENTS**

**WED MAY 5** **COFFEE CLUB**  
 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
 Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care  
 336 Rockwood Road, Unit 101, Arden, NC 28704

**WED MAY 13** **RIBBON CUTTING**  
 10:00 AM  
 Fifth Third Bank  
 1803 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville, NC 28803

**WED MAY 13** **RIBBON CUTTING**  
 4:00 PM  
 Big Frog Customer T-Shirts & More - 10 Year Anniversary  
 336 Rockwood Rd, Arden, NC 28704

**THU MAY 14** **FOCUS AFTER FIVE**  
 5:30 PM  
 Ciena Laurels of Greentree  
 70 Sweeten Creek Rd, Asheville, NC 28803

**WED MAY 19** **COFFEE CLUB**  
 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
 Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care  
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**FLETCHER COMMUNITY CHORUS  
PRESENTS**



**Thursday, May 14, 2026, 7:00 PM**  
**Fletcher United Methodist Church**  
**50 Library Rd Fletcher**

*Preview performance for Seniors: Tues. May 12, 2PM*

Concerts are free & open to all

Donations are welcome

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
25	26	27

Town Hall will be **closed** May 25<sup>th</sup> due to observance of Memorial Day. Trash and recycling scheduled to be picked up Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> will be picked up Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

# Reporting Illicit Stormwater Discharges

Stormwater becomes polluted by everyday things such as grass clippings, leaves, pet waste, fertilizers, motor oil, car wash chemicals, road dirt/grime from vehicles, litter, etc.

Town of Fletcher's Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program protects local waterways by stopping pollution from entering the stormwater system. Residents are vital to this effort and should report litter, yard waste, or illicit discharges.

## Three Ways to Report:

1. Use the Citizen Reporter App: <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/storm-water-management/>
2. Call the Stormwater Hotline at 828-687-3985
3. Email Tyler Morrow at [t.morrow@fletchernc.org](mailto:t.morrow@fletchernc.org)



Exhibit 1



Exhibit 2

## FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF TERRY



May is Law Enforcement Month. The week of May 10<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> is National Police Week. And May 15<sup>th</sup> is Peace Officer's Memorial Day. I'd like to take a moment to recognize those that have given the ultimate sacrifice in order to serve and protect their communities. There have been far too many.

I'd also like to thank those that continue to show up, specifically our fine officers at the Fletcher Police Department, committed to improving the safety and quality of life here in Fletcher. Please take a moment, pause, and reflect upon the often unpredictable, dangerous, and emotional job our officers do.

I am also grateful to the community for the support we receive. I say thank you and ask for your continued support and help in keeping Fletcher the desirable place it is. You can continue to help us by being our eyes and ears. Be aware of your surroundings. Look after your friends and neighbors. And, if you see something suspicious, say something. Call 911.



## Missed Recycling Collection?

On occasion, pickup services may be delayed, and collections may occur later than usual.

Unfortunately, in some cases, recycling containers may be missed for collection. If this happens, please contact **Curbside Management** at 828-252-2532.



Please remember that all recycling containers must be placed out for collection by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled pickup day.



# Fletcher Community Farmers Market

Join us for another amazing season!  
Vendor applications are still open.

Apply online at:  
<https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/upcoming-events/>



Tuesdays  
3pm-6pm  
Bill Moore Community Park

**First Farmers Market Event  
Starting on May 12th**



## Upcoming events

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**TUE MAY 12** **Fletcher Community Farmers Market**  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Bill Moore Community Park

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**SAT MAY 16** **Beginner Pickleball Clinic**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Bill Moore Community Park  
**Register at**  
<https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

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**FRI MAY 22** **Robert Parish Memorial Golf Tournament**  
Starting at 9:00 AM  
Cummings Cove Golf & Country Club  
**Register at**  
<https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

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**New Concession Stand**  
Bill Moore Community Park



**Hours of Operation**  
M-F 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Sat 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Sun 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



# SUMMER CAMP

## Update

Our Summer Day Camp officially begins on June 1st. We are thrilled to welcome new and returning campers for a summer filled with fun activities, learning opportunities, and lasting memories.

With the start of our Day Camp, you can expect to see more children enjoying Bill Moore Community Park and utilizing the Park facilities.

Please note the following important information regarding park availability during camp season:

- Some park facilities will be unavailable to the public during camp sessions from June 1st through July 31st.
- The Steelcase Shelter will not be available for rent from Monday through Friday, from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
- The pickleball courts will not be available for public use or rent on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM.



24th Annual Robert G. Parrish, Sr.

# MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

For the benefit of Fletcher Community Parks

**22 MAY 2026 || 9:00 START**  
**AT CUMMINGS COVE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

<https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

**REGISTER TODAY!**



# Thank You

A special thanks to the Windsor Forest clean-up crew who volunteered on March 28th, collecting litter along Fanning Bridge and Rutledge Roads as part of the annual Spring Litter Sweep. Your efforts truly made a difference!



## Upcoming Street Resurfacing Project

Beginning the week of April 27, 2026, the Town of Fletcher will begin resurfacing **Meadow Pathway Drive** and **Meadow Walk Court**. The contractor will start by raising manholes and milling/grinding areas of failing pavement. This will be followed by subgrade and pavement repairs. The final step will be paving. The process will consist of several days of work, lasting into the following week.

During this time, we ask that no cars be parked on the street. Any vehicles parked in the roadway during construction will be ticketed and towed.

Thank you for your patience during this project. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (828) 654-9208.

## 2026 Property Tax Relief Applications Due June 1st

If you qualify for one of these property tax relief programs, your Henderson County and Town of Fletcher taxes will be reduced:

- 01 Elderly or Permanently Disabled Exclusion**  
Excludes the greater of the first \$25,000 or 50% of the appraised value of your permanent residence and up to a one-acre homesite of NC residents age 65 or older, or totally and permanently disabled, whose 2025 income from all sources does not exceed \$38,800.
- 02 Disabled Veterans Exclusion**  
Excludes up to the first \$45,000 of the appraised value of the permanent residence of a Henderson County resident who is a disabled veteran whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions and who has a 100% total and permanent service-connected disability or who received benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. There is no age or income limitation for this program. Under certain conditions, this benefit is also available to a surviving spouse who has not remarried.
- 03 Circuit Breaker**  
Allows qualifying individuals to defer a portion of the property taxes on their permanent residence. You must be a NC resident that is at least 65 or totally and permanently disabled with income from all sources not exceeding \$58,200 and has owned and occupied the property for the last 5 years as of January 1st. If you qualify, you may receive a tax deferral based on 4% or 5% of the applicant's income. The taxes over the limitation amount are deferred and remain as a lien on the property.

**For more information** about these programs, visit <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/exemptions-exclusions-deferment> or call the Henderson County Tax Assessor's Office at 828-698-3005. Completed forms should be mailed or taken to the Henderson County Tax Assessor's Office at 200 N. Grove Street, Suite 102 in Hendersonville, NC 28792 by June 1, 2026.

## FLETCHER LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS IN MAY 2026



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

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

*The Library will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial 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.

**Family Story Time** May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-10:30am)



**Goodwill Career Connections Every Thursday (1:00pm-3:00pm)**

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) \*\*Registration Required\*\* Call 828-687-1218**

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

**Lego Club (Children) Thursday, May 7<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.

**Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (11:00am-12:00pm)**

Join the Fletcher Library Book Club for good books and good conversation! We will discuss *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain.

**Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-4:00pm)**

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



**Book Review Book Club (Adults) Wednesday, May 13<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, May 14<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.

**Zaniac: Marble Maze Engineering - Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (4:00pm-5:00pm) \*\*Registration Required\*\***

Get ready to roll into some hands-on engineering fun! In this creative STEM challenge, kids will design, build, and test their own marble mazes using simple materials like cardboard, straws, and tape. They'll explore concepts of gravity, motion, and problem-solving as they figure out how to guide their marbles through twists, turns, ramps, and tunnels. Along the way, they'll experiment, redesign, and race their creations to see whose maze works best. It's a perfect mix of creativity and physics where every twist leads to a new discovery! Register online or call 828-687-1218 for assistance. This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

**PAWS for Reading (Children) Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (10:30am-12:00pm) \*\*Registration Required\*\***

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