

NEWSLETTER



Town of Fletcher

Pride in our Past ~ Faith in our Future

June 2026 Edition

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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
Planning Board Meeting
3rd Tuesday of month at 6:00 pm
Parks & Rec Advisory Board
3rd 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. For additional Town info, please visit our website at www.fletherncc.org or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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News from the May 11th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved an amendment to Article VII, Section 2 – *Holidays* of the Town’s Personnel Handbook to add Juneteenth as an official holiday. This update aligns the written policy with the Town’s recognized holiday schedule and provides clarity for both employees and administration.
 - Approved Proclamation R-26-02, proclaiming May 15, 2026, as Endangered Species Day in the Town of Fletcher and encouraging residents to learn about endangered and threatened species, support habitat conservation, protect local waterways, and participate in stewardship efforts that strengthen Fletcher’s natural environment.
- Tyler Morrow, Planning and Zoning Director, briefed the Council on current ordinance classifications for data centers, noting national concerns about noise, energy use, and similarities to cryptocurrency mining. Mr. Morrow proposed a text amendment to the existing land development code to define data centers and prohibit them in all zoning districts. Due to their significant demands for power, water, cooling, and security, data centers can negatively impact the quality of life and well-being of residents, workers, and visitors. The Planning Board found the amendment consistent with Fletcher’s land use plan and long-term vision and recommended approval. A Public Hearing was held, after which the Town Council voted to approve the proposed zoning text amendment.
- Dustin Mills of Taft Mills Group LLC submitted plans for a 115-unit affordable, tax-credit multifamily development on 196 Underwood Road. Due to the project’s density and zoning requirements, the proposal required both a Standard Rezoning and a Special Use Permit. A quasi-judicial public hearing was held, and testimonies were received from the applicant and the public. After discussion, Council voted to deny both the rezoning request and the issuance of a Special Use Permit.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided updates on several ongoing issues:
 - The Town Budget Workshop was held on May 7th with the presentation of the recommended FY 26-27 budget. A few follow-up items remain along with the next step of completing the Budget Message for public comment and a public hearing will be held on June 8th during the Town Council meeting. The recommended budget includes an increase to the Town of Fletcher tax rate to 29.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value, an increase of 1.5 cents over the current fiscal year’s tax rate. The rate increase is dedicated entirely toward contracted fire protection services.
 - The street resurfacing project for Meadow Pathway Drive and Meadow Walk Court is now complete.
 - Mr. Biberdorf discussed the potential installation of a mural in Fletcher, with possible grant funding through the Community Foundation of Henderson County. Council members suggested potential locations and themes, including historically inspired designs. The artist is expected to present design ideas at the next Town Council meeting.
 - Mr. Biberdorf updated the Council on ongoing communication with state legislators regarding proposed property tax legislation, including Senate Bill 889 and House Bill 1089. Concerns were raised about reappraisal moratoriums and limits on property tax increases and their long-term impacts on local services and Fletcher residents.

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



JUNE EVENTS

TUE JUN **2** **COFFEE CLUB**
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care
336 Rockwood Road, Unit 101, Arden, NC 28704

THU JUN **11** **FOCUS AFTER FIVE**
5:30 PM
Southeast Physical Therapy
1870 Brevard Rd, Suite 115, Arden, NC 28726

FRI JUN **12** **RIBBON CUTTING**
8:00 AM
The Storehouse's New Building
2313 Spartanburg Hwy, East Flat Rock, NC 28726

TUE JUN **16** **COFFEE CLUB**
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18	19	20

Town Hall will be **closed** June 19th due to observance of Juneteenth. Trash and recycling scheduled to be picked up Friday, June 19th will be picked up Monday, June 22nd.

From the Zoning and Planning Department

Members of the Town of Fletcher Planning Board attended a legislative decision making workshop in April, hosted by the UNC School of Government at the Western Carolina University Biltmore Park Campus.

The workshop covered the roles and responsibilities of land use planning, along with procedures and key considerations for legislative zoning decisions such as rezonings and zoning text amendments.

Participation in this workshop reflects the board's commitment to continuous learning and to serving the Town of Fletcher with a high level of professionalism. The Town is grateful for the time and dedication these members contribute in this important role.



From left to right: Jacob Compher, Mike Franklin, Tyler Morrow, Robyn Mondin, Julia Fogel, and Bryan Gilbert. Not pictured: Lee Bowser



FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF TERRY



Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual shred event and pill drop this past April.

We have tallied up the number of medications collected at the April event, our fall pill drop in partnership with First Citizens Bank, as well as medications received at our pill box in the police department lobby. This year has been the largest collection of medications thus far. These are medications that have been kept out of the community, out of our water supply, and out of the wrong hands.

Our collections since the first arrival of the pill box in the lobby, and our two pill drop events, total the following:

Fiscal Year	Weight	Equivalent to
21-22	60 lbs.	44,775 pills
22-23	138 lbs.	103,687 pills
23-24	65 lbs.	48,457 pills
24-25	130 lbs.	97,162 pills
25-26	142 lbs.	106,424 pills

Thank you for supporting this program and helping us make our community a safer place for all. Keep the unwanted medications coming.



Did you Know?

The Town of Fletcher provides weekly brush collection services. Collection begins on Monday and may continue through Friday, depending on the volume of work orders.

To schedule a brush pickup, please call Public Works at 654-9208 or Town Hall at 687-3985. You may also fill out our online request form <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>



Please note that work orders must be called in or submitted online prior to 7 AM each Monday to be included in that week's collection schedule.



SUMMER CONCERT

JUNE 12TH

SOUND INVASION

check out the venue:
29 Fanning Bridge road
auctionhousefoodhall.com

LIVE MUSIC FROM 6 - 8 PM
AUCTION HOUSE FOOD HALL



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

CAMP




Upcoming events

FRI JUN 12	Summer Concert Featuring Sound Invasion 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Auction House Food Hall
FRI JUL 31	Summer Concert Featuring Gotcha Groove 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Auction House Food Hall
FRI AUG 14	Art in the Park Starting at 5:30 PM Bill Moore Community Park
SAT SEP 19	Fall Festival TBD Bill Moore Community Park



Thank you

Check out the amazing garden at Bill Moore Community Park! Special thanks to the wonderful volunteers that make it all possible.

FLETCHER Farmer's Market

EVERY TUESDAY
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK

Vendor Applications Are Still Open.

APPLY NOW

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

New Business in Fletcher!

SKYLAND BODY ARTS



TATTOOS · PIERCINGS
FINE BODY JEWELRY

2712 Hendersonville Rd. Arden, NC 28704
828-585-2463

Stormwater Assistance Available for Town of Fletcher Residents

The Town of Fletcher is offering grants to help property owners address stormwater problems that occur on private property. This program can assist with stormwater issues that affect a stormwater conveyance or may threaten a home where public stormwater is involved.

Approved projects may be funded up to 90 percent of eligible costs, up to the program limit.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/public-works/stormwater-off-right-of-way-grant-program/>

To ask questions or schedule an onsite evaluation, call the Town of Fletcher at 828-687-3985.

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:

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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.

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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.

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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

Summer Reading Program begins June 1st! Pick up a reading log at the library, or track your reading on the Beanstack app.

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-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.*



Teen Improv Class (Teens) Wednesdays, June 10th - July 29th (2:30pm - 4:15pm) **Registration Required**

Learn the elements of story, collaboration, and social skills, as well as improv fundamentals! This series is for teens of all experience levels and abilities. Registration Required: You only need to register once for the entire series of 8 classes.

Family Yoga- Toddlers Monday, June 1st (10:00am-11:00am) **Registration Required**

Come bond with your preschooler and teach them the joy of movement! This class is tailored to the interest level and development of children ages 4-6. Registration Required- Please register yourself and each child separately. Exercise Waiver Required.

Lego Club (Children) Thursday, June 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, June 8th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Join the Fletcher Library Book Club for good books and good conversation! We will discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, June 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, June 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, June 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.

Zaniac: Busy Bees Pollination Party! - Monday, June 15th (4:00pm-5:00pm) **Registration Required**

Discover the buzz about bees in this hands-on STEM workshop all about pollination! Children will explore how bees help plants grow and learn the science behind this amazing natural process through fun, interactive experiments. They'll act out how bees spread pollen, create their own bee craft, and see why pollinators are so important to our planet. It's the perfect mix of science, creativity, and nature- sweetened with a little honey and curiosity! 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, June 16th (10:30am-12:00pm) **Registration Required**

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.

Become a Library Power User! (Adults) Tuesday, June 16th (2:00pm-3:30pm) **Registration Required**

A free librarian-led session for tips and tricks! Learn how to use the library website & app to: Master your library account; Search the catalog like a librarian; Find recommended reading; Access digital reading, listening, and viewing materials; Discover free, upcoming events. Registration Required: Register online or call 828-687-1218 for assistance.



The Big Dino Show (Children) Thursday, June 18th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Buckle up for a ROARING good time as the crew at Sigmon Theatrical take you on a thrilling, interactive expedition through the wonders of the prehistoric world! This action-packed show features amazing creatures that will transport you back in time to the days where dinosaurs ruled the Earth. We combine realistic puppetry along with a touch of theatrical magic to create an unforgettable and captivating experience for audiences of all ages!

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

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.

Big Bang Boom! (Children) Monday, June 29th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Big Bang Boom's live show is high-energy and both parents and children will find it hard to stay in their seats! Playing covers (with a twist) combined with their hard-rockin' funky original music has kids and grown-ups excited to move to their unique brand of parent-friendly children's music!