

NEWSLETTER



Town of Fletcher

Pride in our Past ~ Faith in our Future

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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.fletchernc.org/about-us/newsletter/>.

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

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News from the July 13th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved the 2025-2026 fiscal year-end Town of Fletcher Tax Collector's report showing a collection rate of 99.73% of the \$5,088,319.32 taxes billed.
 - Reappointed and charged Tax Collector Susan Heafner to collect property taxes for 2026 - 2027 for the Town of Fletcher.
 - Approved a request from Windsor Built Homes, to reduce and extend the existing Improvement Guarantee for The Authors Phase II Subdivision. The Fletcher Town Council originally approved the Improvement Guarantee in the form of a Surety Performance Bond on May 13, 2024. Following a site inspection and document review, Town staff confirmed substantial completion of improvements and determined the remaining bond amount is adequate to secure completion.
 - Approved the use of Powell Bill funds for stormwater improvements and street resurfacing on North Garden Court to address drainage issues identified following heavy rainfall during Memorial Day weekend.
 - Approved the transfer of \$950,000 from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance to the existing library project fund, increasing the total amount designated for the library project to \$1 million.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided an update on the Town Center development project, noting ongoing discussions involving Lewis Real Estate Group, Dewey Property Advisors, and several new developers. Discussions focused on mixed-use development concepts, traffic improvements, and possible anchor tenants. While grocery stores emerged as a recurring theme, the Town Council emphasized creating a unique destination that reflects Fletcher's character and long-term vision.
- Mark Biberdorf recommended a budget amendment to fund emergency repairs to a section of streambank at Bill Moore Community Park. The affected area runs adjacent to a portion of the greenway trail and has experienced erosion due to the most recent heavy rainfall, which threatens to undermine the trail. Bids were obtained from contractors, with Bradley & Connor Construction identified as the low bidder. After discussion, the Town Council approved the Budget Amendment No. 1 and selected Bradley & Conner Grading Contractors, Inc. to perform the necessary repairs.
- Mark Biberdorf also provided updates on several matters:
 - Land of Sky Regional Council recently provided an update on a sewer project application, noting that a congressional appropriations bill submitted by Congressman Chuck Edwards includes approximately \$1.15 million in funding for a sewer project in Fletcher. While the funding still requires congressional approval, the bill is expected to be considered later this year, with a possible vote in August. If approved, the project would continue through the federal and state review process toward a potential funding award.
 - Council discussed resident complaints regarding noise associated with the closure of the former limestone quarry site. Harrison Construction, the company managing the project, anticipated the work would be nearing completion by the end of July.
 - There have been ongoing discussions with the developers of The Landing at Meadowview regarding driveway access and necessary traffic improvements to help prevent traffic congestion onto Old Cane Creek Road.

TOWN OF FLETCHER

300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD
FLETCHER, NC 28732



AUGUST EVENTS

TUE
AUG **4**

COFFEE CLUB

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care
336 Rockwood Road, Unit 101, Arden, NC 28704

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AUG **13**

FOCUS AFTER FIVE

5:30 PM
ETS Networks and ABC Office Systems
25 Sheehan Rd, Fletcher, NC 28732

TUE
AUG **18**

COFFEE CLUB

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
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FIND US AT

<https://fletcherbusiness.com/>



Attention Business Owners

The Town of Fletcher's annual Business Registration renewal notices were mailed on July 1, with a due date of August 1st.

The registration is required of any business maintaining a physical presence within Town limits.



If you have not received your renewal invoice or are a new business, please send an email to m.calvillo@fletchernc.org or call the Fletcher Town Hall at 828-687-3985.

2026 PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Fletcher property tax bills will be mailed within the next few weeks. Tax payments are due September 1st, but are not past due until January 6, 2027.

- If you do not receive a tax bill by late-August or if your mortgage company receives the bill and you need or want a copy, please contact us at 828-687-3985 or send an email request to s.heafner@fletchernc.org. Remember, your taxes are still due even if you did not receive a tax bill in the mail.
- The 2026 Fletcher tax rate was increased by 2 cents due to an increase in the cost of fire protection services (1.5¢) and a reduction of projected sales tax revenue during the fiscal year (0.5¢). A previous tax bill of \$1,000 will be increased by roughly \$71. If you question your tax bill amount, you have 30 days from the date of the bill to appeal the value, location, or taxability of the property to the Henderson County Assessor's Office.
- The real property owner as of January 1, 2026 is the responsible party for 2026 real estate taxes. Since real estate transactions often include a proration of property taxes between the buyer and seller, if you wish to verify that taxes were paid after a real estate sale, please contact us at 828-687-3985. If the property is sold during the year and the 2026 taxes are unpaid as of January 6, 2027, the tax liability follows property ownership so the owner on that date and any subsequent owners are responsible for unpaid taxes.
- For 2026 personal property taxes, such as boats, trailers, mobile homes, etc., the property owner as of January 1, 2026 is the responsible party EVEN if you sold the property in 2026. The new property owner will be responsible for the 2027 taxes.
- You may make periodic payments on your taxes up to January 5, 2027 to make your tax payment more manageable and still avoid interest.
- We are trying to implement some additional payment options -- stay tuned or watch our website for more information.



FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF TERRY



This past month, the police department investigated two very significant traffic crashes. One involved a vehicle and a motorcycle and the other a vehicle and a bicyclist. In both incidents the individual on the bike survived but sustained very significant injuries. Both accidents could have easily been fatal. In one incident the bike rider was clearly at fault and in the other the car driver was responsible.

I'm sure everyone recognizes the growth occurring in Fletcher and the surrounding areas. As more homes and businesses increase, we will see a corresponding increase in traffic. Add the various construction projects in the region and we can expect more traffic and congestion. We occasionally receive complaints about traffic from members of the community. While we can address some complaints, such as speeding cars or vehicles failing to stop for signs and red lights, increased traffic and congestion expected from a community experiencing growth is outside the department's purview.

However, together we can make a difference. I ask everyone to partner with us in keeping our roadways safe, by remaining diligent while travelling the roads. Slow down, be aware of your surroundings, be patient with one another, and follow traffic laws. Having to wait through another cycle of traffic lights is certainly preferred over speeding to get through that yellow light that leads to a serious crash.

We, at the police department, are thankful for our supportive community. Let's work together to keep Fletcher safe. It's our town, so let's slow down!





Art in the Park

Registration Required

BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK
85 HOWARD GAP RD, FLETCHER, NC 28732

**5:30 PM TO 7 PM
AUGUST 12TH**

TO REGISTER :
[HTTPS://FLETCHERPARKS.RECDESK.COM/C
OMMUNITY/PROGRAM](https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/community/program)

**\$30
PER PERSON**



Upcoming events

WED AUG	12	Art in the Park 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Bill Moore Community Park - Registration Required*
THU SEP	3	Fall Yoga 5:30 PM Bill Moore Community Park - Registration Required*
SAT SEP	19	Fall Family Festival 2:00 PM - 7:30 PM Bill Moore Community Park



2026 FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

OPENS JULY 6TH - CLOSES AUGUST 7TH!

- BUILD SKILLS
- MAKE FRIENDS
- HAVE FUN
- BE PART OF THE TEAM
- BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY

MORE THAN A GAME. IT'S A COMMUNITY.

Fall ball is all about development, team chemistry, and preparing for an even stronger season ahead!

REGISTER TODAY AT:
[FLETCHERYOUTHSPORTS.ORG](https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/community/program)

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:
FLETCHER YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



Town of Fletcher presents

FALL YOGA

Registration starts 8/3

At Bill Moore Community Park

THURSDAYS 9/3 - 10/22 5:30PM

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

\$50 - Town of Fletcher Residents
\$60 - Non-Town of Fletcher Residents



FLETCHER Farmer's Market

**EVERY TUESDAY
UNTIL AUGUST 25TH
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK**

Shop fresh produce, handmade goods, delicious treats, and more while supporting local farmers and artisans. Bring your family, meet your neighbors, and enjoy an afternoon of community fun. *We can't wait to see you there!*

NEW BUSINESS IN FLETCHER



SHEETZ

21 AIRPORT PARK RD, FLETCHER, NC 28732

GET IT JUUUST RIGHT

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Recycling Collection Changes Reminder



Effective July 1, **Curbside Management** transitioned to automated side-load (ASL) recycling collection trucks across all routes in Fletcher.

Please follow these instructions on your recycling day:

- Place your cart at the curb with the opening facing the street (handle away from the street).
- Do not use straps or tie-downs, as they interfere with efficient collection.
- Ensure 3' clearance around cart (away from other carts, vehicles, poles, mailbox, fire hydrant, etc.)
- Residents may continue to stack broken down cardboard not to exceed 4'x4'. After emptying the cart, the driver will place the loose cardboard into the cart and use the ASL to empty the cart into the hopper.

For more information, please contact the Fletcher Town Hall at 828-687-3985.

HENDERSON COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

FALL 2026 DATES

Saturday - August 29 th	8 AM - 12 PM
Saturday - September 26 th	8 AM - 12 PM
Saturday - October 24 th	8 AM - 12 PM

- Must be a Henderson County resident to participate
- Proof of residency required (drivers license, bill, etc)
- Aerosols, cleaning agents, pesticides, fertilizers, insecticides, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, old gasoline (5 gal limit) accepted
- Paint disposal - \$5 per gallon no matter how full
- Items should be in their original packaging
- Biohazard, reactive, or explosive materials cannot be accepted
- Residential waste only, no business/commercial waste



WHERE:

Old activity building entrance.
Between Convenience Center and Transfer Station.



For more information about this program, visit www.hcrecycles.org, or call (828) 694-6694 or (828) 697-4715.



FLETCHER LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS IN JULY 2026

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 Wednesday 8/19 and 8/26 (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)

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, August 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.

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

Join the Fletcher Library Book Club for good books and good conversation! We will discuss *Husbands and Lovers* by Beatriz Williams.

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

Writers Guild (Adults) Thursday, August 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.

Zaniac: Balloon Blasters- Build and Race Your Own Airships (Children) Monday, August 17th (4:00pm-5:00pm)

In this fast-paced, hands-on STEM adventure, students design, build, and test their very own balloon-powered airships! As they race their creations down a track, they'll discover how air pressure, propulsion, friction, and aerodynamics combine to create motion. Through playful experimentation and friendly competition, students develop creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills all while watching physics come to life. **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, August 18th (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.

Online Safety 101 (Adults) Tuesday, August 18th (2:00pm-3:00pm) **Registration Required**

Register to learn how to maintain your online privacy through best practices and by securing your accounts. We will go over recognizing various online threats, discuss good Internet safety habits, and learn how to build strong passwords to secure your accounts and devices. Registration Required: Register online or call 828-687-1218 for assistance.

Paws for Reading (Children) Monday, August 24th (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.