

NEWSLETTER



Town of Fletcher

Pride in our Past ~ Faith in our Future

September 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.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 August 10th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved Resolution R-26-04, declaring surplus and authorizing the Town Manager to sell surplus personal property by electronic public auction.
 - Approved Budget Amendment #2 for the FY 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance, increasing the Other Financing Sources revenue line item and the Public Works Department - Capital Outlay expenditure line item to account for the financed purchase of a new 2026 garbage truck.
 - Approved Budget Amendment #3 for the FY 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance, appropriating fund balance to the Public Works Department Capital Outlay account for the purchase of a replacement street sweeper through the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Jill Paterson, Co-Founder and School Director of Focus Plus Academy, submitted an application for a Special Use Permit to utilize two existing classrooms within Fletcher First United Methodist Church, located at 50 Library Road, for the operation of a small middle and high school with a maximum enrollment of 25 students. The proposal included no exterior modifications to the building, site layout, parking areas, or surrounding property. A quasi-judicial public hearing was held, during which testimony was received from the applicant. Following consideration of the evidence and testimony presented, the Town Council voted to approve the Special Use Permit.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, presented the Town's services performance report for the first six months of the year, highlighting strong performance across all departments. Finance and the Town Clerk met all reporting, audit, agenda, and recordkeeping benchmarks. Public Works completed all garbage routes as scheduled, resolved service complaints promptly, and maintained excellent fleet availability and repair times. The Police Department reported increased community engagement, expanded social media outreach, reduced crime rates, strong case-processing performance, and continued officer training efforts. Parks and Recreation received positive evaluations for park appearance and maintenance, while Planning and Zoning exceeded permit review timelines and maintained effective code enforcement, reflecting a continued commitment to high-quality municipal services.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided an update on the Cane Creek Greenway Extension Project, which will extend the trail west from Bill Moore Community Park, across the FernLeaf School property, under the Highway 25 bridge, and along the south side of Cane Creek. The project concept has been completed and funding is in place; however, progress remains dependent on securing the necessary property acquisition and easements. Once property issues are finalized, environmental review and design work are expected to proceed, with bidding anticipated in late 2026 or early 2027 and construction potentially beginning in spring 2027. The initial phase will consist of a soft-surface or gravel trail, with future plans to pave the trail as additional funding becomes available.
- Mark Biberdorf also provided updates on several matters:
 - The Town Center development project continues to generate interest from potential developers, including ongoing discussions with Lewis Real Estate group.
 - The Town continues to make progress on a potential joint library project with Henderson County. The County is currently evaluating architectural proposals, with additional updates expected as the project moves forward.
 - Town Staff continue working with NCDOT to address safety concerns at the intersection of Old Airport Road, Highway 25, and the Ingles entrance.
 - The streambank repair project at Bill Moore Community Park is nearing completion.
 - Karen Eve Bane, STEAP Director, continues discussions with property owners regarding potential mural locations at Feed & Seed and Fletcher Foam & Fabric, while addressing installation concerns from property owners.

TOWN OF FLETCHER

300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD
FLETCHER, NC 28732



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

TUE
SEPT **1**

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

THU
SEPT **10**

FOCUS AFTER FIVE
5:30 PM
Jenn ProactiV
778 N Church St, Hendersonville, NC 28792

TUE
SEPT **15**

COFFEE CLUB
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Mountain View Cremation & Funeral Care
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NC DOT FALL LITTER SWEEP

SEPTEMBER 26TH
9 AM - 11 AM



In collaboration with the NCDOT, The Town of Fletcher's Litter Sweep Day will be held on September 26th from 9 AM until 11 AM. Volunteers do not need to bring any supplies. Trash bags, gloves, safety vests, and litter pickup sticks will be provided.

For more information or if you want to volunteer, please contact Tyler Morrow, Zoning and Planning Director, at t.morrow@fletchernc.org.

Do you like to sing? Join the Fletcher Community Chorus as they resume rehearsals for their Fall/Winter concert! Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 17th at the Fletcher United Methodist Church, located at 50 Library Road, and run from 6:30 - 8:00 every Thursday. **For more information**, please contact Christine Georger, Director, cbgeorger1@gmail.com or call (585) 755-3199.

**LABOR
DAY**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
7	8	9

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

Town Hall will be **closed September 7th** due to observance of Labor Day. Trash and recycling scheduled to be picked up Monday, September 7th will be picked up Tuesday, September 8th.



FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF TERRY

As of late, there has been significant debate and controversy in the media over the use of Flock Camera Systems. The Town of Fletcher deploys four said cameras. I'd like to share how those cameras are used and how that use is monitored. My hope is to reassure our residents that their police department uses the equipment in an appropriate and professional manner.

As I write this, hundreds of vehicles will be going past those cameras. I don't know who those people are. I'll never know who they are. I won't know anything about them or their vehicles. There is no one sitting behind a computer watching those cameras, until...

When the police department investigates a crime, a search of the camera is allowed for evidence of that crime. But not every officer can access the data. At the Fletcher Police Department, only detectives and supervisors have access. If an officer believes a search will help their investigation, they must share that information with their supervisor. If the supervisor concurs, then the supervisor or a detective can conduct the search.

Every search is documented by the use of the corresponding case number. The person conducting the search and the case it involves is identified in every search. On a monthly basis, an audit is conducted. This ensures proper documentation has been included for each search and that the search is appropriate for the case being investigated. The month's searches and a report of compliance are forwarded to the chief's office for review.

For context, in 2026, the number of cases where searches were conducted were

- January-12
- February-11
- March-12
- April-13
- May-14
- June-9
- July- 7

Out of the millions of vehicles that pass those cameras in the first 6 months of 2026, the police department conducted searches related to 78 cases.

Presently, Flock Camera Systems are set up to erase all data every 30 days. Based upon a recent press release from Flock, this is being reduced to 7-days.

Opponents of these cameras will point out abuses that have occurred throughout the nation. This is nothing new. I have been in this business for 35 years. Regardless of the industry, be it law enforcement, education, the medical field, finance, etc., we can find abuses that take place, and the abusers should be held accountable.

So far in 2026, the Flock Camera has strengthened 11 cases. In other words, the department had some evidence to solve the case and the use of the camera added to that evidence. Certainly, a good thing when trying to prosecute a criminal in court. However, in 16 cases, the case would have gone unsolved without the use of the camera. Offenders would not have been held to account. Stolen property would not have been recovered and returned to its owner. Victims would not receive justice. And in two cases, missing people with cognitive disability, would not have been located.

If the recent controversy motivates police executives to examine their process to ensure cameras are used appropriately, then I support that. But removing the cameras outright benefits no one but the criminals.





Fall Family Festival Reminders

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Please leave your dogs at home.
 Large crowds, children, activities, and fireworks at the end of the evening can be overwhelming and frightening for pets. Even dogs that are normally comfortable in busy environments can become anxious when the fireworks begin.



Parking & Carpooling
 With the fireworks, we expect a larger crowd and limited parking. Overflow parking will be available at Fernleaf. We strongly encourage everyone who is able to carpool to help reduce congestion and make parking easier for everyone.

Thank you for helping us keep the Fall Family Festival safe, fun, and enjoyable for our entire community! *We'll see you there!*

Upcoming events

THU SEP	3	Fall Yoga 5:30 PM Bill Moore Community Park - Registration Required*
SAT OCT	24	Halloween Crawl TBD Bill Moore Community Park
SAT NOV	7	Veteran Salute TBD Fletcher Town Hall

FLETCHER Farmer's Market

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER FANTASTIC SEASON. WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE MARKET NEXT YEAR!

And just like that, another season of the Fletcher Community Farmers Market has come to a close!

From fresh produce and homemade goodies to handmade crafts, local businesses, friendly faces, and plenty of community conversations, this season was full of all the things that make our market so special.

A HUGE thank you to all of our incredible vendors who showed up week after week and shared their talents, products, and passion with our community. And to everyone who stopped by, shopped local, brought a friend, grabbed a bite, or simply came to enjoy the afternoon, thank you for supporting our local businesses and making this market what it is.

We couldn't do it without you!

Until next season, keep shopping local, supporting small businesses, and spreading the love for all the amazing people who make our community so special.

FALL SPORTS LEAGUE AT THE PARK



The **Fall League of Fletcher Youth Baseball and Softball** is now underway at Bill Moore Community Park until the end of October.

Please be aware of extra children at the park and exercise caution while driving in the park.



Fletcher Food Drive

🌟 October 26th thru November 14th 🌟

📍 Where: Collection boxes at Fletcher Town Hall - Ground Floor and First Floor outside Council Chambers.



Drive-through collection event:
Saturday, November 14th,
11 AM–12 PM, Fletcher Town Hall -
South Parking Lot

Hosted by:
 Mayor
 Preston
 Blakely





Donate non-perishable items. ❤️

❤️ Thank you for supporting our community! ❤️

How to Place Your Recycling Cart





Place your cart with the **handles and wheels** facing your house and the **opening** facing the street.



Leave at least **3 feet** of clearance around your cart from vehicles, mailboxes, poles, and other carts.



Do not use straps, bungee cords, or tie-downs.



Flattened cardboard (up to **4' x 4'**) may still be placed beside your recycling cart for collection.

Proper cart placement helps keep collection running safely and efficiently.



HENDERSON COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

FALL 2026 DATES

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
- Wet paint will be accepted at this event
- 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 ABC BOARD VACANCY

The Town of Fletcher is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Fletcher Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board. The Fletcher ABC Board is responsible for the operation of the Fletcher ABC Store, including overseeing its management and hiring store employees.

The ABC Board operates independently from the Town's other appointed boards and commissions, managing its own affairs and maintaining a separate annual audit.

Applicants must:

- Be a resident of the Town of Fletcher.
- Be willing to serve the remainder of an unexpired term of approximately three years.

The application for this vacancy can be found at <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/>. Applications will be accepted through **Tuesday, September 2**. Completed applications may be:

- Emailed to Town Clerk Christine Thompson at c.thompson@fletchernc.org, or
- Dropped off at Fletcher Town Hall during normal business hours.

As part of the appointment process, applicants may be asked to attend the September 8 Town Council meeting for an interview or introduction. The Town Council anticipates making the appointment at its September 14 Town Council meeting.



FLETCHER LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS IN SEPTEMBER 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, September 12th in observance of Labor 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 Every Wednesday (10:00 AM - 10:30 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 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, September 3rd (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.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, September 8th (10:00am-4:00pm)

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



Book Review Book Club (Adults) Wednesday, September 9th (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, September 10th (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.

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, September 14th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Join the Fletcher Library Book Club for good books and good conversation! We will discuss *The Names* by Florence Knapp.

PAWS for Reading (Children) Tuesday, September 15th (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.

Beat the Paywall: Newspapers and Periodicals (Adults) Tuesday, September 15th (2:00pm-3:00pm)

Join us to learn how you can read current articles from Consumer Reports, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The New Yorker, The Economist, and hundreds more, for free with your library card. Registration Required: Register online or call 828-687-1218 for assistance.



Zaniac: Squishy Circuits Lab (Children) Monday, September 21st (4:00pm-5:00pm)

Dive into the basics of electricity using colorful, moldable, conductive, and insulating dough. By creating circuits with LEDs, motors, and batteries, students explore conductivity, resistance, and polarity through hands-on play. Sculpt imaginative designs and turn electrical engineering into a fun, creative, and squishy experience. **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) Monday, September 28th (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.

HENDERSON COUNTY NC BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Questions? Call: 828-697-4970

www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections **OR** hcelections@hendersoncountync.gov

Early Voting Information – General 2026

Board of Elections
75 E Central St
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Fletcher Town Hall
300 Old Cane Creek Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732

Etowah Library
101 Brickyard Rd
Etowah, NC 28729

Edneyville Community Center
15 Ida Rogers Dr
Hendersonville, NC 28792

EARLY VOTING DATES AND HOURS:

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	OPEN TIME	CLOSE TIME
Thursday	10-15-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Friday	10-16-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Saturday	10-17-26	8:00 am	3:00 pm
Monday	10-19-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Tuesday	10-20-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Wednesday	10-21-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Thursday	10-22-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Friday	10-23-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Monday	10-26-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Tuesday	10-27-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Wednesday	10-28-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Thursday	10-29-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Friday	10-30-26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Saturday	10-31-26	8:00 am	3:00 pm

~ 2026 GENERAL ELECTION DAY ~

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Where do I vote on November 3rd? **YOUR PRECINCT!**

(The Henderson County Board of Elections Office **IS NOT** an Election Day voting precinct)

Date and time: November 3rd from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM

Need to know where your Election Day Precinct is? Use the options below:

- Call 828-697-4970
- Use the QR code to the right
- Visit www.HendersonCountyNC.gov/Elections



***** REMEMBER: TAKE **YOUR ID** - QUESTIONS? CALL 828-697-4970 *****