

NEWSLETTER



Town of Fletcher

Pride in our Past ~ Faith in our Future

October 2026 Edition

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Public Works.....(828) 654-9208

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 September 14th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved a grant award recommendation in the amount of \$8,376.75 through the Stormwater Off-Right-of-Way Assistance Program for the property located at 10 Grove End Road.
 - Approved Proclamation P-26-03 in support of the 2026 Fall Litter Sweep from September 12 - September 26 in the Town of Fletcher and encouraged citizens, organizations, and businesses to participate in making our roadsides, neighborhoods, and community clean and beautiful.
- Mayor Preston Blakely presented a proclamation, declaring September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Fletcher and urged all residents to wear teal, learn the symptoms, and support the fight against this disease, as it is the fifth-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women.
- The Vice Chair of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, an organization dedicated to saving lives through awareness, prevention, and early detection, thanked the Town for recognizing September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. She shared her personal journey as a nearly 20-year ovarian cancer survivor, emphasized the importance of symptom awareness and self-advocacy, and encouraged residents to learn the signs of ovarian cancer and engage in conversations that can promote education, early detection, and ultimately save lives.
- Town Council considered filling the Chair vacancy on the Fletcher ABC Board and discussed appointing an existing ABC board member to the position. Following discussion, Town Council appointed Rachel Nard as Chair of the Fletcher ABC Board.
- Multiple applications were received for consideration to fill a vacant seat on the Fletcher ABC Board. After discussion, Town Council appointed Heath Scoggin to fill the vacant seat.
- Joshua Davis, Portfolio Director with Retail Strategies, provided a two-and-a-half-year update on the Town's retail recruitment efforts and the Town Center development project. Since the partnership began in April 2024, Retail Strategies has engaged more than 10 properties along the Highway 25 corridor, conducted over 115 outreach efforts with retailers, developers, and property owners, and represented Fletcher at eight industry trade shows. A significant focus has been placed on the Town Center site, where Retail Strategies has worked with numerous developers and retailers to evaluate development opportunities. Mr. Davis reported that Fletcher continues to be an attractive market due to strong traffic counts, population growth, available development sites, and favorable demographics. Several developers and retailers have expressed interest in the Town Center property. Retail Strategies will continue to focus heavily on the Town Center project during the coming year while also pursuing redevelopment opportunities and retail recruitment along the Highway 25 corridor.
- Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager, reported that there were no significant updates to the items previously presented by Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, during the September 8th Town Council Agenda meeting, with the exception of the following:
 - The Express Design Project is underway in coordination with NCDOT, with the review phase now starting in September. The study will focus on key intersections along Highway 25 and Fanning Bridge Road to identify potential traffic improvements that support future Town Center development.

TOWN OF FLETCHER

300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD
FLETCHER, NC 28732



OCTOBER EVENTS

TUE
OCT **6**

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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OCT **8**

FOCUS AFTER FIVE
5:30 PM
Annual Meeting & Board of Elections
Fletcher Town Hall
300 Old Cane Creek Rd., Fletcher, NC 28732

TUE
OCT **20**

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

<https://fletcherbusiness.com/>

LEAF PICKUP

Fletcher Public Works



Fletcher Public Works will begin picking up bagged leaves on **Monday, October 5th** until the last Monday in December.



Leaves must be bagged for collection; however, you may use any type of bag. Upon request, staff can empty your leaf bags and return them for reuse. Please do not include sticks, rocks, dirt, trash, or other debris in the bags, as the leaves will be mulched.



- To schedule a leaf pickup:
 - Visit fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/;
 - Call **828-654-9208** and leave your name, address, and phone number on the Public Works answering machine; or call the Town Hall at **828-687-3985**.



Pickup requests made after Monday at **7:00 AM** will be worked the following week to enable efficient scheduling of our workload.



VISIT fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/

NEW

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR FLETCHER TAXPAYERS

When paying your Fletcher property taxes, you now have additional online payment options with our new third-party vendor, MunicPay.

Payment Options Available:

- Pay with **Debit or Credit card** (VISA, MC, Discover, AMEX) or use digital payment methods such as Apple Pay or Google Pay. (The convenience fee charged by MunicPay for cc/debit card usage is 3% of your payment amount with a \$3 minimum.)
- Pay with **Electronic Check** - A flat fee of \$2 applies, regardless of the payment amount.
- Pay by **Telephone** - dial 828-663-3660 and follow the prompts. (Fees apply based upon the payment method chosen.)

Additional Features:

- Make **full or partial payments** on your property taxes. (Please remember that the balance must be paid in full prior to January 5, 2027, to avoid interest charges.)
- Pay **one or multiple Fletcher property tax accounts** at the same time.
- Check out as a guest or create an account to allow you to make recurring payments or save your payment information for future use.

How to Make a Payment

1. Search for your tax account by roll number, name, or property address.
2. Select the amount you wish to pay and add it to your cart.
3. Check out as a guest or create an account and enter your payment information. It's just that easy.

Coming Soon

Fletcher taxpayers whose tax payments are escrowed through their mortgage company will be able to view whether their mortgage company plans to pay, or has already paid, their property taxes.

Find the "Pay Taxes" link on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/> to be automatically directed to the MunicPay website.

We trust these additional online payment options and lower convenience fees will help make paying your Fletcher taxes easier and more convenient.

Reminder: You may still pay your taxes at Town Hall (by check, cash, or money order) or by mail with no convenience fee.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHIEF TERRY



Here we go again. October 1st kicks off the police department's 5th Annual "No Shave November" fundraiser. So far, the department has donated \$25,000 to various organizations and partners that provide valuable services to our community. This year, funds will be split between the Blue Ridge and Asheville Humane Society. Beginning October 1st, through the month of November, officers donate money to grow beards in support of our fundraiser.

We have several great local businesses that sponsor our fundraiser and help make it a success. You can be a part of that too. Anyone wishing to support the dogs and cats via this fundraiser may do so in two ways. During the month of October and November, you may donate in person, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at the Fletcher Police Department or mail your donation to the Fletcher Police Department at 300 Old Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, NC 28732. Any checks should be made out to your choice, Blue Ridge or Asheville Humane Society.

Also, stay tuned and follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherPoliceDepartment> for more information pertaining to our fundraiser. There will be a charity basketball game between the Fletcher Police Department and Veritas Christian Academy and other opportunities to support the cause.



Check Out These Businesses



Essence Nail Spa

235 St. John Rd, Unit 20, Fletcher, NC 28732
www.essencenailspa.net
They're also hiring.



Box Set Studios & Music

240 Old Airport Road, Fletcher, NC 28732
<https://www.facebook.com/BoxSetStudios/>



Upcoming events

SAT OCT 24 **Halloween Crawl**
 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
 Bill Moore Community Park
 85 Howard Gap Road

SAT NOV 7 **Veteran Salute**
 TBD
 Fletcher Town Hall
 300 Old Cane Creek Road

SAT DEC 5 **Christmas in the Park**
 TBD
 Bill Moore Community Park
 85 Howard Gap Road

Thank you

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Thanks to everyone who joined us for the Fall Family Festival at Bill Moore Community Park! We're grateful to our amazing community, vendors, volunteers, and especially our sponsors — AdventHealth, Fleet Feet, Telco Community Credit Union, FABA, My best Kept Secret Cleaning Service, A-American Electric, Kevin Dixon Sells Southern Living KW Mountain Partners— for making this event possible.

LOCAL BUSINESSES WANTED!

HALLOWEEN EVENT

OCTOBER 24 • NOON-2 PM

BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK

SET UP A BOOTH OR DECORATED TRUNK AND HAND OUT CANDY to local families!

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?
 Send us a DM on Facebook to reserve your spot.

Apply By:
October 9th

www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation



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! ♥



Help Us Keep Fletcher's Streets Safe

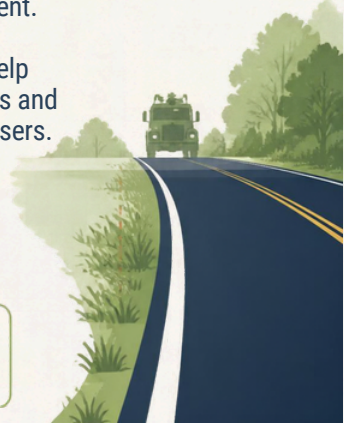
The Public Works Department has noticed trees and vegetation extending into the roadway. As fall approaches, we encourage homeowners to trim trees and vegetation back at least 3 feet from the edge of the pavement.

Maintaining this clearance will help prevent damage to Town vehicles and enhance safety for all roadway users.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep Fletcher's streets safe and accessible.



SAFETY FIRST.
 Thank you for helping
 keep our roads clear.




HENDERSON COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

FALL 2026 DATES

Saturday – October 24th 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.



Community Celebration Day



First CitizensBank

2900 Hendersonville Road in Fletcher

October 23, 2026 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Onsite shredding, free hot dog lunch (11am-1pm), pill drop, and coat drive.

Special thanks to First Citizens Bank for sponsoring the event, and to our community partners—the Town of Fletcher, Fletcher Police Department, Ingles and ABCMM—for their support.





FLETCHER LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OCTOBER 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, October 12th for staff development.

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, October 1st (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.

Writers Guild (Adults) Thursday, October 8th (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.



Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, October 13th (10:00am-4:00pm)

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

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Wednesday, October 14th (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.

ecoEXPLORE: Astonishing Arachnids (Children) Thursday, October 15th (3:30pm-4:30pm)



Join us for an educational program with the North Carolina Arboretum to learn all about the many different types of arachnids that call Western North Carolina their home! Ever wondered just what exactly makes an arachnid an arachnid? Are they all spiders? Do they all spin webs? Do they all have 8 legs? We'll answer these questions and more at this fun program!

Come ready to hear all about ecoEXPLORE, the many different types of arachnids (there ARE more than just spiders!), where they live, what they eat, plus much more! **Best suited for children ages 5-13. Registration Required:** Register online or call 828-687-1218 for assistance. This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, October 19th (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, October 20th (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.

Paws for Reading (Children) Monday, October 26th (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 *****