



300 Old Cane Creek Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732

# Town of Fletcher

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## July 2024

### Town Council

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Sheila Franklin, Mayor Pro-Tem  
District #1.....(828)684-5676

Keith Reed, Council Member  
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### Town Phone Numbers

Town Manager.....(828)687-3985

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Police Dispatch.....(828)697-4911

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Parks & Rec.....(828)687-0751

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

To live stream or view previous  
Town Council Meetings, please  
visit [https://www.youtube.com/  
@TownofFletcherNC/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@TownofFletcherNC/streams).

#### **Planning Board Meeting**

3rd Tuesday of month at 6:00 pm

#### **Parks & Rec Advisory Board**

1st Thursday of month at 6:00 pm

All meetings are held at Fletcher  
Town Hall at 300 Old Cane Creek  
Road in Fletcher.

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 web-  
site at [https://www.fletchernc.org/  
about-us/newsletter/](https://www.fletchernc.org/about-us/newsletter/).

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### News from the June 10th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council approved a request from BSC Holdings, Inc. to extend conditional zoning approval (CZ-2019-02) to December 31, 2026 for BSC to have significant infrastructure in place and begin permitting for building structures at 150 Cane Creek Road.
- A Public Hearing was held for the possible approval of amendments to the Fletcher Land Development Code (LDC). In May, the Fletcher Planning Board had unanimously recommended amendments to LDC Articles 12, 14, 15, and 16 which were largely related to additional services by the Town’s consulting engineer for various plan review and oversight. Edits to Article 12 also included a change to the “minor Street” width category. The amendments were approved by Town Council.
- A Public Hearing was held for the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. A \$9,729,525 budget was proposed, equating to a 3.1% increase over last year. The property tax rate was proposed to remain at \$0.28 per \$100 of assessed property value. (See the Budget article on the next page for more details.)
- Contract negotiations with Fletcher Fire & Rescue are still ongoing. There are some revisions to the current contract for fire protection services with slight differences remaining on three matters. A Special Called Meeting was scheduled for June 13th with the Fletcher Fire Board to discuss the remaining issues.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared updates on several items:
  - Representatives from Retail Strategies will be doing a field visit to Fletcher on June 19th. This is the retail consulting firm which we are utilizing for consulting services for the Town Center project.
  - The Town has received some complaints from Village at Windstone residents regarding noise from the Wilsonart plant in the Fletcher Industrial Park. A portion of Wilsonart’s manufacturing process is steam driven. When there are no production needs, the steam header has to be released. Around 10 years ago, Wilsonart installed a muffler on the steam header to reduce the noise. The muffler system has been checked and the Plant Manager indicated that it is still working properly.
  - Rebekah Robinson, with Conserving Carolina, has submitted an application on behalf of the Town to “Connecting Communities to State Trails” grant program to create a new greenway path along Cane Creek. If received, this would be a \$100,000 grant with a \$100,000 matching obligation from the Town.
  - A fiscal year-end Special Called Meeting will be held in late June, when needed, to close out the 2023-2024 budget year.

## Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Approved

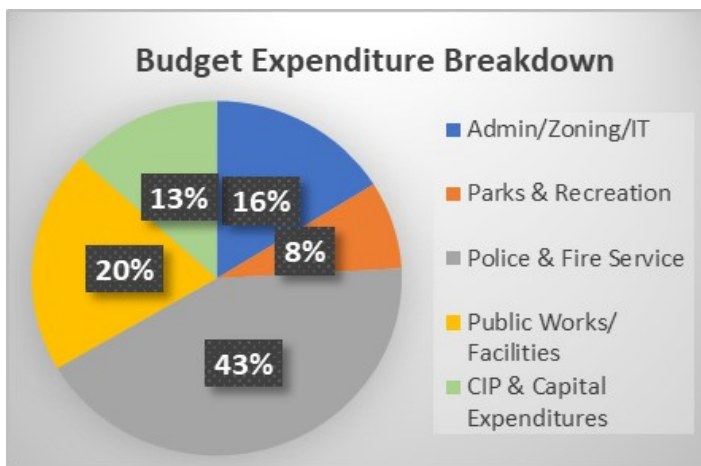
Fletcher Town Council approved the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget on June 10th. Revenues and expenses for the new budget year are expected to total \$9,729,525 which is a slight increase from the prior year. However, the Fletcher property tax rate will remain at \$0.28 per \$100 of assessed value. Since a property revaluation was conducted last year in Henderson Co., homeowners should not see an increase in your Fletcher tax bill unless you made improvements to your property over the past year. Of the 28¢ tax levy, 10¢ goes to Fletcher and Mills River Fire & Rescue for contracted fire protection.

Town Council goals for the '24-'25 budget included:

- Maintain existing service levels while keeping the tax rate the same.
- Continue to dedicate up to 7¢ of the tax levy to year four of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- Establish a strategy and marketing plan for attracting retail development to the Fletcher Town Center.

89% of the revenue funds for the new budget are derived from five main sources: **property taxes** are roughly 50% of revenue (basically flat as compared to last year with a slight increase in estimated business personal property revenue); **sales taxes** from consumer spending is about 25% of revenue (projected to be down due economic factors); **utility sales tax** collected by utility companies and re-distributed back to municipalities is about 8% of Town revenue (a 1.1% estimated increase); **ABC profits** from the Fletcher ABC Store is about 3% of revenue (estimated to increase by approximately 3.4% over last year); and **bank interest** on investments is estimated to be 3% of revenue.

No additional full-time or part-time positions are being added in this budget. The Town did conduct a pay classification study which will be implemented during the new fiscal year to help ensure the Town can retain and attract skilled employees to meet the needs of our residents and community.



## PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

### Brush Pickup Requests

We accept brush order pickup requests throughout the entire year. Your request can be made by calling Public Works at 828-654-9208 and leaving a message, by completing an online request at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>, or by calling 828-687-3985 from 8am - 5pm. Brush orders placed during the current week will be worked the next week to enable us to route our work.

#### Reminders:

- We start picking up brush on Monday's but cannot complete all requests on Monday. However, we do ask that you have your brush pile ready by 7:00am on Monday in case our workload allows additional pickups that day.
- Please do not assume we will get your brush pile if a neighbor on your street has their brush pile out. Please call or go online to make your request.



### From the Office of Chief Terry:

Wishing everyone a Happy Independence Day!



Let's never forget the sacrifices required to obtain our independence and the freedoms we hold dear.

A thank you to the men and women serving our country today, and throughout the generations, so we may continue to be free.

As we look forward to celebrating this day, please do so safely and responsibly:

- Fireworks are dangerous. Please leave those to the professionals.
- Driving While Impaired arrests and related traffic crashes increase during the holiday as well. Don't become one of those statistics. If you drink during your celebration, let someone else drive.
- Safety on the water, during one of the busiest boating weekends of the year, is also important. N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission law enforcement officers are stressing that by participating in "Operation Dry Water" during July 4th - 6th, to heighten enforcement and awareness about the dangers of boating while impaired.

Let's enjoy the holiday. Be safe and be happy!

Please welcome this new business to Fletcher !!

Opening Soon...

*Leidy Salon*  
Hairstylist

Family Hair Cuts  
Fades  
Hair Colors  
Eyebrows  
Hair Styling  
Manicure-Pedicure  
Makeup y Peinados

828 301-3953

WALK-INS WELCOME

2958 Hendersonville Rd Fletcher NC 28732

Hours:

Monday - Friday 10:00am to 6:30 pm

Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday 9:00am to 1:00pm

**Your input is needed** by two State agencies working on their long range plans. The NC Department of Transportation (NC DOT) and the NC Division of Parks and Recreation are asking for your opinion in their current surveys:

### **State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)**

The NC DOT invites you to participate in the development of their 10-year STIP document by identifying your priority projects throughout the state and local region. Please visit <https://live.metroquestsurvey.com/?u=oq8i8y#/?p=web&pm=dynamic&popup=IntroPopup> by July 17th and select our County to get started. A project map will appear, which allows you to click the colored icons and lines to view projects in the state. Select the projects that are important to you, provide your input and comments, and click "Finish" when you are done.



The main projects of interest in Fletcher are related to Fanning Bridge Road for various improvements to several intersections including the addition of roundabouts at three different intersections.

**NOTE:** Due to the amount of data on the survey map, the survey can only be accessed on a desktop PC or tablet.

### **NC Outdoor Recreation Plan**



Federal government grants are an important source of funding for parks and recreation in North Carolina. The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and the Division of Parks and Recreation manage the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) apportionment for N.C. For states to be eligible for the LWCF, a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), must be updated every 5 years.

The 2025-2030 SCORP is called "Shaping Outdoor Recreation from Mountains to Sea" and serves as a guiding document for how state departments, divisions and recreation providers will address the outdoor recreation needs of NC residents over the next five years. North Carolina is in the process of updating its SCORP and is seeking public input.

The survey is open through August 30th to share your thoughts about outdoor recreation in NC. Please allow yourself 5 -10 minutes to complete the survey found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7S9GYLR>.

**FABA**  
FLETCHER AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

**JULY  
EVENTS**

#### **COFFEE CLUB**

July 2nd 8:00 am - 9:00 am  
Lutheridge Conference Center  
2049 Upper Laurel Dr. Arden, NC  
Please join us for Coffee Club and bring a guest!

#### **COFFEE CLUB**

#### **Guest Speaker: Lotus Life Mastery**

July 16th 8:00 am - 9:00 am  
Lutheridge Conference Center  
2049 Upper Laurel Dr. Arden, NC  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1629357387877045>  
Please join us for Coffee Club and bring a guest!

#### **FOCUS AFTER FIVE**

#### **Business Showcase at Appalachian Mountain Brewery**

July 18th 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
46 N Mills River Rd, Mills River, NC 28759  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1935444680187121>

## Fletcher Library Opportunities in July

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

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

**Closures and Delayed Openings:** We will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday. We will open at 10:00 am on Friday, July 12th due to a staff meeting.

**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.

**Knitting for a Cause Donations:** If you have donations of yarn, knitting needles, or knitted or crocheted items, please call the library at 828-687-1218, we are always looking for donations. Our group makes hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, and blankets for the Interfaith Assistance Ministry in Hendersonville to give to children and adults. Thank you to all those that have donated.

**Family Story Time:** Every Wednesday at 10:30 am.

**Goodwill Career Connections Every Wednesday (10:00am-1:00pm)**

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 (Children) Saturday, July 6th (10:30am-12:00pm)**

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.

**Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, July 8th (11:00am-12:00pm)**

Come and discuss our July selection, *When We Meet Again* by Kristin Harmel.

**Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, July 9th (10:00am-4:00pm)**

Come and do a fun craft with us!

**Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, July 11th (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, July 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.

**Lego Club (Children) Thursday, July 11th (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

**Knitting for a Cause Group (All Ages) Saturday, July 13th (10:00am-12:00pm)**

Yarn and patterns are provided. Please bring your size 4, 5, 6, 7, and/or 8 circular or straight knitting needles if you have them OR your crochet hook! Have fun knitting or crocheting to help others.

**Dana Hill Magic (Children) Tuesday, July 16th (11:00am-12:00pm)**

No matter if you are 5 or 105, award-winning comedy magician Dana Hill is GUARANTEED to entertain you! His fun, family friendly, high-energy show uses audience participation and comedy illusions to amaze people of all ages.

**Pilates Mat Exercise (Adults) Thursday, July 18th (2:30pm-3:30pm)**

Whole body fitness! Strengthen your core and improve your spinal flexibility and balance. Classes are free and open to the public. No registration required. **For Adults | Exercise Waiver Required.** Contact the Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218 for more information. *This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library.*

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**New Park Maintenance Supervisor**



**Butler Taylor**

You may have noticed a new face around Bill Moore Community Park and Kate's Park lately. Butler Taylor joined us in June as our Park Maintenance Supervisor upon the retirement of Mitch Stamey. Mitch worked for Fletcher Parks and Rec for 12 years as supervisor until his retirement in late May.



**Mitch Stamey**

Butler will oversee daily park maintenance, the greenway trails, the athletic fields, and park facilities.

"Thank you" to Mitch for his service to our Town and please say "hi" to Butler when you see him at the park.

*Fletcher Parks and Recreation Presents*

# Summer Concert

@ Cielo Farm in Fletcher, NC

Saturday, July 13th 6:00-8:00PM

## Tuxedo Junction



**Taco Boy food truck and Baabals Ice Cream will be available for purchase**

**FREE EVENT**  
SPONSORED BY:

### Location:

Cielo Farm  
111 Howard Gap Rd.  
Fletcher, NC 28732



**Motorized Personal Vehicles on Park Trails**

Although motorized items such as bikes, scooters, and skateboards are fun and we know users are looking for a place to ride, we unfortunately do not have room to allow their use on park trails or sidewalks. Please remember that our trails and sidewalks are for walkers, joggers, and courteous bicyclists who wear helmets and are riding on the outer greenway trails. The inner paved loop can be used by walkers, joggers, and children learning to ride their bikes.

**Concession Stand Summer Hours**

The Bill Moore Community Park Concession stand is now open on Saturday's and Sunday's from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm and during special events at the park.



### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, July 13th	Summer Concert with "Tuxedo Junction"	6:00 pm
Saturday, August 17th	Summer Concert with "Caribbean Cowboys"	6:00 pm
Saturday, August 24th	"Pooches in the Park" (an event for dogs and their owners)	9:30 am

**Ball Field Rentals**

- Ball fields at Bill Moore Community Park will be available for rent starting in July.
- Rental fees are \$10 per hour for residents and \$20 per hour for non-residents with a 2 hour rental maximum.
- Field lighting will not be available during these rentals since the park closes at dusk.
- Contact Greg Walker at 828-687-3985 to set up the dates and times for your rental.

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FLETCHER, NC 28732

### **Holiday Observance**

Town Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Trash and recycling routes scheduled for pickup on Thursday, July 4th, will be picked up on Friday, July 5th.

Although we are not having fireworks at Bill Moore Community Park, there are some WNC towns and counties that are. Check out <https://www.romanticasheville.com/fourth.htm> for upcoming July 4th events and celebrations around western North Carolina.



### **Need Help with Federal Government Issues?**

The Congressional Staff of Chuck Edwards and their "Carolina Cruiser" mobile office will be in the Fletcher Town Hall south side parking lot on Tuesday, July 30th from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm to meet with WNC residents who are experiencing "red tape" with any federal government agency (including the Veterans Administration, Social Security, the IRS, etc.) and assist with passport and immigration matters. If you need one-on-one assistance, please come see them.

### **Traffic Pattern Change - From NC DOT**

I-26 Exit 44 at Mountain Home Road has a new traffic pattern. The new interchange was opened June 24th in a diverging diamond formation, just like the Airport Road interchange. The crossover transitions traffic from the right side of the road to the left side of the road and then back again. Because traffic is on the left-hand side between the crossovers, all left turns occur without having to cross opposing traffic. It moves high volumes of traffic through an intersection without increasing the number of lanes and traffic signals and provides easier access to the interstate. Diverging diamond interchanges have proven to be successful in reducing congestion, increasing ramp capacity, and improving pedestrian and cyclist facilities in North Carolina and across the country.