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Fletcher, NC 28732

Town of Fletcher

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August 2024

Town Council

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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

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 July 8th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Reappointed and charged Cynthia Broome, Tax Collector, to collect property taxes for the 2024-2025 fiscal year for the Town of Fletcher.
 - Set a Public Hearing for August 12, 2024 to consider possible amendments to Articles 12 and 18 of the Fletcher Land Development Code as related to family subdivisions.
 - Approved the revised 2024-2025 fire protection and emergency medical services contract with Fletcher Fire and Rescue.
 - Approved the 2023-2024 year-end Tax Collectors report.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared updates on several issues:
 - Representatives from Retail Strategies, the retail consulting firm we are utilizing for the Town Center, visited with staff on June 19th. Retail Strategies will be working to prepare a retail recruitment plan for the Town Center which they hope to share with us toward the end of summer.
 - Outside interest in the Town Center continues from various parties. Town staff has met with a developer and a realty company seeking more information on our vision for the project.
 - Our current Town representative on the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority Board, Jeremy Weber, will be stepping down in early July and someone is needed to fill the remainder of his existing term. Council is accepting applications, until August 2nd, for consideration to fill this board vacancy. For more information about this vacancy or to obtain an application visit <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/>.
 - Crown Castle shared with Mr. Biberdorf that the small cell wireless node they had planned to install near Fanning Bridge Road / Windsor Forest neighborhood will not be installed there. Crown Castle has instead chosen a location near the intersection of Highway 25 and Airport Road, outside the Town limits.

Vacant Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Seat

The Town of Fletcher is currently accepting applications to fill a vacancy on our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. For more information about this volunteer board position or to obtain an application, visit [https://www.fletchernc.org/
town-government/town-committees/board-openings/](https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/).

“What’s going on at the corner of Old Cane Creek Road and Cane Creek Road?”

In June 2019, Fletcher Town Council approved a zoning request from BSC Holdings, Inc. for a mixed unit development at 150 Cane Creek Road. Due to various factors including COVID, the economy, wetland issues, gas transmission lines, and building code changes BSC Holdings did not begin the project when expected but instead sought three project timeframe extensions which were approved by Town Council.

With most of the challenges now behind BSC Holdings, they have begun tree clearing work at this site. Their building plans include 299 units comprised of 23 single family detached villas, 60 one-story townhouses, and 216 apartments arranged in two-story buildings. The historical Meadow View house on the property will be restored and used as their management office since BSC will be the owner and property manager for this development. Their timeframe for finishing this project is three years with plans to secure building permits in 2025. This development is intended to offer first class housing at workforce affordable leasing prices and will represent a \$90 million dollar investment in our Town.

Tax Bills Have Been Mailed

Yes, it’s that time of the year again.... the Town of Fletcher property tax bills have been mailed. Payments are due September 1st but will not be past due until January 7, 2025.

A few points to remember regarding property taxes to ensure all taxpayers are treated equitably, courtesy of the NC General Statutes:

- If you do not receive a tax bill in the mail, payment is still due no later than January 6, 2025. If you do not receive a bill, or if your mortgage company receives the bill and you want a copy, please contact us at 828-687-3985 or send an email request to info@fletchernc.org.
- If you think the tax bill amount is wrong, you have 30 days to appeal the value, location, or taxability of the property to the Henderson County Assessor’s Office. After that window, your chances of successful appeal are reduced.
- The property owner as of January 1, 2024 is the responsible party for 2024 personal property taxes even if you sold the property. (The rules differ slightly for real property if the taxes become delinquent and the property is sold.)
- You can make monthly payments on your taxes starting immediately, up to January 6th, to avoid interest and to make your tax payment less painful.
- Please contact the Town Tax Collectors Office at 828-687-3985 if you have any questions.

Do You Recycle?

Recycling is important...plain and simple. First, it helps to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited in our county landfill. Once waste is there, it can take many years to break down. This makes finding landfill space an ongoing challenge for many communities. The more items that can be placed in the recycling stream the less landfill space that is used up unnecessarily and can be saved for non-recyclable materials.

Second, diverting materials from a landfill is good for the environment. Companies that re-purpose these recyclable materials are constantly looking for new ways to use them. This in turn helps the economy when these materials can be marketed and sold for same or new uses.

Finally, recycling helps to save you, as a taxpayer, money! The Town pays a tipping fee for the amount of household trash we take to the landfill each day. By increasing recycling, you help Fletcher reduce our tipping fees and thereby save valuable tax dollars.

So, please do your part to be good stewards of the environment and good stewards of your tax dollars! If you do not have a blue recycling cart to help collect your recycling, call Public Works at 828-654-9208 or Town Hall at 828-687-3985 and we will deliver one to your home free of charge.

From the Office of Chief Terry:



It would be inappropriate for me to discuss partisan politics in a government run newsletter such as this. Having said that however, I wanted to share some thoughts about the recent assassination attempt on a former U. S. President.

The Secret Service agents who responded to that event are heroes. As we watched them swarm the podium, surrounding the former President, exposing themselves, and turning their backs to unknown threats, they were willing to sacrifice their life for another. They can't be anything but heroes.

But these Secret Service agents are not alone. We are blessed as a nation because we have law enforcement officers and armed service members throughout the country ready to make such sacrifices when the time comes.

As our memories of this event begin to fade, and people want to blame or criticize law enforcement when they aren't perfect in every way (which we aren't), I hope we will remember the risk and vision of those agents surrounding the former President.

Evil called and those agents answered the call. They, and their families, have reason to be proud, as does any servant willing to sacrifice and answer that call. To those officers who routinely sacrifice for the Town of Fletcher, I say thank you. It is an honor to work with the men and women who make up the Fletcher Police Department. Likewise, it is an honor to serve this great community. Thank you for the opportunity.

The Henderson County Convenience Center allows County residents to recycle additional items beyond those allowed in your Town of Fletcher blue recycling cart. The Convenience Center is located at 265 Convenience Center Drive Hendersonville, NC 28791, and is open Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, their phone number is 828-697-4505.



HENDERSON COUNTY RECYCLES

These items are also accepted at the Convenience Center. For more information, see the site attendant or visit: www.hcrecycles.org

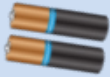
THE CENTER IS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE ONLY.



White goods/scrap metal: Washing machines and other metal appliances, metal bed frames, lawnmowers, microwaves, refrigerators/freezers (remove door) and other majority metal items.



Automotive products: Anti-freeze, Oil filters, motor oil and batteries. 5 gallon limit.



Batteries: Please tape over terminals of all non auto-batteries; leaky batteries must be in a sealed bag.



Used cooking oil: 3 gallon limit.



Sharps: Must be contained in hard plastic taped closed. Find attendant.



Mercury products: Fluorescent tubes, CLFs, wall-mounted thermostats. Find attendant to recycle.



Food waste: Loose and free (no plastic bags, metal cans or glass jars).



Peripheral electronics: Telephones, laptops, keyboards, computer towers, scanners, printers, stereos, mice, etc.



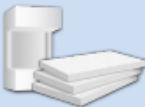
Household hazardous waste (HHW): On designated collection days only.



Clothing and shoes: No pillows, rags, comforters, or wet/mildew items.



Leaves (Oct 1 - Dec 31): 5 bags per day per household. Empty bags into dumpster and dispose of bags. No clippings, limbs or brush.



Stryfoam packaging: On designated collection days only.

Reminder.... 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 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.



	<p>AUGUST EVENTS</p>
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COFFEE CLUB

Featuring All Choice Insurance

August 6th 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Lutheridge Conference Center
2049 Upper Laurel Drive Arden, NC 28704

FOCUS AFTER FIVE

Featuring CC Flooring Professionals

August 8th 5:30 pm
246 Old Airport Road Fletcher, NC 28732

COFFEE CLUB

Featuring Kenmure Country Club

August 20th 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Lutheridge Conference Center
2049 Upper Laurel Drive Arden, NC 28704

RIBBON CUTTING

Julia Woods Retirement Community

August 22nd 11:00 am
421 Overlook Road Ext. Arden, NC 28704

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Fletcher Library Opportunities in August

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

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

DELAYED OPENING: We will open at 10:00 am on August 16th, 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, except for August 7th and August 14th.

Goodwill Career Connections Every Wednesday (10:00pm-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.

Pilates Mat Exercise (Adults) Thursday, August 1st (1:30pm-2:30pm)

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.*

Lego Club (Children) Thursday, August 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.*

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, August 3rd (10:30am-12:00pm) ** REGISTRATION REQUIRED **

Children can sign up to read to a certified therapy dog! Call or come by the Fletcher Library to sign up for a 10-minute session.

Medicare 101: The Basics (Adults) Monday, August 5th (2:00pm-3:00pm)

This program is for those new to Medicare, leaving group coverage, and caregivers. *The Council on Aging of Buncombe County in conjunction with the SHIP (Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program) is offering a free educational series all about Medicare insurance and understanding how the parts work together.*

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, August 8th (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 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.

Knitting for a Cause Group (All Ages) Saturday, August 10th (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.

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, August 10th (10:30am-12:00pm) ** REGISTRATION REQUIRED **

Children can sign up to read to a certified therapy dog! Call or come by the Fletcher Library to sign up for a 10-minute session

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

Come and discuss our August selection, *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, August 13th (10:00am-4:00pm) Come and do a fun craft with us!

Pilates Mat Exercise (Adults) Thursday, August 15th (1:30pm-2:30pm)

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.*

NC Medicaid Managed Care (Adults) Saturday, August 17th (10:30am-1:00pm)

Drop by for information about the health care options available to you.

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FLETCHER PARKS & RECREATION - 828-687-0751

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FLETCHERPARKSANDRECREATION/](https://www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/)

Fall Yoga with Lindsay Fox

A 6-week Thursday night yoga class will begin September 5th at 5:30pm at Fletcher Town Hall. Lindsay teaches what she practices and enjoys all forms of yoga, so each class is different and incorporates ideas from different traditions and lineages.

Registration opens on August 5th at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

Cost is \$60 for Fletcher residents and \$70 for non-residents.

Pickleball Classes with Katie Nowicki

An adult fall pickleball class will start September 9th from 5:30pm - 7:30pm for **Intermediate** players. The class will run for 4 weeks: Sept. 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

An adult class for **Beginners** will start September 10th from 5:30pm-7:30pm. The class will run for 4 weeks: Sept. 10th, 17th, 24th, and October 1st.

Registration opens August 2nd at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

Cost is \$80.00 for Fletcher residents and \$100 for non-residents.

Fletcher Parks & Rec Presents:

SUMMER CONCERT IN THE PARK

17 AUGUST | BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK
6-8 PM

FEATURING:
THE CARIBBEAN COWBOYS

FREE EVENT SPONSORED BY:

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FLETCHER PARKS & RECREATION

POOCHES IN THE PARK

August 24, 9am-12pm

LOCAL VENDORS

SMALL KIDS ZONE!

Bill Moore Community Park
85 Howard Gap Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732

ENTER YOUR DOG IN THE DOG TALENT SHOW!

Any dog can enter with any trick, and the Fletcher Mayor and community leaders will be the judge of the winners with top tricks. The trick show starts at 10am.

Enter your dog using the QR code or at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

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TOWN OF FLETCHER

300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD

FLETCHER, NC 28732

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, Aug 17th	Summer Concert - Caribbean Cowboys Bill Moore Community Park	6:00 pm
Saturday, Aug 24th	“Pooches in the Park” Event Bill Moore Community Park	9:30 am
Monday, Sept 2nd	Labor Day Holiday Fletcher Town Hall Closed	
Sept 14th - Sept 18th	NC DOT Fall Litter Sweep	
Saturday, Sept 21st	Fletcher Family Festival Bill Moore Community Park	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday, Oct 26th	Halloween Event Bill Moore Community Park	Noon - 2:00 pm
Saturday, Nov 2nd	Veterans Salute Breakfast Fletcher Town Hall	9:00 am
Sunday, Nov 3rd	Daylight Saving Time Ends Park Open/Close Hours Change	
Monday, Nov 11th	Veteran’s Day Holiday Fletcher Town Hall Closed	

Enjoying Bill Moore Community Park

We continually receive comments from Fletcher residents and people from neighboring communities about your enjoyment of Bill Moore Community Park. Beyond the 3.1 miles of trails for your walking and running enjoyment, many people feel comfortable bringing their dogs to enjoy the trails and our two wonderful Dog Parks. To ensure that all people and dogs have a great park visit, we remind you of the following:

- Bring an extra bottle of water for your dog--they overheat quickly.
- Be sure to keep your dog on its leash while in the Park, except in the Dog Parks.
- Come prepared to clean up after your dog, or quickly find a dog bag station located throughout the park, if your dog has to take a bathroom break (since no one likes that kind of “shoe surprise”).
- Bring some treats to reward your dog for good behavior, when they meet a friend.

Thank you for helping to keep Bill Moore Community Park clean and safe for all.