



300 Old Cane Creek Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732

# Town of Fletcher

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## September 2024

### Town Council

Preston Blakely, Mayor  
Phone.....(828)215-7706  
  
Sheila Franklin, Mayor Pro-Tem  
District #1.....(828)684-5676  
  
Keith Reed, Council Member  
District #2.....(828)367-7130  
  
Jim Player, Council Member  
District #3.....(828-702-4200)  
  
Trevor Lance, Council Member  
District #4.....(828)338-9338

### Town Phone Numbers

Town Manager.....(828)687-3985  
Town Fax.....(828)687-7133  
Police/Fire Emergency.....911  
Police Dispatch.....(828)697-4911  
Police Non-emerg..(828)687-7922  
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 August 12th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
  - Approved Proclamation # P-24-02 in support of the NC Department of Transportation Fall Litter Sweep which runs from September 14th - 28th and encourages residential, civic organization, and business participation in this cleanup effort.
  - Approved a reduced performance bond of \$59,660 for Phase 1 uncompleted infrastructure in the Authors subdivision on Rutledge Road. The performance bond will cover the remaining work including the final paving of a portion of one road, planting of trees, construction of 2 short sidewalks and a pedestrian bridge.
  - Approved Roy Dickerson, of Baabals Ice Cream, to represent the Town of Fletcher on the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority Board.
- Lew Bleiweis, President & CEO of the Asheville Regional Airport, shared highlights from their 2023 fiscal year. He noted that the Asheville Airport served over 2.2 million passengers in 2023 and now has 6 carriers flying non-stop to 27 destinations. He also briefly discussed the construction on the upgraded terminal which will be 150% larger than the current airport and will offer amenities currently not available.
- Eric Rufa, Fletcher Planning Director, briefly explained that the proposed amendments to Articles 12 and 18 of the Fletcher Land Development Code (LDC) were intended to re-establish the definition of a family subdivision and provide the ability for a family member to deed off a parcel of land to another family member without having to meet the stringent code requirements for street access. He also suggested that the road access width for family subdivisions be set at minimum of 20 feet.
- A Public Hearing was held to consider possible amendments to Articles 12 and 18 of the Fletcher LDC regarding family subdivision and street access. A motion was made to approve the proposed changes to the LDC language and the motion was approved by Town Council.
- An election for two vacant seats on the Fletcher Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held. The ballot voting resulted in the unanimous election of Erik Weber and the election of Lorie Boehm. A motion was made to appoint Erik Weber and Lorie Boehm to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, which Council approved.

### Town Manager updates from the August 5th Town Council Agenda Meeting:

- We continue to receive interest in our Town Center Project. Although the majority of Council would prefer to keep all buildings to 2 stories in height, Council has agreed to consider any 3-story concepts with proposed potential uses.
- The diverging diamond at Exit 44 over I-26 will soon open all 4 lanes with a final completion date between October - November of this year.
- Consideration of a possible farmers market on Town Property is being entertained. Mr. Biberdorf will investigate further regarding location, community interest, etc.
- McGill Associates provided a schedule for proposed work to address preliminary engineering questions on the Town Center project such as wetlands, streams, preliminary designs, etc. Council approved the proposed timeline.
- Concern was expressed by a Council member regarding the flying of drones over residential neighborhoods. Mr. Biberdorf will investigate specific guidelines and rules regarding such activity.

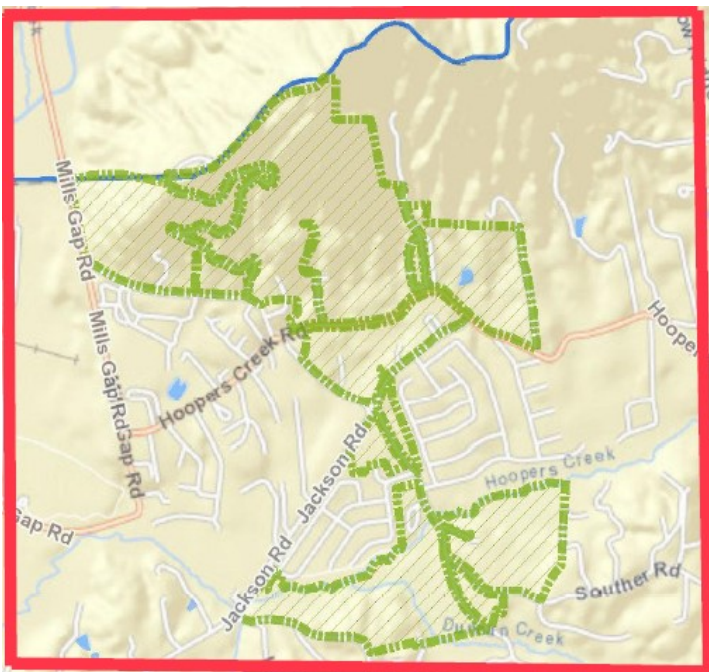
### Planning Board/ZBA Vacancy – ETJ Seat

The Town of Fletcher is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board & Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). (Members serve dual roles on the one Board). ***This seat is specifically for the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of Fletcher, and ultimately will be appointed by the Henderson County Commissioners.***

Functions of the Planning Board include recommendations to the Town Council on applications related to Rezoning, Conditional Rezoning, Special Use Permits, and text amendments to the Town's Land Development Code. The Board also reviews preliminary plats for major subdivisions as well as design review for projects in the "Heart of Fletcher" Overlay. Functions of the ZBA include quasi-judicial hearings regarding applications for variances and appeals on zoning matters. The Board typically meets once per month, on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

Applicants for this ETJ seat will first be reviewed by Town Council, and a recommendation will be made to the Henderson County Commissioners, who will then appoint the recommended individual. Any eligible resident within the ETJ interested in applying may access the application at <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/> OR by contacting either the Fletcher Town Clerk or Fletcher Planning Director at (828) 687-3985. (You may also call the Planning Director if you are unsure if you live in the ETJ. The below map shows the approximate ETJ as represented by the green hatched area.)

Applications will be accepted through Monday, September 30, 2024 or until filled. Applicants will need to be available to attend a Council meeting as part of this process.



### It's Almost Time...

Public Works will begin picking up bagged leaves in October. Make your request in late September by leaving a voice message at 828-654-9208 or by visiting our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>.

### Disposing of Abandoned Mobile Homes

Property owners in Henderson County with an abandoned manufactured home on their property are invited to apply for a grant to have the home removed. The grant cycle is from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The grant will pay half the cost of demolition. The winning demolition contractor has a base quote of \$3,249 so the owner match is \$1,625. Cost is increased by weight over 10,000 lbs, contents or additions. However for applicants who have an individual annual income less than \$40,000, Henderson County will pay the entire cost.

To be considered for this grant an individual must apply. The "Abandoned Manufactured Home Grant Application" can be downloaded from the Henderson Co. website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/ces/page/zoning-ordinance-forms>. An application may also be obtained at 100 N. King Street in Hendersonville, NC 28792. For any questions, please contact Toby Linville at 828-694-6627 or by email at [tlinville@hendersoncountync.org](mailto:tlinville@hendersoncountync.org).

### From the Office of Chief Terry:



Prevention is the best cure! This little proverb means it is easier and more effective to avoid a problem than to deal with it after it has happened. This holds true on issues of crime and safety.

It is easier to slow down and obey traffic regulations than deal with the after effects of a traffic crash. It is easier to take steps in securing your property, locking doors, and keeping valuables out of sight, than deal with the results of being the victim of a theft or having your home and/or vehicle broken into. It is easier to take steps now to protect your identity and finances, than try to recover and protect your identity after it has already been stolen and used by criminals. It is easier to call 911 to report suspicious behavior than to regret not calling 911 after a crime has occurred and a friend or neighbor has become a victim.

As a community, we can accomplish much together if we maintain the mindset that "prevention is the best cure." More information on crime prevention can be found on the police department's website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/police/crime-prevention-tips/>. The department also has publications on various crime topics available and we are always willing to talk with you one on one, or attend a group event to discuss how we can better work together to prevent crime and disorder in our community.

PLEASE WELCOME THIS NEW BUSINESS TO FLETCHER!



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# FABA

FLETCHER AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

## September Events

### COFFEE CLUB

#### Designing Spaces by Lyn

September 3rd 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Lutheridge Conference Center

2049 Upper Laurel Drive Arden, NC 28704

### FOCUS AFTER FIVE

#### Carrie Ann and Guardian Property Services

September 12th 5:30 pm

Guardian Property Services

514 Fifth Ave W., Hendersonville, NC 28739

### COFFEE CLUB

#### Your Choice Realty of NC

September 17th 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Lutheridge Conference Center

2049 Upper Laurel Drive Arden, NC 28704

### RESOURCE RECESS

#### Preparing for 2025 with Jonathan Brake

September 19th 11:30 am

Fletcher Town Hall

300 Old Cane Creek Road Fletcher, NC 28732

### Operating Drones in Fletcher (the basics)

- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has established rules and regulations in FAA Part 107 governing unmanned aircraft systems (also known as drones) in the USA.
- In NC, the NC DOT oversees the drone regulations established by the NC General Assembly.
- Drones must be registered with the FAA, even those being flown for fun, unless they weigh less than 0.55 lbs and are flown exclusively under the "Exception for Recreational Flyers" as defined by the FAA.
- Recreational operators must pass the FAA online "TRUST" test (The Recreational UAS Safety Test) to obtain a certificate and should carry it as proof of passage when flying your drone.
- More stringent FAA and NC DOT registration requirements and licenses are required for commercial drone operators (ex: photographers; real estate agents who take pictures of homes they are selling, etc.).
- FAA rules restrict hovering over people or groups of people unless permission has been granted. It is also illegal to take or distribute drone images of a person or their home without their consent.
- Drones cannot be flown within 5 miles of an airport without prior authorization. This regulation includes the Asheville Airport which is closer than 5 miles to many Fletcher residences. Airspace authorization can be obtained from LAANC (Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability) or the FAA Drone Zone.
- If you think shooting down a "pesky" drone might be a good idea, that is illegal in NC. If you have concerns about a drone hovering over you or your property, not just flying over but hovering over, report it to the police.
- All drone operators are responsible for knowing and abiding by state and federal laws and regulations and operating their drones safely. Operators who disobey federal and/or NC regulations could face fines or prison time, as well as confiscation of your drone.
- To learn more about the FAA regulations, visit <https://www.faa.gov/uas>.
- To learn more about NC regulations, visit <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/aviation/uas/Pages/default.aspx>.

## Fletcher Library Opportunities in September

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



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

**CLOSINGS:** We will be closed Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.  
We will resume our normal operating hours on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**DELAYED OPENINGS:** We will open at 10:00 on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Thank you to all who donate to this program.

**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.

**Chair Exercises (Adults)** Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (2:00pm-3:00pm) \*\* Registration & Signed Waiver Form Required \*\*

These classes focus on strength training exercises that support increased strength, increased mobility, and reduced fall risk. They are great for people just getting started with an exercise routine or looking to exercise with others. Hand weights will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Please consult with your medical professional before attending.

**Pilates Mat Exercise (Adults)** Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (1:30pm-2:30pm) \*\* Exercise Waiver Required \*\*

Whole body fitness! Strengthen your core and improve your spinal flexibility and balance. No registration required. This free program is open to the public and is funded by the Friends of the Library.

**Lego Club (Children - all ages)** Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (3:30pm-4:30pm)

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, September 7<sup>th</sup> (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, September 9<sup>th</sup> (11:00am-12:00pm)

Come and discuss our September selection, Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson.

**Craft Day (All ages)** Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> (10:00am-4:00pm) Come and do a fun craft with us!

**Chair Exercises (Adults)** Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm-3:00pm) \*\* Registration & Signed Waiver Form Required \*\*

These classes focus on strength training exercises that support increased strength, increased mobility, and reduced fall risk. They are great for people just getting started with an exercise routine or looking to exercise with others. Hand weights will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Please consult with your medical professional before attending.

**Book Review Book Club (Adults)** Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> (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 12<sup>th</sup> (1:30pm-3:30pm) (this group meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday)

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.

**Knitting for a Cause Group (All Ages)** Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> (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.

**Updates to Medicare in 2024 (Adults)** Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (2:00pm-3:00pm) \* For those currently on Medicare & 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.

**Zaniac: The Magic of Gardens (Children)** Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> (4:00pm-5:00pm)

Get ready for a captivating journey into the world of plants! In our upcoming Flower Dissection Lab, students will dive into the intricate parts of a plant using a digital microscope for an up-close investigation.

**Pilates Mat Exercise (Adults)** Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> (1:30pm-2:30pm) \*\* Exercise Waiver Required \*\*

Whole body fitness! Strengthen your core and improve your spinal flexibility and balance. No registration required. This free program is open to the public and is funded by the Friends of the Library.

**Paws for Reading (Children)** Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> (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.

Fletcher Parks & Rec Presents:

# FLETCHER FAMILY festival

**SEPT 21ST | 4:30-7:30PM**

**BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK  
FLETCHER, NC**

**EVENT SCHEDULE :**

**4:30-7:00pm**  
Inflatables  
Facepainting/Fairy Hair  
Llamas/Barrel Train Rides  
Dunk Tank

**4:30-7:30pm**  
Vendor Village  
Food Trucks

**5:00-7:00pm**  
Garrett Huffman Music

Title Sponsor:



Other Sponsors:






**“Pooches in the Park”**  
August 24<sup>th</sup> event



MARK YOUR CALENDARS		
Saturday, Sept. 21st	Fletcher Family Festival Bill Moore Community Park	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 26th	Halloween Carnival Bill Moore Community Park	Noon - 2:00 pm
Saturday, Nov. 2nd	Veteran’s Salute Breakfast Fletcher Town Hall	9:00 am
Saturday, Dec. 7th	Christmas in the Park Bill Moore Community Park	Noon - 2:00 pm



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Share your clean-up photos at:  
**#LitterSweepNC**

**FALL**

# LITTER SWEEP

**N.C. Department of Transportation  
Biannual Cleanup Drive  
SEPT. 14-28, 2024**

[ncdot.gov/littersweep](https://ncdot.gov/littersweep)  
Forms, posters, and telephone listings  
are available on our website.

**Volunteer Locally!**

QR code and social media icons (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) are also present.

If you are interested in organizing a group from your neighborhood, civic organization, church, etc. to help beautify Fletcher during the NC DOT Fall Litter Sweep campaign, the Town of Fletcher will provide trash bags, safety vests, plastic gloves, and trash “pick up sticks” to help your cleanup effort. We will also pick up the full bags once you have finished. If you are uncertain where to focus your efforts, we can also suggest which streets could use a clean up.

If you are willing to volunteer during this effort and need some “gear”, please contact the Town Hall at 828-687-3985 or send an email to [info@fletchernc.org](mailto:info@fletchernc.org) before September 14th so we can have appropriate supplies on hand. Thank you for your interest.

### Holiday Closing

Fletcher Town Hall will be closed Monday, Sept. 2nd for the Labor Day holiday.

### Schedule Change:

Trash and recycling originally scheduled for pickup on Monday the 2nd

will be picked up on Tuesday, September 3rd.

