



Town of Fletcher

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Fletcher, NC 28732

November 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 October 14th Town Council Meeting

- By Consent Agenda, Town Council:
 - Approved Resolution R-24-02 waving Zoning & Floodplain development permit fees for any permitting related to repairs to, or the rebuilding of, structures and/or properties damaged by Hurricane Helene.
 - Approved Resolution R-24-03 to temporarily lift RV and camper occupancy restrictions imposed by Section 4.10 (A.9) of the Fletcher Land Development Code for a period of twelve months so that those displaced by Hurricane Helene may temporarily live in a camper or RV if needed.
- Town Council approved the Legislative Priorities List for 2024-2025, as previously compiled by Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, with some additional specific legislative funding requests.
- Mark Biberdorf provided an update on Town and County response efforts to Hurricane Helene. He also provided updates on the restoration of utility services within the Town, Town equipment and facilities damaged by the flood, and requests for FEMA public financial assistance by the Town.

EARLY VOTING LOCATION CHANGE

Due to a recent N.C. Legislature bill, Fletcher Town Hall, Etowah Library, and the N.C. Justice Academy in Edneyville have been added as Henderson County early voting sites from Tuesday, October 29th - Saturday, November 2nd. These additional sites, plus the Board of Elections Office, will be open from 8:00am - 7:30pm Tuesday, October 29th - Friday, November 1st and from 8:00am - 3:00pm on Saturday, November 2nd.

Henderson County Emergency Management

As of October 29th, Henderson County and the Town of Fletcher continue to operate under a declared State of Emergency due to Hurricane Helene. If you are still in need of disaster recovery services, please visit the Henderson County Emergency Management website at [https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/em/page/emergency-
information](https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/em/page/emergency-information) for resource and emergency information.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)

If you want to meet with a FEMA representative face-to-face, a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center is open at 2111 Asheville Highway in Hendersonville, NC 28791 at Blue Ridge Commons. The DRC is open Monday - Sunday from 8:00am - 7:00pm per their website at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>. You can also apply for FEMA assistance at the above website or by calling 1-800-921-3362. If you were denied FEMA assistance and need help filing an appeal, contact Congressman Chuck Edwards' office at 828-435-7310.

Town Informational Updates

We are posting daily updates on our Town of Fletcher Facebook Page, found at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov>, regarding restoration and FEMA information we receive. You may also wish to monitor our Parks & Rec Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/> to learn of repair work and the possible reopening of parts of Bill Moore Community Park.

Henderson County Business Resources

A list of resources for businesses and their employees, as compiled by the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority, can be found on their website at <https://visithendersonvillenc.org/post-helene-business-info-resources>.

Rebuilding in Town of Fletcher Floodplain Areas

New construction in designated floodplains must meet current regulations in the Town of Fletcher. If you have been damaged by Hurricane Helene and are located within a FEMA designated floodplain, you must wait until your structure has been assessed to determine if “substantial damage” rules will apply to your repairs and/or reconstruction. In mid-October, representatives from McGill Associates began important work within Fletcher on the Town’s behalf. They are performing assessments of properties within officially designated floodplains to compile a list of properties damaged beyond 50% of their value. In cases where a structure is damaged beyond 50%, the owner will have to rebuild in compliance with current floodplain guidelines.

McGill representatives will have identification showing they work for McGill Associates if you see them on your property conducting this assessment. Eric Rufa, Fletcher Zoning Director/Stormwater Administrator, will contact you by USPS mail if it is determined that your property has been damaged beyond 50% of its fair market value. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Eric Rufa at 828-687-3985.

Fletcher Community Day



Free on-site shredding

November 22, 2024 ~ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



First Citizens Bank
2900 Hendersonville Road in Fletcher

Other participating companies & organizations:



Serving hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Fletcher Police Department will be accepting old medications for disposal.

Storm Debris & Brush Removal

Henderson County has contracted with Southern Disaster Recovery for free curbside storm debris removal in the county. As a result, the Town of Fletcher has temporarily suspended our brush and leaf pick-up.

Here’s what we know about this removal process:

- Residents and businesses should place all debris along the road right-of-way/curbside for pickup.
- Please separate household garbage, construction debris, vegetative debris, large appliances, electronics, and hazardous waste in different piles since different trucks will be picking up the various items.
- The branches do not have to be cut to any particular length or size and you do not have to make a pickup request. Southern Disaster Recovery will be coming to each road multiple times due to the debris volume.
- **Please be patient.** They have started working in Fletcher, but we do not know when they will be working which streets since they are also working in multiple locations in the county at the same time.
- If you need help getting your debris to the curb, Crisis Cleanup Hotline (844-965-1386) or Samaritan’s Purse (1-833-747-1234) may be able to assist.

From the Office of Chief Terry:

You may see your police officers looking a little different this month. Beards, which are normally prohibited, will be worn by officers during our 3rd Annual “No Shave November” fundraiser beginning October 1st. The fundraiser this year will support TIP (Trauma Intervention Program).



The Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Western North Carolina is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that those who are emotionally traumatized in emergency situations receive the immediate assistance they need. TIP is comprised of a group of specially trained and screened volunteers available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Proudly serving Western NC, TIP volunteers are called by law enforcement, fire and paramedics to assist victims, families, friends, witnesses and bystanders by providing emotional support and practical resources. More information can be found at www.tipofwnc.org.

Anyone wishing to support this fundraiser may do so in two ways. During the month of November, you may donate in person, Monday - Friday from 9:00 to 5:00, at the Fletcher Police Department or mail your donation to the Fletcher Police Department at 300 Old Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, NC 28727. Any checks should be made out to TIP.

In addition, FPD is now accepting toy donations in the police lobby through November 23rd, to support the Annual Henderson County Toy Run. Feel free to drop off a donation for the kids.

Did Your Private Road or Bridge Sustain Storm Damage?

Henderson County is collecting information from residents who live on private roads that were damaged by Hurricane Helene. Data will be shared with the NC Emergency Management and FEMA as they continue to evaluate the need to assist with repairs to private bridges and roads that are not maintained by NC DOT or the Town of Fletcher.

The survey form is only for privately maintained roads and can be found at: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/b1342f14e2a747298016240971f8ff61>.

On the form, residents can pinpoint the location of the private road damage on a map. Green roads indicate roads not maintained by NC DOT. Red roads are NC DOT-maintained roads. (Note: U.S. Highways and I-26 are listed green on this map.)

Note: This form is only to collect information. It does not constitute a guarantee of repair or financial assistance.

There is also a FEMA Q & A (Question and Answer) website page that addresses the eligibility requirements to receive possible FEMA individual assistance for private road and bridge repair. The information can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/qa-private-roads-and-bridges>.



**November
Events**

COFFEE CLUB

Dynamic Image Marketing

November 5th from 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Lutheridge Conference Center

2049 Upper Laurel Drive Arden, NC 28704

FABA Annual Meeting

Board of Directors election will also be held

November 14th 5:30 pm

Fletcher Town Hall, 3rd floor room

300 Old Cane Creek Rd. Fletcher, NC 28732

COFFEE CLUB

Britt Creative

November 19th from 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Lutheridge Conference Center

2049 Upper Laurel Drive Arden, NC 28704

Note: Snack Pack Delivery at 9:00am
after the Coffee Club

HELP PREVENT WATER POLLUTION – Only Rain Down the Drain

NOTE: Although we realize that Hurricane Helene has made it extremely difficult to keep storm drains clear, we seek your assistance so drains will not overflow in the street or on your property when it rains again.

The Town's stormwater system takes rainwater away from homes and streets through the storm drain openings you see on your neighborhood curb or the grates in the pavement. Illegal discharge occurs when anything other than rain enters the storm drain system. Materials illegally dumped in the storm drainage system not only block the system, causing localized flooding, but also cause or contribute to water pollution. Illegal discharge and illegal dumping also violate town ordinance (Article 6 Sec. 6.6 6-19) and can result in a civil penalty.



The following items should be kept out of storm drains:

- animal waste
- yard waste, grass clippings
- leaves, limbs, branches
- trash
- concrete - wet or dry
- paint
- oil, anti-freeze
- grease
- swimming pool discharge
- wastewater or wash water

Call the Fletcher Stormwater Hotline at 828-687-3985 to report an illicit discharge or any other type of water pollution in our streams, ponds, ditches or rivers. If calling after working hours you can leave a message, which will be promptly received and handled as needed.

Fletcher Library Opportunities in November

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, November 11th for Veteran's Day.

We will also be closed Thursday, November 28th – Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume our normal hours on Saturday, November 30th.

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 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, November 2nd (10:30am-12:00pm) ** REGISTRATION REQUIRED **

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

Zaniac: The Magic of Colors (Children) Monday, November 4th (4:00pm-5:00pm) ** REGISTRATION REQUIRED **

Get ready to dive into the world of primary colors-- red, blue, and yellow-- and discover the secrets behind creating secondary colors like orange, green, and purple through enjoyable mixing techniques. Put your artistic skills to the test as you design and craft your very own pinwheels. Then, witness the magic unfold as we challenge your pinwheels to twirl and whirl under the influence of forced air. *This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library.*

Pilates Mat Exercise (Adults) Thursday, November 7th (1:30pm-2:30pm) ** EXERCISE WAIVER REQUIRED **

Whole body fitness! Strengthen your core and improve your spinal flexibility and balance. Classes are free and open to the public. No registration required. **Contact the Fletcher Library for more information.** *This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library.*

Paws for Reading (Children) Wednesday, November 7th (2:30pm-3:30pm) ** REGISTRATION REQUIRED **

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

Lego Club (Children) Thursday, November 7th (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, November 9th (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.

Craft Day (All ages) Tuesday, November 12th (10:00am-4:00pm) Drop by the Library for fun crafts. Everyone is welcome!

Chair Exercises (Adults) Tuesday, November 12th (2:00pm-3:00pm) ** REGISTRATION & SIGNED WAIVER REQUIRED **

This class is a low-impact strength training program that involves both seated and standing exercises. Hand weights and/or ankle weights are helpful for the class if you have those available. **Please consult with your medical professional before attending.**

Book Review Book Club (Adults) Thursday, November 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.

Writers Guild (Adults) Thursday, November 14th (1:30pm-3:30pm) Note: This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

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.

Paws for Reading (Children) Saturday, November 16th (10:30am-12:00pm) ** REGISTRATION REQUIRED **

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

Check 'Em Out Book Club (Adults) Monday, November 18th (11:00am-12:00pm)

Join the Fletcher Library Book Club for good books and good conversation! We will meet on the third Monday this month.

Chair Exercises (Adults) Tuesday, November 19th (2:00pm-3:00pm) ** REGISTRATION & SIGNED WAIVER REQUIRED **

This class is a low-impact strength training program that involves both seated and standing exercises. Hand weights and/or ankle weights are helpful for the class if you have those available. **Please consult with your medical professional before attending.**

Pilates Mat Exercise (Adults) Thursday, November 21st (1:30pm-2:30pm) ** EXERCISE WAIVER REQUIRED **

Whole body fitness! Strengthen your core and improve your spinal flexibility and balance. Classes are free, funded by the *Friends of the Library*, and open to the public. No registration required. **Contact the Fletcher Library for more information.**

Bill Moore Community Park Update

Bill Moore Community Park sustained significant damage from Hurricane Helene -- especially the back part of the park. Although we have made progress in our clean up efforts, thanks in part to TOF Public Works and 3 landscaping companies from South Carolina who worked all day at the park volunteering their equipment and expertise, the park is still closed.

However due to the popularity of our park and resident request, we are hoping to begin opening in stages soon with the inner loop, the outer loop, the playground, and the Steelcase Shelter being the first areas to open in early November. Watch our Facebook page for more info. **Please be aware that if we are able to open the park in stages, WE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCING "DO NOT ENTER" AREAS due to safety issues.** Park privileges may be revoked for persons entering posted "DO NOT ENTER" disaster zones. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and needed so the park can remain open once we are able to begin reopening.

Kate's & Pete's Park, located beside the Fletcher Library on Hendersonville Rd. (across from CVS), remains open to the public from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm and has a playground, a walking track, and a small shelter. Please remember that pets must remain on their leash while in the park and to clean up after your pet while visiting the park.



The walking trail and bridge to the outer greenway



Town of Fletcher Presents:
VETERAN'S SALUTE & BREAKFAST
Event cancelled
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND - 9:00AM
AT FLETCHER TOWN HALL
Keynote Speaker - Alan J. Yeck
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
Following the presentation, continental breakfast will be provided to all veterans and guests
Event made possible by: 

MARK YOUR CALENDARS	
Sun., Nov 3rd	Daylight Savings Time Ends ** Park Hours Change - closing at dark **
Sat., Dec 7th	Christmas Event ** Location & time to be determined **



Destruction at the end of the bridge to the outer greenway

DO NOT ENTER ZONES

TOWN OF FLETCHER
300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD
FLETCHER, NC 28732



Town of Fletcher Upcoming Holiday Schedule

Fletcher Town Hall will be closed the following days in November due to holidays. Please note the changes in trash and recycling pickup schedules:

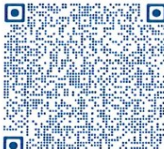
- Veteran's Day - Nov. 11th
Trash and recycling will be picked up Tuesday, November 12th.



- Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 28th
Trash and recycling will be picked up Wednesday, November 27th.
- Friday after Thanksgiving - Nov. 29th
Trash and recycling will be picked up Monday, December 2nd.

~ 2024 GENERAL ELECTION DAY ~
Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Polls open from 6:30 am - 7:30 pm

- **Vote only at your assigned precinct on Nov 5th**
- Take your photo ID with you to vote
- To find out which of the three Fletcher precincts you should vote at on November 5th:
 - Visit the Board of Elections website found at <https://hendersoncounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c60282060a824fa3bc18f9661e843ff2>
 - Scan this QR code 
 - Call the Henderson County Board of Elections office at 828-697-4970.

Sample ballots can be found at:
<https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>