TOWN OF FLETCHER

PRESTON BLAKELY
MAYOR

MARK E. BIBERDORF
TOWN MANAGER

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
JIM PLAYER
TREVOR C. LANCE
KEITH REED
AMBER MCKINNEY

Town Council Regular Meeting
September 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

1) Presentation of Proclamation in honor of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Moment of Silence:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comments:

"We will strive to uphold each citizen's First Amendment right to free speech. We will ensure a level of civility and decorum. We ask that all speakers be respectful and adhere to the three-minute time limit. Council is not expected to debate/discuss issues during public comment."

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

2) Agenda Review Meeting August 3, 2026
3) Regular Meeting August 10, 2026

Council Updates

Consent Agenda

4) Tax refunds/releases
5) Recommendation of a grant award in the amount of $8,376.75 for the Stormwater Off-Right-Of-Way Assistance Program.
6) Approval of Proclamation P-26-03 for Fall Litter Sweep.

Discussion Items

7) Selection of an individual to fill a vacancy on the ABC Board.
8) Annual Market visit update with Retail Strategies — Joshua Davis.

Town Manager Report

Department Reports

9) August Reports

Adjourn

Upcoming Events

Fletcher Family Festival September 19, 2026, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm
Agenda Review Meeting October 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting October 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Voting in the council room starts October 15, 2026
Halloween Carnival in the Park October 24, 2026
Fall Food Pantry October 26 through November 14.
Agenda Review Meeting November 2, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting November 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Veteran Salute Breakfast November 7, 2026
Christmas in the Park December 5, 2026

"This Institution is an equal opportunity provider."

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE TOWN OF FLETCHER

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women, profoundly impacting patients, caregivers, and families across our nation and within our own community; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is vital, as there is currently no reliable early detection screening test for ovarian cancer, making knowledge of its subtle symptoms—such as bloating, pelvic pain, difficulty eating, and urinary urgency—the most effective defense; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of advocates, including local survivors and leadership from the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC), plays a critical role in educating the public, supporting patients, and honoring the memory of the family members and friends we have lost to this disease; and

WHEREAS, 19-year survivor and NOCC Vice Chair, Debbie Robbins, resides in our community and exemplifies the strength of our citizens and the vital importance of early detection, timely medical care, and continued research; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fletcher stands united with survivors, families, and medical professionals to raise awareness and improve health outcomes for all women;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Preston Blakely, Mayor of the Town of Fletcher, do hereby proclaim September as **OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in our community, and urge all citizens to wear teal, learn the symptoms, and support the fight against this disease.

This the 14th day of September 2026.

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ATTEST: Mayor Preston Blakely

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Christine Thompson MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

Town of Fletcher
Town Council Agenda Review Meeting
Minutes
August 3, 2026

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Mayor Preston Blakely
Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance
Council member Keith Reed
Councilmember Amber McKinney
Councilmember Jim Player
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf

Moment of Silence:

No comments were made at this time.

Pledge of Allegiance:

No comments were made at this time.

Public Comments:

Joe Black of 340 Howard Gap Road, Fletcher, commented on cell phone use while driving, and he said that someone who was on their phone the other day while driving and almost ran into him. He stated that cell phone use while driving is not safe.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting July 6, 2026

Regular Meeting July 13, 2026

No comments were made at this time.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Resolution R-26-04 to sell surplus property by public auction.

Tax refunds/releases

Mayor Blakely asked if council had any questions on the consent agenda this time.

Council had no comments on the consent agenda.

Discussion Items

Public Evidentiary Hearing: Special Use Permit Review: Focus Plus Academy (26-11-SUP) - Tyler Morrow, Planning & Zoning Director

Mayor Blakely stated that we will have a public hearing next week concerning a special use permit.

Approval of Budget Amendment # 2 for the purchase of garbage truck — Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that this budget amendment is an accounting adjustment necessary to properly recognize both the financing proceeds and the capital expenditure that is associated with this purchase. The cost of the garbage truck is $391,871.00 and the budget amendment is for $400,000.00 to help cover acquisition costs.

Discussion Followed:

This item will be moved to the consent agenda for approval next week.

Approval of Budget Amendment # 3 for the purchase of a street sweeper — Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that this budget amendment appropriates the insurance proceeds, along with additional fund balance to fund the purchase of a replacement street sweeper. The budget amendment is for $236,000.00.

Discussion Followed:

This item will be moved to the consent agenda for approval next week.

Report on Performance Measures for Town Services - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf went over the most recent performance measures for department heads in their specific departments.

Discussion Followed:

Update on Cane Creek Greenway Extension Project - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that this project has been pushed back a little. We were hoping for late summer or early fall to get a design on it. I asked McGill to do an updated timeline on it. The biggest reason is we are still working on the easement on the Fern Leaf property and then the potential of deeding over a section along the creek on the Charlie Owen property. They are both on board and the property has been surveyed. Mr. Owen wanted it

back further to the creek. We had it a bit further south than he was comfortable with. They won't approve the permits on this until they know that the landowner has given an easement or deeded over the property for this.

Discussion Followed:

Town Manager Report

Town Center project: I emailed you all some updates on this. I shared with you our meeting with Lewis Real Estate Group, which are the ones that have had the most experience. They have suggested hiring a land planner to basically update the master plan which updates marketability. They would come back with a budget and timeline as to when this could be done. If they are going to do this, I would want them to come back and talk to you about this. I told them we wanted something back in writing before we engage with them on this.

I did hear back from Dan Merrill with Southeast Capital Partners. They have received good feed back from an anchor tenant, and then they want to bring a site plan back to us.

Library project: I have been continuing to communicate with the county manager on this. He said that I should be anticipating seeing the draft MOU within the next week. I let them know that you all had moved the additional fund balance dedication for the library project. They have put out an RFP and will be meeting on August the 12th and have invited me to participate.

On the Ingles Intersection of Old Airport Road and Hwy 25 that turns left into the parking lot we have had some issues with accidents. In the past, they have made some adjustments to the light but we still have issues there. I talked to the District engineer Steve Cannon, and he asked for more data and the police department is working on this.

Discussion Followed:

Department Reports

July Reports

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Keith Reed motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Jim Player.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 6:54 pm

Upcoming Events

Regular Meeting August 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Art in the Park August 14, 2026
Agenda Review Meeting September 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm "Tuesday"
Regular Meeting September 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Agenda Review Meeting October 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting October 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Halloween Carnival in the park October 24, 2026

Approved.

Date

Signed

Town of Fletcher
Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
August 10, 2026

Call the meeting to order at: 6:00 PM

Those who were in attendance are as follows:

Mayor Preston Blakely
Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance
Councilmember Keith Reed
Councilmember Jim Player
Councilmember Amber McKinney
Town Manager Mark Biberdorf
Planning & Zoning Director Tyler Morrow

Moment of Silence:

Mayor Blakely led the group in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Blakely led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments:

Joe Black of 340 Howard Gap Road, Fletcher, commented on the dam under the bridge on Hwy 25 needing repairs and the bushes along Hwy 25 onto Howard Gap Road needing to be trimmed. He said that they were blocking the sight line to be able to see traffic coming. He also said that people were parking in the fire lane at Ingles and that cell phone use while driving is out of control in town.

Julia Fogel of 49 Overton Place, Fletcher commented on the speeding on Hwy 25 and the speed limit needing to be reduced. She suggested 35 mph. She also stated about the traffic on 25 and that years ago she had requested a stop light be placed near their road and that NCDOT denied this request. Things have only gotten busier over the years and, with all the development going on across the street, a traffic light is needed now more than ever. Also, after a recent rainstorm, the stormwater run off from where all the acreage had been cleared right onto 25. I have never seen that much water on 25 in all my years living here. I would like to ask the Fletcher Town council formerly petition NCDOT for an updated traffic signal analysis and to conduct a code enforcement investigation into the developers' stormwater management.

Approval of minutes - corrections, additions or deletions

Agenda Review Meeting July 6, 2026

Regular Meeting July 13, 2026

Mayor Blakely asked for any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes and, if not, do I have a motion to approve the minutes as presented?

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed.

Motion all in favor.

Council Updates

No comments were made at this time.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Resolution R-26-04 to sell surplus property by public auction.

Tax refunds/releases

Approval of Budget Amendment # 2 for the purchase of garbage truck — Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Approval of Budget Amendment # 3 for the purchase of a street sweeper — Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager.

Mayor Blakely asked for any comments or concerns on the consent agenda and, if not, do I have a motion to approve the consent agenda?

Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Lance motioned to approve the consent agenda and it was seconded by Councilmember Amber McKinney.

Motion all in favor.

Discussion Items

Public Evidentiary Hearing: Special Use Permit Review: Focus Plus Academy (26-11-SUP) - Tyler Morrow, Planning & Zoning Director

Mayor Blakely gave opening statements for this Quasi-Judicial hearing stating that this is like a court hearing and that the state sets specific procedures and rules concerning how the board must make this decision. This decision is not based on public opinion and must be made in accordance with standards set forth in the ordinance and grounded in the evidence presented.

Property located is: Fletcher United Methodist Church 50 Library Road, Fletcher NC 28732

If you plan to speak as a witness, please limit your comments to relevant facts and applicable standards rather than personal preferences or opinions. Participation is limited, and the meeting is open to the public. Parties with standing have rights to participate fully, and present evidence, call witnesses and make legal arguments.

Mayor Blakely then swore in Planning & Zoning Director Tyler Morrow and Applicant Jill Patterson for the hearing.

Planning & Zoning Director Tyler Morrow gave a PowerPoint presentation on the request for special use permit # 26-11-SUP.

Discussion Followed:

Ms. Jill Patterson then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the school (Focus Plus Academy) that the intended permit was for.

Mayor Blakely then asked if anyone had any questions at this time.

There were no questions or comments at this time.

Mayor Blakely then asked if any board member had personal knowledge of additional facts relevant to the case that should be entered into the record.

Council had no additional comments at this time.

Hearing no additional questions or presentation of relevant facts, the board will now begin deliberation. The evidentiary hearing remains open, so the board may ask clarifying questions if needed. As a reminder, this board is tasked with deciding if based on the evidence presented, this proposal meets the applicable standards. This decision cannot be based on the personal preference of board members. Rather, is based on standards and evidence, and board members are encouraged to reference the applicable standards and specific evidence in a deliberation of this particular case. The board is asked to decide if the record includes competent, relevant and substantial evidence that a development is consistent with Article 15.10 and that all nine required criteria for the issuance of the special use permit.

OK, now we need to make a motion to vote and board members be sure to use the suggested motion for approval or denial.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevor Lance motioned to approve the Special Use Permit associated with this petition, finding that the proposed development is consistent with Article 15.10 and that all nine (9) required criteria for the issuance of a Special Use Permit have been met. The development shall be constructed in accordance with the approved site plan, and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed.

Motion all in favor.

Report on Performance Measures for Town Services - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that I went over the performance measures in depth last week. As a follow-up on some of the public works items as to repairs on fleet maintenance was on 90% being completed within 3 days of work orders being submitted. I spoke with the Public Works Director, and we've had no problem achieving 99% as we feel that this is still an obtainable goal at this time and will not put undue hardship on public works.

Discussion Followed:

Update on Cane Creek Greenway Extension Project - Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that last week he went over a revised timeline that McGill & Associates had provided to extending our green way coming across the Fern Leaf property and going under the Highway 25 bridge and coming up around and then continuing west along Cane Creek. They have completed the concept on this, and we are a little behind on some of the milestones to get this through environmental review and design and then, ultimately, to bid. We have the funding resources in place, but in order to get those we need to settle the easements onto the properties, (Fern Leaf & Charlie Owen properties) and we are getting pretty close to this.

Discussion Followed:

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Mark Biberdorf stated that last week he mentioned on the Town Center project that Lewis Real Estate Group would like to engage a land planner to reevaluate the site. They have started this process and are working on getting a quote and then a budget and timeline for that. We will have to do some type of formal engagement with them since they will be spending a fair amount of money to update the uses and market likelihood for the different things that we would like to see done with the property. We also have a couple of other entities evaluating the property and we are meeting with one group about a potential site plan. Another group has a large anchor tenant but they are trying to site plan our property. Remember we have 49 acres.

Last week I mentioned the library project and our efforts to reengage the county on this. They are working on a memorandum of understanding, and I am waiting on that back from them. They have also set up a request for qualifications for an architect and later this week I'll be at a meeting where they will be evaluating the proposals that have been submitted.

I mentioned to you last week about a traffic safety improvement issue. The intersection where Old Airport Road comes into 25 and the left turn movement into the Ingles parking lot. In the past, we have had a lot of accidents there when it was just the flashing yellow. A couple of years ago, we sent NCDOT a bunch of data that the police department had collected, and they were able to set up a dedicated block of time with a green arrow. We have approached the traffic engineer again about the safety of that intersection and have been asked for more accident data and the police department is getting this together to turn to them.

On the murial, I spoke with Karen Eves Bain of the STEEP agency, and she has been in communication with the owner of the Feed & Seed building who has concerns about the possibility of the building being damaged. She has been discussing this with a brick & mortar expert to help with their assurance that placing a banner/murial on the building will not damage it. She has also been in contact with the owners of Foam & Fabric to meet with them to pitch the idea of a murial on the wall there as well. Public Works has learned this wall is partially in the DOT right of way and we will need their permission as well. Initially, DOT said no, but this can be appealed up the chain of command to get permission for this. Our biggest challenge is making sure the property owners are comfortable with it.

Discussion Followed:

Department Reports

July

Adjourn

Mayor Blakely asked for a motion to adjourn

Councilmember Jim Player motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilmember Keith Reed.

Motion all in favor.

Adjourned at: 6:51 pm

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park August 14, 2026
Agenda Review Meeting September 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm "Tuesday"
Regular Meeting September 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Agenda Review Meeting October 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting October 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Halloween Carnival in the park October 24, 2026

Approved.

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Date Signed

TOWN OF
FLETCHER
Tax Collectors Office

2026 TAX YEAR PENDING RELEASES & REFUNDS

August 2026

Report Month	Year Adj	Rel #	Refnd #	Taxpayer	Reason for Release/Refund	Released Tax Amt	Adj Real Value	Adj Pers Value	REID or Abst #	HC BOC Approval	TOF TC Approval
Aug-26	2024	4		DOUGLAS E FREEMAN	VOIDED - MH DISMANTLED & REMOVED FROM PROPERTY	$ 12.01	-	(3,901)	2561921	8/3/2026	
	2022	5		BERNARDO DE JESUS GARCIA	VOIDED - MH SOLD, BILLED TO NEW OWNER ON P-0003123175	$ 28.90	-	(7,727)	504016	8/3/2026	
	2023	6		BERNARDO DE JESUS GARCIA	VOIDED - MH SOLD, BILLED TO NEW OWNER ON P-0003123175	$ 23.80	-	(7,727)	504016	8/3/2026	
					Total August Releases/Refunds	**$ 64.71**					

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor & Council

FROM: Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

COPY TO: Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager
Jabbo Pressley, Public Works Director

DATE: 9/1/2026

SUBJECT: Recommendation of a grant award in the amount of $8,376.75 for the Stormwater Off-Right-Of-Way Assistance Program.

Background:
The Town has received an application for grant assistance under the Stormwater Off-Right-Of-Way Assistance Program. Staff is recommending approval of this application in the amount $8,376.75 per the grant guidelines. A memo and copy of the application providing additional background on the project is attached for Council's review.

Recommendation:
It is recommended that Council approve this grant request.

Attachments:
1. Memo To Council. Stormwater Grant Award. 10 Grove End Rd.
2. Stormwater Grant Application Packet. Council Document. 10 Grove End Rd.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Mark E. Biberdorf, Town Manager MEB

COPY TO: Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager
Jabbo Pressley, Public Works Director

DATE: September 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Grant Award for Stormwater Off-Right-of-Way Assistance Program

The Town has received an application from Sarah Harper, who resides at 10 Grove End Road, to perform stormwater improvements on her property. This would be under the Town's grant program called the Stormwater Off-Right-Of-Way Assistance Program. This application has been reviewed and has been determined to be eligible by the grant guidelines and by the review committee.

It is staff's recommendation that a contract be carried out with the property owner to perform the work described in the application. The approved grant award for this project is $8,376.75.

If Council should have any questions about this item prior to the Agenda Review meeting, please let me know.

MEB/meb

Attachment

STORMWATER OFF-RIGHT-OF-WAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Exhibit A

Property Location 10 Grove End Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732

Nature of Problem Drainage from a storm pipe is no longer flowing down the appropriate space and is now flooding the back yard

Proposed Treatment Remove tree's that are "down stream" so drainage can be re-directed appropriately. Install check dam using Class B riprap at lower end of ditch. Install class B riprap at upper end of property to slow water entering ditch.

Total Estimated Cost (Please attach itemized estimates) $ 9,980

Expenses shall be shared in the following manner:

X A single participant shall incur all expenses.

___ Expenses shall be divided equally among all participants.

___ Expenses shall be prorated according to street frontage.

___ Expenses shall be prorated according to property length.

___ Other (please describe) _____

We the undersigned hereby apply for a Stormwater Off-Right-Of-Way Assistance Grant from the Town of Fletcher. By signing this form, we acknowledge the following;

- The proposed storm drainage improvement is being made under control of private property owners. The subject drainage way is neither owned nor controlled by the Town, and at this time is not part of a Town-maintained drainage system.
- Upon completion of the project, property owners shall continue to maintain the drainage facilities located on their respective properties. Maintenance includes but is not limited to: using reasonable diligence to keep pipes and ditches free of obstructions and uncontrolled vegetation; removal of litter and debris; repair of erosion or structural failure.
- We have read the standard agreement and agree to abide by its terms.
- We agree to pay our respective share of the project to be determined prior to the awarding of the grant.

Applicant(s) Printed Name	Applicant(s) Signature	Date
Jane Harper	Jane Harper	7/26/26
Sarah Harper	Sarah Harper	7/26/26

NICE DIGS EXCAVATION LLC

WORK ORDER & CUSTOMER AGREEMENT

Project name	Sarah Harper	***Notes***
Project address	10 Grove End Road Fletcher, NC 28732	**locate underground utilities before scheduling, 811**
Start date	*TBD*	

DESCRIPTION	**AMOUNT**
Remove row of trees behind house, leave tree material on-site	$
Dig ditch along property line • Install check dam using Class B Riprap at lower end of ditch to slow water exiting the ditch (see sketch) • Install Class B Riprap at upper end of property to slow water entering the ditch (see sketch)	$
	$
	$
TOTAL	**$9,307.50**

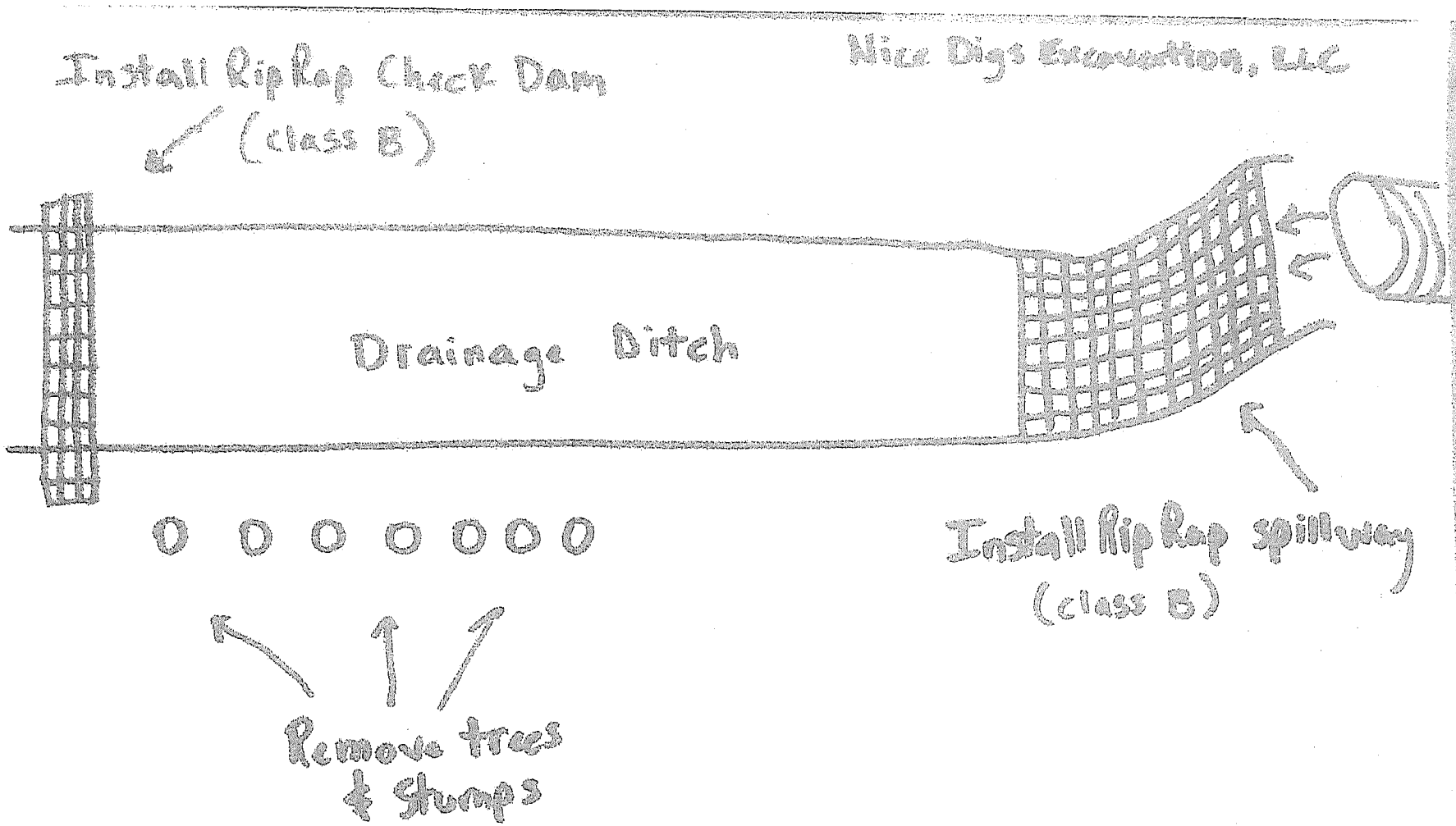
A deposit of	**$4,654**	**Is required to begin work. (50%)**

The balance of the agreed upon fee is due immediately upon project completion via Cash (USD), Zelle or Check. Returned payments are subject to a $35 returned payment fee in addition to accrued interest & applicable administrative fees. Credit cards are accepted with an additional 3.5% fee.

This Work Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into on the date of execution by and between the listed parties (the "Parties"), including NICE DIGS EXCAVATION LLC, a North Carolina business, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor," and the customer listed, hereinafter referred to as "Client". Contractor agrees to perform the scope of work and services as mutually agreed upon in writing at the rate and terms specified in this Agreement. Contractor shall provide all necessary labor, tools, equipment, and materials (unless otherwise specified) to complete the work in a timely and professional manner in accordance with industry standards and applicable regulations. Contractor will make every reasonable effort to begin and complete the agreed-upon work according to the estimated timeline. Delays due to weather, availability of materials, changes requested by the Client, or other unforeseen circumstances may affect scheduling. If a delay occurs that is not the fault of the Contractor, Contractor shall not be held liable for any losses, and any additional time or cost required due to such delay may be added to the scope of work upon written approval by the Client. This Agreement also serves as an invoice for payment. Failure to pay within five (5) business days of the agreed payment schedule will result in a $50 administrative fee and will accrue interest at a 2% monthly rate (compounded daily at 0.066%) until paid in full. In the event of non-payment, Contractor reserves the right to file a mechanic's lien or other applicable lien against the property in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes. NOTICE TO OWNER: Any person or company supplying labor or materials for this improvement to your property may file a lien against your property if they are not paid. Contractor may also file a claim of lien on real property if payment is not received in accordance with this agreement. To avoid this, ensure you receive lien waivers from Contractor and any subcontractors or suppliers as you make payments. Contractor may also seek recovery of costs, legal fees, and filing fees associated with enforcing lien rights or other collection methods, as allowed by law. Client shall maintain insurance on the property during the time work is being performed. Client agrees to provide access to the worksite and clear communication throughout the project. Contractor shall not be held liable for any damages or injuries caused by unsafe site conditions, hidden underground hazards, or pre-existing structural issues. Contractor shall not be liable for damage to lawns, grass, or landscaping resulting from performance of the work. Contractor is not responsible for delays caused by permit issues, third-party vendors, or required inspections. Contractor provides no warranty beyond what is required by law and is not liable for incidental or consequential damages. Any warranty, if offered, must be in writing and signed by both parties. This Agreement does not cover damage due to misuse, lack of maintenance, or acts of nature. If a dispute arises under this Agreement, both parties agree to attempt to resolve the issue through communication and negotiation. If legal action becomes necessary, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover legal fees and collection costs. This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina and venue of the courts of Buncombe County and city of Asheville. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement:

CLIENT		**CONTRACTOR**	
[ ] I am the legal owner of this property and authorize this work to be done.		***Company***	NICE DIGS EXCAVATION LLC
Signature		***Signature***	
Print name		***Print name***	COLIN REEF
Address		***Title***	MANAGING MEMBER
Phone		***Phone***	(828) 222-7984
Email		***Email***	colin@nicedigsavl.com

Nice Digs Excavation, LLC



MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM:

COPY TO:

DATE:

SUBJECT: Approval of Proclamation P-26-03 for Fall Litter Sweep.

Background:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. Fall litter sweep 2026

P-26-03

Town of Fletcher

Proclamation in Support of 2026 Fall Litter Sweep

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation annually organizes a spring litter cleanup to ensure that the great natural beauty of our state and our clean environment are a source of great pride for all North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, the annual cleanup raises awareness of the need for cleaner roads among our citizens and children, attracts tourists and aids in the recruiting of new industry into our State; and

WHEREAS, the Spring Litter Sweep roadside cleanup will take place from September 12, 2026 - September 26, 2026, and the Town of Fletcher encourages civic and professional groups, churches, schools, families, business and individual citizens to participate by organizing cleanups in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering and encourage recycling of solid waste; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Fletcher, North Carolina hereby proclaim a "Spring Litter Sweep" from September 12, 2026 - September 26, 2026, in the Town of Fletcher and encourage all citizens to participate in making our roadsides clean and beautiful.

Adopted this the 14th day of September 2026

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Mayor Preston Blakely

ATTEST

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Christine Thompson MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

RECEIVED
9-5-26

Application for Appointed Boards/Commissions/Committees
Fletcher Town Council

The Town of Fletcher Town Council believes that all citizens should have the opportunity to participate in governmental decisions. One way of participating is by serving as a citizen member of one of the Town's various boards. If you wish to be considered for an appointment to a board, please complete the information below and return it to the Town Clerk at 300 Old Cane Creek Road, NC 28732. For more information you may contact Town Hall at (828) 687-3985.

Name: Laura "Akasha" Nickolas

Home Address: 21 Redmond Dr. Fletcher, NC 28732

My residence is located with the Town of Fletcher city limits: Yes No (circle one)

How long have you lived in Fletcher: 3

E-mail Address: akashanickolas@gmail.com

Home Phone: 252-489-5624 Work Phone: 828-772-9527

Occupation: I own WagWorld Years in Position: 2

It is the Town Council's goal to maintain a balance of membership on its Boards/Commissions or Committees based on race, gender and voting district residency.

Voting District Fletcher Male_____ Female x
Race: White x Black_____ Hispanic_____ Native American_____
Other_____

Have you been convicted on any formal charge of professional misconduct, criminal misdemeanor or a felony in any jurisdiction?

Yes_____ No__x__ If yes please explain disposition.

Board(s) / Committee(s) Interested In: (Please list in order of preference)

1. ABC Board

2._____

3._____

What do you feel are your qualifications for serving on the board requested?

As a local hospitality business owner and ABC permittee, I bring firsthand knowledge of responsible alcohol service, regulatory compliance, purchasing inventory, customer service and the challenges of facing small businesses in our community. I also understand that an ABC Board has a responsibility that goes far beyond alcohol sales - it must operate responsibly, transparently and in a way that benefits the community it serves. I believe that I bring that.

I understand this application is public record and I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize and consent to the background checks and to the investigation and verification of all statements contained herein as deemed appropriate. I further authorize all information concerning my qualifications to be investigated and release all parties from all liability for any damages that may result from this investigation. I understand and agree that any misstatement may be cause for my removal from Board/Commission/Committee. I understand regular attendance to any Board/Commission/Committee meeting is important and accordingly, I further understand that if my attendance is less than the standards established for any body that this is cause for removal. Lacking any written standards for attendance by any Board/Commission/Committee it is expected that I will attend at least 75% of all meetings during any one calendar year to maintain my seat on any

Board/Commission/Committee to which I may be appointed. This form will remain on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and requests for updates will be sought prior in any consideration for re-appointment (or future appointment) to any Board/Commission/Committee.

Signature: _____ **Date:** 8/4/2026

Office Use Only:

Current year due in the amount of: $ 1,881.00

Date Received: 8-5-26

Date Forwarded to Council: _____

RECEIVED
8-14-26

Application for Appointed Boards/Commissions/Committees
Fletcher Town Council

The Town of Fletcher Town Council believes that all citizens should have the opportunity to participate in governmental decisions. One way of participating is by serving as a citizen member of one of the Town's various boards. If you wish to be considered for an appointment to a board, please complete the information below and return it to the Town Clerk at 300 Old Cane Creek Road, NC 28732. For more information you may contact Town Hall at (828) 687-3985.

Name: Michael D. Franklin

Home Address: 737 Jackson Road Fletcher NC 28732
My residence is located with the Town of Fletcher city limits: (Yes) No (circle one)

How long have you lived in Fletcher: 43 years

E-mail Address: mikie2xs@yahoo.com

Home Phone: 828 684 5676 * cell ~~Work~~ Phone: 828-551-5686

Occupation: Retired Years in Position: _____

It is the Town Council's goal to maintain a balance of membership on its Boards/Commissions or Committees based on race, gender and voting district residency.

Voting District Fletcher T.H. Male ✓ Female _____
Race: White ✓ Black _____ Hispanic _____ Native American _____
Other _____

Have you been convicted on any formal charge of professional misconduct, criminal misdemeanor or a felony in any jurisdiction?

Yes_____ No_✓_____ If yes please explain disposition.

Board(s) / Committee(s) Interested In: (Please list in order of preference)

1. ABC Board

2. _____

3. _____

What do you feel are your qualifications for serving on the board requested?

As a dedicated resident of Fletcher, I am deeply interested in serving our community. I currently serve as Vice-Chair of the Town's Planning Board. I want to help manage local operations responsibly and support smart business decisions for our Town. I am ready to commit my time to this position and work collaboratively with fellow board members and Town Council.

I understand this application is public record and I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize and consent to the background checks and to the investigation and verification of all statements contained herein as deemed appropriate. I further authorize all information concerning my qualifications to be investigated and release all parties from all liability for any damages that may result from this investigation. I understand and agree that any misstatement may be cause for my removal from Board/Commission/Committee. I understand regular attendance to any Board/Commission/Committee meeting is important and accordingly, I further understand that if my attendance is less than the standards established for any body that this is cause for removal. Lacking any written standards for attendance by any Board/Commission/Committee it is expected that I will attend at least 75% of all meetings during any one calendar year to maintain my seat on any

Board/Commission/Committee to which I may be appointed. This form will remain on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and requests for updates will be sought prior in any consideration for re-appointment (or future appointment) to any Board/Commission/Committee.

Signature: Michael D. Frankel **Date:** Aug. 7, 2026

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no past due taxes

Date Received: 8-14-26

Date Forwarded to Council: _____

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8-3-26

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Name: Brian Heath Scoggin

Home Address: 237 Windsor Forest Circle, Fletcher NC 28732
My residence is located with the Town of Fletcher city limits: Yes No (circle one)

How long have you lived in Fletcher: 5 days...New Resident

E-mail Address: heath.scoggin@gmail.com

Home Phone: 1.717.333.1005 Work Phone: _____

Occupation: Retired, President & Board Member Years in Position: 1

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Voting District District 4 Male X Female _____
Race: White X Black _____ Hispanic _____ Native American _____
Other _____

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Yes_____ No__X____ If yes please explain disposition.

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1. Fletcher ABC Board

2._____

3._____

What do you feel are your qualifications for serving on the board requested?

Demonstrated experience in Executive Management roles with Phoenix Contact where I served as President and Member of the Executive Board prior to my early retirement in June 2025. Experience with P&L responsibility with ability to build and lead diverse Teams to establish strategy and achieve goals (linkedin.com/in/heathscoggin)

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Signature: _____ **Date:** 8 - 2 - 2026

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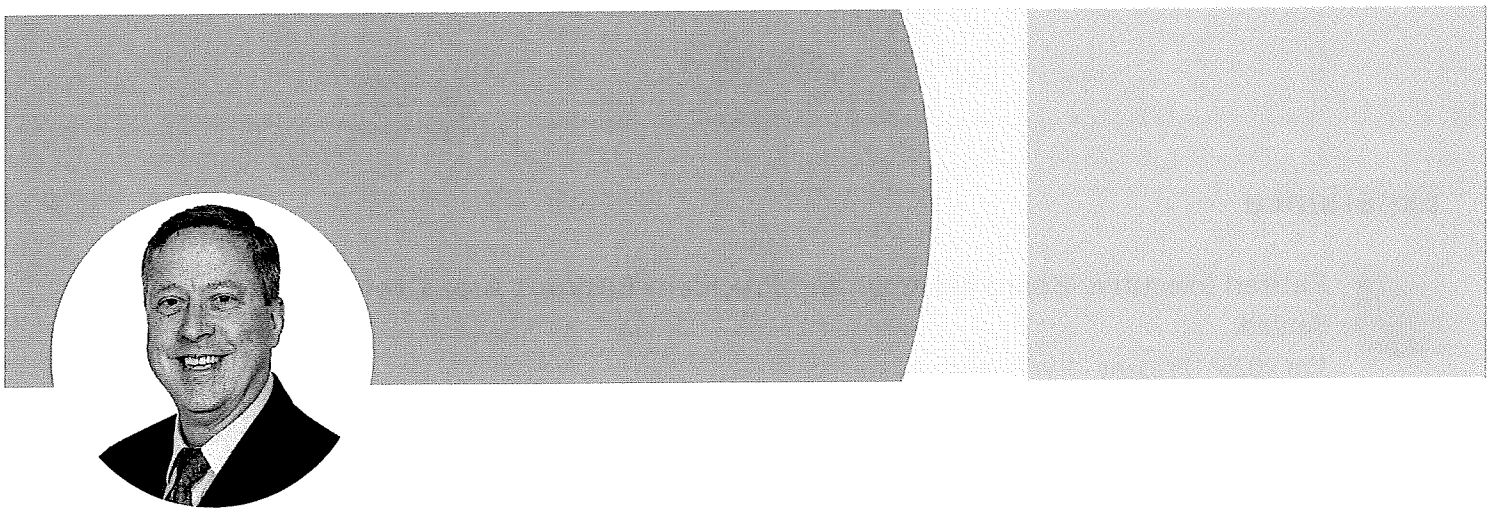
Rental
Current due $ 1,424.00

Date Received: 8-3-26

Date Forwarded to Council: _____



Heath Scoggin

Retired Executive Board Member and President Business Area Device Connectors

Retired · Washington University in St. Louis - Olin Business School

Browns Summit, North Carolina, United States · **Contact info**

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About

Experienced Business Leader with demonstrated success working in the industrial automation industry. Skilled in Manufacturing, Management, Account Management, Continuous Improvement, Product Development and Product Management. Strong operations professional graduated with honors from Washington University in St. Louis - Olin Business School.

Activity

+ Follow

606 followers

Heath Scoggin commented on a post • 3mo

Best wishes to you Ben!!

Heath Scoggin commented on a post • 4mo

Best wishes in your new role, Robert!

Manager, Product & Market Development
2004 - May 2005 · 1 yr 5 mos

Responsible for the Global High Speed Fuse Business Unit including Product Management, Engineering, and Production.

Senior Product Manager
2003 - 2004 · 1 yr

Responsible for the Global Molded Products segment, which included Fuse Holders, Power Distribution Blocks, Barrier Terminal Blocks, and Accessories.

Engineering Manager, Telecom
1998 - 2003 · 5 yrs

Responsible for the World-wide Product Development and Marketing of fusible protection products and disconnects for the Global Telecom DC Power Market.

Design Engineer
1995 - 1998 · 3 yrs

Responsible for the development and production implementation of fusible protection products and disconnects for the Global Telecom DC Power Market.

Manufacturing Development Program Participant
1993 - 1995 · 2 yrs

Six-month Rotational Assignment Program lasting 2-years in various divisions of Cooper Industries - Manufacturing Engine... more

Education

Washington University in St. Louis - Olin Business School
MBA, Business Administration and Management, General
2003 – 2004

Activities and societies: Betta Gamma Sigma

Recepient of the Washington University Olin School of Business C. William Emory Executive MBA Award

North Carolina State University
BSEE, Electrical Engineering
1988 – 1993

Activities and societies: IEEE

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Understanding Short Circuit Currents in DC Power Systems
IEEE · Dec 10, 2002

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Abstract
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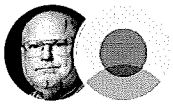
Other authors



Patents (6)

Compact Fused Disconnect Switch
US 7,385,518 · Issued Jun 10, 2008

Compact Fused Disconnect Switch
US 7,049,973 · Issued May 23, 2006

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Honors & awards

C. William Emory Executive MBA Award
Issued by Washington University in St. Louis · Jul 2004

Associated with Washington University in St. Louis - Olin Business School

Awarded to the graduating EMBA student who in the opinion of the faculty and administration best exemplifieor qualities of scholarship, character, and leadership, and who also enjoys the respect, admiration, and affection ce

Organizations (4)

PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors)
Open Water Scuba Instructor and Emergency First Responder Instructor · Nov 2015 – Present



Jack N. · 3rd+
Retired President at Phoenix Contact USA | Host "Hey Jack" Leadership Reflections Podcast | Champion of Positive Leadership | Family Centered | Experienced/Active Board Member | Sports Lover | Boater | Almost Vegan |

+ Follow



Davis Mathews · 3rd+
Leadership | Technology and Innovation @ Phoenix Contact | car enthusiast | soccer fan | building towards a positive future

+ Connect



Louis Grice · 3rd+
Executive with expertise in connecting digital transformation, strategic analysis, smart manufacturing, and sustainability to outstanding business outcomes.

+ Follow



Chris Powers · 3rd+
Engineering Lab Technician at Amphenol Communications Solutions Alumni of NASA L'SPACE Mission Concept Academy (MCA)

+ Connect

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People you may know
From Heath's school



Sarra Puzankova · 3rd+
Contracts @ The Boeing Company

+ Connect



李菲 Steffi Li · 3rd+
Global People BP Head, Digital

+ Connect



Sridharan Gopalsamy Ramaswamy, MPH, MBA · 3rd+
MPH/MBA @ WashU | Life Sciences Strategy · Real-World Evidence · Healthcare Analytics | Open to Roles May 2026

+ Connect



Aathif S. · 3rd+
Commercial Sales Manager at Digital Realty | Washington University MBA with an emphasis on Digital Transformation

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Small Business

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM:

COPY TO:

DATE:

SUBJECT: Annual Market visit update with Retail Strategies — Joshua Davis.

Background:

Recommendation:

Attachments:
None

Public Works Department
Monthly Report
AUGUST 2026

Brush Pick Up

Public Works collected 387 brush orders which produced 396 Cyds of brush.

Vehicles

Public Works has created a PO for the new garbage truck, and it has been ordered. We are looking at 100–120-day turn-around for delivery.

Public Works has created a for the new sweeper truck. It has been ordered and we are also looking at 100-120-day turn-around.

Public Works performed service on five Public Works vehicles, four police cars and 4 Parks & Rec vehicles.

Sanitation

Public Works collected 171.12 tons of garbage for a daily average of 7.78 tons.

Public Works collected 12 white goods.

Stormwater

Stormwater requests have increased dramatically. Public Works received two new requests. One will require extensive work. It is in the Wildwood area.

I have spent over 19 hours during the month of August with either on site visits, e-mails, phone calls or collecting data.

Fletcher Parks & Recreation Department

Monthly Report – August 2026

Programs & Events

Fletcher Community Farmers Market

We wrapped up the final Farmers Market of the season on August 25th. The market ran for 15 weeks and provided great opportunities for community engagement. We had a strong group of vendors throughout the season. A vendor survey was sent out to gather feedback and identify improvements for next year's market.

Art in the Park

Art in the Park was held at Bill Moore Community Park on August 14th. Twenty participants enjoyed an evening of relaxing and inspiring painting, creating a beautiful mountain scene on canvas with local artist Bethany Joy.

Pickleball

Our pickleball programming continued to grow during August. We completed a four-week advanced beginner ladies pickleball league, with Dana finishing first, Amy second, and Lori third. We also continued open play opportunities and worked with Coach Katie on upcoming intermediate ladies pickleball programming.

Facilities & Maintenance

Stream Bank Repair

A portion of the streambank was damaged by a storm. Bradley and Conner Grading completed repairs to the slope failure along Cane Creek. The repaired area looks great and has been restored.

Bill Moore Community Park & Kate's Park

Our maintenance team continues to do an outstanding job keeping both parks clean, safe, and welcoming for residents and visitors. Their dedication ensures our facilities remain in excellent condition throughout the busy summer season.

August Maintenance Projects Completed:

- Pressure washed park shelters on a weekly basis.
- Mowed park grounds five days per week.
- Blew debris from sidewalks, trails, and playground areas.

- Conducted routine playground safety inspections.
- Prepared ballfields and dugouts for the upcoming baseball/softball season.
- Removed debris from the back trail.
- Ordered supplies and prepared facilities for the upcoming fall baseball and softball season.
- Pressure washed Parks & Recreation equipment weekly.

Park Cameras & Security

Staff continued working with Matthew regarding the park camera system. Three cameras are currently not working. A meeting is being coordinated to discuss the current monitoring system, camera setup, and future use of the cameras at the park.

TOWN OF FLETCHER

PRESTON BLAKELY
MAYOR

MARK E. BIBERDORF
TOWN MANAGER

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
TREVOR LANCE
JIM PLAYER
KEITH REED
AMBER MCKINNEY

Planning & Zoning Department Monthly Update- August 2026

- The Planning Board did not hold a meeting in August due to a lack of agenda items.
- Tyler attended the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Coordinating Committee meeting, where transportation planning initiatives and regional transportation priorities were discussed.
- Tyler met with representatives from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and Fernleaf Environmental Consulting regarding the State's Flood Resiliency Blueprint. This statewide initiative is intended to identify, prioritize, and potentially fund projects that improve flood resilience across North Carolina. The meeting focused on existing flood mitigation efforts within Fletcher and identifying potential future projects that could be eligible for funding. Staff provided five potential projects for consideration, with three identified as the Town's top priorities.
- The Town's Technical Review Committee reviewed a site plan for a proposed Firestone Auto Care to be located in the parking lot south of United Federal Credit Union. Comments from TRC members were minimal overall. The project is expected to go before the Planning Board in September for Heart of Fletcher review if all comments are addressed and revised plans are submitted in time.
- Tyler attended the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium meeting, where regional partners discussed challenges surrounding affordable and attainable housing. The conversation focused on barriers to housing development and ways local governments can help improve housing availability for residents across the region.
- Tyler and Mark visited Birkdale Village in Huntersville and Patrick Square in Clemson to meet with developers and local government staff who were involved in reviewing and bringing those projects to life. Each location took a different approach to mixed use development, but there were elements from both that could be incorporated into Fletcher's Town Center vision. It was a great opportunity to hear directly from the individuals involved in these projects and better understand what worked well, what did not, and what lessons could be applied in Fletcher. Mark was instrumental in coordinating the visits and helping make them a success.

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FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT
TEAMWORK - PROFESSIONALISM - DEDICATION

DANIEL D. TERRY
CHIEF

MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

From: Chief D. Terry

Date: September 4, 2026

Re: August 2026 Monthly Report

Training & Professional Development:

- Officer Interlicchia attended a 2-day defensive tactics course.
- Detective Gonzalez attended a 2-day training and coaching class for firearm instructors. As the department's firearm instructor and armorer, this class provides additional training to enhance his skills and the department's firearm program.
- The department began its transition to new duty weapons which consist of red dot optics. The first group of officers were trained and issued new sidearms. Those chosen for the first group to transition showed improvement in their marksmanship scores. This project is ongoing and the next group to be trained will be identified soon.

We had a total of 518 calls for service for the month of August. This does not include 965 extra security checks. Forty-eight incident reports were filed. Eighteen of these incidents required some type of investigative follow-up to be conducted. Thirty-one citations were issued for a total of 41 charges. Twenty-two auto accidents were reported and 18 arrests were made.

Of the 21 auto accidents, 11 of them occurred in parking lots, not on the roadway.

Activities of interest for the month of August include:

- We welcome our newest officer to the department. Officer Michael Stites graduated from the BLET class hosted by Isothermal Community College. He was sworn in as a Fletcher Police Officer on August 17th.
- After a traffic stop officers found the driver, a Greensboro man, to be in possession of a variety of illegal drugs. He also possessed a firearm which was prohibited by his felon status. He was charged with Possession with the Intent to Sell or Deliver Cocaine, Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Buprenorphine Hydrochloride Pills, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Firearm by Felon, and Driving While License Revoked.
- Officers responded to a trespassing call where a naked man had been observed on a resident's back deck. After getting on his hands and knees, he humped the air. He then

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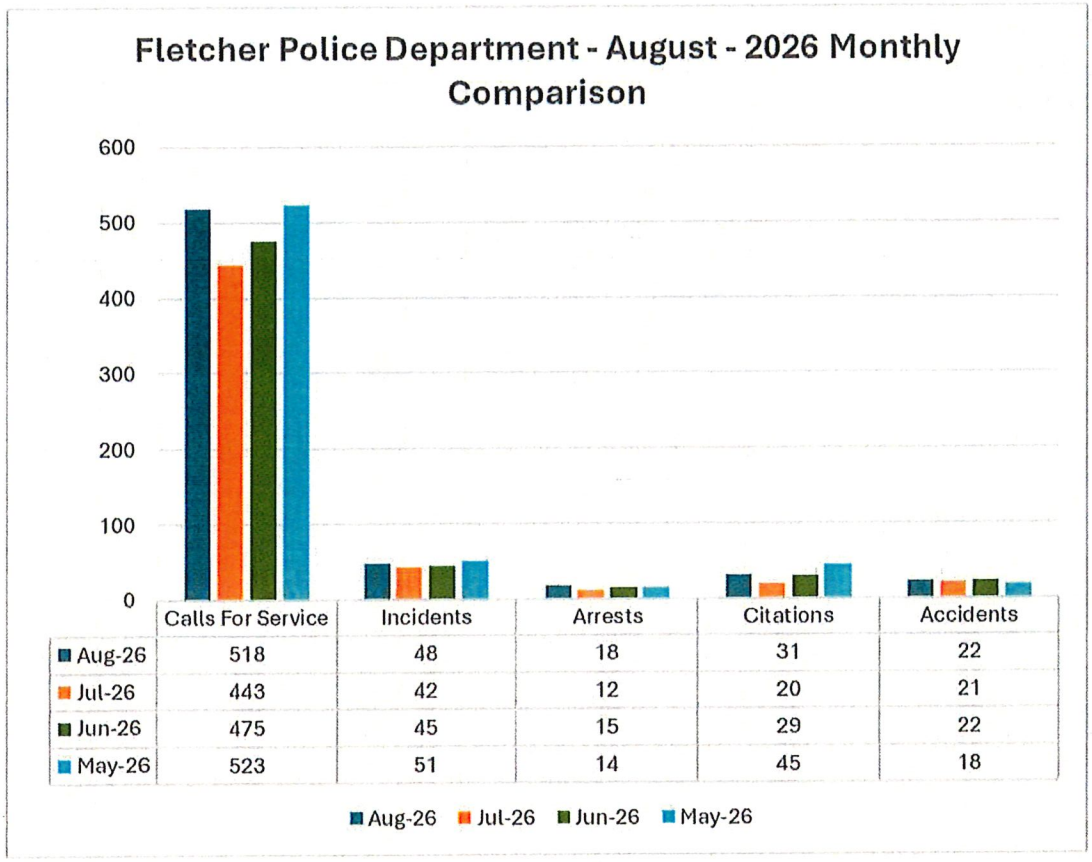
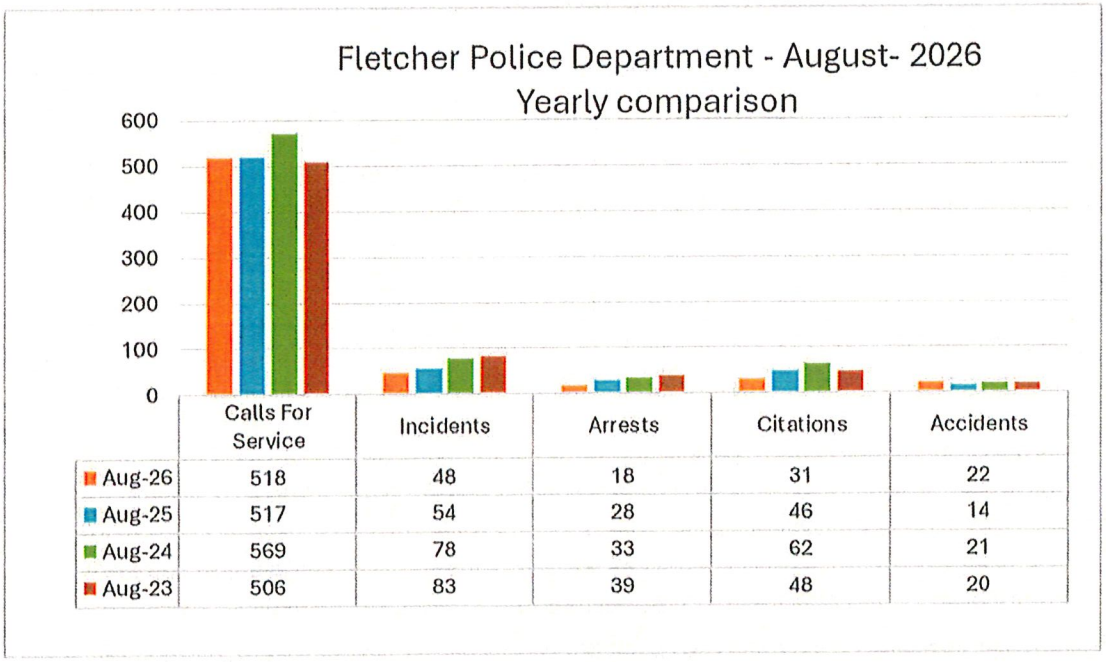
PHONE (828) 687-7922 – FAX (828) 654-8046
Email: d.terry@fletchernc.org



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Aug-26	518	48	18	31	22
Jul-26	443	42	12	20	21
Jun-26	475	45	15	29	22
May-26	523	51	14	45	18



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Aug-26	518	48	18	31	22
Aug-25	517	54	28	46	14
Aug-24	569	78	33	62	21
Aug-23	506	83	39	48	20

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September 3, 2026

Daniel D. Terry
Chief of Police
Fletcher, North Carolina
300 Old Cane Creek Road
Fletcher, North Carolina 28732

Dear Chief Terry:

My wife and I wanted to drop you a note to thank you for the assistance that was provided to us by your department during a recent event. We had a situation where our computer was attacked in a fraud attempt at our home. During that event, I called your department for assistance.

The officer quickly arrived at our house where the crime was still in progress. I apologize that I don't have her name. Things moved quickly and we were pretty upset. But, the officer provided excellent service. She knew her job, got down to business. She knew what we needed to do to stop the crime in progress. She treated us respectfully and helped to relieve our stress. Her assistance contributed to our being able to stop the crime in progress and prevent the potential loss of bank funds.

Again, I apologize for not getting her name, but she was a fine representative of your police force. Having service of this level is a tribute to the town of Fletcher and will contribute to the good reputation of the town and will attract people and businesses to our community.

Sincerely,

Doyle Bickers, Phyllis Bickers

Doyle and Phyllis Bickers
151 Misty Valley Road
Fletcher, NC 28723
334-332-2614