April Monthly Report – Fletcher Parks and Recreation Department
Monthly Report – April 2026

Programs & Events

For the Love of Pets Expo

The "For the Love of Pets" Expo was a great success this past Saturday, April 25th, at the Steelcase Shelter and surrounding grass area. From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the event brought together pet lovers from across the community for a fun and engaging afternoon.

With approximately 40 vendors on site, attendees had the opportunity to connect with local rescues, pet professionals, and businesses offering a wide variety of products and services. Both the shelter and grass area remained busy throughout the event, with a steady flow of visitors enjoying everything from pet adoptions and educational resources to shopping and networking.

Brushes and Blooms

Brushes and Blooms, held on April 10, was a great success. The event was well attended, with 25 participants enjoying an evening of creativity and community. Attendees had a wonderful time painting in a relaxing and welcoming atmosphere. Overall, it was a fun and engaging event that brought people together to celebrate art and springtime.

Pickleball Clinic

The Beginner Pickleball Clinic on April 11 was a success, with 9 participants enjoying a fun and supportive introduction to the basics of the game by coach Katie.

Spring Yoga

Our 8-week Spring Yoga class reached full capacity and began on March 26. The session will run through May 14.

Facilities & Maintenance

Bill Moore Community Park & Kate's Park

Our maintenance team continues to do an outstanding job ensuring both parks remain clean, safe, and welcoming for the community.

April – Maintenance Projects Completed:

- Preparing ballfields daily for games
- Pressure washing shelters weekly
- Mowing grounds five days per week

- Blowing off sidewalks near the playground
- Completing pesticide training (Aaron)
- Delivering and spreading mulch in garden areas
- Cleaning dugouts weekly
- Conducting routine playground safety inspections

New Hires

Wayne Waldbart will serve as our new park maintenance assistant as Lawson heads to the military—he was accepted into flight school.

David Olguin will serve as our new weekend park ranger.

Administration Monthly Report
Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager
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Assistant Town Manager:

Hurricane Helene/FEMA Park Recovery

- Participated in the closeout meeting with FEMA and North Carolina Emergency Management, and the Town officially received closeout approval for all four projects in late April. This marks the formal completion of the Town's recovery efforts associated with Hurricane Helene.

Website/Facebook

- Continued updating the Town's website to ensure current and accurate information.
- Posted regularly to the Town's Facebook page (several posts per week) to keep residents informed.

Finance:

2025 Property Taxes- As of the end of March, over 99.6% of the 2025 tax levy has been collected. Susan and Mishelle continue to actively pursue delinquent accounts.

Business Registration Revenue- Mishelle is preparing to issue beer/wine permit billings in early May.

Budget 26/27- During April, Mark and Heather worked to finalize budget requests in preparation for the May 7 budget workshop. Revenues were thoroughly reviewed and forecasted, while expenditures were closely scrutinized in light of the challenging fiscal outlook. Significant effort was placed on identifying ways to balance the budget responsibly, including evaluating operational needs, prioritizing essential services, and exploring areas for cost containment.

Trainings- Susan and Mishelle attended a School of Government training on Property Tax Collection in mid-April. Heather also participated in a webinar regarding the national penny shortage and its potential impact on local governments in processing cash payments.

Human Resource:

Employment

- New Hires- The Town welcomed two new hires within the Parks Department during April. Wayne Waldbart began employment with the Town on April 27, and David Olguin will join the department as the new Park Ranger on May 2. These additions will help strengthen departmental operations ahead of the busy summer season.

Wellness

- Employees logged over 40 hours of usage in the Town gym during April.
- Blood pressure screenings were offered during the month, with six employees participating in the free screening.
- Heather met with the Pardee@Work coordinator to discuss expanded wellness opportunities for Town employees. As part of these efforts, an employee survey will be distributed in early May to gauge interest in various wellness activities and help guide future programming.

Insurance

- Heather has been working with the Town's health insurance broker to review renewal rates for medical and dental coverage for the upcoming plan year (June 2026 – May 2027). An open enrollment meeting has been coordinated for May 13 to provide employees with the opportunity to learn more about the Town's new health insurance plan and ask questions regarding coverage options.

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Brush Pick Up

Public Works collected 2674 brush orders which produced 416 Cyds of brush. Public Works collected 73 leaf orders for our annual spring cleanup. This produced 33 Cyds of leaves.

Vehicles

Maintenance was performed on 9 Police cars, 8 Public Works Vehicles and 3 P&R vehicles. The P&R bus was serviced, also.

The Public Works Sweeper that was rear ended while sweeping on US 25 has been totaled.

Sanitation

Public Works collected 184.25 tons of garbage for a daily average of 8.38 tons. Public Works collected 9 white goods.

Streets

Construction has begun on the two streets to be re-surfaced this year. They are Meadow Pathway Dr. and Meadow Walk Ct. Approximate completion date of May 8th.

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Planning & Zoning Department Monthly Update- April 2026

- The Planning Board met on April 21 for its regular meeting to consider a text amendment to add Data Centers to the Town's use table and prohibit the use within the Town's jurisdiction. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the text amendment with a 7 to 0 vote.

- Tyler met with Chris Brown of McGill Associates to begin work on the draft stormwater plan and permit renewal, both due at the end of June. Tyler and Chris have completed initial markups and are in a strong position heading into the deadline. The draft plan has been provided to Mary Roderick with Land of Sky Regional Council for review and additional input. Once finalized, the draft will be submitted to the State for review. Following State acceptance, Tyler will coordinate with State staff to finalize the plan for the next five-year permit cycle.

- Tyler attended the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee meeting where NCDOT and local municipalities provided updates on current and upcoming projects. Tristian Winkler with Land of Sky Regional Council gave a presentation on express design concepts, which was timely given the Town's interest in pursuing express design for key Town Center intersections.

- Tyler attended a webinar hosted by the North Carolina Emergency Management Agency regarding proposed updates to the State's floodplain model ordinance. The proposed changes are minor and would require only small updates and definition adjustments to the Town's ordinance when staff time allows.

- Six of the eight Planning Board members, along with Tyler, are scheduled to attend a UNC School of Government training in Asheville on April 28. The training focuses on board roles and responsibilities in land use decisions. The Board's participation reflects a strong commitment to effective service and informed decision making.

- Tyler has continued working through a number of ongoing code enforcement cases, many of which involve junk vehicle and solid waste concerns.

- Tyler has also been addressing illicit discharge complaints reported by citizens and Town staff, and through direct inspections. A new GIS based reporting application has been developed to allow

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residents to report illicit discharges and stormwater infrastructure issues. The application notifies staff in real time, allows users to identify locations on a map, and supports uploading photos. This tool complements the existing stormwater hotline and provides an additional, user-friendly reporting option for the community.

A link to the app is below
https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/3ddd3a907dc54112a25651efcf646a95

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