Public Works Department
Monthly Report
February 2024

Brush Pick Up

Public Works picked up 146 brush orders for a weekly average of 37. This produced 146 Cyds of brush which is now being dumped at the Henderson County Landfill at a cost of $48 per ton.

Public Works sponsored a mulch giveaway on February 16th. 18 loads of mulch were loaded that day. We are planning on doing one a month until all mulch is gone. The next date is March 9th.

Vehicles

Service was performed on 13 police cars, 1 parks & Rec Vehicle and 2 Public Works vehicles. Our 2014 model garbage truck is currently at the cummings dealership for repairs.

Sanitation

Public Works collected 162.30 tons of garbage for a daily average of 9.55 tons. Public Works collected 12 white goods.

Equipment

Public Works is down one garbage truck due to an issue with the exhaust system.

Town Hall

Carolina Mtn. Lock and Key is in the process of changing the locking mechanisms on all the other doors per the Leagues' safety assessment.
Britt and Tillson has measured and is in the process of providing drawings. They have ordered the glass. Once the materials come in, they will begin installing the safety glass in the Admin. Lobby. We are looking at around four months turnaround.

Streets

Public Works has edged all sidewalks on US 25, St. Johns Rd. and Airport Rd.

Bids were opened for street re-surfacing. Trace & company was the low bidder.

Monthly Update— February, 2024
Planning & Zoning

Planning Board/ZBA – The Board met on February 20. The Board considered a conditional zoning request at 3122 Hendersonville Road. Involving a request for conditional rezoning from C-1 to C-2 in order to allow a collision center (classified as "Major Vehicle Repair" which is not permitted in C-1. **The Board recommended that Council deny the application, citing that the use was not appropriate for the Hwy 25 corridor as per previous plans and not consistent with the spirit and intent of the Heart of Fletcher Overlay.** Staff will give a brief overview of the application at the March 4 agenda meeting and request that a public hearing be set for the April meeting. (As of Feb. 29, there is still a possibility that the application could be withdrawn). In March, staff will discuss potential ordinance amendments with the Board.

- Continued day to day issuance of permits, fielded inquiries about potential new developments, and responded to miscellaneous complaints (various complaints involving zoning, solid waste, and/or junked vehicles.

- Continued work on implementation of various minimum measures related to the Town's MS4 Stormwater Permit. Continued discussions and work with Mary Roderick from LOS and Chris Brown from McGill on various aspects of the program. Completed the required annual "self assessment" for 2023 that was due to the state in February.

- Participated in meetings with Town Managers and various parties related to questions/info related to the future Town Center properties. (Including discussion with "Retail Strategies" that will present a proposal to Council at a future date.

- Participated in meeting with DOT, the MPO, and other parties related to potential Fanning Bridge improvements. The meeting turned out to be only focused on the small Div. 13 portion of Fanning Bridge at the intersection of Airport Road. Staff communicated the Town's desire to see overall improvements/modernization to the entire road, although the focus of the meeting was concerning a small SPOT project involving just the Airport Road intersection .

- Working with McGill Assoc. on identifying possible LDC ordinance amendments and/or procedural changes involving development review for large residential developments. Staff will discuss drafts with the Planning Board in March, and could bring recommendations to Council within a month or two.

Administration Monthly Report
Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager

February 2024

Assistant Town Manager:

- **Website/Facebook-**
  - Continuing to work on updating the Town's website with current Town information. Also trying to post to the Town's Facebook account a couple times a week.

- **Body Worn Camera Grant-**
  - Reached out to NC OSBM about the status of our directed grant, but it's still in process.

Finance:

- **Taxes for 2023-** we have collected approximately 98.5% of taxes levied for 2023 as of February 28, 2024. Candy presented her mid-year tax collection report at the February agenda meeting.

- **Business Registration Revenue-** Susan has collected all but one outstanding business registration receivable, good job Susan!

- **Budgets for 24/25-** I have been reviewing the information that the department heads have submitted to start the process for the preparation of the Town's FY 24/25 budget. A budget folder will be prepared for everyone prior to the March budget workshop

- **Fire Department AUP/audit-** Gathered and submitted all the documents for the prior year review of our tax payments to both Fletcher Fire and Mills River for the auditors.

Human Resource:

- **Employment-**

  Full-Time:
  - Police Officer Vacancies- Savannah Kicklighter will begin work with the Town as a police cadet on 3/4/24.

  Part-Time/Seasonal: Posted and advertised the following seasonal positions:
  - P/T Summer Day Camp Counselors
  - Summer Internship

- **Wellness-**
  - Employee Gym- over 30 hours were spent in the employee wellness gym during February.
  - Blood Pressure Screenings- Offered a blood pressure screening for employees on February 7 and we had seven employees take advantage of this wellness activity. Next screening is Wednesday, March 6 at 8:30 am.

- **Pay and Classification Study**
  - Reviewed the preliminary information on the study, and have scheduled a follow-up meeting with the consultant in early March. Goal is to have the recommendation/report to Council in April.

Fletcher Parks & Recreation Department

February 2024 Report

We held the annual Father/Daughter on Saturday, February 10th.
It was held at Prescott Auto Reserve event center, and 153
Dads & Daughters enjoyed an evening of dancing, crafts and snacks.
Optimum Cable was the Title sponsorship this year at $500.00 level.

Fletcher youth baseball/softball will begin holding team practices
on Saturday, March 2nd, and each day during the week, 5pm-7pm.
Fletcher youth league games will start the week of April 6th at the Park.

Spring Yoga registration is open, 17 students have signed up for this session.
The spring class will begin on Thursday, March 7th and run until April 11th.
This will be the final session of Yoga classes at Town Hall till Fall season.

Empire lacrosse began practices on Thursday, February 29th,4:30pm-6:30pm.
Practices will run weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday until May 30th.
Empire Lacrosse matches will be played on Saturday, April 27, May 11th.

Summer Day Camp registration will be held on Monday, March 11th for Town
Residents. We have 50 slots in youth day camp and 10 slots in Jr high camp.
Summer Day Camp will operate June 3rd until August 2nd this coming summer.

Park maintenance staff has been busy clearing brush off along the greenway,
pruning trees, preparing the athletic fields for baseball and lacrosse this month.
Due to the recent warm weather, they have even started mowing this month.

The annual Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday, March 23rd 12pm-1:30pm.
There will be 12,000 eggs spread out on five different ball fields in the Park.
We will have two food trucks, a DJ with music and the Easter bunny for photos.
We had over 1,000 children attend the Easter egg hunt last year at the Park.
The following companies are committed as Field sponsors for this year :
Hunter Subaru, FABA, A-American Electric, United Federal Credit Union,
State Farm- Tabitha Hamlin, Agent, and Advent Health.($200 each)

Greg Walker, Director

FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT

TEAMWORK - PROFESSIONALISM - DEDICATION

DANIEL D. TERRY
CHIEF

MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

From: Chief D. Terry

Date: March 1, 2024

Re: February 2024 Monthly Report

Training & Professional Development:

- Detective Beauchamp attended a twenty-four hour Writing Drug Search Warrant Course.
- Detective Beauchamp attended the twenty-four hour Desert Snow Course. This is a coveted course that further develops officers on the topic of drug investigations.
- Officers Gibbard and Interlicchia attended a 24-hour rifle course. Passing this course allows them to carry and utilize a rifle as part of their patrol duties. This adds significant capabilities to respond to serious events and enhance public safety.

We had a total of 451 calls for service for the month of February. This does not include 1002 extra security checks. Fifty-three incident reports were filed. Nineteen of these incidents required some type of investigative follow-up to be conducted. Thirty-nine citations were issued for a total of 46 charges. Sixteen auto accidents were reported and 21 arrests made.

Activities of interest for the month of February include:

- Officer Matt Fogle was sworn in as our newest officer. He will now begin his Field Training Program.
- The department's new Body Worn Cameras have been installed and are now in service.
- An indecent exposure occurred at a local convenient store. A man entered the store retrieving something from the back cooler. He then paused to remove his penis from his pants, exposing himself, and presenting himself in that fashion to the cashier. After the initial investigation did not lead to a suspect, photos of the suspect from the store's video surveillance system was shared on the department's Facebook page. Within two hours, the department learned of the suspect's identity from various sources, to include the offender, who requested his photo be removed from Facebook. The offender was subsequently charged.
- The department solved a breaking and entering case from 2022, where two local businesses were broken into after hours. The suspect attacked the safe inside the business. Warrants were recently taken out on the offender and officers went to Tennessee, where

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he was taken into custody, charged with Felony Breaking & Entering, Safecracking, and Larceny after Breaking and Entering.

- Officers received a report of a theft from Ingles where a male entered the store, filling an Ingles basket with plastic designer Starbucks cups from the Starbuck's Café area of the store. The investigation revealed this offender was responsible for multiple thefts throughout the region. Two suspects were identified, and arrangements made to meet them to purchase said stolen cups. Offenders were arrested and charged with Felony Habitual Larceny, Possessions of Stolen Goods, Larceny, Conspiracy, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The name of the investigation was titled: "We Steal a Latte."

- Officers responded to a disturbance at the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel. During the investigation it was learned that offender had been previously trespassed from that property due to a previous disturbance she had caused. An infant was then found unsupervised in the suspect's room. The offender was charged with trespassing and child abuse. The case was turned over to Department of Social Services.

- Officers took a report for the overnight theft of a hot tub from Aqua Living Factory Outlet at 37 Brian Boulevard. A vehicle was located on video in the area of the theft. Investigation led to a suspect from the Asheville area. He was located, confessed to the crime, and the hot tub was found in the front yard of a friend's house.

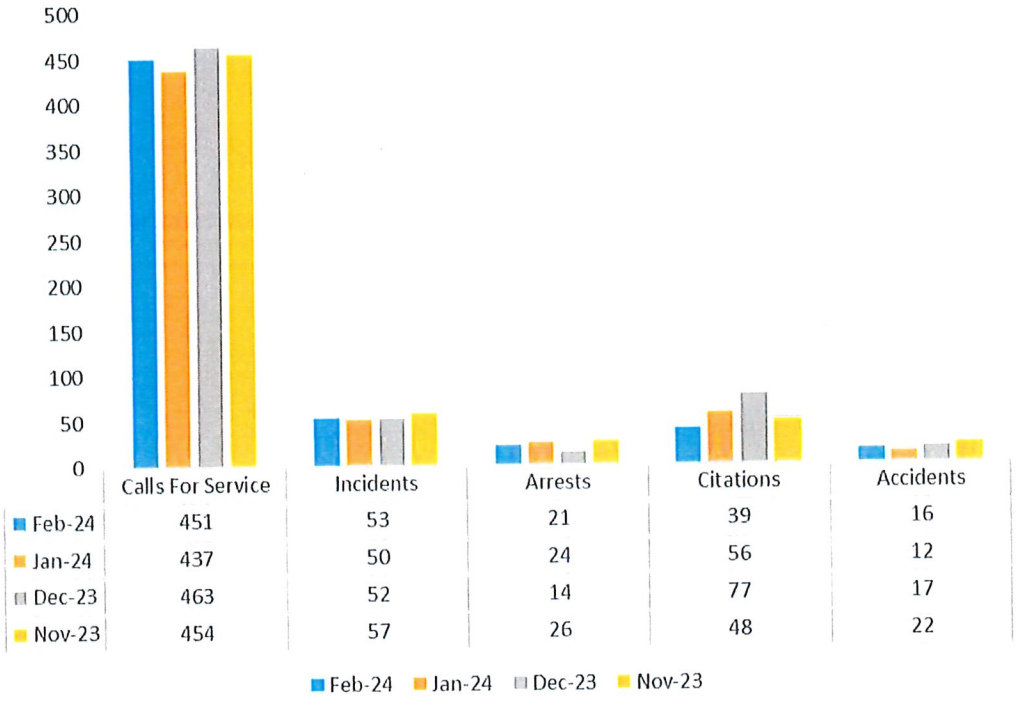
- Community engagement activities this month consisted of meeting with the Community Foundation of Henderson County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Dan Terry

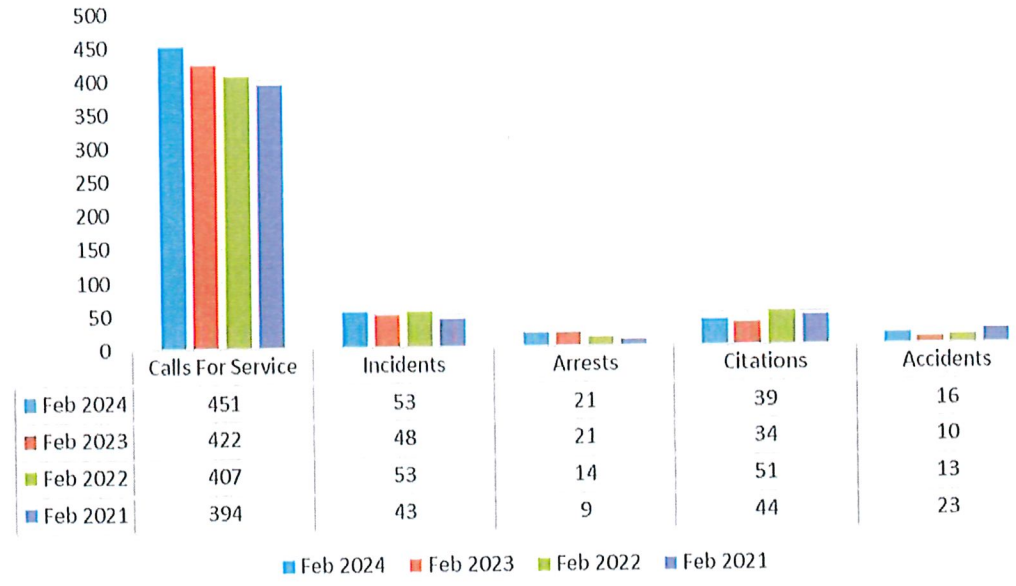
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Fletcher Police Department - February - 2024 Monthly Comparison



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Feb-24	451	53	21	39	16
Jan-24	437	50	24	56	12
Dec-23	463	52	14	77	17
Nov-23	454	57	26	48	22

Fletcher Police Department - February - 2024 Yearly Comparison



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Feb 2024	451	53	21	39	16
Feb 2023	422	48	21	34	10
Feb 2022	407	53	14	51	13
Feb 2021	394	43	9	44	23

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FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIMINAL INV DIVISION
FEBRUARY 2024 STATISTICS

	MONTHLY ACTIVITY 2024						CUMULATIVE 2024				
OFFENSE	ASSIGNED	CLEARED w/ ARREST	EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED	ADMINISTRATIVELY CLEARED	UNFOUNDED		OPEN PENDING	CLEARED BY ARREST	EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED	ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED	UNFOUNDED
ARSON											
ASSAULT/BATTERY				1						1	
B&E (COMMERCIAL)	1						1	1			
B&E (RESIDENTIAL)							1				
B&E (TO MOTOR VEHICLE)							1				
CHILD ABUSE (PHYSICAL/NEGLECT)											
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	1			1						1	
CRIMINAL TRESPASS											
DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	1				1						2
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE											
DRUG INVESTIGATIONS											
ELDER ABUSE-FINANCIAL											
ELDER ABUSE-PHYSICAL	1						1				
FINANCIAL CRIMES/ID THEFT				1			1			1	
HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION											
HOMICIDE											
LARCENY	2	2					1	2			
MISSING PERSON (ADULT)											
MISSING PERSON (JUVENILE)											
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT/UUMV							1				
ROBBERY							1				
SEX OFFENSE	2	1	1				1	1	1		
SUICIDE/ATTEMPTED											
OTHER	1						1				
TOTAL	9	3	1	3	1		10	4	1	3	2
LAST MONTH	5	1	0	0	1						
YEAR-TO-DATE											

Department of Social Services		2024 YTD
TOTAL CASES REVIEWED	2	3
TOTAL CASES ASSIGNED	1	1

CITIZEN ASSIGNMENT LETTERS SENT 11 15

62 % Clearance rate for February 2024

60% Year-To-Date Clearance