Parks and Recreation Department
Monthly Report
December 2024

Programs

- We hosted our annual "Christmas in the Park" event on December 7th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. The weather was beautiful, and we had a great turnout. The event featured 18 craft vendors, a kids' ornament-making station, live Christmas music by the Lewendahl Band, the Taco Boy food truck, and horse and carriage rides. Our sponsors for the event were Advent Health, Tabatha Hamlin State Farm Insurance, and Mills River Dental.
- Registration for the winter yoga class opened on December 16th. Classes will begin on Thursday, January 9th, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. We currently have 10 people signed up for this class.

Bill Moore Community Park

- Our maintenance crew has been working on cleanup and repairs following the damage from Hurricane Helene. Tasks completed include:
    - Removal of debris from the multi-purpose courts, ball fields, and soccer/lacrosse fields.
    - Painting the restroom front doors.
    - Shoveling dirt out of the dugouts.
    - Trimming trees and bushes around the garden area.
    - Pressure washing the multi-purpose courts.
    - Installing stakes and yellow rope along the driveway.
    - Cleaning up the dog park and adding material to muddy areas.
    - Installing a front park fence.
- All mowers and Polaris ATVs have been sent in for annual service.
- Turfplaner of Carolina won the bid to repair the ballfield infield material. Work is scheduled to begin in early January.
- 12 new trash can lids have been ordered.
- Ongoing trail maintenance on the inner greenway trails.

Vehicles

- The Parks and Recreation Department will send our Ford Explorer to auction. Additionally, FPD has transferred one of their 2016 Dodge Durango to our department.

Employment

- We are still in the process of interviewing candidates for the Recreation Program Supervisor position.

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Planning & Zoning

Planning Board/ZBA – The board did not meet in December. At their upcoming January 21 meeting the Board and staff will have an initial discussion about potential amendments to the Town's flood damage prevention ordinance (appendix 1 of the LDC). We will be working on these amendments for the next few months and hope to have them in front of Council for initial discussion in March or April w/ public hearing to approve in either May or June.

- 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.

- Have been continuing work with McGill Associates as they work on the "substantial damage assessment" process post Helene. Structures damaged beyond 50% are required to be rebuilt in compliance with current floodplain regulations in the LDC. To date, we have now received all of the determinations from McGill. Owners of 16 total structures have been notified of substantial damage. I have spoken to many of these owners already. If we do not hear from an owner by Feb. 1, we will send additional notification that the damaged structures must be removed and ultimately would be required to issue notices of violation re: structures that remain non-compliant.

FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT

TEAMWORK - PROFESSIONALISM - DEDICATION

DANIEL D. TERRY
CHIEF

MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

From: Chief D. Terry

Date: January 1, 2024

Re: December 2024 Monthly Report

Training & Professional Development:

- Sergeant Beddingfield attended the 3-day Pedestrian Crash Reconstruction Course.
- Officers Fogle and Kicklighter 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.
- Officers Cucchiara, Fogle, and Kicklighter attended the 4-day Basic Radar Course which certifies them to utilize the speed radar in conducting traffic enforcement. Several additional officers were recertified in radar as their previous certifications had expired requiring them to retake the state test.
- Chief Terry and Captain Fulmer attended the North Carolina Sheriff's Association's Legislative Day where updates on new laws were provided.
- The department concluded its In-house training at AB-Tech. This covered several topics and included providing officers the opportunity to take the POPAT and receive two wellness days off for those that passed the test. The POPAT is the physical fitness test required of BLET students before they can graduate the training program and be certified as officers. Once officers graduate BLET they are no longer required to take and pass the POPAT. The department has started an annual program with day off benefits for those who take and pass the test.

We had a total of 519 calls for service for the month of December. This does not include 1027 extra security checks. Seventy-one incident reports were filed. Twenty-five of these incidents required some type of investigative follow-up to be conducted. Forty-four citations were issued for a total of 59 charges. Twenty-nine auto accidents were reported and 26 arrests made.

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Activities of interest for the month of December include:

- Several members of the department, including Captain Fulmer, Sergeant Diaz, Officer Interlicchia, and Officer Fogle, received a Unit Citation for the successful response and thorough investigation related to the Breaking and Entering to a business in town. The Unit Citation is included below.
- The department concluded its 3rd Annual "No Shave November" fundraiser presenting TIP (Trauma Intervention Program of Western North Carolina) with a $5,358 donation. Sergeant Diaz won the award for the best beard this year receiving a gift card from Surf & Brew. Officer Gibbard was the runner up for the second year in a row.
- The department began a complete inventory of the Evidence Room due to the recent additional to the department of Evidence Custodian Laura Phipps. It is best practice to conduct an inventory of the evidence function any time personnel responsible for, or access to, evidence changes. The inventory is expected to be concluded near the end of January.
- The department joined other first responders to assemble First Responder Kits4Kids. Each Kit4Kids is a unique collection of activities meticulously chosen to cater to a wide range of interests and needs. These kits help distract and make children feel more comfortable during service calls, which is crucial in minimizing exposure to children during emergencies.
- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department conducts a Christmas project annually. This year, because of the devastation brought on by Hurricane Helene, they chose to donate a vast amount of toys to departments in WNC. The Fletcher Police Department met at the Asheville Police Department where they retrieved a large amount of toys to include bicycles. Four Fletcher families, whose homes suffered significant damage and/or loss during the storm, were served by the department, receiving the collected toys in time for Christmas.
- Due the increase in calls for service and noted disorderly type calls in the area of the Super 8 Hotel reported last month, the department, with the assistance of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, conducted an operation in the vicinity of the hotel. Surveillance was conducted on the hotel and people of interest were stopped leaving the hotel when there was legal cause found for the stop. Three traffic stops were conducted which resulted in two drug arrests being made.
- After being released from jail with charges pending for theft of a trailer reported on last month's report, the two offenders, Tucker Holton and Jessica Hoglen, are once again in jail for the theft of another trailer. The department received a report of a stolen trailer and Polaris Ranger that occurred overnight in the area of the Cane Creek Industrial Park. Investigation led to Holton and Hoglen. They were both located in Buncombe County in possession of the stolen items and taken into custody. They were charged with two counts of Larceny of a Motor Vehicle and Felony Conspiracy.
- The department received a report of two missing persons, a father and a 9 year old daughter, who were last seen at the Budget Motel in Fletcher. Other than their presence at the hotel for (2) hours they had no additional connection to the Town

of Fletcher. Based upon the circumstances surrounding their disappearance there was concern for their wellbeing and the department initiated an investigation. The department was able to track them for numerous days placing them in South Carolina, Minnesota, and in North Dakota. It was then suspected that they may be returning to the area. On December 20th they were located in Haywood County where the father was involved in a shooting with the sheriff's office and killed. The daughter was found safe and unharmed.

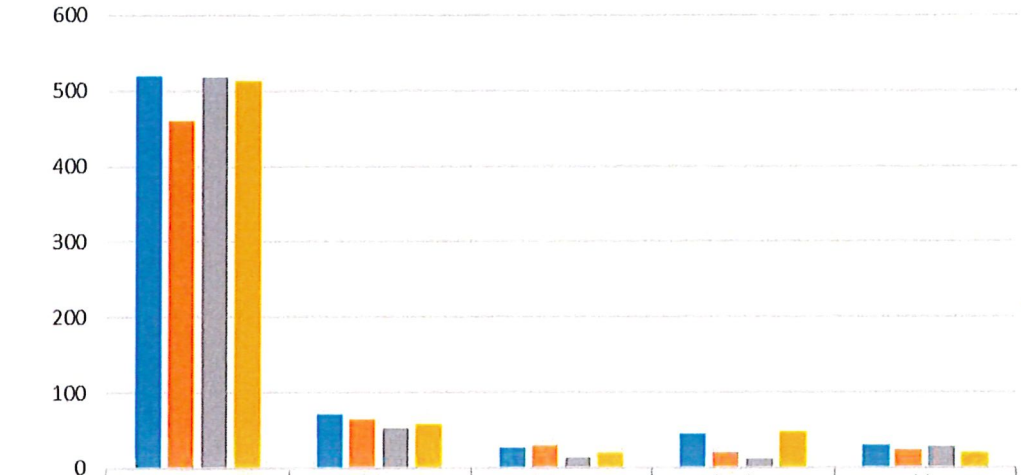
- Community engagement activities for the month of December consisted of attendance at Henderson County's Human Trafficking Response Team's monthly meeting, attendance at Safelight's LAP Partner Breakfast, and attendance at the Sheriff's Office's Annual VIP Awards Ceremony. The department also participated in Christmas in the Park, Shop with a Hero, Kits4Kids assembly, the above mentioned Toy Giveaway, Rolling Thunder, a multi-jurisdictional saturation patrol in Hendersonville on New Year's Eve, and the culmination of the "No Shave November" fundraiser. A tour of the police facilities was also given to staff and students from Veritas Christian Academy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Dan Terry

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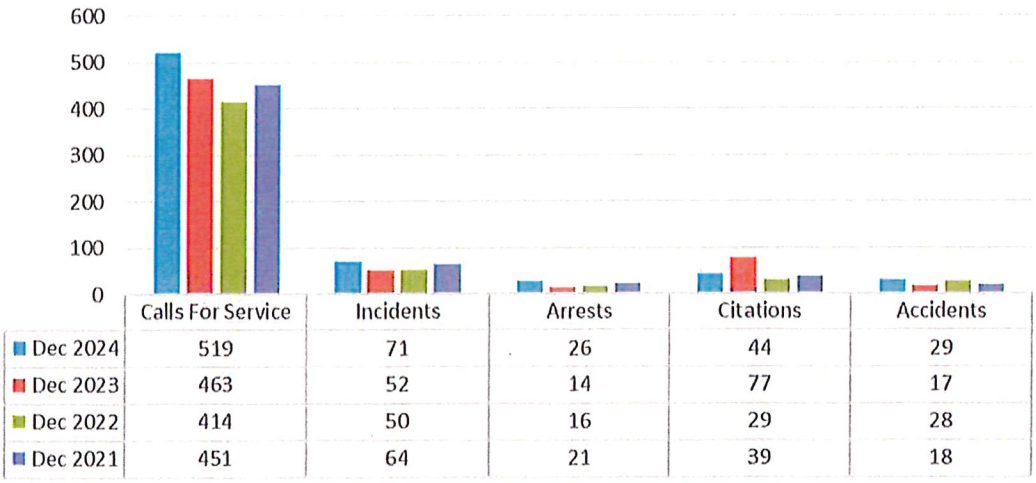
Fletcher Police Department - December - 2024 Monthly Comparison



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Dec-24	519	71	26	44	29
Nov-24	460	63	30	20	23
Oct-24	517	53	13	12	27
Sep-24	512	58	20	48	20

Dec-24 Nov-24 Oct-24 Sep-24

Fletcher Police Department - December - 2024 Yearly Comparison



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Dec 2024	519	71	26	44	29
Dec 2023	463	52	14	77	17
Dec 2022	414	50	16	29	28
Dec 2021	451	64	21	39	18

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FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIMINAL INV DIVISION
DECEMBER 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	
B&E (COMMERCIAL)								1	1	1	
B&E (RESIDENTIAL)							1				
B&E (TO MOTOR VEHICLE)							2			4	
CHILD ABUSE (PHYSICAL/NEGLECT)	1				1						1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	1	1						1		1	
CRIMINAL TRESPASS											
DEATH INVESTIGATIONS							1				4
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE											
DRUG INVESTIGATIONS								4			
ELDER ABUSE-FINANCIAL								1			1
ELDER ABUSE-PHYSICAL							1				3
FINANCIAL CRIMES/ID THEFT	3						3	4	2	6	1
HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION											
HOMICIDE								1			
LARCENY		1						4	2	3	
MISSING PERSON (ADULT)											
MISSING PERSON (JUVENILE)	1		1						1		
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT/UUMV	1	1		1			1	2		1	
ROBBERY										1	
SEX OFFENSE	1			1			1	1	1	2	3
SUICIDE/ATTEMPTED											
OTHER			1					3	2	1	
TOTAL	8	3	2	2	1		10	22	9	21	13
LAST MONTH	2	0	0	0	0						
YEAR-TO-DATE											

Department of Social Services		2024 YTD
TOTAL CASES REVIEWED	1	16
TOTAL CASES ASSIGNED	1	9

CITIZEN ASSIGNMENT LETTERS SENT 7 66

75 % Clearance rate for December 2024

68% Year-To-Date Clearance

UNIT CITATION

Captain Brian Fulmer, Sergeant Ron Diaz, Officers Sydney Interlicchia and Matt Fogle
24-9565
Breaking & Entering to Building

On June 26, 2024, a breaking and entering to Southern Pride Car Wash occurred. The suspect cut a hole in the roof, entered the business and stole $800 worth of quarters. Officer Interlicchia responded to the scene and was later assisted by Officer Fogle, Sgt. Diaz, and Captain Fulmer.

The officers worked together as a team, each playing a different part in the investigation. A canvas of nearby businesses located video surveillance that provided general information, as to the suspect and his vehicle. Officers didn't stop with a canvas of nearby businesses, but also checked surveillance at the Mountain Energy Truck Stop, some distance from the crime scene. This video surveillance provided more detailed information of the suspect.

Images from the video surveillance was shared with law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions. This led to the suspect being recognized and identified. With this, a search for the suspect began. The suspect was found in the Henderson County Jail. An immediate interview of the suspect was conducted which led to him confessing to the break-in. The vehicle used by the suspect was also located and consent to search obtained from its owner. Incriminating evidence was found in the vehicle and the suspect was subsequently charged with Breaking and Entering, Larceny After Breaking and Entering, and Injury to Property.

Captain Fulmer, Sergeant Diaz, Officer Interlicchia, and Officer Fogle should be recognized for their initiative, teamwork, and investigative skills. The communication between members of the department and their willingness to play whatever role was required led to the success of this case and exemplifying the departments values of Professionalism, Dedication, and Teamwork .

Daniel D. Terry
Chief of Police

Public Works Department
Monthly Report
December 2024

Brush Pick Up

At this time, Public Works has suspended brush collection in lieu of Henderson County has contracted storm debris removal from Hurricane Helene.

Leaf collection resumed December 2nd. Public Works collected 112 work orders for a total of 155 CYD's of leaves which are disposed of at the Henderson County Landfill.

Vehicles

We are still performing maintenance on Town vehicles. Currently, they are on an as needed basis since Public Works is still focusing our time on Hurricane Helene cleanup.

Sanitation

Garbage collection has returned to normal at this time.

Bill Moore Community Park

Public Works is still making repairs at Bill Moore Community Park. Currently, the outer greenway debris removal is complete. There is one site near the Mills Gap Bridge that will require stream bank repair. Public Works is removing the rest of the remaining damaged fencing at the ball fields and multi-purpose courts. Progress is being made at a steady pace.

Administration Monthly Report
Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager

December 2024

Assistant Town Manager:

- **Hurricane Helene/FEMA Park Recovery:**
    - Held a meeting on December 3 with our FEMA and NC Emergency Management contacts to discuss how we will set-up our various projects. The plan is to complete a project for the completed projects in the park, a project for Category B/debris/emergency response projects, a project for the greenway bridge, and a project to fix everything else in the park.
    - Submitted one project for completed work done at the park to include playground mulch, and trail repair. The project has been uploaded into the FEMA grant portal.
    - Assisted department heads on the excel spreadsheets to track various costs (labor, equipment, etc.) for various projects in the park as part of the FEMA reimbursement process, as well as created a management expense spreadsheet to track administrative tasks for reimbursement.
    - Assisted Parks and Recreation in reviewing the bids for ballfield infield materials, lowest responsible bidder is Turfplaner and they plan to begin work in the new year.
    - Participated in a site visit with FEMA and NC Emergency Management to review the greenway bridge issues on December 18.
    - Posted the RFQ for engineering services for assistance with park repairs to include fencing/multi-court projects, greenway bridge project, and greenway trail projects. Selection committee chose McGill Engineering to begin work on design of these projects.
- **Website/Facebook:**
    - Continuing to work on updating the Town's website with current Town information as well as trying to post to the Town's Facebook account a couple times a week.

Finance:

- **Taxes for 2024-** Candy and Susan have collected approximately 83% of taxes levied for 2024 as of December 31 and this amount will increase as we continue through the first week of the calendar year and into early January.
- **Business Registration Revenue-** Susan continues to work on collecting outstanding business registrations.
- **FY 23/24 Audit-** Carol Avery, Manager with Lowdermilk Church & Co (auditors) presented the audit of FY 23/24 during the December Council Meeting.
- **Budgets for 25/26-** Department Heads were updated on the upcoming budget calendar, and they can now begin to think about their upcoming budget requests.

Human Resource:

- **Employment-**
    - Recreation Program Supervisor- interviews were held in December and position will be offered in early January.
    - Police Officers- Chief Terry offered the last two vacant positions to two candidates one for the Police Cadet position and the other for Police Officer. The two candidates will begin in January and February.
- **Wellness-**
    - Employee Gym- Over 40 hours were spent in the employee wellness gym as of 12/31.
    - Blood Pressure Checks- A blood pressure screening was held on 12/11 and we had over 6 employees participate. Next screening will be in February.
    - Employee Christmas- Coordinated the 12 Days of Christmas-Give, Sip, Play, Eat & Be Merry for our employees in lieu of our traditional Christmas luncheon to bring some holiday cheer after the past few months.