Fletcher Parks and Recreation Department
Monthly Report – April 2025

Programs

Spring Yoga Class

Our Spring Yoga Class is in full swing and continues to go well. In addition, we partnered with Soul Summit to offer *Yoga in the Park* twice in April—free of charge for participants. The response from the community has been positive, and we're excited to continue this collaboration.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was a tremendous success! All age groups were at capacity, and despite chilly weather, families came out in force to enjoy the event. A special thanks to the *Boys and Girls Club Leadership kids* and *Fletcher Lutheran Church* volunteers for their support.
We're grateful to our event sponsors:

- **FABA**
- **A-American Electric Inc.**
- **Tabatha Hamlin State Farm**
- **The Prescott Auto Reserve**
- **Marthaler Jeweler**

Fletcher Farmers Market

We are excited to announce that Fletcher Parks and Recreation will be hosting its first-ever Farmers Market on **May 6th, 2025**, at the **south end of Town Hall**. This event will be a great opportunity for our community to support local farmers, and vendors, while enjoying a variety of fresh produce, handmade goods, and more.

Mocks and Masterpieces

Join us on **May 9th at 5:00 PM** at Fletcher Town Hall for *Mocks and Masterpieces*—a relaxing, beginner-friendly painting session.
What to expect:

- Guided painting instruction
- All supplies provided

- A variety of mocktails to enjoy while you paint

Summer Day Camp & Middle School Adventure Camp
Preparations are underway for an exciting summer camp season. We are nearly fully staffed and are still looking to fill two remaining positions, one each for our Elementary and Middle School Camps. We look forward to welcoming campers for a season of fun and adventure!

Fletcher Baseball & Softball League
We are thrilled to report a record turnout for the 2025 season, with **390 players** participating! The season will run through **May 31st**, and it is especially meaningful as our community returns to play following the challenges of Hurricane Helene. It's wonderful to see the fields filled with energy and enthusiasm once again.

Facilities & Maintenance

Bill Moore Community Park
Our maintenance team has been diligently preparing the park for the spring season. With mowing in full swing, staff are working hard to keep all five baseball and softball fields ready each day.

Fence & Multi-Court Repairs
Progress continues on our park improvement projects. While the fence project has experienced delays due to pending materials, we're pleased to report that repairs to the multi-court are nearly complete. We're excited to reopen this space to the community soon!

Concession Stand
We're happy to announce that repairs to the concession stand are complete—just in time for opening night of the baseball and softball season! We're also excited to welcome back **Baabals Ice Cream** for the season.

Electrical Repairs

A-American is in the final stages of restoring full power to Bill Moore Community Park. We expect all systems to be fully operational very soon."

Employment

We are happy to report that the Parks and Recreation Department is now **fully staffed.**

Public Works Department
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Brush Pick Up

At this time, Public Works has resumed brush collection. Public Works is currently hauling the brush to our facility where contractors for FEMA are collecting it. For the month of March, Public Works collected 256 brush orders which produced 432 Cyds of brush.

For our spring leaf collection, Public Works collected 54 work orders which produced 30 Cyds of leaves. These are disposed at the Henderson County Landfill.

Vehicles

Maintenance was performed on 14 police cars, 6 Public Works Vehicles and 2 P&R vehicles.

Sanitation

Public Works collected 187.00 tons of garbage for a daily average of 8.52 tons. Public Works collected 12 white goods.

Bill Moore Community Park

Public Works removed all the old fencing materials from the Park. We are allowing the contractor to use our lot to store the material for repairs.

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Planning & Zoning

Planning Board/ZBA – The Planning Board met on April 15. At the meeting, the Board finalized recommendations on several potential amendments to the Town's floodplain development regulations. Staff will give Council an overview at the May 5 agenda meeting and request a public hearing for June. The Board recommended that the elevation requirement be increased by one foot to a min. 4 foot above BFE freeboard. Also, a number of specific used are being recommended to be prohibited from any designated floodplains. A few other technical amendments are proposed that makes our ordinance consistent with the state model ordinance. The planning board now has a vacancy for the District 4 seat as long time member Joe Tandy has had to step down.

- 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.

- Attended the March meeting of TCC (advisory board to the FBRMPO)

- Have been continuing work with owners of properties affected by Helene. Met again with reps from FEMA on 3/12 who are continuing to check in regarding our "substantial damage" process. I have had dealings with all of the owners or tenants of affected structures at this point. We have seen several manu homes replaced and built to current elevation requirements. I am working with several owners who are awaiting assistance and/or insurance. As best as possible, I am trying to steer folks toward various agencies to inquire about assistance. I have had one instance where illegal repairs have been made to a manu home, and am working with the owner to bring about compliance regarding elevation/anchoring.

Administration Monthly Report
Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager
April 2025

Assistant Town Manager:

- **Hurricane Helene/FEMA Park Recovery:**
  - Fencing, electrical, and court repair projects began in April, and will continue through May.
  - Bridge and streambank repair projects will be advertised for bid on May 5, with bids due on May 27.
- **Website/Facebook:**
  - Continuing to update 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.
- **ARPA Funding-**
  - Submitted our fourth Project Expenditure report to the US Treasury in advance of the 4/30 deadline.

Finance:

- **Taxes for 2024-** we have collected approximately 99.76% of taxes levied for 2024 as of the end of April.
- **Business Registration Revenue-** continued collection on our outstanding business registration receivables, and as of the end of April we are down to just one outstanding receivable.
- **Budgets for 25/26-** During the month of April, Mark & I worked on finalizing the budget requests in preparation for our budget workshop on 5/8.
- **FY 24/25 Audit**- LGC approved our audit contract, and dates were selected for early August and early October to conduct the Town's FY 24/25 audit.
- **GASB 101**- A new accounting standard goes into effect with the FY 24/25 financial statements, so I've been working and studying on how to implement this new accounting standard prior to finishing our FY 24/25 audit.

Human Resource:

- **Employment-**
  - Part-Time/Seasonal:
    - P/T Summer Day Camp Counselors- Interviews were held during April, and the Parks/Rec staff hope to wrap up their hiring in early May.
    - Summer Internship- Interviews were held in April.
- **Wellness-**
  - Employee Gym- Over 60 hours of exercise by employees occurred during April in the employee wellness gym.
- **Insurance-** Heather has been working with our health insurance broker on renewal rates for medical and dental insurance for our next renewal date for June 2025-May 2026.