Fletcher Parks and Recreation Department
Monthly Report – December 2025

Programs & Events

Christmas in the Park

On December 6th, Fletcher Parks and Recreation hosted our annual Christmas in the Park event, which saw a great turnout from the community. The park was filled with holiday spirit as families enjoyed a wide variety of festive activities.

The event featured 25 vendors, live Christmas music performed by the Lewendahl Band, and pictures with Santa. Children enjoyed a fun kids' zone that included inflatables and Christmas-themed craft activities. The Fletcher Fire Department joined us as well, hosting s'mores for the kids, which was a big hit.

Guests also enjoyed horse-and-carriage rides through the park, adding a special and memorable holiday touch to the evening.

Overall, Christmas in the Park was a successful and joyful event that brought the community together to celebrate the season.

Letters to Santa

Letters to Santa were offered from December 1st through December 15th. A total of 91 letters were written, and Santa replied to each one. We did receive 10 letters without a return address, which unfortunately could not be mailed back.

Other Events

We hosted the **Veritas Christian Academy 5K fundraiser**, which supported the senior class in their fundraising efforts for their upcoming senior trip to Italy.

Facilities & Maintenance

Bill Moore Community Park & Kate's Park

Our maintenance team continues their daily work to ensure both parks remain clean, safe, and welcoming for visitors.

Throughout the winter months, **Aaron and the maintenance team** will focus on several improvement projects to enhance the overall park experience. Projects completed in December include:

1. Cleaned and removed debris from clogged concession and shelter gutters and downspouts
2. Pruned bushes and trees
3. Mulched trees
4. Cleaned drainage grates
5. Replaced missing bolts on playground equipment
6. Cleaned dugouts
7. Painted and replaced rotten wood on dugouts
8. Painted wooden barriers
9. Installed Christmas lights at the park entrance
10. Hung Christmas lights on the Town Hall fence
11. Painted parking spaces
12. Assisted Public Works with the removal of three dead trees in the park

TOWN OF FLETCHER

PRESTON BLAKELY
MAYOR

MARK E. BIBERDORF
TOWN MANAGER

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
TREVOR LANCE
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KEITH REED
AMBER MCKINNEY

Planning & Zoning Department Monthly Update- December 2025

- There was no regular Planning Board meeting in December due to the absence of action items.
- Staff continued day-to-day operations, including the issuance of permits, responding to development inquiries, and addressing zoning, solid waste, and junked-vehicle complaints.
- Tyler and Mark met with representatives from Retail Strategies to receive an update and status report related to the Town Center project.
- Both new Planning Board members (Jacob and Julia) appointed by Council in December visited Town Hall to meet with Tyler and discuss current projects and those anticipated in the near future. Both members were enthusiastic about beginning their service, and staff is excited to welcome them to the Board.
- Staff continued monitoring properties with substantially damaged structures resulting from Hurricane Helene.
- Staff received two applications by the January Planning Board meeting deadline. Barring unforeseen delays, both items are scheduled for review at the January Planning Board meeting. These are administrative items that will be approved or denied by the Planning Board and will not require Council action.
    - **165 Cane Creek Road** – The property owner proposes to construct an additional 9,000-square-foot flex warehouse building alongside the existing structure. The site is located within the Heart of Fletcher Zoning Overlay, requiring Planning Board review of the building design. This parcel is the only M-1-zoned property within the Overlay. The applicant is also requesting a fee-in-lieu of sidewalks due to site topography and the absence of adjacent sidewalks.
    - **Burney Mountain Subdivision** – Windsor Built Homes is seeking approval of a major subdivision on Burney Mountain Road, just north of Charlie's on the Creek. The proposal includes 21 single-family homes on 13.11 acres, resulting in a density of approximately 1.6 units per acre. The R-1A zoning district allows a maximum density of 2 units per acre.