Monthly Update— April, 2024
Planning & Zoning

Planning Board/ZBA – The Board did not meet in April as no items were submitted that required review.

- 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.

- Participated in discussions with Town Manager and Conserving Carolina on potential grant opportunities related to greenway expansion. There will be a discussion item on April agenda to discuss further with Council and determine if CC will pursue grants on our behalf for Cane Creek Greenway expansion.

- Participated in meeting with Town Manager and McGill to discuss potential for some additional planning related to the Town owned property. It may be beneficial to have McGill drafting a conceptual plan for the Town property beyond the railroad tracks that factors in wetlands, floodplain, etc. and identifies strategically areas that would be best suited for residential, commercial, and potential Town facilities such as an amphitheater and stormwater control measures that have long been a part of the concept plan.

- Working with BSC Holdings, the company that will be doing the residential development at 150 Cane Creek Road. Their flood permit for fill work is now issued and they are awaiting approval of their grading permit from Henderson County. They have experienced continued delays due to wetland issues and had other issues arise as it relates to a gas line easement on the property, but we should see work commence on the site soon. This development was for approximately 300 apartment, townhome, and SF residences. They will be at June Council to request an extension of CZ approval since infrastructure is not in yet.

Fletcher Parks & Recreation Department

April 2024 report

Fletcher youth baseball/softball has 30 teams playing this spring.
Ball games will continue nightly until Friday, May 31st at the Park.
They plan to have their end of season FUN day on Saturday, June 1st.

The 22nd Robert G. Parrish, sr memorial golf tournament will be held
on Friday, May 17th at Cummings Cove Golf club with an 11am Tee time.
We have 17 teams registered to play currently, and McGill Associates
is the Title sponsor for this year's golf tournament.

Empire lacrosse had its first Match date on Saturday, April 27th at the Park.
We had 14 teams from 7 different cities come in to play lacrosse games.
The final lacrosse Match date is on Saturday, May 11th, 10am-4pm for
the 14 U Boys division in a 3 team round robin tournament .

Summer Day Camp staff will begin training May 21st to prepare for Day Camp.
Camp will begin on Monday, June 3rd and run for nine weeks until August 2nd.
We will have 60 campers in session each week for youth and middle school .
Day Camp will operate daily 7:30am -5:30pm , Monday thru Friday at the Park.

We hosted the WNC MS walk at the Park on Sunday , April 21st from 1pm-5pm.
In spite of a cold rain, over 100+ walkers came out to walk 1 mile to support
the MS society in western North Carolina.

Greg Walker, Director

Administration Monthly Report
Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager

April 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-** Captain Gutierrez submitted our quarterly grant report in early April, and this grant has been officially closed by the state.
- **ARPA Funding-** submitted our third Project Expenditure report to the US Treasury in advance of the 4/30 deadline.

Finance:

- **Taxes for 2023-** we have collected approximately 99.12% of taxes levied for 2023 as of the end of April. Susan prepared and issued a few bank garnishments in late April to collect outstanding taxes.
- **Business Registration Revenue-** Susan has collected 100% of business registrations, and she also prepared to issue beer/wine permits the first of May.
- **Budgets for 24/25-** During the month of April, Mark & I worked on finalizing the budget requests. But work still continues on the budget process in preparation of our budget workshop on 5/9.
- **Fund Balance Recommendation-** the excess unassigned fund balance amount as presented and approved at the March meeting was applied towards two of our loans (USDA and Truist) during April.

Human Resource:

- **Employment-**

  Full-Time:
  - Park Maintenance Supervisor- Mitch Stamey is retiring from the Town on May 24, and this position was advertised during April with a closing date on 5/3.

  Part-Time/Seasonal:
  - P/T Summer Day Camp Counselors- Hired our summer day camp and middle school day camp staff including site director, and counselors.

- **Wellness-**
  - Employee Gym- over 67 hours were spent in the employee wellness gym during April.
  - Blood Pressure Screenings- Offered a blood pressure screening for employees on April 8 and we had seven employees take advantage of this wellness activity.

- **Pay and Classification Study** - David Hill with Piedmont Triangle Regional Council made a presentation on the study at the April Council meeting.

- **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 2024-May 2025.

FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT
TEAMWORK - PROFESSIONALISM - DEDICATION

DANIEL D. TERRY
CHIEF

MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

From: Chief D. Terry

Date: May 1, 2024

Re: April 2024 Monthly Report

Training & Professional Development:

- Detective Beauchamp and Officer Gibbard attended a forty hour Officer Safety and Readiness course. This course emphasizes police tactics and officer safety.
- Sergeant Diaz attended the one-day joint crisis negotiators training with Henderson County Sheriff's Office.
- Sergeant Judd attended the 32-hour Standard Field Sobriety Testing course which enables him to appropriately perform roadside tests on those suspected of driving impaired.
- Sergeant Beddingfield attended the 80-hour Traffic Reconstructionist course.
- Sergeant Kilby assisted Weaverville Police Department with an Assessment Center for the position of sergeant.
- Captain Fulmer, Sergeant Judd and Kilby, attended a one-day Domestic Violence training hosted by the District Attorney's Association.
- Captain Gutierrez, and Sergeant Beddingfield attended the four-day Traffic Safety Conference hosted by the Governors Highway Safety Program.
- Chief Terry and Captain Gutierrez attended the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police one day regional training.
- Chief Terry and Captains Fulmer and Gutierrez attended a 40-hour Strategic Management class through Southern Police Institute (SPI) from University of Louisville. This is one of four SPI classes hosted by Fletcher this year, which allows for three free seats to the Town of Fletcher.

We had a total of 516 calls for service for the month of April. This does not include 1124 extra security checks. Sixty-one incident reports were filed. Thirteen of these incidents required some type of investigative follow-up to be conducted. Sixty-six citations were issued for a total of 83 charges. Twenty-four auto accidents were reported and 19 arrests made.

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Activities of interest for the month of April include:

- The department held its annual pill drop that runs concurrent with the annual shred event. Ten and a half pounds of medications was collected equaling approximately 7,875 pills.

- The department hosted a multi-jurisdictional saturation patrol and checkpoint. This event included 17 officers from Fletcher Police Department, Columbus Police Department, Biltmore Forest Police Department, Weaverville Police Department, Buncombe County Sheriff's Officer, and the Henderson County Sheriff's Office. Fifty-eight charges were made, included three drug related charges, two alcohol related charges, and two handguns confiscated.

- Officers responded to a suspicious person using a fraudulent ID and attempting to withdraw funds from the Mountain Credit Union located on Hendersonville Road. Officers located the subject resulting in a foot chase, which led to the discovery of additional suspects waiting in a nearby vehicle. All three were arrested and charged with multiple felony offenses. They were found to be residents of, and traveling from, the state of New York. The U.S. Attorney's Office is participating in the investigation, as it is expected this group may be responsible for similar crimes across the nation.

- After a breaking and entering to a motor vehicle at a local hotel, officers observed a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle two days after the theft. A traffic stop was made. Based upon unique characteristics of the vehicle it was determined to be the vehicle used in the prior theft. Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia was located within the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and transported to jail. The investigation into the breaking and entering at the hotel continues.

- Officers responded to Ingles for three shoplifters. One suspect was found inside the store and the other two had previously left. Officers decided to release the suspect found inside the store, but then to follow her. She walked away but eventually met up with the other two suspects. Officers confronted them, recovered stolen items, and one suspect was wanted on a warrant. All three suspects were charged accordingly.

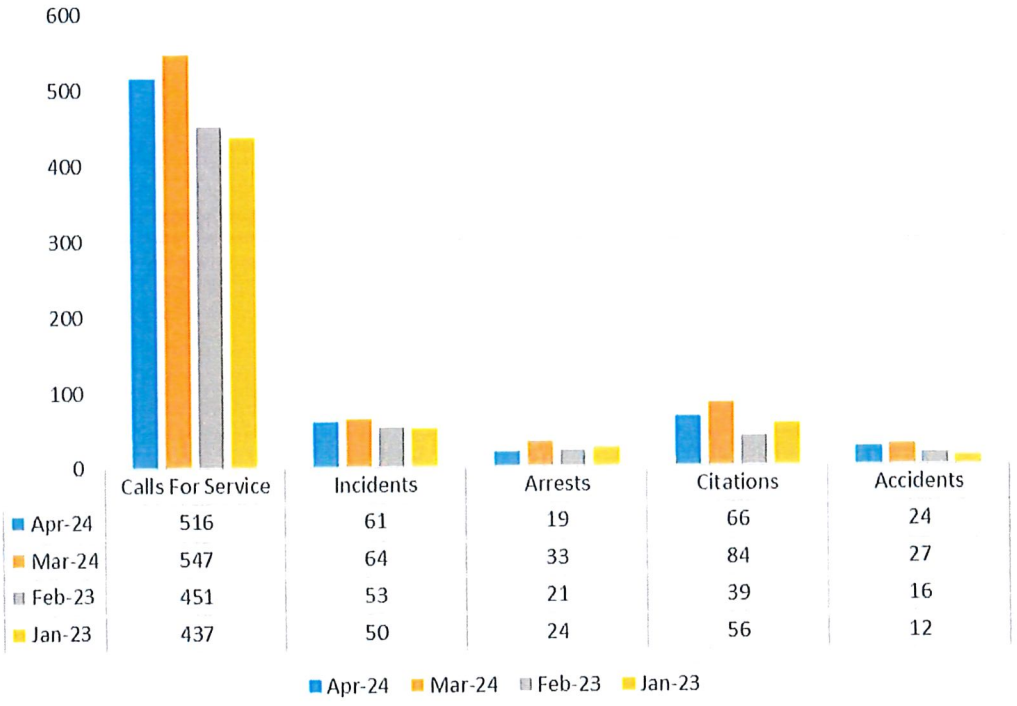
- Community engagement activities this month consisted of donating the hosting site for training for TIP (Trauma Intervention Program), attending the Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Task Force Meeting, the Multi-jurisdictional Human Trafficking Task Force meeting, Pardee Hospital's Dialogue Meeting, and Safelight's Humanitarian Awards Ceremony. The department also hosted their annual pill drop and a tour and question and answer session for BSA Troop 61 from Fletcher Episcopal Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Dan Terry

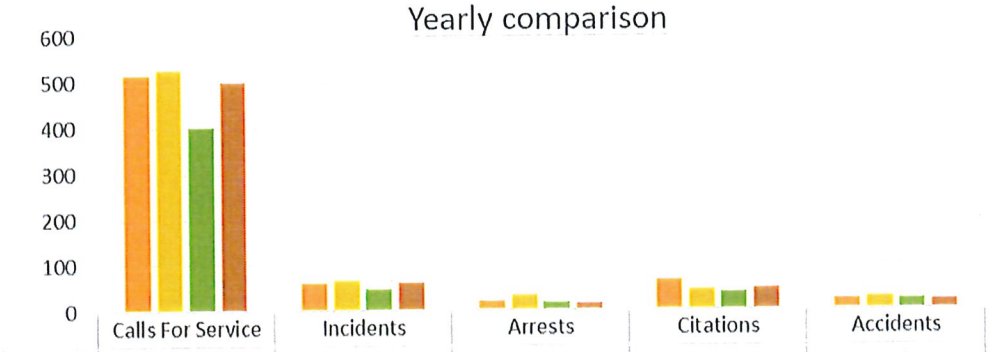
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Fletcher Police Department - April - 2024 Monthly Comparison



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Apr-24	516	61	19	66	24
Mar-24	547	64	33	84	27
Feb-23	451	53	21	39	16
Jan-23	437	50	24	56	12

Fletcher Police Department - April. 2024 Yearly comparison



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Apr-24	516	61	19	66	24
Apr-23	527	66	34	45	28
Apr-22	401	48	18	39	23
Apr-21	498	60	14	46	21

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FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIMINAL INV DIVISION
APRIL 2024 STATISTICS

OFFENSE	MONTHLY ACTIVITY 2024						CUMULATIVE 2024				
	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						3				
CHILD ABUSE (PHYSICAL/NEGLECT)											
CRIMINAL DAMAGE										1	
CRIMINAL TRESPASS											
DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	1				1		1				3
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE											
DRUG INVESTIGATIONS	2	2						3			
ELDER ABUSE-FINANCIAL											
ELDER ABUSE-PHYSICAL					1						2
FINANCIAL CRIMES/ID THEFT	3		1				2		2	3	
HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION											
HOMICIDE											
LARCENY			1				1	2	1		
MISSING PERSON (ADULT)											
MISSING PERSON (JUVENILE)											
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT/UUMV							1				
ROBBERY							1				
SEX OFFENSE							1	1	1		
SUICIDE/ATTEMPTED											
OTHER	1	1					1	2		1	
TOTAL	9	3	3	0	2		12	9	5	6	5
LAST MONTH	8	2	1	3	1						
YEAR-TO-DATE											

Department of Social Services		2024 YTD
TOTAL CASES REVIEWED	2	6
TOTAL CASES ASSIGNED	0	1

CITIZEN ASSIGNMENT LETTERS SENT 7 27

100 % Clearance rate for April 2024

76% Year-To-Date Clearance

SATURAION PATROL/CHECKPOINT
04/27/2024

On Saturday, April 27th, 2024, the Fletcher Police Department hosted a Multi-Agency Saturation patrol and checkpoint. The saturation patrol was conducted on US 25 between Old Airport Road and Rockwell Drive from 7pm to 9pm and the checkpoint at the intersection of US 25 and Howard Gap from 10pm to 12am.

The agencies that assisted are as follows: Fletcher Police Department (9), Henderson County Sheriff's Office (3), Columbus Police Department (1), Weaverville Police Department (1), Biltmore Forest Police Department (2), Buncombe County DWI Task Force (1)

The purpose of the multi-agency operation for compliance with Chapter 20 violations.

At the conclusion of the operation, there was a total of 58 charges issued. The following charges were issued:

SPEEDING – 3

NOL – 22

DWLR – 3

EXPIRED REGISTRATION – 11

REVOKED REGISTRATION – 3

FICTITIOUS REGISTRATION – 1

FAIL TO REGISTER VEHICLE – 1

INSPECTION VIOLATION - 1

NO INSURANCE – 3

CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON – 2

TINT VIOLATION -1

OPEN CONTAINER – 2

UNDERAGE DWI - 1

FRAUDULENT ID – 1

POSS. MARIJUANA – 1

POSS. MARIJUANA PARAPHERNALIA – 2

No injuries were reported during this multi-agency saturation patrol and no significant incidents occurred from the event.

Public Works Department
Monthly Report
April 2024

Brush Pick Up

Public Works picked up 333 brush orders for a weekly average of 67. This produced 247 Cyds of brush which is now being dumped at the Henderson County Landfill at a cost of $48 per ton.

Public Works collected 44 leaf orders that produced 21 Cyds of leaves.

Public Works sponsored a mulch giveaway on April 20th. 29 loads of mulch were loaded that day and we are completely out of mulch.

Vehicles

Service was performed on 7 police cars and 5 Public Works vehicles.

Sanitation

Public Works collected 152.39 tons of garbage for a daily average of 9.53 tons. Public Works collected 8 white goods.

Town Hall

Carolina Mtn. Lock and Key has finished installing all of the securing locking mechanisms in the areas addressed by the League. Also, Britt & Tilson has installed the bullet proof glass in the administration area. They are just waiting on one piece of trim to be shipped.

Streets

Paving is complete on Snowball Lane and Continuum Drive.