Monthly Update— August, 2024
Planning & Zoning

Planning Board/ZBA – The board did not meet in August. Long time member Duane Gentle, who has been on the Board as the County appointed ETJ has stepped away from the Board as he has moved and no longer resides in the ETJ. I have been advertising this vacancy both on the Town newsletter/website, and asking the county to share it on their site as well. The clerk for the County indicated that we would need to advertise, bring applications to Council, for a recommendation that would be forwarded to the Commissioners for appointment. I will have a plaque for Council to present to Duane hopefully at the September meeting. (To date, no applications received for this vacancy)

- 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 Division 14 STIP project rankings meeting (no Fletcher projects involved)

- Working with the developers of the Authors and Heritage Park on various items related to both subdivisions. (Involving some slight changes w/ regard to locations of sidewalks and street trees due to utilities).

- Had multiple discussions with a broker who had questions regarding Town Center properties (as well as interest in other Fletcher land for potential development).

FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT
TEAMWORK - PROFESSIONALISM - DEDICATION

DANIEL D. TERRY
CHIEF

MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager

From: Chief D. Terry

Date: September 2, 2024

Re: August 2024 Monthly Report

Training & Professional Development:

- Sergeant Elizondo attended the 40-hour Command Leadership Institute through FBI LEEDA. This is the second of three week-long courses known as the leadership trilogy sponsored by FBI LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association).
- Officer McCarson attended the 5-day Intoxilyzer certification class which allows him to perform the breath test on suspected DWI offenders.

We had a total of 569 calls for service for the month of August. This does not include 1294 extra security checks. Seventy-eight incident reports were filed. Twenty-seven of these incidents required some type of investigative follow-up to be conducted. Sixty-two citations were issued for a total of 80 charges. Twenty-one auto accidents were reported and 33 arrests made.

Activities of interest for the month of August include:

- Officers worked with multiple other agencies in assisting with traffic control and closing roads related to Presidential Candidate Donald Trump's visit to Asheville.
- A visit to Isothermal Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) class was made. As a recruiting effort, members of the department presented to the BLET class.
- During the month, there were thirteen drug related felony arrests, to include arrests for fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine. Additional drug related misdemeanor arrests were likewise made. There were five arrests made for outstanding warrants and seven DWI arrests.
- Fletcher officers responded to a local motel finding two offenders had broken into a vehicle in the parking lot. Both are from Iowa and had recently arrived in the greater Asheville area. They were charged with multiple breaking and entering and larceny related felonies.
- The department concluded an exploitation of elderly investigation. It was learned the victim's Power of Attorney had been stealing money from the victim and using same for

their personal interests. Officers determined at least $100,000 was stolen since June 2023. The offender was charged with Exploitation of an Older Adult and Embezzlement.

- The department received information from Henderson County Sheriff's Office about a stolen U-Haul truck and a potential suspect in the theft. Being familiar with the suspect and knowing where they frequent, officers went to look for the suspect. The suspect and stolen U-Haul was located inside Buncombe County and turned over to the sheriff's office.

- After noticing the increase in calls for shoplifting at Ingles, depicted last month, the department continued to monitor shoplifting offenses within town. During the month, nine arrests have been made for shoplifting from Ingles, The Dollar General, and The Deck Box.

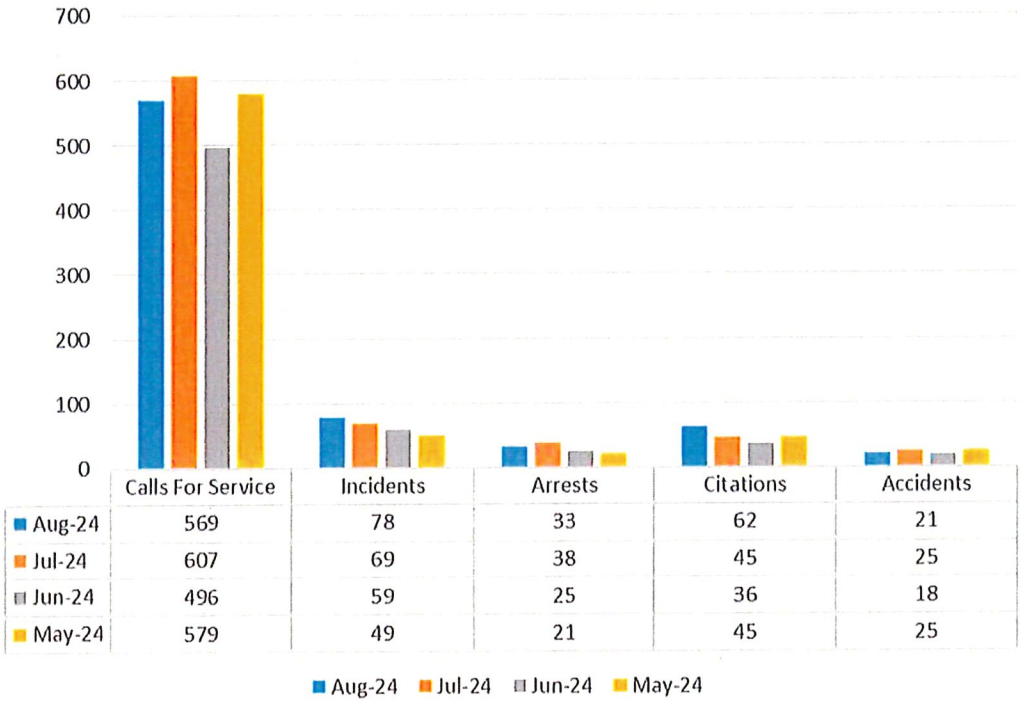
- Community engagement activities this month consisted of attending National Night Out events at the Coves Community within Fletcher as well as participating in Henderson County Sheriff' Office event in Jackson Park. The department also participated in a community discussion on "crime and safety" at the Ag Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Dan Terry

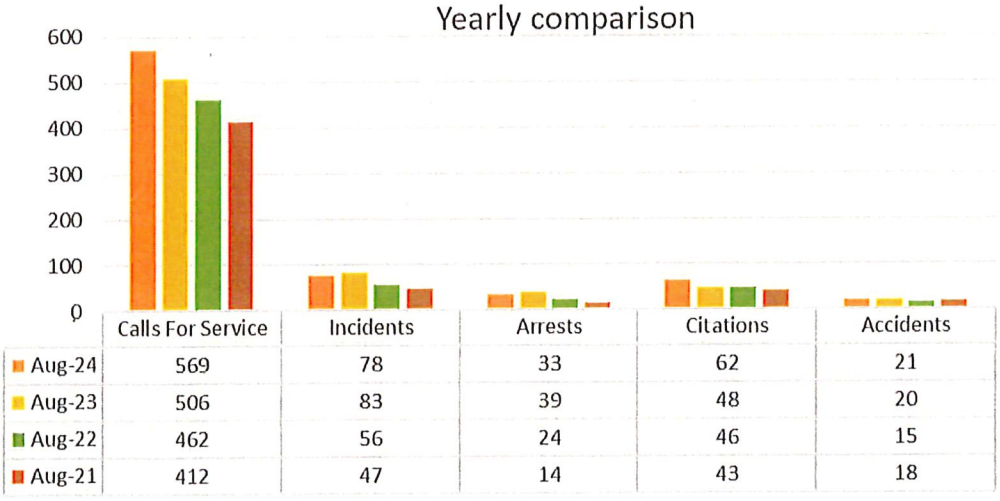
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Fletcher Police Department - August - 2024 Monthly Comparison



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Aug-24	569	78	33	62	21
Jul-24	607	69	38	45	25
Jun-24	496	59	25	36	18
May-24	579	49	21	45	25

Fletcher Police Department - August- 2024 Yearly comparison



	Calls For Service	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents
Aug-24	569	78	33	62	21
Aug-23	506	83	39	48	20
Aug-22	462	56	24	46	15
Aug-21	412	47	14	43	18

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FLETCHER POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIMINAL INV DIVISION
AUGUST 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)				1		2			2	
CHILD ABUSE (PHYSICAL/NEGLECT)										
CRIMINAL DAMAGE									1	
CRIMINAL TRESPASS										
DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	1				1	1				4
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE										
DRUG INVESTIGATIONS							4			
ELDER ABUSE-FINANCIAL	1	1			1		1			1
ELDER ABUSE-PHYSICAL										3
FINANCIAL CRIMES/ID THEFT							4	2	5	1
HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION										
HOMICIDE							1			
LARCENY							3	2	2	
MISSING PERSON (ADULT)										
MISSING PERSON (JUVENILE)										
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT/UUMV		1				1	1			
ROBBERY									1	
SEX OFFENSE	1			1	2	1	1	1	1	2
SUICIDE/ATTEMPTED										
OTHER						1	3		1	
TOTAL	3	2	0	2	4	7	19	6	15	11
LAST MONTH	9	2	1	2	1					
YEAR-TO-DATE										

Department of Social Services		2024 YTD
TOTAL CASES REVIEWED	2	12
TOTAL CASES ASSIGNED	2	6

CITIZEN ASSIGNMENT LETTERS SENT 8 58

75 % Clearance rate for August 2024

71% Year-To-Date Clearance

Fletcher Parks & Recreation Department

Pooches in the Park, sponsored by Salty Water Dogs was held on Saturday, August 24th from 9am-12noon. There are 15 dog product vendors, Adoption Options, Food vendors, music and a small children's activity area for the event. We had around 150 people attend the event, and 4 dogs were adopted out.

Our second summer concert was held on Saturday, August 17th at the Park. The Caribbean Cowboy band played some classic summer tunes 6pm-8pm. Baabals Ice cream operated concessions, selling food during the concert . We had around 200 people attend the concert, Hunter Subaru was the sponsor.

Fall Yoga class will begin on Thursday, September 5th at Town Hall, 5:30pm.We have 14 students currently registered, the class will run until mid- October. Lindsey Fox is back to teach the yoga class, this is her 4th year with us.

Pickleball class for Beginners and Intermediate players will start on September 9th & 10th from 5:30pm-7pm.the class will run every Monday & Tuesday for 4 weeks. Katie Nowicki will be teaching both Pickleball classes for us this fall.

We will be hosting a cross country meet at the Park on Thursday, Sept.5th. Veritas Academy is the host school, and they expect 100 runners to compete. The boys and girls 5k race will take place on the greenway from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Greg Walker, Director

Public Works Department
Monthly Report
August 2024

Brush Pick Up

Public Works picked up 357 brush orders for a weekly average of 90. This produced 264 Cyds of brush which is now being dumped at the Henderson County Landfill at a cost of $48 per ton.

Vehicles

Service was performed on 4 police cars, 1 P&R vehicle and 5 Public Works vehicles.

Sanitation

Public Works collected 171.75 tons of garbage for a daily average of 8.18 tons.
Public Works collected 10 white goods.
Our daily average is down since we have added the shorter route on Mondays, but our total collection tons are still the same.

Town Hall

We are currently trying to work out an issue with our light upgrade. The current dimmer switches are not compatible with the T-5 LED lights that were to be installed. Representatives from Duke Energy are working on a solution.

Administration Monthly Report
Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager

August 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.

- **Purchasing for FY 24/25:**
  - Assisted Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Police, and IT in purchasing various capital items during August to include two Dodge Durangos, tactical shields, brush truck, new mulch for Kate's Park playgrounds, new banners for Highway 25, and Microsoft Cloud licensing.

Finance:

- **Taxes for 2023-** During August we have collected over 11.8% of the levy as of 8/28. This amount will increase as we continue through the fall and early winter months.

- **Business Registration Revenue-** The business registration revenue has come in well so far this fiscal year. Susan has reached out to those businesses in August that didn't pay in July.

- **FY 23/24 Audit-** Auditors were here on August 5 to complete testing of internal controls as well as complete some preliminary audit work. They will return in early October to finish the audit.

- **FY 23/24 Financial Statements** - Heather has started to prepare the financial statements for FY 23/24.

Human Resource:

- **Employment-**

  Full-Time:

  - Police Officer Vacancies- Continuing to advertise for the vacancies, and the police department has also reached out to the new classes of BLET that started this fall for possible recruits.

  - Public Works Maintenance Specialist- The vacancy was posted/advertised in early August and we have offered the position to Larry Royall who will begin on Tuesday, September 5. He is a re-hire and wanted to come back to the Town.

- **Wellness-**
  - Employee Gym- Over 40 hours were spent in the employee wellness gym as of 8/28.

  - Blood Pressure Screenings- Screenings were held on Wednesday, August 7, and we had over 6 employees take advance of this wellness benefit.