



## Where to Submit Letters to the Editor

### I. BUNCOMBE COUNTY PUBLICATIONS

#### Mountain Xpress

**Website:** <https://mountainx.com/contact/>

**How to Submit:** Email [letters@mountainx.com](mailto:letters@mountainx.com) (Plain text only; no HTML)

**Word length:** 300 words max

**Guidelines:** The Letters section seeks to promote thoughtful, diverse community dialogue. It is a forum where our readers may express opinions on issues — particularly those addressed by recent articles, commentary or other letters in Xpress. We welcome your submissions, subject to the following guidelines:

- Suggested letter length is 300 words or less. Longer letters are sometimes published, but they are subject to our abridgement. (That is, we may shorten them.) The writer's name, mailing address, daytime telephone number MUST be included, along with e-mail address, if available. Only the name and place of residence are published with the letter; the additional information is for verification purposes and is not released.
- As a general rule, we do not publish open letters, anonymous letters, form letters (including Web-based texts), or letters also submitted to or printed in other publications. We do not publish poetry in the Letters section.
- We prefer to receive letters as plain-text e-mail. (Our mail server may automatically reject HTML-formatted e-mail.) Otherwise, we ask that letters be typed, if possible. If handwritten, please take care to make them legible.
- Xpress retains the right to edit all letters chosen for publication.
- Priority goes to writers from within our circulation area and letters on local subjects.
- Published letters appear both in print and online. Letters remain available in the archives on our website.
- Writers are generally limited to one published letter every 30 days.
- We cannot acknowledge or return letters that aren't used.

<https://mountainx.com/submit-letters/>



## Asheville Citizen-Times

**Website:** <https://static.citizen-times.com/>

**How to Submit:** Use website form at <https://static.citizen-times.com/submit-letter-editor/>

**Word Length:** 200 words max

**Guidelines:** It is the policy of the Citizen-Times to encourage reader participation on its editorial page. Diverse and varied opinions are welcomed. Because of space limitations, we must limit all contributors to one letter per person per month. Letters of 200 words or less will be published unless they contain language or content that the editors feel is inappropriate. Examples of content that will cause letters to be rejected include: Confusing or unclear points; crude language; poor taste; disrespectful comments regarding a group's or individual's ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, sexual orientation or race; other incendiary language or remarks; endorsements for or complaints about individually named commercial products or services; poetry; personal tributes, attacks or thank you's. Also note:

- The Citizen-Times will not knowingly publish factually incorrect information.
- Only letters written exclusively to the newspaper will be published. Letters to a third party or those written to more than one newspaper are not accepted.
- Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand and, rather than mentioning the writer by name, should refer to the headline and date the letter was published.
- Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner. Letters referring to news stories should also mention the headline and date of publication.
- All letters must be signed and include the writer's street address or route address telephone number, which will be used for verification purposes only.

<https://static.citizen-times.com//letters-to-the-editor-policy/>

## Black Mountain News

**Website:** <https://www.blackmountainnews.com/>

**How to Submit:** Email to [news@blackmountainnews.com](mailto:news@blackmountainnews.com)

**Word Length:** 200 words max

**Guidelines:** Deadline for Letters to the Editor is 5 p.m. Friday. Please include your name, hometown and a telephone number so that we can verify you as the letter writer.

<https://static.blackmountainnews.com/contact/>



## II. STATE PUBLICATIONS

### Raleigh News & Observer & The Charlotte Observer

**Website:** <https://www.newsobserver.com>

**How to Submit:** Use online form at <https://www.newsobserver.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/submit-letter/>

**Word Length:** 200 words max

**Guidelines:** We welcome letters. Letters cannot exceed 200 words and published letters often run shorter. We edit for brevity, clarity, accuracy, grammar and civility.

We are unable to acknowledge unused letters. All letters become property of The (Raleigh) News & Observer and The Charlotte Observer. Published letters appear online and in print and may appear in one or both newspapers. Letters must include your first and last name, address, and email address.

<https://www.newsobserver.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/submit-letter/>

*NOTE: The information presented here was updated 4/07/2021. Before submitting, we recommend checking each publication's current submission guidelines.*