

Town of Fletcher

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December 2016

PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Town Council

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Tem
District #4 Ph 684-8005

Town Phones

Town Manager.....687-3985
Police/Fire
Emergency..... 911
Police Dispatch 697-4911
Police (Business#)... 687-7922
Parks & Rec687-0751
Public Works..... 654-9208

At the November Town Council meeting:

Sandy Kilgore was reappointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for another 3 year term. Rod Whiteside was appointed to this Board for a 3 year term to expire on 11/10/19.

A Public Hearing was set for December 12, 2016, regarding amendments to the Land Development Code.

Carol Avery, CPA with Lowdermilk Church & Co., presented highlights of the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 audit. She reported that the Town's internal controls were adequate, functional and established in conformity to the law and regulations and that no audit findings were detected.

Council members heard updates on the provision of animal control services from Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf. Staff is exploring options such as securing training and equipment for staff to handle animal control issues as opposed to paying Henderson County contract fees.

Mr. Biberdorf also informed council members that a committee had chosen Legerton Architecture to design a Parks and Recreation maintenance building and Public Works vehicle shed. Council approved this selection. The Town will now create a contract to proceed with this project.

Town Meetings

Town Council Agenda Meeting
1st Monday of Month at
6:00 pm

Town Council Meeting
2nd Monday of Month at 7 pm

Planning Board Meeting
3rd Tuesday of Month at 7 pm

**All Meetings are held at Town
Hall 300 Old Cane Creek
Road**



Holiday Schedule

Changes:

Town Hall will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday.

Town Hall will closed Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's Day holiday.

Holiday Trash and Recycling schedule:

If you your trash or recycling is scheduled for pick up on:

Friday, December 23rd —**your trash will be picked up on Thursday, December 22nd.**

Brush and leaves will be picked up on Tuesday, December 27th.

Brush and Christmas trees will be picked up on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

The Town of Fletcher Newsletter is published for residents of the Town and reports on issues and events that affect our community. You are encouraged to contact us with your questions and comments.
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Hwy 25—Hendersonville Road will be closed December 10th between 10 a.m. and the end of the Annual Town Christmas Parade at about 12:30 p.m.

It will be closed from the intersection of Old Airport Road (Ingles) to Woodhill Road at the entrance to Southchase Subdivision. We ask residents wishing to watch the parade to arrive along the parade route before 10 a.m.

We also ask residents not attending the parade to plan their travel accordingly.

Old Airport Road will become one way beginning at 8:45 a.m. and close at 10 a.m.



Fletcher Community Chorus invites you to

"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!"

as the Chorus performs a program of familiar seasonal favorites including traditional music, whimsical tunes, and a sing-a-long.

The public is invited to attend this free concert at Fletcher's very own Feed and Seed —3715 Hendersonville Road —at 7 pm on Thursday, December 15.



Looking for gift ideas? Ones that require no gift wrapping and no returns are necessary?

Calvary Episcopal Church Food Pantry can always use our help!

The Pantry is open on Saturday mornings to anyone in need of food and personal care items. Many families and individuals are struggling at this time of year.

This Food Pantry is supported by donations from Calvary and other churches, businesses, individuals, and service organizations, and food is obtained from direct donations, direct purchases, and through MANNA Food Bank of Asheville. Monetary donations are also needed!

Why don't you join your friends and neighbors at the Town's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 1st at the Fletcher Community Park for music, hot chocolate, cookies, and Santa, and bring non-perishable food items for this cause. There will be an area for you to leave your items at the event.



Or take your donations of food, personal care items, or even money to the church at 2840 Hendersonville Road—across from Ingles!

Consider adding this food pantry to your holiday gift list!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

654-9208

Steve Morgan - Director

TRASH TALK

Public Works employees will begin Christmas tree pick up on Tuesday, December 27th and continue every Monday through the month of January. Please call in a work order **prior** to Monday to request a pick up. All decorations must be removed as the tree will be chipped. No artificial trees will be picked up or trees with root ball attached.



Please follow the guidelines for trash disposal using the roll-out cans! All trash **must be bagged** within the roll-out trash receptacle! This is to prevent trash from blowing out when the can is lifted into the truck. If Public Works employees discover the contents are not bagged, they will tag the can and not pick up the contents! **Do not leave bags of trash outside of the rolling carts or leave the carts in the roadway.** Public Works employees have encountered a continuing problem with residents leaving loose trash or additional bags or boxes of trash placed beside the rolling trash cans.

Bagged leaves will be picked up starting on Mondays of every week until the end of December except for the last Monday in December. The final pick up for leaves will be Tuesday, December 27th. Leaves must be bagged and at curbside by 7 a.m. Request for leaf pickup must be scheduled through Public Works or Town Hall **before** Monday. These calls can be made any day, at any time, by calling and leaving a message for pick up and an address. Leaves will be composted by a facility and no grass clippings, pampas grass, mulch, dirt, sticks or rocks are allowed. The entire load can be refused if these items are found within the load!

The Town **does not** pickup televisions, computer components, grills, or furniture. These items are not allowed in landfills in North Carolina and must be disposed of at the Henderson County Convenience Center on Stoney Mountain Road.

Brush pickup starts on Mondays of every week and will continue through the week until works orders for that week are completed. You do need to call in a work order **before** Mondays to 687-3985 or 654-9208. You can leave your request for brush pickup and your address on the voicemail 24 hours a day.

If you have any questions about the services offered by Public Works, please call 654-9208 and leave a message along with your telephone number. Someone will return your call.

FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS

828-687-1218

120 Library Road

Fletcher, NC 28732

Tuesdays, 11am-1pm (December 6, 13, and 20) *Blue Ridge Literacy Council Office Hours*

Come to the library to meet the staff from Blue Ridge Literacy Council, enroll as a student or tutor, or just learn about their program services.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm *Conversational Spanish*: This is an interest group held by the public: medium to advanced levels of Spanish are spoken. Come by and test out your Spanish comprehension. Please contact the Fletcher Branch Library for more information.

Saturday, December 3, 10:15 am: Read to library dog, Romeo!

Monday, December 12, 4:30pm - Read to Library Dog Virgil

Monday, December 5 *The Avid Reader Book Club* 1-2pm December's book title: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Please read the book "and come prepared to discuss.

Monday, December 5th, 5:00 pm: Golden Bell Ringers - Join us at the Fletcher Library for a delightful holiday hand bell concert!

Second Thursdays (December 8) 10:30-11:30am *Fletcher Book Club* Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion.

Second Thursdays (December 8) 1:30-2:30pm *Writers Guild* All writers are invited to join a lively discussion about the guild's current projects related to publishing and the marketing of your work. Learn tricks and techniques from published authors and aspiring writers and reveal your own convictions.

Saturday, December 10, 11:00 am: Studio 52 Holiday Show - We have a very excited group of youngsters who would love to share the holiday spirit with you again this year! Presented by Flat Rock Playhouse Studio 52; Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.


Third Saturdays (December 17) 10:15-12:45pm: Highland Lace Makers - This group makes bobbin lace and fosters interest in this traditional weaving art form. Instruction is provided with occasional classes and guest teachers. Meets monthly.

Fourth Wednesdays (December 28) 4:30-6:30pm: Asheville Open Mic -- Local acoustic musicians play for and get to know each other, teaching and learning from each other, and enjoying their art. Open to the public. Players and listeners welcome. This group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

CLOSINGS

Friday, December 23 – Monday, December 26: The Library will be closed for Christmas!

ATTENTION!



HWY 25 will be closed December 10th, between 10 am - 1 p.m.
 Old Airport Rd will become one way beginning at 8:45 a.m. and close at 10 a.m.

TOWN OF FLETCHER'S
CHRISTMAS
in Candy Land
 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.

HWY 25 closes at 10 a.m.



Tree Lighting
and visits with Santa!

Thursday, December 1st at 6 p.m.
Canned good donations will be collected for those in need!



Celebrate the holidays with Town residents and local businesses at Fletcher's Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 10th. The parade includes musical groups, decorated floats, antique cars and the arrival of Santa! This year's theme is "Christmas in Candy Land". For more information on participating in this event please visit www.FletcherParks.org or contact Nicole Sweat at n.sweat@fletchernc.org.

Town of Fletcher will kick off the holiday season with its Annual Tree Lighting at Fletcher Community Park on Thursday, December 1 at 6 p.m. This event includes musical performances by Fletcher Elementary School, Veritas Christian Academy and Southside Dance Studio, the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree, visits with Santa and plenty of delicious hot chocolate and cookies to help keep warm. This is a perfect opportunity for children to give Santa their Christmas lists and to get a photo with Saint Nick. This event is free and open to the public thanks to sponsorship by Mission Pardee Health Campus. We are collecting canned goods for a local food pantry —so please bring a can or two for a good cause!



**MISSION PARDEE
 HEALTH CAMPUS**



Save the Date

Thursday, Dec. 1	Christmas Tree Lighting	6 pm
Saturday, Dec. 10	Fletcher Christmas Parade	10:30 am
Saturday, Jan. 28	Chili Cook-off	10 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 11	Father-Daughter Dance	3:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

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FLETCHER , NC 28732**

From the Tax Collector:

Taxes are due upon receipt and delinquent if not paid by January 5, 2017. For your convenience, partial payments may be made, but must be paid in full by January 5, 2017.

Delinquent taxes are subject to garnishment of wages, attachment of bank accounts or rents received, and levy on personal property and foreclosure procedures after January 5, 2017.

If funds are held in escrow to pay taxes, please forward your notice to your mortgage holder. The property owner is responsible for the payment of the taxes.

If you have sold the real property assessed to you, please forward the tax notice to the new owner.

All residents have the ability to view and/or pay their Town taxes online, using their checking account. You will need your bank routing and checking account numbers. The Town of Fletcher does not accept credit or debit cards.

Tax payments may be mailed to 300 Old Cane Creek Road, or paid in person at Town Hall, Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. A drop box is locked for “after hours” payments in the south side parking lot of Town Hall. It is monitored by surveillance cameras 24 hours a day.

Taxing governments in North Carolina are not legally obligated to furnish property owners a tax notice! It is the responsibility of the citizen to know that they owe taxes in that jurisdiction—just as you know that you are responsible for state and federal income taxes. The information that the Town of Fletcher has, such as mailing addresses and listed names, is received from Henderson County Assessor’s Office. We make every effort to get notices to the correct place, but the tax obligation still exists even if the taxpayer does not receive a bill.