



Town of Fletcher

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January 2017

PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

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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 December Town Council meeting:

A Public Hearing was held to consider several technical amendments to the Land Development Code. After discussion, these amendments were approved.

Highway 25 Corridor Improvements Project – The Town of Fletcher is starting the design process for the Highway 25 Corridor Improvements project. This is an initiative to make streetscape and other modifications along Highway 25 from Howard Gap Road to Cane Creek Road. The improvements are intended to give a sense that one is entering the downtown area of Fletcher. These changes are also intended to support development as a part of the Fletcher Town Center project. McGill Associates will be working on the final design for this project with construction planned to start in the summer of 2017. Funding for this project is coming from a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and local appropriations from the Town.

Parks & Recreation Maintenance Building and Public Works Vehicle Shed – The Town has engaged Legerton Architecture to start the design process for a new Parks & Recreation Maintenance Building and Public Works Vehicle Shed. These buildings are needed to accommodate growth in activity in these departments. This is also needed in order to relocate structures to accommodate development in the Town Center area. It is anticipated that the design of the buildings will be complete by the spring of 2017 and the project let for bid by the fall of 2017. This project is being funded through the Town's Capital Improvement Plan.

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 Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's Day holiday.

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

Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 16th for the Martin Luther King birthday holiday.

Brush will be picked up on Tuesday, January 17th.

From the Tax Collector:

Taxes are due upon receipt and delinquent if not paid by January 5, 2017. Interest will be posted on all delinquent accounts on January 6, 2017.

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 located for "after hours" payments in the south side parking lot of Town Hall. It is monitored by surveillance cameras 24 hours a day. Or you may pay taxes online at our Town website www.fletchernc.org. You will need your roll number from your tax bill and your checking account number. The Town does not accept credit or debit cards.

Delinquent taxes are subject to garnishment of wages, attachment of bank accounts, levy on personal property and foreclosure proceedings.

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.
Email: info@fletchernc.org
Visit our web site at: www.fletchernc.org

2017 Recycling calendars are available at Town Hall. Stop by and pick up one!



FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS

828-687-1218

120 Library Road

Fletcher, NC 28732

Tuesdays, 11am-1pm (January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31)
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.

Monday, January 9 The Avid Reader Book Club 1-2pm January's book title: *The Nazi Officer's Wife* by Edith Hahn-Beer. Please read the book "and come prepared to discuss. Note: This group meets the *first* Monday of the month most months.

Monday, January 9 & 23, 4:30pm - Read to Library Dog Virgil

Second Thursdays (January 12) 10:30-11:30am Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion.

Second Thursdays (January 12) 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.

Third Saturdays (January 21) 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 (January 25) 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:

Monday, January 2: Closed for New Year's

Monday, January 16: Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

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 leaf pick up ended at the end of December. This department will not pick up leaves again until the first 2 Mondays in April—April 3rd and April 10th. If you must dispose of leaves, you may take them to the Henderson County transfer station on Stoney Mountain Road. There is a charge for disposal of leaves at that facility.

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 Area Business Association (FABA) meetings:

Coffee Club meets the First and Third Tuesdays, 8-9 AM at Dickey's Barbecue Pit, 235 Saint John Road, Fletcher. At each meeting, every person present has the opportunity to make a 60 second presentation about their business. Spotlight speakers have a 10-15 minute opportunity to explain their business in more detail.

Spotlight speakers are:

Jan 3rd - Michael Trufant, Crunch Media - media services
 Jan 17th - Louise St. Romain, FastCat Studio - an expert photographer

Focus After 5 meets at varying locations the second Thursday of each month from 5:30 - 7 PM. The January 12th meeting is at Montreat College of Adult and Graduate Studies, 29 Turtle Creek Drive, Asheville. This meeting is a great opportunity to network and establish or renew relationships.

Contact any FABA Board member about getting on the schedule to sponsor this meeting for an opportunity to show off your business!

Holiday Schedule for 2017

Holiday	Date observed	Collection Date
New Year's Day	Monday, Jan 2, 2017	No Trash route Brush Tues Jan 3 rd
MLK Day	Monday, Jan 16	No Trash route Brush Tues Jan 17 th
Good Friday	Friday, April 14	Trash Mon April 17 th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29	No Trash route Brush Tues May 30 th
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4	Trash Monday July 3 rd Brush Monday July 3 rd
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 4	No Trash route Brush Tues Sept 5 th
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 10	Trash Mon Nov 13 th Brush Mon Nov 13 th
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 23 th	Trash Wed Nov 22 nd
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 24 th	Trash Mon Nov 27 th Brush Mon Nov 27 th
Christmas Eve	Monday, Dec 25 th	Trash Wed Dec 27 th Brush Wed Dec 27 th
Christmas Day	Tuesday, Dec 26 th	Trash Wed Dec 27 th
New Year's Day 2018	Monday, Jan 1, 2018	No Trash route Brush Tues 1-2-18



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

687-0751

Father Daughter Dance



The Town of Fletcher will host its 16th Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, January 28th from 11:30 a.m.-2p.m. at Veritas Christian Academy.

The Parks and Recreation department is currently seeking chefs interested in fighting for the 2017 title of **Best Chili in Fletcher!** Awards will be given in the following categories: Best Overall Chili, Best Individual Chili, Best Business Chili, Best Table Décor and People's Choice. All types of chili will be accepted including traditional chili, white chili and vegetarian chili. If you think you have the best Chili in the Fletcher area please download an application at www.FletcherParks.org or stop by Fletcher Town Hall. Application should be returned to the Parks and Recreation department no later than January 20.

This event is free and the public is invited to taste all the different flavors Fletcher has to offer. Parks and Recreation staff will be on site accepting donations for the Fletcher Park Development Fund which helps improve Fletcher parks.

Please visit the Park's website for more information!

This event is generously sponsored by First Citizens Bank of Fletcher!



Save the Date

Saturday, Jan. 28	Chili Cook-off	10 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 11	Father-Daughter Dance	3:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.



Father-Daughter Dance Tickets on Sale in January!

The Town of Fletcher will host its popular Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 11th at Calvary Episcopal Church. This is a special opportunity for dads to spend time with their daughters enjoying music, dancing and refreshments. Each daughter will receive a flower, photo by a professional photographer and the opportunity to make a valentine craft.

Tickets will be on sale to Fletcher residents beginning Wednesday, January 11. Non-residents may buy tickets beginning Wednesday, January 18. Two dances will be offered, a 3:30 p.m. dance and a 6:30 p.m. It is recommended that children 5 and under attend the 3:30 p.m. dance.

Tickets for Fletcher Residents are \$22 per couple and \$6 for each additional daughter. Non-resident ticket prices are \$26 per couple and \$8 for each additional daughter.

This event is sponsored by Morris Broadband.



TOWN OF FLETCHER
300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD
FLETCHER , NC 28732

Fletcher was ranked the 2nd Safest Small town (7th safest overall) in North Carolina in *ValuePenguin's* latest Safest Places report! The city has moved up 7 ranks from ValuePenguin's 2015 analysis, and had the 2nd lowest rate of violent crime in the state, as well as a very low rate of property crime.

To rank these places, *ValuePenguin* analysts collected data from the FBI. The raw data included property crimes (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson), and violent crimes (murder/manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) from all law enforcement agencies that chose to partake in the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting program.

The data was then standardized to reflect violent and property crimes per 100,000, to account for population, after which they aggregated a "crime score" by weighting violent crime at 80% and property crime at 20%. Though property crime is more prevalent, *ValuePenguin* analysts gave violent crime more significant weightage since violent crime tends to be more concerning to citizens. The crime score was finally adjusted for population size, giving more slack to larger cities, and ranked.

Fletcher's high ranking in the *ValuePenguin* study is a cause for celebration for our hard working police department for a job well done, and should serve as a barometer for residents, visitors and businesses who wish to understand the safety level of our community!

ValuePenguin's Safest Places in North Carolina 2016 report can be viewed at <https://>

www.valuepenguin.com/2016/safest-places-north-carolina

Safest Places in North Carolina (2016)

Large	OVER 25K	Mid-sized	10K - 25K	Small	5 - 10K
1	Holly Springs	1	Pinehurst	1	Elon
2	Apex	2	Waxhaw	2	Fletcher
3	Cary	3	Davidson	3	Black Mountain
4	Cornelius	4	Stallings	4	Gibsonville
5	Huntersville	5	Mount Holly	5	Winterville
6	Wake Forest	6	Havelock	6	Woodfin
7	Kannapolis	7	Morrisville	7	Bessemer City
8	Chapel Hill	8	Leland	8	Wendell
9	Matthews	9	Boone	9	Boiling Spring Lakes
10	Concord	10	Archdale	10	Brevard

Data supplied by
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