

Town of Fletcher

300 Old Cane Creek Road, Fletcher, NC 28732
Phone 828-687-3985 Fax 828-687-7133

Email: info@fletchernc.org
Web Site: www.fletchernc.org

October 2016

PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Town Council

Bill Moore, Mayor
District #2 Ph. 684-7965

Sheila Franklin, Councilwoman
District #1 Ph. 684-5676

Hugh Clark, Councilman
District #2 Ph. 684-7093

Bob Davy, Councilman
District #3 Ph. 687-0313

Eddie Henderson, Mayor Pro-
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

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**

The Town of Fletcher Newsletter
is published for residents of the
Town and reports on issues and
events that affect our communi-
ty. You are encouraged to
contact us with your questions
and comments.
Email: info@fletchernc.org
Visit our web site at:
www.fletchernc.org

At the September Town Council meeting:

Henderson County Planning staff presented information to council members about Henderson County's Historic Landmark Ordinance. This program was adopted by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners in April 2015 to safeguard the heritage of the county and to promote the use and conservation of historic landmark properties. Historic Landmark properties must meet certain requirements and be accepted on State Historic lists. Henderson County Planning staff will administer the Ordinance and work with applicants. The Town of Fletcher must adopt by resolution this ordinance and related design guidelines for applicants in the Town to participate. Once property is designated as an Historical Landmark, it is eligible for a 50% Property Tax Abatement. Once designated, the County tax office, as well as the municipal tax office, will be notified of the new property status. To leave the Tax Abatement program, property owners must pay the past 3 years of abated taxes. After discussion, this resolution was approved.

Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf, updated council members on legislative priorities for the fiscal year 2016/2017.

Public Input Session for a New Library Facility

A public input session will be held on Monday, October 17, at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Fletcher Library. The purpose of the public input session is to gather feedback from the public on what they would like to see in a new library to replace the existing Fletcher branch. This is part of a facility study that is being conducted by Solutions 4 Local Government. The public's input on a new facility is greatly appreciated!

One Stop (In Person Early Voting) Absentee Voting opens at the Main Office of the Board of Elections at 75 E. Central Street, Hendersonville, NC on October 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Three other sites open October 24, 2016:

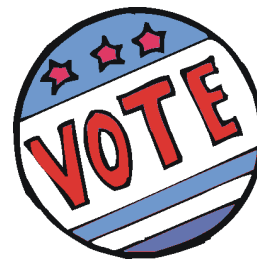
Etowah Branch of Henderson County Public Library
Flat Rock Village Hall
Fletcher Branch of Henderson County Public Library
Hours for these sites are:
Monday-Friday Oct 24-28 10:00 am – 6:00 PM

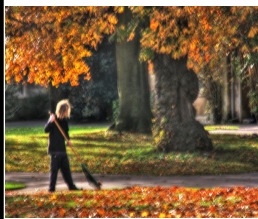
Saturday Oct 29 8:30 am – 1:00 PM

Monday- Friday Oct 31 - Nov 4 10:00 am – 6:00 PM

Saturday Nov 5 8:30 am – 1:00 PM

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Voting will be held from 6:30—7:30 p.m. at all 35 County Precincts. **For more information concerning voting and for sample ballots , please go to <http://www.hendersoncountync.org/elections> or call Phone:(828) 697-4970.**





With the beautiful fall leaf color comes the chore of raking leaves! Everyone wants to complete that tedious task as soon as possible, but please don't take the short cut disposal method of dumping those leaves down a storm drain or by placing loose leaves in a drainage

ditch or in the gutter!

In 2007, the Town implemented an ordinance prohibiting "illicit discharges" into the storm drain system.

Leaves, brush, lawn clippings, and other yard waste are considered an illicit discharge that can affect water quality. The town can issue fines to citizens who violate this ordinance. Help do your part to minimize the effects of clogged storm drains and ditches.



The Town offers bagged leaf collection every Monday during the fall, so help do your part to protect our water quality in our Town and minimize the effects of clogged storm drains from leaves and other debris. Rake your leaves, bag them, put them at the curbside, and call for pick up!

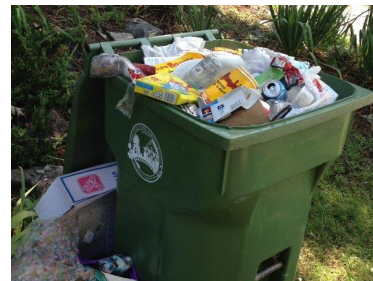
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

654-9208

Steve Morgan - Director

TRASH TALK

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 begins Monday, October 3rd. 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 or grills. 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, unless that day is a holiday. Then it will start on Tuesday of those weeks. 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.

Town of Fletcher property tax bills have been mailed. The Town receives its tax information from Henderson County Assessor's office and as soon as the data is received, our Tax office processes and mails the bills. The Tax lien attaches to the property legally on January 1 of the taxing year, but because the tax rate is determined by the Town Council at the end of June, bills can not be sent until late summer. The official due date is September 1, and taxes may be paid any time up to the delinquency date without penalty. The delinquency date for 2016 taxes will be January 6, 2017. At that time, all unpaid taxes will become delinquent and interest charges will begin to accrue and possible enforced collection procedures may begin.

Partial payments are accepted for taxes during the time of receipt of tax notices and the date of delinquency, but all taxes must be paid by the date of delinquency. 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. Our information, such as mailing addresses and listed names, is received from Henderson County and we try to get notices to the correct place, but the tax obligation still exists even if the taxpayer does not receive a notice.

Fletcher Branch

828) 687-1218
120 Library Rd (Just off Hwy 25 N)
Mon. & Wed 10-7 Tues-Thurs 10-5
Fri.-Sat. 10-4 Closed on Sunday

**FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS**

Tuesdays, 11am-1pm *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.

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

Second Thursdays 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.

Read to a Library Dog – Virgil, Solange, Molly, and Romeo Call the library, stop by or check the online calendar for dates and times. Sign up for a 15-minute session. This program is for both children and adults. If a child is the reader, the parent or guardian must be present. Bring a book or two!

Tuesday, October 4 *The Avid Reader Book Club* 1-2pm October's book title: *Time and Again* by Jack Finney. Please read the book before the meeting.

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19: *Family Storytime*: 10:30-11am Join us for family storytime Wednesdays at the Fletcher library. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

Saturday, October 8: *What's Wrong with My Orchid?* 1-2pm This program with Paul Johnson of the WNC Orchid Society will help you to determine what is wrong with your orchid. Basic orchid care and potting will also be covered. Please bring in your sick orchid if possible.

Monday, October 10: *Columbus Day*: Library Closed For Columbus Day

Friday, October 14: 12:30pm Goodwill JumpStart Learn ways to find and get a good job.

Saturday, October 15: *Highland Lace Makers* 10:15-12:45 To make bobbin lace and to foster interest in this traditional weaving art form. To provide instruction with occasional classes and guest teachers. Meets monthly.

Monday, October 17 *The Bear Basics* 3:30-4:30pm Join a Park Ranger from Chimney Rock State Park to begin your adventure into the basics of black bears. What do bears eat? Where do they live? Do they hibernate during NC winters? And will they attack? Let's answer these and other common questions about the largest land mammals in our woods. The ranger will read a true story book about an adventurous bear from the Great Smoky Mountains.

Wednesday, October 26 *Ballerina Stories & Dance*. 10:30-11am Join us for ballet and a story. This program will be led by a real ballerina!

Fletcher Library will be a polling site in the upcoming election for both early voting and on Election Day.

Town of Fletcher's Halloween Carnival Saturday, October 29th

Town of Fletcher's Annual Halloween Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 29 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Fletcher Community Park.

This FREE community event will feature carnival style games with a Halloween twist, costume contests, hay rides, inflatable moon walk, obstacle course and slide and lots of other family friendly Halloween fun!

Fletcher Parks and Recreation Department staff is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist children with games, face painting and judges for the costume contests. If interested in volunteering, please contact Nicole Sweat at (828) 687-0751 or n.sweat@fletchernc.org.

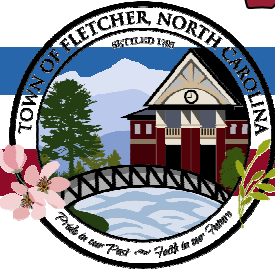
Thanks to support from Pardee UNC Health Care and Ingles of Fletcher this event is FREE!



Save the Date

Saturday, Oct. 29	Halloween Carnival	2:30 pm
Saturday, Nov. 5	Veterans' Day Breakfast	9 am
Thursday, Dec. 1	Christmas Tree Lighting	6 pm
Saturday, Dec. 10	Fletcher Christmas Parade	10:30 am

Fletcher Family Festival



Thank you to our sponsors!



Diane Bauknight
State Farm Agent



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



OUT with the bags!

Plastic bags and other film plastic are very difficult for Curbie to handle at their Material Recovery Facility. Please keep plastic bags out of recycling carts and drop-off bins. They clog up their equipment and can cause a lot of wasted time and even equipment damage. At least twice a day, they have to shut the entire sorting facility down and send in people with box cutters to cut the plastic bags out by hand.

If you use bags to collect recycling, Curbside encourages you to please empty the items into the bins, but do not include the bag. Better yet, use a tub, box or bucket to collect recycling and reuse it each week.

- **No Plastic Shopping Bags**
- **No Plastic Garbage Bags**
- **No Plastic Film**
- **No Cereal Liner Bags**
- **No Ziplock or Sandwich Bags**
- **No Dry Cleaning Bags**
- **No Shrink Wrap**
- **No Plastic Bubble Wrap**
- **No Chip Bags**
- **No Plastic Six-Pack Beverage Rings**

NO plastic bags or film of any kind. The good news is that most grocery stores offer plastic bag recycling.