



Town of Fletcher

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April 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

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.
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Visit our web site at:
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At the March Town Council meeting:

Sandra Anderson was appointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a 3 year term to expire in March 2020. Larry Waldrop was reappointed to the ABC Board for another 3 year term to expire in April 2020.

Council members approved a contract with Equinox Environmental for a park master plan for the Meritor property.

Lew Bleiweis, Asheville Regional Airport Executive Director, reported on updates to the airport's air service and construction progress.

A Public Hearing was held to consider an amendment to the Land Development Code regarding the number of allowed residential structures on an individual lot. After discussion, the amendment was approved.

Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County Senior Planner, was present and updated council members on some Apple Country Transit statistics and budget requests for the coming fiscal year.



Date: Saturday, April 8, 2017

**Location: South Parking Lot
at the Fletcher Town Hall
Time: 9:00 am to Noon**

The Town of Fletcher and the Fletcher Police
Department are hosting a pill take-back event
called **Operation Pill Drop** as well as a
Spring document shredding event.

- Bring your unused or outdated prescription medicine to be safely and legally disposed. Safely disposing of old medications through Operation Pill Drop events instead of flushing them down the drain prevents chemicals from ending up in the water supply.
- Bring your unwanted documents and protect your personal information as well as the environment. The National Crime Prevention Council recommends shredding all financial documents, billing statements, pre-approved credit card offers and any other papers containing personal information and identification numbers before discarding them. **Two box limit.**



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For Additional Information or Directions:
Phone: 828-687-7922
E-mail: policeinfo@fletchernc.org

The Town of Fletcher has been working with a regional committee to determine ways to enhance broadband level internet service in our region. The committee would like to know how our residents and businesses are being served in terms of high speed internet service options.

Please take a few minutes to visit the town of Fletcher website under the featured News section to participate in the on-line survey. This information will be used to help determine access, rates of speed, and current/future need. So please take a few minutes to participate in the survey and let us know how internet services can be improved in our community.



The Fletcher Area Business Association (FABA) hosts 3 types of meetings each month.

Coffee Club

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 8 - 9 AM in the downstairs meeting room at the Y, 2775 Hendersonville Road. 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.

April spotlight speakers are:

April 4th - Aggie Westerhoff - the Italian Cookie Lady
April 18th - Patrick & Vessela Harper with Coldwell Banker King Realty in Hendersonville

Resource Recess

A FREE informative meeting the 4th Thursday of each month in the Conference Center upstairs at the Y, 2775 Hendersonville Road. From 11:30 to 12 N is an opportunity for Networking, with the presentation and discussion to follow from 12 N to 1 PM.

April 27th, Michelle Tracz, CPA, talking about business finances.

Focus After 5

A monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30 - 7 PM. The location varies from month to month. This meeting is a great opportunity to network and establish or renew relationships after work. And you might even win a door prize!

April 13th at Blue Ghost Brewing, 125 Underwood Road, Fletcher. It's sponsored this month by Virginia Penland of Western and Southern Life.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

654-9208

Jabbo Pressley - Director

TRASH TALK



Spring clean up of bagged leaves will be the 1st two Mondays of April—April 3 and April 10th. Rake and bag your leaves and call for pick up or go to the Town website www.fletchernc.org and enter a work order for pick up!

You may now request a brush pickup online! Go to the Town website—www.fletchernc.org—and you may access the link either from the “How do I” link at the top or through the Public Works department link. Brush pick up does start on Monday mornings (unless it is a holiday) and pick up request must be in before Monday morning.

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. Due to recent high winds, employees have been physically laying the trash cans down to keep the wind from blowing them into the road. We ask that you write your address on the lid of your trash cart with an indelible marker to help you identify your cart.

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

A Community Thrives: an ACT/USA Today Grant

The New Fletcher Library Partners submitted a grant application in the form of a short video to ACT/USA Today for its a *Community Thrives* program which supports efforts to improve the community in the areas of Wellness, Arts & Culture, and Education. This is an event in which people vote for their favorite project ala Beer City and Dancing With the Stars.

The voting window will be 11:59 am on April 12, 2017 and end at 11:59 am on May 12, 2017. Obviously we will need a lot of votes, so vote every day and encourage friends, neighbors, relatives and anyone else to vote as well. This grant could be \$50,000 or \$100,000 and go a long way toward accomplishing our goals.

FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS

828-687-1218

120 Library Road



Do you like to work puzzles? We now have a puzzle table for adults. Come help put together our latest puzzle.

Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 (4 weeks), 10:30-11:30am, Yoga Class: Join us as local instructor Lynn Edgar leads a basic yoga class. *Registration and waiver are required.* This free series is funded by the Friends of the Library.

First Mondays, 1-2pm (April 3) *The Avid Reader Book Club*: March's book title: *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. Please read the book and come prepared to discuss. Note: This group meets the *first Monday* of the month most months.

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, and 25 (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 (April 4, 11, 18, and 25) *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.

Wednesdays, 10:30am (April 5, 12, 19, and 26) Family Story Time: Join us for family story time. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

Mondays, April 10, 17, and 24 (4:30-5:30pm) Read to Virgil the Library Dog

Second Thursdays (April 13) 10:30-11:30am, Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. This group meets the *second Thursday* of each month.

Thursdays, April 13, 20, 27 and May 4 (4 weeks), 12:30-2:30pm Mahjong: Join our mahjong group for an afternoon of fun with this exciting Chinese tile game. *Registration for the four weeks is required.*

Second Thursdays (April 13) 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. This group meets the *second Thursday* of each month.

Saturday, April 15, (10:15-12:45pm) Apple Country Lacers: 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.*

Tuesday, April 18th, (3:30 - 4:30pm) Spectacular Spiders: A park ranger from Chimney Rock State Park will teach us all about spiders! This free program is for all ages.

Wednesday, April 19 (2-4pm) Teen Crafternoon: Teens grades 6-12, come by the Fletcher Library between 2 and 4pm to create your own unique clothespin photo frame. (while supplies last) Program is free and sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Thursday, April 20th, (2-3pm) Wiggle with the Worms! Hands On! presents this program- Dr. Bunsen & Dr. Beaker (worm farmers extraordinaire) introduce the wild world of worms! Children will learn all about worms, their habitat, and why they are so important to us! The children will enjoy lots of Hands On! experimentation with both imitation and real worms! Kids should wear clothes they can get dirty. This free program is for Grades K-5 and *registration is required.* Call or stop by the Fletcher Library today to register. Funded by the Friends of the Library.

Friday, April 21st, (11 am-2 pm) Shred Event: The Local Government Credit Union (LGCU) will bring their shred truck to the Fletcher Library for members of our community to shred important papers. This is a great time for patrons to start spring cleaning!

Saturday, April 22, (10:15am) Highland Smocking Guild The purpose of the Smocking Arts Guild of America is to preserve and foster the art of smocking and related needlework for future generations through education, service, communication and quality workmanship.

Fourth Wednesdays (April 26) 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 *fourth Wednesday* of each month.

Read to Library Dogs 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—or check one out!

CLOSINGS:

Friday, April 14th: The Henderson County Public Library will be closed for Good Friday.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

687-0751



Join the Fletcher Parks and Recreation Department at Fletcher Community Park on Saturday, April 8th, for the Town of Fletcher's Easter Eggsplotion! New to this year's event will be children's inflatables, a bubble station, face painting, photos with the bunny, and more! This event will also feature our annual Parade of Hats. Prizes will be given for Most Creative Hat, Most Colorful Hat, and Best Traditional Hat.

Our annual egg hunt, for children 11 & under, will feature over 10,000 eggs! To participate, all children must be able to walk on their own. Participants should take note—this year's egg hunt schedule will have different times for different age groups! All egg hunts will take place on the soccer field. Please see the schedule below.

The Parade of Hats will take place at 11:30 a.m. and all other activities will run from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Concessions will be available!

This event is sponsored by State Farm Agent, Diane Bauknight, United Federal Credit Union, and Hendersonville Pediatric Dentistry.

For more information on Fletcher's Easter Eggsplotion!, please visit www.FletcherParks.org or call (828) 687-0751.

Egg Hunt Schedule

Ages 2 & under – 11:40 a.m.

Ages 3-4 – 12:00 p.m.

Ages 5-6 – 12:20 p.m.

Ages 7-8 – 12:40 p.m.

Ages 9-11 – 1:00 p.m.

Save the Date

Saturday, Apr. 8	Egg Hunt	11:00 a.m.
Friday, May 19	Golf Tournament	12:00 p.m.
Saturday, Jun. 17	Fleet Feet Sports Father's Day 5k	8:30 a.m.

Fletcher Parks & Recreation

**Robert G. Parrish, Sr.
Memorial Golf Tournament**



Friday, May 19th

Cumming Coves Golf Course

The Robert G. Parrish, Sr. Memorial Golf tournament will be held on Friday, May 19th at the Cummings Cove Golf Club. This tournament is a captain's choice format with a noon starting time. Lunch will be provided and all proceeds will go to the Fletcher Park Development Fund. The entry fee for the 2017 golf tournament is \$90 per player or \$360 for a 4 person team. Mulligans and red tees will be available for purchase at check-in. For more information or to register for this event, please contact Greg Walker at 828-687-0751 or g.walker@fletchernc.org.

Parks and Recreation —making Fletcher a great place to live and play!

www.FletcherParks.org

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Storm Water Facts

Stormwater runoff is water from rain or melting snow that “runs off” across the land instead of seeping into the ground. This runoff usually flows into the nearest stream, creek, river, or

lake. On its way, runoff can pick up and carry many substances that pollute water. These include pesticides, fertilizers, oil, pet waste, leaves, and grass clippings. It also include sediment from construction, bare soil, dirt roads, or agricultural lands.

Runoff is also created by watering, car-washing, hosing down decks or pavement, or any other activity that puts a lot of water on the ground.

In addition to picking up pollutants from the land, stormwater runoff also gets polluted from dumping in storm drains, and from illegal (illicit) hook-ups to the pipes that carry rainwater to the streams.

The Town has an ordinance to prevent these “illicit discharges”. To learn more about ways you can prevent stormwater pollution, please visit the Town’s website at www.fletchernc.org and click on the *storm water management* link under the Planning and Zoning Department tab.

Did you know?

There are programs available to disabled, disabled veterans, and elderly to help lower property tax bills.

All applicants must complete Form AV-9 which is available on the North Carolina Department of Revenue’s website or at the Henderson County Assessor’s office. After completion of the form, it is submitted to the county assessor’s office at 200 N. Grove Street, Hendersonville. If the taxpayer qualifies for tax relief, then the information is forwarded to the Town of Fletcher where Town taxes will lowered as well as County Taxes.

The deadline for filing for tax relief for the 2017 property taxes is June 1, 2017. Any applications received after that date will not be considered.