



Town of Fletcher

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October 2017

PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Town Council

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District #3 Ph. 687-0313

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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

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 community. You are encouraged to contact us with your questions and comments.
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At the September Town Council meeting:

Council members approved the appointment of Zach Horn to serve on the Henderson County Travel & Tourism Board as a representative for the town for a 5 year term.

A resolution was approved to amend the financing agreement for the Town Hall building to reduce the interest rate for the long-term debt of that facility from 3.05% to 2.37%.

Discussion of the improvements to the Fletcher Community Park was held. Ben Cathey with McGill & Associates outlined the plans to widen the entrance as well as addressing some drainage issues in the park in this current fiscal year. Paving in the park is scheduled for this fall.

Jabbo Pressley, Public Works Director, updated council members about proposed changes of several streets from DOT maintenance to Town maintained. DOT would have to bring several streets along Fanning Bridge Road up to certain standards before the Town could take over the maintenance of those streets.

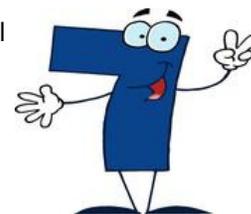
Bagged leaf pickup will begin Monday, October 2nd and pickup will continue every Monday until the end of December.



Work orders for pickup need to be entered online at the Town's website www.fletchernc.org, under the "How Do I?" link at the top right side of the home page. Work orders may also be called into Public Works at 654-9208 and leave a message with request and address, or call Town Hall at 687-3985. Work orders must be placed **before** Mondays of each week for pick up that week.

Leaves need to be bagged and at curbside by 7:00 a.m. Please no grass clippings, pampas grass, mulch, dirt, or rocks are allowed as leaves will be composted!

NerdWallet—a personal finance website that helps people make and manage their financial decisions —has analyzed communities in North Carolina that offer young families the best combination of quality schools, jobs with opportunities for higher income, friendly neighborhoods, and affordable living.



Fletcher was ranked **#7** in 2017 out of the communities that were identified! It was the only western North Carolina town in the top 10!

For more information on the list, which includes detailed methodology, check out their link at www.nerdwallet.com/blog/credit-cards/best-places-for-young-families-north-carolina/!

**NOVEMBER 7, 2017
GENERAL ELECTIONS**

Elections will be held for City of Hendersonville, Village of Flat Rock, **Town of Fletcher**, Town of Laurel Park, Town of Mills River and City of Saluda

ONE STOP EARLY VOTING SITE HOURS at the Board of Elections for all six municipalities

Board Lobby is the **only** one stop site for all municipalities. One Stop voting begins October 19, 2017 and continues until Saturday, November 4, 2017.

75 E. Central St.

Hendersonville, NC

828-697-4970

October 19-20 (Thursday-Friday) 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

October 23-27 (Monday – Friday) 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

October 30-Nov 3 (Monday – Friday) 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

November 4 (Saturday) 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

For more information concerning voting in the Municipal election, please go to www.hendersoncountync.org/elections or call 828-697-4970.



Property 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 a resident may view and/or pay their Town taxes online. At the Town’s website: www.fletchernc.org, go to the “How do I?” link at the top right side of the home page. You will need your roll number or account from your tax bill and your bank routing and checking account numbers. The Town of Fletcher does not accept credit or debit cards.

Partial payments may be made, but must be paid in full by January 5, 2018 to avoid penalties and interest.

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. We make every effort to get notices to the correct address, but the tax obligation still exists even if the taxpayer does not receive a bill!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

654-9208

Jabbo Pressley - 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. 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.



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 requests must be in before Monday morning.

We cannot chip lumber, railroad ties, building materials, telephone poles, or fence posts. Any brush piles containing these materials will not be picked up. Please remember, brush pick-up is provided as a free service to our residents who are cleaning up the yard around their house. It is not to remove bushes, stumps, trees, and other debris resulting from plant removal, lot clearing, pool installation, construction, additions, new decks, etc. Removal of debris resulting from these activities should be arranged by the homeowner or the contractor at their expense.

Please be considerate of our employees and do not place any poison ivy or oak vines or briars in the brush piles. Severe allergic reactions are possible.

The Town does not pick up grass clippings or yard waste such as pampas grass. These materials can not be put into a wood chipper and are not allowed in the landfills with household waste. If you must dispose of materials such as this, you may take them to the Henderson County Convenience Center. There is a charge for disposal of these materials.

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!

OCTOBER
FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS



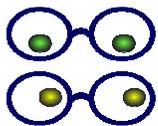
828-687-1218

120 Library Road

Fletcher, NC 28732

MON 10-7, TUES 10-5, WED 10-7, THURS 10-5, FRI 10-4, SAT 10-4

Do you like to work puzzles? We now have a puzzle table for adults. Come help put together our latest puzzle. Got an extra puzzle that has all the pieces? We accept donated puzzles in good condition.



Forget your readers? We have a small selection of readers which you may use while visiting Fletcher Library. Got a pair you no longer need? We accept donated readers in good condition.

First Mondays, 1-2:15pm (October 2) *The Avid Reader Book Club*: We will discuss both September's book title (*Still Alice* by Lisa Genova) and the one for October (*The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman). Given this, the group will meet 15 minutes longer than usual this month. Please read the books and come prepared to discuss. Note: This group meets the first *Monday* of the month most months.

Tuesdays, 11am-1pm (October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31) *Blue Ridge Literacy Council Office Hours* Come to the library to meet a representative from Blue Ridge Literacy Council, enroll as a student or tutor, or just learn about their program services.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31) *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, 10:30-11am (October 4, 11, 18, and 25) *Family Story Time* Join us for family storytime Wednesdays at the Fletcher Library. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm (October 5, 12, 19, and 26) *Mahjong* Experienced players are welcome. Beginners may observe and will be coached if possible. Registration is required. Contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 or stop by to register.



First Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (October 5) *Lego Club* All ages are welcome to come out to the Fletcher Library on the 1st Thursday of the month for Lego Club. We will provide Legos to use while you are here- please do not bring your own. We have Duplo blocks for younger children as well. We can't wait to see what you will create! Please be aware that all children under 9 **must** have an adult stay with them. Do you have Legos to spare? We accept donated Legos in all shapes and sizes in good condition.

Fridays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 (10:30 am-12:30 pm) *Chess Club* For adults ages 18+. Please call to sign up. Registration is required as space is limited. Bring your own chess set if possible. Beginners are welcome.



Mondays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, (4-5pm) *Read to Library Dog Virgil!* 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.

Wednesdays, October 11 and 18 (4-5pm) *Read to Diamond the Library Dog!* Sign up at the circulation desk or call 828-687-1218.

Second Thursdays (October 12) 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.

Second Thursdays (October 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. This group meets the *second Thursday* of each month.

Saturday, October 21 (10:15-12:45pm) *Apple Country Lacers* We make bobbin lace and foster interest in this traditional weaving art form. We provide instruction with occasional classes and guest teachers. *Meets monthly.*

Monday, October 23 (3:30pm) *CSI: Children's Science Investigation* For those in Grades 1-3. Investigate our crime scene for scientific clues! Analyze your own fingerprints, decipher written clues and take a bite out of crime as we compare teeth marks. Can you solve the mystery? Registration required- contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register. This free program for children is funded by the Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, October 25 (1:30-3:30pm) *Goodwill Career Connections* Drop in and meet one-on-one with an advisor who can connect you to great opportunities for work, training and education.

Fourth Wednesdays (October 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 *fourth Wednesday* of each month.

Town of Fletcher's
Halloween Carnival
 Saturday, October 28th

Town of Fletcher's Annual Halloween Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 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 **Ingles of Fletcher**, this event is FREE!



Save the Date

Saturday, Oct. 28	Halloween Carnival	2:00 pm
Saturday, Nov. 11	Veterans' Day Breakfast	9 am
Thursday, Nov. 28	Christmas Tree Lighting	6 pm
Saturday, Dec. 9	Fletcher Christmas Parade	10:30 am

Fletcher Family Festival



Thank you to our sponsors!



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



As fall and the beautiful leaf color comes, the chore of raking leaves comes too! Residents need to make sure that they dispose of their leaves properly. Everyone wants to get the job done as soon as possible.

The Town asks homeowners not to blow their leaves out into the streets or dump them in local creeks and streams. This is an annual problem that causes major problems for drainage systems. 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.

These systems are just made for rain water, —that's the only thing that's supposed to go into a storm drain. If you take an entire neighborhood of houses and every single person in that subdivision decides to blow all of their leaves or take those leaves and put them into a storm drain, that can cause some drainage issues!

When leaves pile up in the streets and are pushed down into the drains, eventually everything that is dumped down will make its way to a pipe and once its clogged, water can't flow through and erosion around the pipe occurs.

The Town does offer pick up service for bagged leaves. So rake and bag them, then put them at curbside and request a pickup!