

# Town of Fletcher

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## December 2017

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 & Rec .....687-0751  
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 6 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 December Town Council meeting:

A Public Hearing was held to consider an application for a proposed 168 unit apartment complex located 35 Howard Gap Rd. Planning and Zoning Director, Eric Rufa, presented information from the Town Planning Board to council members. After discussion and input from the public, the application was approved.

A presentation of audit findings for FY 16/17 was presented by Carol Avery, CPA, of Lowdermilk Church & Co. 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 set a public hearing for December 11, 2017, for consideration of an application from the City of Hendersonville Water Department for a new booster pump station on Woodhill Drive.

The Town Manager reported that Rebekah Robinson with Conserving Carolina was able to obtain a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Henderson County. The funds will be used to help pay for a preliminary design of the Cane Creek Greenway Extension.

### What do your taxes pay for?

A number of taxpayers in the Town have stated that by living in the municipal limits they pay "double property taxes". It is true that taxpayers within the Town do pay Henderson County taxes as well as Town of Fletcher property taxes, but each tax funds different services to the residents.

The 2017 property tax rate for Henderson County is .565/\$100 valuation plus applicable Fire District taxes. These taxes fund public education in the county, human services, public safety, cultural and recreational departments—such as the library system and county parks and recreation. It also funds general county government and environmental health services.

Town of Fletcher tax rate for 2017 is .34/\$100 valuation. This amount includes the Fletcher Fire District tax of .115. From the balance of this levy, the Town funds residential solid waste removal as well as a recycling program, police/public safety services, planning and zoning services, street lighting and street maintenance on Town streets. It also maintains the Town's parks and offers to the Town taxpayers reduced rates for park events and programs.

So, if you check out a book or attend one of the many events at the Fletcher Library, you are using services paid for by your County property taxes. A nice walk at our Fletcher Community Park with friends will let you see some of the results of your Town of Fletcher property tax dollars.



### SIDE BY SIDE SINGING

Are you dreaming of a White Christmas? Longing to wish people Joy to the World? Come sing about it with Side by Side Singing on Tuesdays, December 5 and 12 at 2:00 pm. You will find us in the Parish Hall of Calvary Episcopal Church, 2840 Hendersonville Road, Fletcher, NC.

Songleaders Jan Mallindine on guitar and Ruthie Rosauer on piano will lead you in singing Christmas favorites. Sessions are free. The building is handicap accessible and there is plenty of free parking. For more information about Side by Side Singing see [www.SideBySideSinging.wordpress.com](http://www.SideBySideSinging.wordpress.com)

Come sing with us!

Property taxes are due by January 5, 2018. 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](http://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.



Hwy 25—Hendersonville Road will be closed December 9th between 10 a.m. and the end of the Annual Town Christmas Parade at approximately noon.

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 resident 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.

## 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](http://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.**

Christmas tree pickup will begin January 2, 2018, and will continue each Monday through January. Put in a work order online or call to place a work order for pickup before Monday of each week.



Winter is beginning and cold and snow and ice will come! This department does provide snow and ice control on Town maintained streets. Crews will initially concentrate on opening Town streets for emergency personnel and equipment and it may take up to 36 hours to effectively perform this service on all streets. Each winter event is unique and actions taken for each storm are directly related to the amount of precipitation, ground and air temperatures and the pending forecast. And a successful battle against the winter weather requires the cooperation and assistance of the citizens! So in the event of inclement weather, please don't park on Town streets. This will help crews travel through streets and clean snow more efficiently and safely. Trash pickup and recycling schedules may be altered. Please have patience! As soon as roads are clear for vehicles and travel, this department will make decisions as to rescheduling trash pickup!

Leaf pickup ends at the end of December! No more leaves will be picked up after this time until 2 Monday pickups in April!

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!

**NOVEMBER**  
**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**

**Sign up for weekly notices of a sampling of upcoming events at the Fletcher Library** as well as all of the other libraries within the Henderson County Library system. Go to: <http://library.hendersoncountync.org/events.html>

**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.

**(Most) Tuesdays, 10:30am-12pm *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. Call Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218 for more information.

**Fridays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 (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.

**First Mondays, 1-2pm (December 4) *The Avid Reader Book Club***: We will discuss *We Never Asked for Wings* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Please read the book and come prepared to discuss it. Note: This group meets the first *Monday* of the month most months.

**Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (December 5, 12, and 19) *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, December 6, 13, 20, and 27 (4pm) *Read to Diamond the Library Dog!*** Sign up at the circulation desk or call 828-687-1218.

**Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm (December 7, 14, 21, and 28 30)) *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 (December 7) *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.

**Monday, December 11 (3:30-4:30pm) *Kindness Rocks!*** Join us in the Teen Area to paint a rock to help spread kindness in our community. Give your rock as a gift or hide it somewhere for someone else to find and post on the "HVL NC Rocks" or "WNC Rocks" Facebook pages.

**For adults, teens, and grades 5+. Rocks and materials provided by Snow Creek Landscaping while supplies last.**

**Mondays, December 11 and 18 (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.

**Second Thursdays (December 14) 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 (December 14) 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, December 16 (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.*


**Wednesday, December 27 (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.

## **CLOSINGS**

***Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26:*** All libraries within the Henderson County Public Library system will be closed.

***Monday, January 1:*** All libraries within the Henderson County Public Library system will be closed.





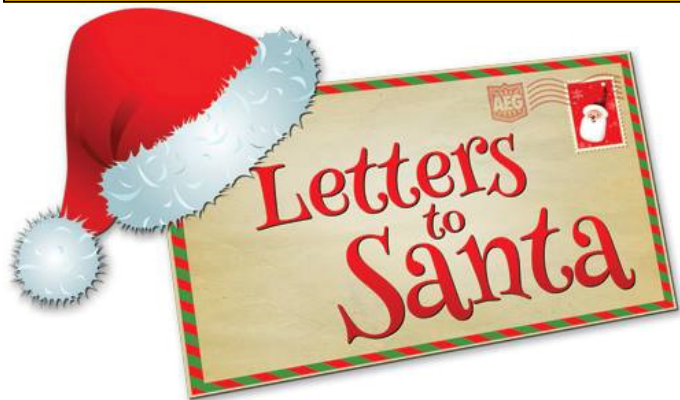
**ATTENTION!**

HWY 25 will be closed December 9th,  
between 10 am - 1 p.m.

Old Airport Rd will become one way begin-  
ning at 8:45 a.m. and close at 10 a.m.



**Saturday, December 9th, 10:30 a.m.**



Santa's little helpers stopped by Fletcher Town Hall (300 Old Cane Creek Rd.) on Thanksgiving and placed a mail box with direct service to the North Pole! Good little boys and girls who place their letter to Santa in this mailbox are guaranteed a personal response from Old Saint Nicholas. We will collect through Sunday, December 17th at noon. Don't forget to include a pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelope to ensure you receive a response from the North Pole before Christmas!



Celebrate the holidays with Town residents and local businesses at Fletcher's Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 9th. The parade includes musical groups, decorated floats, antique cars and the arrival of Santa! This year's theme is "Let it snow". For more information on participating in this event please visit [www.FletcherParks.org](http://www.FletcherParks.org) or contact Nicole Sweat at [n.sweat@fletchernc.org](mailto:n.sweat@fletchernc.org).

Thank you Fletcher Area Business Association for sponsoring this event!



**Saturday, January 27, 2018, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**at Veritas Christian Academy**

**Calling all cooks!**

**We are now accepting applications for the 2018 Fletcher Chili Cook-off! Find in application at:**

<https://www.fletchernc.org/event/fletcher-chili-cook-off-2018/>



Save the Date		
Saturday, Dec. 9	<b>Fletcher Christmas Parade</b>	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27	<b>Chili Cook-off</b>	11:30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10	<b>Father-Daughter Dance</b>	3:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

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### **December Holiday Schedule Changes**

The Town of Fletcher offices and Public Works Department will be closed **Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for the Christmas holidays.**

Tuesday's trash pickup and scheduled recycling will be picked up on **Wednesday, December 27th**. Wednesday's trash pickup and scheduled recycling will take place as scheduled on that date. Brush pickup will begin that week on **Wednesday, December 27th** and continue through the week until work orders are complete.

Town Departments will be closed on **Monday, January 1st** for the New Year's Day holiday. Brush pickup for that week will begin on **Tuesday, January 2nd**.