



Town of Fletcher

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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 January Town Council meeting:

Council members approved the lowest responsible bidder for the drainage improvements project for the Fletcher Community Park. Trace & Company submitted the lowest bid.

Ben Cathey of McGill & Associates, presented a budget estimate for street resurfacing projects in the Town. The \$222,000 estimate will combine the bid with paving of the entrance to Fletcher Community Park.

A contract with Curbside Management to continue the pick up of recycling materials in the Town was approved.. At the present time, 73% of the residents in the Town participate in the recycling program provided.

Council members approved changing the name of the Fletcher Community Park to honor the former Mayor Bill Moore. The new name of the park will be *Bill Moore Community Park*.

More discussion concerning the changing of the name and signage will be addressed at future meetings.

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**

Short Term Rentals in Fletcher

The Fletcher Planning Board has been discussing the issue of "short term rentals" of residential units via such sites as Airbnb and VRBO, and has recently approved several recommendations to Council for potential amendments to the Town's Land Development Code (LDC). Previously, the code has been largely silent on this matter, however, the "residential" use category indicates that any such rental of a residence for a period of less than 30 days would constitute a "lodging" use and must be zoned for such use. As Planning & Zoning Staff is beginning to receive more questions about short term rentals, we felt it necessary to address this issue and to better clarify the rules on this matter. The Planning Board has recommended that the short term rental of an entire residential dwelling be prohibited. However, the recommendations also include a provision to allow an owner of a residence to rent out either a spare bedroom OR a one bedroom accessory dwelling ("Mother in Law Apartment") on a short term basis, provided that the owner resides on site. The Board has also recommended approval of a few additional standards for bed and breakfast inns as well. The Fletcher Town Council will consider these recommendations in a public hearing at the March 12, 2018 meeting. Please contact Planning Director, Eric Rufa, at (828) 687-3985 if you have questions or comments about this matter.

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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Visit our web site at:
www.fletchernc.org



Curbside Management
828-252-2532

What May I Recycle?

Metal Cans —aluminum, steel, tin, empty aerosol

Plastic bottles, jugs, & food containers #1—7. **Include the caps with these bottles! They can now be recycled!**

Glass bottles and jars—brown, green, and clear. **Metal lids are recyclable! Include them!**

Aluminum pie tins & food trays

Gable top cartons and boxes such as milk containers and juice boxes

Corrugated Cardboard (broken down and flattened) **except** pizza boxes that have been soiled with food and grease!

Mixed paper

Please no plastic bags!

These items are not accepted with your recyclables.

- Aluminum foil
- Dog food bags
- Styrofoam
- Plastic bags, plastic wrap
- Window or Mirror glass
- Waxed paper
- Dishes, Cookware, Drinking glasses
- Light Bulbs
- Black Microwavable trays
- Paper towels or tissues

How Do I Prepare the Recyclables?

Rinse all bottles and cans and include lids and caps

Squash plastic jugs and bottles

Breakdown and Flatten all boxes

Do not place items in plastic bags. Place recyclables in bins or trash cans marked with the words recycling or the recycling logo.

Set your recyclables to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your recycling day.



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.



Winter is here 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. Public Works will not plow streets if there are cars parked in the way.

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! Residents will be notified of changes in pickup schedules thru the Town's Connect CTY call system and on the Town's website www.fletchernc.org.

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!

FEBRUARY 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.

Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm (February 1, 8, 15, 22) 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.



Thursdays, 3-4pm (February 1, 8, 15, and 22) Read to Library Dog Romeo! 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.

First Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (February 1) 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.

Mondays, February 5 (1-2pm) The Avid Reader Book Club: We will discuss both 1) *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg and 2) *The Light in the Ruins* by Chris Bohjalian, so please read these books before the meeting. (Due to inclement weather, this group did not meet in January, so the book for that month will be covered in February.) Note: This group meets the first *Monday* of the month most months.

(Most) Tuesdays, 10:30am-12pm (February 6, 13, 20, and 27) 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.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (February 6, 13, 20, and 27) *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 (February 7, 14, 21, and 28) *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.

Wednesdays, 4-5pm (February 7, 14, 21, and 28) *Read to Diamond the Library Dog!* Sign up at the circulation desk or call 828-687-1218.

Second Thursdays (February 8) 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 (February 8) 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, February 17 (10am-12:30pm) *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.

Monday, February 19 (1–2:30pm) *On Track Presents: How to Find Extra Income in Your Day to Day Life*. Getting a second job or working extra hours are only two ways to help increase your cash flow. We will do several exercises to help you build a personalized plan to creatively decrease expenses and increase income. Registration required- Contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

Some Mondays, 4-5pm (February 19 and 26) *Read to Library Dog Virgil!* 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.

Wednesday, February 28 (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.



And the winners of the 2018 Fletcher Chili Cook-off are . . .

Best Overall Chili: Ben Weaver

People's Choice Award: Out of the Blue Peruvian Cuisine

Best Individual Chili: Sean Force

Best Business Chili: Viex Carre LLC

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



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

687-0751



Father-Daughter Dance Tickets almost gone!

The Town of Fletcher will host its popular Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 10th 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 for our 6:30 p.m. dance are sold out but we have a limited number of tickets still available for the 3:30 p.m. dance.

Tickets for Fletcher Residents are \$16 per dad and \$6 for each daughter. Non-resident ticket prices are \$18 per dad and \$8 for each daughter.

For more information on Fletcher's Father-Daughter Dance, please visit www.FletcherParks.org or call (828) 687-0751.



Save the Date

Saturday, Mar. 24

Easter EGGSPLOSION! 11 a.m.

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300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD
FLETCHER , NC 28732**

From the Tax Collector

2017 Town Property taxes are delinquent! Bills were mailed to the owner of record on January 1, 2017, in August, 2017, and were delinquent if not paid by January 5, 2018.

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.

Delinquent taxes are subject to enforced collection procedures such as attachment of bank accounts, garnishment of wages and rents, debt set-off against income tax refunds and lottery winnings, and foreclosure.

All delinquent accounts will be advertised in the Hendersonville Times-News newspaper and advertisement charges will be added to these accounts.