



Town of Fletcher

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May 2018

PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Town Council

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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 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 communi-
ty. You are encouraged to
contact us with your questions
and comments.
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At the April Town Council meeting:

A Public Hearing to consider rezoning a portion of 3086 Hendersonville Road, scheduled for April 16, 2018, was postponed. It will be rescheduled for May 14, 2018.

A Public Hearing to consider text amendments to the Land Development Code regarding short term rentals of residential dwellings was set for May 14, 2018.

Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf, reported that the resurfacing project at the Bill Moore Community Park and on several Town streets was nearly complete. Repairs to Library Road- a private road leading the Public Library —will begin in a few weeks. The Town agreed to fund these repairs, with Henderson County contributing 50% to the cost of the project.

Short Term Rentals in Fletcher

The Fletcher Town Council has been reviewing recommendations made by the Planning Board regarding the issue of "short term rentals" of residential units via such sites as Airbnb and VRBO. 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 for possible amendment to the Town's Land Development Code (LDC) in a public hearing at the May 14, 2018 meeting (at 7:00 pm) The public is encouraged to attend and give input on this matter. Please contact Planning Director, Eric Rufa, at (828) 687-3985 if you have questions or comments about this issue.



**Town Hall
will be closed
Monday, May 28th
for the
Memorial Day
Holiday.
We will be open
Tuesday, May 29th
at 8 a.m.**

**Brush pick up
for that week
will begin
Tuesday, May 29th**



Fletcher Community Chorus Presents

“A Gershwin Portrait”

Thursday, May 17, 2018

7 P.M.

Feed & Seed 3715 Hendersonville Road

Fletcher

Great selections from the

George and Ira Gershwin songbook

Concert is free—

**But donations help the chorus continue
bringing beautiful music to all!**

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 be lowered as well as County Taxes.

The deadline for filing for tax relief for the 2018 property taxes is June 1, 2018. Any applications received after that date will not be considered.

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.



Spring leaf pickup has ended. Bagged leaves will not be picked up again until October.

Mowing? The Town does not pick up grass clippings. We recommend that you use mulching blades and return the clippings to the yard or compost them. If you must dispose of the clippings, the Henderson County Transfer station located at 802 Stoney Mountain Road will accept these materials.

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.

With the recent heavy rains, residents need to be aware that their actions can prevent storm water pollution and help to protect our beautiful mountain waterways!

Stormwater runoff is water from rain that flows across the landscape and instead of seeping into the ground, it flows into nearby streams or other waterways. As it flows, it has the potential of picking up and carrying many substances such as fertilizers and pesticides, oil, animal waste, grass clippings, and top soil. Apply fertilizers and other garden products sparingly. Plant, mulch, or contain any areas of bare soil. And never dump anything down a storm drain!

Only rain down the drain!!



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



May Activities at the Library!!

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>

We could use several card tables in good condition. Call us at 828-687-1218 if you have one you would like to donate.

Have craft supplies that you don't need? We can use donated ribbon, lace, sequins, scrapbook paper, buttons, wrapping paper, glitter glue, stickers, and more.

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

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.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29) 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 (May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30) 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 (May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31) Mahjong Join our mahjong group for an afternoon of fun with this exciting Chinese tile game. No experience needed. This group has a coach to teach new players. Must register as space is limited. Registration is required. Contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 or stop by to register.



First Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (May 3) 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, 10:30am-12:30pm (May 4, 11, 18, and 25) Let's Play Bridge For those who already to know how to play the game of contract bridge and want to practice. Beginners may observe, however, we would like to have one table be a teaching table. Let us know if you would like to help teach the game. Registration is required. For ages 18+. Stop by the library or phone us at 828-687-1218 to reserve a space.

(Most) Saturdays, 1-3:30pm (May 5, 12, 19, and 26) Chess Club For adults 18+ Beginners are welcome. Registration is required. Contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 or stop by to register.

First Mondays, 10:30am-12pm, (May 7) Mandala Coloring Registration Required. For adults only. Call the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

First Monday, 1-2pm (May 7) The Avid Reader Book Club: We will discuss *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan. Please read this book before the meeting. This group meets the first *Monday* of the month most months.

Second Tuesdays, 10:30am-11:45pm (May 8) 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 services. Call Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218 for more information.

Wednesday, May 9, 4-5pm Fun with Bots Presented by Hands On. Discover how robots work! Experiment with ways a robot can sense, think, and act. Use an Ozobot, paper, and markers to program and control a real robot that fits in the palm of your hand. This free program is for grades K-5. Funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration required- contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

Second Thursdays (May 10) 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 (May 10) 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, May 19 (10:30am-12:30pm) *Yarn Therapy* A gathering of people who knit, crochet, embroider, weave, spin, or do other creative things with yarn. Enjoy a relaxing morning working on your projects. Bring your own supplies. All skill levels welcome! Registration is required. Contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

Wednesday, May 23 (1:30-3:30pm) *Goodwill Career Connections* Call Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218 and ask us about the workshop of the month.

Wednesday, May 23, 4-5 pm *Serpentarium Magic* Learn about a collection of over 200 snakes and reptiles living at Serpentarium Magic in Mills River and meet a few of the non-venomous residents. The goal of this program is to separate facts from fear and teach kids respect for snakes. We will learn some characteristics of local animals as well as the biggest, baddest, and longest snakes out there. This free program for all ages is funded by the Friends of the Library. For more information, contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218.

UPCOMING

Monday, June 25, 1-2:30pm *Credit? Get it. Keep it. Improve it.* Find out what you need to know about credit! Learn about what credit is, understand what affects your credit score, and gain knowledge of methods to repair or establish credit. This free class for adults is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration required- contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

Closings:

Henderson County Public Library will be closed **Monday, May 28th** in observance of Memorial Day.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

687-0751

Fletcher Parks & Recreation

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



Saturday, May 19th

**Player Check-in: 9 a.m.
Shot Gun Start: 10 a.m.**

Cummings Cove Golf Course

The Robert G. Parrish, Sr. Memorial Golf tournament will be held on Saturday, May 19th at the Cummings Cove Golf Club. This tournament is a captain's choice format with a 10:00 a.m. starting time. Breakfast will be provided and all proceeds will go to the Fletcher Park Development Fund. The entry fee for the 2018 golf tournament is \$100 per player or \$400 for a 4 person team. For more information or to register for this event, please contact Greg Walker at 828-687-0751 or g.walker@fletchernc.org.

Save the Date

Saturday, May 19	Golf Tournament	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Jun. 9	Family Health and Fitness Day	9:00 a.m.



Fletcher Parks and Recreation Invites Residents to Celebrate Family Health & Fitness Day

Fletcher Parks and Recreation invites all Fletcher area residents to join them on Saturday, June 9 for National Family Health & Fitness Day. Organized by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Family Health & Fitness Day promotes the importance of local parks and recreation in keeping communities healthy.

To celebrate, Fletcher Parks and Rec encourages everyone to gather with family and friends to get active at Bill Moore Community Park (formerly Fletcher Park) on Saturday June 9th beginning at 9 am.

Slow down and watch out for our new speed bumps!



FletcherParks.org

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

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Office phone number 828-697- 4970

FLETCHER TOWN HALL SITE (New) —moved from the Fletcher Library site

One Stop (In Person Early Voting) Absentee Voting Schedule for the
May 8, 2018 Primary Election

FLETCHER TOWN HALL site opens Monday, April 23, 2018 and runs through May 5, 2018

Voting at Fletcher Town Hall : 300 Old Cane Creek Rd, Fletcher, NC 28732

Monday- Friday April 23-May 4 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Saturday May 5 8:30 AM – 1 p.m.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, May 8, 2018

Voting will be held on Election Day from 6:30 am – 7:30 pm at all 35 County Precincts