



Town of Fletcher

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PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

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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 May Town Council meeting:

A Public Hearing was held to consider rezoning a portion of 3086 Hendersonville Road from R-2 residential to C-1 Commercial. After discussion, the proposal was approved.

A Public Hearing was held to consider text amendments to the Land Development Code regarding short term rentals of residential dwelling. After discussion, council members tabled the proposal in order to obtain further information from the Town Planning Board.

Council members approved a revision to the aggressive dog provision of the animal control ordinance.

The Cane Creek Greenway at the Bill Moore Community Park (formerly Fletcher Park) sustained serious damage from flooding with the recent heavy rains.

The Greenway remains open, but please use extreme caution and avoid the area around the barriers in place.

We appreciate your patience as we assess the damage and work toward repairs.



Recent heavy rains have caused flooding and major issues for the Town's drainage systems. Residents in the Town play a crucial role in assisting the Town employees with keeping storm drains open and flowing as they are designed. Property owners are responsible for maintaining and repairing, and/or replacing any ditches, drainpipes or other drainage systems on their property. Please do not rake grass clippings, leaves and other debris into ditches and storm drains which can lead to clogged and overflowing ditches, drains and drainpipes. This will help avoid safety hazards caused by pooling water on roadways, and keep water damage to the pavement at a minimum!



**Calvary Episcopal
Church Food Pantry,
Inc.**

The Food Pantry opened in April of 2009 seeking to help those in need of food. Members of Calvary Episcopal Church felt called to organize and open the Food Pantry, but it could not operate without support from our **whole** community. In addition to Calvary, other local churches, businesses, individuals, service organizations, and philanthropic groups make the Food Pantry possible.

The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need of food. Open every Saturday morning, 8:30-11:00 (except the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's Day).

Volunteer opportunities are available every week to assist in this important community project. Visit the website: <http://www.calvaryfletcher.org> for more information or call 828-684-6266.

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.



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.

The Town does not pick up brush from a commercial cut. If you hire someone to trim trees and limbs, removal is part of the service you are paying for when you hire them.

Brush does not include pampas grass or landscaping timbers. And please, when cleaning up your property, do not put poison oak or ivy vines or briars in brush pickup piles! The Public Works employees are handling every limb by hand. Be considerate of Public Works employees!

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



JUNE FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS

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.

Thursday, June 1 *Our Summer Reading Program Starts! J*

(Most) Saturdays, 1-3:30pm (June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30) *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, (June 4) *Mandala Coloring* Registration Required. For adults only. Call the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

First Monday, 1-2pm (June 4) *The Avid Reader Book Club*: We will discuss *Saints at the River* by Ron Rash. Please read this book before the meeting. This group meets the first Monday of the month most months.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (June 5, 12, 19, and 26) *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 (June 6, 13, 20, and 27) *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 (June 7, 14, 21, and 28) *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 (June 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.

Second Thursdays (June 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 (June 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, June 16 (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.

Tuesday, June 19th (1pm) *Hands On: The Science of Sound* Learn how sounds are made and heard. Play the “sound wave game,” hear a Theremin, and more! This program is for rising 1st – 5th graders. Registration required.

Friday, June 22 (2-3pm) *Legal Information Reference Center Demo* Have a legal issue you need resolved but don't want to pay attorney fees? Need help with a will or estate planning or do you just need greater insight into that *Law and Order* episode you watched last night? Henderson County Public Library has a resource that can help you! The Legal Information Reference Center is designed to help patrons understand everyday legal issues by offering thousands of legal forms from all 50 states and hundreds of eBook versions of legal books from the most reputable publishers in the field. Join Reference Librarian Mark Burdette as he demonstrates how to use Legal Information Reference Center. Procedures to be demonstrated include, among others, how to access and then search this resource and how to save the results you find. Attendance is free and open to the public, registration is not required.

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.

Wednesday, June 27 (1:30-3:30pm) *Goodwill Career Connections* Call Fletcher Library at 828-687-1218 and ask us about the workshop of the month.

Friday, June 29th (10:30 am) *Asheville Hoops* Have fun moving and grooving with Asheville Hoops! No experience necessary. For rising grades K-5. Registration is required.

UPCOMING

Wednesday, July 11 (2-3pm) *Snakes Alive!* Learn about the lives, habits, and characteristics of snakes and other reptiles. Live animals will be present!

Tuesday, July 17 (11am-12pm) *Songs and Stories with Silver Trout Arts* Music, storytelling, and puppets!

Monday, July 23 (2-3pm) *Newly Grown Tales* Come help create some "Newly Grown Tales" in this interactive take on traditional folk tales. Presented by Attic Salt Theatre Company.

Wednesday, July 25 (2-4pm) *Teen Robotics Workshop* Teens in rising grades 6-12 can learn the basics of robotics and coding with EV3 Mindstorm Robots in this hands on workshop presented by Zaniac Learning Center. Free and funded by the Friends of the Library, registration is required. Contact the Fletcher Library to sign up.

Monday, August 20 (1-2:30pm) *Intro to Homebuying* Thinking about purchasing a home but don't know where to start? This introduction to first time home buying will provide the answers you've been looking for and resources to help! 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.

Friday, August 23 (2-3pm) *Historic North Carolina Newspapers Demo*

Wednesday, September 12 (3:30-4:30pm) *What a Ranger Does* A North Carolina State Park Ranger has many responsibilities from law enforcement to education to high angle rescue and wears many hats. Come meet with a ranger to learn all aspects of their jobs and see all the equipment needed to provide visitors with a safe and fun visit to our state parks.

Monday, September 17 (10:30am-12pm) *Creative Retirement* Suzanne Shaffer will present an experiential workshop based on her book *Conscious Creative Retirement: 8 Essential Keys to Maximize Your Next Life Chapter*. Registration is required.

Monday, October 15 *Emotions and Spending* This class for adults explores the powerful role of emotion in our use of money and provides tools for understanding those connections and moving beyond their influential pull. This free class is funded by the Friends of the Fletcher Library. Registration is required.

Wednesday, November 7 (3:30-4:30pm) *Raccoons, Bandits of the Night* Ever heard a bump in the night, had someone turn your trash cans inside out, or found strange paw prints on the porch the next morning? Join a NC park ranger to figure out the most likely nighttime visitors. We will explore these interesting mammals, their nocturnal habits, and how well they have adapted to play in the moonlight.

CLOSINGS: Wednesday, July 4 the Henderson County Public Library will be closed for Independence Day!



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

687-0751

Event Schedule

9 a.m.	\$5 dollar 5K	Foot RX
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Inflatables, Disc Golf, Corn Hole	Fletcher Parks and Recreation
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Mobile Food Kitchen	YMCA at Mission Pardee Health Campus
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Wellness Wagon	Park Ridge Health
9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Ninja Fitness for Kids	YMCA at Mission Pardee Health Campus
9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m., 11 a.m.	Yoga in the Park	Instructor - Bitsy Merriman
9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11 a.m.	Family Kickball Game	Fletcher Parks and Recreation

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.



Save the Date

Saturday, Jun. 9	Family Health and Fitness Day	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Jun. 9	Flashback Band	7:00 p.m.

Summer Concert Series Flashback Band

Saturday, June 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Fletcher Parks and Recreation Department will host its First Concert of the season on Saturday, June 10th at Fletcher Community Park. Flashback Band will play some of your favorite music from the 70's, 80's and 90's at this free, family-friendly event. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy music in the park! The Fletcher Parks and Recreation Department concession stand will be open selling snacks, drinks, hot dogs, nachos and more! Coolers are welcome, but no alcohol is permitted on park property.

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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 VRB. 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 held a public hearing on this matter at their May 14 meeting, however a final decision was not made. The Council continued this hearing to the June 11 meeting which will be held at 7:00 pm at Fletcher Town Hall. The public is welcome 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.