



Town of Fletcher

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PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Town Council

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Police (Business#)... 687-7922
Parks & Rec687-0751
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Town Meetings

Town Council Agenda Meeting 1st Monday of Month at
6:00 pm

Town Council Regular 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**

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Town and reports on issues and
events that affect our communi-
ty. You are encouraged to
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At the July Town Council meeting:

Council members approved the year end Tax Collector's report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Members then approved the reappointment of Tax Collector, Cynthia Broome, and Deputy Tax Collector, Janet Merrill, and charged them with the collection of 2018-2019 property taxes.

Low Bleiweis, Executive Director for the Asheville Regional Airport, presented statistics on the airport for the past year, outlining progress of the parking garage and airfield redevelopment projects.

Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, introduced proposed amendments to public comment policy. After discussion of these amendments, council members approved the following changes to the Public Comment Policy:

Public Comment Policy

Revisions Approved as of July 9, 2018

- Public comment is welcome at the agenda review meeting and the regular meeting of the Town Council during the public comment section of the agenda.
- Each speaker will deliver his/her remarks from the podium.
- Each speaker must sign in and state his/her name and address for the record.
- A separate sign-in sheet will be provided for a public hearing agenda item.
- Each speaker is allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for public comment at a given meeting unless the speaker is part of a group (see below).
- If a group is representing a topic/issue, the group will have a maximum of five (5) minutes regardless of the number of speakers for the topic/issue.
- Speakers may provide handouts to the town clerk for distribution to the Town Council.
- Public comment is for members of the public to address the Town Council. The Town Council is not expected to debate/discuss issues during public comment.
- The Mayor may rule out of order any comments that are rude, inappropriate, or intended to harass any person or group of people, and is authorized to take reasonable and appropriate measures to ensure compliance with these rules.
- A three (3) minute limit will also apply to comments on agenda items when the speaker is not the designated presenter for the agenda item or a member of Council.
- Once the presenter has spoken within the 3 minute time limit, questions may be asked by the Mayor or Council as deemed necessary to gather any additional information that may be needed on the topic at hand. This may extend the 3 minute time limit imposed on the presenter.



On August 22, 2018, Mark Biberdorf, Fletcher Town Manager, will be speaking at the Fletcher Area Business Association's "Resource Recess". His topic will be "The State of Business in Fletcher". All are welcome!

This event:

Wednesday: August 22, 2018

Mission Pardee Health Campus/YMCA

2775 Hendersonville Road

2nd Floor Conference Room

12 Noon—1 p.m.

11:30 a.m. –12 noon Networking and BYO lunch

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!



The Tabernacle of Praise invites the residents of the Town to join them on August 25th from 10am to 2pm as they celebrate the grand opening of their new sanctuary!

"We will have free food, drinks, fun and games, music, and giveaways as we introduce ourselves to the neighborhood. We will giving away 100 school bags filled with school supplies for the first 100 attendees. "

"We look forward to seeing everyone there and having a great time!"

They are located at 106 Old Airport Road in Fletcher.

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



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.

Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (August 1) *Family Story Time* Join us. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm (August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30) *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 (August 2) *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 in the room. Do you have Legos to spare? We accept donated Legos in all shapes and sizes in good condition.

Saturday, August 4 (10:30am-12:30pm) *Needle Felting Class* This class will be an introduction to Needle Felting and its history. We will start with some basic techniques and then create an apple-just in time for the Apple Festival! No experience necessary; all supplies will be provided. Registration Required- Contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

(Most) Saturdays, 1-3:30pm (August 4, 11, 18, and 25) *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, (August 6) *Mandala Coloring* Registration Required. For adults only. Call the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

First Monday, 1-2pm (August 6) *The Avid Reader Book Club* We will discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Please read this book before the meeting. This group meets the first Monday of the month most months.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (August 7, 14, 21, and 28) *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.

Second Thursdays (August 9) 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 (August 9) 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.

First Tuesday, 10:30am-12pm (August 14) *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.

Third Saturdays (August 18) 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.

Saturday, August 18 (10am-12:30pm) *Highland Smokers of WNC*

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* Join Reference Librarian Mark Burdette as he demonstrates the Historic North Carolina Digital Newspaper Collection, one of the new resources offered through NC LIVE. This resource gives full-text access to over a thousand historic newspapers throughout North Carolina, including 11 from Henderson County, with coverage ranging from the 1750s through the 1990s. How to access the resources, methods of conducting searches, and filtering and saving results will be demonstrated. Registration required- contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218.

UPCOMING

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.

Tuesday, October 2 (10am-4pm) *Bill Moore Community Park (Fletcher) - Digital Bookmobile* Drop by Bill Moore Community Park in Fletcher to learn about the FREE items you can check out through North Carolina Digital Library and the Libby app! A high-tech update to the traditional Bookmobile, this community outreach vehicle is for public libraries and schools to promote their digital catalog of eBooks, audiobooks and streaming video to their communities. Readers of all ages can learn about and engage with digital books at their local school or library inside the Digital Bookmobile. The traveling exhibit tours North America and contains several interactive learning stations.

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.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

687-0751

Fletcher Family Movie Night



Fletcher Parks and Recreation would like to say "thank you" to our friends at [Blue Ghost Brewing Company](#) and to everyone who attended the 3rd Annual Fletcher Firefly Festival back in June.

A percentage of sales from the festival went directly to our park development fund. We sincerely appreciate and value your support!



Saturday, August 25th

Movie begins at dark! (Approx. 8:30 p.m.)

Bring your blankets and chairs out to Bill Moore Community Park. Disney's *Lion King* will be shown on the outdoor movie screen.

The concession stand will be open for popcorn, snacks, drinks, and more!



Check out our new sign!

Several months ago, Fletcher Town Council voted to honor former Mayor, Bill Moore, by renaming Fletcher Community Park to Bill Moore Community Park. Bill Moore was first elected as a council member for the Town of Fletcher in November 1995 and later served as Mayor from 1999-2017. Mayor Moore has always been a champion of Parks and Recreation in this community and Town Council believed this was the perfect way to honor his leadership and service to the Town of Fletcher.

The Town will host a ceremony honoring Mr. Moore on Tuesday, August 7th at 6:00 p.m. Watch our Facebook page for details on this event!

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On July 17, the Fletcher Town Council and Planning Board held a special joint work session to discuss future multi-family residential development in Town. As everyone is aware, the area is continuing to see tremendous region wide growth. In recent years, the Town of Fletcher has strived for slow, managed growth by trying to steer higher density development to the center of Town. But as there is general consensus to further limit where such development is allowed, Fletcher will be working to more clearly define that center.

In the coming months, staff will be preparing potential amendments to the Land Use Plan and the Land Development Code. These amendments will help to preserve our commercial districts by removing most residential allowances from the C-1 and possibly the C-2 zoning districts, and limiting higher density development to the vicinity of the future Town Center area and possibly to a couple of small targeted areas just outside of the C-1 commercial district. Changes involving possible limits on residential allowances in commercial zones will be reviewed by the Planning Board as early as September, and then considered for final approval by Council in a public hearing later in the fall. And before any considerations are made with regard to selecting areas envisioned for higher density, the Town would engage in an extensive public outreach and input process.

Questions and comments regarding this matter can be directed to Planning Director, Eric Rufa, at (828) 687-3985.