

Town of Fletcher

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September 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 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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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 August Town Council meeting:

Council members recognized outgoing Planning Board member, Brenda Ford, for her service to the Town. Mayor Whiteside thanked Ms. Ford for her volunteer service to this important Town committee. Keith Reed was then appointed by Council members to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board.

Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, presented updates on West Next Generation Network discussions. West Next Generation Network (NGN) Broadband is a regional initiative focused on stimulating the deployment of broadband networks in Western North Carolina.

WestNGN's goal is to encourage private sector providers to deliver ultra-fast bandwidth at highly affordable prices to ensure our region remains competitive and at the forefront of developing the next-generation applications essential to all sectors of the economy. Council members will hear updates at the September council meeting.



Town Hall
will be closed

Monday, September 3rd
for the Labor Day holiday.

Brush pickup
that typically starts on
Mondays of each week will begin on
Tuesday, September 4th.

The North Carolina
Mountain State Fair is
taking place at the
Western North Caroli-
na Agricultural Center
Sept 7-16.

Traffic along Fanning
Bridge Road and Hwy
280—Airport Road will be heavier than nor-
mal during fair hours.

Please pay particular attention to traffic con-
ditions on these roads and reduce your driv-
ing speed while you are in that area.

For more information about the Mountain
State fair go to the website:

<http://www.wncagcenter.org/p/mountainstatefair>





From the Tax Collector

Town of Fletcher property tax bills have been mailed. The official due date is September 1st, and taxes may be paid any time up to the delinquency date without penalty. The last day to pay 2018 taxes without penalties and interest is January 7, 2019. Interest will be posted on January 8, 2019. At that time, all unpaid taxes become delinquent and interest charges will begin to accrue and possible enforced collection procedures may begin.

Partial payments are accepted for taxes during the time of receipt of tax notices and the date of delinquency, but all taxes must be paid by the date of delinquency.

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.

If you have sold the real property assessed to you, please forward the tax notice to the new owner.

The property owner is responsible for ensuring full payment of the obligation. If funds are held in escrow to pay the notice, forward the tax bill to the appropriate mortgage holder.

Payments may be made via mail, in person at Town Hall at 300 Old Cane Creek Rd., or using the convenient drop-box located in the parking lot on the south side of Town Hall. It is monitored by surveillance cameras 24 hours a day.

What is NC 2-1-1?

NC 2-1-1 is an information and referral service provided by United Way of North Carolina. Accessible via an easy-to-remember, three-digit number, families and individuals can call to obtain free and confidential information on health and human services and resources within their community.

When can I call NC 2-1-1?

2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Dialing 2-1-1 is free, confidential, and available in most languages.

Is NC 2-1-1 statewide?

NC 2-1-1 is available by landline, cell phone, and VOIP in all 100 counties of North Carolina.

What information is available by dialing 2-1-1?

NC 2-1-1 maintains a database with information on thousands of programs and services in North Carolina. We refer callers to organizations in their local community best equipped to address their specific health and human services needs including food, shelter, energy assistance, housing, parenting resources, healthcare, substance abuse, as well as specific resources for older adults and for persons with disabilities, and much more.

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



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.

(Most) Saturdays, 1-3:30pm (September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29) Chess Club Chess Club for all ages will meet at the Fletcher Library each Saturday. Beginners are welcome. Limited to 20 players. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 or stop by to register.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (September 4, 11, 18, and 25) 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 (September 5, 12, 19, and 26) Family Story Time Join us. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm (September 6, 13, 20, and 27) 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 (September 6) 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.

Usually the First Mondays*, 10:30am-12pm (September 10) Mandala Coloring Registration Required. For adults only. Call the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register. *This group meets the 2nd Monday of the month in September as the library is closed the first Monday (September 3) for Labor Day.

Usually the First Monday*, 1-2pm (September 10) 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. *This group meets the 2nd Monday of the month in September as the library is closed the first Monday (September 3) for Labor Day.

Mondays, September 10, 17, and 24 (4-5pm) Read to Virgil the Library Dog Sign up for a 15-minute session to read to a dog! Sign up at the circulation desk or call 828-687-1218.

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.

Second Thursdays (September 13) 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 (September 13) 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.

Third Saturdays (September 15) 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.

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, September 24 (4-5pm) *The Physics Behind Roller Coasters* For Grades 4+ Roller coasters offer fun examples of several physics principles, including energy and Newton's laws. Join us to take a closer look at the science of extreme rides! This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. Contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

CLOSINGS

Monday, September 4: The Henderson County Library will be closed in honor of Labor Day.

UPCOMING

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 with 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.

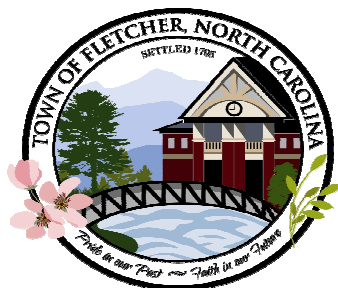
Wednesday, October 31 (4-5pm) *Spooky Science* For Grades K-3 We'll scare up a good time for kiddos STEAM style. Build a haunted house with working lights. Channel your inner Dr. Frankenstein with circuits and LEGO monsters. Make your own Halloween slime. Wear your Halloween costume! This free program is funded by the Friends of the Fletcher Library. Registration required- contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

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.

Monday, December 10 (1-2:30pm) *Savings & Goal Setting Ready, set, SAVE!* Learn how to create realistic savings goals and plan the steps needed to reach them! This free class for adults is funded by the Friends of the Fletcher Library. Registration required- contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

Wednesday, December 12 (4-5pm) *The Sky Is Falling! Exploring Rain, Snow, Fog, and Tornadoes* For Grades K-3 Come and explore the power of our weather. How are rain and fog created? How are tornadoes formed? We'll learn the science of ice and snow with frozen playactivities. *This free program is funded by the Friends of the Fletcher Library*. Registration required- contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

Fletcher Parks and Recreation Fletcher Family Festival



Fletcher Parks and Recreation Invites Residents to Celebrate the 29th year of the Town Of Fletcher.

Fletcher Parks and Recreation invites all Fletcher area residents to join them on Saturday, September 22nd for the Fletcher Family Festival.

To celebrate, Fletcher Parks and Rec encourages everyone to gather with family and friends to enjoy a fun filled night at Bill Moore Community Park (formerly Fletcher Community Park) .

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

687-0751

Event Schedule

4 p.m.—5:30pm	Music	Rock Academy
4 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.	Touch-A-Truck	Police Dept. Fire Dept. Public Works
4:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.	Kid Zone Vendor Village Bingo	Carolina Bounce Ad- ventures FABA
6:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.	Music	Deano and The Dreamers
8:00 p.m.	Fireworks	Class A Storage Co.



Rock Academy

Saturday, September 22nd, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Rock Academy students learn to perform rock songs of various genres, including blues, classic rock, hard rock, heavy metal, punk, and more.

Save the Date

Saturday, Sept. 22	Fletcher Family Festival	4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22	Rock Academy	4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22	Deano and The Dreamers	6:00 p.m.



Deano and The Dreamers

Saturday, September 22nd, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Great Variety is exactly what you get with Deano and The Dreamers. Playing all your favorites from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's as well as the Standards.

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Curbside Management has asked that residents keep plastic bags out of the recycling material! *The bags clog*

up their equipment and can cause a lot of wasted time and even equipment damage. At least twice a day, they have had to shut the entire sorting facility down and send in people with boxcutters to cut the plastic bags out by hand.

If the customers use bags to collect recycling, please empty the items into the bins, **but do not include the bag!!** Better yet, use the bins to collect recycling.

- No Plastic Shopping Bags
- No plastic Garbage Bags
- No Plastic Film
- No Cereal Liner Bags
- No Ziplock or Sandwich Bags
- No Dry Cleaning Bags
- No Shrink Wrap
- No Plastic Bubble Wrap
- No Chip Bags
- No Plastic Six-Pack Beverage Rings



The Fletcher community is invited to a September 11th memorial concert at Mills River United Methodist Church

SEPTEMBER 11TH CONCERT

Mills River United Methodist Church

7:00 p.m.

Presented by:

Mills River United Methodist Church

Fletcher United Methodist Church

Biltmore United Methodist Church