



Town of Fletcher

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PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

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Emergency..... 911
Police Dispatch 697-4911
Police (Business#)... 687-7922
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Public Works..... 654-9208

At the September Town Council meeting:

Police Chief Erik Summey introduced Leslie Fleming, the new Administrative Assistant in the Police Department, to Town Council members. Parks & Recreation Director, Greg Walker, then introduced Hunter Jones—the new Parks & Recreation Supervisor.

Council members heard an overview of the NLC Service line program from Emile Zalfini of Utility Service Partners. This is a warranty program that covers water and sewer service line repairs. It has been endorsed by National League Cities and is administered by Utility Service Partners. For a monthly fee, homeowners can purchase coverage for repairs to a water and/or sewer line from their home to the meter. After discussion, council members agreed to enter into an agreement to make this service available to Town residents.

Town Council addressed the approval of bid specifications for playground equipment upgrades at Kate's Park. Greg Walker, Parks & Recreation Director, spoke on requesting some possible additional funds from the park development fund for shade structures in Kate's Park. These additional funds would be for both lots on the playground as well as the removal and disposal of the old equipment as well. After discussion, council members approved the bid specifications for the park.

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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Highway 25 Corridor Improvements Project



Residents will soon be noticing construction activity along a portion of Hendersonville Road (Hwy. 25). This is part of a project to give the Highway 25 corridor more of a look of a downtown area. The corridor project will include streetscape and traffic calming elements that will help to complement the development of Fletcher's Town Center area.

The streetscape improvements will occur along both sides of Hendersonville Road from the intersection of Howard Gap Road north to the intersection of Cane Creek Road. The improvements will include pedestrian lighting, new sidewalks, brick pavers, new trees, stamped crosswalks, and monumentation. These types of features are readily identifiable with downtown areas and will help to encourage development that is compatible with the Town Center area.

There will also be road improvements that are part of this project. Those improvements will include traffic calming elements that help to slow drivers down when moving through an area. The traffic calming features will include a narrowing of the outer travel lanes by a foot and the center turning lane by one foot. This gives a visual feel that you are entering an area where you should slow down. The lowering of the speed limit to 35 mph through this area will also help support the traffic calming elements.

It will take some time to complete a project of this magnitude. The estimated construction schedule is eight months to complete all of these improvements. Our contractor and engineer for the project will be doing everything they can to minimize the impact to traffic during this time.

We appreciate your patience during this very important project to help improve Fletcher's Town Center area.



Fletcher Named the 8th Safest City in NC

SafeWise announced the 20 Safest Cities in North Carolina for 2018, and the Town of Fletcher made the list!

SafeWise released its *20 Safest Cities in North Carolina* on September 10, 2018. To complete this report **SafeWise** analysts considered the most recent FBI crime data from 2016 to rank these cities, which all have a minimum population of 4,000 people. This organization is a community-focused safety organization committed to increasing home and community safety, education, awareness, and preparedness. Information for Fletcher:

8. Fletcher

Population: 7,660

Violent crimes per 1,000: 0.91

Property crimes per 1,000: 21.02

Total crime: 4.35% violent, 95.65% property

For more information on this report, residents may go to <https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-north-carolina>

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.

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!

New Fletcher Library Partners Update

The New Fletcher Library Partners continues its efforts to get a new building for the Fletcher Branch of the Henderson County Library System.

We recently had a meeting at the library with FABA during which Lisa Whitney, Librarian, gave tours of the current building, we gave a short program about our project and had the opportunity to network with local business leaders. Good contacts and ideas came from that.

On Saturday, Sept. 22nd, we participated in the FABA Business Expo as part of the Fletcher Family Fun Day. Again we met a lot of people and made good contacts to further awareness of our project.

Alert! Be on the lookout for our T-shirt design contest. We want to produce t-shirts for the new library and we will be having a contest for designs for the shirts. More information will be coming soon.

Do you use the library? Do you take your children to get books and attend programs? NFLP would like to hear from you. Please write a short piece about your library experiences, what the library means to your family and the community, how you think the library could grow to further meet you desires, etc. We welcome stories from children as well as adults. There will be a box in the foyer of the library to drop them off or you may send them to our web page – NewFletcherLibrary.org.

We are always looking for interested people to help. Our next meeting is October 17, at 4 pm in the Community Room of the Fletcher Town Hall. Come and join us!

Bagged leaf pickup will begin Monday, October 1st and pickup will continue every Monday until the end of December.

Work orders for pickup need to be entered online at the Town's website www.fletchernc.org, under the “How Do I?” link at the top right side of the home page or called into Public Works at 654-9208 and leave a message with request and address, or call Town Hall at 687-3985. Work orders must be placed **before** Mondays of each week for pick up that week.

Leaves need to be bagged and at curbside by 7:00 a.m. Please no grass clippings, pampas grass, mulch, dirt, or rocks are allowed as leaves will be composted!



OCTOBER 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 (including wide ribbon), thread, buttons, craft needles, burlap, burlap ribbon, stickers, and more.

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. We are especially in need of 500-piece puzzles.

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.

Usually the First Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (October 1) *Mandala Coloring* Registration Required. For adults only. Call the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 for more information or to register.

Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (October 1) *The Avid Reader Book Club*: We will discuss *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Please read this book before the meeting. This group meets the first Monday of the month most months.

DIGITAL BOOKMOBILE



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.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30) *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 (October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31) *Family Story Time* Join us. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm (October 4, 11, 18, and 25) *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 (October 4) *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.

(Most) Saturdays, 1-3:30pm (October 6, 13, 20, and 27) *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.

Library Events continued:

Second Thursdays (October 11) 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 (October 11) 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.

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.

Third Saturdays (October 20) 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, 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.

Some Mondays, (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. Call for October dates.

UPCOMING

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.

Town of Fletcher's

Halloween Carnival

at Bill Moore Community Park

Town of Fletcher's Annual Halloween Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Bill Moore Community Park.

This FREE community event will feature carnival style games with a Halloween twist, costume contests, hay rides, inflatable moon walk, obstacle course and slide and lots of other family friendly Halloween fun! Fletcher Parks and Recreation Department staff is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist children with games, face painting and judges for the costume contests.

If interested in volunteering, please contact Hunter Jones at (828) 687-0751 or h.jones@fletchernc.org.

This event is free, thanks to support from Ingles of Fletcher!



Save the Date

Saturday, Oct. 27	Halloween Carnival	1:30 pm
Saturday, Nov. 10	Veterans' Day Breakfast	9 am
In the Park		
Thursday, Oct. 4	Veritas Cross Country Meet	4 pm
Thursday, Oct. 11	Veritas Cross Country Meet	4 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 23	Veritas Cross Country Meet	4 pm

Fletcher Family Festival



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Recently, the Town held a joint meeting of the Planning Board and Town Council to discuss the future of high density residential development. As most people are aware, the tremendous growth of Asheville and surrounding communities, including Fletcher, has resulted in what many perceive to be an over-abundance of high-density multi-family residential development in the region. Over the years, Fletcher has taken steps to steer this development to the center of our Town. A few years ago, we rezoned much of the Hooper's Creek area to a low density residential district (R-1A), while the existing R-1 and R-2 areas on the western side of Town are also zoned for low density development.

The Town is now discussing the possibility of amending the Town's Land Use Plan and Land Development Code to remove most residential allowances from our C-1 and C-2 commercial zoning districts. These districts have allowed multi-family residential in the past. However, these amendments would seek to preserve these commercial districts for actual commercial development. Future multi-family development would be steered to the core center of the Town in the vicinity of the long-planned Town Center.

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, to consider recommendations made by the Planning Board regarding this matter. Please contact Planning Director, Eric Rufa, at (828) 687-3985 if you have questions or comments.