

# Town of Fletcher

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## December 2018

PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

### Town Council

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District #1 Ph. 684-5676

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District #3 Ph. 687-0313

Eddie Henderson, Mayor Pro-  
Tem  
District #4 Ph. 231-4811

### Town Phones

Town Manager.....687-3985  
Police/Fire  
Emergency..... 911  
Police Dispatch 697-4911  
Police (Business#)... 687-7922  
Parks & Rec .....687-0751  
Public Works..... 654-9208

### At the November Town Council meeting:

A public hearing was held to consider approval of an ordinance regarding potential amendments to the Fletcher Land Use Plan & Land Development code regarding residential allowances in the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts. The amendments would restrict multi-family uses in these districts. After discussion, council members approved the ordinance.

Council members heard an update from the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority Executive Director, Beth Carden. She reported that Henderson County now ranks #15 in North Carolina in terms of tourism dollars.

Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, presented an update from West NGN on broadband discussions with RiverStreet Networks about expanding their networks in the area. He reported that before RiverStreet will commit to significant broadband infrastructure improvement, they want to evaluate the desire of customers for an additional internet service provider in the Fletcher area. The Town will make a survey available on the Town's website. A citizens input meeting will be held to receive feedback from residents regarding current broadband service. This meeting will take place on December 4, 2018 at 6 p.m.

### 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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The Town of Fletcher Newsletter is published for residents of the Town and reports on issues and events that affect our community. You are encouraged to contact us with your questions and comments.  
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**The Town of Fletcher is changing the way that brush is now collected!** The Town is going to an automated collection system. The Town has purchased a new brush truck for this automation process. The truck comes with an arm with a hydraulic grapple attachment on the end of it. Public Works employees will operate this truck and load the brush into the bed of the truck. The brush is then taken to waste yard for recycling.

The Town will continue to pick up brush, tree and hedge trimmings from Town residents. The town will not pick up "commercial" cuts. Commercial cuts are any items cut or cleared by a professional landscaper, tree surgeon or any other party hired for such work. This is part of the services that they are paid to do.

Brush will need to be no longer than 6' and 6" in diameter. The brush will need to be stacked neatly in a uniform pile curbside. Placement of the brush will be critical. Brush will need to be stacked at least 20' from any overhead lines. Brush cannot be placed in a ditch, against other trees or shrubs, near phone pedestals, on top of water meters or in any place that prevents the safe operation of Town equipment. Cars cannot be parked near the brush piles. Please keep in mind that grass clippings, stumps, grassy debris or any items with dirt on it will not be picked up.

If you have any questions about the changes that are taking place, please call the Public Works Dept at (828)654.9208. Thank you for your participation in this program!



## From the Tax Collector

Why should I be obligated to pay taxes if I did not receive my bill?

TAX BILL NOTICE: North Carolina General Statute 105-348 states:

"All persons who have or who may acquire any interest in any real or personal property that may be or may become subject to a lien for Taxes are hereby charged with notice that such property is or should be listed for taxation, that taxes are or may become a lien thereon, and that if taxes are not paid the proceedings allowed by law may be taken against such property. *This notice shall be conclusively presumed, whether or not such persons have actual notice.*"

Tax 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.



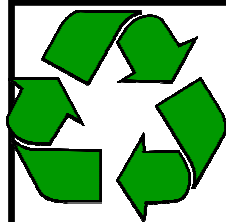
Looking for gift ideas? Ones that require no gift wrapping and no returns are necessary?

Calvary Episcopal church food Pantry can always use our help!

The Pantry is open on Saturday morning to anyone in need of food and personal care

items. Many families and individuals are struggling at this time of year.

The food Pantry is supported by donations from Calvary and other churches, businesses, individuals, and service organizations, and food is obtained from direct donations, director purchases, and through MANNA Food Bank of Asheville. Monetary donations are also needed!



**2019 Recycling calendars** are available at Town Hall—300 Old Cane Creek Road.

Stop by and pick up your new one!

Office hours are 8-5, Monday through Friday.

## 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.

**Bagged leaf pickup** will end the last Monday of December—Dec. 31st. The Town will not pick up leaves again until the first two Mondays in April.



Work orders for pickup need to be entered online at the Town's website [www.fletchernc.org](http://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!

Celebrate the  
holiday season with  
Fletcher  
Community  
Chorus  
**Sing We Now  
of Christmas**

Thursday, Dec 13, 2018 7:00pm

Fletcher United Methodist Church

50 Library Road  
Fletcher, NC

Donations Appreciated!



## DECEMBER 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



**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.

**Skilled pianists** are welcome to play soothing music in our meeting room. Call us at 828-687-1218 and speak to a member of our staff for more information.

**(Most) Saturdays, 1-3:30pm (December 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.

**Usually the First and Third Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (December 3 and 17) 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 (December 3) The Avid Reader Book Club:** We will discuss *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda. Please read this book before the meeting. This group meets the first Monday of the month most months.

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

**Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm (December 6, 13, 20, and 27) Mahjong** Join our mahjong group for an afternoon of fun with this exciting Chinese tile game. Experienced players are welcome. Beginners may observe and will be coached if possible. 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 (December 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.

**Saturday, December 8 (10:30am-12:30pm) *Makerspace: DIY Holiday Gifts*** Bring your creativity and we'll provide the supplies! This is a DIY (do it yourself) makerspace. It's a time to gather and use our supplies to make a holiday gift for yourself or someone else. Free! For adults and teens ages 14+. Registration required- contact the Fletcher Library for more information or to register.

**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 playivities. *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.

**Second Thursdays (December 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 (December 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 (December 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, December 17 (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.

## **CLOSINGS**

**Monday, December 24 + Tuesday, December 25 + Wednesday, December 26:** All branches of the Henderson County Public Library will be closed for the Christmas holiday

**Monday, December 31:** All branches of the Henderson County Public Library will close at 5pm on New Year's Eve.



# Town of Fletcher's Christmas in the Park

Saturday, December 8th



## Christmas in the Park

Town of Fletcher will kick off the holiday season with its first annual Christmas in the Park event. This event will include food trucks, live music, a vendor village, ice skating, inflatable snow globe for photos, a tree lighting and of course Santa!

Christmas in the Park will be held on December 8th from 2:30-7:30pm.  
The event will be held at Bill Moore Community Park, located at 85 Howard Gap Rd.

Vendors interested in reserving a spot in the vendor village please contact  
Hunter Jones at [h.jones@fletchernc.org](mailto:h.jones@fletchernc.org) or (828) 687-0751.

## Letters to Santa

*Santa's Mailbox at Fletcher Town Hall  
November 26<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>*

Please include a stamped and self-addressed envelope with your letter to Santa

### Save the Date

Saturday, Dec. 8	<b>Christmas in the Park</b>	2:30 pm
Saturday, Dec 15	<b>Joy to the World 5K</b>	10 am
Saturday, Jan 26	<b>Chili Cook-Off</b>	12 pm

### Thank You!

We would like to thank United Federal Credit Union for being our title sponsor for the Veterans Day Salute and Breakfast.



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### **December Holiday Schedule Changes**



The Town of Fletcher offices and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th for the Christmas holidays.

Brush and leaf pickup normally handled on Mondays will begin Wednesday, December 26th and will continue through the week until all work orders for that week are completed.

Tuesday's scheduled trash and recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, December 26th.

Town Departments will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st for the New Year's Day holiday.

Tuesday's scheduled trash and recycling will be picked up that week on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Christmas tree pickup will begin Monday, December 31st. Go online to the Town website [www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org) to enter a pickup request. Or call 654-9208 or 687-3985 to request pick up.

