

Town of Fletcher

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November 2018

PRIDE IN OUR PAST—FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

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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

At the October Town Council meeting:

Council members set a public hearing for November 13, 2018 to consider potential amendments to the 2014 Land Use Plan and Land Development code regarding residential uses in the C-1 and C-2 Districts.

Members heard a presentation of revised economic development assistance guidelines from Brittany Brady, President of the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development. After discussion, council approved guidelines.

Joe Sanders, Vice President of the Blue Ridge Bicycle Club presented information for a Bicycle and Pedestrian planning grant and the need for this study. After discussion, council members approved the resolution to apply for this grant.

Council members approved the lowest bidder for the Kate's Park Playground Equipment Project. Funds for the updates will come from Park Development Fund and Town's Fund balance.

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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November Holiday Schedule changes



Town Hall will be closed Monday, November 12th, for the Veteran's Day holiday.

Brush and leaf pickup for that week will begin on Tuesday, November 13th.

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Thursday trash and recycling routes will take place on **Wednesday, November 21st.**

Friday trash and recycling routes will take place **Monday, November 26th.**

Please go to the Town website www.fletcher.org for any changes to the pickup schedule.



Getting into the Christmas Spirit –

Universal Health Care of Fletcher is a donation site for Toy Run

November 1-15, 2018

For the 21st year, motorcycle riders will meet at Bill Moore Community Park in Fletcher on November 17th to collect gifts for the foster and underprivileged children of Henderson County and participate in the annual Henderson County Toy Run.

Universal Health Care of Fletcher is proud to be a part of the Fletcher community and would like your help with this special cause. Between November 1st and November 15, 2018, donations for the Toy Run will be collected at the facility during regular business hours. Bring a \$15 toy or a \$15 cash donation; all proceeds will be given to Department of Social Services Child Protective Services.

Universal Health Care of Fletcher is located at 86 Old Airport Road, Fletcher NC 28732. For more information about making your donation please call Lynn Cordell at 828 654 9060

For more information about the TOY RUN call Linda Wright at 828 702 2307 or visit the Facebook page: Henderson County TOY RUN.

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.

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!

Bagged leaf pickup began 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!

NOVEMBER 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.

Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm (November 1, 8, 15, and 29) 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 (November 1) 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 (November 3, 10, 17, and 24) 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 Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (November 5) 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 (November 5) 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.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (November 6, 13, 20, and 27) 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 (November 7, 14, 21, and 28) Family Story Time Join us. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

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.

Second Thursdays (November 8) 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 (November 8) 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.

Wednesday, November 14 (4-5pm) *Budding Artists* We will inspire young artists to create art using different materials such as marbles, shaving cream, plants, and more. Presented by Hands On! Children's Museum. For Grades K-5. Registration is required. Funded by the Friends of the Library. Register in person at the Fletcher Library or by phone at 828-687-1218.

Third Saturdays (November 17) 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, November 19 (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.

UPCOMING

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.

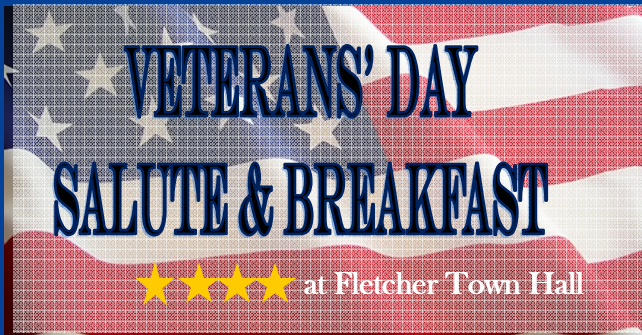
Wednesday, December 12 (4-5pm) *The Sky Is Falling! Exploring Rain, Snow, Fog, and Tornadoes* For Grades K-3 Come and explore the power of our weather. How are rain and fog created? How are tornadoes formed? We'll learn the science of ice and snow with frozen playactivities. *This free program is funded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

CLOSINGS

Monday, November 12: All libraries within the Henderson County Public Library system will be closed in honor of Veteran's Day.

Wednesday, November 21: All libraries within the Henderson County Public Library system will close at 5pm due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23: All libraries within the Henderson County Public Library system will closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Saturday, November 10th at 9 a.m.

Keynote speaker: Mary Beth Burns

Honor Flight

The Town of Fletcher will honor its Veterans on Saturday, November 10th at 9:00 a.m. with its Annual Veterans' Day Salute and Breakfast. This event will be held at Fletcher Town Hall, located at 300 Old Cane Creek Rd. This year's Salute will feature a flag ceremony and keynote speaker Mary Beth Burns, Honor Flight.

This event is free and opened to the public. Attendees are invited for breakfast at the conclusion of the Annual Veterans' Day Program. For more information please visit www.FletcherParks.org or call 828.687.0751.

Save the Date

Saturday, Nov. 10	Veterans' Day Breakfast	9 am
Saturday, Nov. 24	Veteran Jam 5K	11 am
Saturday, Dec. 8	Christmas in the Park	2:30 pm
Saturday, Jan. 26	Chili Cook-off	12 pm

Thank You Sponsors!

We would like to thank Borg Warner, Blue Ridge Orthodontic and Ingles Grocery for sponsoring our Halloween Carnival.



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 live music, vendor village, children's activities, 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.

For anyone interested in reserving a spot in the vendor village please contact Hunter Jones at h.jones@fletchernc.org or (828) 687-0751. Vendors must bring Holiday Cheer to the event with Christmas related items.



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Are You Prone to Flooding? -- Consider Flood Insurance!

As most Fletcher residents know, 2018 has been an extremely wet and rainy year. What many residents might NOT know is that typical homeowner insurance does not usually cover damage from flooding and other water related issues. If you live in a FEMA designated floodplain and carry a mortgage on your property, you probably know that your lender often requires you to carry a flood insurance policy. But a surprising number of people living in floodplains do not carry flood insurance, meaning their property and possessions are at risk in a big flood event. A recent article in the Washington Post stated that only 10% of affected properties in the coastal areas of NC hit by Hurricane Florence had flood insurance, meaning that their losses will not be covered. And even if you don't live in a floodplain, you never know what storm event is going to affect you.

The Town of Fletcher is a participating member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Because we regulate and put strict requirements on new development in floodplains, ALL residents are eligible to purchase flood insurance through the NFIP program. You don't even have to live in a floodplain to be able to buy such insurance. If you live in a floodplain, or in any area that is prone to frequent or even occasional flooding or runoff issues, you may want to consider talking to your insurance agent to inquire about obtaining a flood insurance policy. If you have questions about whether your property is located in a floodplain, please feel free to contact Planning Director, Eric Rufa, at (828) 687-3985.