



Town of Fletcher

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January 2019

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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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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At the December Town Council meeting:

Council members heard a presentation of audit findings for FY 17/18 by Carol Avery, CPA, of Lowdermilk Church & Co. She reported that the Town's internal controls were adequate, functional, and established in conformity to the law and regulations and that no audit findings were detected.

Robert Lance was approved to serve another three year term on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Spencer Stevens was approved for a three year term on the Parks & Recreation Advisory board.

A budget amendment was approved for the FY 18/19 Budget for upgrades to the playground equipment at Kate's Park.



2018 Property taxes are due by January 7, 2019.

Interest begins to accrue on January 8, 2019. Payments may be mailed to 300 Old Cane Creek Road, or paid in person at Town Hall, Monday—Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

A drop box is located for "after hours" payments in the south side parking lot of Town Hall. It is monitored by surveillance cameras 24 hours a day.

If funds are held in escrow to pay taxes, it is still your responsibility that the taxes are paid.

Delinquent taxes are subject to garnishment of wages, attachment of bank accounts, levy on personal property and foreclosure proceedings. Delinquent accounts may also be submitted for Debt Setoff Collection against any income tax refund money to which you may be entitled.

January Holiday Schedule Changes

Town Departments will be closed on January 1st for the New Year's Day holiday. Tuesday trash and recycling schedules will be handled on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 21st, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday holiday.

Brush pickup for that week will begin on Tuesday, January 22nd.

From the Henderson County Assessor's Office:

When you see local law enforcement, an ambulance or the fire department in action, visit a public park, send your children to public school, check out a book at the library or eat at an inspected restaurant, you are using services paid for by our local property tax. Property taxes also pay for services to help people move from welfare to work, protect children and senior citizens from abuse and neglect and much more. Property taxes are the largest source of revenue to fund the many services we count on each day. During Fiscal Year 2019, property taxes account for an estimated 54% of the County's total operating budget. North Carolina imposes an ad valorem tax, meaning that the property tax burden is distributed among the county's citizenry according to the value of the taxpayer's property. While the local Board of Commissioners is responsible for establishing the annual tax rate, the Assessor is responsible for establishing the assessed value of most types of property within the County.

North Carolina law (NCGS §105-286) requires counties to reappraise all real property at least once every eight years. Real property includes land, buildings, structures and improvements. NCGS §105-286 also authorizes counties to appraise real property more frequently than every eight years. To promote a fair and equitable tax base, Henderson County conducts a reappraisal of real property every four years. The last reappraisal was conducted in 2015, with the next reappraisal becoming effective January 1, 2019.

North Carolina law (NCGS §105-283) requires that real property be valued at its true value in money, meaning market value. Properties are appraised at 100% of market value based on the most recent qualified sales that occurred leading up to the reappraisal date. Not all properties will sell, rent or be built in the same timeframe, but those properties that do can be used to establish typical market rates for those activities. There are approximately 68,000 parcels in Henderson County. To accomplish the reappraisal of all parcels, a process referred to as "mass appraisal" is used. Mass appraisal groups uniform or similar properties together to ensure fair and equitable property values. Various characteristics of the property are considered during the appraisal process such as location, type of construction, age, replacement cost, advantages and disadvantages, commercial or residential zoning, etc.

Property values can change during a non-reappraisal year due to physical changes that are made to the property. Reappraisal value is the value of the property as of January 1 of the reappraisal year. Buildings or other improvements currently under construction are appraised according to the percentage of completion on January 1.

For most, the property is assessed for taxation at market value. The assessed value of a property may be different from the market value because the property could be enrolled in the Present-Use Value Program and used for agriculture, horticulture or forestry.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

654-9208

Jabbo Pressley - Director

TRASH TALK

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!



Christmas Tree pickup will begin December 31st and continue through January. Put in a work order online or call to place a work order for pickup before Monday of each week.

Winter is here and cold and snow and ice will continue! This department does provide snow and ice control on Town maintained street. Crews will initially concentrate on opening Town streets for emergency personnel and equipment and it may take up to 36 hours to effectively perform this service. Each winter event is unique and actions taken for each storm are directly related to the amount of precipitation, ground and air temperatures, and the pending forecast. And a successful battle against the weather requires the cooperation and assistance of the citizens! So in the event of inclement weather, please don't park on Town streets. This will help crews travel through streets and clean snow more efficiently and safely. Trash pickup and recycling schedules may be altered. Please have patience! As soon as roads are clear for vehicles and travel, this department will make decision as to rescheduling trash pickup!



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



JANUARY FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS

Have craft supplies that you don't need? We can use donated ribbon (silk ribbons + hair ribbons), thread, buttons, rubber stamps, ink pads, doilies, glitter glue, new and used holiday greeting cards, Valentines, felt, stickers, tissue paper, playing cards, construction paper, craft needles, burlap, bur-lap ribbon, lace and more.

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.

Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30) Family Story Time Join us. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

Thursdays, 12:30-2:30pm (January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31) Mahjong Join our mahjong group for an afternoon of fun with this exciting Chinese tile game. Experienced players are welcome. Be-ginners may observe and will be coached *if possible*. Registration is *required*. Contact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 or stop by to register.

First Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (January 3) 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 (January 5, 12, 19, and 26) 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*. Con-tact the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 or stop by to register.

10:30am-12pm (Monday, January 7 and Tuesday, January 22) Mandala Coloring Regis-tration Required. For adults only. Note: Group usually meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month; it meets Tuesday, January 22 as the library is closed Monday, January 21 in ob-servance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Registration is *required*.

Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (January 7) The Avid Reader Book Club: We will dis-cuss *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. Please read this book before the meeting. This group meets the first Monday of the month most months.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (January 8, 15, 22, and 29) *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 (January 10) 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 (January 10) 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 (January 19) 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, January 7 + 14 (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, January 21: All branches of the Henderson County Public Library will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

687-0751

Chili Cook-Off

The Town of Fletcher will host its 18th Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, January 26th from 12 p.m.-2p.m. at Veritas Christian Academy.

The Parks and Recreation department is currently seeking chefs interested in fighting for the 2019 title of best chili in Fletcher! All types of chili will be accepted. Applications can be found on the Town of Fletcher website and should be returned to the parks and recreation department no later than January 18.

This event is free and the public is invited to taste all the different flavors Fletcher has to offer. Parks and Recreation staff will be on site accepting donations for the Fletcher Park Development Fund which helps improve Fletcher parks.



Winter Yoga

THURSDAYS, January 10th- March 28th
6:15 – 7:15 P.M.

10 Sessions

Fletcher Town Hall – 3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

Join us for our next round of yoga classes with instructor Bitsy Merriman. She is certified in Hatha, Gentle, Senior Citizen, Vinyasa Flow, Ashtanga, and Divine Sleep Yoga Nidra. Our Thursday night Yoga Classes are suited for all experience levels.

Fees: Fletcher Residents – \$50
Non-Residents – \$70

Save the Date

Thursday, Jan 10	Winter Yoga	6:15 pm
Saturday, Jan 26	Chili Cook-Off	12 pm
Saturday, Feb 9	Father Daughter Dance 1	3:30 pm
Saturday, Feb 9	Father Daughter Dance 2	6:30 pm

Town of Fletcher's
Fletcher Christmas
Sunday, December 16th

Thank You!

We would like to thank all of our sponsors for making the First Annual Fletcher Christmas a success!



FletcherParks.org

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2019 Tax Listing Notice

If you filed a personal property listing form last year, you will receive a pre-printed listing form the 2019 by mail. Please make any changes to your property listing and return to the Henderson County Assessor by January 31, 2019. If you did not file a personal property listing form last year and you acquired property that must be listed, you must return a listing form by January 31, 2019. You may download a listing form from website www.hendersoncountync.org or call 828-697-4870 to have a form mailed to you. Please allow time to return the listing form to the County Assessor by January 31, 2019.

You will not receive a listing form for **Real Property**. If you made improvements to your Real Property that are valued over \$100, you **must file a listing form**. **If no changes were made to your real Property during 2018, you do not need to file a listing form.**

North Carolina provides for tree types of tax relief as outlined below. Applications for tax relief must be received by June 1, 2019.

Elder/Disabled Tax Relief: persons who became 65 years old or totally and permanently disabled in 2018 or earlier and whose total income from all sources does not exceed \$30,200 may qualify for an exclusion.

Circuit Breaker: persons who became 65 years old or totally and permanently disabled in 2018 or earlier and whose total income from all sources during calendar year 2018 does not exceed certain limits may defer a portion of there taxes. Deferred taxes are lien on the Real Property.

Disabled Veterans: Honorable discharged veterans with a 100% service-connected disability, or their unmarried, surviving spouse, may qualify for an exclusion of the firm \$45,000 of the appraised value of their permanent resident.

Contact the Henderson County Assessor's office for additional information at 828-697-4870, or 200 North Grove Street Suite 102, Hendersonville NC 28792.