



Town of Fletcher

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February 2019

Town Council

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Police Non-emerg..(828)687-7922

Parks & Rec.....(828)687-0751

Public Works.....(828)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 7:00 pm

Planning Board Meeting
3rd Tuesday of month at 6:00 pm

All Meetings are held at the
Town Hall located at 300 Old
Cane Creek Road.

The Town of Fletcher Newsletter
is published for residents of the
Town and reports on issues and
events that affect our community.

If you would rather receive an
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rather than a hard copy, contact us
at info@fletchernc.org.

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with your questions and comments
by email at: info@fletchernc.org.
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News from the January Town Council Meeting:

Assistant Town Manager, Heather Taylor, introduced Susan Heafner as the Town's new Accounting Technician, followed by each department providing an overview of their current year accomplishments and plans for the upcoming budget for the next fiscal year.

A public hearing was set for 2/11/19 to consider SUP Application #2018-01 for a 6-unit Planned Residential Development at 50 St. John's Road.

George Clayton and Pat Clark were reappointed to serve another 3-year term on the Planning & Zoning Board with their terms expiring 2/13/22.

Town Council held a public hearing regarding a potential \$214,078 Town Economic Incentive for Project Atlas which will make an approximate \$27 million capital investment in an existing facility and create 68 new jobs over a five-year period. After the hearing, Town Council approved the incentives.

Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf, shared a \$218,347 estimate to resurface Dogwood Terrace, Roberts Street, and install a retaining wall on Yorktown Circle. He also discussed a \$109,000 budget estimate for resurfacing all paved trails and improving the drainage at Bill Moore Community Park. The Council decided to move forward with the bid process.

Mark Biberdorf shared an infrastructure estimate for constructing a Parks & Rec Maintenance building adjacent to the Meritor property, but no decisions were made by the Town Council. He also discussed recent damage and repairs to the park but noted the Town is still awaiting additional repair quotes.

Congratulations Fletcher !!

Would you like to live in one of the top 10 places in North Carolina? If you live in Fletcher, you already do according to Homesnacks.net. They recently published their 2019 study and we were ranked the #10 best place to live in NC. That's two years in a row we've made their Top 10 list. The criteria they considered for cities with a population of at least 5,000 included:

- Median home values
- Median income
- Population density
- Unemployment rate
- Commute time
- Crime
- Education levels
- Health insurance coverage
- Poverty rates

We were noted for our low crime, our 3.0% unemployment rate, home prices of \$186,400, and a household salary of \$58,298. Thanks for helping to make Fletcher #10 in the state !!

What's all this traffic?



Have you found yourself asking this question lately on Highway 25? Well, there is a logical explanation. The "Highway 25 Streetscape" project is in full swing. Contractors have installed a new brick paver lined sidewalk from Howard Gap Road to Fanning Bridge Road and are continuing north toward Cane Creek Road. In addition to the new sidewalk, decorative lighting and park benches will also be installed. Since this project is targeted to be completed, weather permitting, in June, try the following to reduce "traffic stress":

- ♦ Leave a few minutes earlier
- ♦ Find an alternate route
- ♦ Take your trip at a time other than morning or afternoon "rush hour" when traffic is heaviest
- ♦ Be prepared to merge into one lane when approaching the construction zone

2018 Property Tax Update



THANK YOU to Town of Fletcher property owners who have paid your 2018 taxes. Your property taxes support police and fire protection, garbage and recycling pickup, brush pick-up, seasonal leaf collection, street maintenance, street lighting, use of Town parks, and a reduced rate on recreational activities. For those who have not yet paid your taxes, 2% interest was added on January 8th and an additional 0.75% interest will be added each month until paid. HOWEVER, there is still time to avoid being charged the March newspaper delinquent tax listing fee plus avoid delinquent collection actions such as garnishment of wages, attachment of bank accounts, levy on personal property, foreclosure proceedings, or debt setoff collection against an income tax refund to which you may be entitled. Payment may be made at the Town Hall at 300 Old Cane Creek Road, Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm or via USPS mail. For "after hours" payments, a drop box is located in the south side parking lot of Town Hall.

Planning ahead.....

Municipal Elections in 2019

The Town of Fletcher has a governing board comprised of a Mayor and four Councilmembers. They are each elected to serve four year, overlapping terms. The Mayor and Council are elected at large. However, the Councilmembers must reside in one of four districts.

This year two of the four Councilmember seats will be up for election. Districts 2 and 3 will be open for eligible voters who reside in one of those two districts and are interested in filing. A map of those areas can be found on the Town of Fletcher website at www.fletchernc.org by clicking on *Departments, Planning & Zoning, Map Room*, and then selecting *Voting Districts*. Residents may also pick up a copy of the election districts map from Fletcher Town Hall or the Henderson County Board of Elections.

The Henderson County Board of Elections coordinates the overall election process for Fletcher. They will set the specific filing period for a two week time in July. They will also serve as the location where candidates file for office. The Board of Elections is located at 75 East Central Street in Hendersonville and can be reached at (828) 697-4970.

Police Lieutenant Promoted

Jose Gutierrez was recently promoted to Captain of Operations of the Fletcher Police Department. The recent opening of this position by Ron Davis' departure to become the Chief of Police for the Town of Weaverville gave us an opportunity to promote an officer from within our department. Gutierrez has been with the department for nearly 11 years. Almost half of his career with Fletcher has been in a supervisory/leadership role as a sergeant and lieutenant.

Gutierrez earned his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate in November of 2017 which is recognition for professional training, education and on-the-job experience. He is the department's DARE instructor as well as grants coordinator.

Chief Erik Summey stated, "Captain Gutierrez will be an excellent operations captain for our department and our town." The operations captain performs a myriad of tasks to include, but not limited to directing administrative and supervisory duties, assists in any necessary criminal investigations, and guiding and instructing each division while ensuring adherence to policies and standards of the Town and Department. The operations captain also represents the Town, Department, or the Chief of Police as requested.

Public Works at Work

Free Mulch

- Has all the recent rain washed away your mulch? If so, free mulch is stored at the Fletcher Municipal Complex property (on Parish Municipal Drive) in an open, easily accessible area. Bring your own pitchfork or shovel and help yourself!

Leaf Pickup

- The Town of Fletcher provides fall leaf pickup from early October until late December, so we are now finished with leaf pickup for the season. However, we will pick up bagged leaves again the first two Mondays in April.

Brush Pickup

- We have now implemented our "new" brush grapppler truck. It has an arm that picks up and loads the brush into the truck for recycling. Therefore, we need your help to ensure our truck can easily and safely access the brush you have placed along your curbside for pick up. Please do not place brush near cars, mailboxes, manholes, water meters, utility boxes, or underneath overhead power lines. We do not wish to damage any equipment, on or near your property, nor create hazardous situations for our employees. If you need a brush pickup, contact us at 828-687-3985 or submit your request online at www.fletchernc.org/departments/public-works. Thank you for your assistance in making this new process work for our residents and Town.

Snow Removal

- With a little winter weather probably yet to come, please remember to park your vehicles in your driveway during inclement weather so our trucks can navigate your road safely in order to scrape it.

FLETCHER LIBRARY FEBRUARY EVENTS

828-687-1218

120 Library Road Fletcher, NC 28732



HOURS: 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 (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, twine, burlap, burlap ribbon, silk flowers, 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.

Work a Puzzle We almost always have a puzzle in the works. Come help put our current puzzle together. For adults.

Sit & Create Make our monthly craft which is easy enough for young children though all ages are welcome to participate.

(Most) Saturdays, 1-3:30pm (February 2, 9, 16, and 23) 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.

Mondays, February 4, 11, and 18 (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.

10:30am-12pm (Monday, February 4 and 18) Mandala Coloring Registration Required. For adults only. Note: Group usually meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (February 4) The Avid Reader Book Club: We will discuss *Varina* by Charles Frazier. Please read this book before the meeting. This group meets the first Monday of the month most months.

Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (February 5, 12, 19 and 26) 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.

Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (February 6, 13, 20, and 27) Family Story Time Join us. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft.

Thursdays, 12:30-3:30pm (February 7, 14, 21, and 28) *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*. Registration is *required*.

First Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (February 7) *Lego Club* All ages are welcome. We 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! 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, February 9 (10:30am-12:30pm) *Do It Yourself (DIY) Valentine Makerspace* for all ages! Join us for our second Makerspace at the Fletcher Library. We'll provide the supplies. You supply the creativity! There will be lots of supplies to make both Valentine cards and Valentine gifts. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent. Registration is required.

Second Thursdays (February 14) 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 (February 14) 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 (February 16) 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.

Come enjoy events at your local Public Library.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

828-687-0751

Park Night at Blue Ghost Brewery

Friday, February 1st 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Live music,
silent auction,
& food truck

The public is invited to this free event where Blue Ghost Brewery will be releasing their new craft beer, Rec Cre8 Fletcher - a Belgian Wit, with a percentage of sales going to the Park Development Fund to assist with storm damage repairs. A silent auction will also be held with all proceeds going to the Park Development fund. So come enjoy live music, some good food and drink, and place your bids on the following:

\$1000 Fox - mountain bike shocks	Round of golf for 2 at Broadmoor Golf Club
2 month Fletcher YMCA membership	2 tickets to any Flat Rock Playhouse show
Asheville Adventure Park tickets	Chick-fil-A party pack with meal tickets
Fleet Feet Sports \$100 gift card	Appalachian State sweatshirt from Sports Cellar
Foot Rx Running gift certificate	2 water hoses & air compressor from Jennings Builders & Supply
	Gift certificate for an oil lube at Beattie Ford
	Gift certificate for 2 dinners at Surf N Brew
	Plus other items...

Father-Daughter Dance Tickets on Sale!

The Town of Fletcher will host its popular Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 9th at Calvary Episcopal Church located at 2840 Hendersonville Road in Fletcher. This is a special opportunity for dads to spend time with their daughters enjoying music, dancing, and refreshments. Each daughter will receive a flower, photo by a professional photographer and the opportunity to make a valentine craft sponsored by Fletcher Library. Two dances are being offered this year, a 3:30 p.m. dance and a 6:30 p.m. dance. It is recommended that children 5 and under attend the 3:30 p.m. dance. Smart Start Partnership for Children will have a registration table for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library at the 3:30 dance only.



Tickets for Fletcher residents are \$16 per dad and \$6 for each daughter
Non-resident tickets are \$18 per dad and \$8 for each daughter



Tickets may be purchased online at fletcherparks.recdesk.com.
Tickets being purchased by cash or check are available in person at Fletcher Town Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Thank You!

We would like to thank First Citizens Bank of Fletcher for making the 18th Annual Town of Fletcher Chili Cook-Off a success!



Save the Date

Friday, Feb 1	Park Development Fund Raiser @ Blue Ghost Brewery	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday, Feb 9	Father Daughter Dance 1 Father Daughter Dance 2	3:30 pm 6:30 pm
Monday, Mar. 4	Summer Camp Registration * Fletcher Residents only *	8:00 am
Wednesday, Mar. 6	Summer Camp Registration Open to the public	8:00 am

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Important Reminders

2019 Tax Listing Forms are Due 1/31/19

Anyone owning property subject to taxation must list the property in order to avoid a penalty. This includes Business Personal Property, Individual Personal Property, and changes made to Real Property. If you filed a personal property listing form last year, you should have received a pre-populated listing form for 2019 by mail. Please make any changes to your property listing and return it 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 may download a listing form from their website at 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 to avoid the 10% late listing penalty.

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 three types of tax relief based on age and/or disability. Applications for tax relief must be received by June 1, 2019. Contact the Henderson County Assessor's office for additional information at 828-697-4870 or visit them at 200 North Grove Street, Suite 102, in Hendersonville, NC 28792.

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Youth Baseball or Softball

If you plan to play youth baseball or softball, remember you need to signup with Fletcher Youth Baseball and Softball instead of the Town of Fletcher Parks and Recreation. You may contact the Fletcher Youth League via email at fletcher.baseball.softball@gmail.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Flechteryouthbaseball/, or visit their website at www.fys.siplay.com/site/.