



Town of Fletcher

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March 2019

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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.

You are encouraged to contact us
with your questions and comments
by e-mailing info@fletchernc.org.
Also, please visit our web site at
www.fletchernc.org.

If you would rather receive an
online version of our newsletter
rather than a hard copy, contact us
at info@fletchernc.org.

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News from the February Town Council Meeting:

The 2018 year-end Tax Collector's report was approved along with March 27, 2019 being set as the date to advertise delinquent tax payers in the *Times News* per NCGS-105-369.

Town Council held a public hearing to consider SUP Application #2018-01 for a 6-unit Planned Residential Development at 50 St. John's Road. Eric Rufa, Planning & Zoning Director, gave a project overview. Engineer Marty Kocot shared design plans and answered Council questions along with Developer, Keith Reed. A Council motion was made and passed to approve SUP Application #2018-01.

Town Manager, Mark Biberdorf, reviewed the options explored thus far for a new Parks & Recreation Maintenance building. He is now exploring an additional option of extending Old Cane Creek Road to Howard Gap Road and building a maintenance building fronting Old Cane Creek Road extension. No decisions were made by the Town Council.

Mark Biberdorf shared there is nothing new on the exploratory discussion of an EMS station on town owned property nor any updates on the Town Center project.

Mr. Biberdorf provided updates on the following:

♦ Park flood damage repair work - Stone is being added to the greenway trails beginning 2/18/19; Blue Ghost Brewery silent auction reported approximately \$1500 in proceeds with final totals pending; and 2/26/19 is the opening date for bids for the Powell bill project and paving the trails.

♦ I-26 widening project - A traffic management plan is being conducted to minimize traffic impact. This 5-year project will be let for bids in May or June. It will add one lane from exit 53 to exit 44 for a total of 6 lanes and then add 2 lanes from Fletcher to the I-40/I-240 exchange for a total of 8 lanes. There is also plans for a Hwy 25/I-26 overpass that includes a diverging diamond interchange.

♦ Bicycle Pedestrian planning grant - It has been approved pending our official notification.

♦ Motor vehicle checkpoints - Our Police checkpoints are conducted according to NC General Statute requirements to help prevent unlicensed and unsafe drivers on our streets.

♦ Fiscal year 2019-2020 budget requests are due February 22nd from Department heads with our Budget workshop scheduled for March 20, 2019.

Be "In the Know"

Want to stay informed of changes in Town events as well as garbage and recycling schedule changes due to holidays or weather issues? Then sign up for our "phone tree" by e-mailing us at info@fletchernc.org or by calling 828-687-3985. For those signing up for the first time for our automated calls, we need your name, address, and phone number. For those needing to update your existing phone



number with us, we need the new phone number to be added and the old number to be replaced. Thank you for letting us know when you change your phone number since our records are not automatically updated.



Planning ahead...

Park Shelter Rentals

If you are already thinking about that special birthday party, family reunion, or sports team gathering and are looking for a celebration location, don't forget the Town of Fletcher has two shelters for rent. The Steelcase shelter is located at the Bill Moore Community Park and Kate's Shelter is located at Kate's Park. Visit <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com> to check availability, reserve your date, and pay the associated fee. Don't wait, reserve your shelter date today!

Get Ready for "Spring Cleaning"

The Town of Fletcher will be holding a **Document Shred and Pill Disposal** event on Saturday April 13, 2019 from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the south side parking lot of Town Hall. This event offers Town residents a way to help reduce their chance of becoming a victim of identity theft plus a way to safely and conveniently dispose of old medications to help prevent their possible misuse. The Local Government Federal Credit Union is sponsoring this event and Fletcher Town Police will be onsite to collect the old medications.

Fall 2019 Municipal Elections

Councilmember seats in Districts 2 and 3 will be open for election to eligible voters residing in these districts. Filing information can be obtained from the Henderson County Board of Elections at 75 East Central Street in Hendersonville or (828) 697-4970. If you are considering filing and wondering what qualities might be helpful in a Councilmember role, you may wish to review "*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective City Councilors & Aldermen*" by EfficientGov.com. This article may be viewed at <https://efficientgov.com/blog/2016/11/23/7-habits-highly-effective-city-councilors-aldermen/>.

FABA Fletcher Area Business Association

Join us for **Resource Recess** on
March 27, 2019 from 11:30am - 1:00pm at
Mission Pardee Health Campus, 2nd floor
2775 Hendersonville Rd in Fletcher

Facilitator Ben Kish will share...

"Elevator Pitch - One of your best tools in your toolbox"

- > Components of a good pitch
- > When to use it
- > Practice, practice, practice

11:30 - 12:00 Networking & enjoying your own bag lunch
12:00 - 1:00 Elevator Pitch Practice for your business

PUBLIC WORKS Q & A

How can I get my brush picked up?

Public Works picks up brush and tree/hedge trimmings that are no longer than 6' and 6" in diameter stacked neatly in a pile along the curbside by Town of Fletcher residents. Due to our new brush grapppler truck, the placement of your brush is critical. It should be stacked at least 20' from overhead lines and cannot be placed in a ditch, against other trees or shrubs, near phone pedestals, on top of water meters, near cars, or in any place that prevents the grapppler arm from safely operating. Please keep in mind that grass clippings, stumps, grassy debris, or items with dirt on it will not be picked up. The Town also will not pick up brush cleared by a hired professional since removing that debris is part of their service. If you need a brush pickup, visit www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/ or contact us at (828) 654-9208.

When will my leaves be picked up?

The Town will pick up **bagged** leaves in the spring on April 1st and 8th. Call (828) 654-9208 to request a leaf pickup or visit www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/.

Kate's Park Renovation

Kate's Park will be closed from now until March 25th to remove the existing playground equipment and install new equipment. A Grand Opening has tentatively been scheduled for early April, pending completion of the work. Plan to join for this fun event.



IRC Inspection Ready Cleaning, LLC

Inspection Ready Cleaning is a family owned locally operated small business based in Fletcher. Owner Stacey Bailey is an Asheville native and a former US Marine. Stacey founded IRC based on 3 core Marine values: honor, courage, and commitment. IRC is committed to providing property managers, business owners, and the residents of Western NC a streamlined customer experience by providing the best all-inclusive services at a reasonable cost. They offer:

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| Carpet steam cleaning | Pressure washing |
| Pet stain & odor removal | Upholstery cleaning |
| 24-hour water extraction svcs | Tile and grout cleaning |
| Stripping/waxing of VCT floors | Carpet patching & repairs |
| Custom maintenance programs | And much more... |

"Your One Source Cleaning Company"
www.inspectionreadycleaning.com
(828) 251-4241

For informational purposes only, not a business endorsement.
Contact us at info@fletchernc.org to participate in an upcoming business spotlight.

MARCH 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 knitting needles, crochet hooks, 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.

Tech Help @ Fletcher Library want to learn how to download an e-book or digital audiobook? Watch a movie for free using Hoopla or from NC Digital Library? Learn a new language using Mango? Baffled by your new tablet or smartphone? One-on-one tech time, by appointment, is offered for free at Fletcher Library. Call the library or stop by to learn more.

Needle Felting This class is an introduction to needle felting and its history. We will start with some basic techniques and then create a felted shamrock. No prior experience necessary. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required. **Saturday, March 2 (10:30am–1:30pm)**

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

Mandala Coloring Color, chat, reflect, and relax. Registration Required. For adults only. **First + Third Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (Monday, March 4 and 18)**

The Avid Reader Book Club We will discuss *The Hundred-Foot Journey* by Richard Morais. Please read this book before the meeting. **Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (March 4)**



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

Family Story Time Join us. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft. **Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (March 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*. Registration is required. **Thursdays, 12:30-3:30pm (March 7, 14, 21, and 28)**

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. **First Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (March 7)**

Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (March 14) 10:30-11:30am**

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. **Second Thursdays (March 14) 1:30-2:30pm**

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. **Third Saturdays (March 16) 10:30am-12:30pm**

Family Board Game Time Join us for a fun day of playing board games. Fun for the whole family (all ages). Games will be provided by the Fletcher Library. **Saturday, March 23 (10:30am-3pm)**

Learning to Knit: Part One This will be a 4 part series on learning how to knit for adults; all supplies will be included. Class 1: Getting Started- Learning how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. Classes build on each other. If you're brand new to knitting you must attend the first class in order to attend subsequent classes. If you have some experience knitting but would like to review, you can sign up for any of the 4 classes. Registration required. **Saturday, March 30 (10:30am-12:30pm)**



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
(828) 687-0751



**Online
Registration
Begins In
March!**

Online registration for our 8-week Fletcher Summer Day Camp, for rising 1st - 5th graders, and our 6-week Middle School Camp, for rising 6th - 8th graders, will begin **March 4th for Fletcher Residents** and **March 6th for Non-Residents**. Go to <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com> to reserve space for your child, complete a camp application, and pay your deposit. To review a step-by-step registration guide prior to open registration, visit www.facebook.com/pg/FletcherParksandRecreation/posts/. Summer Day Camp accepts 50 campers/week and Middle School Camp accepts 10 campers/week so create an online profile for each child early to expedite your registration process. To preview the Parent Handbook and to learn about camp dates, cost, etc. go to <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/fletcher-summer-day-camp/>.

WE'RE HIRING Summer Day Camp Staff!

If you like working with kids and need a summer job, visit www.fletchernc.org to learn more about this seasonal job opportunity and to access our online job application.



Chili Cook-Off Winners!!

Thank you to all the Chefs who participated and congratulations again to all our Winners!



THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Morris Broadband for being the annual Father Daughter Dance Sponsor for the 9th



THANK YOU!

We wish to thank the Fletcher Library for sponsoring the crafts for our annual Father Daughter Dance. We would also like to thank Smart Start for bringing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the 3:30 Dance.

Save the Date

Saturday, Mar. 2	Fletcher Youth Baseball & Softball Tryouts	10:00 am
Monday, Mar. 4	Summer Camp Registration - Fletcher Residents -	8:00 am
Wednesday, Mar. 6	Summer Camp Registration - Open to the Public -	8:00 am
Saturday, Apr. 13	Fletcher Easter Egg-Stravaganza	12-2 pm

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2019 Henderson County Tax Reappraisal Update

* NOTE: Dates are subject to change.

January - April 2019	Informal Appeals are heard by the Assessor until the Board of Equalization & Review convenes
April 15, 2019	The Board of Equalization & Review convenes to accept Formal Appeals
May 15, 2019	The Board of Equalization & Review adjourns and closes the appeal period

As a Henderson county resident, you should have already received your property tax reappraisal notice. If you are now asking, **“What if I disagree with my value?”**, Henderson County Tax Department shares this information:

If a tax payer thinks an appeal is warranted due to: **(1)** the assessed value being substantially higher/lower than the market value of the property **or (2)** if the property has been appraised inequitably as it relates to the market value of comparable properties, there is an established 5-step appeal process. First, an Informal Appeal form must be completed which is included in your 2019 Notice of Assessed Value or can be obtained from www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/2019-reappraisal or by contacting the Assessor’s Office at (828) 697-4667. According to North Carolina law, the property owner has the burden of proving the property under appeal is incorrectly valued. The Tax Department’s website contains tax appraisal values and property information for all parcels within the County. This tool can be used to compare values or property characteristics within your neighborhood. Access this site by visiting www.hendersoncountync.gov and choosing “Government”, “Tax Offices”, “Online Tools”, then “Search Real Property Data”. Because tax values are based on market value, also review recent sales in your area as a comparison to the value of your property. Your Informal Appeal and your supporting documentation, must be returned prior to April 15th when the Board of Equalization & Review convenes. Your appeal will be thoroughly reviewed by an appraiser and you will be notified of the review results by mail even if it is the same, an increase, or decrease in value. The tax payer may then accept the value or file a Formal Appeal, from April 15th to May15th, to the County’s Board of Equalization & Review by contacting the Assessor’s Office at (828) 697-4667. The remaining three steps involve appealing to the NC Property Tax Commission, the NC Court of Appeals, and the State Supreme Court.