



Town of Fletcher

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May 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 in Fletcher.

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 for additional Town information.

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

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News from the April Town Council Meeting

The Town Council took the following actions:

- Approved property tax releases as provided by the Henderson County Tax Office
- Approved Louis Linn to serve another term, expiring 3/22, on the ABC Board
- Approved Budget Amendments #6 and #7 to the FY 2018/2019 Budget Ordinance
- Approved an audit contract with Lowdermilk & Church for FY 2019/2020
- Approved Resolution R-19-03 shifting select streets from DOT maintenance to the Town

A public hearing was held on the proposed submission of a \$400,000 PARTF grant request to assist FernLeaf Charter School and Conserving Carolina in facilitating grant funding to purchase property. The 93-acre mountainous land parcel near the intersection of US-25 and US-26 is proposed for FernLeaf school facilities and a public park. After a presentation by Michael Luplow, of FernLeaf Charter School, and citizen input, the request was approved by the Town Council.

Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director of the Asheville Regional Airport, provided an update on their 2018 milestone year: served 1,134,568 passengers equaling 19% growth, expanded nonstop destinations, and contributed nearly \$1.5 billion to the economy.

Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County Planning Director, shared a FY 2019/2020 budget request of \$8,514 for Henderson County's Apple Country Public Transit.

A public hearing was held to consider changes to the Fletcher Land Development Code. Eric Rufa, Planning & Zoning Director, presented 3 amendments which were approved by Town Council: added reference for "Construction Services", clarified minimum parking for new residential developments, removed reference to residential density in C-1 and C-2.

Nancy Glowacki, representing ERA-NC Alliance, presented Resolution R-19-02 calling for NC General Assembly hearings and the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment as passed by Congress on March 22, 1972. The Town Council approved the resolution.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Vacancy

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is looking for someone who wants to help make Fletcher a great place to play and live. If you are a Fletcher resident and are interested in serving on this board, please complete an application available at <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/> or you may pick one up at the Town Hall. For more information about the Parks and Rec Advisory board and their role, please contact Greg Walker at (828) 687-0751.

Fall 2019 Town Council Elections

Election of the 4-year term Councilmember seat for District 2 (central part of Town) and the seat for District 3 (southwest section of Town) will be held this fall. Any residents within these districts wishing to file for office, filing begins July 5, 2019 at noon and ends on July 19, 2019 at noon. Filing information may be obtained from the Henderson County Board of Elections located at 75 East Central Street in Hendersonville or by calling (828) 697-4970. The General election will be held November 5, 2019. A Primary election, if needed, will be held October 8, 2019.

Property Tax Q & A's

Will the recent County property reappraisal affect my Town of Fletcher property tax bill?

An increase or decrease in the appraised value of a property may not predict whether the property tax liability will increase, decrease, or remain the same. Only after the tax rates are set in mid-June by the Town of Fletcher will individual property tax liability be determined. **Reminder**...residents may make periodic payments on their taxes, as soon as taxes are billed August 1st, rather than waiting to pay the total amount owed in a single payment.

I haven't paid all my 2018 taxes, should I just wait and pay the remainder with my 2019 taxes?

No, any unpaid taxes are subject to ongoing collection activities such as garnishment of wages, attachment of bank accounts, debt setoff action against an income tax refund, levy on personal property, foreclosure on real estate, and continued interest accumulation.

Water Quality Reminders

You can help prevent stormwater pollution by:

- 1) Scooping up after your pet, even on the grass
- 2) Making sure your septic system is in good condition
- 3) Applying fertilizers/other garden products sparingly
- 4) Plant, mulch, or contain any areas of bare soil
- 5) Never dump anything down a storm drain. "Only rain down the drain!"
- 6) Ensure your business disposes of all liquid and solid waste appropriately.

The Town of Fletcher has an ordinance to prevent stormwater system "illicit discharges". To learn more about stormwater pollution prevention, visit our Planning and Zoning Department at www.fletchernc.org or visit www.wncstormwater.org.

Share Your Opinion

The French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) is updating our region's long range transportation plan called "MTP 2045". They need your help to identify priorities for the plan and identify problematic transportation hot spots. Take 3 to 5 minutes to share your transportation concerns in our area, such as Fanning Bridge Road, etc. You may access this survey at <https://fbrmpomtp2045.metroquest.com/> which will be available until May 30, 2019.

Bill Moore Community Park Access

If we have bad weather that may impact the park and you want to know if it is still open for walking, please visit www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/ or call (828)687-0751. When the park is closed, please observe signs and barricades for your safety. Also remember that the outer greenway trail does end. You are approaching private property when the white limestone trail ends, you see a cable with signs across the trail, or you have reached the railroad tracks Please do not trespass nor allow your dogs to run into the planted crop fields.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Recycling does help - Recycling obviously reduces the amount of solid waste that goes into our landfills. But, it also helps reduce Town costs by reducing the amount of fees that we must pay for disposal of general household waste. If you need a recycling bin or are unsure of your recycling day, please contact us at (828) 687-3985. Our goal is to provide 95-gallon rolling recycling containers to all Town residences as our budget allows.

Disposal of large items - With Spring here and residents cleaning out their houses/garages, remember there are some items we unfortunately cannot accept. We do not pick up large items such as TV's, furniture, lumber, grills, carpet, etc. These should be taken to the Henderson County Convenience Center or the Henderson County Transfer Station. To determine where to take your items visit www.hendersoncountync.gov/engineering/page/convenience-center-recycling or call (828) 697-4505.

Need brush picked up? Call (828) 654-9208 for pickup of brush and tree/hedge trimmings that are no larger than 6' X 6" stacked in a pile along your curbside and not stacked under power lines nor commercially cut for you.

Want real-time traffic information?

The North Carolina Department of Transportation website at <https://www.ncdot.gov/Pages/default.aspx> contains a wealth of information about DOT projects, including the I-26 widening project, plus info on traffic and road closures. <https://drivenc.gov/> is an additional website which provides real-time traffic and construction updates.



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www.hendersoncountync.gov/library

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.

Family Story Time Join us. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft. **Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 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*. Registration is required. **Thursdays, 12:30-3:30pm (May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30)**

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 (May 2)**

Mandala Coloring Color, chat, reflect, and relax. Registration Required. For adults only. **First + Third Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (Monday, May 6 and 20)**

The Avid Reader Book Club We will discuss *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck. Please read this book before the meeting. **Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (May 6)**

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. **For ages 17+ Tuesdays, 3pm-4pm (May 7, 14, 21, and 28)**

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 (May 4, 11, 18, and 25)**

Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (May 9) 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 (May 9) 1:30-2:30pm**

Learning to Knit: Part Four This is a 4-part series on learning how to knit for adults; all supplies will be included. **Class 4: Learn Ribbing, Yarn Over, and Review** 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. Contact the Fletcher Library for more information or to register. **Saturday, May 11 (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. **Third Saturdays (May 18) 10:30am-12:30pm**

It's Electric! Be an electrical engineer! Explore electrical engineering through hands-on exploration and innovation using littleBits and Snap Circuits, a system of modules that magnetically snap together to build projects ranging from flashlights to synthesizers. Learn about basic inputs, outputs, analogs, electricity, and more. For Grades K-5. Funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration required. **Monday, May 20 (4-5pm)**

The Water Cycle Come and make a model of the amazing water cycle. We'll explore evaporation, condensation, and precipitation. This program is for Grades K-3. Registration required. **Wednesday, May 22 (3:30-4:30pm)**

Edible Aquifers Make an edible model. We'll learn about the structure of aquifers, how aquifers are affected by pollution, and how they impact our freshwater supply of underground water. This program is for Grades 4-7. Registration is required. **Tuesday, May 28 (3:30-4:30pm)**

CLOSING

Monday, May 27: Please note that in observance of Memorial Day, all Henderson County Public Library locations will be closed.

Kate's Park – New Playground!!

Kate's Park has reopened after a new playground installation.
Visit Kate's Park on Library Road by the Fletcher Library.



Save the Date

Saturday, June 8th	Concert in the Park - Appalachian Fire -	7-9 pm
Monday, June 17th	Summer Camp Begins (a few spaces still available)	7:30 am
Saturday, July 20th	Concert in the Park - Rewind House Band -	7-9 pm



Our Easter Egg-Stravaganza was sponsored by State Farm Agent: Tabatha Hamlin, United Federal Credit Union, Pepsi, McGill Associates, and Fletcher Library.



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Applications for 2019 Property Tax Relief Must be Received by June 1, 2019

Elderly or Disabled Exclusion: Excludes the greater of the first \$25,000 or 50% of the appraised value of the permanent residence of a qualifying owner who is at least 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. The owner cannot have an income amount for the previous year that exceeds the 2019 tax year income eligibility limit of \$30,200.

Circuit Breaker: Taxes for each year are limited to a percentage of the qualifying owner's income who is at least 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. For an owner whose income amount for the previous year does not exceed the income eligibility limit for the 2019 tax year of \$30,200, the owner's taxes will be limited to 4% of the owner's income. For an owner whose income exceeds the income eligibility limit (\$30,200) but does not exceed 150% of the income eligibility limit, which for the 2019 tax year is \$45,300, the owner's taxes will be limited to 5% of the owner's income. However, the taxes over the limitation amount are deferred and remain a lien on the property. The last 3 years of deferred taxes prior to a disqualifying event will become due and payable, with interest, on the date of the disqualifying event. Interest accrues on the deferred taxes as if they had been payable on the dates on which they would have originally become due. Disqualifying events are death of the owner, transfer of the property, and failure to use the property as the owner's permanent residence. Exceptions and special provisions apply.

Disabled Veterans Exclusion: Excludes up to the first \$45,000 of the appraised value of the permanent residence of a disabled veteran whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions and who has a total and permanent service-connected disability or who received benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. There is no age or income limitation for this program. This benefit is also available to a surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of either (1) a disabled veteran as defined above, (2) a veteran who died as a result of a service-connected condition whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions, or (3) a service member who died from a service connected condition in the line of duty and not as a result of willful misconduct.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the Henderson County Tax Department at 828-697-4870, at 200 North Grove Street Suite 102 in Hendersonville, or visit their website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov>.