

Town of Fletcher

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## <u>Town Council</u>

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#### <u>Town Meetings</u>

**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  $6{:}00~\rm{pm}$ 

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@fletchemc.org*. Also, please visit our web site at *www.fletchernc.org* for additional Town information.

If you would prefer to 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 June Town Council Meeting

July 2019

- The Town Council approved a resolution in support of the current ABC control system for the sale of liquor.
- McCray Benson, President of the Community Foundation of Henderson County, presented a \$20,778.56 check to the Town to assist with flood damage repair to Bill Moore Community Park. This donation was possible due to the generosity of an environmentally concerned donor.
- A public hearing was held to consider CD# 2019-02 and SUP# 2019-01 for a 311-unit planned residential development at 150 Cane Creek Road at the corner of Old Cane Creek and Cane Creek. BSC Holdings Inc. was seeking a special use permit and a conditional district rezoning to Central Business District. Two owners from BSC Holdings explained the 75.65 acre development as rental units consisting of apartments, townhomes, and villas with attractive amenities. The development was approved by Town Council.
- A public hearing was held to consider the fiscal year 2019-2020 Town budget. Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, presented the budget message with expected revenue and expenses totaling \$7,594,772, a 10% increase over the previous year. The property tax rate will remain at its current rate of \$0.34 per \$100 of assessed value (\$0.225 = Town and \$0.115 = Fire & Rescue). Highlighted 2019-2020 expenses include providing 95-gallon recycling carts to all Town of Fletcher households, replacing playground equipment at Bill Moore Community Park, adding one position in the Police Department, replacing 3 police vehicles, funding the recommendations of the compensation and classification study, purchasing a tractor for Parks & Rec maintenance, and completing the replacement of outdated PC's. The budget was approved by Town Council. A copy of the 2019-2020 Town of Fletcher Budget Message may be picked up at Town Hall or found online at https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/budget/.

### Reminders



#### July 4th Holiday Changes

- Town Hall offices will be closed on July 4th.
- For those residents whose trash and recycling are scheduled to be picked up on Thursday July 4th, your pick up day will be changed to Friday, July 5th. All other trash and recycling schedules for the week will remain the same.

#### Filing for Town Council Seats

Filing begins July 5, 2019 at noon and ends on July 19, 2019 at noon for the 4-year term Councilmember seat for District 2 (central part of Fletcher) and the seat for District 3 (southwest section of Fletcher). Interested residents may obtain filing information from the Henderson County Board of Elections office located at 75 East Central Street in Hendersonville or by calling (828) 697-4970.

### Potential Broadband Provider to Begin Customer Survey

RiverStreet Networks is reaffirming their interest in providing broadband service in Fletcher, Hendersonville, Laurel Park, and Biltmore Forest. Over the next three months, citizens will receive direct marketing information from RiverStreet about the services they can provide to our area. If residents are interested in these services, they should follow the directions on the mailer and visit <u>https://join.buildriverstreet.com/</u> to provide RiverStreet with feedback. RiverStreet has indicated they will only enter our local market if they determine residents are interested in a new service provider.

The arrival of RiverStreet is the result of the West Next Generation Network (WestNGN) initiative, a partnership of Asheville, Hendersonville, Fletcher, Laurel Park, Biltmore Forest, and Waynesville local governments plus Transylvania, Madison, Henderson, and Buncombe counties. These entities are continuing their work to improve broadband access to Western NC and to encourage state legislators to support legislation that will allow them to work with the broadband companies to improve high speed internet throughout NC. The WestNGN partners will continue to support legislation that improves the access to broadband infrastructure.

Have you been contacted by Service Line Warranties?

You may have received some information from Service Line Warranties regarding a protection plan for your water and sewer lines. It is not a scam, this is a legitimate business. The Town of Fletcher has partnered with SLWA to offer protection for homeowners for the Dual Product Only protection program (for water and sewer). The coverage is **voluntary** and operates similarly to an insurance policy. The Town is not involved in the administration of this program; consequently, no Town funds are used in conjunction with this program.

Many homeowners do not realize that damage to the service lines on their property is their responsibility and that repairs to these pipes are not covered by basic homeowners insurance or by the Town of Fletcher. The SLWA Service Line Warranty Program protects against damage to pipes on homeowners' property. As homes age along with the infrastructure serving them, SLWA repair plans provide homeowners with an optional peace of mind solution so they can be better prepared in the event of these unexpected repairs.

SLWA has been recognized as the nation's largest and most trusted source of utility line plans endorsed by the National League of Cities (NLC). The company is committed to customer service, ethical marketing practices and maintaining an A+ accredited rating with the Better Business Bureau. For questions about this service, please contact SLWA directly at 866-922-9006 or visit www.slwofa.com.

# PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

**<u>Recycling news</u>** Have you heard the news... In the 2019-2020 Town budget, the Town Council approved the purchase of 95-gallon rolling recycling containers for all residences who also receive Town trash collection service. More information will be shared once it is available.

<u>Help us help you...with your trash</u> Each household has been assigned a 92-gallon rolling trash can for household waste. Since a lift raises the can and dumps the trash into the truck, please ensure all trash is bagged inside the trash can. Also, please try to consolidate several smaller bags into a larger bag so all bags will be heavy enough to fall out when the trash can is flipped upside down.

**Need a brush pick 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 under power lines. We do not accept brush that was commercially cut for you nor do we accept grass clippings. The Henderson County Transfer Station accepts grass clippings for a fee, but using mulching blades on your mower helps return the clippings to the yard.

### Town of Fletcher Business Registration

Any person who conducts business within the Town of Fletcher by maintaining a business location within the Town limits is required to register their business with the Town. This registration is for informational purposes to maintain accurate databases and contact information for the Town's public safety organizations. The annual invoices will be mailed in early July. If you have changed your mailing address or do not receive an invoice, please contact us at s.heafner@fletchernc.org.



To handle all your lock and key needs, **American Eagle Locksmith** opened their Fletcher retail shop in 2012 while continuing to offer mobile services from their state-ofthe-art-equipped fully-loaded vans. The last thing you want to wait for is service when you've lost a key, are locked out, need to re-key your locks, or need to get almost any lock repaired. When you cannot make it to their shop and you need mobile key or lock services, they will come to you. Their services include automotive keys and locks, residential lock repair and installation, commercial grade locks and high-security key ways, and in addition they are a dealer of commercial and residential safes.

"Always have a spare key made, before you need it... you'll be glad you did."



Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-6:00pm; Sat 9:00am-4:00pm

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

# JULY 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 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.

*Chess Club* For all ages. Meets 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 (July 6, 13, 20, and 27)** 

*Mandala Coloring* Color, chat, reflect, and relax. Registration is required. For adults only. **First + Third Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (Monday, July 1 and 15)** 

*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, 3-4pm (July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30)

*Family Story Time* Join us. All ages are welcome to come enjoy stories, songs, and a craft. Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (July 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. Beginners may observe and will be coached *if possible*. Registration is *required*. **Thursdays**, **12:30-3:30pm (July 11, 18, and 25)** 

*Fletcher Book Club* Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (July 11) 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 (July 11) 1:30-2:30pm** 

**Goodwill Career Connection** Stop in to meet one-on-one with a career specialist and to learn more about Goodwill's programs. We can help you create a resume, practice interviewing skills, write a cover letter, and more. **Wednesday, July 17 (2-4pm)** 



Songs and Stories with Silver Trout Artists Music, storytelling, and puppets! Join us as we welcome back one of our fan favorite storytellers! Wednesday, July 17 (2-3pm)

*Knit for a Cause* We make hats and scarves for children and adults to give to the Interfaith Assistance Ministry of Hendersonville. Bring your 4, 5, 6, 7 and/or 8 circular or straight knitting needles. Third Saturdays (July 20) 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 (July 20) 10:30am-12:30pm** 

*Chicken Little* Chicken Little gets hit on the head and is convinced that the sky is falling! Or is it? Big laughs, unforgettable characters, and a lesson in following the rules highlight this Porkchop Productions favorite. **Monday, July 22 (2-3pm)** 

**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 sunflower. No prior experience necessary. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required. **Saturday, July 27 (10:30am-1:30pm)** 

**Space Exploration and Travel** Teens in rising grades 6-12 will build and launch a rocket, design and test a space capsule, and more! This free program is presented by Zaniac and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Monday, July 29 (2-3pm)** 

# <u>Closings</u>

# Thursday, July 4

All library locations will be closed for the Independence Day holiday.



#### <u>Appalachian Fire (Bluegrass)</u> - 6/29/19

After a more than decade of making music, the band continues to bring high energy

picking, tight harmony, and great entertainment value for the whole family. Fletcher Parks and Rec



Concession stand will be selling snacks, drinks, hot dogs, nachos and more! Coolers are welcome at this event, but no alcohol is permitted.

#### Rewind House Band (Rock & Roll Classics) - 7/20/19

Based in Asheville, NC, the Rewind House Band has enjoyed the honor of supporting musical artists such as the Beach Boys, The Temptations, Gary Puckett, The Rascals, Ambrosia, The Drifters, Kansas, and more. The band is proud to have played Asheville's US Cellular Center, Thomas Wolfe Auditorium, and The Orange Peel multiple times; as well as street Festivals in Hendersonville, Black Mountain, and Waynesville.

#### Make Your Park Visit a Safe One

- \* Parents/Adults, do not leave your children unsupervised on the playground.
- Please keep children off any playground equipment marked with caution tape or safety cones and out of areas designated likewise.
- \* Biking and skateboarding are allowed on the greenways, but *not* on the park sidewalks.
- \* All Bikers and skateboarders are required to wear helmets while riding in the park.
- \* Clean up after your dog immediately.
- \* No alcohol is permitted in the park.

Foot Rx 5K Blackjack Run - 7/3/19 Proceeds from the race go to Fletcher Park. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$5 at registration, starting at 5:30pm at Bill Moore Community Park, with the race starting at 6:30pm. Get a card at the start of the race, another card halfway through, and then decide if you want one or more cards at the finish. Whoever gets 21 wins!



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# FletcherParks.org

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# Do you have or know a child younger than 5?

Smart Start Partnership for Children would like to gift your child a book every month until their fifth birthday through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school no matter their family's income.

Reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning. It helps with language development, literacy skill building, and developing bonds between parent and child. Let Imagination Library help you read aloud to your child everyday by providing a great variety of age-appropriate books right to your mailbox!

Go to <u>www.smartstartpfc.org</u> and click on the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library button to register today. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Hart at 828-693-1580 or kelly@smartstartpfc.org.

If you have any books your children have out grown, Smart Start Partnership appreciates donations of gently used children's books all year long for use in their early literacy initiatives and for their annual used children's book sale at Grace Lutheran Church the last Saturday in February. You may take your books to the Smart Start Partnership office, Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 3:00pm, located at 722 5th Avenue West in Hendersonville, NC 28739.

