



Town of Fletcher

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August 2019

Town Council

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District #1.....(828)684-5676

Hugh Clark, Councilman
District #2.....(828)684-7093

Bob Davy, Councilman
District #3.....(828)687-0313

Eddie Henderson, Mayor Pro-Tem
District #4.....(828)231-4811

Town Phones

Town Manager.....(828)687-3985

Town Fax.....(828)687-7133

Police/Fire Emergency.....911

Police Dispatch.....(828)697-4911

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 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.

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News from the July Town Council Meeting

- ◆ Councilman Bob Davy shared an update on some transportation projects in our area: there is a study of the intersection of Fanning Bridge and Rutledge Road for a possible traffic signal; the I-26 project is scheduled to start in Fall 2019.
- ◆ A public hearing was set for the August Town Council meeting to consider Rezoning # 2019-01 involving a request to rezone parcel # 9643-94-9427 on Rutledge Road from R-2 residential to C-2 commercial.
- ◆ Joe Tandy was reappointed to the Fletcher Planning Board for another 3-year term expiring July 13, 2022.
- ◆ LoriKay Paden and Vanessa Goldberg were appointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for a 3-year term expiring in July 2022.
- ◆ Cynthia Broome, Tax Collector, was reappointed and charged with collecting 2019-2020 property taxes for the Town of Fletcher.
- ◆ Revisions to the Town Personnel Handbook were approved by Town Council.
- ◆ The 2018 year-end Tax Collector's report was approved by Town Council.
- ◆ Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, provided an update on the Phase 1 environmental site assessment for the properties adjoining the Town Center. He shared that we are now entering Phase 2 environmental studies and have received one bid, but are seeking other bids.
- ◆ Mark Biberdorf reminded the Council of the various options and sites for a Parks & Recreation Maintenance facility which had been previously discussed. After additional discussion, the Town Council made and approved a motion to postpone this matter.
- ◆ Greg Walker, Parks & Recreation Director, gave an update on plans for the combined Annual Fletcher Family Festival and the Town's 30-year Anniversary to be held 9/21/19. There will be activities, music, a large birthday cake, special t-shirts, and a fireworks display.
- ◆ Mark Biberdorf shared updates on several areas of citizen concern such as the availability of broadband service, the Highway 25 Corridor project, and safety concerns at the intersection of Wildbriar Road and Hoopers Creek. The meeting was then adjourned for Council members to enter a closed session regarding contract negotiations.

Labor Day Holiday History - September 2nd

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The observance and celebration of Labor Day was outlined as a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. "The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership -- the American worker." Borrowed from <https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history>.

NOTE: Fletcher Town Hall offices will be closed September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

Property Tax Facts

- ▶ The 2019 Town of Fletcher property tax rate of 34¢ per \$100 of property valuation remained unchanged from 2018. However, you may see a change in your tax bill due to the January 2019 Henderson County real property reappraisal.
- ▶ Real estate and personal property tax bills will be mailed out August 1st. They are due September 1st and are delinquent if not paid before January 6, 2020. 2% interest will be added to any unpaid tax bills on 1/6/2020.
- ▶ If do not receive a tax bill in August, please call the Town of Fletcher Tax Collector's office at 828-687-3985. NC General Statute requires taxpayers to pay their taxes even if the taxpayer did not receive a bill.
- ▶ If property taxes are escrowed in your mortgage, the taxpayer is still responsible to ensure taxes are paid. If you receive the tax bill, check with your mortgage company to ensure they are aware of it also.
- ▶ Taxes may be paid in person at the Town Hall by cash or check, by check via USPS mail, or deposited into our after hours drop box located in the south side parking lot of Town Hall.
- ▶ We also hope to accept online credit/debit card payments this tax year. More details will be forthcoming.
- ▶ Remember...you may make monthly payments on your taxes rather than waiting and having to pay the entire amount in one lump sum.

Fall 2019 Town Council Elections

Candidate filing for the 2019 Fall election of Town Councilmember seats in Districts 2 and 3 closed on July 19th. To review a list of registered candidates, visit <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>.

Park Shelter Rentals

Reserve your Summer and Fall fun at a Fletcher park shelter today! You may make your reservation and pay at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com>. The Bill Moore Community Park Steelcase shelter offers 2 charcoal grills and electricity. Kate's Park shelter, located beside the Library, offers electricity and works well for about 25-30 people especially those with children.

Residential Property Check

The Fletcher Police Department offers a courtesy property check of Town residences when owners are gone for extended leaves such as vacations. Be aware that this service is not a contract for security services and does not promise a particular degree of police protection. For more information about this Town Police courtesy, please call 828-687-7922 or visit our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/House-Check-Form-Revised-6-18.pdf?x74681>.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Some residents may wonder why Public Works limits brush/tree/hedge trimmings size to no larger than 6' X 6" and why we request brush to be stacked in a pile along your curbside and not placed in a bag or under power lines or on top of water meters nor near other objects such as vehicles, phone pedestals, etc., and not laying in a ditch. The reason is because of the equipment we use



(pictured here). It has an extendable arm with a claw that lifts the brush off the ground and into the truck without our employees touching it. So if the arm can't reach your brush pile, it does not get picked up as you desired and we had it scheduled. If we have a problem at your location, we try to leave a note explaining the situation...so, "look around if your brush is still on the ground". Remember, we also do not pick up brush that was commercially cut for you since that is your contractor's responsibility.

NOTE: Due to the Labor Day Holiday, brush collection in September will begin on Tuesday, September 3rd rather than on Monday. If you need to request a brush pickup, leave a message anytime at 828-654-9208 or please visit <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>.

Town Welcomes New Police Officer

The Town of Fletcher Police Department officially welcomed Patrick Ridgeway as our newest Police Officer in a swearing-in ceremony in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Patrick started with the Town in June and after completion of required training, he took his oath as an Officer on July 15th. Patrick comes to the Police Department from private industry after completing his Basic Law Enforcement Training at Blue Ridge Community College in May.



Patrick Ridgeway and family after his swearing-in ceremony

AUGUST 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



Looking for a new home for one of your flower pots? We can use decorative ones which are 6-12 inches in diameter. No plastic ones, please.

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.

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 (August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29)**

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 (August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31)**

Mandala Coloring Color, chat, reflect, and relax. Registration is required. For adults only. **First + Third Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (Monday, August 5 and 19)**

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 (August 6, 13, 20, and 27)**

Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (August 8) 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 (August 8) 1:30-2:30pm**

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 (August 17) 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 (August 17) 10:30am - 12:30pm**



MOVIE in the PARK

• • • a free, fun, family night out • • • • •

August 17th 9pm



FletcherParks.org

828.687.0751

Bill Moore

Community Park

85 Howard Gap Rd.

Fletcher, NC 28732



Proud Sponsors:
BorgWarner

FREE Movie in the Park

Be sure to bring the whole family for the 2019 Movie in the Park on August 17th.

The movie will begin at dusk.

Popcorn, Candy, and Drinks can be purchased at the Concession Stand.

This is a great event for children as they prepare for the new school year.

Get ready for another great family event...

The Town of Fletcher will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year at the

Fletcher Family Festival at Bill Moore Community Park on **Saturday, September 21st** starting at **4:00pm**. There will be activities and fun for all ages, live music, food vendors and fireworks at 8:00pm. For more details about this event, please visit

<https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/upcoming-events/>.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

We would like to thank
Mountain Credit Union of Fletcher
for being the
2019 Concert in the Park sponsor!

Be sure to thank them at the
Family Festival on September 21st!

Foot Rx 5K Prediction Run - 8/7/19

This month's theme will be a Prediction Run. No watches allowed! Guess your finish time before the race starts and whoever gets the closest to their predicted time wins! All proceeds from this month's race will go to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Registration starts at 5:30pm and the race starts at 6:30pm at Bill Moore Community Park.

Save the Date

Wednesday, Aug 7th	Foot Rx Running Community \$5 5K Prediction Run	5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Saturday, Aug 17th	Movie in the Park "Small Foot"	8:45 pm
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Saturday, Sept 21st	Fletcher Family Festival & Town of Fletcher 30-year Anniversary	4:00 pm
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**ATTENTION
Fletcher Area
Veterans !!**

**SIXTH ANNUAL
VETERANS'
SOLUTIONS
SEMINAR**

AUGUST 14th

2:00PM - 5:00PM

**FLETCHER
TOWN HALL**

300 OLD CANE CREEK RD.
FLETCHER, NC 28732

Representatives from
the VA Hospital
N.C. Division of
Veterans Affairs
Staff from my
District Offices
Representatives from
the Winston-Salem
Benefits Office

AUGUST 14th

8:30AM - 11:30AM

**HAYWOOD SENIOR
CENTER**

81 ELMWOOD WAY
WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786

AUGUST 15th

8:30AM - 11:30AM

CALDWELL COUNTY HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
TAMMY AUSTIN ROOM

2345 MORGANTON BLVD.
LENOIR, NC 28645

CONGRESSMAN
Mark Meadows
NORTH CAROLINA'S ELEVENTH DISTRICT

meadows.house.gov