



Town of Fletcher

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November 2019

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

News from the October Town Council Meeting

- * Donnie Grindstaff & Martin O'Dell shared information about "Ride for Kids", a pediatric brain tumor fundraiser, and their November 2nd non-profit kickoff.
- * The Town Council took action on the following matters:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved Resolution R-19-09 regarding the financing terms and documents for the Economic Development Property Acquisition project.
 - Approved Grace Deal to serve another 3-year term, expiring 11/22, on the Planning and Zoning Board.
 - Approved Resolution R-19-10 to authorize and direct the Town Manager to engage outside counsel in certain quasi-judicial actions.
- * A public hearing was held to consider Rezoning # 2019-01 PIN # 9643-94-9427 from R-2 residential to C-2 commercial. Eric Rufa, Planning & Zoning Director gave a brief overview of the request, made by property owner Robert Lance, and shared that the Town Planning Board did not recommend re-zoning the property. The Town Council took no action on this request.
- * Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, discussed the termination of the Economic Incentive Agreement with Continental Teves. The 2009 Agreement is still active but the 2013 Agreement stated that if the plant ceased operations before the end of the Incentive term, the agreement would be null and void. The plant closing is scheduled for 2022, thus it was agreed to terminate our Incentive Agreement.
- * Mark Biberdorf discussed amending Town Ordinance 0-05-03 regulating open burning within the Town limits. He presented two possible ordinance changes: 1) No burning within the Town limits or 2) No burning unless the property was 5+ acres in size and a burning permit had been issued. He also mentioned the existence of a NC Administrative Code that restricts burning if a municipality provides brush pickup. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to change the ordinance to ban outdoor burning and open burning within the Town of Fletcher. This burn ban largely prohibits the issuance of burn permits for burning brush piles, leaves/grass clippings, refuse, etc. It does not prohibit the use of campfires, and the like, intended for recreational or cooking purposes that are no larger than four square feet and are not within 25 feet of a structure or any property line.
- * Mark Biberdorf provided an update on several issues such as: 2019-2020 legislative priorities for the Town of Fletcher, progress on the distribution of recycling carts, ongoing Pressley Hill and Woodhill Drive traffic studies due to resident concerns, progress on the actuated warning signal at Wildbriar Road and Hoopers Creek, and our continued desire for the Highway 25 Streetscape Project to be completed by our contractor.

November Holiday Schedule Changes

Town Hall will be closed November 11th for Veteran's Day and November 28th - 29th for Thanksgiving. See the following page for changes in the Public Works' schedule.

Fall Leaf Disposal...

With the beautiful fall leaf color comes the chore of raking leaves! Even though raking leaves can be a great workout (30 minutes of raking can burn about 150 calories) most people want to complete this tedious task as soon as possible. However, please do not take the short cut disposal method of dumping your leaves down a storm drain or by placing loose leaves in a drainage ditch or in the gutter.



The Town of Fletcher has an ordinance prohibiting "illicit discharges" into the storm drain system. Leaves, brush, lawn clippings, and other yard waste are considered an illicit discharge that can affect water quality. The town can issue fines to citizens who violate this ordinance.

There are several different ways to dispose of your leaves: (1) The Town offers bagged leaf collection every Monday during the fall. Rake your leaves, bag them, put them at the curbside, and call 828-654-9208 for pick up. (2) Use your lawn mower to reduce the leaves to small bits that can be left on the lawn as added nutrients for the soil. (3) Add the leaves to your mulch or compost pile. (4) Use them as a winter cover for your garden or kindling for your outdoor fire pit.

Please select a disposal method that will protect the water quality in Fletcher and minimize the effects of clogged storm drains from leaves and other debris. Thank you for helping our Town!

Bill Moore Community Park Information

Playground Renovation: The playground equipment renovation is underway. The removal of the current playground equipment will begin the week of October 28th. We will begin installing the new equipment the week of November 4th and hope to have the playground installation complete by November 15th.

Walking Trails: In an attempt to keep our inner greenway safe for walkers/joggers and bicyclists, we ask that all bicyclists announce "*on your left*" when passing walkers/joggers or those pushing strollers. Signs have been posted to remind bicyclists of this courtesy and safety request. Thank you for your cooperation.

2019 Property Taxes Due by January 6th

You may pay your Town of Fletcher taxes using your credit or debit card at www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/. Simply enter your "Roll Number", as shown on your Property Tax Notice. If you do not know your roll number, call our office at 828-687-3985 to obtain it.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Holiday Schedule Changes in November

Veteran's Day - There will be no brush or leaf pickup on 11/11/19. Collection routes will resume on 11/12/19.

Thanksgiving - Thursday 11/28/19 trash routes will be picked up on Wednesday 11/27/19. Friday 11/29/19 trash routes will be picked up Monday 12/2/19.

Leaf Pickup

Fall leaf pickup has begun and will continue until December 2nd. Please remember that all leaves must be bagged. Contact us at 828-654-9208 or 828-687-3985 to schedule a pickup or you may complete an online request at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>.

Recycling Cart Distribution Update

By now you should have received your new rolling recycling cart. If you did not receive a cart or the "Recycling Q&A" sheet that was attached to each cart and would like a cart or an info sheet, please contact us at 828-654-9208. Also if you are unsure of your recycling day, contact us at 828-687-3985. Remember, you do not have to fill your cart completely with recycling before sitting it at the curb every other week. Thanks for recycling!

Change in Recycling Shredded Paper

Due to a change in NC recycling guidelines for municipalities, recycling companies must now take measures to prevent the contamination of the glass stream. Since shredded paper is so small it easily gets mixed in with recycled glass. Consequently, recycling vendors must have special equipment to keep contamination from occurring or they can either accept shredded paper or they can accept glass for recycling but not both. Our vendor, Curbside Management, has decided to continue to accept glass for recycling and therefore we cannot accept shredded paper with your other recyclable materials. To dispose of your shredded paper, attend a shredding event (many banks offer them and our Town's event is typically in April) or some retail office supply stores allow their customers to bring in items to be shredded by their shredding vendor. Another disposal option is to bag it and include it in with your trash.

Free Mulch

If you need mulch to cover your plants during the fall or winter, don't forget we have free mulch stored at the Fletcher Municipal Complex property located on Parish Municipal Drive. It is in an open, easily accessible area and all you need to bring is a pitchfork or shovel along with a container and help yourself!



Fletcher Community Survey

Thank you to all the residents who participated in our recent online survey regarding the Town Center and economic development efforts within the Town of Fletcher. Survey findings will be shared at a later date.

NOVEMBER FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS
120 Library Road Fletcher, NC 28732
828-687-1218 www.hendersoncountync.gov/library
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 doilies, lace, rick rack, ribbon (gold and silver), narrow tinsel ribbon or string, pipe cleaners (white, gold or silver), and Valentines.

Book Donations Notice: Please limit book donations to one box or less. For larger donations, please drop them off at the Main Library in downtown Hendersonville at 301 N. Washington Street (corner of 3rd Avenue and N. Washington Street). The phone number at the Main Library is 828-687-4725.

Looking for a new home for one of your flower pots? We can use decorative ones which are 6-12 inches in diameter, as well as holes for draining. 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.

Donate Your Legos Do you have Legos to spare? We accept *donated* Legos in all shapes and sizes in good condition for our monthly Lego Club.

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.

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 (November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30)**

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

Avid Reader Book Club We will be reading *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig. Please, read the book prior to the meeting. **Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (November 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. **For ages 17+. Tuesdays, 3-4pm (November 5, 12, 19, and 26)**

Family Story Time Join us for family storytime! We will share stories, rhymes, and songs geared to enhance a lifelong love of reading. All ages welcome. **Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (November 6, 13, 20, & 27)**

What A Ranger Does A North Carolina State Park Ranger has many responsibilities from law enforcement to education to high-angle rescue and wears many hats. Come meet with a ranger to learn all aspects of their jobs and see all the equipment needed to provide visitors with a safe and fun visit to our state parks. For all ages. Registration is required. **Wednesday, November 6 (3:30-4:30pm)**

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 (November 7, 14, and 21)**

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 11 *must* have an adult stay with them in the room. **1st Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (November 7)**

NOVEMBER FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS (continued)

Conversational German Join us for a weekly class taught by German native Inge Durre. Medium to advanced levels of German are spoken. Must be able to speak basic German and know tenses. **For ages 18+.** **Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (November 7, 14, and 21)**

Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (November 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 (November 14) 1:30-2:30pm**

Knitting 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. **If you can knit yet are unable to attend but would like to help, stop by and pick up a kit to knit a child's hat. Bring the hat back when you are done.** **Third Saturdays (November 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. **Third Saturdays (November 16) 10:30am-12:30pm**

Depression: From Surviving to Thriving Depressive symptoms often present themselves through feelings of isolation, hopelessness, and despair. In this course, we examine different types, common causes, symptoms, and treatment methods for depression focusing on moving from a place of simply surviving to one of thriving. Registration is required. **Thursday, November 21 (11am-12pm)**

Makerspace: DIY Holiday Gifts Bring your creativity and we'll provide the supplies! This is a DIY ("Do It Yourself") makerspace. It's a time to gather and use our supplies to make a holiday gift or decoration for yourself or for someone else. For adults and teens ages 14+. Registration is required. **Saturday, November 23 (10:30am-12:30pm)**

The Velveteen Rabbit presented by Bright Star Theatre A special gift for a young boy opens up a heartwarming tale of childhood and imagination. Based on the classic tale by Margery Williams Bianco, this show examines what it means to love and what it means to be real. This free show is geared toward ages 4-10 and their families and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **Monday, November 25 (4-5pm)**

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 Santa gnome. No prior experience necessary. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Note: Registration will begin November 1. Only patrons who have not taken a needle felting class in the last year will be eligible to register. **Saturday, November 30 (10:30am-1:30pm)**

UPCOMING

Ryn and Friends Siblings Ryn and River Riley, along with Porter and Sayer Nesbitt, originally classically trained musicians, have found a love for old-time music and enjoy sharing the melodic mountain music they now play with their community. Both families have been active in the Transylvania JAM (Junior Appalachian Musicians) program. Come tap your feet to the music of Ryn (age 14, fiddle), River (age 12, guitar), Porter (age 15, banjo), and Sayer (age 13, fiddle). **Monday, December 2 (4:30-6pm)**

Magic Christmas Angels Made from Fleece Participants will learn how to make a Christmas Angel using roving/sheep wool. Angels will be made using wool, ribbon, thread, and your imagination. No felting needles are used in this activity. This program is for children in Grades 3-5. Registration is required. **Monday, December 9 (4-6pm)**

CLOSINGS

Monday, November 11 All Henderson County Public Library locations will be closed in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.

Wednesday, November 27 All Henderson County Public Library locations will close at 5pm due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29 All Henderson County Public Library locations will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

VETERANS' DAY

SALUTE & BREAKFAST

★ Fletcher Town Hall ★

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9:00 a.m.

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Veterans Salute

The Town of Fletcher will honor its Veterans on Saturday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. with its Annual Veterans' Day Salute and Breakfast. This event will be held at Fletcher Town Hall, located at 300 Old Cane Creek Rd. This year's Salute will feature a flag ceremony and keynote speaker Master Sgt Danielle Cox, Unites States Marine Corps.

Attendees are invited for breakfast at the conclusion of the Annual Veterans' Day Program.

This event is FREE and open to the public thanks to our sponsor, Mountain Credit Union of Fletcher.

Wellness Programs

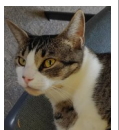
- **Monday:** A Matter of Balance 10am - 12pm
- **Tuesday:** Yoga 6:15pm - 7:15pm
- **Wednesday:** Tai Chi 10:30am - 11:30 am
- **Thursday:** Yoga 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Register Online At:

<https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

For questions, call Hunter Jones at (828) 687-0751.

Our feline "Maintenance Mascot" is looking for a home. "Dottie" showed up at our Park Maintenance Building a few months ago. She is estimated to be around two years old, has had her rabies shot, and is spayed.



If you are looking for a sweet, social cat please call Christine at the Town Hall at (828)687-3985.

Thank You to Our Halloween Carnival Sponsors!



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Save the Date

Tues or Thurs, Nov 5th or 7th	Holiday Yoga begins	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Nov 6th	Tai Chi begins	10:00 am
Saturday, Nov 9th	Veterans Salute	9:00 am
Saturday, Dec 7th	Christmas in the Park	1:00 pm

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November 5th General Election Info

“One Stop Early Voting” for the General Election for Fletcher Districts 2 & 3 Town Council seats will be held through Friday, November 1, 2019 during regular office hours from 8:30am to 5:00pm at the Henderson County Board of Election Office located at 75 E. Central Street in Hendersonville.

Only registered voters of the Town of Fletcher are eligible to vote in the November 5th General Election and must go to their assigned precinct on Election Day to vote. If you have received notification by the Board of Elections, you may have been transferred to another polling site in our municipality for this election. No Town of Fletcher voting will be held at the Board of Elections office on Election Day. All Fletcher precincts will be open from 6:30am to 7:30pm on November 5, 2019

Any questions about Absentee voting, the upcoming election, or voting precincts should be addressed to the Henderson County Board of Elections at 828-697-4970 or visit <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>.

Information on the candidates can be found at The League of Women Voters’ website at <https://www.vote411.org/>.

S A M P L E	Sample Ballot Henderson County, North Carolina November 5, 2019	
	BALLOT MARKING INSTRUCTIONS:	
	A. With the marking device provided or a black ball point pen, completely fill in the oval to the left of each candidate or selection of your choice as shown. B. Where authorized, you may write in a candidate by filling in the oval and writing the name on the Write-in line. C. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to request a replacement.	
	TOWN OF FLETCHER	
	Town Council District 2 (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Preston Blakely <input type="radio"/> Hugh Clark <input type="radio"/> Write-in	
	Town Council District 3 (You may vote for ONE)	
	<input type="radio"/> Bob Davy <input type="radio"/> Write-in	
	End of Ballot	