



Town of Fletcher

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December 2019



Town Council

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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 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 November Town Council Meeting

- * During Council updates, it was mentioned that our November 9th Veterans Day Salute was a very nice event.
- * The Town Council then took action on the following matters:
 - Approved property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
 - Approved Sandy Kilgore to serve another 3-year term, expiring 11/22, on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.
 - Approved Resolution authorizing the lease of the former Fletcher Lawn & Garden property to Sammy Johnston.
- * Carol Avery, of Lowdermilk & Church Company accounting firm, presented the Town's financial audit results for fiscal year 2018-2019. She explained that the audit was approved by the Local Government Commission as an unqualified statement, there were no audit findings, the Town was in good financial health, and she covered the financial highlights of the audit. (The Financial report can be found at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/annual-financial-report/>.)
- * A public hearing was held on the appropriation of Town funds for Economic Development land acquisition. Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager, explained that the Town has agreements to purchase 11 parcels of properties at a total sales price of \$2,232,000. These economic development properties will increase the Town's population, taxable property, employment, and business prospects. The Town will develop the property, prepare it for development by others, or exchange the property for other economic development properties. The Town Council approved the appropriation.
- * Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, presented the possibility of amending an existing agreement with Meritor regarding the use of our 93-acre parcel on Hendersonville Road. Meritor had requested we extend a component of our agreement with them until 2049. Town Council approved the preparation of a revised agreement allowing such and Mr. Biberdorf will present an amendment at next month's meeting.
- * Councilman Bob Davy presented a policy regarding the use of the Blackboard Connect calling system for Town election notifications. The Council approved allowing the Town staff to use the calling system to inform residents whenever an election is being held. The message will include the date of the election, the hours the polls will be open, and the voting location for each of the Town's precincts.
- * Mark Biberdorf provided updates on some ongoing matters:
 - A meeting with Continental Teves will be held regarding the transition of the plant
 - The Pressley Hill traffic study indicated no improvements were justified
 - Woodhill/Southchase Drive is the next traffic study area. Public Works will be placing equipment in the area to collect data on speeding, traffic, etc.
 - The contingency request for the actuated warning signal at Wildbriar Road and Hoopers Creek appears promising. Representative Chuck McGrady's staff is working on our request.
 - The installation of the replacement playground equipment at Bill Moore Community Park will begin on November 18th.

*Town Hall will be closed December 24th -
December 25th and January 1st.*

*We wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

Fletcher Community Survey Results

Thank you to the residents who participated in our recent online survey regarding the Town Center and economic development efforts within the Town of Fletcher. Below are the results of our survey, presented in order by most popular response.

Where do you work? *Majority of responses were Fletcher, Asheville, Hendersonville, Arden, or retired.*

Where do you most frequently bring out of town guests or family to showcase the region? *Downtown Asheville, Downtown Hendersonville, Biltmore Estate/Biltmore Village, Fletcher Town Park, River District Breweries, and "other" such as the Blue Ridge Parkway and Pisgah National Forest*

What uses or services would you like to see at the Town Center? *1) restaurants/bars, 2) grocery/specialty food, 3) arts/culture/entertainment, 4) hardware/garden, 5) sporting goods/hobby/books/music, 6) clothing/accessories, 7) home décor/furnishings, 8) health/medical care, 9) professional/financial services, 10) hotel/hospitality*

What social or civic uses would you like to see at the Town Center? *1) "library" and "park/town green" were the most popular responses followed by 3) art gallery/museum, 4) education*

What social organizations do you belong to? *1) church/faith based, 2) chamber/business organization, 3) civic organization*

How should Fletcher grow? *1) more shopping/dining/entertainment, 2) more business/employment offerings, 3) no further growth, 4) more residential for sale, 5) more residential for rent*

2019 Property Taxes Due before 1/6/20

Remember there are several ways you may pay your Town of Fletcher taxes and avoid the 2% interest:

- 1) Bring or mail your check/money order to Town Hall
- 2) Pay online using your credit or debit card at www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/. Enter your "Roll Number", from your Property Tax Notice, to access your account, or call our office at 828-687-3985 to obtain your roll number.
- 3) After business hours, place your check/money order in our night deposit box in our Southside parking lot.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Holiday Schedule Changes

Christmas Eve 12/24 - Trash and recycling originally scheduled for pickup on Tuesday, 12/24 will be picked up on Monday, 12/23/19.

Christmas Day 12/25 - Trash and recycling originally scheduled for pickup on Wednesday, 12/25 will be picked up on Thursday, 12/26/19.

New Year's Day 1/1 - Trash and recycling originally scheduled for pickup on Wednesday, 1/1/20 will be picked up on Thursday, 1/2/20.

Leaf Pickup

The last day for Fall leaf pickup will be Monday, December 30th. Please remember that all leaves must be bagged. Call 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/>.



2020 Recycling Schedules

For those desiring a 2020 recycling schedule, it will be available in December.



**Fund
Raiser**

Thanks to some of our local artists, **New Fletcher Library Partners** will be holding an Art Show and Sale from November 18 – December 20, 2019 at "The Garage on 25" located at 3461 Hendersonville Road. Part of the proceeds from sales will be given to their construction fund for the new library. Since these paintings would make great Christmas gifts, you are invited to come and shop.

Their next meeting is 11/20/19 at 4:00pm in the Fletcher Town Hall Community Room. Meetings last approximately one hour. New people are invited to join and share ideas and expertise for fund raising and other topics.

DECEMBER 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 via 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.

Adult Coloring Color, chat, reflect, and relax. Registration is required. For adults only. (Typically) **First + Third Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (December 2 and 16)**

Avid Reader Book Club We will be reading *The Floatplane Notebooks* by Clyde Edgerton. Please, read the book prior to the meeting. **Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (December 2)**

Ryn and Friends Siblings Ryn and River Riley, along with Porter and Sayer Nesbitt, have been homeschooling friends for over 6 years in the Fletcher/Mills River area. Originally classically trained musicians, they recently found a love for old-time music and enjoy sharing those tunes with their community. Both families have been active in the Transylvania JAM (Junior Appalachian Musicians) program where they were introduced to the melodic mountain music they now play. 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)**

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 (December 3, 10, 17, 31)**

Family Holiday Story Time Join us for a special Holiday storytime where we will share Christmas stories, songs, and activities to kick off the Holiday Season! All ages welcome. **Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (December 4)**

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, 12:15-3:15pm (December 5, 12, and 19)**

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. **First Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (December 5)**

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 (December 5, 12, and 19)**

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 pm (December 7, 14, 21, and 28)**



DECEMBER FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS (continued)



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)**

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, and write a cover letter. **Wednesday, December 11 (2-4pm) and Tuesday, January 13 (11am-1pm)**

Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (December 12) 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 (December 12) 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 (December 21) 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 (December 21) 10:30am-12:30pm**

UPCOMING

Budgeting 101 A budget plan is one of the best tools for financial empowerment. Learn how income, expenses, and debt all affect a successful budget and gain tools to help you create a realistic budget. This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Friday, January 3 (10:30am-12:30pm)**

Learning to Knit This will be a 3-part series on learning how to knit; all supplies will be included. **Class #1:** Getting Started- learning how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. **Class #2:** Learning how to decrease. **Class #3:** Learning how to increase. 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 3 classes. Registration is required. **Saturday, January 4 + January 11 + January 25 (10:15am-12:30pm)**

Crazy Chemistry Become a Zani Scientist and join us as we take the mystery out of chemistry! We will explore what makes up nearly everything, from chemical reactions that puff and explode, to liquid physics that kids love! Discover the properties of solids, liquids, and gasses as we conduct hands on activities that combine these states of matter. This free program for Grades K-5 is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Wednesday January 22 (4-5pm)**

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, and write a cover letter. **Thursday, February 6 (10am-12pm)**

Miniature Magic Moss Dish Gardens Experience the joy of making your own miniature moss world to enjoy indoors. Annie Martin, aka Mossin' Annie, provides an opportunity to create moss magic to enjoy for years to come. Participants will make their own moss dish garden featuring verdant green mosses, native plants, and decorative rocks. This free program is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Friday, February 7 (1-3pm)**

Why and How to Collect Coins Coin collecting can be fun and educational. Come and learn how to start a collection and see why coin collecting is so cool! This free program for kids is presented by the Hendersonville Coin Club. Registration is required. **Monday, February 10 (4-5pm)**

CLOSINGS

Monday, December 23 All Henderson County Public Library locations will close at 5pm due to the Christmas holiday.

Tuesday, December 24 - Thursday, December 26 All Henderson County Public Library locations will be closed for the Christmas holiday.

Tuesday, December 31 All Henderson County Public Library locations will close at 5pm due to the New Year holiday.

Wednesday, January 1 All Henderson County Public Library locations will be closed for the New Year holiday.



Christmas in the Park

Saturday, December 7th

1:00-4:30 pm
Ice Skating
Snow Globe Photo Station
Holiday Crafts and Games
Santa's Vendor Village

1:30-3:30 pm
Visit with Santa

1:00-4:30 pm
1:00 - Fletcher Elementary Chorus
2:00 - Veritas '7th Ave' Band
3:30 - Appalachian Fire

4:00-5:00 pm
Hot Chocolate and Cookies

5:00 pm
Twas the Night Before Christmas
Mayor Whiteside
Christmas Tree Lighting

Christmas in the Park

Town of Fletcher will kick off the holiday season with our Second Annual Christmas in the Park on December 7th from 1:00-5:00 pm. The event will be held at Bill Moore Community Park, located at 85 Howard Gap Road in Fletcher.

This event will include food trucks, live music, a vendor village, ice skating, inflatable snow globe for photos, a tree lighting and of course Santa! This event is free except for items purchased from vendors.

For more information, please visit our website at www.fletchernc.org or our visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/.

Letters to Santa

Hey kids...our red Santa Mailbox will be in front of the Fletcher Town Hall and accepting letters to the North Pole from December 2nd - 18th. Please write your letter to Santa and also enclose a legible self-addressed stamped envelope with your letter so he can write you back.



Wellness Programs

New programs will begin in January. Stay up to date by checking our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/>.

You may also check out our programs online at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/>. For questions, call Hunter Jones at (828)687-0751.



FletcherParks.org
828.687.0751
Bill Moore
Community Park
85 Howard Gap Rd.
Fletcher, NC 28732



Save the Date

Saturday, December 7th	Christmas in the Park	1:00 pm
Saturday, January 18th	Chili Cook-Off	12:00 pm
Saturday, February 8th	Father Daughter Dance	3:30 pm

The replacement playground equipment at Bill Moore Community Park is being installed now and should be complete by December 1st.



Artist rendering of playground equipment



Thank you to our Veteran Salute Sponsor!


MOUNTAIN
CREDIT UNION

TOWN OF FLETCHER
300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD
FLETCHER, NC 28732

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New Business Spotlight



Local businesses support our community and the tax base in the Town of Fletcher. Please welcome these new businesses to Fletcher along with continuing to support our existing businesses.



Restaurant

3885 Hendersonville Road
828-376-3679 <http://jonnymacsnc.com/>
Open under new management
William N. Ralston, Owner



Countertop fabricator

513 Mills Gap Road
828-505-2137
Rockstarmarble.com

Seeds and Sprouts Kids, LLC

Children's retail consignment

Benefits foster care. Sale held bi-annually, in April & October, at the Xcel Sportsplex at 36 Maxwell Drive in Hendersonville.

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Retail car stereo sales and installation

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704-398-1822
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