



Town of Fletcher

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January 2020

Town Council

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Preston Blakely, Councilman
District #2.....(828)230-2838

Bob Davy, Councilman
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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.

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contact us at info@fletchernc.org.

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News from the December Town Council Meeting

- * Councilman Bob Davy provided updates on DOT road projects in our area: paving and sidewalks on Howard Gap Road from Jackson Road to Hendersonville Road should be completed in Spring 2020; Old Airport Road to Mills Gap Road is scheduled to be completed in July 2021; and NC 191 from Mountain Road to NC 280 will be let for bids in June 2023.
- * Town Council approved the property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
- * Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, and Jabbo Pressley, Public Works Director, discussed street resurfacing projects for fiscal year 2019-2020. Bids for resurfacing Running Briar Road and pipe replacements on Wilkie Way were estimated to cost \$245,383. This was higher than anticipated so we will create bid alternates for the drainage pipe replacement. Council approved the street resurfacing project.
- * Ben Cathey of McGill Associates shared that C&T Paving was the low bid for the Highway 25 Economic Development parking lot project, adjacent to 3787 Hendersonville Road, at a cost of \$41,768.72. Council approved the bid.
- * Mark Biberdorf shared the timeline for the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget process.
- * Mark Biberdorf provided an update on the Town Center project. He explained that the Town has closed on one of the eleven economic development properties the Town is purchasing. It is anticipated that we will close on two additional properties in December, with the remaining eight properties being finalized in January.
- * Mark Biberdorf met with Continental Teves regarding their plant closing in 2022. He shared with Teves that we hope plant operations will remain fairly close to normal until the plant closing date.
- * Mark Biberdorf reported the Public Works traffic study on Southchase Drive indicated the average speed was 29 mph and no upgrades were recommended.

Town Installs New District 2 Councilman

On December 2nd during the Town Council Agenda Meeting, **Preston Blakely** took his Oath of Office as the new Town Councilman representing District 2. Councilman Blakely has lived in Fletcher since the age of four, has a BA in Political Studies from UNC-G, and earned a Master of Public Affairs from Western Carolina University. He currently works as a manager at his family's business, Quality Janitorial Group. If you would like to contact Councilman Blakely, he may be reached by telephone at 828-230-2838 or he can be contacted via e-mail at p.blakely@fletchernc.org.



Preston Blakely, taking his Oath of Office

Town Hall Schedule Changes

Town Hall will be closed:

January 1st for New Year's Day

January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr Day



IMPORTANT TAX INFO

2019 Property Taxes Due by 1/6/20

On January 7, 2020, 2% interest will be added to any unpaid Town of Fletcher property taxes. Please remember, your payment must be received in our office by 1/6/20. If you mail your payment, it must have a **USPS postmark date** before 1/7/20 to avoid the interest. There are several ways to pay your Fletcher taxes:

- 1) Bring your cash or check payment to the Town Hall. We DO NOT accept credit/debit cards in our office.
- 2) Mail your check or money order to the Town of Fletcher at 300 Old Cane Creek Road in Fletcher.
- 3) Pay online using your credit or debit card at www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/. To access your account, enter your "Roll Number" from your Property Tax Notice or call our office at 828-687-3985 to obtain it. (There is a fee charged by the card processor for this service.)
- 4) Place your check or money order in our night deposit box, located in the Town Hall Southside parking lot available 24 hours/day and 7 days/week.
- 5) Utilize your bank's free online bill payment service.

2020 Tax Listing Forms Due 1/31/20

Anyone owning property subject to taxation must list the property in order to avoid a penalty. This includes Business Personal Property, Individual Personal Property, and changes made to Real Property. If you filed a personal property listing form last year, you should receive a pre-populated listing form for 2020 by mail. Please make any changes to your property listing and return it to the Henderson County Assessor **by January 31, 2020**. If you did not file a personal property listing form last year and you acquired property that must be listed, you may download a listing form from the Henderson County website at www.hendersoncountync.org or call 828-697-4870 to have a form mailed to you. Please allow time to return the listing form to the County Assessor by January 31, 2020 to avoid the 10% late listing penalty.

You will not receive a listing form for Real Property. If you made improvements to your Real Property that are valued over \$100, you must file a listing form. If no changes were made to your real Property during 2019, you do not need to file a listing form.

NC provides three types of tax relief based upon age and/or disability. Applications for tax relief must be received by Henderson County by 6/1/20. Contact the Henderson County Assessor's office for additional information at 828-697-4870.

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Holiday Schedule Changes

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

Martin Luther King Day 1/20 - No brush pickup on Monday but it will resume on Tuesday 1/21/20.

Leaf Pickup Ending

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

Christmas Tree Pickup

The Town will pick up and dispose of live Christmas trees after the holiday and through the month of January on Mondays along with brush collection. All decorations must be removed from the tree since it will be placed in a chipper. **We cannot accept artificial trees.** Please call 828-654-9208 or 828-687-3985 to schedule your pickup.

2020 Recycling Schedules

If you would like a 2020 recycling schedule, we should have copies available at the Town Hall by late December.

Thank You, Hugh Clark...

During the December Town Council Meeting, Mayor Rod Whiteside expressed appreciation to Hugh Clark for serving the Town of Fletcher as a Councilman for three consecutive 4-year terms on the Town Council. Mr. Clark, who recently retired from his commercial roofing business, Service One Inc., was originally appointed as the District 2 Councilman in July 2000. Mr. Clark's financial acuity has been a valuable asset to the Town for the past twelve years. Mr. Clark also previously served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town.

Town Board Vacancies

The Town of Fletcher currently has two Board vacancies. The **Historic Resources Commission** endeavors to preserve historic districts and landmarks within Henderson County. These important elements of our culture, history, or architectural history are preserved for the education, pleasure, and enrichment of County residents and beyond. The Town of Fletcher will appoint an individual to represent Fletcher on this Commission with final appointment given by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners. The **Fletcher Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, as appointed by our Town Council, makes decisions concerning recreation in our Town. If you want to help make Fletcher a great place to play and live or for more information about this Board, please contact Greg Walker at 828-687-0751. Applications for these Board positions can be found on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-committees/board-openings/>.

JANUARY 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), Valentines, yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks.

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.

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. 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, 12:15-3:15pm (January 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 11 *must* have an adult stay with them in the room. **First Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (January 2)**

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)**

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

Adult Coloring Color, chat, reflect, and relax. Registration is required. For adults only. Meets on the first Monday and third Tuesday this month due to the MLK holiday on Monday, January 20. (Typically) **First + Third Mondays, 10:30am-12pm (Monday, January 6 and Tuesday, January 21)**

Avid Reader Book Club We will be reading *The Day of the Jackal* by Frederick Forsyth. Please, read the book prior to the meeting. **Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (January 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, 3-4pm (January 7, 14, 21, and 28)**

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 (January 8, 15, 22, and 29)**

Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (January 9) 10:30-11:30am**

JANUARY FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS (continued)

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 (January 9) 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, and write a cover letter. **Monday, January 13 (11am-1pm)**

Knitting for a Cause We make hats and scarves for children and adults to give to the Interfaith Assistance Ministry of Hendersonville. So far, folks in our community have knitted (or crocheted) over 100 items for children. 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 (January 18) 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 (January 18) 10:30am-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)**

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+.** Note the change in dates this month. **Usually Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm (January 23 and 30)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)**

Enchanted Engineering Can you think beyond "happily ever after" and "once upon a time?" Can you create a tool, or system, to help the characters solve their problem or escape the Giant? Could Rapunzel have a different way to raise and lower people coming over to her house? What if we save the princess, beat the dragon, or overcome the Ogre or Troll in a new and different way? Join us to take on one of these challenges. This free program for Grades K-5 is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Wednesday, February 12 (4-5pm)**

Community Listening Session: Fletcher Library Henderson County Public Library is holding community listening sessions to seek input from community members into the Library's 2020-2023 Strategic Plan. Your feedback will help the Library to identify community priorities to shape the services that the Library provides in the years to come. Listening Sessions are being held at all Henderson County libraries at different times to accommodate busy schedules. **Monday, February 17 (5:30-7pm)**

CLOSINGS

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

Monday, January 20 All Henderson County Public Library locations will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

828-687-0751

Town of Fletcher 19th Annual Chili Cook-Off

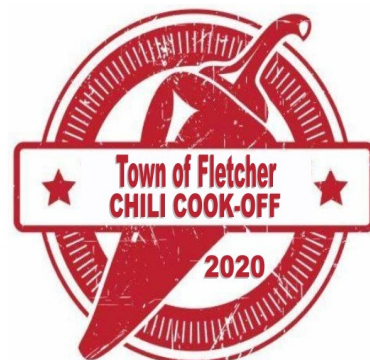
Saturday, January 18th from 12 pm - 2 pm at Veritas Christian Academy

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently seeking chefs interested in vying for the 2020 title of "Best Chili in Fletcher"! Awards will be given in the following categories: Best Overall Chili, Best Individual Chili, Best Business Chili, Best Table Décor, and People's Choice. All types of chili will be accepted including traditional chili, white chili, and vegetarian chili. If you are confident in your chili recipe, please download an application at www.FletcherParks.org or stop by the Fletcher Town Hall. All applications should be returned to the Parks and Recreation Department no later than January 10th.

This event is free and the public is invited to taste the various chili entries. Parks and Recreation staff will be on site accepting donations for the Fletcher Park Development Fund which helps improve our two parks within the Town of Fletcher.

For more information on Fletcher's Chili Cook-Off, please visit www.FletcherParks.org or call (828) 687-0751.

This event is generously being sponsored by First Citizens Bank of Fletcher!



Continue enjoying the Christmas lights at Bill Moore Community Park until 8:00pm nightly through January 2nd. After the 2nd, the park will return to the normal closing time of dusk.

Winter Yoga 2020

Tuesday or Thursday Nights

Eight Sessions with Instructor Mara Watts

Tuesday's starting January 7th – February 25th

Thursday's starting January 9th – February 27th

6:15 pm – 7:15 pm

Fletcher Town Hall

3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

Fees: Fletcher Residents – \$48

Non-Residents – \$64

Sign-up online at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/>.

Join us for our next round of yoga classes!

Save the Date

Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, Jan 18 **Veritas Christian Academy** 12:00 pm
Register until 1/10/20

Saturday, Feb 8 **Father Daughter Dance 1** 3:30 pm
Calvary Episcopal Church
Registration starts 1/9/20

Saturday, Feb 8 **Father Daughter Dance 2** 6:30 pm
Calvary Episcopal Church
Registration starts 1/9/20

Town of Fletcher's
Christmas in the Park
Saturday, December 7th

Our Christmas event was a huge success!

Thank you to those in attendance and especially our sponsors:



FletcherParks.org

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300 OLD CANE CREEK ROAD
FLETCHER, NC 28732**

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Update on the Highway 25 Corridor Enhancements

As many are aware, the Town of Fletcher has been engaged in a streetscape enhancement project along Highway 25 from Cane Creek Road to Howard Gap Road. We are very excited about the improvements, but are equally frustrated over some of the delays that have been experienced over the course of construction. On the surface, this project may seem relatively simple compared to other roadway construction projects. However, there are many layers involved as we have had to work with DOT and the Federal Highway Administration to make sure that we are compliant with their standards, as well as with Duke Energy to coordinate work on the pedestrian lighting and getting power to the new monuments and clock tower. All of these factors have created multiple layers of oversight and there have been hiccups along the way as certain elements have had to be corrected or delayed for various reasons.

However, the clock tower and chimes did begin working on December 18th!! Some of the remaining items yet to be completed include several stamped asphalt crosswalks, some minor adjustments to the travel lane striping, and monitoring of the landscaping to see what does not survive the winter. The crosswalks will not be completed until spring due to weather and temperature. When that work occurs, we will experience a few additional days of congested traffic, as there will be some brief lane closures. The landscaping that does not make it through the winter will be replaced at no additional charge to the Town (or to taxpayers!) as it is all under warranty.

We do regret the delays on this project, but we are coming to the end quickly, and we ask residents to "please pardon our dust," as we near completion. We are hopeful that the aesthetic enhancements to the corridor bring value to the Town, and help make our core center more attractive for future retail and commercial development. And we are grateful for everyone's patience and understanding through the construction process.

It's no longer 9:00 in Fletcher...the clock and chimes are now working! The clock will chime on the hour from 7:00am to 7:00pm and on special occasions.



New Business Spotlight



Natural oils, remedies, herbs, salts, coffee, and a dispensary

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