



Town of Fletcher

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February 2020

Town Council

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

Bob Davy, Mayor Pro-Tem
District #3 (828)687-0313

Eddie Henderson, Councilman
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Town Phone Numbers

Town Manager: (828)687-3985
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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. Past issues of our newsletter can be found on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/about-us/newsletter/>.

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 January Town Council Meeting

- * Town Department Heads provided an overview of current fiscal year accomplishments and potential budget requests for fiscal year 2020-2021.
- * Town Council approved the property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
- * A Public Hearing was set for February 3, 2020 to consider an annexation agreement with the city of Asheville for property located on Bryan Blvd.
- * Committee assignments for the Mayor and Town Council were approved.
- * Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, and Eric Rufa, Planning & Zoning Director, discussed Carolina Truffieres interest in leasing or possibly buying Town owned property on which to grow truffles. The Council had several questions regarding this matter so Mr. Biberdorf and Mr. Rufa will follow-up with Carolina Truffieres.
- * Mark Biberdorf shared information about the Fletcher Library project. On January 6th, Doug Agor and Grace Deal had shared with the Town Council that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners would like to receive a proposal from the Town of Fletcher regarding the Fletcher Library. Mr. Biberdorf presented several possible actionable responses to the County's request such as a Town land donation, community donations, a Town appropriation, and asking the County to budget funds for a preliminary estimate in their next fiscal year. Mr. Biberdorf will develop a draft proposal.
- * Mayor Rod Whiteside discussed the election of Mayor Pro-Tem since the Town had a General Election in November. Councilman Eddie Henderson nominated Councilman Bob Davy, which was unanimously approved.
- * Mayor Rod Whiteside discussed the financing of the dinner associated with the annual May budget retreat meeting. Councilman Preston Blakely make a motion to remove the expense from the Town budget. There was no second to his motion, so the discussion ended.
- * Mark Biberdorf provided an update on several topics including the Highway 25 Project and the broken stripping on one of the clock faces which will be repaired by January 23rd. He also noted that the WestNGN Leadership Summit and a broadband update will be held January 27th at UNC-Asheville.

Fletcher ranks # 8 in NC... HomeSnacks.net has published its 2020 list of "10 Best Places to Live in NC". Fletcher moved up 2 spots to #8. HomeSnacks states, "If you're looking at areas in NC with the best economic situations, with lower than average crime, and a lot to do, this is an accurate list." The criteria they considered for cities with a population of at least 5,000 included:

- Median home values
- Population density
- Unemployment rate
- Education levels
- Median income
- Poverty rates
- Commute time
- Health coverage
- Crime

"Fletcher ranked highly in the top ten places for a low unemployment rate and high adjusted median income. It scored extra points relative to the top ten for its size and things to do." To read the complete article, visit the HomeSnacks website at <https://www.homesnacks.net/these-are-the-10-best-places-to-live-in-north-carolina-125130/>.

HomeSnacks, based in Durham, "uses data, analytics, and a sense of humor to determine quality of life for places across the nation." They have been professionally ranking cities, neighborhoods, counties, and states for more than five years. Their mission is "... to help people find a place to live that fits them personally."

2020 Tax Listing Forms Due by 1/31/2020

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 <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/forms-and-applications> 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.

From Henderson County Tax Office

Henderson County is pleased to announce their enrollment in the BizLink system for the online listing of your *Business Personal Property*. Beginning January 1, 2020, businesses may file their listings or request extensions through the online system. All listings or extension requests must still be received by January 31, 2020. Get started online at: bizlink.taxscribe.com.

2019 Unpaid Property Taxes are Delinquent

If you have paid your 2019 taxes, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**. If you have not paid your 2019 taxes, a 2% interest penalty was assessed on 1/7/20 and a 3/4% interest penalty will be assessed at the first of each month until it is paid in full. Unpaid taxes are subject to enforced collection procedures such as attachment of bank accounts, wage garnishments, attachments of rents received, levy on personal property, foreclosure proceedings, and/or debt set-off of your NC Tax refund or lottery winnings. You may pay your taxes with a credit/debit card at www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/ (there is a fee charged by the card processor for this service), utilize your bank's free online bill payment service, or make your payment by cash, check, or money order at the Fletcher Town Hall.

2020 Property Tax Relief

North Carolina provides three types of tax relief based upon age and/or disability. Applications for tax relief must be received by Henderson County by 6/1/2020. Contact the Henderson County Assessor's office at 828-697-4870 for additional information or visit their website <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/tax/page/homestead-exclusion-elderly-or-permanently-disabled-persons>.

PUBLIC WORKS Q & A (828)654-9208

- * **Are you still picking up Christmas trees?**
Yes, for a limited time. Please call 828-654-9208 or 828-687-3985 to schedule your tree pickup.
- * **How can I get a 2020 recycling schedule?**
You may pick one up at Fletcher Town Hall or send an e-mail request via our Town contact form available at <https://www.fletchernc.org/contact-us/>.
- * **My recycling was not picked up, who do I call?**
Call our contractor, Curbside Management, directly at 828-252-2532 or call Public Works at 825-654-9208.
- * **How can I get my leaves picked up?**
Leaf pickup has ended for the fall season. The next leaf pickup will be during the first two weeks in April.
- * **When will the Town hold a paper shredding event?**
In late April, we will have a shredding event. More information will be shared in upcoming newsletters.
- * **Are styrofoam and packing peanuts recyclable?**
No, they are not recyclable and should be placed in your trash cart. Visit <https://www.fletchernc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/What-may-I-Recycle-2019-rev.pdf> for more recycling information.



We need your input...The Town of Fletcher is developing its first pedestrian and bicycle plan with help from our consulting team, led by the local firm Traffic Planning and Design. The plan will identify and help to prioritize strategies that may increase the number and frequency of people walking and bicycling within the Town of Fletcher. The plan will provide recommendations for improving the connectivity, safety, and convenience of the Town's pedestrian and bicycle network. If you live in or around Fletcher, we want to hear from you!

Your input is critical to help develop a plan that addresses the needs of people on foot and on bike in neighborhoods and commercial areas across the town. We are looking for responses from Fletcher's residents, workers, and visitors (including the many folks who start their bike rides in the town). Our questionnaire should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and will be available online from February 1 until March 1, 2020 via the homepage of the Town's website at www.fletchernc.org. Information collected will be confidential and used solely for developing the "Fletcher Connects" plan.

For citizens without computer access, copies of the survey are available at Fletcher Town Hall or the Fletcher Library at 120 Library Road in Fletcher.

FEBRUARY 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.

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 pm (February 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29)**

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 (February 3 and 17)**

Avid Reader Book Club We will be discussing *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Please, read the book prior to the meeting. **Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (February 3)**

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

Family Story Time Join us for family story time! We will share stories, rhymes, and songs geared to enhance a lifelong love of reading. All ages welcome. **Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (February 5, 12, 19, and 26)**

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)**

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

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 (February 6)**

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)**

FEBRUARY FLETCHER LIBRARY EVENTS (continued)

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)**

Stampin' Up Come join a Cardmaking Class and learn how to make beautiful cards you'll be proud to give away! You will explore fun and easy ways to create three cards: Valentine's Day, Birthday, and Thinking of You. This FREE program for adults is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Tuesday, February 11 (10:30am-12:30pm)**

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)**

Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (February 13) 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 (February 13) 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. So far, folks in our community have knitted (or crocheted) well over 100 items for children who are homeless in Henderson County. 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. Coming soon: crochet kits.** **Third Saturdays (February 15) 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 (February 15) 10:30am-12:30pm**

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)**



Father Daughter Dance
Saturday, February 8th
Dance Times **Residents Sign-up: Jan. 8th**
3:30-5:30 pm / 6:30-8:30 pm **Non-Residents Sign-up: Jan. 13th**
Purchase Tickets Online:
fletcherparks.recdesk.com

Calvary Episcopal Church
2840 Hendersonville Rd,
Fletcher, NC 28732

Father-Daughter Dance Tickets on Sale!

The Town of Fletcher will host its popular Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 8th at Calvary Episcopal Church. This is a special opportunity for dads to spend time with their daughters enjoying music, dancing, and refreshments. Each daughter will receive a flower, a photo by a professional photographer, and the opportunity to make a valentine craft sponsored by Fletcher Library. Two dances will be offered this year, a 3:30 p.m. dance and a 6:30 p.m. It is recommended that children 5 and under attend the 3:30 p.m. dance.

Tickets for Fletcher residents:

\$16 per dad and \$6 for each daughter

Tickets for Non-residents:

\$18 per dad and \$8 for each daughter

Dance tickets may be purchased online by credit/debit cards at fletcherparks.recdesk.com.

Tickets may be purchased with cash or check only at Fletcher Town Hall
Monday - Friday, 8am - 5 pm.

For more information on our Father-Daughter Dance, visit <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/upcoming-events/> or call (828) 687-0751.

Save the Date

Saturday, Feb 8	Father Daughter Dance 1 Calvary Episcopal Church	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Saturday, Feb 8	Father Daughter Dance 2 Calvary Episcopal Church	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Monday, Mar 2	Summer Day Camp Registration opens to Fletcher Residents	8:00 am
Tuesday, Mar 3	Summer Day Camp Registration opens to Non-Fletcher Residents	8:00 am

We're hiring Summer Day Camp Counselors...

If you are at least age 16 and like working with kids and need a summer job, visit www.fletchernc.org to learn more about this seasonal job opportunity and to access our online job application.

Interested in Youth Baseball or Softball?

If your child would like to play youth baseball or softball this Spring, contact Fletcher Youth Baseball and Softball (rather than Fletcher Parks & Recreation). For more information, visit their website at <http://www.fys.sportssignup.com/site/> or Facebook at www.facebook.com/Fletcheryouthbaseball/.



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Town of Fletcher Chili Cook-Off
a success!



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Need to dispose of old prescription medications?

The Town of Fletcher will have a "pill drop" event when we conduct our paper shred event in April. However if you want to dispose of your old medications now, there are a few locations near Fletcher which continually accept medicines for disposal. To find a participating location, visit the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration website located at https://apps2.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main.jsessionid=y_iqbWJtweoHT6GKwQETC6k-1s8klrM1xRt0TSzj.web2?execution=e1s1.

Henderson County also has a drug disposal program through the Sheriff's Department. More information about it can be found on their website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/sheriff/page/drug-disposal-program>.

Community Listening Session Monday, February 17, 2020

5:30 - 7:00pm - Fletcher Library

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CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE February 28-29, 2020



Smart Start
Partnership for Children

Books for kids 0-18! Priced to sell! Most for \$1 or less!

Proceeds provide books for young children through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

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828-693-1580 | www.smartstartpfc.org

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Fri 3 PM - 5 PM & Sat 8 AM - 4 PM
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