



Town of Fletcher

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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. 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 February Town Council Meeting

- Councilman Bob Davy was sworn in as Mayor Pro-Tem.
- Councilwoman Shelia Franklin provided an update on water and sewer projects in the County. Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Davy shared an update from the French Broad River MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) meeting he attended on transportation projects.
- Town Council approved the property tax releases from the Henderson County Tax Office.
- A Public Hearing was set for March 9, 2020 to consider CD Application # 2020-01 from Mr. Josh Youngblood to rezone Pin # 9652-69-7958 from C-1 (commercial) to R-2 or R-1 (residential).
- A 2019-2020 fiscal year audit contract with Lowdermilk Church & Co. was approved at a cost of \$15,900.
- Brittany Brady, President of Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development, provided an overview of prior and current year projects and noted they will be seeking a slight increase in their budget request for fiscal year 2020-2021. A formal request letter will be forthcoming later this month.
- Ben Cathey of McGill Associates shared that C&T Paving of Leicester, NC was the lowest responsible bidder for the street resurfacing project on Running Briar Road and the replacement of two drainage pipes on Wilkie Way and recommended awarding the project to C&T Paving. The Town Council voted to approve the recommendation.
- A Public Hearing was held to consider an annexation agreement with the city of Asheville for property located on Bryan Blvd. After no public comment, the agreement was approved by Town Council.
- Cynthia Broome, Tax Collector, provided a 2019 tax year updated collection report and noted that delinquent taxpayers will be advertised in the newspaper on March 25, 2020 per NCGS 105-369.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, led a discussion on the Fletcher Library project and current happenings surrounding it. Mayor Rod Whiteside had sent a letter to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners indicating our support and sharing our proposal for the Library project. The Mayor received a letter back from the Board of Commissions, which he read aloud, which indicated that the County had a policy of not building any new libraries within a municipality. This new development was followed by significant discussion.
- Mark Biberdorf discussed designating a Council member to serve as an ex-officio member of the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development Board. Council members Eddie Henderson and Sheila Franklin were interested in serving so a written ballot vote was taken. Mrs. Franklin was elected.
- Heather Taylor, Assistant Town Manager, discussed Resolution R-20-01 dealing with the financing for the Highway 25 Economic Development Acquisition project. The Town Council approved the resolution to change the financial institution involved in the installment purchase agreement to BB&T.
- Mark Biberdorf shared that he had received a final draft of the Town Center Economic Development Market Analysis which was conducted in the Fall of 2019. It was decided to hold a Special Called Meeting on February 26, 2020 at 4:00pm to discuss the report.

Town Council Meetings

Sometimes residents express concern over being unaware of issues being considered by the Town Council. Two different monthly meetings are held which are open to the public with citizens welcome to attend.

An **Agenda Review Meeting** is held the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00pm, unless rescheduled due to a conflict. The purpose of this meeting is to present and discuss the background of agenda items which will be presented during the Regular Meeting. The **Regular Meeting** is held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm, unless rescheduled due to a conflict, with final actions being taken on agenda items during this meeting. Meeting dates for the entire year for both meetings are posted on the Town bulletin board, located outside the front door of the Town Hall, and on the home page of the Town website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/>.

The agenda for the meetings is published on the Town website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-council/agendas/> by 5:00pm on the Friday prior to the Agenda Review meeting. Minutes from previous meetings, once approved at the next monthly Regular Meeting, are posted on our website at <https://www.fletchernc.org/town-government/town-council/meeting-minutes/>.

There is a "Public Comment" section at the beginning of both meetings during which citizens can address the Council for 3 minutes and talk about any topic which concerns the resident. Citizens simply arrive a few minutes early to the meeting and sign up to speak. At the beginning of the meeting, each citizen who signed up is called forward and allowed to speak. If a Public Hearing is also being held during the Regular meeting, residents who have signed up to speak during the Hearing will be allowed their time when the Town Council is actually considering that particular issue.

If you are interested in what is happening within the Town of Fletcher, read our newsletter, visit our website, watch our Town bulletin board, or consider attending a Town Council meeting.

2019 Delinquent Taxpayer Listing

If you have not paid your 2019 taxes, a 3/4% interest penalty will be assessed at the first of each month until it is paid in full. Delinquent taxpayers, as of mid-March, will appear in the newspaper. Enforced collection procedures have also started such as the attachment of bank accounts, wage garnishments, attachments of rents received, levy on personal property, foreclosure proceedings, and/or debt set-off of NC Tax refunds or lottery winnings. Taxes may be paid by credit or debit card online at www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/ (there is a fee charged by the card processor), by using your bank's free online bill payment service, or you may make your payment by cash, check, or money order at Fletcher Town Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS (828)654-9208

Recycling "No-No's"

Here's the top 10 things that our recycling contractor cannot accept in your recycling cart: (from curbie.com)

- ◆ Plastic bags
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Aluminum foil
- ◆ Black microwaveable trays
- ◆ Plastic film (bubble wrap, plastic wrap)
- ◆ Styrofoam / packing peanuts
- ◆ Dishes
- ◆ Mirror and window glass
- ◆ Motor oil bottles
- ◆ Metal items that are not cans - like frying pans/pots
- ◆ Shredded paper



Almost Time for Spring Leaf Pickup

Public Works will pick up **bagged** leaves in early April on April 6th and 13th. Call (828) 654-9208 to request a leaf pickup or visit our website at www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/ to complete an online request.



Yes, your observation is correct...

Some residents have noticed that the traffic signals for the traffic headed north and south on Hendersonville Road now seem to stay green a little longer than before. Due to the construction work currently taking place on I-26 and the anticipated increase in traffic on Hendersonville Road, NC DOT has increased the amount of time the light will stay green for north and south bound traffic. For those coming from side streets onto Hendersonville Road, your wait will be slightly longer for your light to turn green but it will change, so please be patient.

Looking Ahead:

March 3rd - Primary Election. Early voting ends 2/29/2020.

March 4th at 6:00pm - Agenda Review Meeting (date change due to the Primary Election)

March 8th - Daylight Savings Time starts

March 9th at 7:00pm - Regular Town Council Meeting

April 25th from 9:00am to 12:00pm - Shred & Pill Drop Event at the Town Hall Southside parking lot



Thank you for participating in our online survey and for attending the information session held on February 12th. Updates will continued to be shared as available.

MARCH 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 yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks, doilies, lace, rick rack, ribbon, narrow tinsel ribbon or string, and pipe cleaners.

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.

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.

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

Avid Reader Book Club We will be discussing *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. **Usually the First Monday, 1-2pm (March 2)**

Conversational Spanish Medium to advanced levels of Spanish are spoken. Come by and test out your Spanish comprehension. **For ages 17+. Tuesdays, 3-4pm (March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31)**

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

Beginning Conversational French Join us for this beginning French conversational class taught by Elizabeth Sanford. This class is for all ages but if your child is under 11, they must have a parent stay with them. **Wednesdays, 4-5pm (March 4, 11, 18, and 25)**

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 (March 5, 12, 19, and 26)**

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 (March 5)**

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 (March 7, 14, 21, and 28)**

Mission to Mars Ever wanted to take an exciting journey? What if you could take that journey from the comforts of your library? Welcome to Mission to Mars! Participants will program a LEGO EV3 robot to explore the surface of Mars. This free program for Grades K-5 is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Monday, March 9 (3:30-4:30pm)**

Goodwill Career Connection: Interview Prep Join us. **Tuesday, March 10 (12-2pm)**

Fletcher Book Club Read what you want and bring it to the table for discussion. **Second Thursdays (March 12) 10:30-11:30am**

MARCH 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 (March 12) 1:30-2:30pm**

Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon Dollywood Little Engine Playhouse presents: Be yourself like Molly Lou Melon! Molly Lou Melon's grandma gives her the best advice, and it always works- no matter what that bully Ronald Durkin tries! This book is written by Patty Lovell and illustrated by David Catrow. **Tuesday, March 17 (11am-12pm)**

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 **170** 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 or crochet yet are unable to attend but would like to help, stop by and pick up a kit. Bring the hat back when you are done. Or bring a hat, scarf or sweater of your own design.** **Third Saturdays (March 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 (March 21) 10:30am-12:30pm**

Need for Trees We all know trees are important, but do we totally understand the roles they play in everyday life? Let a Park Specialist from Chimney Rock State Park lead you through an introduction to the life cycle of a tree, basic tree ID, and impressive facts about our forest friends. At the end of the program, each participant will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty when they take home a small tree to plant. Open to all ages. Registration is required. **Wednesday, March 25 (3:30-4:30pm)**

Gardening for Thrift and Fun Want to eat thrifty meals at home? Why not plant a garden? Join us for this hands-on outdoor workshop. Dress accordingly. For all ages. This workshop will be held outside the Fletcher Library. Registration is required. **Saturday, March 28 (10am-12pm)**

UPCOMING

Needle Felting This class is an introduction to Needle Felting and its history. We will start with some basic techniques and then create an Easter egg with baby chick. No prior experience necessary. All supplies will be provided. Due to the high levels of interest in this class, priority will be given to those who have not taken a Needle Felting class at Fletcher in the past. Registration is required. **Saturday, April 4 (10:30am-1:30pm)**

Eggsellent Engineering We are going to conduct some egg drops in the name of science. Get ready to engineer your way to eggsellence! We will learn the basics of design by creating containers for an egg and dropping them to their destiny. This free program for Grades K-5 is funded by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. **Monday, April 6 (3:30-4:30pm)**

Preventing Identity Theft During this free seminar for adults, learn how to identify various types of fraud, find out how to respond to fraud, and learn how to protect against fraud. Registration is required. **Tuesday, April 7 (10:30-11:30am)**

Goodwill Career Connection: Linked In Join us. **Friday, April 17 (1:30-3:30pm)**

Christian Fiction Book Club Please join us on the 4th Thursday of the month to discuss a Christian Fiction book. All are welcome! This month we will discuss *A Reluctant Bride* by Jody Hedlund. **Thursday, April 23 (2-3pm)**

Goodwill Career Connection Join us. **Monday, May 11 (12-2pm)**



Summer Camp Registration Begins Soon!

Fletcher Summer Day Camp

For rising 1st - 5th graders
9 camp weeks available starting June 15th
We will accept 50 campers per week

Fletcher Middle School Adventure Camp

For rising 6th - 8th graders
8 camp weeks available starting June 22nd
We will accept 10 campers per week

Online registration will begin **March 2nd at 8:00am for Fletcher Residents** (i.e. those who pay Town property taxes) and **March 3rd at 8:00am for Non-Residents**. To preview the Parent Handbook and to learn about camp dates, cost, scheduled field trips, and other information go to <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/fletcher-summer-day-camp/>. Visit <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com> to complete a camp application plus pay your \$25 deposit to hold a space for your child. You may create the online profile for each child prior to the start of registration to help expedite the registration process. Only cash/check payments accepted at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

WE'RE HIRING!

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

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.



Save the Date

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| Monday, Mar. 2 | Summer Camp Registration - Fletcher Residents - | 8:00 am |
| Tuesday, Mar. 3 | Summer Camp Registration - Non-Fletcher Residents - | 8:00 am |
| Tuesday, Mar. 3 | Empire Lacrosse practices start | 4:00 pm |
| Monday, Mar. 9 | Fletcher Youth Baseball/Softball | 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday, Mar. 24 | Tuesday Yoga begins | 6:15 pm |
| Thursday, Mar. 26 | Thursday Yoga begins | 6:15 pm |
| Saturday, Apr. 4 | Fletcher Easter Egg-Stravaganza | 12-2 pm |

Thank You!

We wish to thank **Morris Broadband** for being the annual Father Daughter Dance Sponsor for the 10th consecutive year!



Thank You!

Special thanks to the **Fletcher Library** for sponsoring the crafts for our annual Father Daughter Dance.



Interested in Youth Baseball or Softball?

For information, please visit the Fletcher Youth Baseball and Softball league website at <http://www.fys.sportssi.gnup.com/site/> or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Fletcheryouthbaseball/.

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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.

Golden Goose

Children's Consignment Boutique
4110 Hendersonville Road, Suite 10
828-290-9553

Open Monday - Saturday

www.GrowWithGG.com

facebook.com/golden.goose.consignment/

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