



Town of Fletcher

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Town Council

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District #1 (828) 684-5676

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Bob Davy, Mayor Pro-Tem
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Town Phone Numbers

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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 6:00 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 September Town Council Meeting

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers but social distancing guidelines and mass gathering recommendations were followed.

- Erik Summey, Police Chief, recognized Sergeant David Hensley for his July retirement from the Fletcher Police Department and presented him with his side arm and badge.
- A Public Hearing was held regarding the possible Town purchase of a parcel of land on Highway 25 owned by NC DOT. Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, explained that due to the property's location, it would aid in the Town Center project and assist with Town economic development efforts. The Town placed a \$500 bid on the property which was to be auctioned.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, reported on a request made by Town staff in early September for a NC DOT traffic study of Fanning Bridge Road where it intersects with Snowball Lane, Sunflower Lane, and Lilac Lane. While awaiting the study results, he shared that our Public Works Department did trim some of the vegetation along this area of Fanning Bridge in hopes of immediately improving sight distances for drivers pulling out from the adjoining streets even though the maintenance of this area is a DOT responsibility. Mr. Biberdorf furthermore shared that Lonnie Watkins, the DOT District Engineer in our area, had contacted him and relayed that the DOT Safety Committee met in early September and reviewed the five-year accident history of this area back to 2015. With none of the three reported accidents having resulted from drivers turning from these 3 intersecting roads onto Fanning Bridge Road or other major detriments to traffic movement in this specific location, Mr. Watkins explained it would not qualify for any DOT safety improvements. However, he did share that the actuated flasher at the nearby intersection of Rutledge Road and Fanning Bridge Road had been approved for replacement to a permanent traffic signal. He was unsure of the exact timeframe for the installation of the traffic signal, however, due to funding considerations.

One-Stop Voting Begins October 15th

Fletcher Town Hall will serve as a Henderson County One-Stop Voting site for the General Election from October 15th - October 31st. This site will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 7:30 pm and on Saturday the 17th and 24th from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. On Saturday October 31st, the hours will be 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Specific questions about voting or related matters should be addressed to the Henderson County Board of Elections at (828) 697-4970 or you may visit their website located at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections>.

October Town Council Meeting Change

Due to Fletcher Town Hall serving as a One-Stop Voting site, we will combine our October Agenda and Regular Town Council meetings. Fletcher Town Council will hold their regular meeting on Monday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

North Carolina Moved to Phase 2.5

Governor Cooper's Executive Order #163 moved NC to Phase 2.5 on September 4th and remains in effect through 5:00pm on October 2nd. Three changes in this Order have positively impacted the Town of Fletcher parks including: mass gathering limits increased to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors and playgrounds re-opening. These changes have increased the group size for Steelcase Shelter reservations, opened the playground and fitness pad at Bill Moore Community Park, and opened Kate's Shelter and playground located at Kate's Park on Library Road (beside the Fletcher Library). Please remember that mask mandates and other prevention methods remain in effect with this latest order.

As of 9/25/20, the 28732 zip code has reported 121 COVID cases.

Fletcher Area Water System Improvements

The "Northside Water System Improvements Project", as part of the Hendersonville Water Capital Improvement Plan, began in late September and will improve water pressure and system capacity for the north end of the County. Water service in the Fletcher (Northside) area will be improved by creating a new pressure zone with a new ground storage tank at a higher elevation and a water booster station to feed the new ground storage tank. A new ground storage tank will be constructed adjacent to the existing ground storage tank, located off Burney Mountain Road, but with a new overflow elevation of 2,375 feet (about 70' higher than the existing tank) with a storage capacity of 1.0 million gallons like the existing tank. The ground storage tank will be served by a water booster station, which will be constructed south of the US 25 and Howard Gap Road intersection on Woodhill Drive. The 1,750 gallons-per-minute water booster station will fill the tank during off-peak hours and provide additional flow during peak demands. The construction of the proposed water booster station will include approximately 1,500 linear feet of 12-inch water main along Woodhill Drive to serve as suction and discharge piping between the proposed water booster station and the existing 16-inch water main on US 25. The contractor, M.B. Kahn Construction, estimates a target completion date of May 2021.

Planning Ahead:

October 15 th - 31 st	One-Stop Voting at Town Hall
October 23 rd	Trick or Treat Trail at the park
November 1 st	Daylight Savings Time ends
November 2 nd - 14 th	Thanksgiving Food Drive collection bins located at Town Hall
November 3 rd	General Election Day

PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208

Fall Leaf Pickup Begins October 5th

If the leaves have starting falling around your property and you are ready to pile them up before they pile up on you, then starting raking and bagging and give us a call. Please do not include grass clippings, pampas grass, mulch, dirt, or rocks with the leaves since the leaves will be recycled. Call 828-654-9208, 24 hours a day 7 days a week, to reach the Public Works' message recorder to request a leaf pickup. You may also complete a pickup request online at <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/>. If you would rather talk to a person, call Town Hall at 828-687-3985 during normal business hours and request your leaf pickup. Public Works will pick up bagged leaves every Monday through December 28th.



Proper leaf disposal, please...

Although raking leaves can be a great workout (30 minutes of raking can burn about 150 calories) most people want to complete this task as soon as possible. However, please do not take a 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.

Beyond contacting us to pick up your bagged leaves (see article above), there are a couple of other disposal methods. For example, you can use your lawn mower to reduce the leaves to small bits that can be left on the lawn as added nutrients for the soil; add the leaves to your mulch or compost pile; or, use them as a winter cover for your garden or kindling for your outdoor fire pit.

Fletcher Library is accepting donations of yarn for its *Knitting for a Cause* program. This group makes hats and scarves for children and



adults to give to the Interfaith Assistance Ministry in Hendersonville. If you have donations of yarn or knitting needles, please call the Library at 828-687-1218. The Fletcher Library is now open Monday 12pm-7pm, Wednesday 12pm-7pm, Thursday 9am-4pm, and Saturday 9am-4pm. Visit www.hendersoncountync.gov/library or call 828-687-1218 for more information.

Trick OR TREAT Trail

Friday, October 23, 2020

3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Bill Moore Community Park
85 Howard Gap Road, Fletcher, NC

Hunter ingles
Subaru



State Farm
Tabatha W. Hamlin



Limited Tickets!

Ticket includes:

Reserved (30 min) Time Slot and Treat Bag

Register Online:

FletcherParks.RecDesk.com



Save the Date

Saturday,
Oct 3rd
9:00 am

Robert G. Parrish, Sr.
Memorial Golf
Tournament at
Cummings Cove Golf
Club in Etowah

Friday,
Oct 23rd
3:00 - 5:30 pm

Trick or Treat Trail
Bill Moore
Community Park

Saturday,
Nov 7th
9:00 am

Veterans Salute
(location TBD)

Trick or Treat Trail

Bill Moore Community Park
Friday October 23, 2020 3:00 - 5:30 pm

Families with children up to age 12, come enjoy trick or treating at the park while walking the one-mile trail and stopping for vendor treats along the way.

- 👉 A Jack O' Lantern Scavenger Hunt and a Virtual Costume Contest will also be held.
- 👉 Pre-registration is required and only 125 tickets will be available at \$1 per Trick or Treater. A ticket will ensure a walk on the trail and a treat bag.
- 👉 Parents do not need tickets, only children. Face masks are strongly encouraged for participants and adults.
- 👉 No pets are allowed at this event.
- 👉 25 tickets will be available per 30 minute time slot with the first group starting at 3:00 pm and the last group starting at 5:00 pm.
- 👉 Tickets for Fletcher residents will go on sale October 5th. Tickets for non-Fletcher residents will go on sale October 10th.
- 👉 More information about this event along with tickets for each of the 5 time slots may be purchased, while they last, on our website at <https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/Community/Home>.

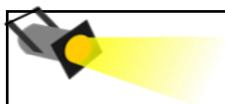
Parks & Rec Needs Your Help

- With mask usage still a requirement in NC's Phase 2.5, we are finding a significant number of used face masks being discarded around Bill Moore Community Park and its trails. Please help keep the park clean by taking your mask back home with you or depositing it in a trash can. Remember, if you throw a mask down, someone has to pick it up. Our employees and your fellow parkgoers wish to remain safe and healthy too, so please refrain from sharing your used masks with us.
- Just in case you didn't know... the tomato fields located in the back of the park are on Blue Ridge Metals private property and rented to a farmer, so they are not part of Bill Moore Community Park. If you happen to venture into that area and walk on the farmer's paths, please stay on the paths and not in his crop fields.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in these matters.

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New Business Spotlight

Please welcome these new businesses to Fletcher!



Opening October 2nd

3445 Hendersonville Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

Open Tuesday - Saturday

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

828-376-3711

Gourmet Nut Butter Sandwiches, Coffee, and Desserts

www.pbandjayscafe.com



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