



# Town of Fletcher

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## November 2020

### Town Council

Rod Whiteside, Mayor  
Phone: (828)545-8913

Sheila Franklin, Councilwoman  
District #1 (828)684-5676

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

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

Eddie Henderson, Councilman  
District #4 (828)231-4811

### Town Phone Numbers

Town Manager.....(828)687-3985  
Town Fax.....(828)687-7133  
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 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](mailto:info@fletchernc.org).  
For additional Town information,  
please visit our website at  
[www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org) or visit our  
Facebook page located at  
<https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/>.

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### News from the October Town Council Meeting

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

- The Town Council took action on the following matters by Consent Agenda:
  - Approved property tax releases/refunds from the Henderson County Tax office.
  - Approved Resolution R-20-06 for an auction of surplus Town vehicles to begin on November 2nd on [www.gov-deals.com](http://www.gov-deals.com).
  - Approved an Interlocal Agreement with Henderson County for Coronavirus Relief Funding to be used for Police Department unbudgeted expenses due to COVID-19.
- Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager, shared a list of twelve items as our proposed 2020-2021 Legislative Priorities List to share with our NC Legislative delegation. These items centered around developing sources of funding for projects that would improve or enhance our Town and its services or would help fund changes required by state or federal legislation.
- Mark Biberdorf discussed the process currently underway to update our Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This tool is used to assist in capital expenditure planning for new and existing Town services.
- Mark Biberdorf shared the final results of the NC DOT Traffic Safety Review for the section of Fanning Bridge Road where it intersects with Snowball Lane, Sunflower Lane, and Lilac Lane. In looking at accident history for the previous five years, there were only three accidents in this area. All three were rear-end collisions which occurred on Fanning Bridge Road with no injuries and no accidents due to turning from these three intersecting roads onto Fanning Bridge Road. Since there was limited accident history or other major detriments to traffic movement in the studied area, it unfortunately does not qualify for any DOT safety improvements. However, the actuated flasher at the intersection of Rutledge Road and Fanning Bridge Road has been approved for replacement to a permanent traffic signal. This should be a major improvement for that intersection and should also help the residents along the studied cross streets when turning onto Fanning Bridge. The installation timeline for the light change is unknown at this time due to DOT's current budget situation.

### November Holiday Observances

Fletcher Town Hall will be closed November 11, 2020 in observance of Veteran's Day. The Town Hall will also be closed on November 26 and 27, 2020 in observance of Thanksgiving. Please see the Public Works article inside for trash and recycling schedule changes.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Town of Fletcher will be collecting canned food items to be distributed to those in need in our community. A large blue collection bin will be located on the lower level of Town Hall and on the first floor in the Town Hall lobby starting November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our food drive will continue through November 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank for you sharing and caring for your neighbors.



## **FLETCHER CONNECTS**



**A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR  
BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS**

Our consultants from Traffic Planning and Design have finished preparing the draft of *Fletcher Connects: A Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Town of Fletcher*. Thank you to all those who provided input and helped rank the proposed projects to be included in the plan. Currently the draft is in the hands of the stakeholder committee and Fletcher Town Council for consideration. We hope to have an approved plan within the next few months.

## Property Taxes Due in January 2021

Just a reminder...You have two more months until property taxes will be past due on January 6, 2021 with 2% interest being added. Some taxpayers have been making payments toward their tax bill, which is a great idea. Payments may be made by cash or check in the Town Hall or placed in our drop box located in our side parking lot. You may also pay your taxes by credit or debit card online at <https://www.fletchernc.org/departments/finance/property-taxes/> or online using your bank's bill pay option. If you are unable to pay your tax bill in full, don't wait, contact us now so we can discuss a possible payment plan.

## Road Construction Information

Construction on Old Airport Road and at the Cane Creek intersection, paving on Jackson Road, and closure of the Mills Gap bridge left Town residents frustrated on 10/19/20. It seems there was miscommunication between the 2 NC DOT regions as neither was aware of the other's work. Our Henderson County contact was very apologetic of the incident. Although we are not consistently notified by DOT when construction work is taking place in and around Fletcher, we have started posting information as we learn of it. Please visit our Town Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherNC.Gov/> to view these updates.



## **PUBLIC WORKS (828) 654-9208**

### Holiday Schedule Changes:

#### **November 11th - Veteran's Day**

Wednesday, Nov 11th trash and recycling will be picked up, the following day, Thursday Nov. 12th



#### **November 26th - Thanksgiving**

Thursday, Nov 26th trash and recycling will be picked up, the previous day, on Wednesday Nov. 25th



#### **November 27th - Day after Thanksgiving**

Friday, Nov 27th trash and recycling pickup will be picked up the following Monday on Nov. 30th

### Leaf Pickup Continues

If you have bagged leaves that are ready to be picked up, leave a phone message 24 hours/day at 828-654-9208 or go to <https://www.fletchernc.org/leaf-brush-pickup/> to complete an online request.

### November 3rd Voting

If you have not voted in the General Election, there is still time. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> you can vote at your assigned precinct. To verify which precinct you are assigned to, visit the Henderson County Board of Elections website at <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections> or call 828-697-4970. On the left side of their website, you can find "Elections" information such as your assigned voting precinct, etc. You can also view or print a sample voting ballot from their website.

If you voted by mail and mailed your ballot to the Board of Elections, you can track your ballot's status by visiting the NC State Board of Elections sponsored site of <https://northcarolina.ballottrax.net/voter/>.



**The Fletcher Library** is now open Monday 12pm - 7pm, Wednesday 12pm - 7pm, Thursday 9am - 4pm, and Saturday 9am - 4pm. They are accepting donations of yarn for their Knitting for a Cause program, which 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. For more information visit [www.hendersoncountync.gov/library](https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/library) or call 828-687-1218. **NOTE:** The Library will be closed November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day and also November 26<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.



# Virtual VETERANS' SALUTE



Wednesday, November 11, 2020 9:00 am

## Keynote Speakers:

**Private First Class, Stephen Henderson,**  
United States Marine Corps  
**Lieutenant, Ron Toler,**  
United States Air Force

## To Honor Our Veterans:

We ask all local Veterans email a picture of themselves including name, service branch, rank and years of service to [h.jones@fletchernc.org](mailto:h.jones@fletchernc.org)  
By submitting a photo you give your permission to the Town of Fletcher to use the photograph in official publications.



**Thank you so much to all Trick or Treat Trail vendors and sponsors!**



## Virtual Veterans Salute

**Our annual Veterans Salute will be virtual this year due to COVID.**

To honor our veterans we will have two keynote speakers this year and will be creating a virtual slideshow of all our local veterans -- so we need your help. We are asking veterans, or their families, to email us a picture of their veteran to [h.jones@fletchernc.org](mailto:h.jones@fletchernc.org) by Nov. 5th or call Hunter Jones at 828-687-0751.

Along with the photo, please include: the veteran's name, military rank, branch of service, and the years served (ex: 1941-1945).

Our virtual salute will be available for viewing on November 11th at 9:00 a.m. by going to <https://www.facebook.com/FletcherParksandRecreation/> or [www.fletchernc.org](http://www.fletchernc.org). Join us then to hear our keynote speakers, listen to patriotic music, and view photos of our Fletcher veterans. This presentation will also be available for viewing after Nov. 11th just in case you missed it at 9:00 am.

## **Virtual Yoga is back for the Holidays**

Our 6-week class runs from 11/5/20 - 12/17/20. Every Thursday by noon, you will receive an e-mail with a link to the newest 1-hour Yoga session. You may view each session multiple times until midnight of 12/25/20.

Cost is \$35 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Online registration ends 11/4/20.

**Register online at:**

<https://fletcherparks.recdesk.com/>

## **Save the Date**

Wednesday, Nov 11	<b>Virtual Veterans Salute</b>	9:00 am
Monday, Dec. 7	<b>Letters to Santa</b>	8:00 am
Friday, Dec. 11	<b>Christmas Lights at Bill Moore Park</b>	5:30 pm

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What's your reason to keep space, mask-up, and stay healthy?



To share your story, please visit: [https://form.jotform.com/202536088444154?fbclid=IwAR3nuel3kYKp8K\\_C8O6TB9Lzbpz8FlbTGP9lpLqklwUpes8fkkPWT071Q](https://form.jotform.com/202536088444154?fbclid=IwAR3nuel3kYKp8K_C8O6TB9Lzbpz8FlbTGP9lpLqklwUpes8fkkPWT071Q).

### Out of work due to COVID?

If you're looking for work due to a change in your job or job status because of COVID or other issues, check out this list, compiled by the Land of Sky Regional Council, of employers in and around our area that are hiring [http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/COVID/CompaniesHiring\\_10520\\_English.pdf](http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/COVID/CompaniesHiring_10520_English.pdf)

### NC Remains in Phase 3

On October 21st, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order No. 170 which extends the Phase 3 order for another three weeks, until November 13th at 5:00 p.m., since several NC trends are moving in the wrong direction. As a reminder, the mass gathering limit remains at 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.

As of 10/21/20, the 28732 zip code has reported 151 COVID cases.

### Housing Opportunities & Prevention of Evictions Program

HOPE is a new statewide initiative that may provide rent and utility assistance to eligible low- and moderate-income renters experiencing financial hardship due to the economic effects of COVID-19. For more information, visit <https://nc211.org/hope/> or call 1-888-892-1162 Monday - Friday from 7:00am - 6:00pm.