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Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Important Numbers

Town Hall.....295-5200
Planning & Inspection.....295-5240
Water/Sewer/Garbage.....295-5200
Parks & Recreation.....295-5222
Water - After Hours.....295-5210

Non-Emergency

Police Department.....295-5210
Fire Department.....295-5220

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

05/11/2010 7:00 p.m.
06/08/2010 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

05/20/2010 7:00 p.m.
06/17/2010 7:00 p.m.

ABC Board

05/13/2010 3:00 p.m.
06/16/2010 10:00 a.m.

Tourism Development Authority

05/04/2010 3:30 p.m.
06/01/2010 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:
May 15th & June 12th

Memorial Day: May 30th
Town Offices Closed

Charity Horse Show:
June 10th- 13th



4th of July Festival & Parade:
★ July 3rd



Monday Night Concert Series:



June 7th & 21st
July 5th & 19th
August 2nd & 16th



In Memoriam

Our thoughts are with the families of Tommy Wright, Jeremy Bolick, and Jerry Burns as we all say goodbye to three wonderful men. Flags around town have been flown at half mast in remembrance of them. Please remember their families during this time of loss.



Tommy Wright



Jeremy Bolick



Jerry Burns

Storm Debris Update

All of the hazardous limb trimming and tree cutting from the Christmas Day ice storm was completed on April 12th by Evergreen Tree Service. Wood Resource Recovery (aka Gaston Tree Service) began their storm debris collection and removal on April 19. To date approximately 50% of the initial sweep through Town is complete. The first sweep of the entire Town is expected to be completed by Monday, May 3rd. A second round of clean up will take place after May 3rd and should be completed in the course of one week, weather permitting. All residents are encouraged to place all limbs and brush at the edge of the street by May 3rd in preparation for the second and final debris removal sweep.

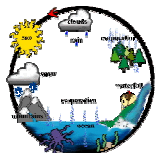
Bi- Annual Clean Up

The Town of Blowing Rock has scheduled its Spring Bi-Annual Clean-Up during the week of May 17 - 21, 2010.

Please do not block any ditches or drains. This pick-up includes white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, paint cans, etc. PAINT IN CANS MUST BE DRY OR HAVE KITTY LITTER ADDED TO ABSORB THE PAINT. Residents do NOT need to call and have their names put on a list. The Bi-Annual Cleanup is offered in the fall and spring of each year.

Water Quality Report

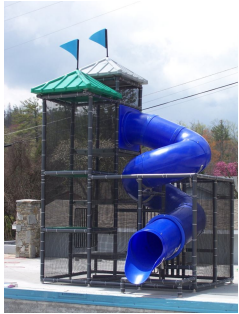
The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. The complete report will be published in the May 13, 2010 issue of the Blowing Rocket. A copy of the Report is included and additional copies may be picked up free of charge at the Town Hall, 1036 Main Street or available online at: www.townofblowingrock.com



If you have questions regarding this report, please call Director of Water Plant Opera-

Have you experienced a water leak since December's Ice-Storm? If so, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200 for information on how to apply for a leak adjustment on your water bill.

Swimming Pool



The BRAND NEW Robbins Memorial Pool at Broyhill Park is expected to open on May 31 2010, Memorial Day weekend. Individual and family pool passes are now available. Four sessions of swim lessons will also be offered. For questions regarding pool membership or swim lessons please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Blowing Rock 4th of July Festival 2010

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 2

- 2:00- 4:00p.m. Park Music- Diana & Sarvis Ridge- Bluegrass
- 5:00- 9:00p.m. Park Dance- Sweet T

Saturday, July 3

- 9:00a.m.- Until Adult Horseshoe Tournament (18 years & up)
\$75 First Place \$50 Second Place
- 9:30-11:00a.m. Park Games (sign up at the Hut in the Park!)
Prizes awarded to 1st and 2nd place in all games!

- Water Balloon Toss
- Watermelon Eating Contest

- Face Painting
- And much more!

- 11:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Climbing Tower
- Bounce & Obstacle Course
- 10:00-11:00a.m. Country Magic Cloggers
- 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m. Patriotic Sing-Along- Vagabonds
- 12:00-1:30p.m. Buckhaggard Band
- 2:00p.m. Independence Day Parade
- 3:00- 4:30p.m. Park Music- The Cockman Family- Bluegrass Gospel
- 9:30p.m. Fireworks- The Blowing Rock Country Club

For Questions Please Call Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation (828) 295-5222

Hanging Flower Baskets

The hanging flower baskets along Main Street and Sunset Drive do more than make Blowing Rock come alive with color. BRAAC's Memorial/Honorary Hanging Flower Baskets have a special place in the hearts of our citizens who sponsor these baskets. It is an opportunity to show appreciation in many ways.

Please contribute \$50.00 to BRAAC and honor or remember a loved one. Memorial/Honorary hanging basket donations will be accepted through July 1, 2010.



Please mail your check, payable to The BRAAC Hanging Basket Fund, P. O. Box 1628, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. Don't forget to notate whom you wish to honor or remember with your gift.

Wood Promoted to Captain

The Blowing Rock Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Sergeant Justin Wood to the rank of Captain. Captain Wood has been with the department for 10 years. He served as Sergeant since January 2007 where he was responsible for our Crime Prevention and ABC Enforcement programs. Captain Wood recently attended an Internal Affairs Investigation school and is responsible for our departments Professional Standards including Internal Affairs and background investigations for new hires. Captain Wood is currently attending the North Carolina Justice Academy's Management Development Program. Justin is actively involved in the group ASAP (Ashe County Suicide and Prevention) where he attends meetings with civic groups discussing suicide awareness and its effects on survivors. This group also focuses on giving those in need support and finding ways to deter suicide. Justin currently resides in Ashe County with his wife Monica and three daughters.



Captain Justin Wood