



# Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock  
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Highlights of What's Happening Around Town

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## Important Numbers

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

## Non-Emergency

Police Administration.....295-5212  
Fire Administration.....548-2800

## After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

Emergency.....295-5210  
Emergency Police & Fire.....911

## Upcoming Meetings

### Town Council

03/10/2020 6:00 p.m.  
04/14/2020 6:00 p.m.

### Planning Board

03/19/2020 5:30 p.m.  
04/16/2020 5:30 p.m.

### ABC Board

03/19/2020 3:00 p.m.  
04/16/2020 3:00 p.m.

### BRAAC

03/05/2020 9:00 a.m.  
04/02/2020 9:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Summer Day Camp Registration

BR Taxpayers — March 2nd  
Open Registration — March 16th

### Town's Birthday Celebration

\*March 11th @ 3:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 4th  
Games @ 10:00 am  
Egg Hunt @ 11:00 am

### Town Offices Closed

Good Friday  
April 10th

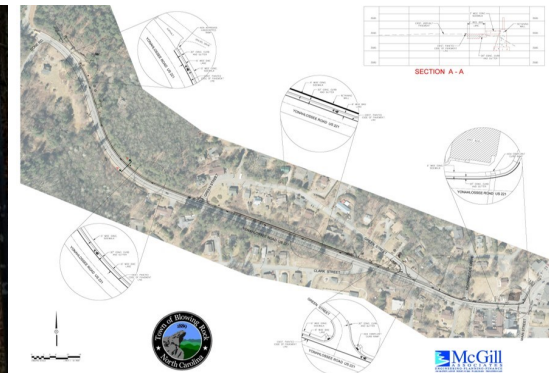
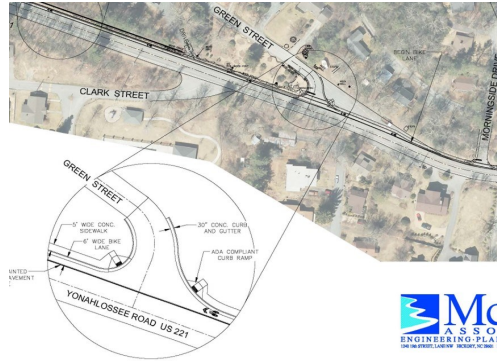
### Trout Derby

April 4th  
7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Town Cleanup Week

May 11th—May 15th

## Bass Lake Sidewalk Project To Begin in March



Many years in the making, the Bass Lake Sidewalk Project is finally close to being a reality. On January 30<sup>th</sup> the Town of Blowing Rock held a bid opening for the Bass Lake Sidewalk Project. A total of four bids were received with the low bid being received from Country Boy Landscaping of the town of Harmony in Iredell County at \$976,959. The Town Council unanimously approved the contract with Country Boy Landscaping on February 11, 2020. THE PROJECT GENERALLY CONSISTS OF: 2,850 linear feet of sidewalk along U.S. Highway 221 between the Bass Lake Parking Area and ending at the intersection of Main and Hill Streets. Project scope includes sidewalk, curb and gutter, segmental block retaining wall, storm drainage, asphalt paving and striping. Funding of the project will consist of a \$980,000 Eastern Federal Lands Access Program Grant as well as \$242,000 in matching funds to complete the project, including engineering services. The contract with Country Boy Landscaping will begin in earnest March 16, 2020 with a final completion date for the project being September 14, 2020. The Main Street section on the project must be completed prior to May 29, 2020.

## New Parade Times for 2020

During the February Town Council meeting it was decided to move both the Town's 4th of July Parade and the Christmas Parade to 10 a.m. This change is intended to encourage better traffic flow for the festival days with potentially less parking being held for parade viewing. Council also decided that parking will be prohibited on Main Street on parade mornings, and will open up after parades are complete. This should improve visibility and increase safety for parade viewers, particularly children.

## 2020 Car Tags Available

Blowing Rock car tags are now available at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street. Available again this year for a fee of \$2.00. Stop by today and purchase yours.



## Volunteer Board Reception

The Blowing Rock Town Council will honor all board members with a Volunteer Board Reception prior to the March 10th Council meeting. The Reception will be from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.



## Kinder T-Ball

Kinder T-Ball registration begins March 16th for Tax payers and open enrollment March 23rd, 2020. Practices will start April 28th and run through May 21st, 2020.

For more information or if you have questions please contact Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

## 2020 Board Appointments

During the February Town Council Meeting, Council members reviewed applications and voted, via ballots, on Volunteer Board appointments. Those appointed to serve a 3 year term beginning March 1, 2020 were:

**Planning Board:** Wes Carter, Bill McCarter and Pete Page

**Board of Adjustment:** Lance Campbell and Jerry Starnes (Alternate Members Jim Steele and Sarah Murphy)

**ABC Board:** Susie Greene

**TDA Board:** Tim Gupton

**BRAAC:** Melissa Pickett



## Swim Lessons



Registration for Swim Lessons begins March 5th for Tax Payers and Open Enrollment begins March 19th, 2020. Lessons are in two week sessions. Dates are subject to change depending on the Watauga County School Calendar.

## Contributions to Support Hanging Flower Baskets



The hanging flower baskets along Main Street and Sunset Drive make Blowing Rock come alive with color! The Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission's Memorial/Honorary Hanging Flower Baskets hold a special place in the hearts of our citizens who sponsor these baskets. Hanging flower baskets provide an opportunity to show appreciation in many ways. If you would like to contribute \$75 to BRAAC in honor or remembrance of a loved one, Memorial/Honorary hanging basket donations will be accepted through June 30, 2020.

Please mail your check, payable to The Town of Blowing Rock, P. O. Box 1628, Blowing Rock, NC 28605, Attn: BRAAC. Don't forget to note whom you wish to honor or remember with your gift. Please call (828) 295-5222 with questions.



## Summer Day Camp

Camp registration begins March 2nd, 2020 for Blowing Rock Taxpayers and Open Enrollment begins March 16th, 2020. The camp is open to boys and girls, from rising Kindergarten (must be five years old and have recently attended daycare) to sixth grade, for eight weeks beginning \*June 15th and running through August 7th. Summer Day Camp is Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Blowing Rock Elementary School gym. For more information call Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222. **\*Tentative due to Watauga County Schools Calendar.**

## Golden Easter Egg Hunt

The Town of Blowing Rock will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th, 2020. The games will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Park. For more information please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.



## Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing

The Town of Blowing Rock is planning the first of its two semi-annual "flushing" of the water lines to take place on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2020.** This important preventive maintenance routine helps ensure our system customers have sustained levels of high water quality by removing sediment and deposits from the less used areas of the system. Some customers may briefly experience a temporary slight discoloration of water in the immediate vicinity of the flushing activity. If this happens in your area, please run your cold-water faucet to flush out the service line to your property. For rare but occasional extended discoloration, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200 with your location and we will work to clear up any issues.