



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
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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

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

05/12/2020 6:00 p.m.
06/09/2020 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

05/21/2020 5:30 p.m.
06/18/2020 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

05/21/2020 3:00 p.m.
06/18/2020 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

05/07/2020 9:00 a.m.
06/04/2020 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

May - ~~Cancelled~~

June 13th - To be determined

Spring Clean Up

Week of May 11th ~~Postponed~~

Farmers Market

Every Thursday Beginning
May 21st (on Park Avenue)
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Charity Horse Show

June 4th - 7th - ~~Cancelled~~

Movie in the Park:

July 2nd
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Town Offices Closed

Memorial Day - May 25th
Independence Day - July 3rd



Park & Recreation Summer Programming



Due to the current situation with COVID-19 and the unknown restrictions that may or may not be in place, Parks & Recreation is currently planning all summer events, programs, and openings as usual:

- Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park will open Memorial Day weekend, May 23, 2020.
- Summer Day Camp Program begins the week of June 15, 2020
- 4th of July Fireworks will be July 3, 2020
- 4th of July Festival & Parade will be held July 4, 2020
- Movies in the Park Dates: July 2, 10, 17, 25, 31, 2020
 August 7, 2020

***if circumstances change and programs, events, or the pool opening is forced to cancel or postpone, the updated information will be posted on the Town of Blowing Rock website: [http://](http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/)**

www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/ and on the Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation Facebook page: <http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/government/parks-and-recreation-and-landscaping>

Please check for updates or contact Parks & Recreation directly at: 828-295-5222 or jbrown@tohr.us

Drinking Water Quality & Wastewater Annual Report - Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2019 Drinking Water Quality Report and the 2019 System Performance Annual Report for the Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. These reports are available online at <http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/government/water-wastewater/water-quality-reports> or may be obtained at Town Hall, 1036 Main Street.

If you have any questions about the reports, please contact the Water Plant at (828) 295-5225

Important Note to Commercial Utility Customers

As a result of the pandemic, you may have temporarily closed your business, church or school building. Water that is held unused in pipes while the buildings are closed can become stagnant and produce undesirable tastes or odors when the building is reopened and water use is returned to normal.

To avoid these problems, it is recommended that the building plumbing, including water heaters, be thoroughly flushed before reopening for normal use. Thorough flushing includes operating all sink, tub, shower and toilet fixtures. Safety equipment, such as eye washes, safety showers and fire sprinkler systems may also require assessment and necessary maintenance. Water features inside buildings, hot tubs/spas and cooling towers also can require attention. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has very detailed information on reactivating plumbing systems after dormant conditions on its website at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>.

In addition, if your water is chlorinated, verify that a satisfactory chlorine residual is present throughout the plumbing system, after flushing, by checking for a residual at multiple fixtures and especially at the farthest end of the plumbing system.

As a final water quality check, you may consider collecting of a special noncompliance bacteriological sample or samples to ensure that bacteria is not present.

Finally, we understand this is a difficult time so if you have any questions, problems, or need assistance, please contact the Water Treatment Plant at (828) 295-5225 or email utilitiesdirector@townofblowingrocknc.gov.

For information and updates to Openings, Schedule Changes, Closings and Cancellations

visit <http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/>

NEW PLAYGROUND COMING SOON!

EXCITING IMPROVEMENTS ARE COMING TO MEMORIAL PARK



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PARKS &
RECREATION**



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Tourism Development Authority



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structures

During the March Town Council meeting, Town Council supported and approved replacing the playground in Memorial Park. Town Staff has been working with the playground company and has ordered the equipment and set up a flexible schedule to completion. With the current COVID-19 situation and weather the following schedule may change:

Week	Date	Activity
Pre-Work	4/14 - 5/15	Remove Old Playground Equipment/Prep area for New Installation/Install Construction Fence
Week 1	5/18 - 5/22	Layout footings / drainage / grading
Week 2	5/26 - 5/30	Equipment Arrives / Equipment Installation
Week 3	6/1 - 6/6	Equipment Installation
Week 4	6/8 - 6/13	Equipment Installation
Week 5	6/15 - 6/20	Equipment Installation
Week 6	6/22 - 6/27	Concrete Borders
Week 7	6/29 - 7/4	Sub-base Installation
Week 8	7/6 - 7/11	PIP base installation / PIP Topcoat
Week 9	7/13 - 7/17	PIP topcoat installation / Turf
Week 10	7/20 - 7/24	Punch List Items
Week 11	7/27 - 7/31	Make up days