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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

05/12/2009 7:00 p.m.  
06/09/2009 7:00 p.m.

#### Planning Board

05/21/2009 7:00 p.m.  
06/18/2009 7:00 p.m.

#### ABC Board

05/28/2009 3:00 p.m.  
06/17/2009 3:00 p.m.

#### Tourism Development Authority

05/05/2009 8:30 a.m.  
06/02/2009 8:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:  
May 16th & June 13th



Memorial Day: May 25th  
Town Offices Closed

Charity Horse Show:  
June 11th- 14th



4th of July Festival & Parade:  
July 4th



Monday Night Concert Series:  
June 15th & 20th  
July 18th & 27th  
August 10th



## Oasis Shriners Summer Ceremonial Coming to Blowing Rock!



The Oasis Shriners will be holding their Summer Ceremonial in Blowing Rock June 5- 7. The Shrine is best known for its colorful parades, distinctive red fez, and its official philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Shriners Parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at 2:00p.m. Please come out and join the fun!

## Dean Bullis Joins TDA

The TDA welcomes Dean Bullis to the board, as he was sworn into office at the April Board Meeting. Mr. Bullis owns several properties in Town and two thriving businesses, Carriage Trade Antiques and Finley House Antiques. Mr. Bullis also owns antique businesses in Aiken SC and Wilkesboro NC and annually helps the Blowing Rock Arts and History Museum put on their BRAHM Antique Show and Sale each August.

## Bi- Annual Clean Up

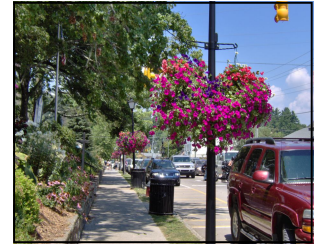
The Town of Blowing Rock has scheduled its Spring Bi-Annual Clean-Up during the week of May 12 - 16, 2009.

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.



**Reminder: Please continue to conserve water.**

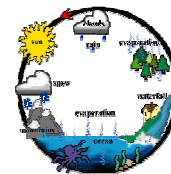
## Help Make our Village Beautiful!



The Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission (BRAAC) is offering the opportunity to "purchase" a planted basket to hang on one of the lampposts along Main Street. The cost is \$50 and you can honor a loved one, friend, foe or in memory of someone special. The Blowing Rocket will run an article recognizing the donors and those who are being honored. The baskets will arrive in time for our Spring Planting Day on May 30th. There are only 116 baskets available so hurry and get your name on the list!

If interested in purchasing a Hanging Basket, please mail your information and \$50 check addressed to BRAAC PO Box 1628, Blowing Rock, NC 28605.

## Water Quality Report



The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2008 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. 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](http://www.townofblowingrock.com)

If you have questions regarding this report, please call Director of the Water Treatment Plant, Tom McRary at (828) 295-5225.

## Planning and Inspections

### Building Activity

Building permit applications for the first quarter of 2009 are off pace slightly from 2008. There is still a lot of building activity, especially single-family additions and renovations. As far as commercial projects, the Chetola conference room and spa addition is nearing completion and the First Citizens Bank addition is well underway on Main Street.



First Citizens Bank

### REMINDER - Landscaping Rules

At this time of year many residents and business owners are outside making improvements to their property landscaping. These improvements not only beautify their surroundings but also enhance the appearance of the entire town. What many people don't know is that mulching material is regulated on commercial property. The landscape ordinance prohibits the use of dyed mulch, brick chips, rubber or synthetic mulch, or non-earth tone gravel at commercial properties. So before you buy that bag of red-dyed mulch, check with Planning and Inspections at (828) 295-5240 to make sure your mulching material is compliant with the ordinance.

## Parks and Recreation



### Schedule of Events

**Saturday, July 4**

9:00- 12:00p.m.

**Adult Horseshoe Tournament (18 years & up)**  
**\$75 First Place \$50 Second Place**

10:00- 1:00p.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!**



**All Day**

**Climbing Tower**  
**Bounce & Obstacle Course**  
**Country Magic Cloggers**  
**Magic Show**  
**Patriotic Sing-Along- Vagabonds**  
**Independence Day Parade**  
**Park Music- The Cockman Family- Bluegrass Gospel**  
**Fireworks- The Blowing Rock Country Club**

**Sunday, July 5**

2:00- 4:00p.m.

**Park Music- Diana & Sarvis Ridge- Bluegrass**

5:00- 9:00p.m.

**Park Dance- Sweet T**

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



### Free Tennis Clinics

Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation are offering free tennis clinics for adults and children on June 20th and July 11th. Children 8 and under time: 1:00-1:30. Children 9-15 time: 1:00- 2:00. Adult time: 2:00- 3:00. There is limited space available so call in advance to reserve your spot! For reservations or questions please call (828) 295-5222.

### Introducing Aerobics!

Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation are excited to announce a new Aerobics Class beginning May 18th. The class will be held Monday-Thursday at 5:00-6:00 p.m. The class will be held in the Parks and Recreation building. Cost of the class is only \$3 per night, or \$7 for the week. This affordable opportunity is open to anyone that is interested in having fun and getting fit. Call (828) 295-5222 for questions.

### Swimming Pool

Grover C. Robbins Memorial Swimming Pool will open on May 25 2009, 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.



#### Pool Schedule:

#### Monday-Friday

- 9:00- 11:00 a.m. Swim Lessons
- 11:00- 5:00 p.m. Public Swim
- 5:30- 6:30 p.m. Aquacise
- 5:30- 6:30 p.m. Adult Lap Swim
- 6:30- 7:00 p.m. Swim Lesson
- 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Public Swim

#### Saturday

11 a.m.- 7:30 p.m. Public Swim

#### Sunday

12 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Public Swim