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Town of Blowing Rock
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Important Numbers

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Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

07/14/2009 7:00 p.m.
08/11/2009 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

07/16/2009 7:00 p.m.
08/20/2009 7:00 p.m.

ABC Board

07/16/2009 3:00 p.m.
08/13/2009 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

07/07/2009 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:
July 18th & August 15th



Town Offices Closed:
July 3rd



4th of July Festival & Parade:
July 4th



Charity Horse Show:
July 22nd- 26th
July 29th-August 2nd



BRAHM Arts & Antiques Weekend
July 30th-August 2nd

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

2009-2010 Budget Approved

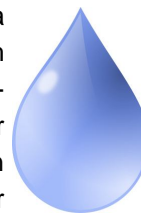
The Town of Blowing Rock's FY 2009-2010 Budget has been adopted by Town Council. An abbreviated copy is available to the public on the town website - www.townofblowingrock.com. The FY 2009-2010 Budget totals \$6,378,025 for all Town operations, capital improvements, and debt service requirements. This is an increase of only \$1,085 over last year's adopted budget of \$6,376,940. In recognition of the difficult and challenging economic conditions present, the Budget contains no increase in taxes, fees or other charges. For more information, call (828) 295-5200.

Paving Approved for FY '09-'10

The Town Council has awarded street paving bids for Ransom Street (between Sunset Drive and Valley Boulevard), Clawson Drive, South White Pine Street and portions of Green Hill Road. Paving should begin in early to mid-July.

Drought Restrictions Lifted

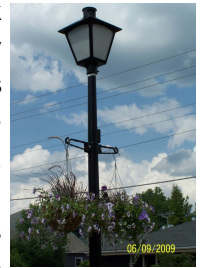
Based on recent rainfall, a full water reservoir, and with support of the NC Department of Environment Water Supply Division, the Town has lifted voluntary water restrictions. The Town, due to drought conditions, had been under some form of water restrictions since June 2007.



Though restrictions have been lifted, Citizen's are always urged to use our water supply wisely.

BRAAC Hanging Baskets

The Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission (BRAAC) is still 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.



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

Do's and Do Not's for Disposal of Grease

Do:

- * Put oil and grease in collection containers
- * Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels
- * Keep grease out of wash water
- * Place food scraps in collection containers

Do Not:

- * Pour oil and grease down drains
- * Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- * Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces

Reminder:

The Blowing Rock Police Department has begun its summer parking initiative, enforcing 2 hour parking along Main Street. If more parking time is needed, please use the American Legion Parking Facility or Maple Street Lot.

Dogs Now Allowed in Various Blowing Rock Parks

In May, the Town Council approved an ordinance allowing dogs in some Town Parks. Dogs are now allowed in Broyhill Park, Annie Cannon Gardens, the Glen Burney Trail area, and on the path surrounding Davant Field. Dogs will also be allowed on the concrete in the bench area overlooking Main Street in Memorial Park. All dogs in these areas must be on a leash not greater than 6 feet in length. Owners must clean up after their dogs.



No dogs will be permitted on the playing surface of Davant Field, at Robbins Memorial Pool, or in Memorial Park other than the bench area designated overlooking Main Street.

Owners who fail to keep their dog on a leash or fail to clean up after the dog will be subject to civil penalties of \$100.00 for the first offense, \$250.00 for the second, and \$500.00 for the third and following offenses.

Pool Project Update



The Town Council received bids for the Robbins Memorial Pool Complex improvements in May and awarded the contract to low bidder Enterline Russell Builders of Blowing Rock, for \$1,052,337.00. The project is being funded by grants and donations from the following organizations: NC Park and Recreation Trust Fund - \$500,000, Broyhill Family Foundation - \$100,000, Blowing Rock ABC Board - \$140,000, Watauga County - \$50,000, Blowing Rock Community Foundation - \$30,000, Blowing Rock Rotary Club - \$10,000 and Town Pool Reserve Funds. Additional contributions are welcome.

The project consists of the demolition of the existing pool and associated structures, grading, erosion control, swimming pool construction, asphalt paving, concrete paving, sidewalk construction, bath house construction, year-round public restrooms, water and sewer services, storm drainage, and related appurtenances.

Construction at the pool will begin in mid-August (following the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. This schedule will leave ample time for construction to be complete by the opening of the 2010 pool season.

American Legion Parking

The parking facility project, off Wallingford Street is now complete. This project is being funded through the TDA's occupancy tax proceeds as well as Parking Fund in-lieu fee payments.



The parking facility provides 69 additional public parking spaces in the American Legion area.

Parks and Recreation

Monday Night Concert Series

The Monday Night Concert Series' 10th season is underway. Concerts are held in the Broyhill Park Gazebo on the lake off of Clark Street. Performance begins at 7:00 p.m. and the alternative inclement rain location is the American Legion Building off of Park Ave. Visit www.amymarieproductions.com for more information!



Kinder Soccer



Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation will be offering it's Kinder Soccer program this year for children ages 3-4. There will be two sessions offered on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Registration for Blowing Rock taxpayers begins on August 4th. For non-taxpayers, registration will begin August 5th. Contact Garryd Caliendo at Parks and Recreation for more information at (828) 295-5222.

Dog Training

The Parks and Recreation Department will be holding Dog Training with John Quy again this year. Classes begin September 8th at 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. and runs for four weeks. Contact Garryd Caliendo at (828) 295-5222 for more information to get your dog signed up!

