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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

11/10/2009 7:00 p.m.  
12/08/2009 7:00 p.m.

### Planning Board

11/19/2009 7:00 p.m.  
12/17/2009 7:00 p.m.

### ABC Board

11/18/2009 3:00 p.m.  
12/17/2009 3:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events



Town Offices Closed—  
Thanksgiving  
11/26/09-11/27/09

Christmas Festival  
11/27/09 2:00p.m.

Christmas Parade  
11/28/09 2:00 p.m.

Town Offices Closed—  
Christmas  
12/24/09– 12/25/09

Town Offices Closed—  
New Years  
1/1/10

## Fall Leaf Pick-Up



Leaves will be picked up by roadside with vacuum trucks for the next two months, weather permitting. Leaves need to be free of sticks and branches, and placed so they do not block any drainage ways. When leaves become too wet to vacuum they need to be bagged and placed by roadside for pick-up. For more information please call Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.

## Doggie Waste Station

The Parks and Recreation Department has installed three doggie waste stations in town for dog owners to utilize in cleaning up after their pets. Please remember to take a bag and clean up after your dogs so we can keep our town clean and beautiful. Two stations are located on the Main Street Historic Trail, and one in Broyhill Park. If you would like to donate towards more stations, please contact Jennifer Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.



Just a reminder:

## Recycling Regulations

The State of North Carolina placed a ban on plastic bottles, wood pallets, and oil filters from being thrown out with household garbage. We strongly encourage residents to recycle these items as violations to the municipality could result in civil penalties.

Recycling Convenience Centers are located at the Davant Field Parking Lot and the Aho Dumpster site that accept plastic, glass, newspaper, and cardboard. You may call Town Hall to have wood and oil filters picked up at the town's earliest convenience.

## Public Works Welcomes Two New Employees

Public Works Director Johnny Lentz is pleased to announce the hiring of two new employees to serve the Town in the street department. Please help us welcome them to our staff.



Don White (left) and Tim Williams (Right)

## BRPD Hires New Officer

Police Chief Eric Brown is pleased to announce the hiring of Justin Huffman. Mr. Huffman graduated from Catawba Valley Community College with a Basic Law Enforcement Training Certificate (BLET) earlier this year, receiving recognition by earning the Arthur Dellinger Leadership Award chosen by his fellow students for his willingness to always put others before himself. He also was chosen to receive the inaugural Tim Duncan Law Enforcement Memorial Award for "heart", displaying dignity and respect in his interactions with fellow students and instructors.



New Officer Justin Huffman with Police Chief Eric Brown

Mr. Huffman currently resides in the Granite Falls area of Caldwell County and is in the process of relocating to the Blowing Rock area.

## Parks and Recreation

# "Christmas in the Park"

### Schedule of Events

All Activities will be in Memorial Park, Blowing Rock

#### Friday, November 27, 2009

- \* Visit with Santa 2:00- 5:00p.m.  
In Gazebo
- \* Hayrides Through Blowing Rock 4:00- 9:00p.m.  
Memorial Park
- \* Airwalk 4:00- 8:00p.m.
- \* Free Hot Cider & Hot Chocolate 5:00- until



- \* Caroling in the Park 5:00- 6:30p.m.  
With "Vagabonds"
- \* Lighting of the Town 5:30p.m.  
With Mayor J.B. Lawrence
- \* Bluegrass Christmas 7:00- 9:00p.m.  
With Diana & Sarvis Ridge



#### Saturday, November 28, 2009

- \* Christmas Parade 2:00 p.m.

### Downtown Streetscape

Denver Construction completed the streetscape improvements in front of First Citizens and Follow Your Dream during the first week of October. In the meantime, Wilkie Construction started their contracted section of Phase 1 in late September in front of Rumble Church. This section of the project will run along the west side of Main Street from Edgewood Cottage to the Martin House. Drainage structures and new curb and gutter have been installed in front of Edgewood Cottage. AT & T has agreed to install conduit and utility vaults on the east side of the street for future underground phone service. Weather permitting the project should be completed by the first of the year.



### Robbins Pool Update



Significant progress has been made on the Robbins Pool Project in the past couple of months. Paddock Pools finished the pool plumbing and under drainage, and the concrete walls and pool floor have been poured. Storm water drainage, pool house foundation and slab are also complete. Enterline and Russell plans to have the pool house structure under roof before winter sets in.

## Winterize Your Home

Preparing your home for winter will help avoid messy spring cleanup due to broken water pipes.

Shut off main water supply at the street or basement. If you have a private water supply, turn off the pump and drain the pressure tank.



#### If heat will be turned off:

1. Shut off gas lines at the entrance to your home if present.
2. Open all faucets and leave them open to empty pipes.
4. Drain the water heater and leave the valve open.
5. Remove all water from toilet tanks and bowls.
6. If you choose to remove drain traps, plug line to block sewer gas.
7. Unplug the refrigerator, thoroughly clean, and prop open the door.
8. Unplug all electrical items, except lights on timers.

#### If heat will be left on:

1. Set thermostat to 50 degrees.
2. Keep heat turned on in any areas where there are water or drain pipes. If this is impractical, wrap them with electrical heat tape.

## BRAHM & Parking Facility

Work continues on the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum and adjacent Town parking facility. Most of the grading has been completed in anticipation of preparing for footer/foundation installation. Boone Construction is aiming to complete footer and foundation construction prior to winter.

