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Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Important Numbers

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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

5/13/2008 6:00 p.m.
6/10/2008 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

5/15/2008 7:00 p.m.
6/19/2008 7:00 p.m.

ABC Board

5/15/2008 1:00 p.m.
6/25/2008 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

5/12/2008 8:30 a.m.
6/3/2008 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Kinder T-Ball begins:
April 22 5:30 & 6:00

Art in the Park: May 17th

Summer Day Camp: June 9-August 1

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show:
June 12th-14th

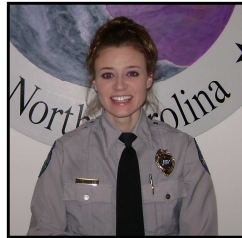


4th of July Festival:
July 5th and 6th



Monday Night Concert Series: 7:00
June 16th
June 30th
July 14th
July 28th
August 11th

Miller & White Join Blowing Rock Police



*Police Officer
Erin Miller*



*Police Officer
Dan White*

Police Chief Eric Brown is pleased to announce the hiring of Ms. Erin Miller, effective February 1, 2008, for a police officer position. Ms. Miller received her B.S. in Criminal Justice from Appalachian State University, earning placement on the Dean's List. She completed an internship with the Police Department in the spring of 2007 and also worked as a lifeguard for the Parks & Recreation Department this past summer.

Ms. Miller completed Basic Law Enforcement Training from Caldwell Community College where she served as class leader and was recognized as the college's female record holder in the 1.5 mile run.

Police Chief Eric Brown is also pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Dan White effective mid February. Mr. White completed his Basic Law Enforcement Training in 2001 at Mayland Community College where he received both the outstanding cadet award and physical fitness award. He is a 1990 graduate from Lee University in the ministerial program.

Mr. White comes to Blowing Rock from the Beech Mountain Police Department and previously worked at the Avery County Sheriffs Department. He has been involved in SWAT as a sniper and worked extensively with the Avery County Drug Task Force.

Bi- Annual Clean Up

The Town of Blowing Rock has scheduled its Spring Bi-Annual Clean-Up during the week of May 12 - 16, 2008.

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 KITTLY 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.

Water Conservation Update

Due to recent rainfall and improved water reservoir conditions, the Town recently eased water restrictions to allow citizens to complete necessary projects that require the use of public water. Town officials will continue to monitor the town water supply and related drought, and make water restriction decisions as conditions warrant. The Town will reevaluate the water supply conditions at their May 13, 2008 regular meeting.

During the interim, the Town of Blowing Rock has moved to the Stage I Conservation Level. During Stage I, the following voluntary water conservation practices are encouraged:

Residential and Commercial
Limit lawn watering to that which is necessary for plants to survive. Limit vehicle washing to a minimum. Limit wash down of outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, service bays, aprons, etc.

We appreciate your cooperation during this extended period of dry weather conditions. For additional information on ways to conserve water, please call (828) 295-5200 or visit the town website: www.townofblowingrock.com.





Blowing Rock 4th of July Festival 2008

Parks & Recreation

Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 5

9:00- 12:00p.m.

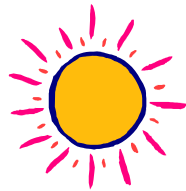
Adult Horseshoe Tournament (18 years & up)
\$75 First Place \$50 Second Place

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

11:30- 12:30p.m.

12:30- 1:00p.m.

1:00- 2:00p.m.

2:00p.m.

3:00- 4:30p.m.

9:30p.m.

Sunday, July 6

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

Summer Day Camp

Summer Day Camp will run June 9–August 1, 2008 for rising 1st–7th graders. Registration is still being accepted but weeks are filling fast!



Campers participate in the following activities:

- * Field trips once a week
- * Swimming
- * Arts and Crafts
- * Outdoor Activities

Swimming Pool Opening

Grover C. Robbins Memorial Swimming Pool will open on May 24 2008, 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



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 26th. There are only 81 baskets available for “purchase” 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.

BRAAC Town Clean-Up: May 3rd, 9:00 am. Meet at Memorial Park!

Planning and Inspections

Through the first quarter of 2008, the Planning and Inspections office received 78 building permit applications and 19 zoning permit applications. So far there have been six (6) applications for new homes in Blowing Rock compared to five (5) in the first quarter of 2007.

Work is currently ongoing on several commercial projects at this time. The former Eugena’s Building on the 321 Bypass is being renovated into office/retail space. United Community Bank and the Blowing Rock Fire and Rescue buildings are nearing completion. The Chetola Conference Room project is underway at Chetola Resort along with completion of the remaining Cumberland condo building in the “Ponds” development.



United Community Bank

The Planning Office has also received applications for new commercial development review in the past three months. The projects that require conditional use permits include: CUP 2007-14 for two new condo buildings at Chetola Resort (April Planning Board – pending), CUP 2008-01 Kilwin’s Ice Cream (approved March 2008), CUP 2008-02 Grover Robbins Pool (April Planning Board – pending), and CUP 2008-03 Ransom Street Restaurant/Retail (May Planning Board – pending). The Main Street Village (CUP 2007-04) project was tabled at the February Council meeting pending additional information.



Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue

Water Quality Report

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2007 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

If you have questions regarding this report, please call the Town of Blowing Rock Water Treatment Plant at (828)295-5225.

