



Around the Rock

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
Emergency Police & Fire.....911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

03/09/2021 6:00 p.m.
04/13/2021 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

03/18/2021 5:30 p.m.
04/15/2021 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

03/18/2021 3:00 p.m.
04/15/2021 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

03/04/2021 9:00 a.m.
04/01/2021 9:00 a.m.

AppalCART Provides Free Transportation to Vaccination Site

Do you have an appointment to get your COVID-19 vaccine and need transportation to your appointment? AppalCART is happy to assist with free transportation to and from your COVID-19 vaccine appointment at the Watauga County Recreation Center. Just contact our dispatch office at (828) 297-1300.

AppalCART along with the federal government wants to take all necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of our employees and passengers. In an effort to reduce the likelihood of transmitting the COVID-19 virus while on an AppalCART vehicle, all passengers and employees are required to wear a face mask. Face masks will not be required for those who are under 2 years of age, or who cannot wear a face mask due to a medical or behavioral condition.

In addition to standard AppalCART cleaning and upkeep, we have taken the following additional precautionary measures in response to the evolving COVID-19 epidemic:

- * Spraying and wiping bus and van "touch" areas— door handles, seat backs, and hold rails multiple times each day with commercial disinfecting spray.
- * Providing sanitizing wipes for bus operators.
- * Making masks available to all employees and passengers.
- * Spot sanitizing on buses throughout the day.
- * Separation barrier installed to promote additional social distancing.
- * Increasing ventilation on our buses by opening vents and windows.

We appreciate the patience and compliance of all of our passengers as we work to provide the safest transportation possible.



Upcoming Events

Town's Birthday Celebration

Postponed to Summer
Date TBA

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 27th, 10:00 a.m.

Town Offices Closed

Good Friday
April 2nd

Trout Derby

April 3rd

Spring Clean-up

April 3rd - 9th

Summer Day Camp Registration

BR Taxpayers — April 19th

Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing

May 3rd - 7th

Trout Derby

- Derby hours begin at sunrise on Saturday, April 3, 2021, and end at 4pm on the same day.
- Catches should be taken to the official Derby Headquarters to enter for measuring. **Headquarters:** The Blowing Rock Clubhouse, 108 Lakeside Drive, Blowing Rock, NC 28605.
- Trout caught in any Watauga County body of water on April 3 are eligible.
- Prizes are awarded at 4:30pm at Derby Headquarters.
- Broyhill Lake in Blowing Rock is restricted to fishing by children 11 and under and persons with disabilities. **This year, families may reserve spots with time slots at the lake to help with social distancing!** Reserve your spot at BRPR.US or call 828-295-5222 ext. 1. No fishing license is required for Broyhill Lake. There is a limit of three fish per person from Broyhill Lake.
- All Fishing and Wildlife laws should be followed for Watauga County public waters, including possession of a valid fishing license and following all posted regulations.
- No entry fees are required and no pre-registration is necessary for participation in the Trout Derby.

For additional information please call 828-295-5222

2021 Car Tags Available

Blowing Rock car tags are now available at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street. Available again this year for a fee of \$2.00. Stop by today and purchase yours. Town Hall open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 to 5, closed 12 to 1 for lunch.



Kinder T-Ball



Kinder T-Ball registration begins March 8th for Tax payers and open enrollment March 15th, 2021. Practices will start April 13th and run through May 6th, 2021.

For more information or if you have questions please contact Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.



Summer Day Camp

Camp registration begins April 19th, 2021 for Blowing Rock Taxpayers . The camp is open to boys and girls, from rising Kindergarten (must be five years old and have recently attended daycare) to sixth grade, for nine weeks beginning *June 7th and running through August 6th. Summer Day Camp is Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Blowing Rock Recreation Center. Fridays will be used for cleaning and disinfecting of the facilities used. For more information call Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

***Tentative due to Watauga County Schools Calendar.**

COVID Guidelines and Social distancing will be followed.

Golden Easter Egg Hunt

The Town of Blowing Rock will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27th 2021 beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, please visit the Blowing Rock Park & Recreation Facebook page or townofblowingrocknc.gov or by calling the Parks and Recreation department at (828) 295-5222.

COVID Guidelines and Social distancing will be followed.

2021 Board Appointments

During the February Town Council Meeting, Council members reviewed applications and voted, via ballots, on Volunteer Board appointments. Those appointed to serve a 3 year term beginning March 1, 2021 were:

Planning Board: Pete Gherini, Joe Papa and Sam Hess

Board of Adjustment: Stephen Schiller and Lee Rocamora

(Alternate Members Catherine Perry and Brandon Walker)

ABC Board: Sylvia Tarlton

TDA Board: Dean Bullis

BRAAC: Curtis Andrews, Chris Wetmore and Carol Knapp



Contributions to Support Hanging Flower Baskets



The hanging flower baskets along Main Street and Sunset Drive make Blowing Rock come alive with color! The Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission's Memorial/Honorary Hanging Flower Baskets hold a special place in the hearts of our citizens who sponsor these baskets. Hanging flower baskets provide an opportunity to show appreciation in many ways. If you would like to contribute \$75 to BRAAC in honor or remembrance of a loved one, Memorial/Honorary hanging basket donations will be accepted through June 30, 2021.

Please mail your check, payable to The Town of Blowing Rock, P. O. Box 1628, Blowing Rock, NC 28605, Attn: BRAAC. Don't forget to note whom you wish to honor or remember with your gift. Please call (828) 295-5222 with questions.

Spring Clean Up April 5th - April 9th

The Town of Blowing Rock has scheduled its Spring Semi-Annual clean-up during the week of April 5th - 9th. Crews will be picking up items throughout this week including items such as old white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, box springs, furniture, grills and paint cans. Paint in cans must be dry or have enough cat litter added to absorb the paint. Please separate any leaves you might have from any branches you put out so we can use our leaf vacuum machine to expedite pickup. Please do not block any ditches or drains when putting out your items to be picked up. Please note that we are not able to pick up propane tanks, electronics, roof shingles, tires or pallets. There is no need to call to have your name put on a list. Additionally, please trim back your vegetation along your street frontage. Our roads seem to be getting more narrow and your assistance is needed to improve visibility and to also prevent damage to vehicles from overhanging limbs.

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

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2020 Drinking Water Quality Report and the 2020 System Performance Annual Report for the Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. These reports are available online at <http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/home/showdocument?id=10336> 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