



# Around the Rock

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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

7/8/2008 7:00 p.m.  
8/12/2008 7:00 p.m.

#### Planning Board

7/17/2008 7:00 p.m.  
8/21/2008 7:00 p.m.

#### ABC Board

7/24/2008 3:00 p.m.  
8/21/2008 3:00 p.m.

#### Tourism Development Authority

7/1/2008 8:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Events

Kinder Soccer Registration:  
Blowing Rock Tax Payers: 8/4/2008  
Open Registration: 8/5/2008  
Soccer Begins 8/26/2008

Art in the Park: 7/19/2008  
8/16/2008

4th of July Festival: July 5- July 6 

BRAHM Art & Antiques Show:  
July 31- August 3

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show:  
July 30- August 3  
August 6- August 10



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

## '08-'09 Budget

The Town of Blowing Rock's FY 2008-2009 Budget has been adopted by Town Council. A copy is available to the public on the town website [www.townofblowingrock.com](http://www.townofblowingrock.com). The FY 2008-2009 Adopted Budget included a combined General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund total of \$6,376,940. The budget has a tax rate set at \$0.28 per \$100 valuation, which is the current tax rate. The adopted budget includes a water/sewer rate adjustment of .25 per 1,000 gallons of usage above the minimum 5,000 gallons and a \$5.00 per month charge for all customers to cover the expense related to the plan emergency water interconnection with the Town of Boone and Appalachian State University. Also, due to an increase in commercial landfill tipping fees from \$45 per ton to \$49 per ton by Watauga County, the budget includes an increase in commercial solid waste fees to cover these costs. All other fees and charges will remain unchanged. For more Information call (828) 295-5200.

## Water Conservation Update

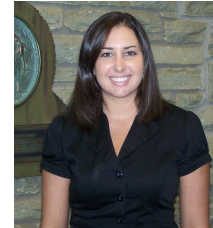
The Town remains in the Stage I Voluntary Water Conservation Status. Please continue to conserve water.

## Rain Barrels for Sale

The Town has teamed up with RainBarrelUSA to offer rain barrels to help residents conserve water, save money and reduce storm-water run-off. Features: brass spigot, uses standard garden hose for water distribution, easy debris removal, removable lid for barrel cleaning, accommodates any size downspout, dark green color prevents algae growth, and blends with shrubbery. Dimensions: 60 gallon- 31 x 28 , 24 pounds. 80 gallon- 38 x 28, 27 pounds. Price: 60 gallon- \$78.00, 80 gallon- \$89.00. Come by Town Hall or call (828)295-5200 for more information about purchasing a rain barrel.



## Cline Joins Town Administration



Erica Cline

Finance Director Nicole Norman is pleased to announce the addition of Erica Cline as the new Human Resource/Payroll Administrator.

Ms. Cline comes to Blowing Rock from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments in Hickory, where she served as an Administrative Assistant for two years.

She received her B.A. Degree in Business Management from Lenoir-Rhyne College. Her passion for travel was sparked by her tours of Europe with her international business classes while at Lenoir-Rhyne.

She is a native of Catawba County and is a graduate of Bunker Hill High School. Ms. Cline currently resides in Blowing Rock and began her duties with the town in late February.

## House for Sale



The Town of Blowing Rock will hold an electronic public auction for a 1964 Wood Frame Dwelling (2 BR, 1 BA, Garage - 1872 square feet with 1572 square – heated and 336 square feet - unheated) beginning June 23, 2008 @ 8:00 a.m. and ending July 23, 2008 @ 2:00 p.m. Website address to view and bid is [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com). The structure may be previewed by calling (828)295-5222 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. M-F. The structure is located at 115 Chestnut Street in Blowing Rock, N.C. All sales will be by certified check made payable to the Town of Blowing Rock. This structure will be sold on an “as is” basis and all sales are final. The Town of Blowing Rock reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The structure must be removed from the property within 90 days of notice of bid acceptance. For additional information regarding bidding, please contact Nicole Norman at 828-295-5200.



## Planning and Inspections

In May Town Council approved improvements to the Grover C. Robbins Memorial Pool. The plans are to construct a new pool that will have zero entry access, a new pool house and showers, new public restrooms, and a new picnic shelter with playground equipment. The \$1,000,000 project is being funded by grants and donations.

Chetola Mountain Resorts received approval in May to construct two condo buildings with a total of ten 3-bedroom units.

A conditional use permit was approved in June to Ransom Street, LLC to construct a two story building on the corner of Ransom Street and Valley Blvd. The proposed 3,656 sq ft building will consist of a restaurant, and retail/office space.

Annexation of the Gideon Ridge area is effective June 30th.

There have been 15 applications for single family homes this year compared to 8 last year at this time.

### Reminder:

Blowing Rock Police Department will be enforcing 2 hour parking along Main Street. This is necessary to ensure everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the town.

## Parks & Recreation

### Blowing Rock Pool is Open!



Hours of Operation:

#### Monday-Friday:

9:00-11am	Swim Lessons
11:00-5:00pm	Public Swim
5:30-6:30pm	Aquacise
6:30-7:00pm	Swim Lessons
6:30-8:30	Public Swim

#### Saturday:

11:00am-7:30pm	Public Swim
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#### Sunday:

12:00pm-7:30pm	Public Swim
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Membership Passes	Seasonal	Monthly
Individual	\$60.00	\$40.00
Family of 4	\$80.00	\$60.00
Family of 5	\$100.00	\$80.00

#### Public Swim

Children (under 12)	\$2.00/day
Youth (12-18)	\$3.00/day
Adult	\$3.00/day
Senior (55 & over)	\$2.00/day



#### Activities

Swim Lessons	\$35.00 member	\$55.00 non member
Aquacise	\$3.00/visit	
Shower Only	\$2.00/visit	



## Safety Tips

Summer is here, which means lots of fun in the sun! Here are some safety tips for you and your family's summer activities during these summer days:

### Shopping:

Stay in the shade, Stay hydrated (avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol), wear loose fitting/lightweight clothing, and wear sunscreen (spf 15 or higher).



### Grilling Out:

Here are four simple safety tips for grilling out and picnicking: *Clean*– wash hands and surfaces often, *Separate*– don't cross contaminate, *Chill*– refrigerate promptly, *Cook*– cook to proper temperature.



### Golf:

Stay hydrated (pack a water bottle), wear sunscreen (spf 15 or higher), and wear insect repellent.

