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Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Police Department.....295-5210
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Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

5/8/2007 7:00 p.m.
6/12/2007 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

5/17/2007 7:00 p.m.
6/21/2007 7:00 p.m.

ABC Board

5/24/2007 3:00 p.m.
6/19/2007 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

5/1/2007 8:30 a.m.
6/5/2007 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

5/12/2007 Planting Day

5/19/2007 Art in the Park

6/7/2007- 6/10/2007 Blowing Rock
Charity Horse Show—Saddlebred

6/16/2007 Art in the Park

6/30/2007 4th of July Festival
2:00 p.m. Independence Day Parade

7/1/2007 Park Dance

*Town Hall will be closed on
May 28,2007 in observance of Memorial
Day

Spring Bi-Annual Clean-Up

The Town of Blowing Rock has scheduled the Spring Bi-Annual Clean-Up during the week of May 21-25,2007. Please do not block any ditches

or drains. This pick-up includes white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, paint cans, etc. Residents do not need to call the

Town to have their names on a pick-up list. The clean-up week is offered twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. For questions please call 828-295-5200.

Parks and Recreation News

Swimming Pool Opening

Grover C. Robbins Memorial Swimming Pool will open on May 26, 2007, Memorial Day weekend. Individual and family pool passes will be offered. 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 Hours:

Monday–Friday

11 a.m.–5 p.m.
6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Saturday

11 a.m.–7:30 p. m.

Sunday

12 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Summer Day Camp

Summer Day Camp will run June 11–August 3, 2007. 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

Adult Field Trips

Parks and Recreation offer adult field trips periodically throughout the year. The next field trip offered is on May 16, 2007 where they will be traveling to the Biltmore Estates. The cost is \$50 which covers the ticket and transportation. Please call 828-295-5222 for more information on this or other planned trips.

Annie Cannon Memorial Gardens Renovations

Renovations were completed to Annie Cannon Memorial Gardens thanks to a grant procured by BRACC from the Helen Clabough Charitable Foundation. Renovations include new benches, new footers on the deck, landscaping, and a handicap entrance into the park.



Annie Cannon Memorial Gardens

Park Picnic Shelter

Blowing Rock Renovators has completed the construction of the new picnic shelter located in Memorial Park adjacent to the restroom facility.



Memorial Park Picnic Shelter

The Town extends a special thank you to Blowing Rock Renovators for donating the labor for this project. They will be honored at the Town Council meeting on May 8, 2007. The Town also extends a special thank you to Blowing Rock Winterfest for its donation of \$1,500.00 to assist in the building of the picnic shelter.

Notes From Planning and Inspections

Two ordinances are being considered for adoption at the May 8, 2007 Town Council meeting.

The first is a draft ordinance to make substantial changes to the Trees Preservation and Landscaping sections of the Land Use Code. Some topics of the draft ordinance include:

- Reduction in screening width in Central Business District
- Silviculture (forestry) standards
- Reclassification of protected trees - designation of *Significant* and *Historic* trees
- Tree retention standards for single-family by protecting trees outside 25' building envelope
- Hazardous tree removal guidelines
- Tree-topping/viewshed standards
- Increased penalties and tree replacement for unauthorized removal of protected trees

The second ordinance for consideration in May is an ordinance to regulate the placement and use of small wind turbines in the R–A (Residential–Agriculture) zoning district. This ordinance establishes guidelines for the erection and use of small wind turbines and towers not exceeding 100 feet in height. Such wind turbines and towers require a conditional use permit.

A copy of the draft ordinances are available for viewing on the Town's website.

Monitoring of Downtown Parking

Motorist parking in the downtown area of Blowing Rock are reminded that with the busy summer season approaching officers will begin monitoring downtown traffic and parking more closely. The Town's two hour parking regulation is enforced from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. every day. Other regulations are enforced at all times. Police Officer enforcement will focus on the two hour parking limit, parking in spaces facing the wrong direction, parking in no parking zones, fire lanes, handicap spaces, loading zones, and blocking fire hydrants.

911 House Numbering Campaign

Blowing Rock Fire and Rescue in conjunction with Watauga County is launching a media campaign called "Help Address A Problem." These efforts are in response to reports from EMS agencies that many homes in the high country area are in need of proper premises identification.

The 911 address system is specific about size, contrast, and location of posted house numbers. The numbers should be at least 4" high, preferably reflective, and contrasting with their background. Numbers should be posted within 36" of your entrance and visible from the roadway. If your home is more than 100 feet from the road or not visible from the main roadway, the numbers should be posted at the end of your driveway and visible from both directions. If you have any questions about numbers in Blowing Rock please call Kent Graham at 828-295-5231.

2006 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2006 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Copies may be picked up free of charge at the Town of Blowing Rock, 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.



In remembrance and honor of those who lost their lives on April 16, 2007.