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Town of Blowing Rock
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Important Numbers

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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

3/13/2007 7:00 p.m.
4/10/2007 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

3/13/2007 7:00 p.m.
4/19/2007 7:00 p.m.

ABC Board

3/22/2007 3:00 p.m.
4/26/2007 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

4/3/2007 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Golden Easter Egg Hunt
March 24 (make-up date March 31)

Wine Festival April 12-15



www.blueridgewinefestival.com

Kinder T-Ball Registration
BR Taxpayers: March 26 & 27
Open to all: March 28 (until filled)
Summer Day Camp Registration
BR Taxpayers: March 5
Open to all: March 26

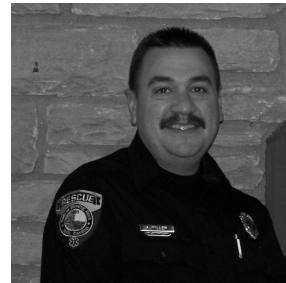
Emergency Services Department News

Miller Named Fire Inspector

The Town Emergency Services Department welcomes its sixth full-time employee. This position is funded by the Town in partnership with the Volunteer Fire Department.

Aaron Miller became the newest member of Blowing Rock's Emergency Services Department when he was named Fire Inspector for the Town of Blowing Rock. Miller previously worked as a Police Officer for the City of Hickory. He began his new job on January 2, 2007. His duties will include service as a Firefighter and EMT, Public Information Officer for the Emergency Services Department, with his primary duties being Fire Inspector and Records Supervisor.

Miller, a local native, has served as a volunteer with the fire department and rescue squad for over eighteen years.



**Fire Inspector
Aaron Miller**

New Fire Trucks

The Volunteer Fire Department purchased a new 1800 gallon tanker and a new pumper truck to meet the emergency needs of Blowing Rock's Fire District and they are now in service. These trucks were acquired as the result of funds from local and

county allocations, grants, and support of the Department's annual fund drive.

Certifications

EMT/Firefighter Chip Sudderth recently received the EMT-Paramedic certification, which is the highest level of pre-hospital advanced life support patient care available in NC. This certification is a culmination of over 1400 hours of training and successful completion of a state exam.

Mr. Sudderth joins EMS Director Kent Graham and EMT/Firefighters Winston Lawrence and Mike Hicks as certified paramedics. EMT/Firefighter Matt McGuire and new Fire Inspector Aaron Miller are also presently pursuing the paramedic certification as well.

Attention Taxpayers!

Just a reminder to those who have not already paid their Town of Blowing Rock property taxes for 2006, they are past due and will be advertised in

The Blowing Rocket on March 15, 2007. Interest accrues at a rate of 3/4% on the first of every month. If you have questions regarding your taxes,

828.295.5200 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may pay your property taxes at Town Hall, by mail, or on our website: www.townofblowingrock.com.

Town Presents List of 2006 Accomplishments

As a public service to residents, Town Hall released the following list of accomplishments detailed during 2006. The list includes projects and programs that involved hundreds of hours of study by the Town Staff, Municipal Committees, Elected Officials and input from many citizens.

- Adopted 10-Year Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Plan
- Implemented Big Box Development Regulations
- Began Electronic Payment Acceptance
- Introduced New Town Newsletter—"Around the Rock"
- Completed Memorial Park Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Completed Town-wide Hydrant Painting
- Constructed Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum Roof
- Completed Street Paving—Green Hill Circle, West Green Hill Road, Grandfather View, Morris Street, Upper Possum Hollow Road
- Assisted Blowing Rock Historical Society with Daniel Boone Marker Relocation
- Received U.S. EPA Excellence Award—Water Plant Consumer Confidence Report
- Increased Emergency Service Department Staffing
- Installed New Downtown Streetlights—Poles and Brackets
- Completed Woodlawn Cemetery Landscaping Project—Phase 1 with Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Committee
- Received Stormwater Study Grant Award—\$40,000
- Completed Various Improvement Projects at Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant

Town Honors ASU Football Team

At the February 13 meeting of the Town Council, the Appalachian State University Football Team was recognized and honored for their accomplishments during this past football season.

The Town presented Chancellor Kenneth Peacock and Athletic Director Charlie Cobb with framed proclamations as the Mayor declared February 13, 2007

as "Appalachian State University Day in Blowing Rock."

Chancellor Peacock displayed the 2005 and 2006 NCAA Football Championship trophies. After the presentation, all ASU graduates in attendance were invited to assemble for photographs with the Chancellor and Athletic Director.



Park Picnic Shelter

Blowing Rock Renovators has begun the construction of a picnic shelter in Memorial Park adjacent to the restroom facility. The project will provide a covered area that will accommodate up to four picnic tables. This new park amenity should be completed by spring.

Blowing Rock Named Favorite Mountain Destination

In the February 2007 issue of Southern Living Magazine, the magazine announced its 2006 Reader's Choice Awards. The "Best of the South" honorees included Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, Asheville, and Blowing Rock as favorite Mountain Destinations. The magazine asked readers for their favorite places in the South, with winners determined by the vote of the readers.

Wastewater Annual Report

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2006 System Performance Annual Report for the Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Copies may be picked up free of charge at the Town of Blowing Rock, 1036 Main Street or are available online at: www.townofblowingrock.com.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact the Town of Blowing Rock Water/Sewer Treatment Plant at 828.295.5225.