



# Around the Rock

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Town of Blowing Rock  
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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

11/13/2007 7:00 p.m.  
12/11/2007 7:00 p.m.

#### Planning Board

11/15/2007 7:00 p.m.  
12/20/2007 7:00 p.m.

#### ABC Board

11/15/2007 3:00 p.m.  
12/20/2007 3:00 p.m.

#### Tourism Development Authority

12/4/2007 8:30 a.m.

### Upcoming Events

11/23 Christmas in the Park  
Lighting of the Town 5:30 p.m.

11/24 Christmas Parade 2:00 p.m.

12/2 Blowing Rock Historical Society  
Holiday Party 5:00-7:00 p.m.



\*Town Offices will be closed November 22-23 in observance of Thanksgiving and December 24-26 in observance of Christmas.\*

## Stage III Water Shortage Update

Although we have recently received much needed rainfall, Western North Carolina is experiencing an exceptional drought according to officials with the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The current rainfall has assisted in recharging our water supply, however; even with the recent precipitation, the extended forecast shows no sign of significant precipitation, and the conservation of water is still a necessity. The Town of Blowing Rock moved to Stage III Conservation measures on October 8, 2007 to more effectively protect our water supply and the health and safety of our citizens. We will continue to monitor and evaluate drought conditions.

During Stage III, the follow-

ing stringent mandatory water restrictions shall be in effect - It shall be unlawful to use water supplied by the Blowing Rock municipal water system for the following purposes:

- To introduce water into any swimming pool.
- To serve drinking water in restaurants, cafeterias, or other food establishments, except upon request.
- To make any non-essential use of water for commercial or public use, and the use of single service plates is encouraged and recommended in restaurants.
- To operate an evaporative air conditioning unit which recycles water; except during the

operating hours of business.

- To use water outside a structure for any use other than an emergency involving fire. (All outdoor watering is prohibited)

We appreciate your continued cooperation during these historic drought conditions. For additional information on ways to conserve water, please contact (828) 295-5200 or visit [www.townofblowingrock.com](http://www.townofblowingrock.com).

Helpful Water Conservation Tips:

<http://www.p2pays.org/water/moretips.asp>

<http://www.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/simple.htm>

## Curbside Leaf Collection

The Town of Blowing Rock will begin collecting leaves immediately and will continue until the weather no longer permits collection.

Leaves should be placed next to the ditch line, not obstructing any storm water flows or over any inlets. Leaves must be free of debris including sticks, branches, weeds and hedge trimmings. Bagged leaves will be collected with regular garbage collection. Once snow covers the leaves or they freeze, leaf collection will cease.

For more information or questions concerning leaf collection, please call Town Hall at 828-295-5200.

## Parks and Recreation Adult Trips

Parks and Recreation will be offering the following adult trips:  
November 14—Southern Christmas Show      November 28—Shopping at Hanes Mall  
December 5—Biltmore House                      December 12—Shopping at Concord Mills  
Please contact Parks and Recreation at 828-295-5222 for more information or to sign up for these trips.



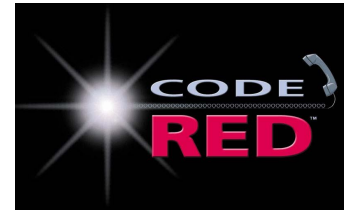
## Town Enacts CodeRED (Reverse 911 Telephone System)

The Town of Blowing Rock and Watauga County have contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc., of Ormond Beach, Florida, for its "CodeRED" high-speed telephone emergency notification services. The CodeRED System gives officials the ability to deliver pre-recorded emergency telephone notification/information messages to targeted areas or the entire county and North Caldwell Fire District at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

Watauga County Fire Marshal Steve Suderth, cautions that such systems are only as good as the telephone database supporting them. If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called. The CodeRED system not only offers faster calling rates and improved message delivery, it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers

directly to the system's telephone database. To ensure no one is omitted, the Blowing Rock Police Department urges all individuals and businesses to log onto the county website, [www.wataugacounty.org](http://www.wataugacounty.org), and follow the link to the "CodeRED Residential and Business Data Collection" page. Those without internet access may call the Blowing Rock Police Department at 828-295-5210 to give their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no PO Boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number. No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included. All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone numbers or address within the last year, and those who use a cellular phone as their primary home phone.

The CodeRED system is a geographical based notification system, which means street addresses are needed to select which phone numbers will receive emergency notification calls in any given situation. The system works fine for cell phones as well, but a street address is needed. People who have recently moved but kept the same listed or unlisted phone number also need to change their address in the database. CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for doing so. The information will only be used for emergency notification purposes. Questions should be directed to the Blowing Rock Police Department.



## Commercial Projects Update

Recently, several commercial building projects have been completed or are nearing the final stages of renovation or construction.

The Hanna Family Trust (CUP 2006-02) building on Main Street reached completion a few weeks ago. The main floor is open but the lower level retail, and upper level living units are going through final touches. A retail store and real estate office are currently occupying the first floor.



Hanna Family Trust

Sledgehammer Charlie's Restaurant (CUP 2005-05) is nearing completion and should be open by the week of October 29<sup>th</sup>. This project was a major renovation of the old

Pizza Hut and a new deck has been added for outdoor dining.



Sledgehammer Charlie's

Construction began at Holli's House of Biscuits (CUP 2007-08) and the restaurant should be open for business in the next few weeks. The former Pearl China restaurant building is being renovated, parking and landscaping improvements are also planned.



Holli's House of Biscuits

The Rug Company exterior has been updated over the past month with new paint and awnings. Cultured stone wainscoting will be added in the next couple of weeks to blend in with the adjacent buildings.



The Rug Company

The new 41-space parking area behind Chetola Inn and Conference Center (CUP 2006-11) is underway. Construction should be complete within a month.

