



# Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock  
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Town Council

07/13/2021 6:00 p.m.

08/10/2021 6:00 p.m.

#### Planning Board

07/15/2021 5:30 p.m.

08/19/2021 5:30 p.m.

#### ABC Board

07/15/2021 3:00 p.m.

08/19/2021 3:00 p.m.

#### BRAAC

07/01/2021 9:00 a.m.

08/05/2021 9:00 a.m.

### Up Coming Events

#### Town Offices Closed

Independence Day - July 5th

#### 4th of July Parade

July 3rd

10 a.m.

#### Art in the Park:

July 17th & August 14th

#### Monday Night Concert Series:

Each Monday

7 p.m.

#### Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show

July 27th - August 8th

## *Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget*

Following budget work sessions and a public hearing, the Town of Blowing Rock Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget was adopted at the June 8, 2021 Town Council meeting. The recommended and now adopted Budget is available on the Town's website at [www.townofblowingrocknc.gov](http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov).

The FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget totals \$12.9 million for all Town operations, capital improvements and debt service requirements. This is an increase of \$2 million compared to last year's adopted budget of \$10.9 million which represents a 19% increase. The increase is mainly due to increases associated with GO Bond debt service as well as mowing and landscaping along HWY 321 with the approaching expiration of NCDOT coverage of these costs associated with the road widening project completed in the FY 2019-20 budget year. The budget's operation portion increased 2.2 million from \$10.6, in FY 2020-21 to 12.8 Adopted in FY 2021-22.

To fund FY budget operating expenditures and account for general fund operational cost increases associated with (i.e. fuel, insurance, electrical, etc.), the Adopted Budget reflects a \$0.43 tax rate increase due to issue III GO Bond Debt Service and contracted highway 321 mowing and landscaping costs. Future tax rate increase is anticipated to service issue IV G.O. Bond debt service.

Referencing the Water and Wastewater Fund, the budget proposes a 10% increase in both water and sewer fees as well as the lowering of the base amount of water included in the base charge. These increases are following the April 2019 NC Rural Water Association water and sewer energy savings assessment study, as well as a rate/usage analysis conducted at the Town's request to determine how to best recover lost revenues that have occurred due to changes in usage over time as well as infrastructure and other maintenance needs to the system.

Minimum Billing Fee (up to 3000 gallons) = \$51.70,

Consumption over 3000 gallons = \$6.90 per 1000 gallons,

New minimum billing rate will be \$113.40 (includes water, sewer, recycling and interconnect fee)

## POOL PASSES ON SALE

### JULY 1st

PURCHASE YOUR PASS ANYTIME

ONLINE @BRPR.US OR

COME BY THE MAIN

PARKS & REC OFFICE

MONDAY- FRIDAY 8AM TO 5PM

Contact 828-295-5222 for any questions



**ROBBINS POOL  
UPDATED HOURS**

PUBLIC SWIM 11AM-8:30PM

MONDAY-SUNDAY

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Contact 828-295-5222 for any Questions

Lap Swim Registration is Still Required

**SUMMER YOGA IN THE PARK**

THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS AT 10AM

JULY 15TH- AUGUST 14TH, 2021

ANNIE CANNON GARDENS, BLOWING ROCK



\$11  
PER  
CLASS

