



# 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.....828-295-5200**  
**Planning & Inspection.....828-295-5240**  
**Water/Sewer/Garbage.....828-295-5200**  
**Parks & Recreation.....828-295-5222**

### Non-Emergency

**Police Administration.....828-295-5212**  
**Fire Administration.....828-548-2800**

### After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

**Emergency.....828-295-5210**  
**Emergency Police & Fire.....911**

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Town Council

09/14/2021 6:00 p.m.  
10/12/2021 6:00 p.m.

#### Planning Board

09/16/2021 5:30 p.m.  
10/21/2021 5:30 p.m.

#### ABC Board

09/16/2021 3:00 p.m.  
10/21/2021 3:00 p.m.

#### BRAAC

09/02/2021 9:00 a.m.  
10/07/2021 9:00 a.m.

#### TDA

09/07/2021 3:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

#### Pool Closes

September 6th

#### Art in the Park:

September 11th  
October 2nd

#### Last 2021 Farmer's Market of Season

September 30th

#### Halloween Festival

October 30th

#### Town Offices Closed

September 6th for Labor Day  
November 11th for Veteran's Day  
November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving



**IF YOUR DOG POOPS  
PLEASE SCOOP**

## *State of Emergency Declaration*

Citizens of Blowing Rock, due to the increase in cases of Covid 19 in our state, Town Council voted to reinstate the State of Emergency (SOE) effective Friday August 27 at 5:00 pm. The SOE requires that face coverings be worn in all indoor public and private establishments in the Town limits of the Town of Blowing Rock. This mandate will be reviewed frequently for overall evaluation of conditions within Watauga County. Visit the Town of Blowing Rock's website at [www.townofblowingrocknc.gov](http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov) under announcements to read the complete copy of the SOE.

## *Semi-Annual Clean-up*

The Town is planning the "Fall Semi-Annual Clean-Up" for the week of October 4th — 8th. This pick-up includes white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches, etc.), mattresses, etc. **The Town can no longer pickup any containers with liquids such as paint cans (will pick up if it has kitty litter or oil dry in it) or propane tanks, electronics, shingles, pallets or tires.** During this pick up, and anytime that you have yard debris, it should be separated into three piles: loose leaves, limbs, plants. Please do not block any ditches or drains. Residents do not need to call Town Hall to have their names put on a list. The Semi-Annual Clean-Up is offered in the fall and spring of each year. There is no charge for this service.



Yard debris should be separated into three piles: loose leaves, limbs, and plant debris.



Yard debris should not be placed into one pile for pickup.

*\*Watauga County Landfill now operates an on-site household hazardous waste collection facility. The HHW (household hazardous waste) facility is equipped to accept a variety of toxic materials such as; household cleaners, paint, varnishes, stains, paint thinner/remover, solvents, pesticides, automotive liquids, etc. It is very important to dispose of these items correctly in order to keep ourselves and our environment safe and toxic free. For more information, contact the Watauga County Sanitation Office at (828)264-5305. The address of their collection site is 336 Landfill Road in Boone.*



## Halloween Festival



Saturday, October 30, 2021

- 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Games in Memorial Park
- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Hayrides Through Blowing Rock
- 5:45 p.m. Monster March (Line-up at American Legion at 5:30)
- 6:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treating
- 7:30 p.m. Moonlight Scavenger Hunt, Broyhill Park, 6-13 Year olds only. Bring your Flashlight.



If changes are necessary it will be posted to the Town's website, [www.townofblowingrocknc.gov](http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov) and the Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation Facebook page.



## Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing

The Town of Blowing Rock is planning the second of its two semi-annual "flushing" of the water lines to take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2021. This important preventive maintenance routine helps ensure our system customers have sustained levels of high water quality by removing sediment and deposits from the more stagnant areas of the system. Some customers may briefly experience a temporary slight discoloration of water in the immediate vicinity of the flushing activity. If this happens in your area, please run your cold-water faucet to flush out the service line to your property. For rare but occasional extended discoloration, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200 with your service address and we will work to clear up your water.

## Remember to Notify One-Call at 8-1-1 Before you Dig

Each year, lives are endangered, money and time are wasted and property is destroyed because individuals fail to follow safe digging practices. The "One-Call" system, which is free to the excavator as well as the homeowner, helps those who dig comply with the safety rules and regulations of the construction industry.

In a typical neighborhood, a complex web of utility lines are buried under lawns, sidewalks and driveways. When digging, one wrong move might cause the community to be cut off from heat, electricity, telephones, water, 911 calls and other vital services. When you make the free call to the One-Call Center, the One-Call staff notifies their member utilities to mark the ground with color-coded paint. After the utilities are marked in your work area, you have taken the first step to avoid damage and injury.

The North Carolina One Call Center provides a toll-free telephone number, 8-1-1, to help reduce damages to underground facilities, thereby reducing the loss of service to the public and the loss of time and money to excavators, utilities and taxpayers.



PLEASE BE A  
GOOD NEIGHBOR  
CLEAN UP AFTER  
YOUR DOG  
Thank you!

## Parks & Recreation Facebook Page

The Town of Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation can now be found on Facebook. Be sure to like our page to stay up to date with news and happenings with everything "FUN" in the Parks and Recreation Department.

## Recipe Corner

### The Real Deal Key Lime Pie

#### Ingredients

Pie:

1 can sweetened condensed milk

3 egg yolks

½ Cup Key Lime juice

1 graham cracker crust

#### Meringue:

4 egg whites

6 tablespoons sugar

¼ teaspoon cream of tartar

½ teaspoon vanilla



Recipe submitted by Nicole Norman, Finance Director

#### Baking Instructions

Pie: Combine condensed milk, egg yolks and lime juice together until well blended. Pour into pie crust; top with meringue.

Meringue: Beat egg whites gradually adding sugar, cream of tartar and vanilla. When thick and makes peaks, spread over pie.

Bake pie at 325 degrees for 15-20 minutes until meringue is golden brown. Chill pie before serving.