



AROUND THE ROCK

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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

BRAAC

First Tuesday of the month
March 1st at 9:00am

Town Council

Second Tuesday of the month
March 8th at 6:00pm

TDA

First Tuesday of the month- quarterly
Rescheduled: March 29th at 3:30pm

Upcoming Events

Town's Birthday Party!
March 11th

Daylight Savings Begins
Spring Forward One Hour March 13th

Trout Derby
April 2nd

Town Easter Egg Hunt
April 9th

Robbins Pool Opens
May 28th

TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL RETREAT

The Town of Blowing Rock Town Council met for the 2022 Winter Retreat February 14-16, 2022. The Council met at the American Legion with a full agenda for each of the three day's sessions. A few topics discussed were:

- 2021 Project Updates
- 2021-2022 Mid-Year Financial Update
- Debt and Bond Update
- Fund Balance Update
- 2022, 2012, 2002 Comparison and What's Ahead Over the Next 20 Years
- Watauga County Property Tax Revaluation Update- County Tax Office
- EMS Discussion
- Solar and Sustainability Discussion
- Underground Utilities Presentation- Blowing Rock Chamber Group
- Blowing Rock Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Update-TDA Director
- Downtown Discussion
- Parking
- Downtown Planning and Zoning
 - Overlay District
 - Outdoor Restaurant Seating
- Parks & Recreation Committee Update
 - Strategic Plan
- 10 Year Capital Projects Planning (CIP)
 - Streets:Paving, Stormwater and Sidewalks
 - Water and Sewer- Plants and Lines
 - Town Buildings
 - Water Meters
- Traffic and Pedestrian Safety
 - 321 Traffic Issues and Update
 - Governors Safety Grant
- 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update
- 2022 Board Appointments: Planning Board, TDA Board, ABC Board, BRAAC and Board of Adjustments
- Town Council Policy and Procedures Update
- Stakeholder Presentations
 - Village Foundation
 - BRCA
 - Historical Society: 1888 Museum and Edgewood Cottage

Following individual topic discussions, Town Council then began to prioritize and set plans for moving forward on projects and plans for the year(s) ahead.

A huge thank you to all involved in this essential annual planning process.

You can view a recording of the meeting on the Town of Blowing Rock's YouTube channel, which can be accessed through our home page at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov.

Meet Your Town Council!



From left to right: David Harwood, Albert Yount, Mayor Charlie Sellers, Melissa Pickett, Pete Gherini, and Doug Matheson



Annual Spring Cleanup Week

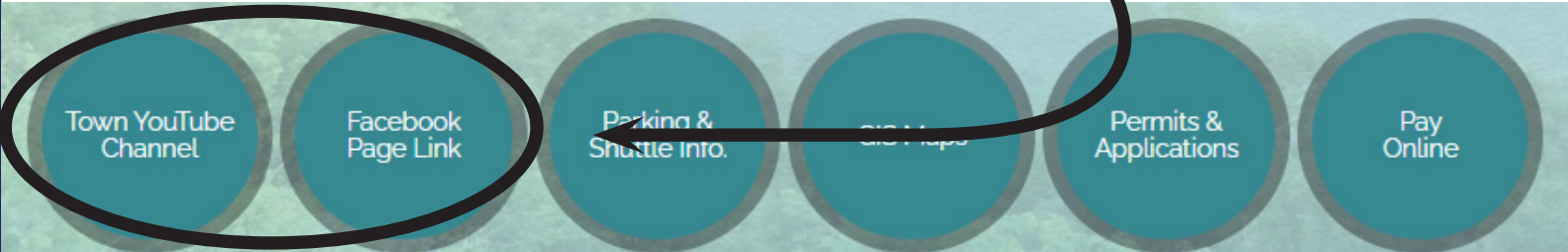


The Blowing Rock Spring Cleanup Week is May 9-13th.

Crews will be picking up items throughout this week including items such as old white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, box springs, furniture, grills and paint cans. Paint in cans must be dry or have enough cat litter added to absorb the paint. Be sure to separate any leaves you might have from any branches you put out so we can use our leaf vacuum machine to expedite pickup. Do not block any ditches or drains when putting out your items to be picked up. Please also note that we are not able to pick up propane tanks, electronics, roof shingles, tires or pallets. There is no need to call to have your name put on a list.

Website Updates!

The homepage of our website, townofblowingrocknc.gov, is updated continuously - scroll to this area for important information - including links to our YouTube channel and Facebook page!



Easter Egg Hunt

The Town of Blowing Rock will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9th 2022.

As time approaches, you can find more information by checking out the Town Facebook page (@tobrncgov), the town website, the Blowing Rock Park & Recreation Facebook page (@BRParksRecreation), or by calling the Parks and Recreation department at (828) 295-5222.

Summer Camp

Camp registration begins April 21st, 2022 for Blowing Rock Taxpayers. The camp is open to boys and girls, from rising Kindergarten (must be five years old and have recently attended daycare) to sixth grade, for nine weeks beginning June 12th and running through August 5th. Summer Day Camp is Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Blowing Rock Recreation Center. For more information call Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

The Village Minute



Every other Friday we send out an emailed newsletter with videos, links and real-time need to know information. Email us at admin@toibr.us to sign up today!!

Recipe Corner: Chicken & Dumplin's

By: Tasha Johnston, Town of Blowing Rock Accounts Payable Clerk

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts or thighs
- 1 sweet onion diced
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 2 cans (10oz each) cream of chicken
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 1 package 8-count refrigerated biscuit dough



Instructions:

Add all of the ingredients except for the biscuit dough to a 6-qt slow cooker and stir to combine. Cover and cook on high for 3 hours or low for 6 hours. When chicken is cooked through and tender, use two forks to shred the meat. Stir to combine. Open the can of biscuits and press each biscuit flat. Cut the biscuits into narrow strips and add to the slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cover and cook on high for 1 hour or until the biscuits are cooked. Biscuits should be light and fluffy when finished. Serve immediately.

Blowing Rock PD Dispatcher Additions

The Town has approved two additional full time dispatch positions for Blowing Rock Police Department. This will allow Blowing Rock to have 24/7 365 in-house coverage for all emergency calls. This is a great asset to our Town! The transition should happen mid-March.



Annual Trout Derby

Derby hours begin at sunrise on Saturday, April 2nd, and end at 4pm on the same day. Trout caught in any Watauga County body of water on April 2nd are eligible. All Fishing and Wildlife laws should be followed for Watauga County public waters, including possession of a valid fishing license and following all posted regulations. No entry fees are required and no pre-registration is necessary for participation. For additional information, like the Derby Headquarters location, participation rules, and award details, check the Parks & Recreation Facebook page or call (828) 295-5222 closer to the event date!

Share your recipes with us!
Email them to admin@toibr.us