



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
 May 3rd at 9:00am

Town Council

Second Tuesday of the month
 May 10th at 6:00pm

Planning Board

Third Thursday of the month
 May 19th at 5:30pm

Upcoming Events

Bi-Annual Spring Cleanup Week
 May 9th-13th

Farmer's Market Begins
 May 19th (and every Thursday after)

Art in the Park
 May 21st

Concert in the Park
 May 22nd

Robbins Pool Opens
 May 28th

Memorial Day (Town Offices Closed)
 May 30th

Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show
 June 9th-12th

Art in the Park
 June 11th

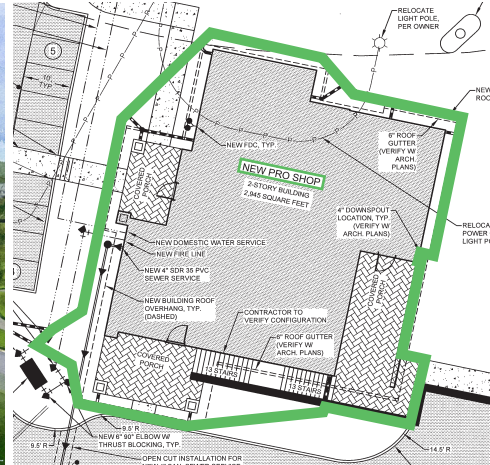
Concert in the Park
 June 12th

4th of July Festival & Parade
 July 2nd

New Developments in Blowing Rock



Blowing Rock Country Club - Proposed Aerial View



BRCC Pro Shop - Site Map View

Blowing Rock Country Club was issued a Special Use Permit to construct a new pro shop in March 2022. The new pro shop will be 6,800 square feet and located between the current clubhouse and fitness center. The building design will be complementary to the existing clubhouse.

Look out for more Blowing Rock developments in upcoming newsletters.

Let's Clean Up Blowing Rock!

Here's two opportunities you can help us keep Blowing Rock beautiful:

BLOWING ROCK CLEANUP WEEK

BI-ANNUAL WEEK-LONG SPRING CLEANUP FOR TOWN RESIDENTS

RAIN OR SHINE Public works will pick up all the items

WHEN? May 9-13th (all week long)

WHERE? All Blowing Rock town residential homes

COST? FREE to all town citizens

HERE'S SOME EXAMPLES OF WHAT THE CREWS WILL PICK UP
 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 (please note that paint in cans must be dry or have enough cat litter added to absorb the paint).

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO
 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. 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 - we'll pick items up all week!

Clean out your gutters, basements, yard debris and let us take it for you!

This event is sponsored by the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Blowing Rock. Call the Chamber at 828-295-7851 for more information.

SIX RENCE PUB **FOOD LION** **TOWN TAVERN** **MELOU MUSHROOM**

Free lunch & no supplies needed!

Blowing Rock Community Cleanup

Tuesday, May 10th
 Meet at the Chamber @ 9AM

All supplies will be provided at the Chamber for the litter sweep of the downtown area. Help us spruce up our community before the summer season!
 Pizza lunch will be provided for volunteers at 11:30am.

Robbins Pool Opens May 28th

2022 Reservation-Free Swim Times:

Monday - Sunday
12:00pm - 8:30pm

For questions, please contact
Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at
(828) 295-5222 or jbrown@tobr.us



How Does Revenue Neutral Tax Rate Affect Me?

Many Citizens and property owners have had questions regarding the recent Property Tax Revaluation (Watauga County) and the related term Revenue Neutral Tax Rate. The summary below is based on an article written by a UNC School of Government Property Tax expert explaining the term. The article also gives examples that help further explain the rate. We believe the article may be helpful in trying to gain understanding of the term and rate and what it means to property owners.

What is the revenue-neutral tax rate ("RNTR") and why does it exist?

NCGS 159-11(e) defines the RNTR and requires that it be included in the proposed budget submitted by the finance officer to the governing board "for comparison purposes" in reappraisal years. Counties (and therefore the municipalities in those counties) must conduct reappraisals of real property at least every eight years. Most counties are on four- or eight-year reappraisal cycles. When a reappraisal occurs, the tax base for that county and its municipalities changes because real property values are adjusted back to market value. In "normal" economic times, the real property tax base increases after a reappraisal, usually between 20% and 40% depending on how long it's been since the county's last reappraisal. These are not normal economic times, however, and so for the first time ever some county's are seeing decreases in their tax bases after reappraisals. When the tax base changes, that local government would experience a change in revenue if its tax rate were to remain unchanged for the new fiscal year. The RNTR is intended to show the tax rate that would keep the local government's revenue neutral given its new tax base. With the statutory calculation adjusting for increases the current year's revenue by the average annual growth rate experienced by the local government's tax base since the last reappraisal. This makes the calculation somewhat complex. Basically, if the tax base increases due to the reappraisal, the RNTR will be lower than the current tax rate. If the tax base decreases due to the reappraisal, the RNTR will be greater than the current tax rate.

How does the RNTR affect taxpayers?

The RNTR must be published but it need not be adopted. If the local government adopts a tax rate greater than the RNTR—even if the new tax rate is lower than the current tax rate—then it effectively increases its revenues and increases the tax burden on its citizens. It is important to note, that because the RNTR is calculated on average growth in the entire municipal district's tax base, individual tax bills still may increase even if the local government adopts the RNTR. The "revenue-neutral" aspect of the RNTR refers to the aggregate tax burden for the entire jurisdiction, not the tax burden for individual taxpayers. If a taxpayer's real property appreciated in value more than did the local government's real property in the aggregate, then that taxpayer's tax bill will increase if the RNTR is adopted. A taxpayer's bill will also increase if that taxpayer's proportion of real property to personal property is greater than that for the jurisdiction as a whole. When real property market values are rising each year, a reappraisal effectively shifts more of a local government's tax burden from personal property (which is adjusted to market value every year) to real property (which lags behind market value in between reappraisal years). What happens if aggregate real property tax values drop after a reappraisal? It would then be necessary to raise the tax rate for the coming fiscal year simply to keep revenues neutral. Not all properties within a jurisdiction will experienced the same depreciation, of course. In both absolute and relative terms, expensive properties, especially vacation homes, usually lose much more value than more modest properties.

Recipe Corner: Oreo Mud Pie

By: Kristy Hayes,
Town of Blowing Rock HR & Payroll Admin

Ingredients:

- 1 Pack of Oreos - crumbled
- 1 3.9oz Instant Chocolate Pudding
- 1 8oz Cream Cheese - Room Temp
- 1 8oz Cool Whip

Instructions:

- Make pudding mix as directed on the box
- Layer 3/4 of the crumbled oreos in a deep dish container
- Mix the cream cheese and cool whip together
- Spread on top of the crumbled oreos
- Once pudding has stiffened in the fridge (according to the box instructions), spread it on top of the cool whip mixture
- Sprinkle the remaining oreos on top
- Place in the fridge until it is cooled and ready serve



Share your favorite recipes with us!

Email your recipes to admin@tobr.us
to share them with your friends and
neighbors here in Blowing Rock!

2021 CCR Report

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2021 Drinking Water Quality Report.

The report is available online here:

<https://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/10712>

or may be obtained at Town Hall:

1036 Main Street. If you have any questions about the reports, please contact the Water Plant at (828) 295-5225.