



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)
January 3rd at 9:00am

Town Council

(Second Tuesday of the month)
January 10th at 6:00pm

Planning Board

(Third Thursday of the month)
January 19th at 5:30pm

Upcoming Events

Blowing Rock Winterfest

January 26-29th

Town Council Annual Retreat

January 30th-February 1st



Snow Parking Reminder

As we move into winter weather, no overnight parking is allowed on Main Street and Sunset Drive to allow for snow removal. Signs are posted to mark these areas.

Main Street Water & Sewer Line Replacement Project Overview



The project includes replacement of existing water lines with a new 8-inch water line along Main Street from Broyhill Furniture on the south end to Chetola Lake on the north end. The new line will replace lines installed in the early 1900s that have had repeated leaks over the last 20 years. The replacement will also include new fire hydrants and service connections to meters. Also included is replacement of an 8-inch gravity sewer line from Chestnut Drive north to Park Avenue, which was also installed in the early 1900s.

The Town anticipates bidding the project out in January and hope to award the project contract by the April Town Council meeting. This could allow work to begin during the summer of 2023, with an anticipated completion of late 2024. Work in the Central Business district will be planned to minimize impact during peak days. Weekend work is not expected.

The work will only cause minimal interruptions (a matter of hours) to customers services as the new service line is connected. With a project of this nature, there will be unforeseen issues that could also disrupt service, just as any main line leak can cause.

The total project has an estimated cost of \$4.8M and is fully funded by an appropriation by the State of North Carolina from Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Work along Main Street will be staged, with one utility at a time being placed underground. Once all of the work is complete, the entire road will be resurfaced. During construction in each section, parking along Main Street will be closed, and at times, there will be active traffic control to only allow one lane to pass at a time.

The town will hold a neighborhood meeting in the late winter/early spring to discuss the anticipated construction timeline. The Town Council Retreat at the end of January will be used for Council to review and discuss bid results. Be on the lookout after the retreat for more information.

Underground Utilities



Currently, a task force created by the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce is examining the possibility of burying power, cable, and telephone lines along main street. Plans are currently underway in order to get project costs for Town Council consideration of the project. If completed, the project would be expected to run in tandem with the Town's planned water/sewer line replacement project. More information will be available as planning progresses.

You can prevent fats, oil and grease clog in your home and the environment

- Avoid disposing of these items down your kitchen sink:

Meat Fats Food Scraps Baking Goods Sauces
Lard Dairy Products Cooking Oil Butter

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from kitchen items, grills, and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Do not put grease down garbage disposals.
- Put strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps, and empty the drain strainers for disposal.
- Speak with your friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how to prevent clogs.

It's Time to Treecycle!



The Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees throughout January! The pick up is all month long and the date of your pick up is determined by your zone. If you are unsure when your zone is, you can check our website at townofblowingrocknc.gov or give us a call in town hall at (828) 295-5200.

25th Annual WinterFest

Join us in Blowing Rock for WinterFest January 26th-29th! Many fan-favorite events will be back including WinterFeast, the Polar Bear Plunge, the Rotary Chilly Chili Challenge, the Beer Garden, family friendly activities and so much more! You can learn more about each of the WinterFest activities and see the event schedule here: blowingrockwinterfest.com. WinterFest tickets can be purchased at the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, 132 Park Avenue in Blowing Rock, via phone at 800-295-7801 or 828-295-7851.



TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL RETREAT
January 30th-February 1st

You can watch the Annual Retreat live through our Town YouTube Channel: [@blowingrockgov](https://www.youtube.com/@blowingrockgov)



Winterize Your Home

Preparing your home for winter will help avoid messy spring cleanup due to broken water pipes. Shut off main water supply at the street or basement. If you have a private water supply, turn off the pump and drain the pressure tank.

If heat will be turned off:

1. Shut off gas lines at the entrance to your home, if present.
2. Open all faucets and leave them open to empty pipes.
3. Drain the water heater and leave the valve open.
4. Remove all water from toilet tanks and bowls.
5. If you choose to remove drain traps, plug line to block sewer gas.
6. Unplug the refrigerator, thoroughly clean, and prop open the door.
7. Unplug all electrical items, except lights on timers.

If heat will be left on:

1. Set thermostat to 50 degrees.
2. Keep heat turned on in any areas where there are water or drain pipes. If this is impractical, wrap them with electrical heat tape.

Thank You For All You Do!

We are very fortunate to have so many amazing employees working hard for the Town of Blowing Rock! Below are the 2022 service awards given to our dedicated employees.

5 years

Tasha Johnston - Finance/Admin
 Thomas Gunnells - BRPD
 Adam Lentz - BRPD
 Alex Price - BRFD
 Jason Roten - BRFD
 Colby Whitt - BRFD
 Brandon Trivette - BRFD
 Hunter Shook - Public Works

15 years

Nicole Norman - Finance/Admin
 Aaron Miller - BRPD
 Sterling Lewis - Public Works
 James Townsend - Water Plant
 Amanda Lugenbell - TDA

25 years

Sharon VanDyke - BRPD