



AROUND THE ROCK

Important Numbers
 Town Hall..... 828-295-5200
 Planning & Inspections . 828-295-5240
 Parks & Recreation 828-295-5222

Non-Emergency
 Police Administration ... 828-295-5212
 Fire Administration 828-548-2800

After Hours (Water & Sewer)
 Emergency 828-295-5210
 Emergency Police & Fire 911

Upcoming Meetings
(All Meetings Are in Town Hall)

Town Council
(Second Tuesday of the month)
 January 9th at 6:00pm

BRAAC
(Third Thursday of the month)
 January 18th at 9:00am

Planning Board
(Third Thursday of the month)
 January 18th at 5:30pm

Town Council
(Second Tuesday of the month)
 February 13th at 6:00pm

Upcoming Events
MLK Jr. Day - Town Offices Closed
 January 15th

WinterFest
 January 25-28th



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.

BLOWING ROCK WINTERFEST

Don't Hibernate...Celebrate!



Whether you're taking the daring Polar Bear Plunge, admiring the breathtaking ice sculptures, indulging in local delicacies, or enjoying the range of family entertainment, WinterFest in Blowing Rock promises to be an enchanting experience that creates cherished memories and ignites the spirit of the winter season.

Thursday, January 25th

- * WinterFest at Green Park Inn, 5:30pm and 7pm seatings
- * Winterfest Hendrick Hunt Begins (find the 4 vehicles placed around town)
- * Festival of Lights from dusk until 10 pm, Chetola Resort

Friday, January 26th

- * Ice Stroll down Main Street (Tour of Ice Carvings), 4pm– 7pm
- * WinterFest Hendrick Hunt Continues!
- * Festival of Lights from dusk until 10 pm, Chetola Resort

Saturday, January 27th

- * Polar Bear Plunge at Chetola: 8am – Registration | 10am – Plunge Begins
- * Mountain Alliance's 2023 Silent Auction, 10am – 4pm
- * Online Auction: Saturday January 21st to Saturday January 28th
- * In-person: Saturday January 28th 10am – 4pm at the American Legion Hall
- * Rotary Chilly Chili Challenge, Blowing Rock School Gym, 11am – 2pm
- * Beer Garden, Meadowbrook Inn (Four Seasons Ball Room), 1pm – 3pm
- * Wine Tasting, Green Park Inn, 3pm – 5pm
- * Wine Auction, Green Park Inn, 5pm – 6pm
- * Ice Carving Demo in Memorial Park, 12pm – 4pm
- * Hayrides From noon – 3pm
- * Boy Scouts hotdog and hot chocolate fundraiser, Blowing Rock Library, 12-3pm
- * Festival of Lights from dusk until 10 pm, Chetola Resort

Sunday, January 28th

- * Pancake Breakfast, Blowing Rock School (School Cafeteria), 8-10 am
- * Winter Paws, Blowing Rock School Gym, 12-3pm
- * WinterFest Hendrick Hunt Ends

The wine tasting & auction, WinterFest, beer garden and chili challenge require tickets which can be purchased at blowingrockwinterfest.com, the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce (132 Park Avenue in Blowing Rock) or by phone at (828) 295-7851.

Main Street Water Sewer Project Update

Main Street Water and Sewer Project – as of January 4, 2024:

January 15th (MLK Holiday): sewer work to begin on Main Street at Morris Street intersection – Morris Street will be closed at this location.

After January 15th: sewer installation on Main Street to continue towards Chestnut Drive utilizing parking spaces on the east side of Main Street. Sewer installation continues on the east side of Main from Morris Street north to Maple Street through the end of February. Lane shifts will be expected during this construction and Fridays of each work will be reserved for clean up unless lost work days through the week.

February 5th: a new sewer crew mobilized to North Main for installation of 18-inch sewer and manholes from Chetola entrance to Hwy 321 light. Complete road closure of Main Street and a detour will be required each week Monday through Thursday. Friday-Sunday the road will be open. This portion of the project will last at least through the first of April 2024.

Mid-March 2024: water line installation will re-start from Ginny Stevens Lane and continue north on Main Street through downtown. The west side of Main Street parking and south bound lane will be utilized for water installation.

Entire water and sewer project completion date is **September 10, 2024.**

All dates listed are approximate and the timing of all construction activity is weather-dependent.

Feb. 7th to
Mar. 27th,
2024

Golden Age Games

Free Entry

Blowing Rock
American Legion

Every Wednesday
from 9am-12pm



BR Parks and Recreation is excited to announce Golden Age Games! Every Wed Feb 7th to March 27th from 9am-12pm we will be hosting the Golden Age Games at the American Legion Building. Multiple board and card games will be available to play. Coffee and water provided. No entry fee or registration is required. For more info, call our office at (828) 295-5222 ext.1 or email bstanley@tobr.us.

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 the 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 remove drain traps, plug the line to block sewer gas.
6. Unplug the refrigerator, clean, and prop open the door.
7. Unplug all electrical items, except lights on timers.

If the 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 can't be done, wrap them with electrical heat tape.

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

- Avoid disposing of these items down your sink:

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

- 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.
- 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 grease in the sewer system and how to prevent clogs.