



Around the Rock

Highlights of What's Happening Around Town

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Important Numbers

Town Hall.....295-5200
Planning & Inspections.....295-5240
Water/Sewer/Garbage.....295-5200
Parks & Recreation.....295-5222

Non-Emergency

Police Administration.....295-5212
Fire Administration.....295-5220

After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

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

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

01/10/2017 6:00 p.m.
02/14/2017 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

01/19/2017 5:30 p.m.
02/09/2017 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

01/12/2017 12:00 p.m.
02/00/2017 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

02/02/2017 5:30 p.m.

Fogleman Says Farewell to Blowing Rock



Blowing Rock Town Manager Scott Fogleman is stepping down at the end of January. Fogleman, appointed as Town Manager in September, 2013 has been instrumental in helping the Town of Blowing Rock achieve a number of significant accomplishments in his 3+ years.

Fogleman said, "I am very proud of the Council's and staff's achievements over the past three years. The Council has positioned the organization on strong financial footing to achieve great things over the coming years including continued execution of the general obligation bond referendum capital projects and working cooperatively with NCDOT to coordinate completion of the 321 widening project. As the next Town Manager, Ed Evans will have a great Council and staff to work with to continue moving the community forward while retaining the charm and small Town atmosphere that makes Blowing Rock such a great place to live, work and visit."

When asked what he plans to do next, Fogleman said he first plans to finish his Town Manager role in Blowing Rock in strong fashion and then spend more time with his family including his spouse, four children, and helping to care for his 90 year old mother. He plans to stay in the area with his spouse and to spend more time with her including assisting with her business.

Fogleman will be missed by Town Staff and the many residents he has come to know in his time with the Town.

Ed Evans' first day will be Monday January 23rd and Scott will spend a week with Ed to share information with him regarding current and future projects.

Upcoming Events

Town Offices Closed:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16th

Winterfest:
January 26th- 29th



www.blowingrockwinterfest.com

2017 Town Calendars are Here!

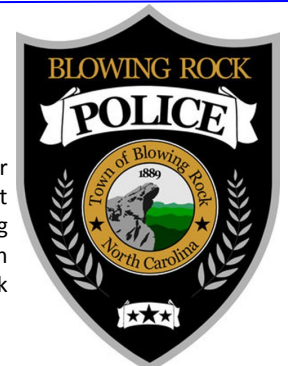


The 2017 Town calendars are available at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street. Calendars are also available at the Visitor Center located at 132 Park Avenue (at the Chamber of Commerce building). Calendars are free of charge.

Stop by today and pick up your calendar!

Property Check Program

The Blowing Rock Police Department offers a Property Check Program for our citizens. Any resident of Blowing Rock that owns a home or other property that will be vacant during the winter months can request extra patrols by completing a Property Check Information Sheet which can be found at Blowing Rock Town Hall, the Blowing Rock Police Department, or on the Town of Blowing Rock website at www.townofblowingrock.com. There is no fee for this service.





Celebrate the fun side of winter at the 18th Annual WinterFest, January 26th - 29th. There's something for all ages!

Events Include:

- WinterFest & After Party
- Little Miss Winterfest
- Shop Til You Drop
- Hayrides
- Polar Plunge
- Beer Garden & Chili Cookoff
- Ice Carving Demonstrations
- WinterPaws Dog Show
- Kids Activities
- Silent Auction & Raffle
- WinterFashion Show
- WinterFest Snowflake Parade

And More!

For more information about Winterfest Events or Sponsorships, call: (877) 295-7801 or (828) 295-7851.

Tickets can be purchased at the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce (132 Park Ave.) and online at: www.blowingrockwinterfest.com.

Kinder Basketball Registration

Kinder Basketball registration for 3-5 year olds will begin on January 17th for Blowing Rock taxpayers and open registration will begin on January 23rd. To receive the taxpayer rate, a copy of your Blowing Rock tax bill (not Watauga/Caldwell County) must be attached. The taxpayer rate is \$30 and the non-taxpayer rate is \$40. Kinder Basketball will meet twice a week for four weeks at the Blowing Rock Elementary School Gym, beginning February 27th. If you have questions regarding Kinder Basketball please contact Autumn at Parks and Recreation (828) 295-5222.

Is your water really turned off?

All seasonal home property owners are strongly encouraged to have their water turned off completely at the meter prior to the onset of extended freezing temperatures. Homes left unattended for more than two weeks that do not have water turned off at the meter **do not qualify** for a leak adjustment in the event that a pipe bursts and/or a leak occurs. If you are unsure of how to properly shut off the water at the meter or do not know where your meter is located, please contact Town Hall for assistance. This is a function that most caretakers are familiar with. Please note that base charges to support water and sewer plant operations still apply.

How to Shut Off Water at the Meter

1. Locate your water meter. These are typically in iron boxes in the ground in front of or to the side of your home. Some are located towards the bottom of property lines or may be towards a neighboring street in the back of your home. If you cannot locate your meter, please contact Town Hall for assistance.
2. Remove the meter cover.
3. Locate the correct shut-off valve that is attached to the meter. This should be the one on your side of the meter, not the main water line on the side near the road maintained by the Town of Blowing Rock.
4. Turn the valve clockwise by hand, with meter key (can be purchased at Town Hall for \$30) or wrench. Meter should stop spinning. When the valve is turned off, the handle should be perpendicular to the water line.

Town Update List

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