



Around the Rock

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Highlights of What's Happening Around Town

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Important Numbers

Town Hall.....295-5200
Planning & Inspection.....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

09/12/2017 6:00 p.m.
10/10/2017 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

09/21/2017 5:30 p.m.
10/19/2017 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

09/21/2017 3:00 p.m.
10/19/2017 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

09/07/2017 5:30 p.m.
10/05/2017 5:30 p.m.

TDA

10/03/2017 3:30 p.m.

Semi-Annual Clean-up

The Town is planning the "Fall Semi-Annual Clean-Up" for the week of October 2-6. This pick-up includes white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches, etc.), mattresses, etc. **The Town can no longer pickup any containers with liquids such as paint cans or propane tanks, electronics, shingles or tires.** During this pickup, and anytime that you have yard debris, it should be



Yard debris should be separated into three piles: loose leaves, limbs, and plant debris.

separated into three piles: loose leaves, limbs, plants. Please do not block any ditches or drains. Residents do not need to call Town Hall to have their names put on a list. The Semi-Annual Clean-Up is offered in the fall and spring of each year. There is no charge for this service.



Yard debris should not be placed into one pile for pickup.

**Watauga County Landfill will be accepting full paint containers from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 14th and Saturday October 14th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, contact the Watauga*

County Sanitation Office at (828)264-5305. The address of their collection site is 336 Landfill Road in Boone.



The Code Red emergency notification system provides the Town of Blowing Rock with a telephone calling system capable of delivering customized emergency messages directly to homes, businesses and mobile telephone users. If you are not already registered for this service, please go to the Town's website at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov. Once you are on the home page, go to the top of the page and you will see, Services, under which you will find the link to register for Code Red. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE CODE RED NOTIFICATIONS.** If you have any questions please call Town Hall at (828)295-5200.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

September 9th
October 7th

Blowing Rock Fall Classic Bike Race

September 16
8 a.m.

Blowing Rock Music Festival

September 24th

Last 2017 Farmer's Market of Season

October 12th

Halloween Festival: (details on back)

October 28th

Town Offices Closed

September 4th for Labor Day
November 10th for Veterans' Day
November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving

Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing

The Town of Blowing Rock is planning the second of its two semi-annual "flushing" of the water lines to take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 7th, 8th and 9th, 2017. This important preventive maintenance routine helps ensure our system customers have sustained levels of high water quality by removing sediment and deposits from the more stagnant areas of the system. Some customers may briefly experience a temporary slight discoloration of water in the immediate vicinity of the flushing activity. If this happens in your area, please run your cold-water faucet to flush out the service line to your property. For rare but occasional extended discoloration, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200 with your service address and we will work to clear up your water.

Town Employee Recognized



Chris Geiss was recently recognized by 4 Forty Four with their "Unsung Hero Award" for his kindness to the Residents and visitors of Blowing Rock. The award was presented to Chris by Lynn Lawrence.

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.



Halloween Festival

October 28, 2017

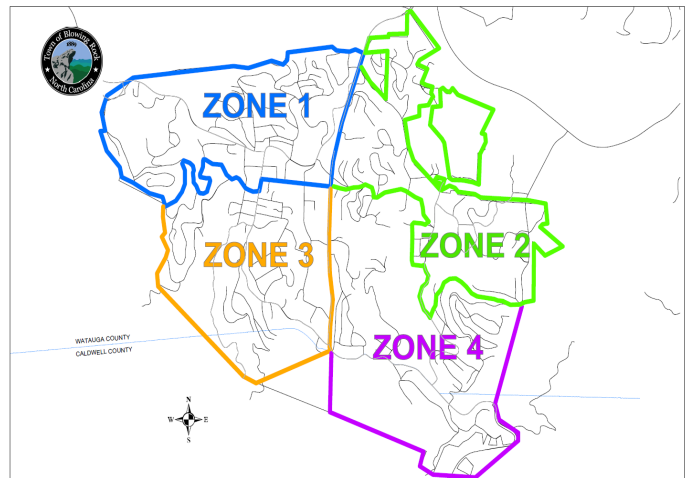


- [Spooky Stories & Creepy Crafts at BRAHM](#)
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- [Airwalks in Memorial Park](#)
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- [Games & Fun House in the Recreation Center for the Kids](#)
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- [Hay Rides through Blowing Rock](#)
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(Meet at front of Memorial Park)
- [THE MONSTER MARCH](#) (Walking parade for those in costume)
- [Trick or Treat in Downtown Blowing Rock at Participating Businesses](#)
6:00 p.m. (Look for the black and orange balloons)
- [Costume Contest](#)
7:00 p.m.
Sign up at the Recreation Center by 6:45 p.m.
Location: Recreation Center (White Building by the Tennis Courts)
- [Moonlight Scavenger Hunt at Broyhill Lake](#)
Begins After Costume Contest
Bring your flashlight!! (Age 6-13) participate in teams (max: 3 per group)

Brush Collection Zone Program Reminder

In our efforts to continuously improve service levels, we have developed a zonal approach for brush collection. Our goal is to have this service provided in a more predictable manner for residents in a way that is more efficient for staff.

The Town has been divided into four zones as shown in the map to the right. For reference purposes, the middle of the map where all the zones align is Valley Boulevard (321). Generally, residents in each zone can expect to have their curbside brush collected in the respective full week of each month. For example, Zone 1 will be collected in the first week of the month, Zone 2 in the second week of the month, etc. Please plan to have your brush out as early in your designated week as possible so all brush is not put out toward the end of your respective collection week and we can fully complete each zone in that zone's designated week.



The zone based brush collection schedule for September will be Zone 1 will be collected the week of September 4-8, Zone 2 will be collected September 11-15, Zone 3 will be collected September 18-22, and Zone 4 will be collected September 25-29. In October, Zone 1 will start collection the first full week of the month on October 2, Zone 2 will start the week of October 9, etc.

For a full list of streets sorted alphabetically showing the scheduled weeks of collection, please visit www.townofblowingrocknc.gov where there is a link at the top of the website. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.