



Around the Rock

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.....548-2800

After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

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

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

03/13/2018 6:00 p.m.
04/10/2018 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

03/15/2018 5:30 p.m.
04/19/2018 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

03/15/2018 3:00 p.m.
04/19/2018 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

03/01/2018 3:00 p.m.
04/05/2018 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Summer Day Camp Registration

BR Taxpayers — March 5th
Open Registration — March 19th

Town's 129th Birthday Celebration

*March 12th @ 3:30
Town Hall
*Date Corrected

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 24th
Games @ 10:00 am
Egg Hunt @ 11:00 am

Town Offices Closed

Good Friday
March 30th

Trout Derby

April 7th
7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Savor Blowing Rock

May 3rd–May 6th
www.savorblowingrock.com

Memorial Park Tree Removal

It is with great displeasure that we announce the removal of twelve maple trees from Memorial Park. No one is saddened more than the Mayor and Town Council and staff, but the decision to remove the trees for safety outweighed any decision to leave the trees. We value our residents and visitors too much to risk someone being injured or killed by falling branches or a falling tree. Please see the photographs below for a glimpse at the evidence that made the decision necessary. Also visit the Town's website at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov to see additional photographs and the report and recommendations from the North Carolina Forestry Service. All twelve trees show evidence of deterioration and rot.

We have a plan to replant twelve trees of different varieties that will not be susceptible to the same disease that was killing our maple trees. We think everyone will be pleased with the plan to replace the trees and other enhancements that will keep Memorial Park beautiful.

Please be patient as we continue with the process of beautifying the Park.

Ed Evans

Town Manager



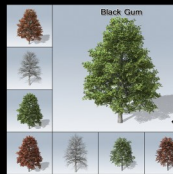
Coming Soon!! The New Look of Memorial Park



The Black Gum tree has an annual growth rate of 12" to 24" per year. The initial caliper of the front trees will be 4" to 5" at a height of 21 to 25 feet. The maximum mature sizes are expected to be between 35 and 50 feet. This species is known for its deep red, purple, and crimson coloring in the fall as depicted below in this rendering.



The addition of a small rock wall will create planting space and protected areas from compaction of soil and root damage. Secondary plantings will diversify with stair-stepped sizing of different species throughout the park. This plan will provide visual variety as well as resistance to disease adding longevity and good health to the trees in our park. For more information or to help support the plan as others have sponsored trees contact Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation by calling (828) 295-5222 or sending email to prdirector@townofblowingrocknc.gov.



Swim Lessons

Registration for Swim Lessons begins March 5th for Tax Payers and Open Enrollment begins March 19th, 2018. Lessons are in two week sessions. Dates are subject to change depending on the Watauga County School Calendar.

Kinder T-Ball

Kinder T-Ball registration begins April 2nd for Tax payers and open enrollment begins April 9th, 2018. Practices will start May 2nd and run through the end of the month.

For more information or if you have questions please contact Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Flu Season Tips

Did you know that a person can pass the flu germ to other people starting a day before he or she becomes ill? And some people can have the flu but have no symptoms or have very mild symptoms and still spread the flu to other people?

Many of you received your flu shot this season, but there is still a chance of getting the flu. Here are some tips for you to stay healthy and keep the flu away:

- Keep tissues handy for coughs and sneezes.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or arm NOT your hands.
- If you are sick with a cold or flu, stay home and away from other people if possible.
- Avoid sharing common items such as phones and computer keyboards.
- If you have to share, then wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Wash your hands frequently throughout the day.
- Drink plenty of fluids when you are well and sick.



2018 Board Appointments

Planning Board: Joe Pappa, Pier Gherini and Kim Hartley

Board of Adjustment: Buz Helms, Laurin Carter, Harrison Herbst(ETJ) and Lee Rocamora (Alternate)

ABC Board: Sylvia Tarleton

TDA Board: Dean Bullis

BRAAC: Curtis Andrews, Karen Diamond and Chris Wetmore

Volunteer Board Reception

The Blowing Rock Town Council will honor all board members with a Volunteer Board Reception prior to the March 13th Council meeting. The Reception will be from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m.

Golden Easter Egg Hunt

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The Town of Blowing Rock will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th, 2018. The games will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Park. For more information please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.



Summer Day Camp

Camp registration begins March 5th, 2018 for Blowing Rock Taxpayers and Open Enrollment begins March 19th, 2018. The camp is open to boys and girls, from rising Kindergarten (must be five years old and have recently attended daycare) to sixth grade, for eight weeks beginning *June 18th and running through August 10th. Summer Day Camp is Monday - Friday 7:30 to 5:30 at the Blowing Rock Elementary School gym. Applications are available online at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov under Parks and Recreation and Landscaping Tab and then Forms. For more information call Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222. ***Tentative due to Watauga County Schools Calendar.**

Reminders

- **2018 Car Tags:** Blowing Rock car tags are now available at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street for a fee of \$2.00. Stop by today and purchase yours.
- **Town Office Holiday Closing:** Town Offices will be closed Friday, March 30th 2018 in observance of Good Friday. Commercial garbage and Residential Recycling will be collected on the normal schedule.

Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing

The Town of Blowing Rock is planning the first of its two semi-annual "flushing" of the water lines to take place on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, 2018.** This important preventive maintenance routine helps ensure our system customers have sustained levels of high water quality by removing sediment and deposits from the less used 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 location and we will work to clear up any issues.