



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing 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..... 548-2800

After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

Emergency.....295-5210

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

05/15/2018 6:00 p.m.
06/05/2018 6:00 p.m.
06/12/2018 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

05/17/2018 5:30 p.m.
06/21/2018 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

05/17/2018 3:00 p.m.
06/21/2018 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

05/03/2018 3:30 p.m.
06/07/2018 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

May 26th & June 16th
(On Park Ave Beside Town-Hall)

Savor Blowing Rock

May 3rd – May 6th

Monday Night Concert Series:

Broyhill Park Gazebo 7:00 p.m.
July 2nd - July 30th

Farmers Market

Every Thursday Beginning
May 24th (on Park Avenue)
4:00 - 6:00

Pool Opens:

May 26th

Charity Horse Show

June 7th - 10th

Movie in the Park:

June 28th, 8:30 - 10:30

Town Offices Closed

Memorial Day - May 28th
Independence Day - July 4th

Blowing Rock 4th of July Festival

2018 Schedule of Events

All events take place in/around Memorial Park.

Friday, July 6:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Park Dance with Summerdaze

Saturday, July 7:

9:00am - Until Horseshoe Tournament , 18 & older Prizes Awarded

12:00 pm - 1:30pm Brian Collins

2:00pm Independence Day Parade

3:00pm - 4:30pm The Cockman Family (Bluegrass/Gospel Music)

3:30pm Park Games: Prizes Awarded, Water Balloon Toss, Watermelon Eating Contest
Face Painting · And much more!

9:30pm Fireworks-Located at the Blowing Rock Country Club



Own a Piece of History



The town recently replaced all of its street name signs with larger signs. This leaves you with an opportunity to own a piece of history. The former street name signs are "for sale" on a first-come, first-serve basis. They are black signs with silver, four inch characters. The signs are \$25 each. Please call 828-295-5200 to arrange purchase.

2018 Pool Schedule

The Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park will open on Saturday May 26, 2018, Memorial Day weekend. Individual and family pool passes are now available. Below is the 2018 Swimming Pool schedule and fees. For questions regarding pool membership or swim lessons please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222. The pool is scheduled to remain open until Monday September 3rd, 2018

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Swim Lessons
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Public Swim
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Adult Lap Swim & Exercise
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Swim Lessons
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Public Swim

Saturday

11:00 a.m. -7:30 p.m. Public Swim

Sunday

12:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. Public Swim



Admission Fees :

- Daily \$4.00
- Non-Taxpayers \$5.00 Daily
- Non Swimmer \$2.00 Daily

Short Term Rentals

The Town of Blowing Rock and the Blowing Rock Tourism Development Authority (TDA) have partnered with STR Helper, a software development and monitoring company in Garden City Utah to help and identify short term rentals within the town limits. The objective is to be sure that those properties renting short term (less than 90 consecutive days) are in compliance with regard to occupancy taxes. The program will also assist the Town in effectively regulating and monitoring any issues associated with short term rentals. If you have questions regarding the current ordinances, please contact Planning and Zoning at (828) 295-5240. If you have any questions for the Tourism Development Authority and how they can assist in promoting your rental property, please call Tracy Brown or Amanda Lugenbell at (828) 295-4636.

Drinking Water Quality & Wastewater Annual Report - Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2017 Drinking Water Quality Report and the 2017 System Performance Annual Report for the Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. These reports are available online at <http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/home/showdocument?id=5861> or may be obtained at Town Hall, 1036 Main Street.

If you have any questions about the reports, please contact the Water Plant at (828) 295-5225

Miller Graduates from Law Enforcement Executive Program



Captain Aaron Miller recently completed the Law Enforcement Executive Program through North Carolina State University. This program is known not only in North Carolina but throughout the region. It focuses on developing effective management skills to deal with the ever changing complexity of today's law enforcement.

Solid Waste/Recycling Changes

New Rules affecting solid waste and recycling containers effective July 1, 2018.

- Solid waste/recycling containers shall be placed within ten (10) feet of the paved portion of the street or road serving the property on the day of trash/recycling collection
- Containers must be placed street side not before 5:00 p.m. the night prior to the days of collection and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the days of collection
- The solid waste/recycling container must be removed from the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the day after collection
- Town employees will retrieve solid waste/recycling containers that are enclosed in a bin
- Enclosure bins shall not be located closer than 6 feet from the edge of street pavement, not farther than 12 feet from the street, and shall not impede sight distances of neighboring driveways.
- Acceptable enclosure bins, constructed after July 1, 2018, must be opaque on four sides, at least 4 feet high, approved by the Public Works Director, and maintained in good condition.

Spring Clean Up May 14th-18th!

The Town of Blowing Rock has scheduled its Spring Semi-Annual clean-up during the week of May 14-18. Crews will be picking up items throughout this week including items such as old white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, box springs, furniture, grills and paint cans. Paint in cans must be dry or have enough cat litter added to absorb the paint. Please separate any leaves you might have from any branches you put out so we can use our leaf vacuum machine to expedite pickup. Please do not block any ditches or drains when putting out your items to be picked up. Please note that we are not able to pick up propane tanks, electronics, roof shingles, tires or pallets. There is no need to call to have your name put on a list. Additionally, please trim back your vegetation along your street frontage. Our roads seem to be getting more narrow and your assistance is needed to improve visibility and to also prevent damage to vehicles from overhanging limbs.

Contributions to Support Hanging Flower Baskets and Planters



The hanging flower baskets and planters along Main Street and Sunset Drive make Blowing Rock come alive with color! The Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission's Memorial/Honorary Hanging Flower Baskets and Planters hold a special place in the hearts of our citizens who sponsor these baskets. Hanging flower baskets and Planters provide an opportunity to show appreciation in many ways. If you would like to contribute \$75 for a Hanging Basket and/or \$100 for a Planter to BRAAC in honor or remembrance of a loved one, Memorial/Honorary hanging basket donations will be accepted through July 1, 2018. Please mail your check, payable to The Town of Blowing Rock, P. O. Box 1628, Blowing Rock, NC 28605, Attn: BRAAC. Don't forget to note whom you wish to honor or remember with your gift. Please call (828) 295-5222 with questions.