



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

07/10/2018 6:00 p.m.
 08/14/2018 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

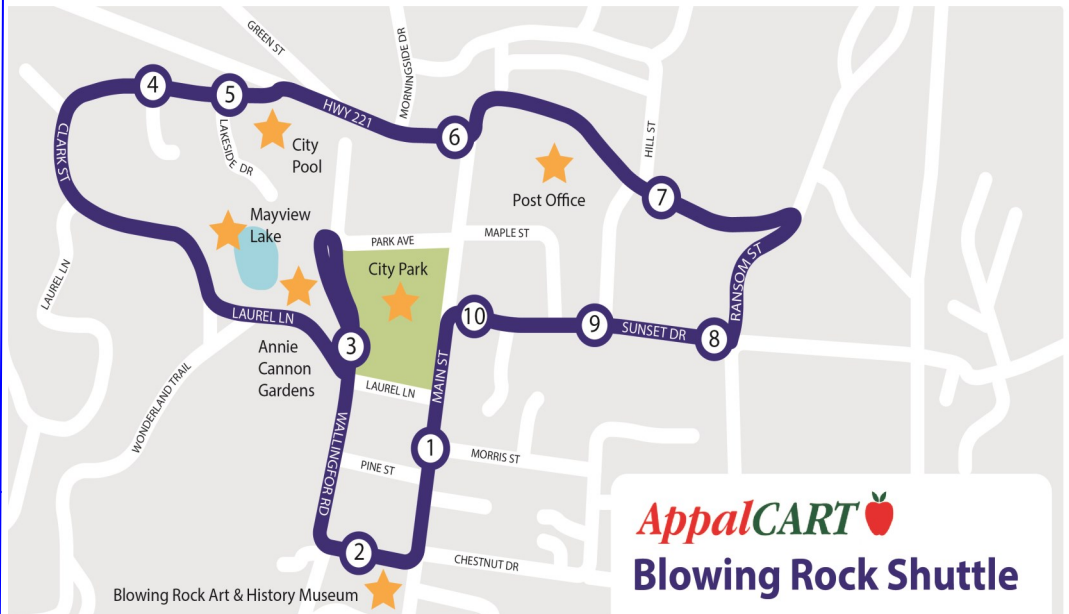
07/19/2018 5:30 p.m.
 08/16/2018 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

07/20/2018 3:00 p.m.
 08/16/2018 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

08/02/2018 5:30 p.m.



AppalCART
Blowing Rock Shuttle

Operations

Friday:
11 am - 6 pm

Saturday:
11 am - 5 pm

Stop	Stop Name	Schedule Minutes past the hour	Stop	Stop Name	Schedule Minutes past the hour
1	Main St at Morris St	:00, :20, :40	6	US 221 at Main St	
2	BRAHM		7	US 221 at Hill St	
3	Wallingford St Parking Deck		8	Ransom at Sunset	:15, :35, :55
4	Baseball Field	:10, :30, :50	9	The Public House	
5	Lakeside Dr		10	Sunset at Main St	

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Adopted Budget

Following budget work sessions and a public hearing, the Town of Blowing Rock Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget was adopted at the June 12, 2018 Town Council meeting. The recommended and now adopted Budget is available on the Town's website at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov.

The Fiscal Year 2018-2019 adopted budget totals \$13.7 million and includes \$8.2 million in the general fund, \$2.1 million for water and sewer operations, \$25 thousand for the BRAAC fund and \$3.4 million for capital projects. Included in the operating budget is debt service requirements for payment of principal and interest on borrowed funds such as lease-purchase payments and the general obligation bond. The FY2018-2019 Budget for debt service expenses, for both the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, total \$1.7 million or 12% of the total operating budget. The FY2017-2018 Adopted Budget for debt service expenses, for the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, totaled \$1.4 million or 9% of the total budget.

The adopted tax rate includes an increase of 1.0 cent, resulting in a tax rate of 38.0 cents per \$100, an increase of 2.7%. This increase will result in an additional annual tax amount owed of \$50 per year for a home valued at \$500,000, or \$10 annually for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable value.

To help ensure the system is able to recover its costs and not be subsidized by tax revenues when absorbing debt service costs associated with the water and sewer capital improvements planned, as well as current and a portion of future water/sewer fund associated general obligations debt service, a \$1.00 base increase for both water and sewer along with a \$0.25 increase in the per thousand gallon rate for gallons consumed greater than 5,000 per two month billing period are scheduled. These impacts are expected to increase a typical customer's bill by 4.0% beginning with July 2018 usage, billed in August 2018.

Town Offices Closed

Independence Day - July 4th

4th of July Festival & Parade

July 6th - July 7th

Art in the Park:

July 14th & August 11th

BRAHM Concert Series:

Atrium 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 July 22nd & August 19th

Monday Night Concert Series:

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

Movie in the Park Thursday Nights

June 28th - August 2nd
 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Solid Waste/Recycling Changes

New Rules affecting solid waste and recycling containers effective July 1, 2018 with new changes in [blue](#).

- 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 and Republic 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.
- For additional information and the adopted ordinance see, <http://www.townofblowingrocknc.gov/home/showdocument?id=6075>

2018 Pool Schedule

The Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park opened on Saturday May 26, 2018, Memorial Day weekend. Individual and family pool passes are 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 3, 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 :

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



Short Term Rentals

On June 12, 2018, the Blowing Rock Town Council passed an ordinance that establishes a short-term rental permitting process for those areas of town where short-term rentals are allowed including CB, TC, GB, and O-I zoning districts, Chetola Resort, and Royal Oaks Condos. Short-term rentals are defined as the rental, lease, or use of an attached or detached residential dwelling unit for a duration that is less than 28 consecutive days.

Rental agreements and contracts for less than 28 days are not permitted in zoning districts where short-term rentals are not allowed. This ordinance amendment **does not** expand the areas where short-term rentals are allowed. The following provides a summary of the main points of the new ordinance:

- A zoning permit must be initially obtained for each dwelling unit that is to be rented for a period of less than 28 days. The zoning permit for short-term rental must be renewed annually. The permit is not valid until a satisfactory inspection is completed.
- A local contact person or management company must be listed and available to respond to complaints or emergencies within two (2) hours.
- Sufficient off-street parking must be provided for each bedroom to be rented. The parking space must meet the minimum dimensional requirements in Section 16-20.6. Short-term rental units that exist on July 1, 2018 are grandfathered with respect to parking, but each bedroom added after this date requires an additional parking space.
- Adequate trash and recycling containers must be provided. If collection containers are kept in an enclosure bin, the bin must meet minimum design standards defined in the Town Code.
- The dwelling unit must be equipped with operable smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors consistent with the NC Building Code.
- The 911 address must be posted on the front of the house or dwelling unit with 3.5-inch reflective numbers according to Section 7-17 of the Town Code. The 911 address must be clearly posted on the interior of the dwelling unit to notify tenants in case of emergency.
- Permits may be revoked upon repeated substantiated complaints resulting in violations of the Town Code related to noise, trash, pets, parking, etc. If the Town receives three (3) complaints within one (1) year that lead to violations of the Town Code, the permit may be revoked for a period of one (1) year.