



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Highlights of What's Happening Around Town

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Important Numbers

Town Hall.....828-295-5200
Planning & Inspection.....828-295-5240
Water/Sewer/Garbage.....828-295-5200
Parks & Recreation.....828-295-5222

Non-Emergency

Police Administration.....828-295-5212
Fire Administration.....828-548-2800

After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

Emergency.....828-295-5210
Emergency Police & Fire.....911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

09/10/2019 6:00 p.m.
10/08/2019 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

09/19/2019 5:30 p.m.
10/17/2019 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

09/19/2019 3:00 p.m.
10/17/2019 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

09/05/2019 9:00 a.m.
10/03/2019 9:00 a.m.

TDA

09/03/2019 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

September 7th
October 5th

Blowing Rock Music Festival

September 14th
11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Last 2019 Farmer's Market of Season

September 26th

Cycle NC Mountain to Coast Ride

September 29th
Begins at 7:30 a.m.

Halloween Festival

October 26th

Town Offices Closed

September 2nd for Labor Day
November 11th for Veteran's Day
November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving

Matt Blackburn Appointed Public Services Director,

Aaron Miller Appointed Police Chief



Matt has been the Public Works and Utilities Superintendent for Blowing Rock since 2009. He graduated from Appalachian State in 2005 with a degree in Community and Regional Planning. Prior to working for the Town he was employed with an environmental consulting firm and performed wetland and stream delineations throughout North and South Carolina. He and his wife Katie have three sons Sawyer, Tucker, and Ryder. Matt has served as the Interim Director for the last several months.

Aaron began his career in Law Enforcement in January 1990 as a Deputy Sheriff with the Watauga County Sheriff's Office. In addition, Aaron has worked for North Carolina Probation and Parole and the Hickory Police Department before coming to work for the Town of Blowing Rock in 2007. In 2012 Aaron was appointed to the Police Captain's position at the Blowing Rock Police Department. Aaron has served as the Interim Chief for the past year.

Aaron is a native of the Blowing Rock community. Aaron and his wife Angie live in the Aho community. They have two sons, Casey 31 and Jacob 27 who both continue to live in the area. Aaron graduated from Watauga High School and earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Western Piedmont Community College. Aaron has spent over 30 years in emergency services which includes 33 years as a volunteer member of the Blowing Rock Fire Department and Blowing Rock Rescue Squad.



Halloween Festival



Saturday, October 26, 2019

- 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Games and Activities for Kids in Memorial Park
- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Hayrides Through Blowing Rock
- 5:30 p.m. Monster March (Line-up at American Legion)
- 6:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treat Downtown
- 6:00 - 7:00 Trunk-or-Treat at Blowing Rock First Baptist Church
- 7:00 p.m. Costume Contest at Gazebo
- 8:00 p.m. Moonlight Scavenger Hunt, Broyhill Park, 6-13 Year olds only. Bring your Flashlight.



Halloween at Tanger

October 31st 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Games, Costume contest, Hayrides, Trick-or-Treating and More!

Semi-Annual Clean-up

The Town is planning the “Fall Semi-Annual Clean-Up” for the week of October 14th — 18th. 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 (will pick up if it has kitty litter or oil dry in it) or propane tanks, electronics, shingles, pallets or tires.** During this pick up, and anytime that you have yard debris, it should be 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 be separated into three piles: loose leaves, limbs, and plant debris.



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

**Watauga County Landfill now operates an on-site household hazardous waste collection facility. The HHW (household hazardous waste) facility is equipped to accept a variety of toxic materials such as; household cleaners, paint, varnishes, stains, paint thinner/remover, solvents, pesticides, automotive liquids, etc. It is very important to dispose of these items correctly in order to keep ourselves and our environment safe and toxic free. 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.*

Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing

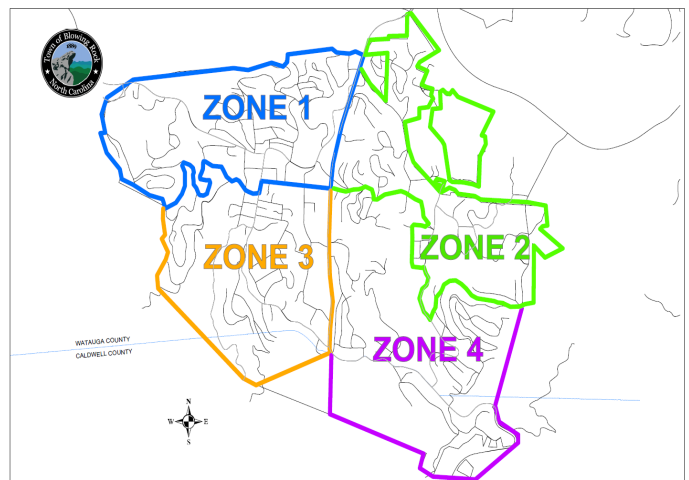
The Town of Blowing Rock is planning the second of its two semi-annual “flushing” of the water lines to take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, November 5th, 6th and 7th, 2019. This important preventive maintenance routine helps ensure our system customers have sustained levels of high water 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.

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, Zone 1 will be collected the week of September 2-6, Zone 2 will be collected September 9-13, Zone 3 will be collected September 16-20, and Zone 4 will be collected September 23-27. In October, Zone 1 will start collection the first full week of the month on September 30, Zone 2 will start the week of October 7, 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.