



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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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
Emergency Police & Fire.....911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

11/12/2019 6:00 p.m.
12/10/2019 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

11/21/2019 5:30 p.m.
12/19/2019 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

11/21/2019 3:00 p.m.
12/19/2019 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

11/07/2019 9:00 a.m.
12/05/2019 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

 Christmas Festival
November 29th

Christmas Parade
November 30th at 2:00 p.m.

Town Offices Closed

 Veterans Day
November 11th

Thanksgiving
November 28th – 29th

Christmas
December 24th – 26th

 New Year's
January 1st



“Christmas in the Park”

Friday, November 29, 2019

Schedule of Events

All Activities will be in Memorial Park, Blowing Rock



MEET SANTA <i>In the Gazebo</i>	1:30 - 3:00
GAMES AND CRAFTS <i>In the Park</i>	2:00 - 4:00
HAYRIDES	2:00 - 7:00
GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST	
WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT <i>In the Gazebo</i>	4:00
FREE HOT CHOCOLATE & APPLE CIDER	
<i>At the refreshment tent</i>	4:00 - 7:00
LIVE MUSIC <i>On the Main Stage</i>	2:30 - 7:00
LIGHTING OF THE TOWN <i>Help us count down in the Park</i>	5:45

Saturday, November 30, 2019

CHRISTMAS PARADE *On Main Street* 2:00

For more information call

Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222



Life Line Screening - January 8th, 2020

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at American Legion Post 256. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!

Zone System Reminder for Fall Leaf Pick-Up

As a reminder, fall leaf pick up will be happening monthly using the zone pick up approach just as is currently done with yard debris. To see a list of zones and listing of which streets will be picked up during which week of the month visit the Town of Blowing Rock website www.townofblowingrocknc.gov or give us a call at Town Hall and we will be happy to assist you.

Leaves will be picked up from the roadside, weather permitting. Leaves should be piled separately from sticks and branches, and placed so they do not block any drainage ways. Through out the year the Town will also pick up one load of limbs, brush, etc. per property owner free of charge. A charge of \$100 may be assessed for each additional load. For more information please call Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.

Winterize Your Home

Preparing your home for winter will help avoid messy spring cleanup due to broken water pipes.

Shut off main water supply at the street or basement. If you have a private water supply, turn off the pump and drain the pressure tank.

If heat will be turned off:

1. Shut off gas lines at the entrance to your home if present.
2. Open all faucets and leave them open to empty pipes.
3. Drain the water heater and leave the valve open.
4. Remove all water from toilet tanks and bowls.
5. If you choose to remove drain traps, plug line to block sewer gas.
6. Unplug the refrigerator, thoroughly clean, and prop open the door.
7. Unplug all electrical items, except lights on timers.

If heat will be left on:

1. Set thermostat to 50 degrees.
2. Keep heat turned on in any areas where there are water or drain pipes. If this is impractical, wrap them with electrical heat tape.

Blowing Rock Police Property Checks

The Blowing Rock Police Department offers a Property Check Program for our citizens. Any resident of Blowing Rock that owns a home or other property that will be vacant during the winter months can request extra patrols by completing a Property Check Information Sheet which can be picked up at Blowing Rock Town Hall (1036 Main St.), the Blowing Rock Police Department (143 Park Ave.), or downloaded from the applications and forms section of the Town of Blowing Rock website at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov. There is no fee for this service.

Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing in Blowing Rock to Take Place Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday November 5, 6 & 7

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 5, 6 and 7. This important preventive maintenance routine will help ensure water 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 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 location and we will work to clear up any issues. Thanks so much for your understanding and support through this necessary maintenance process.

Our spring 2020 process is planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 5, 6 and 7 of 2020 and our fall 2020 process is planned for November 3, 4 and 5 of 2020. These 2020 dates will also be printed in the Blowing Rock Community Calendar available at Town Hall starting in December of 2019.

In our effort to inform our customers so they can plan accordingly, we will use our **CodeRED** automated notification system on Friday, November 1. As a reminder, for those customers and citizens who have not yet registered for this free service, they may do so through the **CodeRED** link on the upper left side of our website at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov. **CodeRED** messages may be received by telephone, email, text, or all three according to the customer's selected preference.

Fire Safety Tips for Your Christmas Tree

- Fresh trees are less likely to catch fire, so look for a tree with vibrant green needles that are hard to pluck and don't break easily from its branches. The tree shouldn't be shedding its needles readily.
- Always place your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights, and keep the tree base filled with water to avoid a dry out.
- Make sure all your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights have been tested in a lab by the UL or ETL/ITSNA for safety, and throw out any damaged lights.
- Any lights you use outdoors must be labeled suitable for exterior placement, and be sure to plug them into a ground-fault circuit interrupter protected receptacle.
- Keep all your holiday candles away from your Christmas tree, surrounding furniture and décor.
- Bedtime means lights off! - Don't forget to turn your Christmas tree lights off each night.