



# 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.....295-5200  
Planning & Inspections.....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

01/14/2020 6:00 p.m.  
02/11/2020 6:00 p.m.

### Planning Board

01/16/2020 5:30 p.m.  
02/20/2020 5:30 p.m.

### ABC Board

01/16/2020 3:00 p.m.  
02/20/2020 3:00 p.m.

### BRAAC

01/02/2020 9:00 a.m.  
02/06/2020 9:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Town Offices Closed:

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
January 20th

**Winterfest:**  
January 23rd - 26th



[www.blowingrockwinterfest.com](http://www.blowingrockwinterfest.com)

## Blowing Rock Inducts Mayor



Blowing Rock's re-elected Mayor, Charles Sellers, took his oath of office during the Town Council meeting Tuesday, December 10th. Mr. Sellers will again serve a 2 year term.

## Special Recognition for Jim Steele



Outgoing Town Council member Jim Steele received recognition in the form of a plaque for his 8 years of hard work and dedication to the Town of Blowing Rock and its citizens.

## Harwood Newly Elected and Yount Re-elected to the

## Blowing Rock Town Council



Albert Yount and David Harwood both took the oath of office Tuesday, December 10th at the start of the Town Council meeting. Both will serve a 4 year term.



## 2020 Town Calendars are Here!

The 2020 Town calendars are available at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street. Calendars are also available at the Visitor Center located at 132 Park Avenue (at the Chamber of Commerce building). Calendars are free of charge.

Stop by today and pick up your calendar!



Celebrate the fun side of winter at the 22nd Annual WinterFest, January 23rd - 26th. There's something for all ages!

**Events Include:**

- WinterFeast: Cork & Canvas
- K9 Keg Pull
- Shop Til You Drop
- Snow Making Demo
- Polar Plunge
- Beer Garden & Chili Cookoff
- Winter Fashion Show
- Ice Stroll
- Outdoor Handmade Market
- WinterPaws Dog Show
- Silent Auction & Raffle
- Arctic Art
- Bonfire, S'mores & Entertainment
- Wine Tasting & Auction

And More!

For more information about Winterfest Events or Sponsorships, call: (877) 295-7801 or (828) 295-7851.

Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce (132 Park Ave.) or online at: [www.blowingrockwinterfest.com](http://www.blowingrockwinterfest.com).

### *Kinder Basketball Registration*

Kinder Basketball registration for 3-5 year olds will begin on January 21st for Blowing Rock taxpayers and open registration will begin on January 27th. To receive the taxpayer rate, a copy of your Blowing Rock tax bill (not Watauga/Caldwell County) must be attached. The taxpayer rate is \$30 and the non-taxpayer rate is \$40. Kinder Basketball will meet twice a week for four weeks at the Blowing Rock Elementary School Gym, beginning late February . If you have questions regarding Kinder Basketball please contact Baker Stanley at Parks and Recreation (828) 295-5222.



### **Protecting Your Home During Freezing Weather**

Be prepared for freezing weather! Below are a few helpful tips on how to help keep your home protected against cold weather. Freezing Weather Checklist:

- Eliminate drafts by closing and insulating vents.
- Make sure to seal your windows and doors against air leaks with weather stripping.
- Have your ceiling fans move in a clockwise direction to help push hot air downward.
- Know where the main shut-off valve for your plumbing is located and how to turn it off.
- Insulate water pipes.
- Disconnect and drain garden hoses.
- Protect outside pipes and outside faucets.
- Clean gutters to prevent icicles and ice dams from forming.
- Make sure to trim any trees that could cause damage during a snow or ice storm.



If you plan to be away from home for an extended period, leave the heat on and drain your water system before you leave. Ask someone to check your house daily while you are away.

*It is also a good practice to check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors during this time of year.*

The Blowing Rock Community Library has story time for children on Wednesday's and Saturday's at 10:30. Singing and crafts follow after story time. It is open and free to the public. You can get more information on their Facebook page: Blowing Rock Community Library or you can call 828-295-7000.