



# 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 & Inspection.....295-5240  
Water/Sewer/Garbage.....295-5200  
Parks & Recreation.....295-5222

### Non-Emergency

Police Administration.....295-5212  
Fire Administration.....295-5220

### After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

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

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Town Council

09/13/2016 6:00 p.m.  
10/11/2016 6:00 p.m.

#### Planning Board

09/15/2016 5:30 p.m.  
10/20/2016 5:30 p.m.

#### ABC Board

09/15/2016 3:00 p.m.  
10/20/2016 3:00 p.m.

#### BRAAC

09/01/2016 5:30 p.m.  
10/04/2016 5:30 p.m.

#### TDA

10/04/2016 3:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

#### Art in the Park:

September 10th  
October 8th

#### Blowing Rock Fall Classic Bike Race

September 24  
8 a.m.

#### Blue Ridge Ascent

September 25  
9 a.m.

#### Last 2016 Farmer's Market of Season

October 13th

#### Halloween Festival: (details on back)

October 29th

#### Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 11th, 24th & 25th



### *In Memoriam*

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mark Griffin as we all say goodbye to this wonderful man and dear friend. Mark most recently served as the Town's Utility Plant Supervisor at the Blowing Rock Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants from June 2014 until his death on August 25, 2016. Mark was a long time employee with the Town of Blowing Rock having been hired at the Water Plant in 1994. He will be greatly missed. Please remember his family during this time of loss.

### *Semi-Annual Clean-up*

The Town is planning the "Fall Bi-Annual Clean-Up" for the week of October 3-7. 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 or propane tanks, electronics, shingles**



Yard debris should be separated into three piles: loose leaves, limbs, and plant debris.

**or tires.** During this pickup, 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 Bi-Annual Clean-Up is offered in the fall and spring of each year. There is no charge for this service.



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

*\*Watauga County Landfill will be accepting full paint containers from 8am to 12pm on Saturday, October 15th as well as the 2nd Thursday of each month. 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 Fire Hydrant 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 8th, 9th and 10th, 2016.** 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.

### *Parks & Recreation*

#### *Facebook Page*



The Town of Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation can now be found on Facebook. Be sure to like our page to stay up to date with news and happenings with everything "FUN" in the Parks and Recreation Department .

### *Mayor Pro Tem Contact*

#### *Information Update*

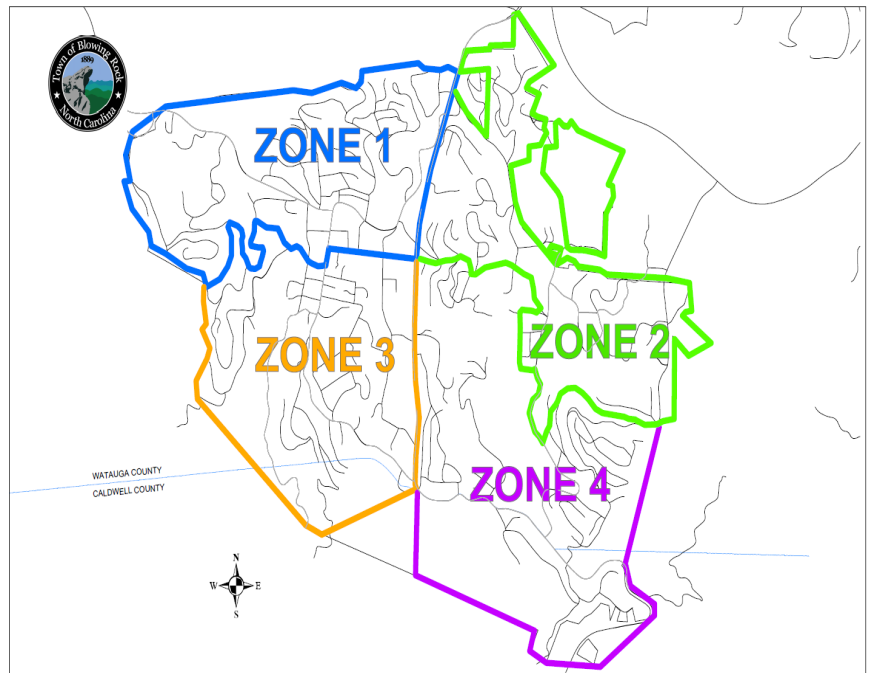
Albert Yount, Blowing Rock Mayor Pro Tem, has recently made a change in his contact information. The home phone number listed in the past is no longer a valid contact number. Mr. Yount continues to be available via his cell number which is (828) 310-8000.

## Brush Collection Zone Program Reminder

In our efforts to continuously improve service levels, we have developed a new 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 new zone based brush collection schedule began the first week of August. In September zone 1 will be collected the week of September 5-9, zone 2 will be collected September 12-16, zone 3 will be collected September 19-23, and zone 4 will be collected September 26-30. In October, zone 1 will start collection the first full week of the month on October 3, zone 2 will start the week of October 10, etc.



For a full list of streets sorted alphabetically showing the scheduled weeks of collection, please visit [www.townofblowingrock.com](http://www.townofblowingrock.com) where there is a link at the top of the website. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.

## Halloween Festival

October 29, 2016  
Schedule of Events



- [Spooky Stories & Creepy Crafts at BRAHM](#)  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- [Airwalks in Memorial Park](#)  
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- [Games & Fun House in the Recreation Center for the Kids](#)  
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- [Hay Rides through Blowing Rock](#)  
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
(Meet at front of Memorial Park)
- [THE MONSTER MARCH \(Walking parade for those in costume\)](#)  
5:45 p.m. (Line up at the American Legion at 5:30 p.m.)
- [Trick or Treat in Downtown Blowing Rock at Participating Businesses](#)  
6:00 p.m. (Look for the black and orange balloons)
- [Costume Contest](#)  
7:00 p.m.  
Sign up at the Recreation Center by 6:45 p.m.  
Location: Recreation Center (White Building by the Tennis Courts)
- [Moonlight Scavenger Hunt at Broyhill Lake](#)  
BEGINS After Costume Contest  
Bring your flashlight!! (Age 6-13) participate in teams (max: 3 per group)



The Code Red emergency notification system provides the Town of Blowing Rock with a telephone calling system capable of delivering customized emergency messages directly to homes, businesses and mobile telephone users. If you are not already registered for this service, please go to the Town's website at [www.townofblowingrock.com](http://www.townofblowingrock.com). Once you are on the home page, go to the left side of the page and you will see a link to register for Code Red. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE CODE RED NOTIFICATIONS. If you have any questions please call Town Hall at (828)295-5200.