



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

03/08/2016 7:00 p.m.

04/12/2016 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

03/17/2016 5:30 p.m.

04/21/2016 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

03/15/2016 3:00 p.m.

04/21/2016 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

03/03/2016 5:30 p.m.

04/07/2016 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Summer Day Camp Registration
BR Taxpayers — March 1st
Open Registration — March 21st

Town's 127th Birthday Celebration
March 11th @ 3:30
American Legion Building

Annual Easter Egg Hunt
March 19th
Games @ 10:00 am
Egg Hunt @ 11:00 am

Town Offices Closed
Good Friday
March 25th

Trout Derby
April 2nd
7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Savor Blowing Rock
April 14th–April 17th
www.savorblowingrock.com

Historic Markers to be Presented to Historic Properties

Five sites will be honored March 11th with new plaques that describe their significance to our community, thanks to the efforts of the Blowing Rock Historical Society and the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum. These sites will be recognized during the 127th Birthday celebration of the Town of Blowing Rock. The properties being recognized this year are as follows:

- Blowing Rock Negro Community Church Circa 1949
- Creekside Circa (Private Home) 1928
- R.S. Reinhardt Building Circa 1924
- Rainey Service Station Circa 1936
- Randall Memorial Building Circa 1907



The Birthday Party and presentation of markers will be held at the American Legion Building **Friday, March 11, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.** Blowing Rock residents are welcome to attend.

Thank you to our Board and Commission Members

The Blowing Rock Town Council will honor those who have most recently completed their Board and Commission service with a reception held prior to the regular monthly Council meeting on **Tuesday, April 12, 2016** at 5:30.

2016 Board Appointments

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Planning Board: Genie Starnes, Mike Page, George Ellis

Board of Adjustment: Suzanne Wilson, Tom Dixson, Eli Springs (Alternate)

ABC Board: Bob Miller

TDA Board: Rob Dyer, Lorry Mulhern

BRAAC: Bo Henderson, Jennifer Chick



Learn more about the new Village Foundation of Blowing Rock

At the January 12 Council meeting, the President of the new Village Foundation of Blowing Rock, John Aldridge, introduced the Town to the mission of the new non-profit organization:



The mission of The Village Foundation of Blowing Rock shall be to promote, implement and support (a) business education, solicitation and retention, and (b) economic development in Blowing Rock, for the purposes of (i) improving the standard of living in, and economic vitality of Blowing Rock, (ii) fostering orderly, economic growth and development in Blowing Rock, and (iii) generally, lessening the burdens on local government.

Learn more at www.villagefoundationofbr.org

Police Department Welcomes Officer Taylor



Officer Cameron Taylor being sworn into the department by Town Clerk Sharon Greene.

Police Chief Tony Jones is pleased to announce the hiring of Police Officer, Cameron Taylor.

Mr. Taylor is a Boone native and a graduate of Watauga High School where he was a member of the golf team. He completed his basic law enforcement training at Wilkes Community College in December 2015. Please help us in welcoming Mr. Taylor to the Town of Blowing Rock Police department.

Main Street Streetscape Project Underway

Work began on Monday, February 29th on the Main Street Capital Improvement project to install new sidewalk and pavers. The sections being completed in this final phase are on the east side of Main Street from Hwy. 221 to Morris Street and on the west side of Main Street from Mellow Mushroom to the Blowing Rock Market and the area in front of Memorial Park. This work will take place over the next three months and is expected to be completed by the end of May if the weather cooperates. During the project period, stores along Main Street will remain open and available to customers. Efforts are being made to provide clear and safe pedestrian activity throughout the work zones.



Reminders

- 2016 Car Tags:** Blowing Rock car tags are now available at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street. Available again this year for a fee of \$5.00. Stop by today and purchase yours.
- Town Office Holiday Closing:** Town Offices will be closed Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of Good Friday. Commercial garbage and Residential Recycling will be collected on the normal schedule.
- House Numbering:** We need your help to help you! If or when emergency personnel are called to your home those individuals need to be able to find you quickly. If your house is not properly numbered; that can be difficult. Below are a few tips on how to properly number your house:



Number should be within 3 feet of entrance, visible (100 feet from street or road) and readable from street or road from both directions.

If above criteria cannot be met, post at driveway entrance on mailbox or post visible from both directions.

Numbers should be in contrast to background, reflective, maintained in a clearly visible manner, 3 1/2 inches or taller. Numbers for multi-family buildings must be 6 inches or taller, placed on approximate center or on the street end of the building and clearly visible from the street.

Free house numbers are available at the Fire Station (8001 Valley Blvd). If you have any questions concerning house numbering, please feel free to contact the Fire Department at (828)295-5220.

Drinking Water Quality & Wastewater Annual Report

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2015 Drinking Water Quality Report and the 2015 System Performance Annual Report for the Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Copies may be picked up at Town Hall, 1036 Main Street. These reports are also available online at

<http://townofblowingrock.com/supdoc/2015%20Water%20Quality> .

If you have any questions about the reports, please contact the Water Plant at (828) 295-5225.

Golden Easter Egg Hunt

The Town of Blowing Rock will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19, 2016. The games will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Park. For more information please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.



Summer Day Camp

Camp registration begins March 1, 2016 for Blowing Rock Taxpayers and Open Enrollment begins March 21, 2016. The camp is open to boys and girls from rising Kindergarten (must be five years old and recently attended daycare) to sixth grade, for eight weeks scheduled to begin June 20th and running through August 12th. Applications are available online at www.townofblowingrock.com under Parks and Recreation and Landscaping then forms. For more information call Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222.