

Around the Rock

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.	521	n
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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.

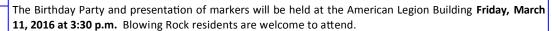
Savor Blowing Rock

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 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.

Reminders

Rock 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.

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.





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.