



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
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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.....295-5220

After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

Emergency.....295-5210

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

05/10/2016 6:00 p.m.

06/14/2016 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

05/19/2016 5:30 p.m.

06/16/2016 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

05/19/2016 3:00 p.m.

06/16/2016 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

05/05/2016 5:30 p.m.

06/02/2016 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

May 7th & June 11th
(On Park Avenue Beside Town Hall)

Sunday Night Concert Series:

Memorial Park at 4:00 p.m.

May 8th & June 12th

Farmers Market

Every Thursday Beginning
May 26th (on Park Avenue)

Pool Opens:

May 28th

Charity Horse Show:

June 9th-12th

Movie in the Park:

June 23rd, 8:30-10:30

4th of July Festival & Parade

July 2nd-3rd

Town Offices Closed

Memorial Day-May 30th
Independence Day-July 4th

Blowing Rock 4th of July Festival

2016 Schedule of Events

All events take place in/around Memorial Park.

Friday, July 1:

6:00 pm High Country Cloggers

Saturday, July 2:

9:00am-Until Horseshoe Tournament, 18 & older Prizes Awarded

9:30am-11:00am Park Games-Prizes Awarded

· Water Balloon Toss · Watermelon Eating Contest · Face Painting · And much more!

11:00am- 4:30pm Bounce, Obstacle Course & Climbing Wall

12:00pm- 1:30pm Whitney Layne, (Country Music)

2:00pm Independence Day Parade

3:00pm- 4:30pm The Cockman Family (Bluegrass/Gospel Music)

9:30pm Fireworks-Located at the Blowing Rock Country Club

Sunday, July 3:

12:30pm-2:30pm Maybe Maybe Not (Bluegrass Music)

3:00pm- 7:00pm Summerdaze-Park Dance

Water Line Flushing Scheduled May 3, 4 & 5

The Town of Blowing Rock is planning the first of its two semi-annual flushing of the water lines to take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 3, 4 and 5. 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 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 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 2016 process is planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 3, 4 and 5 of 2016 and our fall 2016 process is planned for November 8, 9 and 10 of 2016. These 2016 dates are also printed in the Blowing Rock Community Calendar available at Town Hall (1036 Main St., Blowing Rock).

Spring Clean Up May 9-13!

The Town of Blowing Rock has scheduled its Spring Semi-annual clean-up during the week of May 9-13. Crews will be picking up items throughout this week including items such as old white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, box springs, furniture, grills and paint cans. Paint in cans must be dry or have enough cat litter added to absorb the paint. Please separate any leaves you might have from any branches you put out so we can use our leaf vacuum machine to expedite pickup. Please do not block any ditches or drains when putting out your items to be picked up. Please note that we are not able to pick up propane tanks, electronics, roof shingles, or tires. There is no need to call to have your name put on a list.



Summer Day Camp

Camp registration began March 1, 2016 for Blowing Rock taxpayers and open enrollment began 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. The camp last for eight weeks and is scheduled to begin June 20, 2016. Children can attend individual weeks as availability allows. Applications are available online at the Town's website www.townofblowingrock.com. For more information call Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Fats, Oils & Grease on the Rock



Do's and Don'ts for Disposal of Grease

Fats, Oils, and Greases aren't just bad for arteries and waistlines; they're bad for sewers, too. Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors and threaten the environment. An increasingly common cause of overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Below are some helpful tips to keep in mind when disposing of oil & grease.

- Put oil, grease and food scraps in collection containers and include them in your regular trash.
- Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with hot water and scrapers/towels
- Have grease traps cleaned at least every 30 days
- Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans and plates with hot water until oil and grease are removed
- Don't pour oil and grease down drains (Keep grease out of wash water)
- Don't put grease in buckets in the trash collection (This pertains to restaurants only)

2016 Pool Schedule

The Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park will open on Saturday May 28, 2016, Memorial Day weekend. Individual and family pool passes are now available. Below is the 2016 Swimming Pool schedule and fees. For questions regarding pool membership or swim lessons please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222. The pool is scheduled to remain open until Monday September 5, 2016.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Swim Lessons
- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Public Swim
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Adult Lap Swim & Exercise
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Swim Lessons
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Public Swim



Admission Fees :

Saturday

- 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Public Swim

Children under 12 \$2.00

Sunday

- 12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Public Swim

Youth/Adult \$3.00

Seniors \$2.00



Memorial Park Equipment Hut Rebuild Project

Our staff is hard at work to complete the construction of the replacement hut in Memorial Park. The hut is scheduled to be open Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m. and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m. beginning Memorial Day weekend.

Visit the hut while at the park to make your visit more memorable. We have basketballs, volleyballs, footballs, soccer balls, tennis rackets and balls, frisbees and horseshoes all available for your enjoyment free of charge.

