



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

10/13/2015 6:00 p.m.
11/10/2015 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

09/17/2015 5:30 p.m.
10/15/2015 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

09/17/2015 3:00 p.m.
10/15/2015 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

10/01/2015 5:30 p.m.
11/05/2015 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

September 12th
October 3rd

Mayview Madness 5K:

September 19th

Blowing Rock Fall Classic Bike Ride:

September 26th

Blue Ridge Ascent:

September 27th

Groovy Nights:

September 20th,
22nd, & 25th
at 6:30 p.m.

*The Groovy Nights will be held at the Blowing Rock Country Club.

Halloween Festival: (details on back)

October 31st

Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing:

November 3rd - 5th

Fall Planting Day:

November 4th - 5th

*Call Parks and Recreation to sign up. (828) 295-5222

Town Offices Closed for Veteran's Day:

November 11th



Semi-Annual Clean-up

The Town is planning the "Fall Bi-Annual Clean-Up" for the week of October 5-9. 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.** During this pickup and anytime that you have yard debris it should be separated into three piles: limbs, plants, or loose leaves. Please do not block any



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

ditches or drains. Residents do not need to call Town Hall to have their names 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.

***Watauga County Landfill will be accepting full paint containers from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, October 10th. 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.**



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

Highway 321 Project Updates

Did you know that the NCDOT has a daily email update for the local construction project on Hwy 321? These emails, sent by NCDOT Engineering Technician Caprice Cheek, outline traffic changes and lane alterations through the project. To be placed on the daily list, send a request to cmcheek@ncdot.gov. For general project information, please take some time to visit the project website at www.ncdot.gov/projects/blowingrock321. For project specific information, call the project information line at 828-964-3260. For project-related travel condition information, follow NCDOT on twitter at @NCDOT_EastMTN or search #US321. The new intersection at South Main and Hwy 321 is expected to open in late September. The exclusive right turn lane on Hwy 321 near Chetola at the northern junction of Main Street has reopened, and should improve traffic flow into downtown.

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 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2015.** 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 location and we will work to clear up your water.

Race Events in Town September 26th & 27th



Blowing Rock Fall Classic - Saturday, September 26th: The Blowing Rock Classic is a 72 - mile bicycle ride along some of the most scenic stretches of the North Carolina Mountains. The event begins at 8 a.m. and registration is \$70 per cyclist. Please visit www.blowingrock.com/fallclassic for more registration information.



Blue Ridge Ascent - Sunday, September 27th: Beginning at 9 a.m., the Blue Ridge Ascent includes an option to compete in the dualathlon, consisting of a 5.6 mile ride and a 3.7 mile run, or athletes can enter to run or bike individually. Registration ranges from \$35 to \$65. Please visit www.racebrmc.com for registration information.

Is your water really turned off?

Cooler days are coming and with the colors changing for fall it is certain that winter will not be far away. Those residents that live here year round are familiar with insulating plumbing and keeping a watchful eye when temperatures and wind chills plummet during the winter months. For our seasonal residents, with weather changes comes the preparation for winterizing your home. This is a very important step in protecting your property while unoccupied during times of freezing temperatures. Frozen pipes may burst and leak, costing thousands of dollars on your water bill, extreme and costly damage to your home as well as jeopardizing the Town's water supply. Most homeowners know how to turn water off inside their homes but many residents are not aware that the lines leading from your home to the meter itself can leak because the water has not been turned off at the meter (street). All property owners are strongly encouraged to turn the water off completely at the meter prior to freezing temperatures. Homes left unattended for more than two weeks that do not have water turned off at the meter **do not qualify** for a leak adjustment in the event that a pipe bursts and/or a leak occurs. If you are unsure how to properly shut off the water at the meter or do not know where your meter is located, please contact Town Hall for assistance.

How to Shut Off Water at the Meter

1. Locate your water meter. These are typically in iron boxes in the ground in front of or to the side of your home. Some are located towards the bottom of property lines or may be towards a neighboring street in the back of your home. If you cannot locate your meter, please contact Town Hall for assistance.



Water meter shut off valve

2. Remove the meter cover.

3. Locate the correct shut-off valve that is attached to the meter. This should be the one on your side of the meter, not the main water line on the side near the road maintained by the Town of Blowing Rock.

4. Turn the valve clockwise by hand, with meter key (can be purchased at Town Hall for \$30) or wrench. Meter should stop spinning. When the valve is turned off, the handle should be perpendicular to the water line.



Halloween Festival

October 31, 2015
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 & a Fun House in the Recreation Center for the Kids

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Hay Rides through Blowing Rock with Tom

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)

Christmas Parade Time Change to 11:00 a.m.



This year's Christmas Parade is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m.; this is a change from our typical start time of 2:00 p.m. The parade will be held Saturday, November 28th.

Town Update List

If you would like to be added to the Town of Blowing Rock's general email distribution list and receive information periodically regarding Town activities and items of general interest, please provide your email address on the line below and return this portion of the newsletter with your utility payment. Your email address will not be shared with others. Alternatively, you may email manager@townofblowingrock.com asking to be added to the list.

Email Address: _____