



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
Emergency Police & Fire.....911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

07/14/2015 6:00 p.m.
08/11/2015 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

07/16/2015 5:30 p.m.
08/20/2015 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

07/16/2015 3:00 p.m.
08/20/2015 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

07/02/2015 5:00 p.m.
08/06/2015 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Town Offices Closed:
July 3rd

4th of July Festival:
July 4th

Movie in the Park:

Memorial Park at 8:00 p.m.
July 9th, 23rd & August 6th

Monday Night Concert:

Broyhill Park at 7:00 p.m.
July 13th, 20th & 27th
August 3rd & 10th

Art in the Park:

July 18th & August 15th

Charity Horse Show:

July 21st - August 2nd

Kinder Soccer Registration:

Taxpayers - July 27th
Open Registration - July 28th

Community Foundation's Golf Tournament:
August 29th

Groovy Nights:

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

*The Community Foundation Golf Tournament and Groovy Nights will be held at the Blowing Rock Country Club.

Summer is Blooming in Blowing Rock!



Contributions to Support Hanging Flower Baskets

The Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission's Memorial/Honorary Hanging Flower Baskets are still available. If you would like to contribute \$50 to BRAAC in honor or remembrance of a loved one, you can mail in your check, payable to The Town of Blowing Rock, P. O. Box 1628, Blowing Rock, NC 28605, Attn: BRAAC. Don't forget to note whom you wish to honor or remember with your gift. Please call (828) 295-5222 with questions.



Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Adopted Budget

Following budget work sessions and a public hearing, the Town of Blowing Rock Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget was adopted at the June 9, 2015 Town Council meeting. The Recommended Budget and the list of changes, which together constitute the adopted budget, are available on the town website www.townofblowingrock.com.

The Fiscal Year 2016 Adopted Budget totals \$13.6 million including \$6.9 million for general government activities, \$1.7 million for water and sewer operations, and \$5 million for capital projects. Included in the capital budget for the coming year is the first implementation phase of the \$13 million general obligation bonds that were approved by an average of 77% of Town of Blowing Rock voters on November 4, 2014. Included in the Adopted Budget is \$4.6 million of the \$13 million total to fund work on a host of projects for transportation (\$3 million), parks (\$440K), water (\$471K) and sewer (\$665K).

The budget includes a mix of tax and fee increases to help raise revenues to fund the upcoming budget. The tax rate includes an increase of 2.0 cents, resulting in a tax rate of 33.0 cents per \$100. This increase would result in an additional annual tax amount owed of \$100 per year for a home valued at \$500,000, or \$20 annually for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable value. In terms of utility rates, the customer demand for water has been gradually declining over the past decade and the utility customer base has remained fairly steady, offering fewer gallons among which to spread the largely fixed costs of providing dependable water and sewer services. To help ensure the system is able to recover its costs and not be subsidized by tax revenues when absorbing debt service costs associated with the water and sewer capital improvements planned, there will be a \$2.00 base increase for both water and sewer along with a \$0.25 increase in the per thousand gallon rate for gallons consumed greater than 5,000 per two month billing period. These impacts are expected to increase a typical customer's bill by 5% in the coming year.

American Legion Renovation & Rotary Gazebo Complete



Blowing Rock American Legion

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on June 8, 2015. The Town would like to acknowledge community support from the following: The American Legion Post 256, Greene Construction, Inc, David Patrick Moses Architect, Inc, McGill Associates, State of NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund, Blowing Rock Alcohol Beverage Control Board, Blowing Rock Historical Society, Albert Yount, Citizens of Blowing Rock, Current and Former Council Members, and Blowing Rock Public Works. This facility is now open to the public. If you have any questions or would like to rent the building, please contact Jennifer Brown, Parks & Recreation Director, at (828) 295-5222 or prdirector@townofblowingrock.com.



Rotary Gazebo

On May 21, 2015, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the Rotary Club Gazebo in Memorial Park. The Town would like to acknowledge community support from the following: Blowing Rock Rotary Club, Watauga Community Band, New River Building Supply, 4 Forty Four, David Moore Builders, and Steve Price Architect. This facility is now open to the public.

Rental information

	Taxpayer	Non-Taxpayer	Deposit
Rental Fee	\$50 Half Day	\$200 Half Day	\$250 Half Day
	\$100 Full Day	\$400 Full Day	\$250 Full Day

- Capacity of Building: 285 maximum occupancy without tables/chairs or 134 maximum occupancy with tables/chairs

Median Improvements on Hwy 321



The Town Council recently approved NCDOT funded median improvements on the Hwy 321 median between Edminsten Road and the Blowing Rock Water Treatment Plant. The project will include intense rock work on the southbound median. The northbound side would have smaller rock and less intense plantings. After completion of the project the Town will be responsible for maintenance. The median is currently maintained by the NCDOT.



Sunset & Cornish Project Funded by Bond

M & M Construction of Banner Elk, NC was awarded the Sunset & Cornish Repair Project. The project includes removal of several failing culverts, installation of new culverts along the stream, surface stabilization, pavement repairs, stream restoration, and all related appurtenances. To better protect the road and traffic, the culverts along the stream will be extended by 20 feet to allow for more road shoulder.



2015 Pool Schedule

For questions regarding pool membership or swim lessons, please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

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 Lesson
 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Public Swim

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

