



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.....295-5210
Emergency Police & Fire.....911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

05/13/2014 5:30 p.m.
06/10/2014 5:30 p.m.

Planning Board

05/15/2014 5:30 p.m.
06/19/2014 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

05/15/2014 3:00 p.m.
06/17/2014 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:
May 17th & June 14th

Charity Horse Show:
June 5th-8th

4th of July Festival:
July 4th-6th

4th of July Parade:
July 5th at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Concert Series:
Memorial Park at 4:00 p.m.
June 15th

Monday Night Concert Series:
Broyhill Park at 7:00 p.m.
June 23rd
July 7th & 21st
August 4th & 18th

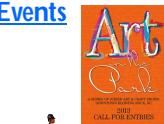
Planting Day:
Saturday, May 17th - Come help
out!

Meet in front of Town Hall at
9:00 a.m.

Shriner's Event Kickoff at Blowing Rock
School:

Saturday, May 31st at 9:00 a.m.

Town Offices Closed:
Memorial Day - May 26th
Independence Day - July 4th



Board of Adjustment Appointment



During the April 8, 2014 Town Council meeting Town Commissioners approved Joe Papa to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Adjustment. Thanks to Joe and all the other volunteers who help us throughout the year.

Pending Council Agenda Items

Plans to Construct a Larger Gazebo/Outdoor Performance Space in Memorial Park

The Town received generous offers of support from the Watauga Community Band (\$10,000) and the Blowing Rock Rotary Club (up to \$30,000) toward building a larger gazebo in Memorial Park to create a larger space for performances and community events of all kinds. At the April 8, 2014 Town Council meeting, Council voted unanimously to authorize staff to begin working with the two groups to discuss the appearance of the structure, costs and programming. Staff will return to Council with these details for the final approval of the project prior to construction.

Capital Planning Initiative

The Town of Blowing Rock is working with the Town Engineers, McGill Associates, to conduct a survey to determine and itemize long term capital needs throughout the Town. The following categories will be part of the initiative: water distribution lines, sewer collection lines, water and sewer plants, ditch lines along Town streets, integrating utility and ditch work with the paving plan, streetscapes along Main Street and Sunset Drive, parks and recreation, and sidewalks and pedestrian connectivity. The study will help staff to determine funding needs for the upcoming and future budgets.

Hanging Flower Baskets



The hanging flower baskets along Main Street and Sunset Drive make Blowing Rock come alive with color! BRAAC's Memorial/Honorary Hanging Flower Baskets hold a special place in the hearts of our citizens who sponsor these baskets. Hanging flower baskets provide an opportunity to show appreciation in many ways.

If you would like to contribute \$50 to BRAAC in honor or remembrance of a loved one, Memorial/Honorary hanging basket donations will be accepted through July 1, 2014.

Please mail 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.

Bi-Annual Clean Up



The Town of Blowing Rock has scheduled it's Spring Bi-Annual Clean-Up during the week of May 12-16, 2014 and the Fall Bi-Annual Clean-Up during the week of October 6-10, 2014. Please do not block any ditches or drains. This pick-up includes white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, paint cans, etc. PAINT IN CANS MUST BE DRY OR HAVE KITTLY LITTER ADDED TO ABSORB THE PAINT. There is no need to call and have your name put on a list. The Bi-Annual Cleanup is offered in the spring and fall of each year.

Operation Safe Tree



On March 31, 2014 the Town began removing 51 dead trees on the following Town properties: Davant Field, Broyhill Park, Memorial Park, Clark Street and Laurel Lane. The main tree removal is now complete and cleanup has begun. To ensure Town properties retain their vibrancy, health, and beauty, the Town staff will be evaluating locations for new trees to be planted. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Brown, (828) 295-5222 if you have any questions.

Blowing Rock 4th of July Festival 2014

Schedule of Events

All events take place in/around Memorial Park.

Friday, July 4, 2014

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **440th Army Reserve Band-Jazz and Concert Band**

Saturday, July 5, 2014

9:00 a.m. - Until **Adult Horseshoe Tournament**
(18 years & up)
\$75 First place \$50 Second place

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Park Games**
Prizes awarded to 1st and 2nd place
· Water Balloon Toss
· Watermelon Eating Contest
· Face Painting
· And much more!

11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Bounce & Obstacle Course & Climbing Wall**
10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Cloggers**
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Buckhaggard Band**
2:00 p.m. **Independence Day Parade**
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **The Cockman Family-Bluegrass Gospel**
9:30 p.m. **Fireworks-The Blowing Rock Country Club**

Sunday, July 6, 2014

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Diana & Sarvis Ridge-Bluegrass**
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Sweet T- Park Dance**

Please call Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation for questions (828) 295-5222

2014 Pool Schedule



The Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park will open on May 24, 2014, Memorial Day weekend. Individual and family pool passes are now available.

Below is the 2014 Swimming Pool schedule and fees. 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

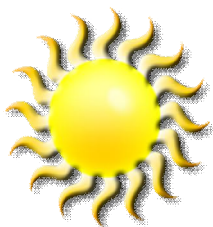
Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Summer Day Camp



Parks and Recreation is now accepting Summer Day Camp Registrations. The Camp is open for boys and girls from rising kindergarten (must be 5 years old and recently attended daycare) to sixth grade, beginning June 16, 2014. Applications are available online at www.townofblowingrock.com. For more information, please call Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Planning and Inspection Updates

Comprehensive Plan Draft

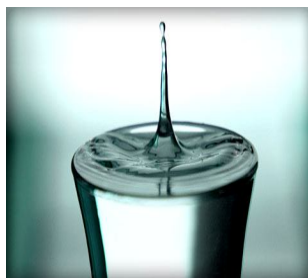
- Review of draft document at the May 15, 2014 Planning Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

New Businesses/Locations

- Blowing Rock Taste of Italy will be locating a new Italian restaurant in the former Mellow Mushroom building at 155 Sunset Drive.
- Mellow Mushroom plans to open on Memorial Day weekend on the corner of Main Street and Hwy 221.
- Roots restaurant will open soon in the former Pssghetti's restaurant location at 7179 Valley Boulevard.
- Third Space coffee shop will be opening soon on the lower level of the Hanna Building at 1107 Main Street.
- 1861 Farmhouse Winery Tasting Room will be opening soon at 1179 Main Street.



Water Quality Report



The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. The complete report will be published in the May 15, 2014 issue of the Blowing Rocket. A copy of the Report may be picked up free of charge at the Town Hall, 1036 Main Street or online at: www.townofblowingrock.com

If you have questions regarding this report, please call the Water Treatment Plant at (828) 295-5225.