



# Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock  
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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 Admin only.....295-5212  
Fire Admin only.....295-5220  
Emergency Police & Fire.....911

## Upcoming Meetings

### Town Council

11/13/2012 5:30 p.m.  
12/11/2012 5:00 p.m.

### Planning Board

11/15/2012 5:30 p.m.  
12/20/2012 5:30 p.m.

### ABC Board

11/29/2012 3:00 p.m.  
12/20/2012 3:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Town Offices Closed:

#### Thanksgiving

11/22/12 - 11/23/12

#### Christmas Festival

11/23/12

#### Christmas Parade

11/24/12

### Town Offices Closed:

#### Christmas

12/24/12 - 12/26/12

#### New Years

01/01/13

## Fire Prevention Week is not just for Kids!



As a matter of fact, adults are responsible for most of the fires. The number one cause of home fires and burn injuries is cooking. Over forty percent of fires are a result of cooking activities, while fires started through heating devices ranks a distant second at less than 20%. Kids starting home fires?...Last on the list! Blowing Rock Elementary Principal Patrick Sukow, and all of the wonderful Blowing Rock teachers were exceedingly supportive of the Fire Department's programs this year. The department agrees the program would not be as

effective without the staff's tremendous support and kids being receptive to the safety information. This year's focus was on three important points.

1. Check your smoke alarms.
2. Have two exits.
3. Stay at least three feet away from the stove.

Typically, fires with fatalities occur in homes with non-working smoke alarms or with smoke alarms in improper locations. If smoke alarms are in place and work properly the next step is to have two exits out to not be trapped by fire. Children are the largest category of those receiving burn injuries from cooking incidents. Keeping them at least three feet away from the stove is important for everyone to practice. This year's challenge is for the kids to take this information and share it with the adults in their home. Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue welcomes any opportunity to address the main cause of home fires and burn injuries. Partnering with the "Fire on the Rock" chef's competition has given Blowing Rock Fire Department access to people doing the cooking both professionally and at home. More people being aware that it causes so many fires and burn injuries will help prevent these incidents. If you have kids at Blowing Rock Elementary School hopefully you have already heard this important information. Either way, please help Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue prevent these tragic losses and injuries due to cooking. Call 828-295-5220 for any additional information or if you would like to schedule a program....and check your smoke alarms!



## BRAAC

Fall Planting Day: 11/03/12

BRAAC will hold its Fall Planting Day on **November 3, 2012**. If you would like to join the fun, meet in front of Town Hall at **9:30 a.m.** For more information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (828)295-5222.



## Fall Leaf Pick-Up

Leaves will be picked up by the roadside with vacuum trucks for the next two months, weather permitting. Leaves need to be free of sticks and branches, and placed so they do not block any drainage ways. When leaves become too wet to vacuum they need to be bagged and placed by the roadside for pick-up. We are once again using contracted labor through Estate Maintenance to help assist the town staff in this process. For more information please call Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.

## Hometown Harvest



Please Join Us At This Year's Hometown Harvest Supper!

November 11, 2012  
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

At  
Blowing Rock Fire Station 1  
(8001 Valley Blvd)

Old-Fashioned Cake Contest!

Adult Category- 15 years old & over

Young Baker- Under 15 years old

Cake Drop-Off from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Kids Activities!

\*Please bring a covered dish to share and canned goods for the  
Hunger & Health Coalition

## Parks and Recreation

### "Christmas in the Park"

#### Schedule of Events

#### Friday November 23, 2012

Visit with Santa (In Gazebo)	2:00 to 4:00 pm
Hayrides through Blowing Rock	4:00 to 9:00 pm
Airwalk	2:00 to 7:00 pm
Free Hot Cider & Hot Chocolate	5:00 to 9:00 pm
Caroling in the Park with "Vagabonds"	5:00 to 6:30 pm
Lighting of the Town (Mayor JB Lawrence)	5:30 pm
Bluegrass Christmas (Diana & Sarvis Ridge)	7:00 to 9:00 pm

#### Saturday November 24, 2012

Christmas Parade	2:00 pm
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## Project Updates

### Town Accepts \$142,500 Matching Grant:

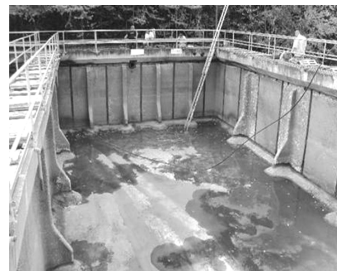
The NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Authority approved, and the Town accepted, a \$142,500 grant award for the American Legion Building. The grant is to be used to make improvements to the existing American Legion Building, to allow use of the facility as community/recreation center space, as recommended in the 2005 Comprehensive Park and Recreation Master Plan. The Town would provide a 50% local match (or \$142,500). The local match would come from existing capital reserve funds and from community contributions. Prior to grant award, the Town recently replaced the roof and guttering on the building. As such, the Town currently has \$116,800 set aside for this project. Plans for the building design are underway.

### Streetscape:

Mountain Crest, LLC is near completion with Phase III of the Downtown Streetscape. The balance of work that remains includes a stamped crosswalk at Chestnut Drive and installation of two tree grates.



### Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements:



Greene Construction, Inc. continues work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. The project is approximately 40% complete, with Basin #4 complete, Basin #3 underway, handrail hardware on-site and ready for installation, conduit installed for generator, and generator delivery is expected by the end

of November. The project has a contract completion date of no later than February 18, 2013.

### Street Paving:

Midstate Inc. recently paved Henkel Street, Spruce Road, Sunset Drive (Cornish to Rhododendron) and a portion of Elliott Circle. This work concludes the Town's approved fall paving schedule.

