



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Volume 9, Issue 1

Highlights of What's Happening Around Town

www.townofblowingrock.com

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

Historic Markers to be Presented to Historic Properties

Four sites were honored this spring with new plaques that describe their significance to our community, thanks to the on going efforts of the Blowing Rock Historical Society and the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum. These sites were recognized during the 126th Birthday celebration of the Town of Blowing Rock. This year, plaques were presented to the following:

- Gibbons Residence Circa 2005
- Green Park/Norwood Golf Course Circa 1915
- First Baptist Church (Main Street) Circa 1923
- Winkler Service Station Circa 1920



The Birthday Party and presentation of markers in Town Hall was **Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.**

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

04/14/2015 6:00 p.m.

05/12/2015 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

03/19/2015 5:30 p.m.

04/16/2015 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

03/19/2015 1:00 p.m.

04/23/2015 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

04/16/2015 5:30 p.m.

05/07/2015 5:30 p.m.

2015 Board Appointments

The Blowing Rock Town Council honored Board and Commission members with a reception held prior to their regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**. Volunteers recognized for previous service were Rich Scheurer, Alice Roess, Rita Wiseman, and Jim West.

2015 Board Appointments

Planning Board: Kim Hartley, Jim Steele, Joe Papa, Natalie Bovino (ETJ)

Board of Adjustments: Jerry Starnes, Terry Story (ETJ), Suzanne Wilson

ABC Board: David Greene

TDA Board: Dean Bullis, Doug Matheson

BRAAC: Debra McDowell, Curt Andrews, Anne Barnes



Upcoming Events

Town's 126th Birthday & Awards:
March 11th

3:30 p.m. at Town Hall

Summer Day Camp Registration:

BR Taxpayers - March 3rd

Open Registration - March 23rd

Program Starts - June 15th

Kinder T-Registration:

BR Taxpayers - March 25th

Open Registration - March 26th

Program Starts - April 28th

Golden Easter Egg Hunt:

March 28th

Games - 10:00 a.m.

Hunt - 11:00 a.m.

Town Offices Closed:

Good Friday

April 3rd

Blue Ridge Wine & Food Festival:

www.blueridgewinefestival.com

April 16th - 19th

BRAAC Spring Cleaning

May 20th - 21st

Semi-Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

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 5th, 6th, and 7th, 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 any issues.



Drinking Water Quality & Wastewater Annual Report

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2014 Drinking Water Quality Report and the 2014 System Performance Annual Report for the Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Copies may be picked up at Town Hall, 1036 Main Street. These reports are also available online at www.townofblowingrock.com. If you have any questions about the reports, please contact the Water Plant at (828) 295-5225.

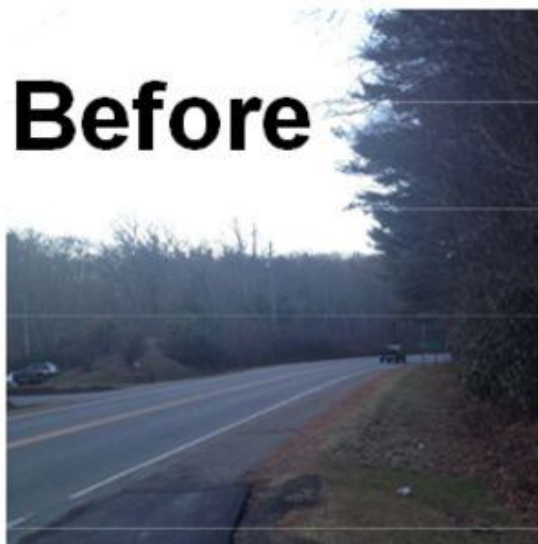
Petition to Support Grant Application for Sidewalk from Main Street to Bass Lake

Town of Blowing Rock to Apply for Federal Lands Access Program Funding - Help By "Clicking" Your Support!

Providing a way to **walk safely from downtown Blowing Rock to Bass Lake** has been a goal of the Blowing Rock Town Council for many years. Through the use of funds obtained from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), it may become a reality very soon!

The Town established an online petition and received over 1,000 signatures in support of this project, that if approved for the grant, will return federal tax dollars to the High Country. Through March 12, the petition can be accessed through the following link, which is also available through the top of the Town's website at www.townofblowingrock.com. You do not have to be a citizen of Blowing Rock to sign the petition.

The petition can be found at: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/689/413/700/sidewalk-from-main-street-to-bass-lake/>



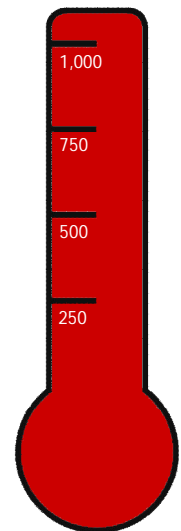
Before



After

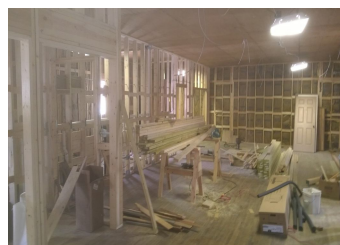
Signature count through March 9th =

1,025



American Legion Project Update

The American Legion renovation project continues with progress on internal framing and plumbing/electrical/HVAC rough-in construction. The structure portion of the rear deck over-looking Mayview Lake has been finished with the timber frame roof structure starting within the next month. Some rock work has been completed on the front of the building. The project is expected to be complete by the end of May.



Golden Easter Egg Hunt



The Town of Blowing Rock will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, 2015. The games will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Park. For more information please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Summer Day Camp

Camp registration begins March 3, 2015 for Blowing Rock Taxpayers and Open Enrollment begins March 23, 2015. The camp is open to boys and girls from rising Kindergarten (must be five years old and recently attended daycare) to sixth grade, for eight weeks tentatively scheduled to begin June 15, 2015. Applications are available online at www.townofblowingrock.com. For more information call Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Reminder

Town offices will be closed Friday, April 3, 2015 in observance of Good Friday. Commercial Garbage and Residential Recycling will be collected on a normal schedule. If you have any questions please call (828) 295-5220.