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Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter
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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

05/14/2013 5:30 p.m.
06/11/2013 5:30 p.m.

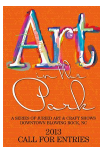
Planning Board

05/16/2013 5:30 p.m.
06/20/2013 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

05/30/2013 3:00 p.m.
06/20/2013 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events



Art in the Park:
May 18th & June 15th

Charity Horse Show:
June 6th-9th



4th of July Festival & Parade:
July 6th-7th



Sunday Night Concert Series:
June 16th

Monday Night Concert Series:
June 24th
July 8th & 22nd
August 5th & 19th



Town Offices Closed:
Memorial Day- May 27th
Independence Day- July 4th

Bi-Annual Clean Up

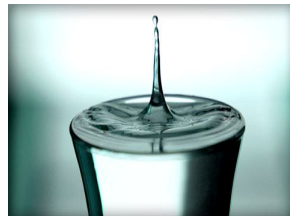


The Town of Blowing Rock has scheduled its Spring Bi-Annual Clean-Up during the week of May 13-17, 2013. Please do not block any ditches or drains. This pick-up includes white goods,

yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, paint cans, etc. PAINT IN CANS MUST BE DRY OR HAVE KITTY 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 fall and spring of each year.

Water Quality Report

The Town of Blowing Rock has released the 2012 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. The complete report will be published in the May 16, 2013 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 Director of Water Plant Operations, Tom McRary at (828)295-5225.

People's Choice 2013



Blowing Rock was recently recognized as one of People's Choice "2013 Great Main Streets in North Carolina" by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Hanging Flower Baskets

The hanging flower baskets along Main Street and Sunset Drive do more than 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. It is an opportunity to show appreciation in many ways.



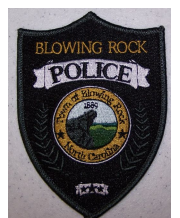
Please contribute \$50.00 to BRAAC in honor or remembrance of a loved one. Memorial/Honorary hanging basket donations will be accepted through July 1, 2013.

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.

Crime Prevention

Spring is the time when we all begin work on our yard and home improvement projects. Unfortunately, spring is also a time when home improvement scams begin to rise. Some criminals make their living driving through neighborhoods looking for people, especially the elderly, that they can make some quick cash on. Victims of home improvement scams usually report that a portion, or all of the work that they paid for was not completed or the quality of work was unsatisfactory. Once paid, these home improvement con artists usually can't be found. Simple tips such as the following, can help you avoid being scammed.

1. Only do business with reputable contractors or people that you know.
2. Never pay cash up front. Instead, offer to purchase the materials yourself.
3. Beware of people traveling through the area and those who claim to have materials left from another job.
4. Always get references.
5. Ask for the worker's identification and record the information.
6. Have a written agreement or estimate.
7. If you feel you are being scammed refuse to pay and call law enforcement.
8. Never allow workers that you don't know to be unsupervised in your home, not even for a few minutes.



Blowing Rock 4th of July Festival 2013

Saturday, July 6, 2013

9:00a.m.-Until

9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.

11:00a.m.- 4:30p.m.

11:00a.m.- 4:30p.m.

10:00a.m.-11:00a.m.

11:00a.m.- 12:00p.m.

12:00p.m.- 1:30p.m.

2:00p.m.

3:00p.m.- 4:30p.m.

9:30p.m.

Sunday, July 7, 2013

1:00p.m.– 3:00p.m.

3:00p.m.– 7:00p.m.

Schedule of Events

Adult Horseshoe Tournament (18 years & up)

\$75 first place; \$50 second place; \$25 third place

Park Games

Prizes awarded to 1st and 2nd place in all games!

-Water Balloon Toss, Watermelon Eating

Contest, Face Painting, and much more!

Climbing Tower

Bounce & Obstacle Course

Country Magic Cloggers

The Vagabonds-Patriotic Sing Along

Buckhaggard Band

Independence Day Parade

The Cockman Family-Bluegrass Gospel

Fireworks-The Blowing Rock Country Club

Diana & Sarvis Ridge-Bluegrass

Sweet T- Park Dance

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

2013 Pool Schedule



The Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park will open on May 25, 2013, Memorial Day weekend. Individual and family pool passes are now available. Below is the 2013 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 am - 11:00 am	Swim Lessons
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Public Swim
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Adult Lap Swim & Exercise
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Swim Lesson
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Public Swim

Saturday:

11:00 am -7:30 pm Public Swim

Sunday:

12:00 pm -7:30 pm 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 17, 2013. Applications are available online at www.townofblowingrock.com. For more information, please call Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Project Updates



Memorial Park Improvements:

If you have visited Memorial Park recently you will notice a few changes. There are two new rock walls around the large Maple trees close to the gazebo. The walls were built by Jerry Shull Masonry. The project is sponsored by the Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission with the support of the Parks and Recreation Department. The new walls will not only add to the aesthetics of the park but are also functional, by adding more space for visitors to sit and enjoy our beautiful village.



The Tennis Court fence replacement was completed by Statesville Fence.

Exterior improvements are underway as well at the Memorial Park Restroom Facilities. The improvements include gutter repair, painting and new roof installation.

All of these improvements are part of a larger initiative for renovations in the park.



US 321 Widening:

NCDOT recently sent out a press release announcing a change in general contractor for the project to Maymead Inc. (former contractors Taylor & Murphy are undergoing a company restructuring and will no longer continue work on the project). The project hotline is still 828-964-3260; it is answered locally and can provide callers with real-time updates on the progress of the project as it moves through town.