



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

05/12/2015 6:00 p.m.
06/09/2015 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

05/21/2015 5:30 p.m.
06/18/2015 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

05/28/2015 3:00 p.m.
06/18/2015 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

05/07/2015 5:00 p.m.
06/04/2015 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

May 9th & June 13th

Charity Horse Show:

June 4th - 7th

4th of July Festival & Parade:

July 4th

Sunday Night Concert Series:

Memorial Park at 4:00 p.m.

May 10th & June 15th

Movie in the Park:

Memorial Park at 8:00 p.m.

June 25th

July 9th & 23rd

August 6th

Planting Day:

May 20th & 21st - Come help out!

To volunteer please call (828) 295-5222

Town Offices Closed:

Memorial Day - May 25th

Independence Day - July 3rd

Spring Clean Up!



The Town is planning the "Spring Semi-Annual Clean-Up" for the week of May 11-15. This pick-up includes white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches, etc.), mattresses, etc. **THE TOWN CAN NO LONGER PICKUP ANY CONTAINERS WITH LIQUIDS SUCH AS PAINT CANS OR PROPANE TANKS.** Please do not block any ditches or drains. Residents do not need to call Town Hall to schedule pick-up. The Semi-Annual Clean-Up is offered in the spring and fall of each year. There is no charge for this service. For more information on the Clean-Up, please call Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.

***Watauga County Landfill will be accepting full paint containers from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, May 16th. For more information, contact the Watauga County Sanitation Office at (828) 264-5305.**

Contributions to Support Hanging Flower Baskets



The hanging flower baskets along Main Street and Sunset Drive make Blowing Rock come alive with color! The Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission'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, 2015.

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.



Do you have outdated or unused prescription drugs, over the counter medications, syringes or other medical supplies? Come drop them off at the take-back project sites this May! Any prescription or over the counter drugs will be accepted, no questions asked.

Across Watauga County, medicine will be collected on Saturday May 16, from 10:00am to 2:00 p.m. Take-back locations will be available at the Foscoe Fire Department, and the three Food Lion stores in Watauga County: the Highway 321 store in Boone, the Highway 421 Deep Gap store, and the Blowing Rock store.

This is Watauga county's twelfth collection since 2009. Each year has been an overwhelming success due to the Watauga County Community! These twelve collections have responsibly disposed of over 1.5 million pills and 132 gallons of liquids. Every collection helps keep our children and water quality safe.

If you can't make it out on May 16th to Operation Medicine Cabinet, there are now two new drop-off sites available in Watauga County - the lobbies of the Watauga County Sheriffs Office and the Boone Police Department. These drop-off sites are sponsored by "Project Lazarus" a community based overdose prevention and opioid safety project with Community Care of North Carolina. For more information please contact the Watauga County Cooperative Extension at (828) 264-3061. These items may also be dropped off at the Blowing Rock Police Department Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. throughout the year.

To find out more about the event visit www.DrugTakeBackDay.com.

Blowing Rock 4th of July Festival

Schedule of Events

All events take place in/around Memorial Park.

Saturday, July 4, 2015

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

Water Balloon Toss, Watermelon Eating Contest, Face Painting, and much more!

Prizes awarded to 1st and 2nd place

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.

Harris Brothers

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 5, 2015

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Strictly Strings-Bluegrass

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Soul Benefactor- Park Dance

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

Memorial Park Gazebo Update



The Gazebo located in Memorial Park currently under construction is almost complete. Staining and concrete installation will take place over the next couple of weeks. Top soil and sod are expected to be installed the week before Memorial Day weekend to complete the project.

American Legion Update

The American Legion renovation project continues to move toward finishing touches. The timber frame roof structure over the rear deck is complete. All rock work has been completed on the front of the building. Sidewalk and curb and gutter concrete has been poured and pavement is scheduled for later during May. The entry doors have been installed and plumbing and electrical fixtures are completed. The tile is installed in the restrooms and the sheetrock and wainscoting have been finished. Exterior painting is scheduled in May as well.

2015 Pool Schedule



The Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park will open on May 23, 2015, Memorial Day weekend. Individual and family pool passes are now available. Below is the 2015 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

Camp registration began March 3, 2015 for Blowing Rock Taxpayers and Open Enrollment began 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

- The Blowing Rock Police Department summer parking initiative, enforcing 3 hour parking along Main Street, is tentatively planned to begin in June depending on the volume of visitors. If more parking time than 3 hours is needed, please use the American Legion Parking Deck, BRAHM Parking Deck or Maple Street Lot.
- Town offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2015 in observance of Memorial Day. Commercial Garbage will be collected on a normal schedule. All Residential Garbage will be collected on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. If you have any questions please call (828) 295-5200.