

Important Numbers

Town Hall.....295-5200
Planning & Inspection.....295-5240
Water/Sewer/Garbage.....295-5200
Parks & Recreation.....295-5222
Water - After Hours.....295-5210

Non-Emergency

Police Department.....295-5210
Fire Department.....295-5220

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

7/10/2007 7:00 p.m.

8/14/2007 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

7/19/2007 7:00 p.m.

8/16/2007 7:00 p.m.

ABC Board

7/21/2007 3:00 p.m.

8/16/2007 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

7/3/2007 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

6/30 4th of July Festival 9 a.m.—7 p.m.
2:00 p.m. Independence Day Parade
9:30 p. m. Fireworks (Blowing Rock
Country Club)

7/1 Park Dance 5 p.m.—9 p.m.

7/21 Art in the Park

8/1—8/5 Charity Horse Show
Hunter Jumper I

8/8—8/12 Charity Horse Show
Hunter Jumper II

8/18 Art in the Park

*Town Hall will be closed on
July 4, 2007 in observance of Independ-
ence Day*



Stage II Water Shortage Advisory

At the June 12, 2007 Town Council meeting Council members put into effect a stage II water shortage advisory effective June 13, 2007.

Officials with the U.S. Drought Monitor once again announced this week that Western North Carolina is continuing to experience a moderate to extreme drought and most of the rest of the state is abnormally dry. Weather models indicate that North Carolina could be facing below normal precipitation and above average temperatures for the coming weeks. Due to worsening drought conditions and increasing town reservoir lake level drop, the Town of Blowing Rock has implemented Stage II Conservation measures. During Stage II, moderate mandatory water restrictions shall be in effect.

It shall be unlawful to use water supplied by the Blowing Rock municipal water system for the following purposes:

- To water lawns, grass, shrubbery, trees, flower and vegetable gardens except by hand. To fill

newly constructed swimming pools and/or wading pools or refill swimming and/or wading pools which have been drained. A minimal amount of water may be added to maintain continued operation of pools which were in operation at the time a Stage I shortage was placed into effect.

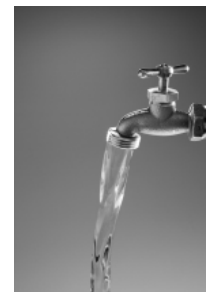
- To wash automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, or any other type of mobile equipment including commercial washing.
- To wash down outside areas such as streets, driveways, service station aprons, parking lots, office buildings, exteriors of existing or newly constructed homes or apartments, sidewalks, or patios or to use water for other similar purposes.
- To operate or introduce municipal system water into any ornamental fountain, pool, pond, or other structure making similar use of water.
- To use water from public or private fire hydrants for any purpose other than fire suppression or other public emergency.
- To use municipal system

water for dust control or compaction.

- To use water for any unnecessary purpose or to intentionally waste water.

Violation of these water restrictions will result in \$100.00 per day fine.

We appreciate your cooperation during this period of dry weather conditions. For additional information on ways to conserve water, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200 or visit: www.townofblowingrock.com.



Opening Burning in Town Limits Prohibited

As many citizens may be aware, the NC Division of Air Quality regulates air standards and prohibits most outdoor burning due to health and safety concerns.

In the Blowing Rock town limits, the Town provides local pick-up of yard waste and brush twice a year for free or \$60.00 per hour at other times. Therefore, based on State law, open burning of brush,

leaves and yard waste is prohibited within the town limits. Campfires and outdoor cooking are exempt from these standards.

Police Department Welcomes Two New Full-Time Employees

Recently, the Police Department hired a new officer, Cary Webb. Officer Webb has over 12 years of law enforcement experience and comes to Blowing Rock from the Federal Defender's Office of the western district of Tennessee. His previous work experience includes being an Alcohol Law Enforcement and Narcotics Agent with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and an officer with the Spring Hill Police Department (Tennessee).

Mr. Webb also has over 16 years of military experience, with 6 years of active duty and 10 years in a reserve capacity. Four of

his active duty years were with the United States Navy Reserve.

The Police Department is also pleased to introduce their newest full-time employee



Police Officer Cary Webb

Theresa "Kay" Stone. Kay accepted the position of Telecommunicator effective May 29, 2007. Kay has worked with the police department in a part-time capacity since July of 2005. She served Caldwell County as an EMT with the Lovelady Rescue Squad and as a Jailor with the Sheriff's Department. All of Kay's knowledge and experience will be an asset to the community.

Please join us in welcoming and congratulating these two additions to the Police Department.

New Crime Prevention Programs Offered Through Police Department

Officers are working on parking and traffic enforcement in full swing. With all of this activity, it brings the realization that summer is upon here. The Police Department is excited to offer a few new programs. In March, they started an aggressive campaign with local merchants where they teach strategies such as shoplifting prevention and employee theft prevention. At the meetings merchants also provided after hours contact information to assist in up-

dating the emergency contact information and to create an information tree, which will be implemented in the near future. The information tree allows the opportunity to disseminate critical information such as shoplifter descriptions quickly and more efficiently throughout the business community.

Unfortunately senior citizens are frequent targets of criminal activity. Blowing Rock,

being a retirement community, wants the citizens to be knowledgeable in all areas of crime prevention, but particularly the areas they will most likely encounter. The Police Department will be holding senior crime prevention meetings through the summer. For more information on these, or other crime prevention programs, please contact Sergeant Justin Wood at (828) 295-5210.

Parks and Recreation

Upcoming Activities:

- Kinder Soccer Registration
- Taxpayers—August 6
- Non-Taxpayers—August 7
- Dog Training Class Registration
- August 6

FY 07-08 Budget Approved

At the June 12, 2007 meeting of Town Council the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget was reviewed and approved by Council. The total fiscal year budget is \$5,898,765. The budget maintains the \$.28 per \$100 tax rate, but does include a \$1.50 per month increase in minimum water/sewer rates. Copies of the approved budget are accessible online at www.townofblowingrock.com or at Town Hall.

Do's and Do Not's for Disposal of Grease

- DO'S**
- Put oil and grease in collection containers
 - Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels
 - Keep grease out of wash water
 - Place food scraps in collection containers

DO NOT'S

- Pour oil and grease down drains
- Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- Use hot water to rinse grease off sur-

Disposal of Latex and Oil Based Paints

Regular sanitation can not dispose of paint unless one of these disposal guidelines is followed:

- Leave lid off the paint can to dry the paint out.
- Fill paint bucket with cat litter to absorb the paint.

Paint will not be collected if one of the above is not completed to ensure that the paint does not spill from the buckets. For questions please call Johnny Lentz at (828)295-5200.

