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Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
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Important Numbers

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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

07/13/2010 7:00 p.m.
08/10/2010 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

07/15/2010 7:00 p.m.
08/19/2010 7:00 p.m.

ABC Board

07/15/2010 3:00 p.m.
08/19/2010 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

07/06/2010 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

July 17h & August 14th



4th of July Festival & Parade:
July 3rd

Offices Closed for Independence Day:
July 5th



Charity Horse Show:
July 27th- August 1st

Monday Night Concert Series:
July 5th & 19th
August 2nd & 16th



Kinder Soccer Registration:
Taxpayers- August 2nd
Open Registration- August 3rd

Community Foundation's
Community Service Day & Groovy
Nights- August 21st

Robbins Pool Open

The New Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park is now open for business.

Pool hours are:

- * Monday through Friday: 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.
- * Saturday 11:00 a.m.— 7:30 p.m.
- * Sunday 12:00 a.m.— 7:30 p.m.



Additional parking is offered at the American Legion Parking facility, Davant Field, Grassy Lot across from the Ruritan Building, and Annie Cannon parking area.

Bixby Promoted to Lieutenant



Lieutenant Hank Bixby Bixby to the rank of Lieutenant. Lieutenant Bixby has been with the department for 13 years, having joined us from the National Park Service where he served as a Wildland Firefighter and Seasonal Law Enforcement Ranger. Hank has served the department in the area of Field Training, as an accident reconstruction specialist and as a liaison with Law Enforcement Support Services. He possesses training qualifying him to maintain and repair the department's firearms. Hank will oversee the Patrol Division to include scheduling, events planning and supervision. Mr. Bixby lives in Blowing Rock with his wife and daughter. They are expecting a son in October.

The Blowing Rock Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Hank

2010-2011 Budget Approved

Following various budget work sessions and a public hearing, the Town of Blowing Rock FY 2010-2011 Budget was adopted at the June 8, 2010 Town Council meeting. A synopsis of the budget is available on the town website www.townofblowingrock.com.

The FY 2010-2011 Budget totals \$6,396,970, has a tax rate set at \$0.28 per \$100 valuation, which is the current tax rate. The Budget also includes - a \$3.00 per month fee to all residential solid waste customers to cover costs associated with implementation of a weekly curbside recycling program, and changes to water and sewer fees, with an increase of \$0.50 per month in both water and sewer fees and a reduction in the water interconnection fee of \$1.00 per month, which results in no net change. All other charges/fees are unchanged.

For additional information, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.

Reminder:

The Blowing Rock Police Department has begun its summer parking initiative, enforcing 3 hour parking along Main Street. If more parking time is needed, please use the American Legion Parking Facility or Maple Street Lot.

It's Never been easier to keep Blowing Rock Clean & Green!

The Town of Blowing Rock will begin providing curbside recycling collection for residential solid waste customers beginning August 1, 2010 as follows:

GDS CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Curbside recycling is collected by GDS, Inc. one day per week for all residential customers. Please place your recyclable items in the bin provided by 6:00 a.m. on your route day for collection. Remove lids from bottles and jars, rinse all containers, and flatten all plastics. Do not mix household garbage with recyclables. Items collected are listed below.

ROUTES

Thursday Recycle Route: You will be notified by GDS what route you are in

Friday Recycle Route: You will be notified by GDS what route you are in



RECYCLE ITEMS COLLECTED

Newspaper and any inserts that come with them

Magazines and Catalogs— clip off name and address

Phonebooks & Paperback books

Plastic- #1, #2, #3, #7—the symbol is printed on or near the bottom of most bottles for soft drinks, liquor, juice, mineral water, and sports drinks

Aluminum, metal, and tin cans— labels do not have to be removed

Green, Clear, and Brown Glass— not broken

ITEMS NOT COLLECTED

Light bulbs

Cookware

Mirrors

Ceramic dishes

Drinking glasses

Medicine bottles

Aluminum foil

Aluminum pie plates

Cereal boxes

Cardboard

Grocery bags

Building material

Waxed paper

Hardcover book

Styrofoam

Mail

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Collection delays, cancellations or makeup days will be posted on the Town website at www.townblowingrock.com as well as announced in the Town bi-monthly newsletter "Around the Rock".



The fee for residential curbside recycling service will be charged in your utility services bill at \$3.00 per month.

Recycling is a contracted service performed by GDS, Inc. If you have any questions or problems with your collections, please call:

GDS Route Supervisor

828-964-2193

Service Department

828-698-7778

Bins will be distributed by GDS prior to the August Collection.



Ice Storm Clean Up

By the first week in June, all of the 2009 ice storm debris was collected from town streets and ground into chips for processing. Total reimbursable cost of storm debris removal and clean up is approximately \$155,000.00.

Downtown Streetscape

Phase I of the Downtown Streetscape is now complete. Wilke Construction recently completed the stamped crosswalks at Laurel Lane, Pine Street, and Chestnut Street. All landscaping and tree grates were recently installed and parking space striping was completed. The next planned phase is along Memorial Park and in front of Town Hall.

Blowing Rock 4th of July Festival 2010

The Fourth of July Festival will begin on Friday, July 2 at 3:00 p.m. through Saturday July 3, ending with fireworks at the Blowing Rock Country Club at 9:30 p.m. For a complete schedule go to www.townofblowingrock.com or call Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Monday Night Concert Series

The Monday Night Concert Series' 10th season is underway. Concerts are held in the Broyhill Park Gazebo on the lake off of Clark Street. Performance begins at 7:00 p.m. and the alternative inclement rain location is the American Legion Building off of Park Ave. Visit www.amymarieproductions.com for more information!