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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
Water - After Hours.....295-5210

Non-Emergency

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

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

07/12/2011 5:00 p.m.
08/09/2011 5:00 p.m.

Planning Board

07/21/2011 5:30 p.m.
08/18/2011 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

07/21/2011 3:00 p.m.
08/18/2011 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

07/05/2011 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:
July 16h & August 13th

4th of July Festival & Parade:
July 2nd



Offices Closed for Independence Day:
July 4th



Charity Horse Show:
July 26th- August 7th

Monday Night Concert Series:
July 11th & 25th
August 8th



Kinder Soccer Registration:
Taxpayers- August 8th
Open Registration- August 9th

Community Foundation's:
Golf tournament- August 20th
Groovy Nights- August 14th at 5pm
August 16th at 7pm
August 19th at 7pm

2011-2012 Budget Approved



Following various budget work sessions and a public hearing, the Town of Blowing Rock FY 2011-2012 Budget was adopted at the June 14, 2011 Town Council meeting. A synopsis of the budget is available on the town website www.townofblowingrock.com.

The FY 2011-2012 Budget totals \$6,311,550 for all Town operations, capital improvements, and debt service requirements. This is a decrease of \$85,420 compared to last year's adopted budget of \$6,396,970. The Budget contains no property tax increase and changes to water/sewer fees include an increase of \$1.00 per month in both water and sewer fees and a reduction in the water interconnection fee of \$2.00 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.

Paving Approved For FY '11- '12

The Town Council has awarded street paving bids for the following streets:

- Chestnut St (Main to Wallingford)
- Forest Ln (1054 ft)
- Green Hill Rd (Fairway Court)
- Laurel Ln (1700 ft)
- Possum Hollow Rd (321 to Substation)
- Valley View Rd (2800 ft)
- Wallingford St (Chestnut to Globe)
- Wonderland Trail (Valley View to Laurel Ln)

The paving of these streets is scheduled to begin in the fall.

Blowing Rock 4th of July Festival 2011

The Fourth of July Festival will begin on Saturday, July 2 at 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, July 3. Fireworks will be on July 2, 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.



Reminders:



- 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.
- Do not forget to leave your recycling out for pick up on Thursday or Friday (depending on which side of town you are located) by GDS. For more information on the program, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.
- Helpful tips to keep in mind when disposing of oil & grease: 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, and place food scraps in collection containers. Also remember NEVER to pour oil or grease down the drain!

Monday Night Concert Series

The Monday Night Concert Series' 12th season is underway. Concerts are held in the Broyhill Park Gazebo on the lake off of Clark Street on July 11th & 27th and August 8th. Performance begins at 7:00 p.m. and the alternative inclement rain location is the American Legion Building off of Park Ave. For more information contact Blowing Rock Parks and Recreations at (828) 295-5222.

2011 Kinder Soccer



Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation will be offering it's Kinder Soccer program this year for children ages 3-5. There will be two sessions offered on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Registration for Blowing Rock taxpayers begins on August 8th. For non-taxpayers, registration will begin August 9th. Contact Garryd Caliendo at Parks and Recreation for more information at (828) 295-5222.

Warren Joins Blowing Rock PD



The Blowing Rock Police Department is pleased to welcome their newest full time employee, Jeremy "Zach" Warren. Mr. Warren accepted the position of Police Officer effective June 29, 2011.

Born in Asheville North Carolina, Zach graduated from Enka High School in 2002. Employed as a Police Officer with Asheville/Buncombe Technical Community College he lived in Buncombe County where his family still resides.

In December 2010 he graduated Basic Law Enforcement Training from Caldwell Community College, where he scored second place in the top shot competition.

Having relocated to the Blowing Rock area, Zach is looking forward to serving the Blowing Rock Community.

Project Updates

Downtown Streetscape- Phase II

The second phase of the downtown streetscape has been completed. Phase II included the area in front of the Blowing Rock Community Library and Town Hall. Improvements to that area included:

- New curb and gutter
- New sewer manhole in front of the Library
- New crosswalks installed across Park Ave and Main St
- Pavers were installed on the outer edge of the sidewalk
- Drains were installed
- Areas of pavement and concrete were patched



BRAHM



The Blowing Rock Art and History Museum continues to progress toward completion. Recently, headway has been made in adding exterior finishes on the museum building and parking facility. A majority of the interior painting has

also been completed and interior trim/finishes are being installed. Site work should begin in the next few weeks. A grand opening of the building has been scheduled for October 1, 2011.



Wallingford Sewer Project

Town Council approved the installation of sewer lines at Main Street, Wallingford Street and Globe Court at their March meeting. These installations are expected to begin in the next couple of weeks. Construction of the project was awarded to M&M Construction and will provide sewer service to approximately eleven homes.