



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
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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 Admin.....295-5212
 Fire Admin.....295-5220

Emergency Police & Fire.....911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

07/10/2012 5:30 p.m.
 08/14/2012 5:30 p.m.

Planning Board

07/19/2012 5:30 p.m.
 08/16/2012 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

07/19/2012 3:00 p.m.
 08/16/2012 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

07/03/2012 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:

July 14th & August 11th

Offices Closed for Independence Day:

July 4th

Charity Horse Show:

July 24th– August 5th



Monday Night Concert Series:

July 9th & 23rd
 August 6th & 20th

Kinder Soccer Registration:

Taxpayers– August 6th
 Open Registration– August 7th



Community Foundation's:

Golf tournament– August 18th

Groovy Nights–

August 12th at 5:30pm
 August 14th at 7:30pm
 August 17th at 7:30pm

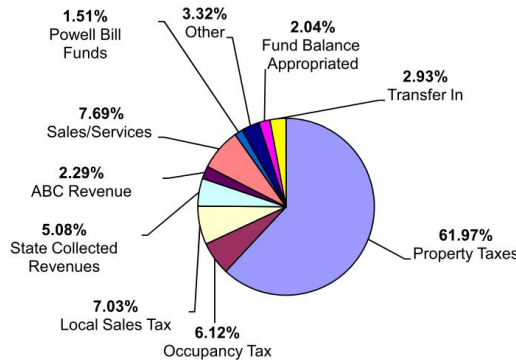
2012-2013 Budget Approved

Following various budget work sessions and a public hearing, the Town of Blowing Rock FY 2012-2013 Budget was adopted at the June 12, 2012 Town Council meeting. A synopsis of the budget is available on the town website www.townofblowingrock.com.

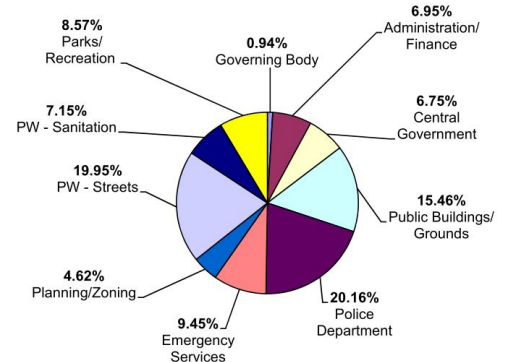
The FY 2012-2013 Budget totals \$6,316,205. The budget maintains a tax rate of \$0.28 per \$100 valuation, for the seventh consecutive year. The Budget includes changes to water/sewer fees, with an increase of \$0.50 per month in both water and sewer fees and a reduction in the water interconnection 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.

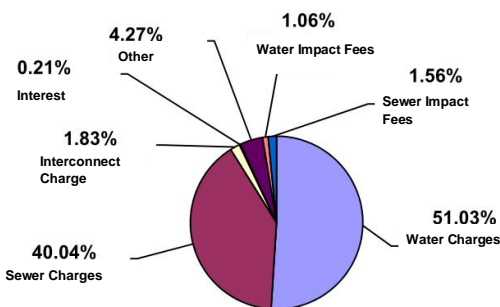
General Fund Revenues



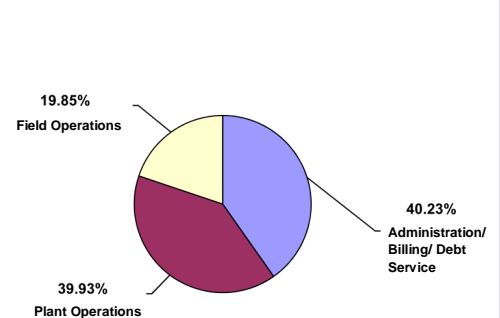
General Fund Expenditures



Water/Sewer Fund Revenues



Water/Sewer Expenditures



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, BRAHM Parking Facility or Maple Street Lot.
- NCDOT project website (www.ncdot.gov/projects/BlowingRock321/)
- NCDOT U.S. 321 Project Hotline at (828) 964-3260. The hotline is answered locally and can provide callers with real-time updates.

Carol Bolick & Mike Barfoot Retire!



Mayor JB Lawrence, Carol Bolick & Eric Brown

Communications Director Carol Bolick and Telecommunicator Mike Barfoot retired from the Town with over 30 years of service each. Receptions for Carol & Mike were held on May 22nd and June 14th respectively.

Congratulations Carol & Mike! Enjoy your Retirement!



Commissioner Jim Steele, Mike Barfoot & Eric Brown

Sharon Greene & Sharon VanDyke Recognized for Years' of Service!



Commissioner Dan Phillips, Sharon Greene, Mayor JB Lawrence, & Sharon VanDyke

Town Clerk Sharon Greene and Assistant Director of Communications Sharon VanDyke were recognized on June 14th for their years' of service. Sharon Greene was recognized for 25 years of service to the Town and Sharon VanDyke was recognized for 15 years of service to the

Town. Congratulations Sharon and Sharon on your years' of service!!

Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park Picnic Shelter



In the summer of 2010, the Town of Blowing Rock opened a reconstructed Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park. The pool project also included a picnic shelter amenity situated on the hill above the pool along with playground equip-

ment once funds were available. Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation has been receiving donations to help in the construction of the shelter. To date, the Town has received donations in the form of materials and labor, as well as monetary donations. New River Building Supply provided building materials at reduced costs and the majority of construction including post sets, framing, truss installation and roofing was performed by the Career and Technical Education Carpentry Class from Watauga High School. Gary Trivette Electric donated labor for all electrical installation and Terry Lentz Construction donated scaffolding and equipment. The Town's Public Works Department is currently working to finish construction of the shelter including trim work, minor carpentry, and painting. Concrete flooring needs to be poured to complete the project and the purchase of picnic tables and a grill still remain before the shelter is completed. There is still a need of approximately \$5,000 to complete the project funding. Anyone wishing to donate or help with completing the project can contact Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Brown at 828-295-5222.

Planning and Inspections

Subway Restaurant:

Subway Restaurant is currently under construction at the former location of Alta Building Systems at 8180 Valley Blvd. The construction office and shop is being converted to a 47 seat restaurant and the parking area is being redeveloped to accommodate additional vehicles, drainage improvements and landscaping. The project is planned for completion in August 2012.

Manor House Restaurant:

Chetola Resort's Manor House Restaurant is in its final stages of renovation after a fire in August of 2011. The construction included a complete renovation and included a small addition and restroom upgrades. Construction is scheduled for completion during the first week of July.

Project Updates

Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements:

Greene Construction, Inc. will be making improvements to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The project generally consists of a new emergency generator to replace the existing generator, new air piping and diffusers for the aeration basins, handrail repairs, and related appurtenances. Town Council earlier approved a State Revolving Loan of up to \$550,340 at 2.455% per annum with a term of 20 years for the project .

American Legion Roof Replacement:

Blowing Rock Property Services, Inc will be replacing the current American Legion Building roof. The \$11,900 project will include replacement of the shake shingles with a 30-year architectural asphalt shingles, UDL titanium underlayment and any associated plywood decking due to rot.

Comprehensive Plan Survey Update

The Comprehensive Plan Public Opinion Survey is being finalized over the next several weeks. Each resident and property owner household will receive a mailed notice of the survey beginning around the first of August 2012. Each adult resident will be directed to a website where they can fill out the online survey. Paper surveys will also be available upon request. The survey will provide Town officials with public opinions on various topics and help gather information for the future direction of the Town through the comprehensive planning process. Be on the look out for additional notices in print media and the Town's website.