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Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Important Numbers

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Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

*09/01/2009 7:00 p.m.
10/13/2009 7:00 p.m.

* Meeting Date changed from 9/8/09 to 9/1/09

Planning Board

09/17/2009 7:00 p.m.
10/15/2009 7:00 p.m.

ABC Board

09/10/2009 3:00 p.m.
10/22/2009 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

10/06/2009 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Art in the Park:
September 12th & October 3rd

Town Offices Closed for Labor Day:
September 7th

Halloween Festival: October 31st



Adult Fall Trips:

- * Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC
- * Shopping, Gatlinburg, TN
- * Southern Christmas Show, Charlotte, NC
- * WMKS: Christmas 1942, Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA

Contact Parks & Recreation at
(828) 295-5222 for more information

BRPD Hires New Officer



Police Chief Eric Brown with new Officer Troy Reynolds

Police Chief Eric Brown is pleased to announce the hiring of Troy Reynolds, effective July 22, for a police officer position. Mr. Reynolds comes to Blowing Rock from the N.C. Department of Corrections. He graduated from Caldwell Community College with a Basic Law Enforcement Training Certificate (BLET) in May of this year, receiving academic recognition by earning a spot on the president's list. Mr. Reynolds also received a physical fitness award and set a record time on the POPAT test (Police Officer Physical Agility Test). Mr. Reynolds also possesses an automotive degree from NASCAR.

Mr. Reynolds is engaged to be married in early October. He and his future wife are purchasing a home in the Globe/Collettesville area of Caldwell County.

His father, Joey Reynolds, is the Police Chief of the Lenoir Police Department.

Please join us in welcoming Officer Reynolds to the Blowing Rock Police Department.

3 Hour Parking

In August, the Town Council approved a change to the Town Code that extends 2-hour parking on Main Street, Sunset Drive and Pine Street to 3-hour parking. The new parking time limits will be enforced from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. The Police Department will also be purchasing a hand-held computer device for more advanced parking enforcement. The new parking times will not go into effect until new signs are erected after Labor Day.

Recycling Regulations

Effective October 1, 2009, the State of North Carolina has placed a ban on plastic bottles, wood pallets, and oil filters. We strongly encourage residents to recycle these items out of their household garbage, as violations to the municipality could result in civil penalties. Recycling centers at the Davant Field Parking Lot and the Aho Dumpster site are available for plastic. You may call Town Hall to have wood and oil filters picked up at the town's earliest convenience. The statutory reference for the disposal ban can be found at <http://www.p2pays.org/ref/38/37984.pdf>. If you have any questions please call Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.



Bi-Annual Clean-Up



The Town has scheduled the "Fall Bi-Annual Clean-Up" during the week of October 12 - 16. Please do not block any ditches or drains. This pick-up includes white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches), mattresses, paint cans, etc. Paint cans need to be opened for paint to solidify or add cat litter to paint to absorb liquid. Residents do not need to call Town Hall to have their names on a list. The Bi-Annual Clean-Up is offered in the fall and spring of each year.

Robbins Pool Construction Underway

Enterline and Russell Builders began demolition of the Grover C. Robbins Memorial Pool on Monday, August 17th. Construction of the new pool and rest-



Grover C. Robbins Memorial Pool

room facilities are expected to take 8 months to finish and the pool should be complete by the 2010 season.

Parks and Recreation

Youth Basketball

Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation will open registration for its Youth Basketball program on Tuesday, September 8th – Friday, October 16th. This program is offered to boys and girls who are in kindergarten through fourth grade. Children will be placed in individual leagues according to their grade. The registration fee is \$30.00 for Blowing Rock taxpayers and \$40.00 for non-taxpayers; each child will receive a basketball jersey. Practices will begin the week of October 26th and will be held once a week. Games will begin the first weekend of November and run through mid to late December with up to two games per week.



Volunteer Coaches are needed! Please call Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222 or visit our website at www.townofblowingrock.com for more information.

Dog Training



The Parks and Recreation Department will once again hold the popular Dog Training with John Quy this year. Classes begin September 8th at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and run for four weeks. Contact Garryd Caliendo at (828) 295-5222 for more information to get your dog signed up!

Halloween Festival



October 31, 2009

Schedule of Events

- Air Walks in Memorial Park: 3:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
- Games & Fun House in Rec. Center: 3:00p.m.-5:30p.m.
- Hay Rides through Blowing Rock: 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
Meet in Memorial Park
- **THE MONSTER MARCH:**
Line up at the American Legion at 5:30p.m.
Parade starts at 5:45p.m.
- Trick or Treat Downtown: 6:00p.m.-until
Look for Black and Orange Balloons
- Bonfire in the Park: 6:30p.m.-9:00p.m.
- Costume Contest: 7:00p.m.
Sign up at the Rec. Center by: 6:45p.m.
(White Building by the Tennis Courts)
- Scavenger Hunt - Broyhill Lake: Following Costume Contest
Bring your flashlight! (ages 6-13)
Participate in teams (max: 3 per group)



Downtown Streetscape Improvements

Bids were received on August 3rd for Phase I of the Downtown Streetscape Plan. Phase I includes new curb, gutter, sidewalk, landscaping, and drainage improvements from the Martin House to Rumble Church on the west side of Main Street. At the August 11th meeting, Council awarded the low bid of \$127,626.00 to Wilke Construction of Lenoir. Construction will begin sometime this fall. At the same time, Denver Construction will make similar streetscape improvements at First Citizens Bank to the Maple Street corner as part of the completion of the bank renovations.

Outdoor Dining Service Hours Extended

In August, the Town Council amended the Noise Ordinance by extending outdoor restaurant service hours from 10:00 PM to 12:00 midnight. This allows customers to be served outdoors beyond 10:00 PM; however, the ordinance for control of excessive noise remains in place and begins at 11:00 PM. Violators of the noise ordinance remain subject to a minimum \$100.00 civil penalty escalating up to \$500.00 for repeat offenders.

Water & Wastewater Plant Improvements

Construction is complete on Phase I of Water and Wastewater Plant Improvements. The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) improvements included a new fine screen, secondary clarifier sludge removal improvements, new return activated sludge pump stations, new aerobic digester, miscellaneous tank improvements, piping, valves, electrical work, and all associated appurtenances. The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) modifications consisted of a new submersible residuals pump station including non-clog submersible centrifugal pumps, piping, valves, valve vault, electrical work, site work, site drainage, paving, and all associated appurtenances. Miscellaneous work inside the water treatment plant basement was also included in the project.



Blowing Rock Wastewater Plant