



Around the Rock

Highlights of What's Happening Around Town

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

Non-Emergency

Police Administration.....295-5212
Fire Administration.....295-5220

After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

Emergency.....295-5210

Emergency Police & Fire.....911

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

09/09/2014 5:30 p.m.
10/14/2014 5:30 p.m.

Planning Board

09/18/2014 5:30 p.m.
10/16/2014 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

09/12/2014 3:00 p.m.
10/16/2014 3:00 p.m.

Tourism Development Authority

10/07/2014 3:30 p.m.

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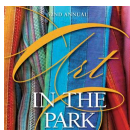
09/04/2014 5:30 p.m.
10/02/2014 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Kinder Soccer:
September 2nd



Art in the Park:
September 6th
October 4th



Halloween Festival:
October 25th



Bond Referendum Vote:
November 4th
*Look for details in October at
www.townofblowingrock.com

Bi-Annual Clean-Up for Residents

The Town is planning the "Fall Bi-Annual Clean-Up" for the week of October 6-10. This pick-up includes white goods, yard debris (leaves, tree branches, etc.), mattresses, etc. **The Town can no longer pickup any containers with liquids such as paint cans or propane tanks.** Please do not block any ditches or drains. 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. There is no charge for this service.

***Watauga County Landfill will be accepting full paint containers from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, October 25th. For more information, contact the Watauga County Sanitation Office at (828) 264-5305.**

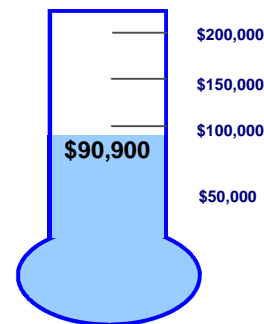
American Legion Renovation Project Update

The Town has been awarded a grant of \$142,500 from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund to help renovate the American Legion Building. Based on construction bids received earlier this year, the Town needs \$211,822 additional funding to support the project. All donation amounts are welcome and are tax deductible. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to Town of Blowing Rock and include "AL Building" in the memo line of your check.

Through August 28, 2014, \$90,900 has been raised thanks to the generous contributions received from the following:

- \$25K Blowing Rock Historical Society
- \$5K Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission
- \$5K Blowing Rock Community Foundation
- \$40K Blowing Rock ABC Store
- \$15K Individual donations fostered by the Historical Society's efforts
- \$900 Other Individual donations

Goal = \$211,822



Department Corner Displays

A product of the Town's customer service initiative to help share what each department of the Town's functions and services offers, a "Department Corner" showcase has been developed. The showcase table will be displayed each quarter with department representation available for meet & greet and questions preceding each quarters council meeting. Departments showcased will rotate throughout the year with a new department featured each quarter. Examples of recent displays are shown below. Please stop by next time you are at Town Hall to become more familiar with your Town services and staff!



Street



Water & Wastewater Plant Operations

New Part Time Utility Billing Support



The finance and administration department is happy to welcome Holly Autry. Holly joins our team with vast experience in the areas of customer service, accounts payable and accounts receivable/billing. Holly will be the contact for any utility billing inquiries or assistance needed associated with utility services. Should you need her assistance, she may be reached by calling Town Hall at (828) 295-5200. She is currently working from 8-12 Monday through Friday.

Planning Updates

Comprehensive Plan:



The final version of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update was adopted by Town Council on July 8, 2014. The plan is available for viewing through a link on the Town website www.townofblowingrock.com.

Conditional Use Permits:

CUP 2014-03 Mountainleaf - Catellus Group, LLC's request for a conditional use permit to construct a mixed-use project on a 7.359 acre parcel located on the corner of Main Street and Hill Street was approved along with conditions at the August 27th Town Council Special Meeting. The applicant plans to build a 112-room hotel with conference space, spa, and restaurant, up to 26,000 square feet of retail space including a restaurant, twenty (20) condominiums, and related parking spaces. The subject property is zoned Central Business. The property is further identified by Watauga County PINs 2817-08-4673-000 and 2817-08-9806-000.

Gossip Park Improvements

The owner of Gossip Park, Wells Fargo Bank, recently made improvements to the park located on Main Street.

Thanks to Wells Fargo Bank for investing in our Town!



Movie in the Park!



This year the Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation department hosted two "Movie in the Park" events. The first was moved to the American Legion Building due to weather and the second took place in Memorial Park. The Movie in the Park event was funded through advertising sponsors and was offered free to the public.

The Town hopes to build on this success by offering the event multiple times next summer. Come out to the movies with us next summer! If you have any questions or would like to be a sponsor next summer contact Parks and Recreation (828) 295-5222.

Story Walk



Memorial Park received a new addition in August, a Story Walk. In December Watauga County Library approached the Town to see if we would have interest in displaying a Story Walk. The library was awarded a grant that funded the installation of Story Walk signs. A "Story Walk" is a children's book with each

separate page displayed in a covered transparent stand for reading while walking along a path. Be sure to stop by to enjoy a story next time you visit the park. The stories displayed will be changed out monthly. The current story on display is "The Kissing Hand" by Audrey Penn.

Vintage Police Car on Display at Memorial Park

What some have tagged "The Mayberry Car" is currently on display in front of Memorial Park. Everyone is welcome to stop and take a picture with the car or simply admire the history of this automotive marvel. Thanks to its owner for sharing with the Town this piece of history.



Halloween Festival

October 25, 2014
Schedule of Events



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