



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Highlights of What's Happening Around Town

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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

11/11/2014 5:30 p.m.
12/09/2014 5:00 p.m.

Planning Board

11/20/2014 5:30 p.m.
12/18/2014 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

11/20/2014 3:00 p.m.
12/18/2014 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

11/06/2014 5:30 p.m.
12/04/2014 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Town Offices Closed:

Veterans' Day

November 11th

Thanksgiving

November 27th -28th

Christmas Festival:

November 28th

Christmas Parade:

November 29th at 2:00 p.m.

Town Offices Closed:

Christmas

December 24th - 26th

New Year's

January 1st

Christmas in Blowing Rock Memorial Park

Friday, November 28

MEET SANTA 2:00 - 4:00

In the Gazebo

HAYRIDES 2:00 - 7:00

BOUNCE HOUSES 2:00 - 5:30

CAROLING IN THE PARK 3:00 - 4:30

The Watauga Community Band

BLUEGRASS CHRISTMAS 5:00 - 7:00

Diana & Sarvis Ridge

LIGHTING OF THE TOWN! 5:30

FREE HOT CHOCOLATE & CIDER 4:00 - 7:00



Saturday, November 29

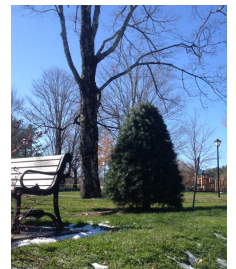
CHRISTMAS PARADE 2:00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
BLOWING ROCK PARKS & RECREATION 828-295-5222

Lighting of the Town Celebration Evolves



Traditions of old have included putting strands of white lights on the large blue spruce tree in front of Town Hall. Each year, this task has become increasingly complicated due to the size of the tree and it has been difficult to keep all of the lights working throughout the Christmas season. In addition, a certified arborist recently evaluated the health of the tree and recommended not putting lights in the tree to preserve and improve its long term health. So, to help ensure this Blowing Rock icon is around for years to come, we have planted two new Con-color fir trees in the vicinity that will be lighted with



traditional white lights along with Town Hall and the Gazebo in Memorial Park. To help celebrate the large tree, we will be highlighting its magnificence with up-lighting.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up



Leaves will be picked up by the roadside with vacuum trucks for the next two months, weather permitting. Leaves need to be free of sticks and branches, and placed so they do not block any drainage ways. When leaves become too wet to vacuum they need to be bagged and placed by the roadside for pick-up. We are once again using contracted labor to assist the town staff in this process. Through out the year the Town will also pick up one load of limbs, brush, etc. per property owner free of charge. If more than one load is needed at a time, there may be a charge of \$65 per load; for more information please call Town Hall at (828) 295-5200.

Fire Prevention



The leading cause of home fires is NOT 44% Rockets!
It's Cooking.
 Never leave cooking unattended.
 Put a lid on stovetop fires.
 Keep kids three feet from stoves.

Cooking is the cause of almost half of home fires and burn injuries.

Over forty percent of fires are a result of cooking activities, while fires started through heating devices ranks a distant second at less than 20%. Kids starting home fires?...Last on the list! As a matter of fact, adults are responsible for most of the fires. The number one cause of home fires and burn injuries is cooking. Blowing Rock Elementary Principal Patrick Sukow, and all of the wonderful Blowing Rock teachers were exceedingly supportive of the Fire Department's programs this year. The program would not be as effective without the staff's tremendous support and kids being receptive to the safety information.

Three important points of focus are:

1. Check your smoke alarms.
2. Have two exits.
3. Stay at least three feet away from the stove.

Typically, fires with fatalities occur in homes with non-working smoke alarms or with smoke alarms in improper locations. If smoke alarms are in place and work properly the next step is to have two exits out to not be trapped by fire. Children are the largest category of those receiving burn injuries from cooking incidents. Keeping them at least three feet away from the stove is important for everyone to practice. Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue welcomes any opportunity to address the main cause of home fires and burn injuries. Partnering with the "Fire on the Rock"

chef's competition has given Blowing Rock Fire Department access to people doing the cooking both professionally and at home. More people being aware that it causes so many fires and burn injuries will help prevent these incidents. If you have kids at Blowing Rock Elementary School hopefully you may have already heard this important information. Either way, please help Blowing Rock Fire & Rescue prevent the tragic losses and injuries due to cooking. Call 828-295-5220 for any additional information or if you would like to schedule a program....and check your smoke alarms!

Hometown Harvest



November 16, 2014

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Blowing Rock Fire Station 1

8001 Valley Blvd.

Bring your favorite covered dish to share!

Enter the Cake Baking Contest

(with young baker category - Under 15yrs)

Kid's Zone Activities

Please bring canned goods for the Hunger & Health Coalition

Sponsored by local organizations

Fall Planting!



The BRAAC Fall Planting Day that was scheduled for Saturday, November 1, 2014, was cancelled due to bad weather. However, if you would still like to volunteer to help plant bulbs you may call Parks & Recreation at 828-295-5222 to schedule a time to help.

Monster March

The Town of Blowing Rock saw huge crowds during the Halloween Festival on Saturday, October 25th during the annual "Monster March." This was accredited to the festivals co-organizer, Appalachian State University Recreation Management Program who did extensive promotion of our festival, and the BEAUTIFUL WEATHER!!



Above pictures are courtesy of Blowing Rock News