



Around the Rock

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

01/13/2015 6:00 p.m.

02/10/2015 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

01/15/2015 5:30 p.m.

02/19/2015 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

01/22/2015 3:00 p.m.

02/19/2015 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

04/02/2015 5:30 p.m.

05/07/2015 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Town Offices Closed:

New Year's Day

January 1st

Martin Luther King Day

January 19th

Winterfest:

January 22nd - 25th



www.blowingrockwinterfest.com

Remembering Judy Burns



Judy Burns
Circa 1986

Residents that have lived in Blowing Rock for several years will remember former Finance Officer/Town Clerk, Judy Burns. Judy worked for the Town of Blowing Rock for 27 years from September 1972 until her retirement in December of 1999.

Many words come to mind that could be used to describe Judy, but most of all the word devotion. She was totally devoted to her family, her job, her friends, and above all to her faith. She also had great compassion for others and loved her hometown, Blowing Rock.

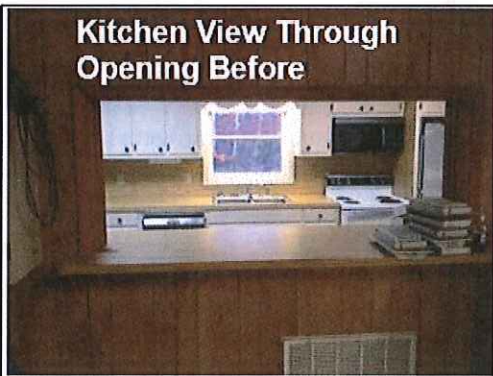
Judy lost her battle with cancer on December 19, 2014. The Town plans to honor Judy by naming a room in the 1888 Museum in her memory. This museum always held a place in Judy's heart. Judy will be missed by each of us who had the privilege of knowing her. May you rest in peace, dear friend.

Construction Begins at American Legion Building

Renovation efforts have begun at the American Legion Building. Town staff members have removed all contents from the top floor and have removed the old cabinetry and flooring in the kitchen in preparation for the renovation. After the project is complete, the Boy Scout group will return with identified improvement projects in the basement, including painting the walls to help brighten the space. With interior contents removed, Greene Construction started with interior renovation work the week of December 8th with expected completion in June 2015.



Kitchen View Through
Opening Before



Kitchen View Through
Opening Now



(Closer view of Kitchen, divider remains in place)

Happy New Year!

Kinder Basketball Registration



Kinder Basketball registration for 3-5 year olds will begin on January 19th for Blowing Rock taxpayers and open registration will begin on January 20th. To receive the taxpayer rate, a copy of your Blowing Rock tax bill (not Watauga/Caldwell County) must be attached. Kinder Basketball will meet twice a week for four weeks at the Blowing Rock Elementary School Gym, beginning February 24th. If you have questions regarding Kinder Basketball please contact Erin at (828) 295-5222.

Have you paid your 2014 property taxes?

To those who have not paid their 2014 Town of Blowing Rock property taxes, the last date before interest accrues is January 5, 2015. If you pay by mail, your payment must be postmarked on or before January 5, 2015 to avoid interest and penalty. If you have questions about the assessed value of your property please contact the Watauga County Tax Assessors' Office at (828) 265-8041 or the Caldwell County Tax Assessors' Office at (828) 757-1340. For your convenience you can pay property taxes in person at Town Hall Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or online any-time at: www.townofblowingrock.com. For assistance or questions, please call Town Hall at (828) 295-5200 and we will be happy to assist you.



WINTERFEST 2014



Celebrate the fun side of winter at the 16th Annual Blowing Rock Winterfest, January 21st - 25th. There's something for all ages!

Events include:

- Chili Challenge
- Pancake Breakfast
- Icy Polar Plunge
- Winterfest
- WinterFeast
- Wine Auction & Tasting
- Downtown Hayrides
- Ice Carving Competition
- Kids Activities
- Silent Auction
- Winterfashion Show
- Winter Paws Pet Show

For more information about Winterfest Events or Sponsorships, call: (877) 295-7801 or (828) 295-7851.

Tickets can be purchased at the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce (132 Park Ave.) and online at: www.blowingrockwinterfest.com.

2015 Town Calendars & License Plates



The 2015 Town calendars and car tags are available at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street. Calendars are also available at the Visitor Center located at 159 Chestnut Street (at the BRAHM building). While calendars are free of charge, car tags are available for a price of \$5.00.

Stop by today and pick up your calendar and car tag!



Recycling now available at the Post Office

Recycling is now available inside the Blowing Rock Post Office! Several containers have been placed inside the Post Office and will be emptied on a weekly basis. Listed below are items that can be recycled.

- Newspaper and any inserts that come with them
- Magazines and Catalogs- clip off name and address if you wish
- Phonebooks
- Paperback Books
- Plastic (#1, #2, #3, #7)- the symbol is printed on or near the bottom of most bottles. If the mouth is smaller than the body on a plastic container, you can recycle it.
- Aluminum, Metal, and Tin cans- labels do not have to be removed on food and beverage cans
- Green, Clear, and Brown Glass- not broken

