



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
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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

03/14/2017 6:00 p.m.
04/11/2017 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

03/16/2017 5:30 p.m.
04/20/2017 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

03/23/2017 3:00 p.m.
04/20/2017 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

04/06/2017 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Summer Day Camp Registration
BR Taxpayers – March 1st
Open Registration – March 20th

Town's 127th Birthday Celebration
March 11th @ 3:30
American Legion Building

Annual Easter Egg Hunt
April 8th
Games @ 10:00 am
Egg Hunt @ 11:00 am

Town Offices Closed
Good Friday
April 14th

Trout Derby
April 1st
7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Savor Blowing Rock
April 20th–April 23rd
www.savorblowingrock.com

Welcome Blowing Rock's New Town Manager, Ed Evans

Following a three month long nationwide search, the Blowing Rock Town Council has selected Ed Evans to serve as the Town of Blowing Rock's Town Manager. Evans comes to Blowing Rock from the Town of Beech Mountain where he was the Town Manager since 2015.

Ed Evans has been a Watauga County resident since receiving a scholarship to attend Appalachian State University following his service in the United States Marine Corps. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography and Planning and a Master's degree in Public Administration, both from Appalachian State University. In addition to these degrees, Ed has continued his education in the field of local government development and administration by pursuing certification as a Certified Economic Developer, and completing a certification as Certified Zoning Official. He is currently enrolled in the University of North Carolina School of Government Municipal and County Administration Course.



As the former Town Manager for Beech Mountain and Seven Devils, Ed has unique, hands-on experience managing resort towns and tourist destinations. He understands the numerous and unique challenges faced in mountain towns and has experienced and succeeded in many of the same roles he will experience in Blowing Rock. Ed has extensive involvement in areas such as public relations, grant writing, and project management. These strengths will be advantageous to Blowing Rock as the Town continues to implement its long-range Comprehensive Plan and works to achieve the goals of the Blowing Rock Town Council.

"I consider my service to our country in the U.S. Marine Corps a life-changing call to leadership, and I look forward to continuing that theme while working for the Town of Blowing Rock," Evans said. Ed has demonstrated character and the ability to lead others through his distinguished service and his leadership at both Seven Devils and Beech Mountain. In these roles, Ed successfully cultivated productive working relationships with staff, elected officials, and the citizens which enabled each of the towns to move forward with improved services while maintaining sound fiscal policies.

Please join us in welcoming Ed to the Town of Blowing Rock.

2017 Board Appointments

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Planning Board: Wes Carter, David Harwood, Don Hubble

Board of Adjustment: Charles Davant III, Harrison Herbst, Laurin Carter-Alt, Lance Campbell-Alt

ABC Board: Susie Greene

TDA Board: Lance Campbell

BRAAC: Melissa Pickett



Volunteer Board Reception

The Blowing Rock Town Council will honor all board members with a Volunteer Board Reception prior to the March 14th Council meeting. The Reception will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Town Services Payments Reminders

When making payments using the online bill-pay feature with your bank or by actual check, please be sure to include in the memo field your account number and what type of payment you are making. The Town receives payments for Utilities, Taxes, Parking Tickets, Golf cart fees, occupancy taxes, building permits, etc.. Town staff will be better able to correctly apply your payment with this information. Also, please remember to use Post Office Box 47 for all mailing purposes.

For more information or if you have questions please contact Town Hall at (828)295-5200.

New Town Website

We invite you to visit the Town of Blowing Rock's new website located at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov

From the website you can discover all the happenings in our community, send a service request, see Town Council meeting agendas, get information on facilities available for rental and more. More features include: a calendar for upcoming meetings and events, current temperature and weather conditions for Blowing Rock as well as all the information the previous site, townofblowingrock.com provided.

Feel free to contact us at (828)295-5200 if you need assistance navigating the site.

Honorary Police Officer, Magnum Wayne Garris



At the start of the February Blowing Rock Town Council meeting, Magnum Wayne Garris, 8, was sworn in as an Honorary Member of the Blowing Rock Police Department. This was made possible through the Make a Wish Foundation and officiated by Judge Rebecca Eggers-Gryder.

Golden Easter Egg Hunt

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The Town of Blowing Rock will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th, 2017. The games will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Recreation Center and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Park. For more information please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Reminders

- **2017 Car Tags:** Blowing Rock car tags are now available at Town Hall located at 1036 Main Street for a fee of \$2.00. Stop by today and purchase yours.
- **Town Office Holiday Closing:** Town Offices will be closed Friday, April 14th, 2017 in observance of Good Friday. Commercial garbage and Residential Recycling will be collected on the normal schedule.



Summer Day Camp

Camp registration begins March 1, 2017 for Blowing Rock Taxpayers and Open Enrollment begins March 20, 2017. The camp is open to boys and girls, from rising Kindergarten (must be five years old and have recently attended daycare) to sixth grade, for eight weeks beginning June 12th and running through August 11th. Applications are available online at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov under Parks and Recreation and Landscaping Tab and then Forms. For more information call Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation at (828) 295-5222.

Semi-Annual Water Line Flushing

The Town of Blowing Rock is planning the first of its two semi-annual "flushing" of the water lines to take place on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2017**. This important preventive maintenance routine helps ensure our system customers have sustained levels of high water quality by removing sediment and deposits from the less used areas of the system. Some customers may briefly experience a temporary slight discoloration of water in the immediate vicinity of the flushing activity. If this happens in your area, please run your cold-water faucet to flush out the service line to your property. For rare but occasional extended discoloration, please contact Town Hall at (828) 295-5200 with your location and we will work to clear up any issues.