



Around the Rock

Town of Blowing Rock
Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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..... 548-2800

After Hours/Weekend Water or Sewer

Emergency.....295-5210

Upcoming Meetings

Town Council

07/09/2019 6:00 p.m.

08/13/2019 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

07/18/2019 5:30 p.m.

08/15/2019 5:30 p.m.

ABC Board

07/18/2019 3:00 p.m.

08/16/2019 3:00 p.m.

BRAAC

08/01/2019 9:00 a.m.

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Adopted Budget

Following budget work sessions and a public hearing, the Town of Blowing Rock Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget was adopted at the June 24, 2019 Town Council meeting. The recommended and now adopted Budget will soon be available on the Town's website at www.townofblowingrocknc.gov.

The Fiscal Year 2019-2020 adopted budget totals \$10.9 million and includes \$8.6 million in the general fund, \$2.0 million for water and sewer operations, \$25 thousand for the BRAAC fund and \$284 thousand for capital projects. Included in the operating budget is debt service requirements for payment of principal and interest on borrowed funds such as lease-purchase payments and the general obligation bond. The FY2019-2020 Budget for debt service expenses, for both the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, total \$1.5 million or 15% of the total operating budget. The FY2018-2019 Adopted Budget for debt service expenses, for the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund, totaled \$1.7million or 16% of the total budget.

The adopted tax rate includes an increase of 1.0 cent, resulting in a tax rate of 39.0 cents per \$100, an increase of 2.6%. This increase will result in an additional annual tax amount owed of \$50 per year for a home valued at \$500,000, or \$10 annually for each \$100,000 of assessed taxable value.

To help ensure the system is able to recover its costs and not be subsidized by tax revenues when absorbing debt service costs associated with the water and sewer capital improvements planned, as well as current water/sewer fund associated general obligations debt service, a \$2.00 base increase for both water and sewer along with a \$0.25 increase in the per thousand gallon rate for gallons consumed greater than 5,000 per two month billing period are scheduled. These impacts are expected to increase a typical customer's bill by 4.0% beginning with July 2019 usage, billed in August 2019.

Sunset Drive Streetscape Improvements Project Update

Project Amount - \$2,327,932

Revised Completion Date – November 27, 2019

Blowing Rock Citizens and Stakeholders please find enclosed the most recent Sunset Drive project update as of June 27, 2019. In this summation you will find work accomplished in the past 30 days along with a work plan for the next 30 days. Also, some additional coordination items will be included. Fourth of July work schedule – Iron Mountain will work as normally scheduled Monday (1st) – Wednesday (3rd) of next week. All work will stop for Thursday the 4th through Sunday the 7th of July. An asphalt binder will be placed along the remaining gravel areas prior to Wednesday July 3rd.

Here are the detailed minutes of the latest progress meeting:

WORK COMPLETED PREVIOUS MONTH

Work completed the last 30 days.

- Completed all the 12" & 8" sewer main on Sunset Drive.
- Installed 75% of all sewer service laterals.
- Installed concrete sidewalk and curb & gutter along the south side of Sunset Dr adjacent to the First Baptist Church and up to Ransom Street.
- Placed temporary asphalt binder in trench in front of the Alpine Village to try and help minimize dust.
- Installed 100 LF of 6" Water Main across the box culvert on the north side of Sunset Dr.
- Placed permanent asphalt binder between box culvert & Ransom Street.
- Installed the retaining wall on the south side of Sunset Dr.

WORK SCHEDULED UPCOMING MONTH & SCHEDULE UPDATE

Work forthcoming the next 30 days.

- Install the proposed retaining wall on the north side of Sunset Dr.
- Continue & complete the sewer laterals
- Continue with the 6" water main installation
- Continue with the asphalt binder placement in the sewer line trench
- Continue with the concrete sidewalk and curb & gutter placement

Thank you for your continued support as we work to better our town!

Town Offices Closed

Independence Day - July 4th

4th of July Festival & Parade

July 5th - July 6th

Art in the Park:

July 13th & August 10th

Monday Night Concert Series:

Broyhill Park Gazebo 7:00 p.m.

July 1st - July 29th

Movie in the Park Thursday Nights

June 27th - August 8th

8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Kinder Soccer Registration

July 22, 2019

Monday Night Concert Series

Line up

July 1st	Amy Marie, Krista, Andy on guitar & Matt on Piano and Viola.
July 8th	Andy Page and Friends
July 15th	DownTown Abby & The Echoes
July 22nd	David Clark and Friends
July 29th	Federico, Amy Marie, Krista, & Matt on Piano and Viola

All Concerts Begin at 7:00 p.m.

Performer Line Up is subject to Change

2019 Pool Schedule

The Robbins Pool at Broyhill Park opened on Saturday May 25, 2019, Memorial Day weekend. Individual and family pool passes are available. Below is the 2019 Swimming Pool schedule and fees. For questions regarding pool membership or swim lessons please contact Parks and Recreation at (828) 295-5222. The pool is scheduled to remain open until Monday September 2, 2019.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Swim Lessons
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Public Swim
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Adult Lap Swim & Exercise
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Swim Lessons
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Public Swim

Saturday

11:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Public Swim
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Sunday

12:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Public Swim
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Admission Fees :

- Taxpayers \$4.00 Daily
- Non-Taxpayers \$8.00 Daily
- Non Swimmer \$2.00 Daily



Kinder Soccer Registration

Kinder Soccer registration for 3-5 year olds will begin on July 22nd for Blowing Rock taxpayers and open registration will begin on July 29th. To receive the taxpayer rate, a copy of your Blowing Rock tax bill (not Watauga/Caldwell County) must be attached. The taxpayer rate is \$30 and the non-taxpayer rate is \$40. Kinder Soccer will meet twice a week for four weeks at the Davant Ball Field, beginning August 20th. If you have questions regarding Kinder Soccer please contact Autumn at Parks and Recreation (828) 295-5222.

Movies in the Park



Feature Presentations Hosted by

Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation

Monkee's of Blowing Rock

Town Tavern Blowing Rock and

SkyLine SkyBest

- Thursday, July 11th Hotel Transylvania 3
- Thursday, July 18th Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- Thursday, July 25th Secretariat
- Thursday, August 1st A Bug's Life
- Thursday, August 8th Grease