



# AROUND THE ROCK

December 2024

# BLOWING ROCK WINTERFEST

## 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**THURSDAY**  
JANUARY 23RD

Winterfest  
Hendrick Hunt  
begins, 3:00pm  
(Hunt ends  
Sunday)

Winterfeast  
at Chetola Resort  
Two feast times:  
5:30pm &  
7:00pm

Festival of Lights  
from dusk until  
10:00pm at  
Chetola Resort

Artist Talk  
(Cocktail w/  
Curator) at the  
Blowing Rock  
Art & History  
Museum



**FRIDAY**  
JANUARY 24TH

Ice Stroll Down  
Main Street  
(Tour of Ice  
Carvings)  
4:00-7:00pm

Museum Cork &  
Canvas #1: Winter  
Landscape at the  
Blowing Rock Art &  
History Museum  
5:00-7:00pm

1920's Hat Party at the  
Blowing Rock Art &  
History Museum to  
celebrate the Mayview  
Manor Diorama  
5:00-7:00pm

Festival of Lights from  
dusk until 10:00pm  
at Chetola Resort



**SATURDAY**  
JANUARY 25TH

Polar Bear Plunge at  
Chetola Resort - 10:00am

Mountain Alliance's 2025 Silent Auction  
10:00am-4:00pm

*The auction will go live online Sat. January 18th & will be live  
for a week. On Sat. January 25th, will be in-person with all  
auction items from 10:00am-4:00pm at the American Legion*

Rotary Chilly Chili Challenge at the  
Blowing Rock School Gym  
11:00am-2:00pm

Ice Carving Demo in Memorial Park  
12:00-4:00pm

Winterfest Beer Garden presented  
by Speckled Trout at Meadowbrook Inn  
in the Four Seasons Room - 1:00-3:00pm

Museum Cork & Canvas #2: Winter Landscape  
at the Blowing Rock Art & History Museum  
11:00am-1:00pm

WFDD Photo of the Year Reception

Wine Tasting & Wine Auction at  
Chetola Resort - 3:00-6:00pm

Festival of Lights from dusk until 10:00pm  
at Chetola Resort

**SUNDAY**  
JANUARY 26TH

Winter Paws  
Blowing Rock  
School Gym  
12:00-3:00pm

Winterfest  
Hendrick Hunt  
Ends 11:00am

Festival of Lights  
from dusk until  
10:00pm at  
Chetola Resort



### Town Council Annual Winter Retreat

The annual Town Council Winter Retreat will be January 29th-February 1st. This year's retreat will be held at the Blowing Rock Conference Center. More details on time and location to come. The retreat will be live-streamed on our YouTube Channel and recorded for those not in attendance.

### Winterize Your Home

Preparing your home for winter will help avoid broken water pipes. Shut off main water supply at the street or basement. If you have a private water supply, turn off the pump and drain the pressure tank.

*If the heat will be turned off:*

1. Shut off gas lines at the entrance to your home, if present.
2. Open all faucets and leave them open to empty pipes.
3. Drain the water heater and leave the valve open.
4. Remove all water from toilet tanks and bowls.
5. If you remove drain traps, plug the line to block sewer gas.
6. Unplug the refrigerator, clean, and prop open the door.
7. Unplug all electrical items, except lights on timers.

*If the heat will be left on:*

1. Set thermostat to 50 degrees.
2. Keep heat turned on in any areas where there are water or drain pipes. If this can't be done, wrap them with electrical heat tape.

**You can prevent  
fats, oil and grease  
clogs in your home  
& the environment**

Avoid disposing of these  
items down your sink:

**Meat Fats Food Scraps  
Butter Baking Goods Lard  
Sauces Dairy Products  
Cooking Oil**

Never pour grease down  
sink drains or into toilets.

Scrape grease and food  
scraps from kitchen items,  
grills, and cooking surfaces  
into a can or the trash.

Do not put grease down  
garbage disposals.

Put strainers in sink drains  
to catch food scraps,  
and empty the drain  
strainers for disposal.

### Important Numbers

#### Town Administrative Offices

Town Hall ..... 828-295-5200  
Planning & Inspections ..... 828-295-5240  
Parks & Recreation ..... 828-295-5222

#### Non-Emergency

Police Administration ..... 828-295-5212  
Fire Administration ..... 828-548-2800

#### After Hours (Water & Sewer)

Emergency ..... 828-295-5210  
Emergency Police & Fire ..... 911

#### Local Area Services

BR Post Office ..... 800-275-8777  
AhoRoadLandfill ..... 828-264-5305  
*Landfill Winter Hours:*  
M,W,F: 6:30am-6pm, Sat: 8am-6pm

### Upcoming Meetings

*(All Meetings Are in Town Hall)*

#### Town Council

*(Second Tuesday of the month)*  
January 14th at 6:00pm

#### Planning Board

*(Third Thursday of the month)*  
January 16th at 5:30pm

#### Downtown Subcommittee

#### Public Workshop

January 22nd at 4:00-7:00pm

#### Annual Town Winter Retreat

January 29th-1st

#### Town Council

#### (Schedule Change)

Monday, February 10th at 6:00pm

### Upcoming Events

#### New Year's Day - Offices Closed

January 1st

#### MLK Jr. Day - Offices Closed

January 20th

#### Blowing Rock Winterfest

January 23rd-26th

### CHECK IT TWICE

Please double check all checks sent into Town. The numerical amount must match the written amount, the date should be the date the check is written and the check must be signed.



# The Town of Blowing Rock Planning Department Needs YOU!

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

A subcommittee was formed representing the Planning Board, Town Council, and at-large community members to study the current development standards for the downtown area. The purpose is to evaluate and establish new standards for East Main Street (Sunset Drive side) and West Main Street (park side), and then the rest of the downtown Central Business-zoned properties. During this current process, the subcommittee is seeking more public input to assist with evaluation and decision-making.

## INITIAL GOALS

1. Preserve the downtown character
2. Simplify the Land Use Ordinance
3. Revisit and evaluate the current architectural standards
4. Involve the public in the process

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

The Planning Department and the Downtown Subcommittee are asking for your input on how to improve our current Downtown Standards. We would like to know the citizens' views on downtown development, the historic character, building materials, green space, and related concerns. We will use these suggestions and recommendations to draft Land Use Code amendments for downtown and present them to the Planning Board and the Town Council for approval.

**Please visit our website, [townofblowingrocknc.gov](http://townofblowingrocknc.gov), or scan this QR code to take part in our survey.**



**The Downtown Subcommittee will hold a public work shop January 22nd from 4:00-7:00pm in Town Hall.**