



AROUND THE ROCK

February 2025 Billing

Town Council Annual Winter Retreat

Each Winter, the Town Council holds a retreat with the Manager and Department Heads to highlight accomplishments from the previous year, discuss current projects status, and set a wide range of priorities and budget direction for the coming fiscal year. This year's retreat was held January 29th-31st at the Blowing Rock Conference Center.

2024 - HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Main Street water and sewer project** - finished on time and under budget, the town was able to utilize the available budget to complete Maple Street and 221 water and sewer line replacement.
- **AMI Water Meters** - the Town completed the installation of all new AMI water meters in 2024. These new meters will save time and money for the town and customers, as they are uploading water usage in real time allowing for leaks to be detected sooner and usage to be known.
- **Childcare Center** - opened in March 2024, great success in retention and recruiting, currently working with Duke University and General Assembly on ways to duplicate it.
- **Construction and Restorations** - Laurel Lane median and light work, Spillway work including the rebuilding of the failing wall, Chestnut Sewer installed - all completed.
- **Financials** - the Town was able to move past Helene in better shape than most of our neighbors. The Town is still on budget projection through mid-year.

2025 - COMING UP:

- **Memorial Park Phase 2** - Beginning this month, Phase 2 will include new tennis courts, new volleyball court, new pickleball courts with the conversion of the basketball courts to a better surface, new picnic shelter, new sidewalks along Wallingford, new entrance into the park off Wallingford, shuffleboard and a climbing wall.
- **Main Street** - NCDOT paving will take place later this year and then new brick paver crosswalks will be installed once the paving is completed. The Town will start in March/April with a new brick paver crosswalk on Sunset as well, at the BR School entrance.
- **Sidewalks** - approximately \$750K of sidewalk repairs will take place over the next 12-18 months - McGill completed a full sidewalk assessment to determine the needs and priority.
- **Streets and Paving** - approximately \$750K of street paving will take place over the next 12-18 months - street assessments were completed by McGill to determine the next roads to be paved this coming year.
- **Employee Housing** - a local bill will be introduced into the General Assembly in 2025 to allow for the town to explore options for employee housing.

2026 - AND BEYOND:

- **Water Line Replacement** - the Town is planning on prioritizing the next round of water line replacements beyond 2026.
- **Sewer Line Expansion** - the Town explored and prioritized three areas for possible sewer line expansion, Chestnut Circle, Country Club, and Mayview are all being evaluated.
- **Streets and Paving** - the next large round of street paving will take place after 2026. McGill conducted a full street assessment and determined which roads are in need next and a timeline.
- **Water Tank and Reservoir** - the Town is also evaluating the capacity of the town's reservoir along with exploring options for a second finished well for storage of finished water.

To see recordings of the meetings in their entirety check out our YouTube Channel:
@blowingrockgov, or search 'Town of Blowing Rock'.

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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
Aho Road Landfill 828-264-5305
Landfill Winter Hours:
M,W,F: 6:30am-6pm, Sat: 8am-6pm

Upcoming Dates to Note

(All Meetings Are in Town Hall)

Town Council

(Second Tuesday of the month)
March 11th at 6:00pm

Planning Board

(Third Thursday of the month)
March 20th at 5:30pm

Tweetsie Opening Day

April 5th

Town Council Meeting

(Second Tuesday of the month)
April 8th at 6:00pm

Blowing Rock Easter Egg Hunt

April 12th

Good Friday - Offices Closed

April 18th

Easter Sunday

Easter Bunny at Tweetsie
April 20th

MEMORIAL PARK: PHASE 2 BEGINS

March 2022, the Town of Blowing Rock was awarded a Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant in the amount of \$500,000 for Memorial Park improvements which must be matched by the Town and construction must be completed within a specific time frame. The tentative start to Phase 2 is mid to late March. You will notice temporary construction areas within Memorial Park and we greatly appreciate your patience as we make improvements to our park. We will do our best to communicate construction areas and updates as quickly as possible through emails, on our website and Facebook page.

Currently, this is what to expect starting this month:

- There will be a partial road closure and one way traffic patterns on Wallingford (see picture below).
- The sidewalk between the tennis courts and the Police Department/Parks and Recreation Building will be closed.
- The tennis courts will be closed for renovations (this includes postponing tennis and pickleball lessons).



BLOWING ROCK PARKS & RECREATION PRESENT

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT 2025

APRIL 12TH | INFO ON ACTIVITIES TO COME

Debris Removal Update

The company contracted to remove large debris from hurricane Helene has completed their contract. We are resuming normal zone week debris pick up. If you have yard waste larger than a pick up truck bed (8ft X 5ft - higher than 4 ft) there will be a hauling charge (like before). If you are unsure of your zone week, give us a call at (828) 295-5200 or visit our website, townofblowingrocknc.gov, (see our homepage or click "Departments > Public Works > Zone Pick-up List").

Recycling 2025

✓ Recyclable:

Paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum/metal and glass.

✗ Non-recyclable:

Aerosol cans, aluminum foil, batteries, clothing, food waste, napkins, mirrors, ceramic, plastic bags, shredded paper, stickers/address labels, tissue, Styrofoam, paper towels, glass windows.

When is Recycling?

Recycling is every other Thursday (see dates below). If your recycling is missed, give us a call at (828) 386-7608. If you are able to notify us by 11:00am on the missed day, Republic can return for same day pickup.

March: 13th & 27th, April: 10th & 24th,
May: 8th & 22nd, June: 5th & 19th,
July: 3rd, 4th & 18th, August: 14th & 28th,
September: 11th & 25th, October: 9th & 23rd, November: 6th & 20th, and
December: 4th & 18th