



NEWS LETTER

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Join us for the Blowing Rock Parks & Recreation
Halloween Festival on Saturday, October 25th!
Full details to come!

UPCOMING

- + **Town Council - Town Hall**
(Second Tuesday of the month)
September 9th at 6:00pm
- + **Planning Board - Town Hall**
(Third Thursday of the month)
September 18th at 5:30pm
- + **Town Cleanup Week**
October 6th-10th
- + **Town Council - Town Hall**
(Second Tuesday of the month)
October 14th at 6:00pm
- + **BR Halloween Festival**
on Main Street & Memorial Park
October 25th starting at 5:45pm

PROGRESS CONTINUES

The crosswalks have been marked on Main Street! We have greatly appreciated everyone's patience as the NC DOT navigated the unpredictable mountain weather.



The newly paved roads are so smooth and have improved the safety and look of our beautiful town!

Memorial Park: Phase 2 continues on schedule thanks to the support and efforts of so many!
The new climbing installation is already getting a lot of attention!



Town Cleanup Week October 6th-10th



What Applies?

Crews will be picking up items throughout the week such as old white goods, mattresses, box springs, furniture, grills and paint cans (paint in cans must be dry or have cat litter added to absorb the paint). Do not block any ditches or drains when placing your items outside for pickup.

Yard debris (leaves, tree branches) will continue to be picked up on normal zone schedules (check the website or give us a call at 828-295-5200 if you are unsure of your zone).

We are not able to pick up construction items, propane tanks, electronics, roof shingles, tires or pallets. There is no need to have your name put on a list - we'll pick items up all week!

DO NOT FEED The Cute Deer



A high-carb diet of deer corn can cause a condition called foundering hooves in deer.



Feeding of wild deer can lead to bouts of severe illness or death.

Here's Why

While deer add to the beautiful and wild landscape of the Blue Ridge Mountains, altering their natural diet can be detrimental to their populations and even our own.

According to the NC Wildlife Resource Commission, there are many negative effects to feeding deer:

- Feeding deer makes them less willing to forage for themselves, making them less resilient.
- Feeding deer encourages them to seek food in other yards / gardens causing significant damage.
- Human-provided food sources are often less nutritious than food deer would find on their own and can lead to illness or deformities in the deer. Deer digestive systems are adapted to adjust as their diet changes throughout the year.
- Feeding deer can increase disease risk. Deer come into closer contact with each other at food piles than if they forage and this spreads pathogens.
- Feeding deer leads to deer overpopulation which can increase deer-related vehicle accidents, increases the risk of tick-borne diseases for people and pets, and can decrease songbird populations (deer eat habitats the birds prefer).

Supplemental feeding — however well intentioned — either compromises the animal's wildness or wellness, or it interferes with the essential natural processes of selection. For the long-term benefit of big game wildlife populations, supplemental feeding is an accident waiting to happen. When and where such feeding is done, it is undertaken only — if not expressly — for the interest of people, because the fed animals almost invariably will not benefit and very likely will be harmed by the practice. - The Wildlife Management Institute

What if I'm already feeding deer? If you are already feeding deer, slowly decrease the amount of food you offer over a period of several weeks. This way the deer will have time to adjust their browsing habits and focus on more healthy, natural foods.

Please help us keep a natural and safe balance between the wildlife and community we love. For more information from the NC Wildlife Commission you can visit their website at ncwildlife.gov - search "is feeding deer harmful" for specific information.