



The Village Current

An e-Newsletter of the
Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, through the efforts of our membership, shall be to contribute to the cultural, social and economic development, growth and sustainability of Blowing Rock while preserving the charm and character of the village.



SBA to Open Business Recovery Center in North Carolina; For Businesses Affected by Severe Winter Storms

ATLANTA — The U. S. Small Business Administration announced that it will establish a Business Recovery Center in Boone, North Carolina on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes affected by the severe winter storms that occurred from December 18, 2009 through February 28, 2010. "Due to the amount of economic losses caused by this winter's weather in North Carolina, we want affected businesses to have a resource where they can meet individually with SBA representatives and find out how a low-interest disaster loan can help them recover," said Lynn Douthett, SBA's North Carolina acting district director. The Center location and hours of operation are:

Watauga County Administration Building, 2nd Floor, Room(s) 215 & 227
814 W. King Street
Boone, North Carolina
28607

Opening: Tuesday, April 6, at 8 a.m. **Hours:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Closing:** Thursday, April 8, at the close of business
Eligible entities in Watauga County and the adjacent counties of Ashe, Avery, Cald-



Tree damage like this is common across the area. A severe winter was difficult for the High Country businesses.

well and Wilkes in North Carolina and Johnson County in Tennessee may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans up to \$2 million. The SBA offers EIDLs to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Interest rates are 4 percent for businesses and 3 percent for non-profit organizations, with terms up to 30 years. Eligibility for an EIDL is determined by the SBA based on the size and type of business and its financial resources. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition. Anyone unable to visit the Center may obtain applications and program information by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Business loan applications can also be

downloaded from the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX. 76155. Victims may apply for disaster loans on SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **December 27, 2010.**

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For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Programs, visit our web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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Calendar of Events

- **Wednesday, April 7, 8:00am-10:00am, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Meadowbrook Inn**
- **Thursday, April 15-Sunday April 18, Blue Ridge Wine & Food Festival**
- **Tuesday, April 20, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Business After Hours, Sweet-Grass**
- **Thursday, April 29, 8:00am-10:00am, How to Grow When It's Slow: Writing the Dreaded Manual, Emergency Preparedness, BRFD Meeting Room**
- **Wednesday, May 5, 8:00am-10am, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Meadowbrook Inn**



The Staff at the Office of Dr. Adam Hill, DDS is located just across from Food Lion.

The dental office of Adam E. Hill, DDS is committed to providing the highest quality of care for each of our patients. We are a family practice and continually strive to provide our patients with all the care they need. We offer all general dental services including dental cleanings, crown and bridge, restorations and teeth whitening. Our goal is to treat each patient in a manner that is as non-evasive as possible and to provide treatment plans designed for long term health,

function and aesthetics. Whether it is just your routine cleaning and check-up or teeth whitening, fillings, crown and bridge, partials, dentures, or a cosmetic makeover, Dr. Hill & his staff can help you achieve your goal and give you the smile and comfort you desire. Dr. Hill is a graduate of the UNC Chapel Hill Dental School and is an avid kayaker, snowboarder and hiker. He and his wife Leslie, have two young children, Andrew and Josephine. He has a wonderful staff that provide professional services and care to

each of our patients. Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 8am until 5pm and selected Friday mornings. We accept and file insurance and also have flexible payment plans to meet your financial needs. We are located at 123 Little Spring Road just across the street from the Blowing Rock Food Lion. We are currently accepting new patients and have a new patient special which is \$50.00 off your first out of pocket expense and \$100 off teeth whitening. We look forward to meeting you!



It's Trout Derby! Did you know that the total economic impact of fishing in North Carolina Mountain Trout Waters was **\$55.2 Million** for wild trout waters! *Wow! Keep reelin' 'em in!*

The Green Park Gavel Falls!

The Blowing Rock Historical Society is Happy with the Outcome



The Historic Green Park Inn was completed around 1891. Pictured here is Mr. Irace speaking following the purchase of the Green Park. Photo By Jeff Eason

At 1:19 pm on the afternoon of March 31, 2010, Mark Rogers banged the Rogers Realty gavel to indicate that the Green Park Inn had a new owner. It did not take long for Gene (Eugene) Irace of New York and Florida to have a fine (old) new property in his possession. Gene hails from New York, but has been active in refurbishing and bringing to life a number of older hotels along the eastern seaboard. The Historical Society has been working with Gene for months, encouraging him during the first auction when he chose not to bid. His process

of due diligence has extended for many months and he was entranced by the last remaining "Grande Dame" of Blowing Rock's early hotels, and could see with his experienced eye that the hotel could be refurbished and continue a life as an extremely important part of our community. His intent is, and has always been to restore the hotel, with modifications that make it more attractive and usable. Gene's son is in the Hotel School at Cornell University, and the possibility of his coming to Blowing Rock to help with the hotel is an intriguing factor adding excitement to this

purchase. The timing was just right, and Pat McCain, owner of the Green Park was eager to accept a reasonable offer and let someone else restore the local landmark. It was truly a "win-win" situation for Mrs. McCain, Mr. Irace and the town of Blowing Rock ...the price was right and so was the timing. Mr. Irace is planning to open a portion of the hotel by this fall, if things work out as he hopes. We encourage all members of the community to support and cheer the efforts of our new owner, said Stephen Love, former manager. — *Ginny Stevens, BRHS*

The Hayes Center Needs your Help!

Make the Hayes Center Look Hot for Fire on the Rock!

Volunteers and Hayes Center staff and Board members are gearing up to whip the Hayes Center into shape and make it shine in preparation for Fire on the Rock (which will be held April 17 & 18 at the Hayes Center). Come grab a rag, a broom or a mop, and help us tackle all three floors of the Hayes Center — from concessions and the kitchen to the costume shop and backstage. We also will be cleaning bathrooms, taking out the trash and getting some of our “stronger” volunteers to help with lifting. Volunteers will be scheduled in four hour shifts as follows:
Friday, April 9th, 8:30am-12:30pm and 1pm-5pm and Saturday, April 10th 8:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1 pm to 5 pm. Response has been great, so please call soon before we run

out of spots. Please note that we can only schedule adults over the age of 16 so we ask that you leave the kids at home. Also, if you volunteer, please plan on wearing closed toe shoes. This will be the most fun you’ve ever had while cleaning...meet people, laugh, and make the Hayes Center sparkle again. Lunch will be served. To sign up for your shift, please call Allison West at 828-295-0112 x6 or email Allison@hayescenter.org.

Thanks for your part in helping the Hayes Center come back stronger!

The Hayes Center Wants Your Opinion!

The Hayes Center recently sent out a survey to its past ticketholders and the response was outstanding! The

center is now asking chamber members to respond to a survey as they can continue to plan programs and entertainment schedules for the future. If you have not previously filled out a survey, please visit www.hayescenter.org and click on “survey” in the right hand corner. The survey will take less than five minutes to complete. Your input is greatly appreciated and will be put to great use as the Hayes Center moves forward with its plans to be your favorite High Country entertainment and arts venue. Thanks for your time and interest in the Hayes Center.



The Hayes Center is working hard to come back stronger!

Lt. Gov. Dalton & Senator Steve Goss Lead Economic Recovery Round Table

Dear Friends:
 We have finalized plans for Lt. Governor Walter Dalton to host a regional event: **April 21, 2010, 11:30am- 1:30pm at the Brushy Mountain Smokehouse, 201 Wilkesboro Blvd., North Wilkesboro, Map link: <http://tinyurl.com/y9szdmc>.** The Dept. of Commerce will be represented by Deputy Secretary Dale Carroll. As I am sure you are aware, the best tool by far to create new jobs rests with our small business community. The thousands of

small businesses across our region offer a unique opportunity in job creation as we move forward, and we need to know specifically the issues, needs, ideas and concerns facing our small business community. This is an ongoing process, and the dutch treat luncheon on April 21st will offer a unique opportunity for our small businesses to participate in a session to help them help our communities recover economically on Share this opportunity with your business

community. Participants can call our office at 919-733-5742 or e-mail Clyde Ingle at cinglegap@wilkes.net to register. Please let us know by April 17th. Thanks so much for your leadership in the business community! Blessings,
Steve
 Steve Goss



Senator Steve Goss



Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton



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Contact the Chamber:

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Blowing Rock, NC 28605 E-mail: info@blowingrock.com

**Keep Up with the Latest on Issues that Effect
Your Business.**

Links to help you Stay in The Know

[US Chamber of Commerce](#)

[NC Chamber of Commerce](#)

[United States Senate](#)

[United States House of Representatives](#)

North Carolina General Assembly :

[Senate](#)

[House of Representatives](#)

E-Mail Your Elected Officials:

U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx – 202-225-2071 - [Web Email](#)

State Sen. Steve Goss – 919-733-5742 – [steveg@ncleg.net](#)

State Rep. Cullie Tarleton – 919-733-7727 – [culliet@ncleg.net](#)

*The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce
2010 Board of Directors*

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This Week in Photos

Scenes from the Auction of the Green Park Inn.

Photos by Jeff Eason of The Blowing Rocket.



Say Cheese. If you have photos you'd like to share, please send them to Stephanie@blowingrock.com. We're especially looking for photos from our Business Members in their Businesses!

