



# TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL

June 11, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING + BUDGET  
WORK SESSION AGENDA


Time: 8:30 AM

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Town Hall Council Chambers | 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
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## TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**SUBMITTER:** Richard Hicks, Interim Town Manager  
**MEETING DATE:** June 11, 2026

**AGENDA SECTION:** Unfinished Business  
**DEPARTMENT:** Recreation & Parks

**TITLE OF ITEM:** Consideration of an Oak Tree Planting at Lake Tomahawk

**SUGGESTED MOTION(S):**

Motion to approve proposed oak tree planting at Lake Tomahawk as presented.

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**SUMMARY:**

This item was tabled at the June 8, 2026 Town Council meeting, but will be discussed at this meeting with more information to be provided by staff on questions raised by Council.

The Swannanoa Valley Tree Alliance (SVTA), in partnership with Swannanoa Valley WILD, would like to plant one Shumard Oak Tree (approx 3' 5" tall) at Lake Tomahawk Park, near the picnic pavilion. This tree coincides with the storybook "GROW Trail" (Greenway Read Outloud Walking Trail) around Lake Tomahawk, and a new book installation will also take place entitled "Thank you, Old Oak" by Britt Crow-Miller. Public Works has identified that this is a suitable location for the tree, away from any water lines, and there are no other utilities in this area that would interfere.

If approved, a special tree planting community event is planned for Sunday, June 14th at Lake Tomahawk.



**BUDGET IMPACT:**

Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget? n/a

If no, describe how it will be funded. n/a

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None



## TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**SUBMITTER:** Steve Parker, Police Chief , John Coffey, Fire Chief      **MEETING DATE:** June 11, 2026

**AGENDA SECTION:** New Business      **DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

**TITLE OF ITEM:** Consideration of Public Safety Temporary Triple Wide Modular Units Placement

### **SUGGESTED MOTION(S):**

Motion to place triple-wide modular units at Option #1 location or Option #2 location.

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### **SUMMARY:**

Over the past several weeks, staff has continued working diligently on options to address the displacement of public safety personnel. We have successfully purchased the triple-wide modular unit from Hendersonville and are now moving into the planning and setup phase, which involves a few logistical considerations.

We wanted to provide Council with the options that have been discussed, along with the benefits and challenges associated with each location.

#### **Option 1: Lower Parking Lot (State Street/Richardson Boulevard)**

Benefits:

- Flat site, which significantly simplifies installation.
- Close proximity to electrical service, reducing infrastructure costs and installation time.
- Allows Honeycutt Street to remain open for parking, Splash Pad access, and public safety vehicle ingress and egress.
- Maintains efficient access for Fire, Police, and EMS operations.

Challenges:

- Loss of parking spaces.
- Visual and aesthetic concerns due to the modular unit's visibility in the lower lot.

#### **Option 2: Honeycutt Street Location**

Benefits:

- Close proximity to existing water and sewer infrastructure.
- Preserves parking availability in the lower lot.

Challenges:

- Significant slope creates additional site preparation requirements and costs.
- May hamper ingress and egress for larger fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles.
- Electrical service is further away, requiring additional infrastructure and expense.

From an operational standpoint, Public Safety personnel would prefer the lower parking lot option due to ease of installation, lower overall costs, and reduced impact on emergency response operations. However, we recognize that visual perception and community aesthetics are important considerations. Therefore, we wanted to present both options and allow the final decision to be Council-led.



**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget?** n/a

**If no, describe how it will be funded.** n/a

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None