

Town Hall Bulletin

TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

February 2024



Town of Indian Trail Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Town of Indian Trail is pleased to announce it received the Government Finance Officer Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 budget. This national award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

The FY 2023-2024 budget is the first one the Town has submitted to GFOA for review. It is exceedingly rare for a municipality to receive the award the first time it submits a budget.

Submitting a budget to the GFOA for award consideration is not required by law, but according to the GFOA, "The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation."

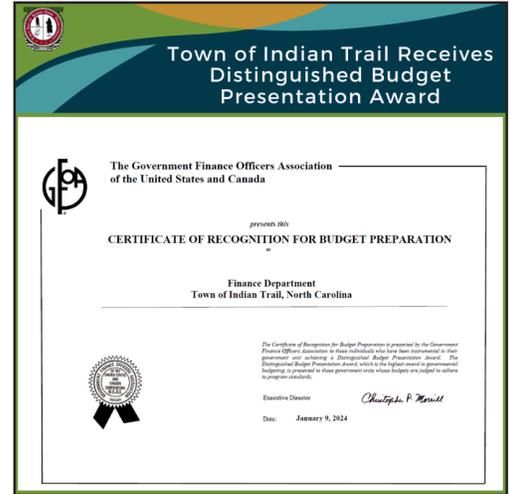
The GFOA assessed the Town's budget based on how well it serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. The Town's budget had to be rated proficient in those four categories, as well as the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

In order to be eligible for the GFOA and award consideration, the Town had to enhance its budget book to include additional information not required by North Carolina law. These items included a strategic plan, departmental pages with mission statements, objectives, goals, accomplishments, and performance measures, an overview of the budget process and financial policies, and Town demographics and history.

Additionally, the web-based budget book is more user-friendly, with interactive charts, a glossary of terms, and more in-depth explanations of the Town's budgeting process. To view the FY 2023-2024 budget, visit <https://bit.ly/47Pkdyg>.

"I would like to congratulate the Finance and Tax departments, the Town staff, and the Town Council on this incredible achievement," said Town Manager Mike McLaurin. "Enhancing the Town's budget to GFOA standards was a large undertaking, but our staff stepped up to the challenge and achieved something most municipalities do not, which is receiving the budget award in the first year. This award, along with a history of clean audit reports, underscores the Town's commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency. As we begin planning for the FY 2024-2025 budget, I look forward to making continued improvements to our process and budget book to provide the best product for our residents."

The Town of Indian Trail's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. For more information about the Town's finances, visit <https://indiantrail.org/160/Finance-Business-Operations>.



February Meeting Dates*

7	PARC Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	20	Planning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
13	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	22	Board of Adjustment Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
15	ABC Board, 6 p.m. @ABC Store (5880 U.S. 74)	27	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are at the Indian Trail Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Council meetings may be viewed online at <http://indiantrail.org/310/Live-Archived-Media>.

*Meetings are subject to change. Please visit the Town's website at www.indiantrail.org for the most up-to-date meeting information.

Indian Trail Welcomes Captain Andy Mullis

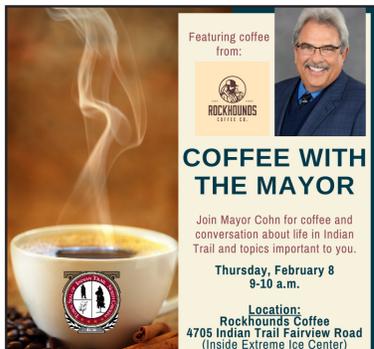
Captain Andy Mullis is the next to lead the Indian Trail Division of the Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO). Mullis was promoted from lieutenant last month and transitioned into the position on Feb. 1 upon the retirement of Captain Brian Huncke.

Mullis, a Union County native, followed in his grandfather's law enforcement footsteps, who served as the constable of Jackson Township before the creation of the Waxhaw Police Department. Mullis has been with the UCSO his entire career, which began in 1999. During the course of his 25-year career, Mullis has served in multiple divisions within the UCSO, including in the jail, on patrol, and as a school resource officer at Forest Hills High School. He worked in investigations for several years before being named a lieutenant in the Indian Trail Division in 2023.



"The Town is thrilled to have Captain Mullis lead the Indian Trail Sheriff's Office," said Mayor David Cohn. "Indian Trail is one of the best places to live in the country, in part because of the safety and security the Sheriff's Office provides. We look forward to working with Captain Mullis and continuing our partnership with Sheriff Cathey and the Union County Sheriff's Office. We would also like to thank Captain Huncke for his dedication to our Town and wish him the best on his retirement."

Coffee with the Mayor



Join us for Coffee with the Mayor on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 9-10 a.m. This month, we're back at Rockhounds Coffee, located in Extreme Ice Center, at 4705 Indian Trail-Fairview Road.

All Indian Trail residents and business owners are invited to join Mayor Cohn for coffee and conversation about life in Indian Trail and the topics important to you.

Share your questions and concerns directly with Mayor Cohn in a comfortable and informal setting so we can work together for the benefit of our community.

Interested in hosting a Coffee with the Mayor? Contact Communications Director Abbey Ball at anb@indiantrail.org.

Town of Indian Trail Now Hiring!



Join our team! The Town of Indian Trail is hiring for the following positions:

- Customer Service Rep
- Maintenance Technician
- Parks and Rec Specialist
- Part-time Parks Assistant

You'll be joining a team of talented individuals who are committed to making Indian Trail the best place to be in North Carolina.

Full-time employee benefits include 10 days annual paid vacation, 12 days annual paid sick leave, 13 paid holidays, longevity pay, 401(k) and 457 voluntary deferred compensation programs, and health, dental, vision and life insurance coverage.

New employees will also be enrolled in the North Carolina Local Government Retirement System.

To learn more and apply, visit <http://indiantrail.org/Jobs.aspx>.

Indian Trail February Blood Drive

Register today for Indian Trail's February Blood Drive!

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 27

Time: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Indian Trail Town Hall (315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road)

Register:

- Visit <https://rcblood.org/3J0zLGM>
- Scan the QR Code below
- Call 1-800-733-2767

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients! If you are an eligible type O, B -, or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org and clicking on Rapid Pass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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Solid Waste and Recycling: News and Reminders

February Bulk and e-Waste Pick-Up

Get ready for Bulk and e-Waste Pickup in February!

- Feb. 5-9 for Green Recycling Weeks
- Feb. 12-16 for Orange Recycling Weeks

Items will be picked up on your regular recycling day during that time. To find your color week, visit our searchable map at <https://bit.ly/3RhD11x>. You do not need to schedule your pick-up for this service. All items must be placed curbside by 7 a.m.

Please call Town Hall at 704-821-5401 within 48 hours of not receiving bulk service so we can send a driver back promptly to pick up your items.

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Union County Solid Waste

Union County residents can dispose of bagged household garbage and unbagged recyclable materials at six facilities located throughout the County. The “Trash Pass” program allows county residents to dispose of a limited amount of household waste for free; fees apply to excess garbage for county residents and to all garbage for customers who live outside of the county. There is no cost to drop off accepted recyclable materials, other than televisions.

To learn more about the Trash Pass program, visit <https://www.unioncountync.gov/Home/Components/News/News/1035/14>.

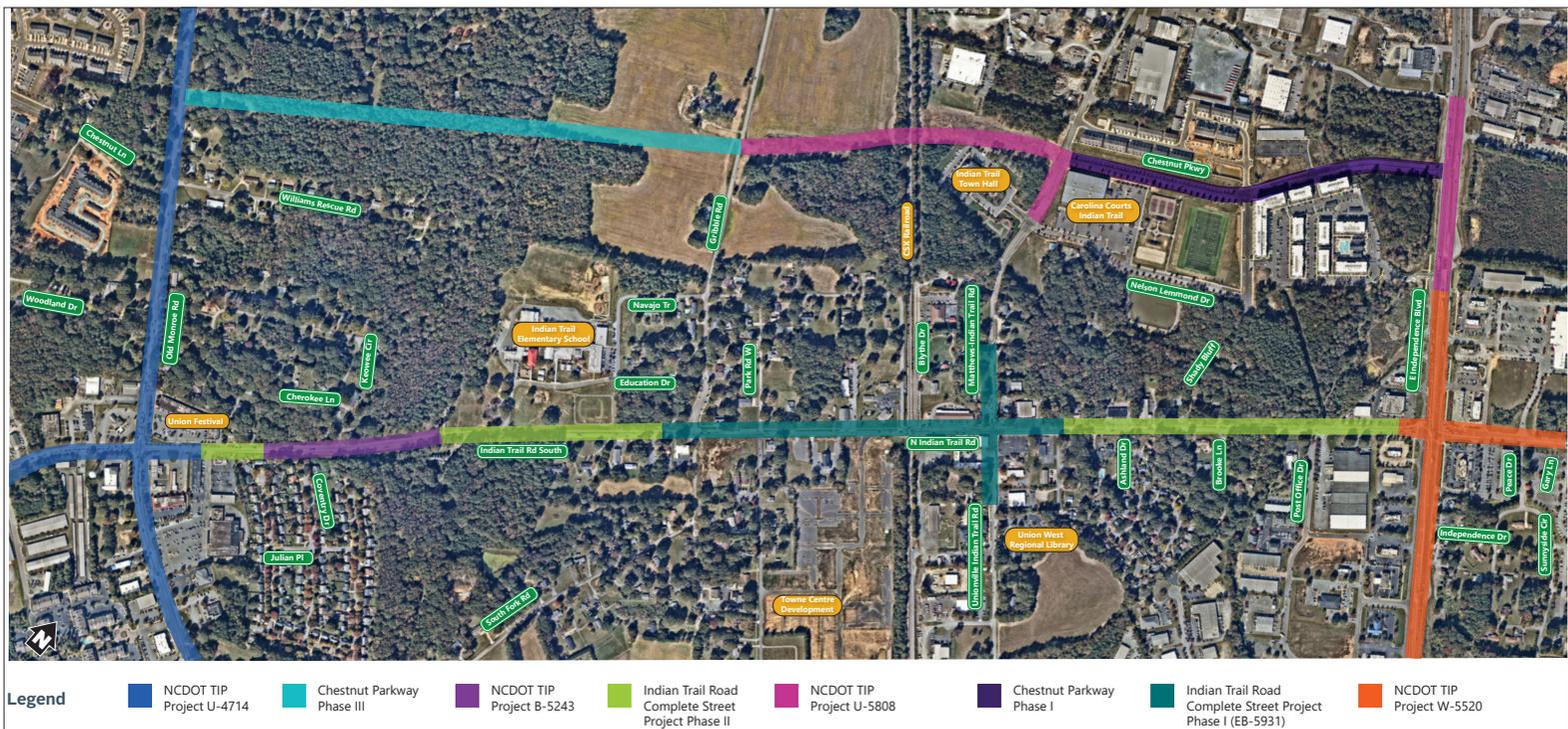
For more information about the Union County Waste and Recycling Centers, visit <https://bit.ly/3EHWB3F>.

Did You Know? Recycling Fact

It only takes five recycled plastic bottles to make enough fiberfill to stuff a ski jacket.

Transportation Improvements Area Map

The Town recently held a public meeting for its future Indian Trail Complete Street Phase 2 project. This project isn't fully funded, but the Council has committed some funds to get a full roadway design and an engineer's estimate completed. During this public meeting, Town staff introduced a “Transportation Improvements Area Map,” so residents could get a sense of all the projects that have been and soon will be completed in our downtown area. We felt it would be helpful to our citizens to know the project limits and location of these past and future improvements. All of these projects have and will help move vehicular traffic more effectively on the west end of Town south of Highway 74 in the future.



Harlem Wizards Returning to Indian Trail



The entertaining, high-flying, and world-famous Harlem Wizards are coming back to Indian Trail!

They'll be playing a team of local celebrities to entertain the crowd and raise money for a good cause. In partnership with the Union West Rotary, all proceeds will go toward scholarships and youth-focused activities.

Date: Friday, Feb. 2

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Sun Valley High School

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/3Trhbws>

Parks and Recreation Summer Camps



Indian Trail's Parks and Recreation Department has lined up some exciting summer camps for kids and teens! The camps include:

- Matthews Playhouse
- All Sports Camp with Coach Conroy
- Fun in the Sun Tennis Camp

- Coloring on Canvas Camps
- Pre-K Half-Day Camp
- Youth Camps focused on fun, creativity, socialization, and safety
- Minds in Motion STEM

For more information about these camps and to register your child, visit <https://bit.ly/48kQIJJ>.

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Important Numbers

UC Sewer and Water Services
704-296-4210

UC Public Schools
704-296-9898

UC Sheriff's Office (IT Division)
704-283-3791

Hemby Bridge Fire Department
704-882-2100

Baker's Fire Department
704-289-2741

Stallings Fire Department
704-821-7100

Stormwater: Public Outreach and Education

The Town of Indian Trail's Engineering Department sends out Public Education and Outreach information to all local businesses on an annual basis. These publications are for the benefit of the business owners and the Town and provide important information and guidance about a variety of topics, including:

- Illicit Discharges
- Illegal Dumping
- Improper Disposal of Waste
- Swimming Pool De-chlorination and Water Disposal



Illicit discharge is the unlawful disposal, placement, emptying, dumping, spillage, leakage, pumping, pouring, or other discharge of any substance other than stormwater in the storm drain system, the waters of the U.S. or upon the land such that the substance is likely to reach the storm drain system or the waters of the U.S. Exempted items include:

- Potable water line flushing
- Uncontaminated pumped groundwater
- Landscape irrigation
- Lawn watering
- Diverted stream flows
- Rising groundwater
- Groundwater infiltration in the storm system
- Foundation draining
- Uncontaminated crawl space pumping
- Air condition condensation
- Roof drains
- Springs
- Occasional non-commercial car washing
- Dechlorinated swimming pool draining
- Street wash waters
- Fire fighting flows

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