

# Town Hall Bulletin

## TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

June 2024



## Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

The Town of Indian Trail is finalizing its 2024-2025 fiscal year (FY) budget, which will begin on July 1, 2024.

The required steps in the budget process include:

1. The city or county manager must present a budget to the public and governing board by June 1.
2. A budget public hearing must be held.
3. The Council must approve the budget (or interim budget) by July 1.

The budget is a statement of the Town's priorities and a financial plan for funding those priorities. Earlier this year, the Town Council members held two strategic workshops to update the original Town Council priorities developed in 2021. The following six new priorities will help guide the Town through 2027: Public Safety, Transportation, Economic Development, Town Infrastructure, Human Capital, and Capital Improvement Projects.

Indian Trail's budget consists of four separate funds:

- **General Fund:** Funds the daily operations of the Town, including personnel, supplies, utilities, etc.
- **Stormwater Fund:** Restricted to addressing stormwater issues, such as improving street drainage.
- **Powell Bill Fund:** Restricted to transportation projects.
- **Debt Service/Capital Reserve:** Used to pay for existing bond debt and fund larger scale projects with a multi-year life.

The Town's budget process started earlier this year with the Town Manager, Town staff, and the Finance Department preparing initial budget proposals. The Town held a budget workshop on April 9 where the Council heard the budget proposals, asked questions, and provided input. Residents can view the recording of the budget workshop on the Town's YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/3KkHYFI>.

Town Manager Mike McLaurin formally presented the proposed budget at the May 14 Council meeting. The Town Council held a public hearing on the budget during the May 28 Council meeting. The Council will vote on the budget on June 11.

To view the recommended budget, visit <https://bit.ly/3yKB5KM>. If you have questions about the budget, contact Finance Director Jim Wojtowicz at 704-821-5401 or [jmw@indiantrail.org](mailto:jmw@indiantrail.org).

If you want to learn more about the Town's finances or view the current budget, visit the Finance section of our website at <http://indiantrail.org/160/Finance-Business-Operations>.

### FY 24-25 Recommended Budget Highlights



#### Funds

- The General Fund is balanced at \$23,867,032 using the existing tax rate of 18.5 cents.
- The Powell Bill fund is \$2,055,000 and the Stormwater fund is \$2,776,204.
- The Capital Reserve/Debt Service is \$3,035,327.



#### Personnel Adjustments

- One Assistant Town Manager/Department Director hybrid position will be effective July 1, 2024.
- One Right-of-way/Channel Maintenance Crew Leader position in the Public Works Department will be effective July 1, 2024.



#### Additional Highlights

- Continues to fund upgrades to outdated and end-of-life IT and A/V equipment, including upgrades in the three Town Hall community rooms and computers for staff.
- Funds the second year of the ADA Transition Plan.
- Funds Town Hall facility maintenance and security enhancement projects.
- Funds a 3% merit and 3.2% COLA for all full-time Town employees. Additional funding adjustments for employees are dependent upon the Town's participation in Social Security. If the employee Social Security vote fails, the Council will vote on a budget amendment in July to reallocate any additional funding back to the General Fund.
- Continues work on nearly \$40 million of Capital Projects, including transportation and parks and recreation projects.

## June Meeting Dates\*

5	PARC Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	25	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
11	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	27	Board of Adjustment Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
18	Planning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.		
20	ABC Board, 6 p.m. @ABC Store (5880 U.S. 74)		

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](http://www.indiantrail.org) for the most up-to-date meeting information.

# Family Fun Day 2024



Family Fun Day, Indian Trail's biggest event of the year, is on Saturday, June 1, from 2-9:30 p.m. at Crooked Creek Park. This year's event includes rides, games, vendors, food trucks, and a spectacular fireworks show to end the night.

The day will also include a variety of live entertainment:

- Natty Boh & Minsky Delmonte (2-4 p.m.)
- Caroline Keller Trio & Brad Bailey (5-7 p.m.)
- Magic Shows (3 p.m., 5 p.m., and 7 p.m.)

**We would like to thank this year's event sponsors, Allegacy Federal Credit Union and Novant Health. Without them, this event wouldn't be possible!**

## **NO PARKING ON SITE - SHUTTLE SERVICE ONLY**

The rides, food trucks, vendors, and emergency service vehicles take up all the available parking at Crooked Creek Park. Guests will need to take a free shuttle from one of the following locations:

- Poplin Elementary School
- Porter Ridge Schools
- First Baptist Church of Indian Trail
- Union Prep Academy

Handicap parking will be available at Sardis Elementary School. If space is available, guests can also park at Sardis Baptist Church and walk to the park. There will be NO parking at KinderCare.



## PARKING LOCATIONS

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## PARKING LOCATIONS

**Sardis Elementary School: Handicap Parking Only**

**Sardis Baptist Church: No Shuttle - Walking Only**

**Porter Ridge Schools: Shuttle Service**

**First Baptist Indian Trail: Shuttle Service**

**Union Prep: Shuttle Service**

**Poplin Elementary: Shuttle Service**



## Public Works: Employee of the Year

Crew Leader Alan Bradshaw received the 2024 Indian Trail Public Works Employee of the Year award. This is the eighth year for this award, which is anonymously voted on by the Public Works Department employees.

Alan has been with the Town for five years. A few things his coworkers said about him include:

- "He's a team player."
- "When he was promoted to crew leader, he jumped in right and got to work."
- He's always willing to help."



Congratulations, Alan! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the Town of Indian Trail!

## Welcome, New Businesses!

### **Bonita Floral Arrangements**



If you're looking for custom bouquets or floral arrangements, look no further than Bonita Floral Arrangements in the heart of downtown Indian Trail. Owner Yasmery Acosta turned her love of flowers into a brick and mortar business earlier this year. To view pictures of her beautiful creations, visit the business Instagram page @bonita\_creationz. You can place orders via the Instagram page, by calling 704-756-8987, or visiting in person at 307 Indian Trail Road South. Bonita Floral Arrangements is located in the pink house. You can't miss it!

# Solid Waste and Recycling: News and Reminders

## Mark Your Calendar! Important Upcoming Dates:

- There are no scheduled solid waste pick-up delays in June. Waste Connections will not be taking any holidays off in June. Please place your solid waste and recycling carts at the curb on your regular day.
- Toward the end of July, the Town will mail the **2024-2025 Recycling and Yard Waste Calendars** to your residence, so be on the look out! The calendar will also be available on the Town's website during that time.
- **Bulk and e-Waste Pickup will occur Aug. 5-9 for Green Recycling Weeks and Aug. 12-16 for Orange Recycling Weeks.** For more information, visit <https://indiantrail.org/258/Bulk-Collection>.



## Summer Recycling Tips



Summer is just around the corner, and many people will be spending more time outside. Below are a few recycling tips to help keep our outdoor spaces clean and beautiful:

- Purchase products that are reusable, compostable, or recyclable.
- Locate public space recycling bins at beaches, parks, lakes, and other spaces and make sure you follow the local recycling rules for using these.
- Have a plan for properly and safely disposing of your trash on hikes and walks.

-Recycle bottles and cans in all places where they are accepted.



## Did You Know? Recycling Fact



Plastic bags and water bottles may take up to 1,000 years to decompose in landfills and lead to microplastics entering the ocean.

# Parks and Recreation: Upcoming Programs and Events

## Juneteenth



Join us as we celebrate Juneteenth as a day of recognition, reflection, and celebration with activities including spoken word readings, dancing, and more.

**Date:** Friday, June 14

**Time:** 6-9 p.m.

**Location:** Crossing Paths Park (120 Blythe Drive)

## Coming in July!

- July 4 Parade: Thursday, July 4 at 11:30 a.m. along Indian Trail Road
- Supersize IT: Friday, July 26, from 6-9 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park

For additional details on these events and more, check out the Find IT Fun Program Guide at <https://bit.ly/3tqEfrN>.

# Crooked Creek Park Splash Pad is Open!

The Splash Pad at Crooked Creek Park is officially open for the season! We have just a few reminders to share with you about the Splash Pad:

- The Splash Pad is operational daily (except for Tuesdays) from 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Every Tuesday the Splash Pad is closed for routine maintenance. If we are able to open the Splash Pad on Tuesday after maintenance is completed, we will post via social media.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays: Groups of 15+ can be out at the Splash Pad. Groups are limited to the time frame of 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and have made a reservation. Group reservations are limited to one group per day. To make a group reservation, call 704-821-8114.
- The Splash Pad can be rented for private parties or events on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays, from 7 p.m. to sunset. To reserve the Splash Pad, visit <https://bit.ly/41mtPxl>.



# Town of Indian Trail to Reduce Speed Limit on Indian Trail Road

Beginning June 10, 2024, the speed limit on Indian Trail Road will permanently be reduced from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. The new speed limit will be in effect for the length of Indian Trail Road from Highway 74 to Old Monroe Road.

Reducing the speed limit will bring Indian Trail Road into compliance with an ordinance recently passed by the Indian Trail Town Council on May 14, stating all roads maintained by the Town of Indian Trail will be set at 25 miles per hour, except for Faith Church Road, which will remain at 35 miles per hour.

Additionally, according to the Town's Engineering Department, the roadway's existing topography necessitates a reduction in speed. Additionally, the Indian Trail Road Complete Street project design includes 10-foot sidewalks that will adjoin the roadway. The reduced speed will create a safer environment for those walking or biking on the sidewalk and safer ingress and egress for businesses and residential properties along Indian Trail Road.

"We want to have the reduced speed in place before the Indian Trail Road Complete Street project begins," said Todd Huntsinger, director of engineering. "We have coordinated the speed limit reduction with the Union County Sheriff's Office, and they are supportive of the change."

For more information about the Indian Trail Road Complete Street project, visit [www.indiantrail.org/646/Indian-Trail-Road-Complete-Street](http://www.indiantrail.org/646/Indian-Trail-Road-Complete-Street).



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### Important Numbers

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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

## Town of Indian Trail - Now Hiring!

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

- Engineering Project Manager
- Maintenance Technician - Streets and Drainage (Public Works)
- Parks and Recreation Specialist

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

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>.

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