

Town Hall Bulletin

TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

September 2024



Transportation Master Plan: Second Round of Public Input

The Town of Indian Trail is launching the second and final round of public input via an online survey as part of the development of its first Transportation Master Plan. Residents are encouraged to visit <https://arcg.is/1qqrnS> to take the brief survey, which will be available until Tuesday, Sept. 17.

The Transportation Master Plan project, made possible by a grant from the Charlotte Regional Transportation Organization (CRTPO), kicked off late last year and aimed to identify priority intersections needing improvements in Indian Trail. Intersections were screened using a quantitative process, and the top eight were shared with the public during a previous survey for input. Intersections already programmed for improvements were not studied as a part of this process.

Based on the screening and public input results, three intersections were carried forward for a more detailed traffic and safety analysis, concept designs, and cost estimates. These intersections are:

- Chestnut Lane / Potter Road
- Stinson Hartis Road / Younts Road / Indian Trail Fairview Road
- Unionville-Indian Trail Road / Faith Church Road

The survey, linked above, seeks input on the proposed improvements at these priority intersections, as well as proposed amendments to CRTPO's Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

For more information about the Transportation Master Plan project and to view project updates, visit <https://indiantrail.org/1793/Transportation-Master-Plan>.



CATS 74x Express Bus: Bus Lanes on Highway 74 Now Open



The CATS 74x Express Bus already provided a convenient and reliable transportation option for those who commute to Uptown Charlotte every day for work. Now, with the reopening of the bus lanes on Highway 74, the 74x Express Bus commute from Indian Trail to Charlotte is even more efficient and convenient for riders. If you've been considering giving the 74x Express Bus a try, now there's even more reason to do so!

The 74x Express Bus picks up and drops off at the Union Towne Center Park and Ride located at 5850 W. Highway 74. The pick-up/drop-off area is to the right of the Food Lion shopping center building.

Downloading the CATS-Pass mobile app is the easiest way to purchase and manage tickets. The app is free on the Apple App Store and Google Play store. The CATS-Pass also allows riders to plan their trips, view real-time locations, and up-to-the-minute arrival times for the bus.

For more information about the 74x Express Bus, visit <https://indiantrail.org/1785/Transportation---74x-Union-County-Expres>.

September Meeting Dates*

10	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	26	Board of Adjustment Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
17	Planning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.		
19	ABC Board, 6 p.m. @ABC Store (5880 U.S. 74)		
24	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.

Adam McLamb Promoted to Assistant Town Manager



Adam McLamb, Indian Trail's Director of Public Works, was recently promoted to Assistant Town Manager. This is a hybrid position, and he will continue to lead the Public Works Department.

Adam has been with the Town of Indian Trail for 19 years, starting as a Planning/Engineering/Code Enforcement Intern in 2005. He moved up to a Civil Engineer 1 position and then Project Manager before being named the Director of Public Services in 2015. He became the Director of Public Works in 2017 when the department was reorganized and renamed. Under his leadership, the Public Works Department has grown from three crews and 14 employees to five crews and 24 employees responsible for solid waste management, maintaining all the Town's facilities, road, sidewalk, and stormwater maintenance, and mowing and maintaining Town and NCDOT rights-of-way to keep up with the growing needs of Indian Trail.

As the Assistant Town Manager, Adam's goals are to continue learning about the Town and how it operates across all departments, as well as grow the Town's partnerships with other government agencies, contracts and vendors, businesses, non-profits, and citizens. He also looks forward to being more involved with citizen engagement, budget development, and the Town's Capital Improvement Plan implementation.

"I live in the Town, I've raised my family in the Town, and I've grown up in the Town. Indian Trail is a part of me and my family and where I want to be," said Adam. "One day, I would love to say I worked my entire career here, while working hard both personally and professionally. Throughout my nearly 20 years working for the Town of Indian Trail, I've gone from an intern to the Assistant Town Manager, and maybe one day, one more step."

Congratulations, Adam! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the Town and its residents.

Indian Trail to Place Occupancy Tax on November Ballot

This November, Indian Trail voters can vote on a ballot initiative that would add an occupancy tax for hotel and short-term rental stays. The November ballot includes a proposal for up to a 5% occupancy tax that would fund tourism-related initiatives, such as recreational amenities for residents and visitors, as well as promoting travel and tourism. Read on to learn more about this important tax **paid by visitors, not residents**. And stay tuned for more information!



What is an Occupancy Tax?

An occupancy tax is paid by people who stay in a short-term rental accommodation, like a hotel or Airbnb. North Carolina law requires the taxing authority to use occupancy taxes for tourism-related expenses.

Who Pays an Occupancy Tax?

Only visitors or guests who use short-term rental properties or future hotels in Indian Trail will pay the occupancy tax. The only way a resident would pay for this tax is if they stayed in one of the short-term rental properties.

What Will This Proposed Tax Pay for?

According to NC law, occupancy tax revenues can only be used for tourism-related purposes, including promoting tourism and travel. Other communities use occupancy taxes to pay for event venues, sporting arenas, or recreational spaces. Indian Trail intends to use the revenues to invest in tourism-related amenities, such as enhancing our parks and recreational amenities, a future multigenerational community center, and supporting downtown business development.

If the Town doesn't have a hotel, why is an Occupancy Tax on the ballot?

The Town of Indian Trail believes it is important to plan for the future. While the Town does not have a hotel now, the plan is to have one (or more) in the future. When that time comes, the Occupancy Tax will already be in place so the Town and its residents can benefit from it.

Why is it On the Ballot? When do I vote?

The Town of Indian Trail has been working with the NC General Assembly for years to shepherd this ballot initiative through the legislative process. It was recently approved for inclusion on the ballot in this November's general election. The Town Council voted to put the question to voters in this November's election. Registered voters can vote FOR or AGAINST the proposed occupancy tax in the general election on November 5, 2024.

Learn more about the Occupancy Tax initiative at <https://indiantrail.org/1808/Occupancy-Tax>.

\$ Who Pays?

Visitors who use short-term rental properties or hotels in Indian Trail.

+ Who Benefits?

The entire Indian Trail community.

% What is the Tax Rate?

The proposed tax rate is up to 5% of the rental cost.

Solid Waste and Recycling: News and Reminders

Mark Your Calendar! Important Upcoming Dates:

- **There are no scheduled solid waste pick-up delays in September.** Waste Connections will not be taking any holidays off in September. Please place your solid waste and recycling carts at the curb on your regular day.
- The next FREE Shred Day for Indian Trail residents is on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Indian Trail Town Hall.
- **Bulk and e-Waste Pickup will occur Nov. 4-8 for Orange Recycling Weeks and Nov. 11-15 for Green Recycling Weeks.** For more information, visit <https://indiantrail.org/258/Bulk-Collection>.



Yard Waste Reminders



Fall begins on Sept. 22! Before we know it, the leaves will be turning colors and falling off the trees, and it will be time to bring out the rakes.

As you prepare to start your fall clean-up, keep these yard waste guidelines in mind:

- Grass and leaves should be placed in clear bags or biodegradable lawn bags curbside for service.
- Tree trimmings must be four feet or less in length and four inches in diameter. These can be stacked in neat bundles curbside for pick up.
- If you choose to purchase a cart to use for yard waste, you may purchase any type at a hardware store or online. The Town offers complimentary carts (limited supply). You can call 704-821-5401 to see if we have any available for drop off at your home. If you purchase your own cart, please call us with your name and address so we can mail you the labels you will

need to put on your yard waste cart.

Yard waste is prohibited from municipal landfills in North Carolina. Please do not put any yard waste material in your household solid waste cart.

Yard waste service is offered every other week on your solid waste service day. A third truck services all yard waste materials. You do not have to request a pickup, but if you are missed for yard waste service or are unsure of your service day, please call Waste Connections at 704-708-5872 or the Indian Trail Town Hall at 704-821-5401 (within 48 hours of your miss).

Trash Reminders

Automated collection should not result in garbage being spilled onto the street if residents bag their garbage properly. However, if spillage should occur as a result of not bagging, the property owner will be responsible for cleaning up the spillage. All trash must be placed into plastic bags that are tied up prior to placing them in your trash cart. Loose pieces can fly out when the cart is being emptied.



Did You Know? Recycling Fun Fact



Grasscycle for Faster Mowing and a Greener Lawn

Grasscycling means leaving clippings on your lawn after mowing. This is one of the simplest ways to recycle yard waste because it eliminates an unnecessary step — bagging and removing the clippings. You may need to mow more often to maintain the desired length, but without the bagging it will take less time — 38 percent less, according to the EPA. Mowing a little more often seems like a fair trade off for making the chore easier and greener.

Plus, frequent mowing benefits your lawn's health. The University of Maryland recommends mowing your lawn when it's dry, never trimming more than one-third of its length at a time, and sharpening your mower blades every four to six weeks.



Indian Trail Fall Litter Sweep Volunteers Needed!*

Keep IT Beautiful



When:

- Saturday, September 14
- 7:30-11 a.m.

Meet At:

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

Indian Trail will provide:

- Safety vests
- Bags, pickers, and buckets

Register:

- <http://bit.ly/4093ofc>



Questions:

- Contact Director of Public Works Adam McLamb at ajm@indiantrail.org

Cosponsors:



***Volunteers must be ages 14+**

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Parks and Recreation: Upcoming Programs and Events

HITS After Six: Uptown LA Brown



The next HITS After Six is on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 6-9 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park, featuring Uptown LA Brown, a party band for all musical tastes! They play everything from oldies to pop, rock, and soul! Join us for a FREE concert, family-friendly activities, food trucks, and more!

Date: Thursday, September 12

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Chestnut Square Park (320 Chestnut Parkway)

Battle IT Out



Battle IT Out returns in September and will feature Ninja Nation's obstacle course, Nerf battles and laser tag!

Date: Friday, September 27

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Chestnut Square Park (320 Chestnut Parkway)

Coming in October!

- HITS After Six: Thursday, October 17, from 6-9 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park
- Halloween Spooktacular: Friday, October 25, 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>.

Coffee with the Mayor

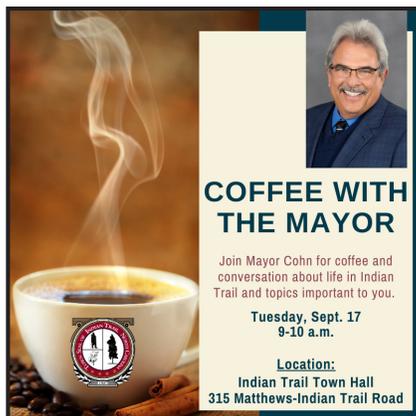
Join us for Coffee with the Mayor on Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 9-10 a.m. This month, we're meeting at the Indian Trail Town Hall, located at 315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road.

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.

The discussion is led by YOU. Topics can range anywhere from roads and infrastructure to public safety and upcoming events.

Interested in hosting a Coffee with the Mayor? Or do you have a specific topic you'd like to discuss at the September Coffee with the Mayor? Contact Communications Director Abbey Ball at anb@indiantrail.org.



Chestnut Square Park Tennis Courts Resurfaced

Indian Trail's Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the tennis courts at Chestnut Square Park have been resurfaced and are ready for play!



Whether you're an experienced player or new to the sport, stop by Chestnut Square Park and give the refreshed courts a try!

To reserve a court, visit www.itsparksandrec.com to submit an application. We look forward to welcoming you!

Welcome, New Businesses!



Sherwin-Williams

A Sherwin-Williams Paint Store recently opened in the Sun Valley area. They offer exceptional quality paint, paint supplies, and stains to bring your ideas to life. Visit their location at 2914 Wesley Chapel Stouts Road for all your painting needs!

2024 Property Tax Bills



The Town of Indian Trail property tax bills were mailed in August. Property owners should have also received a separate tax bill from Union County. Tax payments are due Sept. 1 and must be paid by Jan. 5 to avoid interest charges.

Escrowed bills are not mailed to the homeowner but are sent directly to the mortgage company instead.

For more information about Indian Trail taxes or to pay your tax bill online, visit <https://www.indiantrail.org/217/Revenue-Tax-Department>. Taxes can also be paid by visiting the Town Hall at 315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road or by mail to the Indian Trail Tax Office, PO Box 2430, Indian Trail, NC, 28079.

Questions about the assessed value of your property should be directed to Union County by calling 704-283-3746. For more information on Union County taxes, visit <https://www.unioncountync.gov/government/departments-r-z/taxes-property>.

If you did not receive your Indian Trail tax bill by Sept. 1 or if you have questions about your bill, call the Indian Trail Tax Office at 704-821-5401.

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Important Numbers

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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

ARPA Stormwater Improvements Phase 2 Project



Pioneer Lane Culvert

The ARPA Stormwater Improvements Phase 2 project is the Town's second round of utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act funds to finance the rehabilitation of Indian Trail's existing stormwater infrastructure.

The Phase 2 project will consist of removing and replacing two existing pipe crossings that are more than 40 years old. The two 72-inch diameter pipes are made of corrugated metal, which is corroding. Both pipes have exceeded their service lives.

The Town will replace the one along Pioneer Lane with a 14' x 8' precast concrete box culvert and the one along Bow Brook Trail with a 12' x 7' precast concrete box culvert. The work will also involve moving existing underground utilities, installing steel casing pipes for future water main improvements, and some minor regrading of existing creek channels.

The Town will organize public meetings for the homeowners most affected by this proposed work. These residents will be notified by mail to attend these meetings soon.

If you have any questions about this stormwater improvement project, you can contact Todd Huntsinger, director of engineering, at 704-821-5401 or tdh@indiantrail.org.

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