

Town Hall Bulletin

TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

December 2024



Allen and Jennifer Connor Selected as the Indian Trail Christmas Parade Grand Marshals

Allen and Jennifer Connor, Indian Trail residents and founders of Carolina Cruzin4Jeeps, will lead the Town of Indian Trail's annual Christmas parade as the grand marshals on Sunday, Dec. 1.

The Indian Trail Town Council selected the Connors to serve as grand marshals because of their support for law enforcement, the military, and veterans and their service to those in our community and beyond. Joining them will be Carlos and Jade Williams and their son, Logan. They are the parents and brother of Sunnie Williams, who passed away earlier this year from DIPG, an aggressive form of pediatric brain cancer. They will represent the Sunnie Strong Foundation (www.sunniestrong.org), created in memory of Sunnie and focused on finding a cure for DIPG and supporting families after their child passes away.



The Connors connected with the Williams family through their club, Carolina Cruzin4Jeeps, which aims to create a community where all are welcome, whether they have a Jeep or not. Carolina Cruzin4Jeeps launched in 2020 and was created off Carolina Cruise4Kids, a car show-on-wheels concept started by Kevin Arndt during COVID-19 to give back to the community during that time. The Connors, along with co-founder Hannah Helms, saw the need for an organization that focused specifically on supporting the military, veterans, and law enforcement officials. Thus, Carolina Cruzin4Jeeps was born. Jennifer grew up in a patriotic family, with her father, grandfather, and uncle serving in the military. So, respect and support for the military and law enforcement have always been important to her. While its primary focus is still on the military and law enforcement, Carolina Cruzin4Jeeps has expanded to host events and fundraisers to support anyone in need in the community.

Since 2020, Carolina Cruzin4Jeeps has hosted or participated in dozens of events, such as Back the Blue fundraisers, car shows, parades, and toy drives, including partnering with Indian Trail on its annual Car Show and Toy Drive and participating in its July 4 and Christmas parades. Those interested in joining Carolina Cruzin4Jeeps can follow the club's public Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cc4jeeps/> to learn more and start participating in events. The club hosts at least one event per month. Right now, the club's primary focus and prayers are on Western North Carolina and getting people still sleeping in sheds, garages, and on the ground into better shelter before the harsh winter. Club members regularly deliver supplies to the area. Those interested in donating or volunteering in Carolina Cruzin4Jeeps' efforts can find information on the club's Facebook page.

"We couldn't do what we do without our club members and the community's support," Jennifer said. "We appreciate the recognition from the Town of Indian Trail and the opportunity to be grand marshals for the Christmas parade. The community enjoys seeing the Jeeps and the different themes every year. It's just fun. When I see one veteran give us a thumbs up or a child who gets excited to see the Jeeps, it makes it all worth it."

During a typical parade, Jennifer drives the Jeep while Allen, decked out in an outfit to match the year's theme, rides along through the sunroof or on top of the Jeep, getting the crowd involved.

"I like to get the people engaged," Allen said. "We always have music playing from the Jeep that I'm dancing to. I try to get people into the theme and to dance along with me. The parades are all about having fun and coming together as a community."

The Connors will kick off the Christmas parade at 4 p.m. The parade will begin at Post Office Drive, with the floats heading straight down Indian Trail Road and ending at Old Monroe Road. There will be plenty of spots along the route to watch the parade.



December Meeting Dates*

4	PARC Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	19	Board of Adjustment Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
10	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.		
17	Planning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.		
19	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 for the most up-to-date meeting information.

Solid Waste and Recycling: News and Reminders

**Town of Indian Trail
Christmas Solid Waste Collection Schedule**

NO collection on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, for solid waste, recycling or yard waste.
Collection will be delayed by one day after the holiday.

DECEMBER	Tues 24	Wed 25	Thur 26	Fri 27	Sat 28
	Regular Collection Day	NO COLLECTION	Collection if your regular day is WEDNESDAY	Collection if your regular day is THURSDAY	Collection if your regular day is FRIDAY

To view the solid waste calendar, visit <https://bit.ly/3KYCBvL>.



Christmas Solid Waste Collection Schedule

Solid waste services will not occur on Dec. 25 due to the holiday. All services for Dec. 25 and the remainder of the week will be delayed by one day. Regular Wednesday service will occur on Thursday, regular Thursday service will occur on Friday, and regular Friday service will occur on Saturday.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 704-821-5401.

Additionally, the Indian Trail Town Hall offices will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, and 26, and Jan. 1.

Indian Trail Solid Waste and Recycling Tips

- **Holiday Recycling:**
 - Breakdown all cardboard boxes and place them in your recycling cart. If you have more boxes than will fit in your cart, save them until your next recycling day or take them to a Union County Convenience Site.
 - All Styrofoam, plastic, and bubble wrap should be placed in your trash cart.
- **Bag your trash.** All trash must be placed in plastic bags prior to putting it in your cart. If there are miscellaneous loose items and they wind up on the ground, it will be the homeowner's responsibility to clean up.
- **Solid waste pickup.** We recommend placing your carts curbside the night before your pickup day. If you opt not to do so, be sure they are out prior to 7 a.m. the morning of your service day so your pickup is not missed.



Did You Know? Recycling Fun Fact



Municipal solid waste is everything we throw away in our trash cans, and a shocking amount ends up in landfills or is sent to incinerators.

By ensuring we recycle conscientiously, as well as educating ourselves on how to improve recycling waste, we can significantly reduce waste.

For more information on recycling properly, [check out these tips from the EPA.](#)

Holiday Heroes Toy Drive

Indian Trail is once again participating in the Holiday Heroes Toy Drive!

Brighten a child's holiday this year and donate new unwrapped toys at one of this year's drop-off locations through Dec. 9:

- Hemby Bridge Fire Department
- Stallings Fire Department
- Bakers Fire Department
- Union County Sheriff's Office (main office and Indian Trail office)
- Indian Trail Town Hall
- Union West Rotary Club



**Holiday Heroes
Toy Drive**

Brighten a Child's Holiday
Donate new, unwrapped toys
HERE
All toys donated stay in Union County

Sponsored by:
Hemby Bridge Fire Department
Bakers Fire Department
Stallings Fire Department
Union County Sheriff's Office
Town of Indian Trail
Union West Rotary

You can also bring donations to Indian Trail's Winter Fest & Tree Lighting on Dec. 6 at Chestnut Square Park. The event begins at 6 p.m.

All donations will be given to children in Union County as part of the annual Union County Christmas Bureau, which provides gifts and food to families who may need some help during the holiday season.

Live Christmas Tree Disposal



LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

- 1 Place your live Christmas tree curbside after Dec. 25 on your regular yard waste day.
- 2 Trees must be free of tinsel, stands, lights, ornaments and other added materials.
- 3 Only natural trees can be disposed of with your yard waste (no artificial or flocked trees).
- 4 Place your tree curbside at least 3 feet from your trash cart.
- 5 Trees must be cut into sections no longer than 4 feet.

If you have questions, contact Waste Connections at 704-708-5672, option 5.

Residents can place their live Christmas trees curbside after Dec. 25 on their regular yard waste day.

The trees must be free of tinsel, stands, ornaments, lights, or other added materials. Only natural trees can be disposed of with your yard waste (no artificial or flocked trees).

Place your tree curbside at least three feet from your trash cart. The tree must be cut into sections no longer than four feet.

Fall Leaf Cleanup Reminders

As the leaves continue to fall, please follow these leaf collection guidelines:

- Place leaves in clear plastic or brown biodegradable bags weighing less than 35 pounds each. The leaves will be collected bi-weekly on your regular yard waste pick-up day.
- Waste Connections will collect up to 25 bags per pick up during the fall season.
- Loose leaves placed at the curb are a violation of Town code and are subject to Code Enforcement and removal penalties.



Parks and Recreation: Upcoming Programs and Events

Christmas Parade



Join us for Indian Trail's annual Christmas Parade! Holiday-themed floats, vehicles, and walking groups of all kinds will start at Post Office Drive, travel down Indian Trail Road, and end at Old Monroe Road. Don't miss this much-loved holiday tradition!

Date: Sunday, Dec. 1

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Indian Trail Road

Winter Fest & Tree Lighting



Indian Trail's Winter Fest & Tree Lighting is the perfect way to kickoff the holiday season! Enjoy some family-friendly winter fun, including photos with Santa, face painting, free hot cocoa, market vendors, family-friendly activities, food trucks, and the tree lighting.

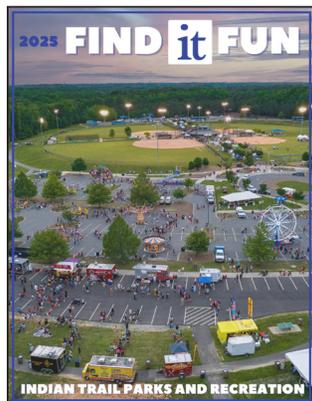
Date: Friday, Dec. 6

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Chestnut Square Park (320 Chestnut Parkway)

Sponsor: Allegacy Federal Credit Union (<https://www.allegacy.org/>)

2025 Find IT Fun Program Guide: Now Available!



The Indian Trail Parks and Recreation 2025 Find IT Fun Program Guide is now available!

The Program Guide was mailed to all Indian Trail households in November and can also be found on our website at <https://bit.ly/30m59RI>.

The Program Guide covers the entire year, so you can save the date and plan for all the events, programs, and activities you'd like to attend.

In addition to everyone's favorite annual events, including the July 4 and Christmas parades, Family Fun Day, and Halloween Spook-tacular, the Parks and Recreation Department has added numerous new programs and activities, including:

- A performance of Aladdin Jr. by Lanti Performing Arts
- Abilities in Action event
- Inclusive Egg Hunt
- Line Dancing
- Primetime Adventures
- Extended two-day Family Camp Out
- Monthly Mystery Munch for seniors

To stay up to date with all things Park and Rec, visit our website at www.itsparksandrec.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching @itsparksandrec. You can also sign up for our weekly newsletter at <http://indiantrail.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=43>.

If you didn't receive a mailed copy of the program guide and would like one, call 704-821-8114.

Indian Trail December American Red Cross Blood Drive

Register today for Indian Trail's December Blood Drive and help save a life!

Date: Friday, December 13

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

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

Register:

- Visit <https://rcblood.org/3J0zLGM>
- Call 1-800-733-2767

Maximize your 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.

If you're unable to donate at the Dec. 13 Blood Drive, consider scheduling a donation appointment at the Indian Trail Red Cross Blood and Platelet Donation Center located at 5880 W Highway 74, Suite #204. You can schedule an appointment online at <https://rcblood.org/4fCAYBH> or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

Blood Drive
Town of Indian Trail
Shirley Howe Community Room
315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road
Indian Trail, NC 28079
Friday, December 13th
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: IndianTrail to schedule an appointment.

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Schedule your blood donation appointment today!
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Facebook Live with the Mayor and the Manager

Special Guest: Jeremy Russell, Mayor, Village of Lake Park



Join Mayor David Cohn and Town Manager Mike McLaurin for December's edition of Facebook Live on Monday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. This month, they'll talk with Jeremy Russell, Mayor of the Village of Lake Park. With the close proximity of Indian Trail and Lake Park, they'll discuss how residents can confirm in which municipality they live, how the municipalities work together, common challenges, and goals for the future.

Additionally, Town Manager McLaurin will provide an update on important happenings in Indian Trail, and Mayor Cohn will share the details on upcoming events.

If you have a question for Mayor Russell or the Town, please email it to Communications Director Abbey Ball at anb@indiantrail.org. You can also ask questions in the comments during the show where they will be answered live.

To watch live, tune in to the Town's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/IndianTrail>) at 1 p.m. on Dec. 9. If you're unable to tune into the live stream, the recording will stay on the

Town's Facebook page for future viewing.

If you have a suggestion for a Facebook Live guest, let us know!

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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

Property Taxes Due By Jan. 6



Property taxes are due on or before Monday, Jan. 6, 2025, to avoid becoming delinquent and incurring interest charges.

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.

If you have questions about your bill, call the Indian Trail Tax Office at 704-821-5401.

Stormwater Advisory Committee Vacancy: Apply Today!

The Town of Indian Trail has an immediate opening on its Stormwater Advisory Committee. If you are interested in getting involved and making a difference in our community, apply at <https://bit.ly/3Zqz41m>.

The Stormwater Advisory Committee provides recommendations to address stormwater issues in neighborhoods and along our roadways. The Committee meets quarterly at the Indian Trail Town Hall on the third Thursday of January, April, July, and October. The meetings begin at 6 p.m.

The deadline to apply is on Friday, Jan. 3, 2025.



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