

Town Hall Bulletin

TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

February 2025



Indian Trail Receives Clean Audit Report for FY23-24

The Town of Indian Trail received a clean bill of financial health for fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024, according to a review of its latest audit.

Deneal Bennett, CPA, with J.B. Watson & Co., P.L.L.C., presented the annual audit report to the Town Council during its Jan. 14 regular meeting. The auditing team returned an unmodified audit report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2024. An unmodified audit is the highest level a municipality or county can receive.

"An unmodified clean audit provides the highest level of assurance to our residents that the Town is fiscally sound," said Town Manager Mike McLaurin. "It demonstrates Indian Trail's solid fiscal management, the hard work of our Town Council and staff, operational efficiencies and our commitment to handling our residents' tax dollars with integrity and transparency."

The state of North Carolina is committed to ensuring its cities and counties are in good financial standing and can meet the needs of its citizens. In addition to a balanced budget, North Carolina also requires all cities and counties to have an annual audit performed by a state-approved CPA firm. The annual audit provides the Town Council and residents with an overview of the Town's finances for the fiscal year, which ends on June 30 each year for Indian Trail.

The audit reviews the funds that have come into the Town throughout the year and ensures they are spent in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit also ensures the numbers are accurate and can be depended upon when reviewing the financial position of the Town.

In addition, the audit also looks at areas that might need special attention, such as weak internal structures or funding corrections. The state also reviews the audit.

The full audit report can be found on the Town's website at <https://bit.ly/4giFt3T>. If you have any questions about the audit, please contact Finance Director Alicia Massey at 704-821-5401.



Indian Trail Begins Planning for FY 2025-2026 Budget

The Town of Indian Trail is in the beginning stages of preparing the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Annual Budget.

Between now and the first budget workshop on March 11, the Finance Department and Town Manager will work closely with the Town's departments to prepare proposed budget numbers. The budget workshops provide staff an opportunity to present the proposed budget numbers to the Town Council and explain any significant changes, requests, or projected needs. The workshops also give the Council Members an opportunity to ask questions and make recommendations and requests.

The schedule to the right lists all the upcoming budget-related meetings. The meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Schedule*

- **March 11:** Budget Workshop at 5 p.m. ahead of the regular Council Meeting.
- **April 8:** Budget Workshop at 5 p.m. ahead of the regular Council Meeting.
- **May 13:** The Town Manager will present the proposed budget at the Town Council meeting.
- **May 14:** The proposed budget will be posted for the public to review on the Town's website and copies will be available at the Union West Regional Library.
- **May 27:** Budget Public Hearing at the regular Town Council Meeting.
- **June 10:** Budget Adopted

*Please note these dates are tentative and may change.

February Meeting Dates*

5	PARC Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	20	Stormwater Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
11	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	25	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
18	Planning and Zoning 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 for the most up-to-date meeting information.

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. 3-7 for Green Recycling Weeks
- Feb. 10-14 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 Waste Connections at 704-708-5872 Option 5 within 48 hours of not receiving Bulk and E-Waste service so they can investigate the pick-up of your items.

To ensure all residents receive fair and efficient service, we kindly ask that each household limit the number of bulk items set out to just a few per scheduled collection. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep the process smooth for everyone.

For more information about Bulk and E-Waste Pick-Up, including common questions and a list of what will and won't be collected, visit the Town's website at <https://www.indiantrail.org/258/Bulk-Collection>.

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Union County Solid Waste



The Solid Waste Division provides environmentally sound and cost-effective solid waste disposal and recycling services for residents of Union County. These services are funded by a combination of fees and tax dollars. Most fees are paid by private companies that use the County's waste services and facilities.

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.

To learn more about the Trash Pass program and the Waste and Recycling Centers, visit <https://bit.ly/3EHWB3F>. Call Union County at 704-296-4260 with any questions.

Spring Cleaning Tips to Reduce Waste

- Usable items can be donated to local charities.
- Nextdoor neighborhood sites can offer free giveaways or trading items. Facebook Marketplace is another option for selling gently used items.
- If any items are recyclable, put them out on your recycling day or take them to one of Union County's Recycling Centers.
- Try to avoid waste when cleaning. For example, instead of using paper towels to clean windows, use old washable towels.
- Explore if there are ways to reuse some of the items you plan on getting rid of.

Save the date! Spring Shred Day

Indian Trail's next Shred Day is on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Indian Trail Town Hall (315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road).

The free Shred Day is for Indian Trail residents only. Please limit it to five boxes per household.

Stay Safe: Store Lithium-ion Batteries Properly

- Keep It Cool**
Store at room temperature (68°F) and stay away from high heat (greater than 90°F).
- Keep It Dry**
Put in dry environments to avoid corrosion and moisture.
- Half the Charge**
Keep at 50% charge for long-term storage, and never store on a charging station.

Stay Safe: Manage Lithium-ion Batteries Properly

Improper handling can cause:

- Fire and Explosion Risk**
Punctured or damaged batteries can ignite.
- Poor Performance**
Quick loss of charge and shorter lifespan.
- Swelling**
Batteries may expand if kept fully charged or at high temperatures.

How You Can Properly Recycle Lithium-ion Batteries

- Ban from Bins**
Keep lithium-ion batteries out of curbside waste and recycling bins. Batteries can be damaged during collection and spark fires that put waste workers and communities at risk.
- Direct Drop-offs**
Take lithium-ion batteries to retailers that offer recycling services, visit call2recycle.org/locator, or contact your local waste hauler for drop-off locations.
- Tape for Transport**
Cover all battery terminals with duct tape to prevent fires in transit.

You can prevent fires by responsibly managing your lithium-ion batteries. Learn how at call2recycle.org or earth911.com.



Did You Know?
Paper Recycling Facts

It only takes 5 recycled plastic bottles to make enough fiberfill to stuff a ski jacket.



Parks and Recreation: Upcoming Programs and Events

Harlem Wizards



Get ready for an unforgettable night of tricks, hoops, and high-flying fun as the world-famous Harlem Wizards take on Indian Trail's finest local celebrities! Your teachers, coaches, and community stars will face off against these basketball legends in a game packed with laughter, excitement, and jaw-dropping moments. Funds raised stay local to the community and support scholarships and other youth and student initiatives.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 1

Time: 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Location: Sun Valley High School (5211 Old Charlotte Highway)

Tickets Required: <https://www.harlemwizards.com/tickets/Indiantrail7pm>

Love Bug Dance



Dance the night away with your little Love Bug! Join us for a night of music, games, crafts, and refreshments. Come dressed in your best! Preregistration is required for everyone attending. Designed for ages 12 & under

Date: Friday, Feb. 14

Time: 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Carolina Courts (240 Chestnut Parkway)

Coming in March!

- Touch A Truck: Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park
- **New Event!** Abilities in Action: Saturday, March 22, from 9-11 a.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/30m59RI>.

February Blood Drive

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

Date: Friday, Feb. 21

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

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

Register:

- Visit <https://rcblood.org/3VEGmfI>
- 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.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org and click on Rapid Pass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Share the Love & Give Your Blood

Join us in making a difference this February!

Your act of kindness could be the reason someone gets a second chance at life.

February 21
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Indian Trail Town Hall
315 Matthews Indian Trail Road

Register: <https://rcblood.org/3VEGmfI> • 1-800 RED CROSS

New Shelter Reservation Process

Indian Trail's Parks and Recreation Department has made reserving shelters at your favorite parks easier than ever! Here's how:



1. Log in or create an account on itsparksandrec.com.
2. Click the link: Catalog - Town of Indian Trail or select the 'Registration' icon.
3. Go to the 'Facilities' tab (highlighted in grey).
4. Choose the park where your desired shelter is located.
5. Select the shelter you'd like and click 'Make Your Reservation.'
6. Pick your preferred date and time from the available options.
7. Add your reservation to the cart and check out (make sure you're logged in!).
8. Complete your payment at checkout to confirm your reservation.

Questions? Call 704-821-8114 or e-mail mwh@indiantrail.org.

Welcome, New Business!

Novant GoHealth Urgent Care



Novant GoHealth Urgent Care offers patients in-person and virtual visits backed by the resources of Novant Health. The Indian Trail office is located at 1302 Wesley Chapel Road, Suite A. The office is open seven days a week. Visit <https://www.gohealthuc.com/novant/locations/indian-trail> to save your spot or just walk in!

Facebook Live with the Mayor and the Manager

Special Guest: Senator Todd Johnson



Join Mayor David Cohn and Town Manager Mike McLaurin for February's edition of Facebook Live on Friday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. This month, they'll talk with Senator Todd Johnson, who represents Union County in the North Carolina General Assembly. They'll discuss proposed legislation and things happening at the state level that could impact us here in Indian Trail.

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 Senator Johnson or the Town, please e-mail 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 Feb. 28. 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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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

Town of Indian Trail - Now Hiring!

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

- Engineering Technician
- Maintenance Technician - Streets and Drainage (Public Works)
- Tax Collector

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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