

# Town Hall Bulletin

## TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

August 2025



## August = Back to School in Indian Trail!

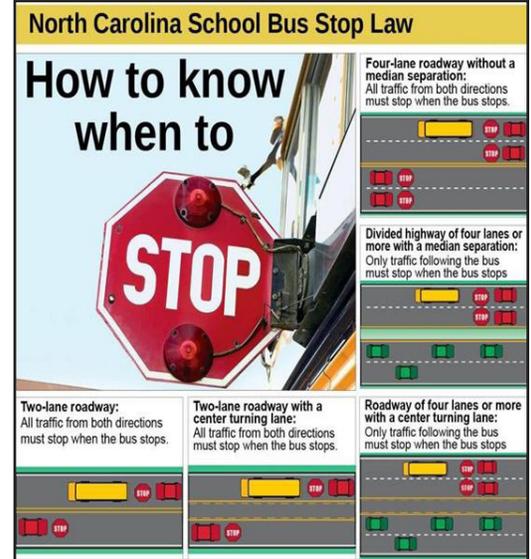
Summer seems to have flown by, and before we know it, students in Indian Trail will be heading back to school. Below is important back to school information, including start dates, bus stop laws, and how you can help students be prepared for the school year.

### First Day of School

- Metrolina Christian Academy: Thursday, August 14
- Union Preparatory Academy: Monday, August 18
- Union County Public Schools: Monday, August 25

### North Carolina School Bus Stop Law - What To Do

- **Two-lane roadway:** All traffic from both directions must stop
- **Two-lane with a center turning lane:** All traffic from both directions must stop
- **Four-lane roadway:** All traffic from both directions must stop
- **Four-lane roadway with a median:** Only traffic following the bus must stop
- **Four or more lanes with a center turning lane:** Only traffic following the bus must stop



### Union County School Supply Drive

## School Supply Drive

July 7th - August 8th, 2025



It's that time of year again! Can you help us with meeting the needs of students in our schools by donating school supplies for them?

- New backpacks for boys and girls (grades K-12)
- #2 pencils
- Loose leaf paper (wide and college-ruled)
- Composition books (wide and college-ruled)
- Pens (black, blue, and red ink)
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Dry erase markers
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Spiral Notebooks
- 1 and 1.5" binders
- Binder dividers
- 2-pocket folders with prongs
- Glue sticks
- Scissors for kids
- Pencil boxes and pouches
- Gallon and sandwich bags
- Erasers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Ear buds and earphones



Please drop off school supplies at the Union County Human Services loading dock located at 2330 Concord Ave., Monroe.

If you have any questions, contact [UCvolunteers@unioncountync.gov](mailto:UCvolunteers@unioncountync.gov).



Indian Trail is partnering with Union County Government and the Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO) for the annual School Supply Drive. If you'd like to donate, you can bring supplies to the Indian Trail Town Hall, Monday-Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Town Hall is located at 315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road. You can also drop them off at the Indian Trail Division of the UCSO located at 130 Blythe Drive. Donations will be collected until Aug. 8. **Needed supplies:**

- New backpacks for boys and girls
- #2 pencils
- Loose leaf paper (wide and college-ruled)
- Composition books (wide and college-ruled)
- Pens (black, blue, and red)
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Spiral notebooks

- Binder dividers
- 2-pocket folders with prongs
- Glue sticks
- Scissors for kids
- Pencil boxes and pouches
- Gallon and sandwich bags
- Erasers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Earbuds and earphones
- 1 and 1.5" binders

### Union County Back2School Bash - Volunteers Needed!

The annual Back2School Bash provides a new backpack, a pair of shoes, and school supplies for students in Union County. This year's Back2School Bash is on Sunday, Aug. 3, from 12-3 p.m. at Carolina Courts. While student registration has closed, volunteers are still needed!

Learn more and register at <https://unioncountyb2sb.org/>.

## August Meeting Dates\*

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| 6  | PARC Committee, 6 p.m.                    | 21 | ABC Board, 6 p.m. @ABC Store (5880 U.S. 74) |
| 12 | Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.           |    |   |
| 19 | Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, 6 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](http://www.indiantrail.org) for the most up-to-date meeting information.

# Stormwater: Public Outreach and Education

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

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

## What is Illicit Discharge?

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.

If you have questions or concerns about this or other stormwater issues, or if you need to report illicit discharge, call 704-821-5401.



## Indian Trail to Place Occupancy Tax on November Ballot

On Nov. 4, Indian Trail residents 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 initiative **funded by visitors, not residents**. And stay tuned for more information!

### What is an Occupancy Tax?

An occupancy tax, also known as a hotel or lodging 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 promotion and 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 is if they stayed in one of the short-term rental properties.

### Will the Occupancy Tax increase my property taxes?

NO. It will not increase property taxes. The Occupancy Tax is only paid by those who stay in short-term rental properties. The Occupancy Tax is like a fee. Fees are only paid by those who use the amenities.

### 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 could use the revenues to invest in tourism-related amenities, such as enhancing our parks and recreational offerings, a future multigenerational community center, and supporting downtown business development.

### What other communities have an Occupancy Tax?

Most cities, especially those near places frequently traveled to for tourism or business, have an occupancy tax. At least 90 of the 100 counties in North Carolina have an Occupancy Tax. Of the cities not covered by a county tax, at least 110 have an Occupancy Tax, including our neighbors in Monroe. When you travel, you are most likely paying an occupancy tax to another community.

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

Indian Trail already has approximately 50 short-term rental properties, such as Airbnb, in the Town that could begin generating Occupancy Tax revenue. Additionally, the Town 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.

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 rate?

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

# Solid Waste and Recycling: News and Reminders

## 2025-2026 Solid Waste and Recycling Calendar

The new solid waste and recycling calendar has been mailed to residents for the period of Aug. 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026.

### Important Dates to Note:

- The next Bulk and e-Waste service will occur:
  - Aug. 4-8 for Green recycling weeks
  - Aug. 11-15 for Orange recycling weeks

Subsequent Bulk and e-Waste pickups will take place in November 2025, February 2026, and May 2026. These dates are outlined in black on the calendar.

- Only three holidays will be on a solid waste delay:
  - Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving)
  - Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025 (Christmas)
  - Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 (New Year's Day)

These dates are marked in black on the calendar. During these weeks, solid waste pickup will be delayed by one day after the holiday. All other weeks will run on a regular schedule.

- Free Shred Days will take place on:
  - Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025
  - Saturday, May 9, 2026

These dates are marked in yellow on the calendar.

If you have any questions, did not receive a calendar, or need additional calendars, please call the Indian Trail Town Hall at 704-821-5401 and ask for Public Works.

A copy of the calendar can also be found on the Town's website at <https://bit.ly/3G2UzJ>.

To learn more about the Town's Solid Waste and Recycling services, visit <https://www.indiantrail.org/256/Solid-Waste-Service>.



## Solid Waste Collection Schedule

2025-2026

- Holiday - No Service, 1 day delay: see blacked out squares below (3 holidays)
- Bulk & E-Waste Pick Up - bold squares in **Aug 2025, Nov 2025, Feb 2026, May 2026**
- Bulk Items are collected on your regularly scheduled recycling day ONLY.
- Scheduled townwide shred event. Subject to change.

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Recycling and yard waste are picked up every other week. See subdivision recycling week color list on our website. All items must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on your regularly scheduled service day of your recycling week. Missed or delayed trash, recycling, or yard waste may be logged at [www.indiantrail.org/256/Solid-Waste-Service](http://www.indiantrail.org/256/Solid-Waste-Service)

**Questions? Call Waste Connections at 704.708.5872 Option 5**

For updates, visit [www.Facebook.com/IndianTrail](http://www.Facebook.com/IndianTrail) and [www.IndianTrail.org](http://www.IndianTrail.org) using the "Services" tab.

## August Bulk and E-Waste Pick-Up

**Town of Indian Trail**  
August Bulk Pick-up

**Green Recycling Weeks:**  
August 4-8

**Orange Recycling Weeks:**  
August 11-15

\*Items are picked up on your regular recycling day\*

Get ready for Bulk and E-Waste Pickup in August!

- Aug. 4-8 for Green Recycling Weeks
- Aug. 11-15 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.

## How to Properly Dispose of Used Motor Oil

You've taken the time to change the oil in your car, but what do you do with the old oil?

As a Union County resident, you have a couple of options. You can take it to local auto parts/maintenance stores that have the recycle oil symbol, similar to the one to the right. You can also take it to one of the Union County Recycling Centers. The Recycling Centers have a five gallon limit. For more information about the locations and hours, visit <https://www.unioncountync.gov/government/departments-r-z/waste-and-recycling>.



# Parks and Recreation: Upcoming Programs and Events

## National Night Out



Join us as we celebrate National Night Out! This is a great chance to meet and thank our amazing local first responders, connect with your neighbors, and enjoy an evening of fun games, activities for all ages, free hot dogs, and more! National Night Out is all about bringing our community together and building a safer, stronger neighborhood.

**Date:** Tuesday, August 5  
**Time:** 6-9 p.m.  
**Location:** Chestnut Square Park

## Coming in September!

- HITS After Six: Thursday, September 18, from 6-9 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park

## Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: Death and Deceit on the Nile

Join Indian Trail Parks and Rec and Matthews Playhouse for an unforgettable evening of suspense, comedy, and delicious food at a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, "Death and Deceit on the Nile."

You'll become a part of the action as you help solve a whodunit filled with twists and surprises. It's the perfect night out for friends, couples, and anyone who loves a good mystery.

### Performance Dates:

- Friday, August 8: Dinner at 6 p.m.; Performance at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, August 9: Lunch at 1 p.m.; Performance at 2 p.m.
- Saturday, August 9: Dinner at 6 p.m.; Performance at 7 p.m.

### Tickets:

- \$50 per person.
- Purchase online: <https://bit.ly/3GZdVou>

### Location:

James B. Crump VFW Post 2423  
 100 VFW Lane  
 Indian Trail, NC 28079

## August Blood Drive

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

**Date:** Friday, August 22  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Indian Trail Town Hall (315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road)  
**Register:**

- Visit <https://bit.ly/4lgaOrb>
- 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](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and click on Rapid Pass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

## Congratulations: July 4 Parade Float Winners!

*Town of Indian Trail  
July 4 Parade*

**MOST SPIRITED GROUP**  
**Indian Trail Athletic Association**

*Town of Indian Trail  
July 4 Parade*

**BEST WALKING GROUP**  
**Triple Threat Fencing Academy**

*Town of Indian Trail  
July 4 Parade*

**MOST CREATIVE**  
**Stegall Produce Market**

*Town of Indian Trail  
July 4 Parade*

**MOST RED, WHITE & BLUE**  
**Carolina Cruzin4Jeeps**

# 2025 Property Tax Bills



The Town of Indian Trail will mail property tax bills this month. Property owners will also receive 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 do 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.

## Contact Information

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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

## Help Protect our Waterways!

### Adopt-A-Stream Program

Waterways can accumulate trash due to rain washing and people dumping debris into the storm drainage system. The Town's Adopt-A-Stream program helps the Town keep our waterways clean. It is a volunteer-based program that allows our citizens to be involved in the community while providing valuable information to Town staff about stream conditions. It can be a great opportunity for HOAs, businesses, churches, sports associations, or scout groups to perform a social or team-building activity.



To participate in the Adopt-A-Stream program, volunteers are required to clean up a stream segment once a year for two years. We will supply all the materials you need and collect the trash you pick up. Once a group fulfills this requirement, the group qualifies to have its name on an Adopt-A-Stream road sign!

Of course, a citizen or group of citizens can also choose to hold one or more cleanups at a stream without the commitment of an Adopt-A-Stream contract. Town staff can help you coordinate this event and provide you with supplies.

### Storm Drain Marking

Just like the Adopt-A-Stream Program, this volunteer-based program helps protect waterways by educating the community on how storm drains connect to streams and lakes. Our goal is to mark every storm drain in the Town, and with your help, this could happen.

With this program, you can volunteer to install the markers yourself or recruit a group of people to help. All you need to do is to identify the streets or subdivisions you would like to mark and count how many storm drain frames they are.

### Contact Us to Get Involved!

If you would like to participate in either of these programs, contact the Engineering Department at 704-821-5401, and the staff will walk you through the process.

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