

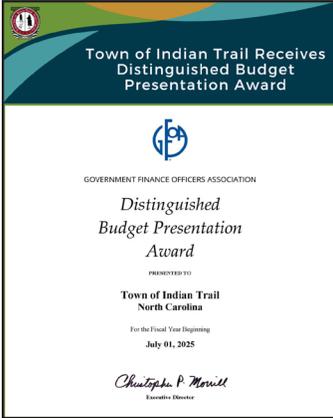
Town Hall Bulletin

TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

December 2025



Indian Trail Receives Budget Award for Third Year



The Town of Indian Trail received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 budget. The Town has received the award for the third consecutive year. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest recognition in governmental budgeting.

The Town first submitted a budget to GFOA for review with the FY 2023-2024 budget, and it received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the first time. It is exceedingly rare for a municipality to receive the award on the first submission of a budget.

Submitting a budget to the GFOA for award consideration is not required by law, but according to the GFOA, "The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation."

The GFOA assessed the Town's budget based on how well it serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. To receive the award, the Town's budget had to be rated proficient in those four categories and in the 14 mandatory criteria within them.

The web-based budget book includes a strategic plan, departmental pages with mission statements, objectives, goals, accomplishments, and performance measures, an overview of the budget process and financial policies, and Town demographics. It is also more user-friendly, with interactive charts, a glossary of terms, and in-depth explanations of the budgeting process. View the FY 2025-2026 budget at <https://town-indian-trail-nc-budget-book.cleargov.com/20644/introduction/budget-cover>.

Indian Trail to Swear in Two Council Members

On Nov. 4, Indian Trail residents voted to reelect Council Member Tom Amburgey to a four-year term. Voters also elected Marcus McIntyre to a four-year term. Mr. Amburgey was first elected in 2021, and Mr. McIntyre previously served on the Town Council from 2019 to 2023.

At the upcoming Dec. 9 meeting, the Town will swear in Mr. Amburgey and Mr. McIntyre, as well as select a Mayor Pro Tem, appoint committee assignments, and approve the 2026 Town Council meeting schedule. The Dec. 9 meeting will be the only one for the month.



Tom Amburgey



Marcus McIntyre

"On behalf of the Town, I would like to congratulate Council Member Amburgey and Mr. McIntyre on a successful election," said Town Manager Mike McLaurin. "Many great things are happening in Indian Trail, and we are eager to keep the Town moving forward."

December Meeting Dates*

3	PARC Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	16	Planning & Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
9	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	18	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	Wed 24	Thur 25	Fri 26	Sat 27
	Regular Collection Day	NO COLLECTION	Collection if your regular day is THURSDAY	Collection if your regular day is FRIDAY

To view the solid waste calendar, visit <https://bit.ly/3G2IUzJ>.



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 Thursday service will occur on Friday, and regular Friday service will occur on Saturday. View the Solid Waste calendar at <https://bit.ly/3G2IUzJ>.

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 info on recycling properly, check out these tips from the EPA at <https://www.epa.gov/recycle>.

Volunteer Opportunity: Storm Drain Marking

The Storm Drain Marking 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 identify the streets or subdivisions you want to mark and count how many storm drain frames there are.

If you would like to participate in this program, contact our Engineering Department at 704-821-5401.

Live Christmas Tree Disposal



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

Winterfest & Christmas Tree Lighting



Indian Trail's Winterfest is the perfect way to kickoff the holiday season! Enjoy some family-friendly winter fun, including photos with Santa, trackless train rides, snow sledding, free hot cocoa, market vendors, food trucks, and the tree lighting.

Date: Friday, Dec. 5

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Chestnut Square Park (320 Chestnut Parkway)

Sponsor: Ripple Fiber (<https://ripplefiber.com/>)

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 just before Old Monroe Road in the Food Lion parking lot. Don't miss this much-loved holiday tradition!

Date: Sunday, Dec. 7

Time: 4 p.m.

Location: Indian Trail Road

Holiday Heroes Toy Drive

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

Be a Holiday Hero! Brighten a child's holiday this year and donate new unwrapped toys at one of this year's drop-off locations through Dec. 3:

- Hemby Bridge Fire Department
- Stallings Fire Department
- Bakers Fire Department
- Union County Sheriff's Office (Main location and Indian Trail Division)
- Indian Trail Town Hall

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.



Welcome, New Businesses!

Infinite Hitting



Infinite Hitting provides expert guidance for every level of play for baseball and softball. They offer personalized coaching and support, state-of-the-art training areas, and specialized equipment to help players advance their skills and build confidence. Infinite Hitting also offers batting cage rentals and camps and clinics, personalizing the experience to meet all levels and needs.

Visit <https://infinitehitting.com/locations/north-carolina/indian-trail/> to learn more or stop by their location at 4002 Sardis Drive.

Indian Trail December American Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Date: Friday, Dec. 5

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

Location: Indian Trail Town Hall

Register:

-Visit <https://rcblood.org/3Lr58NZ>

-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. 5 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.

Town of Indian Trail Blood Drive
Register Today!



Friday, December 5
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Indian Trail Town Hall

Sign up:
<https://rcblood.org/3Lr58NZ>



GIVE SOMETHING
That Means
Something



2025 Property Tax Bills: Payment Due by Jan. 5 Without Penalty



Town of Indian Trail property tax bills were mailed in September. Property owners should have also received a separate tax bill from Union County.

While payments were statutorily due on Monday, Sept. 1, property tax bills are payable without interest until Monday, Jan. 5, 2026.

Escrowed bills are not mailed to the homeowner but are sent directly to the mortgage company instead. If you would like a copy of your tax bill, please contact the Tax Department at 704-821-5401.

If you appealed your recent property reappraisal with Union County but have not yet received a response, your tax bill will still reflect the reappraisal rate. If the County adjusts the appraised value of your home, they will inform the Town so we can adjust the value in our system and release the difference back to you.

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>.

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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

Facebook Live

A One-on-One with Town Manager Mike McLaurin

Join the Town of Indian Trail for a special Facebook Live on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m.

Mayor David Cohn will sit down for a one-on-one with Town Manager Mike McLaurin, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Town Manager McLaurin has been with the Town since August of 2020 and has spent 49 years in local government.

Mr. McLaurin joined the Town during the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and helped navigate those challenges while moving Indian Trail forward. We are grateful for his dedication, leadership, and guidance.

To recognize Mr. McLaurin's contributions to Indian Trail over the past five years, we want to spend this month's Facebook Live reflecting on his time with the Town, his career, what he's enjoyed the most, and what's coming next.

Mayor Cohn and Mr. McLaurin will also discuss plans for selecting a new Town Manager and what residents can look forward to in 2026.

Tune in to the Town's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/IndianTrail>) at 1 p.m. on Dec. 18. If you're unable to watch the live stream, the recording will stay on the Town's Facebook page for one month for future viewing.

If you have a question for the Town or Mr. McLaurin or would just like to wish him well, e-mail anb@indiantrail.org. You can also ask questions and make comments during the show, where they will be read and answered live.



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