

Town Hall Bulletin

TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

February 2026



Indian Trail Receives Clean Audit Report for FY 2024-2025

The Town of Indian Trail received a clean bill of financial health for fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025, 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. 13 regular meeting. The auditing team returned an unmodified (clean) audit report showing the Town's financial statements are materially correct for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2025. 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 Adam McLamb. "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 and to submit the audit report to the secretary of state's Local Government Commission. 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 looks at areas that might need special attention, such as weak internal structures or funding corrections, of which Indian Trail had none.

The full audit report can be found on the Town's website at <https://bit.ly/49F2Lzw>. If you have questions about the audit, please contact Finance Director Alicia Massey at 704-821-5401.



Indian Trail Begins Planning for FY 2026-2027 Budget

The Town of Indian Trail is in the beginning stages of preparing the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 Annual Budget.

Between now and the first budget workshop on Feb. 24, 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 Feb. 24 budget workshop begins at 5:15 p.m. All other budget workshops begin at 5 p.m. The meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Schedule

- **Feb. 24:** Budget Workshop 1 (Overview/Introduction)
- **March 10:** Budget Workshop 2 (Revenue, Governing Body, Admin, Legal, Communications/IT)
- **March 24:** Budget Workshop 3 (Parks & Rec, Sheriff's Office, Planning)
- **April 14:** Budget Workshop 4 (Public Works, Engineering, Powell Bill, Stormwater)
- **April 28:** Budget Workshop 5 (Finance/Tax, Debt Service, Capital Improvement Plan, HR)
- **May 12:** The Town Manager will present the recommended budget.
- **May 13:** 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 Library.
- **May 26:** Budget Public Hearing
- **June 10:** Budget Adopted

February Meeting Dates*

4	PARC Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	19	ABC Board, 6 p.m. @ABC Store (5880 U.S. 74)
10	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	19	Stormwater Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
17	Planning & Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	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.

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. 2-6 for Green Recycling Weeks
- Feb. 9-13 for Orange Recycling Weeks

Items will be picked up on your regular recycling day during that time. 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>.

Union County Solid Waste Trash Pass Program



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.

Town of Indian Trail
February Bulk Pick-up

Green Recycling Weeks: February 2-6	Orange Recycling Weeks: February 9-13
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Items are picked up on your regular recycling day



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.
- Tap 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.



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 wipe down surfaces, use washable rags.
- Create natural cleaning solutions using common household items like vinegar and baking soda.
- Explore if there are ways to reuse some of the items you plan to throw away.

Did You Know? Paper Recycling Facts

Cardboard (also known as corrugated) boxes can be recycled at least seven times and can be used to make new packaging boxes and even furniture. The best part is, recycling cardboard is easy. Almost all Americans have access to curbside recycling for their corrugated boxes or access to a recycling dumpster. Just make sure they are empty, dry, clean, and flattened.



The Harlem Wizards Return to Indian Trail

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 on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Sun Valley High School (5211 Old Charlotte Highway). Doors open at 6 p.m. and the fun begins at 7 p.m.!

Your teachers, coaches, and community stars will face off against these basketball legends in a game packed with laughter, excitement, and jaw-dropping moments.

Pre-sale tickets are required and can be purchased online at <https://bit.ly/4p6ORvK>. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Student tickets start at \$15 and General Admission tickets start at \$17. Reserved and Courtside Plus tickets can be purchased for an additional cost and include add-ons such as special seating, meet and greets, a team photo, and more!

Funds raised stay local to the community and support scholarships and other youth and student initiatives.



Welcome, New Businesses!

The Cigar Shop - On the Rocks



The Cigar Shop on the Rocks is the fifth Cigar Shop location and the second one in Indian Trail.

Located at 2914 Wesley Chapel Stouts Road in the Sun Valley area, The Cigar Shop on the Rocks not only features a wall-to-wall humidor stocked with an extensive cigar inventory, it also includes a spirits bar, indoor and outdoor seating, large-screen TVs, and more. It has everything you need to relax and enjoy a cigar.

Learn more about The Cigar Shop on the Rocks and all The Cigar Shop locations at <https://www.thecigarshop.com/>.

Badger Hauling



Locally owned and operated since 2023, Badger Hauling provides "discreet, white glove, affordable junk removal solutions throughout the Charlotte Metro area."

Service offerings include residential, commercial, yard waste, tire, and hot tub removal, dumpster rentals, construction clean up, help for hoarding situations, and more.

Badger Hauling is also community-minded, participating in many of the Town's events, including the July 4 and Christmas Parades.

Learn more at <https://www.badgerhauling.com/> or give them a call at 704-791-3590.

FY 25/26 Street Resurfacing

The following streets will be resurfaced as part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Resurfacing Contract:

- Keystone Court
- Sagebrush Bend
- Sandpiper Lane
- Streamlet Way
- Josey Lane
- Julie Avenue
- Navajo Trail
- E. Park Road
- Arundale Lane
- Delamere Drive
- Desborough Drive
- Minden Drive
- Sultana Lane
- Viscount Drive

The project will be put out to bid soon, and the work will begin in early spring.

The Town of Indian Trail continues to resurface and improve Town-owned roads with the goal of keeping our Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of all Town streets to an overall satisfactory rating. The Town selects the streets to be resurfaced annually based on a 1-100 scale rating system through our pavement condition survey, which is performed on a four-year cycle. As lower-rated roads are upgraded, ongoing resurfacing efforts can therefore focus on medium and higher-rated roads to provide and maintain a high-quality road network.

The Town PCI can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/ITpavementconditionsurvey>.



Review the Draft 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) has been preparing the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) since the summer of 2024, and the draft plan document is now ready for review.

This is the last opportunity for public input prior to adoption. Review the document and provide comments before Feb. 10, 2026, at 2055mtp.org or email comments to email@crtpo.org.

With the roadway and transit project list adopted in August 2025 and the draft of the report available, CRTPO wants your input on the report and other recommendations within the plan. The 2055 MTP website is home to several opportunities to share your thoughts and opinions on the draft 2055 MTP document before the CRTPO Board is scheduled to adopt the plan in March 2026:

- Watch virtual webinars that introduce the draft document and key takeaways from the planning process.
- View a list of community pop-up events at various locations across the planning area to provide feedback and ask questions.
- Make comments during the Feb. 18 and March 18 CRTPO Board meetings, located at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center (600 E. Fourth St., room 267). Those who wish to speak must sign up at least five minutes prior to the start of the meeting.



CRTPO
2055 Metropolitan
Transportation Plan
Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Walk, Roll, Bike, Drive, or Take Transit in
Iredell, Mecklenburg, or Union County?

Now inviting YOU to review
the Draft 2055 MTP!

Read the Draft MTP Document!

Participate in the public
comment period open from
January 12 through February 10!

Connect with us!

Learn more and provide
feedback at
2055MTP.org

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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 With Council Member Marcus McIntyre

Join Mayor David Cohn and Town Manager Adam McLamb for February's Facebook Live on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. This month, they'll talk with Council Member Marcus McIntyre.

Council Member McIntyre was first appointed to the Town Council in 2018 to fill the remaining term of an open Council seat. He ran for office in 2019 and was elected to a four-year term, during which time he also served as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member McIntyre chose not to run for reelection in 2023. He ran again in November 2025 and was elected to a four-year term.

During Facebook Live, they'll discuss Council Member McIntyre's goals over the next four year's, his vision for Indian Trail, and how the Town Council, business owners, and residents can work together for the betterment of our community.

Additionally, Town Manager McLamb 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 Council Member McIntyre or the Town, 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, visit the Town's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/IndianTrail>) at 11 a.m. on Feb. 26. 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.



Indian Trail
Facebook Live

Thursday, February 26
11 a.m.

DAVID COHN
Mayor

ADAM McLAMB
Town Manager

Special Guest: Council Member Marcus McIntyre

MARCUS MCINTYRE
Council Member
Town of Indian Trail

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