

Town Hall Bulletin

TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

March 2026



Budget Development Process and FY 27 Budget Overview

The Town of Indian Trail is in the process of developing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget, which will take effect July 1, 2026.

Budget Development Process in North Carolina

In North Carolina, fiscal year budgets operate from July 1 through June 30 each year. North Carolina's Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act (Chapter 159 of the NC General Statutes) outlines the fiscal requirements that local governments must follow in public budgeting and financial management.

For Council-Manager forms of local government, like Indian Trail, the Town Manager is the budget officer and must present a proposed balanced budget to the Town Council each year.

North Carolina Statutory Budget Calendar:

- Internal budget requests are due to the budget officer by April 30. Indian Trail's department budget requests were due Feb. 6.
- The Town Manager presents a budget to the public and governing board by June 1. Indian Trail's budget presentation is scheduled for May 12.
- A budget public hearing is held before the budget can be adopted. Indian Trail's budget public hearing is scheduled for May 26.
- The Council must approve the budget (or interim budget) by July 1. Indian Trail's budget adoption is scheduled for June 10.

Town of Indian Trail FY 2027 Budget Development

Indian Trail's budget consists of four separate funds:

- General Fund: Funds the daily operations of the Town, including personnel, supplies, utilities, etc.
- Stormwater Fund: Used to address stormwater issues and improve drainage.
- Powell Bill Fund: These funds are generally used for the annual street resurfacing contract.
- Debt Service/Capital Reserve: Used to pay for existing debt and fund larger scale projects with a multi-year life.

Since the beginning of the year, the Town Manager, Finance Department, and department directors have been working on budget requests, revenue forecasts, and estimated budget numbers in preparation for the first budget workshop, which was held on Feb. 24.

During the first budget workshop, Town Manager Adam McLamb and the Town Council discussed the Council's priorities for the FY 27 budget. Town Manager McLamb also provided a budget overview, which included historical trends, a five-year forecast, FY 27 early budget trends, and national, state, and local budget impacts. He and the Town Council also began capital improvement project discussions.

To view this and subsequent budget workshop presentations and recordings, visit <https://www.indiantrail.org/1862/Fiscal-Year-2027-Budget-Development>.

Next Steps

The Town of Indian Trail has four more budget workshops scheduled before the formal budget presentation on May 12. The next budget workshop is on March 10 at 5 p.m.

The community is encouraged to attend the budget workshops and provide input on the FY 27 budget by speaking during public comments at the beginning of the budget workshops or during the regular Council meetings, during the budget public hearing on May 26, or by contacting the Town staff or Town Council.



Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget Meetings

Town of Indian Trail: Join the Budget Conversation

Budget Workshop 1 February 24 5:15 p.m.	Budget Workshop 2 March 10 5:00 p.m.
Budget Workshop 3 March 24 5:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop 4 April 14 5:00 p.m.
Budget Workshop 5 April 28 5:00 p.m.	Budget Presentation May 12 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing May 26 6:30 p.m.	Budget Adoption June 10 6:30 p.m.



All meetings will be held at the Indian Trail Town Hall, 315 Matthews Indian Trail Road

March Meeting Dates*

10	Budget Workshop 2, 5 p.m.	24	Budget Workshop 3, 5 p.m.
10	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	24	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
17	Planning and Zoning 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



Spring Shred Day: Saturday, May 9, 2026

The Town of Indian Trail's annual Spring Shred Day is on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (or until the trucks are full) at the Indian Trail Town Hall (315 Matthews Indian Trail Road). The Shred Day is FREE and open to Indian Trail residents. The limit is five boxes per household.

What to Shred: Paper, folders, and hanging file folders.

What NOT to Shred: Hard drives, batteries, cell phones, laptops, CDs/DVDs/tapes, or hardback books.

For more information, visit <https://indiantrail.org/626/Shred-Day>.

Yard Waste Collection Tips and Guidelines

With spring quickly approaching, it will soon be time to clean up yards and flower beds.

Re-Use Yard Waste First

The Town of Indian Trail collects all types of yard waste; however much of this material can be managed at home and beneficially reused by residents. Utilization of mulching mowers for grass clippings and compost piles for leaves will yield healthier lawns, shrubs and gardens. If you do not wish to manage your own yard waste, the Town will collect the material every other week, opposite your recycling day, on your regular collection day.

How to Put Yard Waste Out for Collection

Brush and other trimmings should be stacked neatly next to the curb and should not obstruct the sidewalk or block storm drains. Branches and shrub trimmings should not exceed 4 feet in length and should be less than 4 inches in diameter.



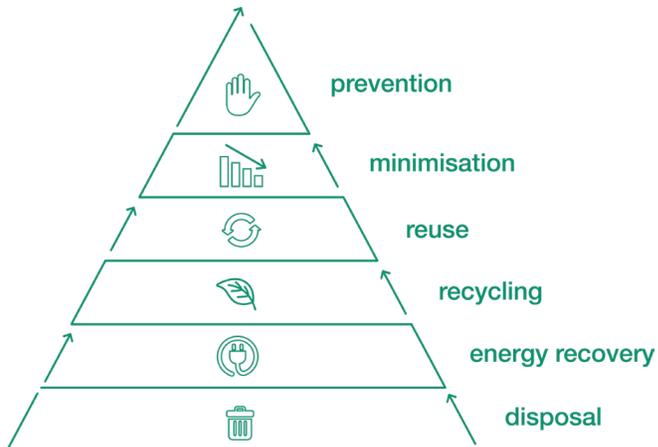
Leaf Collection

- Loose leaves placed at the curb are a violation of Town code and are subject to Code Enforcement and removal penalties.
- Expanded leaf collection (up to 25 bags per pick-up) will be provided during peak periods.
- Leaves should be placed in clear plastic or brown paper biodegradable bags weighing less than 35 pounds each. Bagged materials are collected bi-weekly on your regular waste collection day on the opposite week from when you put out your recycling.

Understanding the 3 Rs of Recycling

Understanding the importance of recycling means we must acknowledge its place in our wider waste management practices. As part of the waste management hierarchy, recycling is the final piece of the three Rs system—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

This means that, while recycling is highly important in the way we manage waste today, we should be looking toward the reduction and reuse of materials as the priority. Reducing the burden on the recycling industry is key to helping it work more effectively and efficiently.



Common Code Violation: Lawn Maintenance



With warmer temperatures and spring around the corner, grass will begin growing quickly. One of the most common code violations the Town sees is high grass.

Per the Town's Code of Ordinances, grass should be no taller than 12 inches.

Please remember to mow your grass, as lawn maintenance is important to the health, safety, and welfare of residents

and plays an important role in maintaining a quality neighborhood appearance.

If you see high grass in your neighborhood, report it to Code Enforcement at <https://indiantrail.org/198/How-to-Report-a-Code-Violation>.



Did You Know? Plastic Recycling Facts



What happens to recycled plastic containers? They can be used to make new plastic containers, but it doesn't stop there. Recycled plastic can also be used in creating other things like cell phone cases, playground equipment, clothes, and rugs.

Parks and Recreation: Upcoming Programs and Events

Touch A Truck



Police cars, fire trucks, construction equipment, a bubbly foam party, and more! Stop by Chestnut Square Park for a chance to explore more than 20 different vehicles. You'll be able touch, climb in, and even sound the sirens in these cool machines! Food trucks and other family-friendly activities will also be on site for a full day of fun!

Date: Saturday, March 7

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (From 1-2 p.m. there will be a silent hour with no lights or sirens)

Location: Chestnut Square Park (320 Chestnut Parkway)

Sponsors: Novant Health (<https://www.novanthealth.org/>) and Piedmont Natural Gas (<https://www.piedmontng.com>)

Abilities in Action



Abilities in Action is focused on supporting our adaptive community and dedicated to celebrating the abilities and achievements of individuals with special needs. This inclusive field day will provide a morning of fun, fitness, and friendship in a supportive and accessible environment. The event includes arts and crafts, games, sensory activities, vendors, giveaways, and local resources.

Date: Saturday, March 21

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

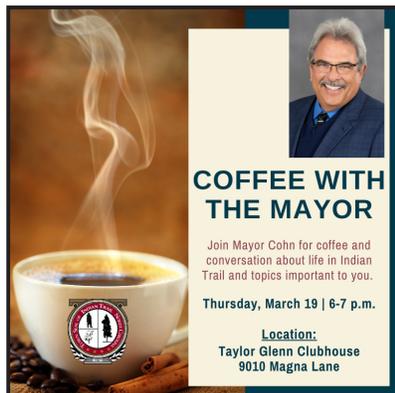
Location: Chestnut Square Park (320 Chestnut Parkway)

Coming in April!

- Friday Flicks and Family Camp Out: Friday, April 10, beginning at 6 p.m. at Crooked Creek Park
- HITS After Six: Thursday, April 16, from 6-9 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park
- Plantin' IT: Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park

Coffee with the Mayor

Join us for Coffee with the Mayor on Thursday, March 19, from 6-7 p.m. This month, we're meeting at the Taylor Glenn Clubhouse at 9010 Magna Lane.



All Indian Trail residents and business owners are invited to join Mayor Cohn for coffee and conversation about life in Indian Trail and the topics important to you.

Share your questions and concerns directly with Mayor Cohn in a comfortable and informal setting so we can work together for the benefit of our community.

The discussion is led by YOU. Topics can range anywhere from roads and infrastructure to public safety and upcoming events.

Is your neighborhood, HOA, or coffee shop interested in hosting a Coffee with the Mayor event? Or do you have a specific topic you'd like to discuss at the March Coffee with the Mayor? Contact Communications Director Abbey Ball at anb@indiantrail.org.

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 the more than 8,000 storm drains 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.

Welcome, New Business!

The Peach Cobbler Factory



The Peach Cobbler Factory in Indian Trail is under new ownership! Located at 1310 Wesley Chapel Road, Suite E, the Peach Cobbler Factory offers a delicious variety of cobblers, banana pudding, cookies, brownies, shakes, and more. Check out their full menu at www.peachcobblerfactory.com and then satisfy your sweet tooth with an in-person visit!

Facebook Live with the Mayor and the Manager

Guest: Taunji Falkenberg, Center Leader, NCWorks Career Center - Union County



Join Mayor David Cohn and Town Manager Adam McLamb for March's Facebook Live on Thursday, March 26, at 11 a.m.

This month, they'll talk with Taunji Falkenberg, Center Lead for the NCWorks Career Center - Union County, about the job market, and resources, tips, and services for job seekers and employers.

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 Ms. Falkenberg or the Town, 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 11 a.m. on March 26. If you're unable to watch the live stream, the recording will stay on the Town's Facebook page for 30 days for future viewing.

For more information about the NCWorks Career Center, visit <https://www.ncworks.gov/>.

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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

2026 United Senior Games & Silver Arts Registration Now Open

Calling all Union County residents 50 years or better! Registration is open for the 2026 United Senior Games and Silver Arts. Early bird registration for \$15 per person ends on Saturday, Feb. 28. The regular registration rate is \$17 per person and ends on March 21. The events will be held from March 27 - May 27 at various locations throughout Union County.

To register, visit <https://torch.ncseniorgames.org/>. Log in or create an account. Once you're signed in, select the events you want to participate in, and then make your registration payment.

Registration gives participants access to ALL the events, including the spectacular Opening and Closing Ceremonies!

Join Indian Trail Parks and Recreation and others across the county for a celebration of fun, fitness, and friendship!

Why should you sign up?

- Stay active with a variety of sports and activities.
- Enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded individuals.
- Indulge in a delightful meal and entertainment at the Closing Ceremony.

For more information, call 704-282-4657.

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