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The new Indian Trail Town Council: (from left) Mayor Michael Alvarez, Councilman Mark Wireman, Councilwoman Amy Stanton, Mayor Pro Tem David Cohn, Councilman Gary Savoie and Councilman Gordon Daniels.

New IT Town Council sworn into office

Two new faces officially joined the Indian Trail Town Council on Tuesday, Dec. 8, as Councilwoman Amy Stanton and Councilman Mark Wireman were sworn into office with family by their side. Also sworn in were returning elected officials, Mayor Michael Alvarez and Mayor Pro Tem David Cohn.

Those four are joined on council by Councilmen Gordon Daniels and Gary Savoie, who were elected

in 2013.

"I am excited to work with the new council and find solutions to any issue the residents of Indian Trail are faced with and shape a vision of our town to which its citizens find agreeable," Alvarez said.

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Scott Kaufhold named IT Interim Town Manager

Scott Kaufhold, Indian Trail's Director of Engineering and Public Works, was appointed as Indian Trail's Interim Town Manager on Tuesday, Dec. 8, by the Indian Trail Town Council.

Kaufhold, who has worked with the Town of Indian Trail for eight years, has served as a representative on the MUMPO Tech-

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Reminder: Get a dog park pass

The Crooked Creek Park Dog Park is now open, but before you visit with your pups you must swing by the IT Cultural Arts Center and get a park pass. The pass application will require proof of each pet's rabies vaccination certificate, bordetella and an official updated list of distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvo and parainfluenza records in order to keep all visiting pets healthy. Visit the town office at 130 Blythe Drive to obtain a pass. Call 704-821-8114 for more information.



IT seeks to make new Town Hall more efficient

The Indian Trail Town Council has directed Town staff to seek out ways to ensure the new Indian Trail Town Hall is as cost-effective and efficient as possible, as work to erect the building continues.

Interim Town Manager Scott Kaufhold and staff will discuss potential interior changes with the building architect in order to guarantee the best usage of space in the nearly 20,000-square-foot building, and to ensure taxpayer dollars are being spent as efficiently as possible on the project.

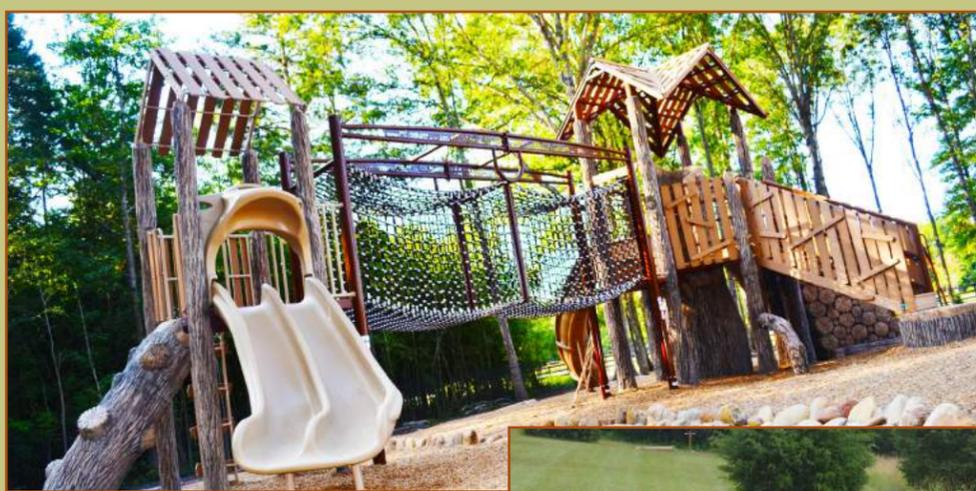
The exterior frame of the building is currently being put into place.

Grant to add splash pad, more at Crooked Creek

The Indian Trail Parks and Recreation Department has received a North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant, which will support the Town's mission to create a splash pad, disc golf course and additional amenities at Crooked Creek Park.

Planning discussions for the new additions began in January.

"We are very proud to have received a PARTF grant from the North Carolina Division of Parks & Recreation," Indian Trail Parks and Recreation Director Jason Tryon said. "Not only will it allow us to make Crooked Creek Park even better for our residents by building these amenities without costing residents any additional funds, but it is a validation on the state level of all the hard work we've done and plan on doing at Crooked Creek. This grant will go a long way toward making the park even more of a destination for Indian



The grant will go toward adding a splash pad near the Crooked Creek Park playground, in addition to a disc golf course and other additions around the park.

Trail and the surrounding community."

The grant, from the North Carolina Division of Parks & Recreation, is in the amount of \$156,400. Funds will go toward a number of projects, including a nature-themed splash pad – where children will be able to run through plumes of spraying water and cool off on hot summer days while engaging in the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous play every day. A final design for the splash pad has not been determined, though the



amenity is expected to be built near the current playground and restrooms at Crooked Creek.

"The splash pad will meet the needs of all developmental levels and center

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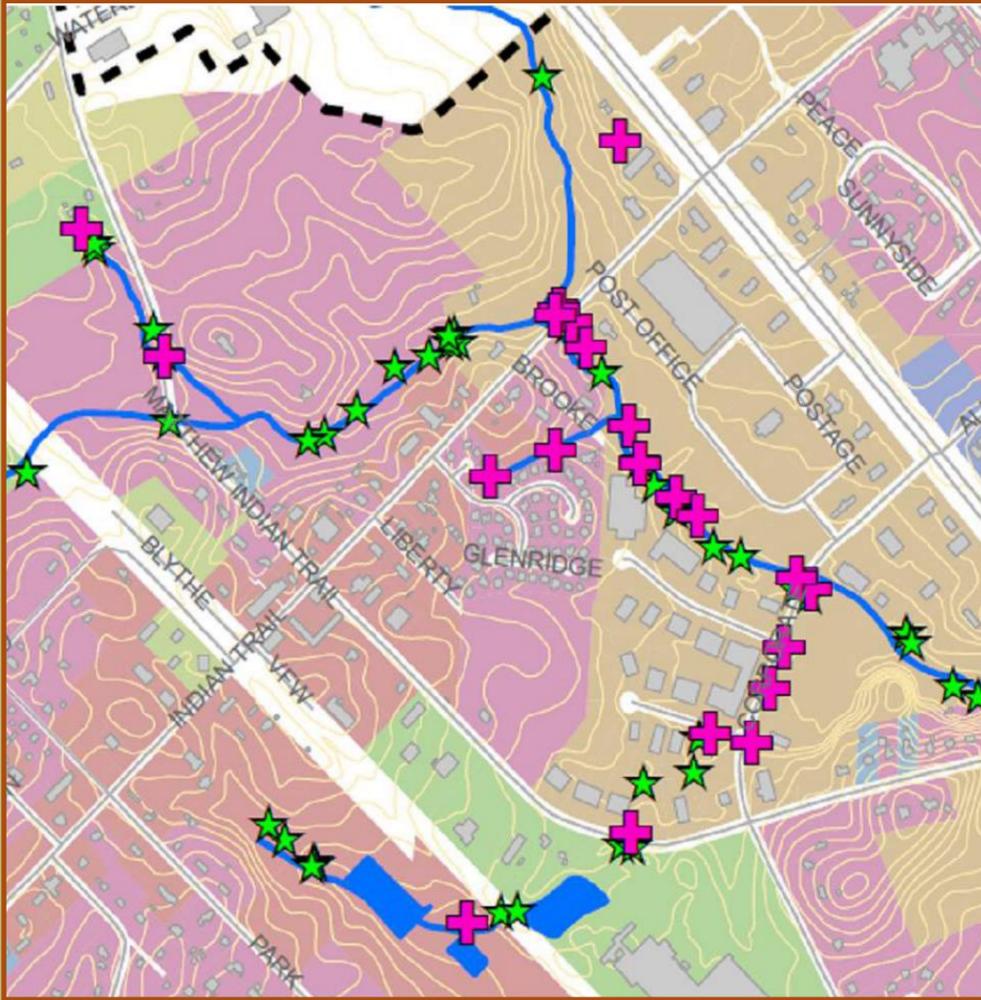
Another Stormwater Permit Project Undertaking

Last month we discussed the physical mapping update of the storm drain system currently underway by a consulting engineering firm. This month we have a second stormwater permit related project that picks up where the first project leaves off.

This effort is called the "Channel Outfall Inventory and Dry Weather Screening". The purpose is to locate, identify, and eliminate discharges into our creeks that damage water quality standards. Keep in mind that what enters our creeks is eventually processed for other's drinking water several miles downstream. Our goal is to improve water quality and this project is one of the methods employed by the Town to be in compliance with

regional standards.

If you have any questions or would like additional information concerning this or any other stormwater related issue, please contact the Engineering Department at 704-821-1314.



Taking the Oath



Mayor Michael Alvarez is sworn in with the help of a local World War II veteran.



Mayor Pro Tem David Cohn is sworn in with his wife and daughter by his side.



Councilwoman Amy Stanton is sworn in with a number of family members by her side.



Councilman Mark Wireman is sworn in with his wife by his side.



Christmas in IT

A big Thank You goes out to everyone who made the IT's A Wonderful Life Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting a big success! To those who lined the streets and cheered, those who donated toys for Holiday Heroes, all the volunteers and everyone else, THANK YOU for making it a special day! (Above) Mayor Michael Alvarez fires up the crowd before lighting the Crossing Paths Park Christmas tree.



Council Corner - Dec. 8

The "Council Corner" section of the IT Factor is the place to go for updates on all that occurred at the most recent Indian Trail Town Council meeting.

- Outgoing-Councilman David Drehs was honored for his service to the Town during his last meeting as a councilman.
- Mayor Michael Alvarez, Mayor Pro Tem David Cohn, Councilwoman Amy Stanton and Councilman Mark Wireman were sworn into office. Cohn was reappointed as Mayor Pro Tem.
- Councilwoman Amy Stanton was appointed as representative to the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization, with Mayor Michael Alvarez serving as the alternate.
- Mayor Pro Tem David Cohn was appointed representative to the Centralina Council of Governments.
- Councilman Mark Wireman was appointed as representative to the Alliance for South Charlotte Communities.
- Mayor Michael Alvarez was appointed as representative to the North Carolina League of Municipalities.
- Council approved the meeting schedule for 2016, with meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month other than July and December, when there will be one meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.
- Council approved tax refunds for overpayment of taxes greater than \$500.
- Council approved the Professional Service Agreement with Woolpert North Carolina, PLLC to update the Crooked Creek Park Master Plan.
- Council approved a Budget Amendment to transfer \$4,025 from Community Events to Christmas Event.
- Council adopted a Golf Cart Ordinance to allow for golf carts to be driven on some Indian Trail roadways. A full copy of the ordinance is available online at www.indiantrail.org and at the Town Administrative Building.
- Council announced there is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment.
- Council approved the Duke Energy Easement Agreement for the Indian Trail Town Hall site.
- Council approved asking Town staff to research and prepare a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to include requirements for school impact analysis on proposed projects.
- Council disbanded the Economic Development Advisory Committee, with plans to consider reforming a committee following the January strategic planning meeting once new bylaws for the committee are adopted.
- Council agreed to modify town committee membership rules so that an individual can only serve on two committees at one time.
- Council agreed that water and coffee will be provided for residents during future Town Council meetings.
- Council agreed to have a Christmas Party held for Town staff, members of the Indian Trail Bureau of the Union County Sheriff's Office and others interested in attending.
- Council agreed to begin efforts to examine costs of releasing Closed Session meeting minutes from past Indian Trail Town Council meetings.
- Council appointed Director of Engineering and Public Works Scott Kaufhold to the position of Indian Trail Interim Town Manager.
- Council agreed to a settlement with Boggs Paving for a past project.
- Council directed Town staff to prepare a Request For Proposals (RFP) for a fiscal financial audit to take place.
- Council directed staff to look at ways to make the Indian Trail Municipal Complex more efficient and cost effective as the project moves forward.
- Council agreed to add a Council Corner to the IT Factor, and to reduce the number of printed issues of the IT Factor to four – once a quarter. Additional IT Factors will be posted to www.indiantrail.org and emailed to those interested.
- Council agreed to host a monthly Town Hall meeting to allow residents an additional opportunity to provide feedback about Town initiatives.
- Council agreed to allow residents to pose questions to council members during public comments.

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nical Coordinating Committee, Stormwater Advisory Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee, in addition to his professional memberships in the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Public Works Association and Southeast Stormwater Association. He is a NC Registered Professional Engineer and obtained his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

"For many years, Scott has loyally served the Town of Indian Trail and its citizens," Indian Trail Mayor Michael Alvarez said. "His experience and leadership ability will prove to be valuable assets during this time of transition. Furthermore, employing an engineer as the Interim Town Manager will ensure that all projects will move along efficiently and Town business will transition smoothly. I would like to thank him for his service and accepting this responsibility."

Added Mayor Pro Tem David Cohn, "We are excited to have Scott as our Interim Town Manager. His many years of experience with the town along with his relationships with the Department of Transportation and the county make him a solid choice to lead our town. He also is well respected and liked by his peers. We are very pleased to have Scott as our Interim Town Manager."

Kaufhold's time with Indian Trail has included a number



Interim Town Manager Scott Kaufhold

of responsibilities, including administering the Town's Capital Improvement Program – including supervision of planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction, as well as work that involves developing and implementing a five-year Powell Bill program. Kaufhold also is responsible for coordinating traffic and transportation issues with surrounding jurisdictions and serving as the Town's Stormwater Administrator and Floodplain Administrator, among other responsibilities.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity and eager to continue moving Indian Trail forward," Kaufhold said. "We've turned a new page in Indian Trail, and we're going to work hard to continue to make this a place that residents and businesses are happy to call home."

Kaufhold takes over for Kelley Southward, who was named Interim Town Manager in November following the resignation of Joe Fivas, who served as town manager for five years. Southward remains the Indian Trail Town Clerk.

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around inclusive play," Tryon said. "Providing zero-entry play areas and no standing water, splash pads add a safe and fun water feature to a park or community, while waterplay helps develop hand-eye coordination for children."

Grant funds also will support the construction of a disc golf course. The sport, which is growing in popularity across the country, is played similar to traditional golf with a course including a number of holes of different difficulty and a designated number of attempts to reach each hole – but instead of using a club and ball, the player will use discs (like Frisbees) and throws them to get inside an elevated basket. The Indian Trail course will be 18 holes, and

popular disc golf company Innova, along with the Charlotte Disc Golf Club, will help with the design.

"One of the benefits of adding this amenity is the availability for all ages to enjoy, and it's free," Tryon said of the disc golf course. "The Town will provide youth programming and lessons to help educate the residents on this popular sport."

Outdoor Fitness Equipment will be another key addition to Crooked Creek Park. The equipment employs the body's mass for resistance and can be enjoyed by all ages, regardless of the user's fitness level. Different types of equipment include muscle training, aerobic and core pieces. There also is a wide variety of wheelchair-accessible units that are available to be installed. This equipment will be free to use and available to everyone while providing the

public with a more relaxed setting without the need for prior experience. The grant also will support the expansion of the park's current paved walking trail by adding an additional 2,000 feet for all to enjoy.

Crooked Creek Park, at 5900 Oakwood Lane, opened in the spring of 2015 and includes a baseball/softball complex with four fields and a scorer's tower with concession stand, a shaded playground with zip line and additional unique amenities, a walking trail and more. A two-section dog park opened in December. The Indian Trail Town Council recently approved taking the next steps on creating a master plan to map out future additions for Crooked Creek Park and a public forum on the plan was held on Jan. 6. Suggestions for additions ranged from more enhanced walking trails to a fishing pond and a Miracle League field.

We want to hear from you!



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- Union County Sewer and Water Services: 704-296-4210
 Union County Public Schools: 704-296-9898
 Union County Sheriff's Office (IT Division): 704-684-6380
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- Hemby Bridge Fire Department: 704-882-2100
 - Baker's Fire Department: 704-289-2741
 - Stallings Fire Department: 704-821-7100

Contact Your Council!



Pictured above from left to right: Mayor Michael Alvarez, Councilman Mark Wireman, Councilwoman Amy Stanton, Mayor Pro Tem David Cohn, Councilman Gary Savoie and Councilman Gordon Daniels.

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Any mail to the Mayor or Town Council Members should be addressed as follows:

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Monthly Board & Committee Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held in the Indian Trail Civic Building unless otherwise noted. The Indian Trail Civic Building is located at 100 Navajo Trail. The Indian Trail Administrative Building is located at 130 Blythe Drive.

- Town Council - 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Board - 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
- Tree Board - 3rd Tuesday, immediately following the Planning Board meeting
- Board of Adjustment - 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Advisory - 1st Monday, 7:30 a.m.
- ABC Board - 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at ABC Store
- Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural (PARC) - 1st Wednesday, 6 p.m.
- Transportation - 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m. (Indian Trail Administrative Building)
- Stormwater - 2nd Thursday, 6 p.m., Bi-monthly starting in January (Admin Building)
- Public Safety - 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

What's happening in IT ?

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