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November 2015

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Crooked Creek's dog park to open this month

As opening of the Crooked Creek Dog Park nears, now is the time to fill out your application for a pass for your pets.

Patrons will be required to obtain a dog park pass – which is free for all Indian Trail residents – to ensure the safety and wellbeing of pets and owners who visit. Passes for non-residents will cost \$50, and application information will be available at the Indian Trail Administrative Building, Cultural Arts Center and online.

The dog park will be only the second dog park constructed in western Union County. It's expected to quickly become a big hit.

"We know people in Indian Trail are used to having to travel if they want to spend some off-leash time with their



dogs, but that won't be the case for much longer," Indian Trail Parks and Recreation Director Jason Tryon said. "We expect the dog park to be a big hit, and we're happy to be able to provide that amenity to our residents."

The dog park will be located at Crooked Creek Park, at 5900 Oakwood Lane. Patrons will take the first right at the roundabout once entering Crooked Creek Park to reach the dog park. Each patron is limited to three

trail, Crooked Creek Park is definitely a dog-friendly destination."

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Looking for some Holiday Heroes

We're holding out for a hero in Indian Trail – and anyone can step up to the challenge.

The Holiday Heroes program is up and running again this year, and new, unwrapped toys are needed to help make Christmas that much brighter for local children. Toys will be accepted at the Indian Trail Cultural Arts Center up until the day of the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting on Dec. 6. Toys will also be accepted at the Heroes locations – the Bakers, Hemby Bridge, Stallings and Wesley Chapel fire departments and the Indian Trail Bureau of the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Local businesses can also sign up to be a designated dropoff point by emailing Susan Didier at sdidier@admin.indiantrail.org. Toys will be given to nearby families in need for the holidays.

"We're very excited to be taking part in Holiday Heroes again this year," Didier, the Indian Trail Community Development Specialist, said. "Our local Heroes do such a good job in taking care of our Indian Trail families, and we're honored to be able to help out in any way we

See "Holiday Heroes" on page 2 for more

Never too early to think about Christmas!

An award-winning Christmas parade float isn't something for which you wait until the last minute to build. This is why you need to start thinking today about how you want to take part in the IT's A Wonderful Life Christmas Celebration festivities on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Indian Trail's Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting are rapidly approaching. The

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Crews to work on closed storm drain inventory mapping

The Town of Indian Trail is a Phase II stormwater community, meaning we must have a permit from the state to discharge stormwater runoff into the creeks and waterways. Stormwater is rain that washes off houses, driveways, parking lots and other hardened surfaces. It picks up pollution such as detergents, yard wastes, pet waste, trash, and leaking fluids from cars and washes them into creeks and streams.

The first National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for stormwater was issued to Indian Trail in 2005. NPDES permits are valid for five years. The Town was issued its second permit in 2011. Under the current permit the Town is required to complete seven minimum measures ranging from Public Outreach and Education to Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping. The Town strives to complete these measures in multiple ways: civic presentations, publications, ordinances and policies, stormwater system inventory mapping, construction inspections, and municipal construction projects.

The Town has contracted with S&ME, an engineering consulting firm, to perform the second round of Closed Storm Drain Inventory mapping. This work will take place in various locations throughout the Town from October 2015 through



February 2016. While performing the work, S&ME will be using 2-3 person teams, in a well-marked vehicle. When out of the vehicle the team members will be wearing safety vests, carrying clip boards and surveying equipment. Teams will follow drainage systems within public storm drain easements from where stormwater enters a closed pipe system to where they empty into creeks and waterways. S&ME will submit, upon completion of the work, a fully updated town-wide closed storm drain system inventory, roadway culvert inventory, and a water quality and detention facility inventory.

Contact the Town of Indian Trail Engineering Department at 704-821-1314 if you have any questions.

A Plethora of Arts!



Soggy weather may have interrupted this year's Cultural Arts Festival, but not before a bunch of kids got to have fun thanks to some of Indian Trail's most creative artists and businesses.





Holiday Heroes

Brighten a Child's Holiday

DONATE

New, Unwrapped toys

HERE

* All donations will be given to children in Indian Trail

Or bring your donations to

it's A Wonderful Life

Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting

Sunday, Dec. 6, starting at 3 p.m. in Downtown Indian Trail

And get YOUR PICTURE with SANTA

Sponsored By

Hemby Bridge Fire Department
Wesley Chapel Fire Department
Indian Trail Division of the UCSO

Stallings Fire Department
Bakers Fire Department
Town of Indian Trail



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can to make Christmas great for our neighbors."

Toys are needed for boys and girls, ages infant to teen. Fire and law enforcement officials will coordinate with families in need to ensure they receive the gifts in time for the holidays.



Julia Zweifel named Indian Trail Community Engagement Coordinator

Julia Zweifel is the Town of Indian Trail's new Community Engagement Coordinator – a role which will allow her to work closely with residents, businesses and other organizations to increase input and involvement in Town business.

Zweifel comes to Indian Trail from the Town of Pineville, where she worked as a planner. With a bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and a master's in city planning from Clemson, Zweifel has a passion for working at the local level to make the lives of local residents better.

"I wanted to work in the foreign service in Washington, D.C., but I realized quickly that working with a local government is better because you can see more closely the importance of what you are doing and the impact it can have," Zweifel said. "It felt much more worthwhile for me."

Zweifel picked Indian Trail for her new home because of where she sees the town going in the next few years.

"I liked that Indian Trail is growing, and that it has an Economic Development Department that will allow me

to get out and meet people and have an immediate impact," she said.

Zweifel has already started work in the community, and won't be spending much time at her desk. This new position for the Town will help bridge the gap of communication between residents, businesses and the town staff. Zweifel's focus will be on building relationships with our HOAs, schools, civic groups, non-profit groups and local businesses. Her position falls within the Community and Economic Development Department.

"With Julia here, I am really excited to see how we can improve our communications with the residents and businesses and better get our information out there to the public," said Kelly Barnhardt, Director of Community and Economic Development. "She will truly be a go-to liaison for many in our community and she has a good understanding of how municipal government works already and that is key."

Zweifel's first day was Oct. 19. She can be reached at jjzweifel@admin.indiantrail.org.

The Town of Indian Trail is excited to welcome these new and soon-to-arrive businesses to the area:

- **Zaxby's**, coming to Independence Boulevard.
- **Sabor Latin Street Grill**, 14039 U.S. 74.
- **Papa Murphy's**, 14035 E. Independence Blvd.
- **Murphy USA gas station**, in the Walmart parking lot.
- **Ivy Nail Spa**, 6443 Old Monroe Road.
- **The Trail House**, at 6751 Old Monroe Road.
- **L&L Tire Shop and Services**, at 5003 W. U.S. 74.
- **Bennetts Heating and Air Conditioning**, 4824 Unionville-Indian Trail Road.
- **Cactus Rose Cafe**, 633 Indian Trail Road S.
- **NCDMV License Plate Agency**, 14015 E. Independence Blvd.



WELCOME WAGON

- **Sports Fanatics**, 5850 E. U.S. 74
- **Popeye's Chicken**, U.S. 74 and Indian Trail Road.
- **Glamour Beauty Salon**, 4305 Old Monroe Road.
- **Daniel Enterprises**, 1070 Van Buren Ave.
- **Carolina Masonry and Concrete**, 171 Associates Lane.
- **Purdy Enterprises**, 1070 Van Buren Ave.
- **Scotts Lawn Service**, 3037 Eaton Ave.
- **Driven Performance LLC**, 5523 Orr Road.



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parade will begin on Dec. 6 at 3 p.m., with floats lining up on Post Office Drive and spectators grabbing a bit of grass along Indian Trail Road. The Indian Trail Cultural Arts Center will play host to music, fun and games leading up to the parade and afterward, Santa and Mrs. Claus are scheduled to make their arrival around 4:30 p.m. Children will be able to get a free picture taken with the Christmas couple, and there will be hot cocoa, carolers and festivities for all.

"While we're still putting the final touches on everything that will be

included in our celebration, I can say that there is going to be something for everyone at the event," Indian Trail Community Development Specialist Susan Didier said. "Families with young children will especially find this to be a festival they won't want to miss!"

The Indian Trail Tree Lighting will take place at dusk at Crossing Paths Park, located on Blythe Drive. The day will include a number of contests and family-friendly activities – more information on which will be posted to the town's website, www.indiantrail.org, and on Facebook in the coming days.

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Completed dog park applications should be returned to the Indian Trail Administrative Building, Cultural Arts Center or signed, scanned and then emailed to Tryon at jtryon@admin.indiantrail.org. Applicants will be contacted shortly afterward regarding their dog park pass.

Here are some things to know about the new dog park:

- There is NO COST for Indian Trail residents to use the dog park. Non-residents must purchase an annual \$50 pass for one dog, or a multi-dog pass for \$50 plus \$25 for each additional pet.
- The dog park will include TWO SECTIONS – one for large dogs and another for smaller dogs for a fun, size-appropriate experience for all visitors.
- Visitors will be required to fill out AN APPLICA-

TION to obtain their dog park pass. The 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.

- VOLUNTEERS are always welcome at the dog park and other Indian Trail Parks and Recreation facilities. Contact Jason Tryon at jtryon@admin.indiantrail.org for further questions.

- Crooked Creek Park is located at 5900 Oakwood Lane, near Sardis Elementary School and Unionville-Indian Trail Road, and includes a softball/baseball complex, one mile of running/walking/biking trails

and an all-natural playground with shelter. This will be Union County's second dog park. The dog park is expected to open by Nov. 30.



We want to hear from you!

it Key Contacts



IT Administrative Services: 704-821-5401

- Town Manager: townmanager@admin.indiantrail.org
- Town Clerk: ksouthward@admin.indiantrail.org
- Revenue Collector: amassey@admin.indiantrail.org
- IT Planning Department: rburhans@planning.indiantrail.org
- IT Engineering: sjk@engineering.indiantrail.org
- Public Works: mwright@engineering.indiantrail.org
- Stormwater Department: ajm@engineering.indiantrail.org
- Human Resources Department: cwarner@admin.indiantrail.org
- Economic Development: kbarnhardt@admin.indiantrail.org
- Recreation Program Coordinator: kkeller@admin.indiantrail.org
- Parks & Recreation Department: jtryon@admin.indiantrail.org
- Events Coordinator: sdidier@admin.indiantrail.org
- Cultural Arts Center: sdidier@admin.indiantrail.org
- Communications Coordinator: mparks@admin.indiantrail.org

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

Fire Departments:

- 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: Councilman Christopher King, Mayor Michael Alvarez, Councilman Gordon Daniels, Councilman David Drehs, Mayor Pro Tem David Cohn and Councilman Gary Savoie

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

Town of Indian Trail
Attention: (Mayor/Council Member)
P.O. Box 2430
Indian Trail, NC 28079

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. (Indian Trail Administrative Building)
- Public Safety - 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

What's happening in IT ?

Sign-up for Citizen e-Notifications!

Are you interested in what's going on in Indian Trail? As a resident you have a right to know what is happening in your community! Keep up with new businesses, upcoming events, council and committee meetings, publications and other town happenings by signing up to receive Citizen e-Notifications!

The e-notification is a FREE subscription based email - your information remains confidential, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Sign up NOW! Here's how:

- Go to www.indiantrail.org
- Click on the "Citizen e-Notification" tab on the left side of the homepage
- Click on "Click here to subscribe"
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