



## Town Hall coming into shape for 2017 opening

Indian Trail residents are moving closer to having a new home for government services as the Town Hall continues to rise on Matthews-Indian Trail Road.

The building, located across the street from the Town's Chestnut Square Park, will house all Town of Indian Trail offices, the Indian Trail Town Council meeting chambers and community center space for residents and civic groups to use, among other features. The building is scheduled to be opened in mid-August of 2017.

"Things are moving forward quickly on the new Town Hall, and we are very excited to be able to open the building to the public next year," Indian Trail Director of Engineering and Public Works Patrick Sadek said.

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## Building towns a box at a time

The Indian Trail Planning Department got into the education business recently, helping make future planners at Union Preparatory Academy and Sardis Elementary.

The team worked with second-graders on the Box City program - where students make tiny box versions of their favorite area establishments and members of the planning department show the kids where would be best to place them around a town depending on traffic, neighborhoods and other factors. The students learned about some of the decisions Indian Trail planners make every day and why businesses, homes and infrastructure are built where they are.

"The kids always ask such great questions about how their communities are formed," said Indian Trail Planning Department Director Rox Burhans (pictured). "It's great to see their excitement about making communities the best they can be."



## New toys at Chestnut Square, Crooked Creek

Noticed some new additions at your favorite parks? That's because we're working to bring even more fun to Indian Trail Parks and Recreation facilities.

Two of our newest additions are the colorful PlayPrints images at Chestnut Square Park and the musical instruments in the playground of Crooked Creek Park. Both additions are open and ready for kids to come out and play.

The PlayPrints - which include hopscotch sunflowers and colorful Four Square game boards painted on the sidewalks around Chestnut Square - is a statewide effort to get kids excited about being more active and imaginative during their playtime. The

Town of Indian Trail worked together with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina and the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association to bring the images to Chestnut Square, and they were added around the park in early November.

"These prints are a great way to get even more use out of the park, since they essentially are turning some of our sidewalks into five new play areas. I think the kids are going to get a real kick out of it," Indian Trail Parks and Recreation Director Jason Tryon said.

PlayPrints will be popping up at open

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## Town of Indian Trail Holiday Hours:

**Closed 1 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 22**

**Closed Dec. 23-27**

**Closed Jan. 2**

**Have a happy holidays!**





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## Don't burn those leaves!

As falling leaves continue to make a mess in your front yard, please remember that the burning of yard waste - including leaves and tree trimmings - is prohibited in Indian Trail. But, there is an easy alternative provided by the Town to get your yard back in shape before family comes over for the holidays!

The Town provides residential yard waste collection every other week (on the day your recycling is picked up). To take advantage of the program, residents must collect their leaves into clear plastic or brown paper biodegradable bags that weigh less than 35 pounds each. The bags should be stacked neatly next to the curb and should not obstruct the sidewalk or block storm drains. Additionally, the Town is providing expanded leaf collection during the current peak period of up to 50 bags per pick-up.

Leaves cannot be placed loosely at the curb, pushed into the gutter/storm drains or burned. Doing so will result in a violation of Town code with the individual subject to Code Enforcement and removal penalties. Also, leaves that are put into the storm drainage system can cause blockages that result in street flooding and property damage in your neighborhood.

play spaces over the next two years as part of BCBSNC's Get Outside North Carolina! (GO NC!) program. Go NC! builds healthy and active lifestyles through the advancement of greenway systems, increased access to public bicycles and the overall promotion of outdoor physical activity.

Over at Crooked Creek Park, the kids are playing to a different beat - literally! The Alto Package is a quartet comprised of the Duo Cupla - offering both aluminum and fiberglass notes, a towering set of three Emperor Chimes,

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Interior and exterior wall framing is ongoing, and work will continue to take place so the interior of the building - including the three Community Rooms - come into shape. There are currently few such community meeting spaces available for reservation around town, and Council and Town staff have worked to create extra room for residents to use inside the new building. Community Rooms will be located on the building's first floor, while the roughly 100-seat Town Council chamber will be located upstairs on the second floor and greatly enhance the available space so more residents can feel comfortable attending Council and Committee meetings.

"We hope that the expanded Council chamber and the addition of Community

the Alto Diatonic Freechimes and a complete Congas Trio. If all that sounds like a different language to you, just know there's a little something for everyone depending on their musical talents - including three separate drum units you play with your hands as well as units with and without mallets. The instruments are set up so kids can play by themselves, or join together into the Crooked Creek Park Band - it doesn't require any special skill to play, just an appreciation of making some noise!

Stay tuned to the Town's website, [www.indiantrail.org](http://www.indiantrail.org), for more on the latest items added to our parks.

Center space allow residents a greater opportunity to engage with us and take part in meetings and events," Indian Trail Town Manager Scott Kaufhold said. "This is your building, Indian Trail, and we want you to take advantage of that by using the Community Rooms and attending Council meetings to give us the feedback we need on moving the Town forward."

Residents will see the exterior siding of the building completed soon, while interior work will remain. A page has been established under the Community Highlights section of [www.indiantrail.org](http://www.indiantrail.org) for residents to stay up to date on the project's progress. Once completed, Town offices will move from the Admin Building on Blythe Drive to the new building, as will uses currently held at the Cultural Arts Center and Civic Building located on Navajo Drive.

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