

# the **it** factor

September 2015

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## Community getting Municipal Complex



What's now a vacant field across the street from Chestnut Square Park will soon transform into the hub for community involvement and engagement in Indian Trail.

With no tax increase anticipated in the future, the Indian Trail Town Council has approved construction of a municipal complex which will house a large community meeting space in addition to being the home to other resident services such as permitting and Town Hall. The center will be located off Matthews-Indian Trail Road in an area that also will include the Town Square and a Veterans Memorial, as well as walking trails, a fountain and picnic and play areas. The complete package, once finished, will give Indian Trail residents and visitors in town a place to gather.

"At the heart of this project is our desire to give residents a place to come together and engage with one another - we hope every resident will find a way to use this center," said Indian Trail Town Manager Joe Fivas. "We want everyone from Girl Scout troops to homeowners associations to senior advocacy groups to have a place they know belongs to them, something they can



(Above) A map shows the planned location of the Municipal Complex project off Matthews-Indian Trail Road near Chestnut Square Park and the town's current administrative building.

### Highlights of your new community building

- Will include Community Center, Town Hall, public meeting space & other residential services
- Open for community meetings, senior programs, educational seminars and more
- No tax increase is anticipated in the future; locked in at low interest rate
- To be built alongside Town Square, Veterans Memorial, pocket park and walking trails

be proud of. This center and everything to be built around it will be a place people can come work, play, learn and more, and that's something Indian Trail has needed for a long time."

Once final approval is given, crews will break ground on the project this fall, and a groundbreaking ceremony will be announced in the near future. From there, construction is estimated to take approximately 12 months. The Construction Manager at Risk, Edifice, submitted a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$7.98 million for the complex. Construction of the building will be partially funded through the Capital Reserve & Debt Reduction Fund, which was created in 2012 and supports a number of Indian Trail infrastructure projects. The costs of construction will be spread out over 15 years, locked in at a 2.51 percent annual interest rate, and at this time will leave more than \$3 million over the next five years in the fund for upcoming infrastructure needs as the town moves into the future. The fund also is currently supporting Indian Trail's two new parks and other infrastructure projects.

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## Roads: IT to invest \$22M in 5-year plan

The Indian Trail Town Council recently approved a Capital Improvement Plan that will spend approximately \$22 million in the next five years in an effort to reduce traffic congestion and improve transportation infrastructure around town.

The 3 Year Strategic Transportation Plan, which council threw its support behind in August, targets a number of specific infrastructure projects expected to begin between 2015 and 2018. The plan includes widening some roads, improving safety measures at a number of intersections and constructing new roads to reduce congestion and improve safety, in addition to adding sidewalks with the goal of lessening the amount of cars on area roadways.

"We are committed to improving traffic congestion and making our roadways safer," Indian Trail Town Manager Joe Fivas said. "A quality transportation system is integral to continuing to move Indian Trail forward, which is why the council is investing so much time and money in making sure this infrastructure work gets underway and is done right."

Work is already underway in the design and engineering portion of many of the projects, and area drivers can expect to see dirt moving in the near future.

"Engineering and construction crews are going to be very busy in Indian Trail for the next few years," Fivas said. "And as a result, we should have safer roads, safer intersections and less congestion on town streets."

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## No tax increase in town budget

Plan adds deputies, addresses roads & economic development

Indian Trail's fiscal year 2015-16 budget was approved this summer, keeping the tax rate the same at 18.5 cents – the lowest rate in North Carolina for a town with a population above 20,000 residents.

"With no tax increase this year, we remain offering strong and efficient level of services at a low cost compared to other communities our size," Indian Trail Town Manager Joe Fivas said.

The complete budget, at nearly \$16.3 million, will pay for an additional two Union County Sheriff's Office deputies to be assigned to Indian Trail. It also allocated \$600,000 for street and sidewalk improvements for Town-maintained neighborhood streets, and the Town also will work over the next two years on repaving a number of neighborhood streets in need. The budget also includes spending on the ongoing Pathway's 2 Progress Initiative, which is focused on constructing the Chestnut Parkway, improving the intersection of Sardis and Unionville-Indian Trail roads and a number of other road and sidewalk projects.

"The Town of Indian Trail remains in a solid financial position with the continued conservative financial approach and the continuous search for finding governmental efficiencies and performing more effectively on a regular basis," Fivas said.

Among numerous other programs and services, the 2015-16 budget included funding for small business engagement, corridor development plans, a community enhancement and beautification plan, continued additions to Crooked Creek Park and more.

## Planning begins for next phase of IT's Crooked Creek Park expansion

Indian Trail's popular Crooked Creek Park is about to become even more in vogue as the town prepares for the next wave of additions.

Town Council members voted in August to task consultant Woolpert with working on an updated master plan for future additions at the park. Indian Trail has another \$2.5 million approved for continued expansion at Crooked

Creek Park over the next few years. Indian Trail voters approved the funds in a bond package in 2012.

"As we move forward on the next stage of Crooked Creek Park, it is important that residents give their thoughts and feedback on what they would like to see added," Indian

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# Indian Trail Pow Wow returns with Cultural Arts Festival

Demonstrations and vendors are gearing up for September's Indian Trail Cultural Arts Festival – which this year will mark the return of the Metrolina Native American Association's popular Indian Trail Pow Wow.

Both events will take place the same weekend at Chestnut Square Park, with the Cultural Arts Festival and Pow Wow on September 26 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the Pow Wow continuing on September 27 from noon to 5 p.m. The events will include a number of demonstrations of activities such as dance competitions, storytelling, musical performances and more, as well as vendors from across the region selling unique, handmade items. Past events have featured Irish, Indian and Shag forms of cultural dance, with more excitement planned for 2015.

"We started this festival as a means of bringing art and culture to this area, and to help citizens learn more about how those things contributed to the history and development of our town and region," said Town of Indian Trail Community Development Specialist Susan Didier. "We're excited to see what the

demonstrations and vendors bring to Indian Trail this year."

This year's festival will carry extra significance in that it coincides with the return of the Indian Trail Pow Wow, which last took place in town in 2012. Organizers of the event are excited to see it back where it belongs in Indian Trail, and this year's event will include a special demonstration of stone cutting which hasn't been seen before at the Pow Wow.

"We hope that people will leave the event with a lot of knowledge about what our culture was in the past, and what we practice today," said Pow Wow organizer Jessie Jacobs. "You'll really get to see up close what we do. It will definitely be educational."

The event will include interactive demonstrations open to all ages. Families are encouraged to come take part and learn about Indian Trail's cultural heritage and history. There is no cost to attend though vendors will have items for sale during both events.

Some 5,000 spectators are expected to at-



tend the two-day event, and the Town of Indian Trail will offer a number of convenient parking options for attendees.

Parking will be available at Chestnut Square

Park and directly across Matthews-Indian Trail Road, as well as at the Town of Indian Trail's nearby administrative building and at Crossing Paths Park, both located on Blythe Drive.



(Above, top) The Indian Trail Pow Wow will return with two-days of events at Chestnut Square Park. (Bottom) Kids take part in a past Cultural Arts Festival.

## Future stars start training at Chestnut Square Park

The 'twang' of a racquet's strings, and another fuzzy green and yellow ball shoots over the net. Then back across it comes as two youngsters do battle on one of Indian Trail's new tennis courts at Chestnut Square Park.

Off to the side, then right in the middle of the action and back again moves Yann Thefaine as he fires off constant encouragement, advice and jokes for his campers. Thefaine is director of tennis for Tennis Academy North Carolina – the organization that will manage the camps and clinics for Indian Trail's tennis program. Thefaine also is United States Professional Tennis Association Elite Certified, and as a former Indian Trail resident he is excited to be able to pass his knowledge on to the town's youngsters at one of the only public tennis facilities in the area.

"It's so great to have these courts here, and I know that once more people in the area are aware of what the town's got going on at the park we'll have at least 10 camps here in the summer," Thefaine said. "It's great for the kids to have an opportunity to play in a competitive format here in Indian Trail because kids in Charlotte and elsewhere have had that ability for a while. All our kids can be successful if they have the opportunity."

There are camps and clinics available for children as young as 6 years old and going up to as old as 18 years old. Prior tennis experience is not required. There also are options for adult tennis. And as opposed to some other recreational sports, tennis is something you only need two people to play, and is something you can keep playing no matter



(Above) Yann Thefaine stands with his campers during an event at Chestnut Square Park.

how old you are.

"Tennis is for anyone, any type of athlete, and it's something you can play your whole life," Thefaine said. "Teach someone to play tennis, and you give them a gift they can pass on."

Indian Trail has three lighted tennis courts at Chestnut Square Park which are open for free to the community. Courts open at sunrise and are available until 10 p.m. in the evening. There is no need to sign up before hand to play,

though you can make a reservation to save a time and court.

"We've seen a great response to the tennis courts, from as soon as the sun comes up to closing time in the evenings," said Indian Trail Director of Parks & Recreation Jason Tryon. "We're happy to be able to provide this service to residents and extremely pleased to see how well it has taken off."

Upcoming tennis events and programs will be listed on the Town of Indian Trail Parks, Art, Recreation & Culture page on Facebook.

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"With Chestnut Square Park and Carolina Courts on one side of the road and all the great events and options out there, and our Community Center, Town Square and Veterans Memorial on the other side of the road, this area will become somewhere families can leave the car behind and spend all day enjoying themselves – walking the trails, playing at the playground, relaxing in our green space and even learning at the community center," Indian Trail Director of

Community & Economic Development Kelly Barnhardt said.

The community space also will play an important role in fostering community engagement, as the new Town Hall will make it much easier and more convenient to take part in town conversations. Officials in Wesley Chapel have already seen that come to fruition after they moved their council meetings from nearby church space they were borrowing and into a new Town Hall.

"The biggest thing is you will have more people coming to town

meetings and things like that in droves," said Wesley Chapel Councilwoman Elaine Rosoff. "When you have an identifiable, significant town hall, people come in for everything. New people come in, people who are considering moving here come in, and it fosters a sense of community. And that's what we're looking for more than anything else. I think your town hall will be a great addition and serve you well."

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held this fall, and construction is anticipated to take about 12 months.



~ Park from page 1

Trail Town Manager Joe Fivas said. "There will be a number of opportunities for residents to get involved in the process in the near future."

While planning gets underway on future additions to Crooked Creek Park, residents will see a number of new amenities that have already been approved come to fruition in the next few months. The two-section dog park is in the final steps of completion, and crews also are gearing up to install two bocce courts, three concrete cornhole sets, two additional shade shelters, extra picnic tables, a toddler swing and the disc golf course. The town also will install electronic gates at the park as part of the upcoming additions. The gates will be set on a timer to open and close each morning and evening.

"We already have a great following at Crooked Creek, with people telling us it has quickly become one of their favorite spots to go hang out with the family, or to walk after work," said Indian Trail Parks & Recreation Director Jason Tryon. "We know additions like the dog park and disc golf course are going to give those people

even more reasons to come down to the park, but also will bring in a lot of other residents who may be enjoying Crooked Creek Park for the first time."

More than 24,000 people have visited Crooked Creek Park since it opened in the spring, with the athletic fields, walking trails and shaded playground with zip line proving to be a big draw. Visitors from across the area have been taking advantage of all there is to do at the park already, and the new additions will only make Crooked Creek Park more enticing. Disc golf for instance has become one of the fastest growing sports in the nation, and the 18-hole course is expected to draw a number of visitors. The activity has developed a very high following in North Carolina and will provide Indian Trail residents and visitors with a fun, outdoor exercise activity. So too will the cornhole and bocce sets, which are suitable for any age to play.

"We've tried to establish a good mix of uses at Crooked Creek Park that will appeal to any type of person, or any age," Tryon said. "We feel the park is becoming one of the best in the region, and we know it's something Indian Trail residents are proud to have in their backyard."

# Kelley Southward joins Indian Trail as new Town Clerk

Kelley Southward has been hired as the new town clerk for the Town of Indian Trail.



Southward comes to Indian Trail from Calabash, North Carolina, where she served for 10 years - first as deputy town clerk and then as town clerk since 2008. She obtained an associate's degree in business administration from Brunswick Community College and is a certified municipal clerk and notary. Southward also is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks.

"I look forward to the challenge of working for a bigger town and helping its citizens," she said of her move.

"We're very excited to welcome Kelley to our team," Indian Trail Town Manager Joe Fivas added. "Her experience

as a town clerk combined with her passion for working diligently to serve the needs of local residents will bode well for Indian Trail."

Southward's first day was August 10.

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The plan is broken into phases, as follows:

## 2015-16 START DATE

- Construction of sidewalks on Sardis Church Road from Unionville-Indian Trail Road to Brittany Downs, and on Rogers Road from Wesley Chapel-Stouts Road to the Villas of Sun Valley.
- Construction of Streetscape on U.S. 74 intersections.
- Bridge replacement and road widening on Indian Trail Road.
- Construction of the Poplin Road roundabout.
- Design, permitting and right of way work on Chestnut Parkway from Gribble Road to Old Monroe Road.
- Planning on Chestnut Parkway from Gribble Road to Matthews-Indian Trail Road.
- Design work and applying for grants for the intersection of Sardis Church Road and Unionville-Indian Trail Road.
- Design and right of way work on the intersections of Indian Trail Road with Gribble Road and Matthews-Indian Trail Road.
- Design and consultant work on the Indian Trail Road Streetscape from Gribble Road to Matthews-Indian Trail Road.
- Annual neighborhood street and sidewalk maintenance.

## 2016-17 START DATE

- Construction of Chestnut Parkway from Gribble Road to Old Monroe Road.
- Planning work for Chestnut Parkway from Gribble Road to Matthews-Indian Trail Road.
- Construction and grant work on the intersection of Sardis Church Road with Unionville-Indian Trail Road.
- Construction on the intersections of Indian Trail Road at Gribble Road and at Matthews-Indian Trail Road.
- Construction of the Indian Trail Road Streetscape.
- Annual neighborhood street and sidewalk maintenance.

## 2017-18 START DATE

- Planning work for Chestnut Parkway from Gribble Road to Matthews-Indian Trail Road.
- Design and right of way work on the Rogers Road intersection.
- Design and right of way work on widening Indian Trail Road and Wesley Chapel-Stouts Road.
- Annual neighborhood street and sidewalk maintenance.

### 2015-2016 Indian Trail Recycling & Yard Waste Collection Schedule

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**Key**

- **Holiday-No service** (expect 1 day delay)  
September 7th (Labor Day)  
Nov. 26th (Thanksgiving)  
December 25th (Christmas)  
January 1st (New Year's)  
May 30th (Memorial Day)  
July 4th (Independence Day)

**Bulk & E-Waste Week Pickup**

Designated by the rectangles in Oct, Feb, and June

During Bulk and E-Waste Pickup, items will be collected on your regularly scheduled recycling collection day ONLY

Recycling and yard waste are picked up every other week. All items must be placed curbside by 7 AM of your regularly scheduled service day of your recycling week. Missed or delayed trash, recycling or yard waste may be logged at [www.IndianTrail.org](http://www.IndianTrail.org)

**Questions? Call Waste Pro at 704-821-7578**

For updates, visit [www.Facebook.com/IndianTrail](https://www.facebook.com/IndianTrail) and [www.IndianTrail.org](http://www.IndianTrail.org) using the "Services" tab

## New Recycling/Yard Waste Pickup Schedule

The new Recycle/Yard Waste calendar for 2015-16 is now available at the Town of Indian Trail's website, [www.indiantrail.org/services.php?cat=61](http://www.indiantrail.org/services.php?cat=61). The calendar begins Sept. 1, 2015, and includes three bulk-EWaste curbside pickup periods - one each in October, February and June. The October period will run Oct. 5 to 9 and 12 to 16.

# We want to hear from you!

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Union County Public Schools: 704-296-9898

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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: 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:

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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.
- 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!

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- Click on the "Citizen e-Notification" tab on the left side of the homepage
- Click on "Click here to subscribe"
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