



Winter 2009

The Indian Trail Blazer

A Great Community Since 1907

Indian Trail Town Survey Results are In!

This January, the Town received results on the surveys that were sent to 3,500 residents and 300 local businesses this past Fall. The Town would like to thank all those that took the time to complete the surveys.

This information will be used in the coming months by the elected officials and staff to plan the future of the community. Of some of the general comments collected from the survey, many felt positive about Indian Trail being a “good place to raise children and a safe place to live”; also the majority of the citizens that responded to the survey were happy about being asked to participate in the survey.

The survey provided an opportunity for the Town to learn many important facts, such as 70.4% of participants were satisfied with the police protection in the Town, but wanted to add more officers.

Some of the new projects that citizens felt “should

be done,” included:

1. 98.7% maintain and improve roads.
2. 90.0% increase the number of Union County Sheriff’s Officers.
3. 85.1% purchase land for parks and greenways.

“Now that we have this valuable information from the survey, our next step is to discuss the findings at our yearly Council Retreat. We will continue to do the things we are doing well, and prioritize the items we need to work on. This survey will be very helpful in planning next year’s budget this spring.”

*Ed Humphries,
Town Manager*

The results of the surveys are posted on the Town website at www.indiantrail.org just click on the “Home” tab then scroll down to “News and Events.” The Town plans to do a survey every two or three years. If you did not receive a survey and would like to comment on anything in the document, please contact Town Manager Ed Humphries, via email at ed@indiantrail.org.

Mail your comments to Town Hall, PO Box 2430, Indian Trail, NC 28079, or call Town Hall at 704-821-8114.

As the annual Council retreat and budget preparations for 2009 fast approach for the Mayor and Council, the Town appreciates hearing from you and letting us know how you feel. Your input is important to us!



Indian Trail Clean Up Day is a volunteer event focused on beautifying our community. Choose a Clean Up Day location ranging from your own neighborhood to public schools. So gather your neighbors, friends, or civic groups to participate in this important event!

When: Saturday, April 25th
Where: Meet at Indian Trail Civic Building at 8:00 a.m.

For more information on this event visit www.indiantrail.org or call 704-821-8114. A volunteer appreciation event will be held following the clean-up at Indian Trail Civic Building (100 Navajo Trail) at 12:00 noon until 1:30p.m.

Volunteer Registration is Required
704-821-8114



A Letter From the Mayor

Last month, I was honored to host Indian Trail’s first “Community Leaders Forum.” More than six dozen representatives from over twenty Indian Trail neighborhoods participated. The Forum event was designed to bring our communities together in partnership and cooperation as well as provide town officials an opportunity to understand neighborhood issues and work to offer solutions.

The beginning of the event was planned to allow Homeowner Association (HOA) Board Members and other non HOA community leaders to get to know each other as well as meet both town staff and the Sheriff’s deputies. Community leaders then listened to presentations from Indian Trail staff and the Sheriff’s Office. Our presenters shared information with attendees about programs and levels of service that are currently being provided by the town and the Sheriff’s

Office. The leaders then moved to tables for a breakout session where they discussed issues such as law enforcement, roads and transportation, communication, town services, and code enforcement. At the end of the session, each table presented a list of concerns and areas they believed the town needed to address. This valuable information will be reviewed by both staff and the Town Council in our upcoming retreat and as we prioritize for the new budget year.



Citizens gather in breakout groups for discussion

Indian Trail’s community leaders are talented and committed people who provide a valuable service to our town. As Mayor, I’m proud to recognize and support the work they do. As we work together to identify needs and solve problems, Indian Trail will be an example to our region as a town where the needs of the people come first.

Mayor John Quinn

Indian Trail Farmers Market



The Town of Indian Trail is excited to announce that starting in the spring there will be a regularly occurring Farmers Market! The Town began working on creating a market after the huge success of the fall farmers market held last October. Both the Town residents and participating vendors were very excited about the event and expressed an interest in seeing this become a permanent fixture within the Town.

The Town is working with the Union County Cooperative Extension and the Town Events Committee on the planning of the market. The market will begin on **April 18th** and will run every Saturday through the fall from 8:00am to 12:00pm. The location of the farmers market will be the front lawn of the Town Hall (100 Navajo Trail).



At this time, the Town is looking for volunteers and vendors for the spring. If you are interested, please contact Katie Reeves with the Town of Indian Trail at 704-821-5401 or at ker@indiantrail.org. For more information, visit the “Town Events” section of the Town website at www.indiantrail.org.

Upcoming Community Events

Check out www.indiantrail.org and click on “Calendar” for the most up to date information on community events!

February

Friday 2/27, 3:00p.m.– 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 2/28 8:15 a.m.– 1:00p.m.– Indian Trail Town Council Annual Retreat.
Indian Trail Civic Building, 100 Navajo Trail.

March

Wednesday 3/4– Kickoff Meeting for the Parks Master Plan.
The Parks Master Plan will set standards for park design, implementation strategies, and identify general areas where different types of parks would be appropriate within the Town. The purpose of the meeting will be to formulate a draft vision statement and goals for the plan.
Indian Trail Civic Building, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

April

Saturday 4/18– Kick off of the Indian Trail Farmers Market.
Indian Trail Town Hall, 100 Navajo Trail, 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 noon

Saturday 4/18– Earth Day-Arbor Day.
Indian Trail Elementary School, 200 Education St., 11:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 4/25– Indian Trail Clean Up Day.
Indian Trail Civic Building, 8:00 a.m.

May

Saturday 5/8– Public Safety Appreciation Dinner.
Indian Trail VFW, 100 VFW Ln., 6:30 p.m.



Indian Trail has a new website! The Town unveiled the latest and greatest on Tuesday, February 10th. Check out our cleaner, friendlier, state-of-the-art masterpiece at www.indiantrail.org!

An Important Reminder About Recycling

Please Remember the Following When Recycling in Indian Trail:

- | <u>DO</u> | <u>DON'T</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycle clear, brown, or green glass bottles. • Recycle newspapers, inserts, magazines, computer paper, and corrugated cardboard. • Remember to tie newspapers together with twine or place in a paper bag. • Recycle plastic bottles with a number “1” or a “2” on the bottom of the container. • Always rinse containers and dispose of the lids. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't recycle cereal boxes, soft drink boxes, cardboard with a wax coating, wrapping paper, and shredded paper. • Don't recycle mirrors, light bulbs, window glass, mason and drinking jars. • Don't use a recycling container larger than 20 gallons. • Don't recycle motor oil containers, transmission fluid containers, and grocery bags. |

Visit www.indiantrail.org for more information!

Union County Sheriff's Office Indian Trail Division

Slow it Down!

Indian Trail Stormwater Services would like to remind you to keep the following clean water tips in mind while enjoying the winter season:

While de-icing your sidewalks, driveways, and porches in the winter, follow these environmentally- friendly strategies:

INSTEAD of Rock Salt– This popular and cheap de-icer contains sodium chloride, which is very corrosive and environmentally damaging.

TRY Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA)- this non-corrosive corn or petroleum based de-icer is less damaging to the natural environment.

Many de-icers contain high levels of phosphorus. Such high levels of phosphorus can lead to unwanted plant growth in our lakes and streams. So when purchasing de-icers, check for products with 50 parts per million or less of phosphorus.

Do you use traction agents such as kitty litter or sand to prevent slipping? Both kitty litter and sand clog storm drains and harm aquatic habitat and vegetation. Try using cracked corn, which can be consumed by animals, as an environmentally-friendly alternative.

Check out www.indiantrail.org for more information!

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