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Fall 2014

Sharing Indian Trail's Vision Since 1907

Chestnut Square Park Grand Opening Celebration on Oct. 24

JOIN THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL FOR THE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION OF CHESTNUT SQUARE PARK AND THIS YEAR'S **TRUNK OR TREAT!**

COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF INDIAN TRAIL'S NEWEST PARK! BRING THE KIDS FOR A NIGHT FULL OF SPOOKY ENTERTAINMENT, CANDY AND OUTDOOR FUN GALORE!

FRIDAY
10.24

LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF THE NEW CHESTNUT PARKWAY AND MATTHEWS-INDIAN TRAIL ROAD

FESTIVITIES WILL BE FROM 6 P.M. UNTIL 9 P.M.
FRIGHTFULLY FUN CRAFTS • GAMES • ACTIVITIES
COSTUME PARADE & CONTEST • REFRESHMENTS



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT? CALL THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL AT 704-821-5401.

One of Indian Trail's two new parks is nearing completion, so mark your calendars because the Chestnut Square Park Grand Opening Celebration will be Friday, Oct. 24, in conjunction with the Town's annual Trunk or Treat Halloween event!

Bring the whole family out for entertainment, candy and outdoor fun galore! Festivities will be from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., with the ribbon cutting ceremony at 6 p.m. There will also be crafts, games, a costume parade and costume contest with some food and refreshments. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes and bring their pillow cases.

Chestnut Square Park, the 51-acre park located at the corner of Matthews-Indian Trail Road and the new Chestnut Parkway, offers many amenities for residents of all ages. For Indian Trail's younger residents, a nature-themed playground provides a playful environment to climb, slide, swing and enjoy the outdoors. Four sand volleyball courts and three tennis courts – all of which will be lit – will soon be completed, and residents will be able to reserve the volleyball courts this fall. Two multipurpose fields are under construction and will be used for numerous sports, including soccer, lacrosse, football and ultimate Frisbee.



Pictured: The playground at Chestnut Square Park.

Residents who prefer walking or running can use Chestnut Square Park's nature trail. A quad area in the middle of the park will be used for Town and resident events. Residents can also reserve picnic shelters for private use.

"The Town of Indian Trail is incredibly excited for Chestnut Square Park to officially open on Oct. 24, and the grand opening celebration will be a fun way to welcome residents to their newest park," says Jason Tryon, Town of Indian Trail, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation. Residents with questions about the event or the park can call the Town at 704-821-5401.

Indian Trail Accolades Highlight Town's Affordability

The Town of Indian Trail is a great place to live, work, play and learn, and the accolades the Town has received in 2014 reflect this by being named the "Most Affordable Place in North Carolina" and the second "Best Place in North Carolina for Homeownership."

Indian Trail was ranked the most affordable place in North Carolina by Movoto, an online real estate brokerage. The ranking considered all places within North Carolina with populations of more than 10,000 people, and the 83 qualifying cities and towns were then analyzed according to their food, utility and miscellaneous costs, median home price unemployment rank and adjusted median income. The Town's high median household income and low utility costs helped it receive the top ranking.

The Town was also named as the second best place in North Carolina for homeownership by NerdWallet, a website that covers topics such as finance, investing and health. NerdWallet ranked the 20 best places by analyzing three areas of homeownership: availability of homes, affordability and area growth. The Town scored well in each area.

"NerdWallet found that homeowner costs in Indian Trail account for roughly 26 percent of the median monthly household income and that nearly 86 percent of homes are owned rather than rented," said Town Manager Joe Fivas. "These accolades bring Indian Trail the recognition and spotlight our wonderful Town deserves."

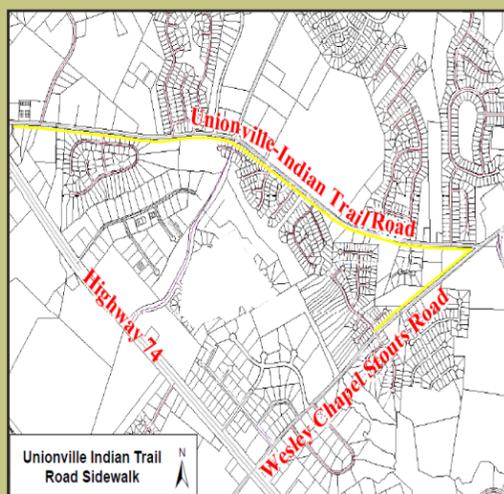


Town Finishes Construction on Unionville-Indian Trail Road Sidewalk

The Town of Indian Trail finished construction on a two-mile long sidewalk that connects 11 neighborhoods to two shopping centers and a school. The sidewalk extends from the Wal-Mart Shopping Center to Sardis Church Road and Sardis Elementary School.



The Federal Highway Administration authorized the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant to fund approximately 80 percent of this sidewalk project, in addition to supporting a second sidewalk project on Rogers Road. A federal program, CMAQ funds transportation projects and programs to help reduce harmful emissions.



This project is part of the Pathways 2 Progress (P2P) Initiative, a multi-faceted initiative that brings together current and future projects to address important issues created by the Town's extreme growth.

Pictured left: A map of the completed sidewalk.

Picture right: The newly-finished sidewalk on Unionville-Indian Trail Road near Fairington Drive.



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Next Citizens Academy Session to be in January 2015

Sign Up Before Registration Ends Dec. 3, 2014



Citizens Academy

The Town of Indian Trail is pleased to announce that its Citizens Academy program will have its next session in January 2015. This program allows Indian Trail residents to get an in-depth look at the many facets of local government that help Indian Trail operate on a day-to-day basis.

Beginning Jan. 15, 2015, Citizens Academy participants will meet once a week for eight consecutive weeks to learn about the functions and departments of Indian Trail government. The program is free, but interested residents must register in advance, with applications being accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications are available on Indian Trail's website – www.IndianTrail.org – and registration will remain open through Dec. 3 or until all available spaces have been filled. The academy will have a maximum of 20 participants.

Session topics will relate to departments within the Town, including a general Town overview and history, public safety, budget and finance, community and economic development, parks and recreation and public services (planning, engineering and infrastructure).

To be eligible to graduate, participants must attend at least one Town Council meeting during the program, cannot miss more than one session and must attend one other board or committee meeting while in the Academy.

For more information on the Citizens Academy, please visit the Town's website at www.IndianTrail.org or call 704-821-5401.

Crooked Creek Park Continues Hammering Out Construction

Crooked Creek Park is now singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" with the construction of its four baseball/softball fields, a dual-concession stand and a scorer's tower being completed over the summer.

The four 300-foot softball and baseball fields will see athletes of all ages swing the bat when the park opens the fields for the first time in spring 2015. The dual-concession stand and scorer's tower made the news when the Town of Indian Trail received a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation grant for \$4,500 to create healthy food options in Town's largest park, Crooked Creek Park. Indian Trail's Parks & Recreation Department was one of 16 departments across the state to receive Healthy Eating Equipment grants funded by the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation.

"It is our responsibility as a Parks & Recreation Department to help educate future generations on healthy eating, and we plan on using this grant to provide smoothies in Crooked Creek Park using produce grown in the surrounding area," said Jason Tryon, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation. "The grant will set a strong foundation of providing healthy eating options for the concessions in our parks, and the Town will now be able to provide opportunities for children and park-users of all ages to enjoy the outdoors with healthy food options."



Pictured: The dual-concession stand and scorer's tower at Crooked Creek Park can be seen from the park entrance.

Crooked Creek Park is located near Sardis Elementary School and Unionville-Indian Trail Road. Questions about the Town's parks can be directed to Jason Tryon at 704-821-4207 or JTryon@admin.indiantrail.org.

Indian Trail Fall & Winter Event Schedule

Mark Your Calendars So You Don't Miss a Date!

The Town of Indian Trail is hosting two fantastic events coming up this fall – save the date so you don't miss out on the fun! The Town's fall event schedule kicks off with the second annual Pottery Sale on Nov. 8.

The Pottery Sale is being held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, on the front lawn of the Indian Trail Cultural Arts Center. The Pottery Sale will feature handmade art that is available for purchase.

The Town's Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, Dec. 7, beginning with the parade at 3 p.m. Kids and adults alike are welcome to come enjoy activities and festivities in Crossing Paths Park - located at 120 Blythe Drive - immediately following the parade, and there will also be free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Town is continuing its Holiday Heroes toy donation drive, and everyone can help brighten a child's holiday by donating new, unwrapped toys. Parade entry forms can be found on the Town's website, www.IndianTrail.org, under the "News & Events" tab.

Questions about the Town's fall events can be directed to Susan Didier, the Town's Events Coordinator, at 704-821-2541 or SDidier@admin.indiantrail.org.

Helping Residents with Town Information and a Smile

Introducing the Customer Service Team at the Indian Trail Administrative Building

Knowledgeable staff members sit ready and waiting to assist residents at the Town's Front Desk.

Located in the Indian Trail Administrative Services Building at 130 Blythe Drive, the Front Desk is staffed by several Customer Service Representatives who welcome residents, take Town phone calls and resolve customer service issues.



Pictured: The friendly staff members who often sit at the Town's Front Desk.

These helpful staff members are part of the Town's Planning Department, whose goal is to answer residents' questions and to create a place where people live, work and play in a safe environment. They pride themselves on building relationships with residents and directing questions to the appropriate Town department.

Residents with questions regarding the latest Town information and happenings can stop by the Administrative Services Building Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by calling 704-821-5401.

The Town of Indian Trail is on Instagram

The Town of Indian Trail recently joined the popular photo-sharing app Instagram. Residents can find the Town on Instagram under the handle, what Instagram calls a username, [@IndianTrailNC](https://www.instagram.com/IndianTrailNC). The decision to begin using Instagram was an easy one, says Lindsey Edmonds, the Town's Communications Coordinator.



"The Town expanded its social media involvement to Instagram for a variety of reasons, but primarily because Instagram is a fantastic way to showcase the beautiful scenery Indian Trail has to offer," Edmonds added. "Indian Trail's Instagram account will feature photo updates on Town events, parks and local businesses."



Questions about the Town's communications efforts can be directed to Lindsey Edmonds at 704-821-2542 or LEdmonds@admin.indiantrail.org.

Pictured: This photo of the fall colors in front of the Indian Trail Administrative Building, located at 130 Blythe Drive, was featured on the Town's Instagram account on Oct. 7, 2014.



WELCOME WAGON

The Town of Indian Trail is pleased to give a warm welcome to our community's newest businesses!



Located at 2228 Younts Road, **Trails Dynasty Miniature Golf and Creamery** offers an 18-hole Putt Putt mini golf course and 32 flavors of Hershey Ice Cream.



Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram of Indian Trail - located at 5501 Hwy 74 - serves Union County and South Charlotte area drivers by helping them find the Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep or Ram model that fits their driving needs.



9Round offers 30-minute circuits that work the whole body through total body, boxing and kickboxing circuits at its Indian Trail location at 6443 Old Monroe Road, Suite B.



Dr. Scott's Weight Loss and Wellness, located at 6640 Old Monroe Road (next to the Sun Valley Harris Teeter), is dedicated to helping its clients look, feel and live better.



BT's Burgerjoint opened in Sun Valley Commons next to the Sun Valley 14 Movie Theater and provides a large selection of sandwiches, burgers and hot dogs.

Sport Clips opened at 14039 Highway 74 in Indian Trail. Sport Clips provides the ultimate MVP haircut experience for men and boys through its relaxed atmosphere and stylists who specialize in men's haircuts.

Located at 6640 Old Monroe Road, Suite E, **Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes & Fries** offers a 50s-style atmosphere and American cuisine classics such as frozen custard, cheesesteak sandwiches and, of course, burgers, shakes and fries.



The Carriage House opened its doors at 6308 Secrest Shortcut Road. This Indian Trail business offers a beautiful indoor and outdoor venue that can host a wide arrange of events.

Recycling & Yard Waste Collection Schedule Do's and Don'ts

Here is the 2014-2015 Recycling & Yard Waste Collection Schedule - be sure to cut it out and pin it to the refrigerator so you never miss a date! Properly recycling and disposing of trash helps keep our community clean, so as you prepare to take out the carts, please keep in mind these helpful tips.

DO:

- Put out carts by 7 a.m. on the day of collection.
- Place carts for collection with wheels facing your home and within 3 feet of curb.
- Keep carts 2 feet from each other and from parked cars, mailboxes, etc.
- Rinse out all cans, bottles and jars.

DON'T:

- Block sidewalks with carts.
- Use any cart that is not the Town of Indian Trail authorized roll-out garbage cart.
- Throw out any household hazardous waste material.
- Recycle pizza boxes, paint cans, Styrofoam or plastic bags.

Clip and save!

2014-2015 Indian Trail Recycling & Yard Waste Collection Schedule



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Key

- Holiday - No Service (Expect 1 day delay)
- Bulk and E-Waste Week Pickup
- Christmas Tree Collection

ALL ITEMS MUST BE PLACED CURBSIDE BY 7 A.M. OF YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERVICE DAY OF YOUR RECYCLING WEEK.

DURING BULK AND E-WASTE WEEK PICKUP, ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED ON YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY ONLY.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION WILL OCCUR DURING THE THIRD AND FOURTH WEEKS OF JANUARY AND ON NORMAL YARD WASTE PICKUP DAYS.

For updates, check out the Town's Facebook page - www.Facebook.com/IndianTrail - and Solid Waste page on the Town website under the "Services" and "Residential" tabs at www.IndianTrail.org.

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

We want to hear from you!

it Key Contacts



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- Parks & Recreation Department: jtryon@admin.indiantrail.org
- Events Coordinator: sdidier@admin.indiantrail.org
- Cultural Arts Center: sdidier@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): 704-684-6390

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 Civic Building unless otherwise noted.
The Indian Trail Civic Building is located at 100 Navajo Trail.

- 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!

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"
- Enter your information

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