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Indian Trail Town Council Approves Location and Considers Design for Future Town Hall/Community Center

The Town of Indian Trail is at an exciting crossroads of development! The Indian Trail Town Council is considering the Municipal Complex Master Plan, in addition to architectural designs for a future Town Hall/Community Center.



Pictured: Architectural renderings of the front (above) and back (bottom left) of the proposed Town Hall/Community Center; Public comments suggested that a traditional, yet modern, feel was wanted for the proposed building; The proposed Town Hall/Community Center will be located at the corner of Matthews-Indian Trail Road and the new Chestnut Parkway (bottom right).

With a population of approximately 37,000 people, Indian Trail is the largest city in Union County and the 23rd largest town in the state of North Carolina, as of December 2013. The population's continuing increase has led to a desire for new amenities, such as Indian Trail's two new parks: Chestnut Square Park and Crooked Creek Park, both of which were funded by a resident-approved bond. The proposed Town Hall/Community Center would meet several needs by providing a community space that residents can use for numerous activities, an area for Town Council meetings and additional office space for Town staff. The community room will be able to seat around 100-200 people and will be available for residents to reserve.

Town Council directed Town staff to get public input on the project, and three public meetings were held to receive feedback on potential architectural designs. Residents at the meetings expressed their want for a Town Hall/Community Center that had a modern, yet still traditional, feel to it. In September, Town Council voted to approve its existing 20-acre piece of land across from the new Chestnut Square Park as the location for the proposed Town Hall/Community Center building.

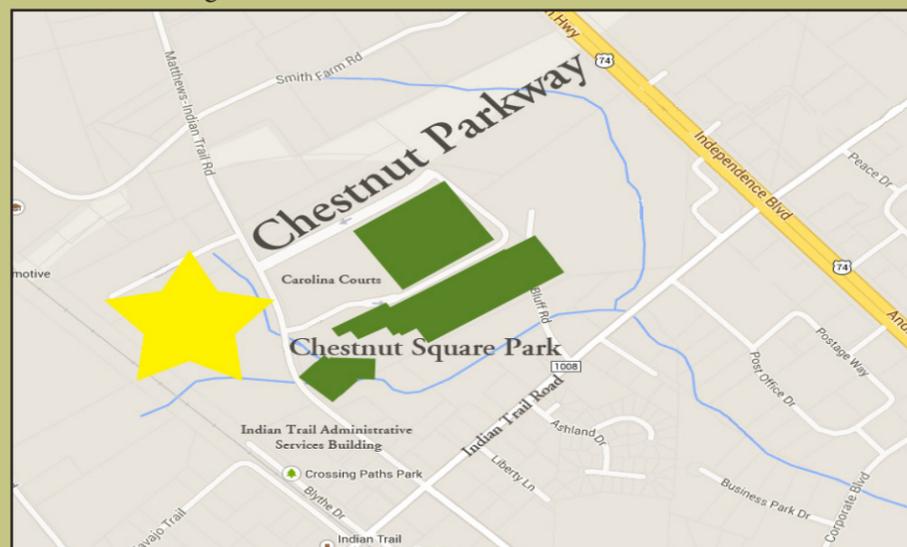
"The Town Council has not set a timetable to move forward with this potential project or made any decisions on funding options," said Town Manager Joe Fivas. "The building gives Indian Trail the opportunity to grow and determine how we move into the future. The possible walking trails and dog park surrounding the proposed building will be a great complement to Chestnut Square Park, which is across the street."

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The pictured renderings demonstrate that the proposed building will be two stories, with the design reflecting the feedback received during public meetings. The current proposal estimates the building to be approximately 20-25,000 square feet, with a Council chamber, media and conference rooms, an open lobby entrance and Town staff offices.

The proposed building will be located at the corner of Matthews-Indian Trail Road and the new Chestnut Parkway. For questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Town's Communications Coordinator at 704-821-2542 or LEdmonds@admin.indiantrail.org.





WELCOME WAGON

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

Located at 101 Post Office Drive, **Generations United, Inc.**, is a not-for-profit that provides a certified adult day care center and a licensed child care center to create a social model program.

Pita Pit will soon be opening its doors at 3816 Sardis Church Road and will offer fresh thinking toward healthy eating with its menu.



Pleasant Plains Dental opened in Union Town Centre at 5850 Highway 74, Suite 135, and seeks to help all of its patients realize their dental health goals.

Crooked Creek Park to Build Dog Park and Destination Playground



Pictured top: The new baseball-themed bollards in Crooked Creek Park. Pictured bottom: Benches and other park items can be sponsored or memorialized.

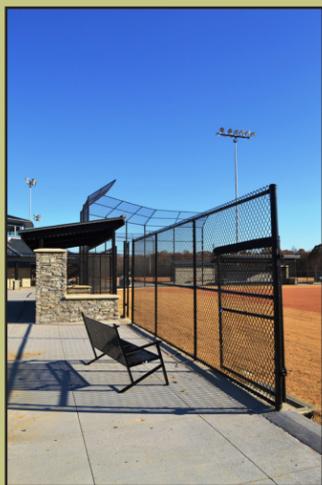
Crooked Creek Park will soon begin an exciting and highly-anticipated aspect of its construction by breaking ground on its destination playground and dog park.

Located near Sardis Elementary School and Unionville-Indian Trail Road, Crooked Creek Park will offer residents a destination playground, with several one-of-a-kind elements. The playground will provide exceptional amenities, such as a zip line, a reproduced "fallen tree" climbing structure tunnel and a tree house structure that has a bridge connecting the two tree structures together. There is

no other playground in either Union County or Mecklenburg County that offers such facilities, said Jason Tryon, the Town's Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation.

"This playground will serve as one of the many ways Indian Trail's Parks & Recreation Department will be on the cutting edge of the industry by offering education and programming for all residents," Tryon added.

The Town is currently working on a final design for the dog park, with construction expected to start in January and be completed by summer 2015. Crooked Creek Park also will provide residents with a paved walking and biking trail. The trail will be approximately three-quarters of a mile long.



Information About Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycling Christmas trees does more than mark the end of the holiday season – it also serves useful purposes as mulch and compost additives, while helping the Town save landfill space and reach its recycling goals. Waste Pro is offering Christmas tree collection from Dec. 26, 2014, through the fourth week of January and on normal recycle/yard waste pickup days.

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● Holiday - No Service (Expect 1 day delay)

Holiday trees can be picked up curbside at no additional fee by following these easy steps:

- Set the tree out curbside on regularly scheduled yard debris/recycling days;
- Recycle only natural trees (no artificial or flocked trees);
- Discard trees that are free of tinsel, stands, lights, ornaments or other added material; and
- Place all trees on curbsides a minimum of two feet from roll-out carts.

For more information, contact Waste Pro at 704-821-7578.

Indian Trail Christmas Parade Kicks Off the Holiday Season

The 10th annual IT's A Wonderful Life Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Celebration held Dec. 7 helped businesses and residents throughout Indian Trail get in the holiday spirit. More than 80 festively-decorated floats participated in the parade before other holiday-themed activities continued throughout the afternoon in the Indian Trail Cultural Arts Center and Crossing Paths Park.

With this year's Christmas Parade on Sunday, Dec. 7, which was the 73rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Union West Rotary said it felt appropriate selecting World War II veteran Howard Moore as the parade's grand marshal.

After the parade, residents gathered in Crossing Paths Park, located at 120 Blythe Drive, to help spread Christmas cheer by donating to the Holiday Heroes toy donation drive, listening to children's stories read by Mayor Michael Alvarez and children's author Brooke Krumb and enjoying s'mores made by Cubs Scout Pack 276. The Cultural Arts Center, located at 100 Navajo Trail, provided cookies, juice and free crafts for those who preferred to stay warm indoors.



Pictured left: Mayor Michael Alvarez (left) and Councilman Gary Savoie (right) helped light Indian Trail's Christmas tree in Crossing Paths Park.

Pictured right: Santa and Mrs. Claus found time to wave to parade-goers at the Town's 10th annual Christmas Parade.

Indian Trail Cultural Arts Center's Monthly Open Mic Nights a Success



The Indian Trail Cultural Arts Center has been opening hearts and minds through poetry for more than a year with its monthly open mic poetry nights.

Indian Trail Community Development Specialist Susan Didier and North Carolina poet Kym Gordon Moore began the monthly poetry nights in September 2013, and Didier said she's impressed with how the poetry nights have grown since then.

"We started the open mic nights as a way to connect people who have a passion for poetry throughout the Indian Trail and Union County areas, and they have certainly done that," Didier added.

The poetry nights have had as many as 65 attendees and often feature a diverse range of artistic expressions, including poetry readings, musical performances, Shakespeare readings and personal reflections by many published authors.

The Cultural Arts Center is located at 100 Navajo Trail, and questions about the poetry nights and the classes offered can be directed to Susan Didier at 704-821-2541 or SDidier@admin.indiantrail.org.

New Economic Development Advisory Committee Formed



The mission of Indian Trail's newest committee, the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), is to enhance the vitality of the local economy by retaining existing businesses, encouraging entrepreneurship and attracting new business to Indian Trail. The EDAC will seek to provide guidance with development opportunities in Industrial, Retail, Tourism and other commercial sectors. This guidance will support the Indian Trail Town Council's efforts toward the development of public policy and strategies, which will result in expanding job opportunities, balancing and sustaining economic growth and maintaining a low tax burden for its residents.

Established in October 2014, the EDAC has 11 members. At least eight members must have a background as either an Indian Trail business leader and/or owner, have specialized in economic development or have a business development background. The EDAC may make recommendations to the Indian Trail Town Council. Maureen Mulhall, General Manager of Extreme Ice Center, is the committee's Chair, and Tripp Melton, Co-Owner of Sport Clips in Indian Trail, is the Vice-Chair.

The EDAC meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 a.m. in the Indian Trail Civic Building, located at 100 Navajo Trail. Questions or comments about the EDAC can be directed to the Town's Communications Coordinator at 704-821-2542 or LEdmonds@admin.indiantrail.org.

Chestnut Square Park Opens among Costumes and Candy at Town's Halloween Event

Chestnut Square Park, Indian Trail's newest park, marked its Grand Opening Celebration on Oct. 24 with entertainment, candy and costumes. The event was in conjunction with the Town's annual Trunk or Treat Halloween event, and approximately 3,000 residents came out to enjoy the celebration's festivities.

Current and former members of Indian Trail's Town Council hit the inaugural serve across Chestnut Square Park's sand volleyball nets after crowds listened to and cheered on the park's ribbon cutting ceremony.

"The Town of Indian Trail is thrilled about the success of our Grand Opening Celebration for Chestnut Square Park, and I believe it's a sign of great things to come," said Kelly Barnhardt, the Town's Director of Community & Economic Development.

Located at the corner of Matthews-Indian Trail Road and the new Chestnut Parkway, Chestnut Square Park is an approximately 50-acre park that provides numerous amenities for Indian Trail residents of all ages and interests. A nature-themed playground offers a fun environment for Indian Trail's younger residents to slide, swing and enjoy the outdoors. Starting in the spring, four sand volleyball courts, three tennis courts and two multipurpose fields can be reserved for practice, play or just an afternoon in the park. Chestnut Square Park also has a quad area that is the perfect place for a family picnic or birthday party. To reserve park amenities, residents can contact the Town's Parks & Recreation Department at 704-821-4207.

Pictured top to bottom: The quad area at Chestnut Square Park became a temporary pumpkin patch thanks to Simpson's Produce; Trunk or Treaters received candy from local businesses; More than 40 local businesses participated in the event; and current and former Town Council members make the inaugural serves over the new Chestnut Square Park volleyball courts.



Indian Trail's Main Events in 2015

The 2015 Indian Trail events schedule is filled with FREE events for Indian Trail residents! For the most up-to-date information about events, including vendor information, parade entry forms, performance schedules, sponsorship information and more, please visit the Town's website, www.IndianTrail.org, or check out the Town's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/IndianTrail. We look forward to seeing you and your family this year!



**Hop to IT /
Easter Egg Hunt**



**Arbor Day / Earth Day with Stallings
(at Indian Trail)**



**Independence Day
Parade**



**Halloween Trunk
or Treat**

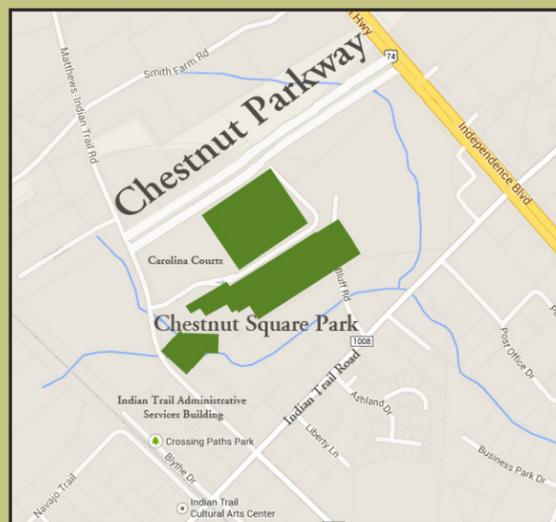
Sun Valley Navy JROTC Traveled to Hawaii for Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade

The Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) at Sun Valley High School in Indian Trail traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii, in December to march in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade, commemorating the 73rd anniversary of the invasion of Pearl Harbor. The Sun Valley Navy JROTC was the only ROTC unit from the State of North Carolina chosen to participate in the parade, and 23 of the unit's cadets were able to travel to Hawaii to march. The Sun Valley Navy JROTC has been invited to participate again in next year's parade, and the unit currently plans on taking 50 cadets.



Chestnut Parkway Update

The Chestnut Parkway is a four-lane landscaped parkway that will connect US-74 to Old Monroe Road. The road runs parallel to Indian Trail Road and will provide substantial traffic relief to Indian Trail Road and Wesley Chapel-Stouts Road. The Town recently completed the first of three phases of the Chestnut Parkway, and it will be open to the public this winter. The Town hopes to begin planning the future phases in upcoming months. The Town is also actively working on traffic projects with the NC Department of Transportation on Indian Trail Road section widening, the widening of Old Monroe Road and intersection improvements on US-74.



We want to hear from you!

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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:

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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 ?

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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!

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- Click on "Click here to subscribe"
- Enter your information

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