



# The Indian Trail Blazer

*A Great Community Since 1907*

## Yard Debris Burn Ordinance

On November 10, 2009, the Indian Trail Town Council considered a draft Burning of Yard Debris ordinance. Brian McLamb, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, presented the committee's recommendation to approve the ordinance.

The draft ordinance is an attempt to limit burning of yard waste and debris, such as tree limbs, grass, and leaves, by prohibiting the activity within 100 feet of a residential structure, and requiring that a permit be obtained from the North Carolina Department of Forest Resources. Mr. McLamb stated that due to the nature of Indian Trail's urban structure, with a mixture of high-density development and low-density rural areas, the ordinance could work well. The safety concerns in newer development would be addressed with the limitation of burning within 100 ft of a structure, but it would still allow for the activity in more established and rural areas through the permit



process, an easy and free process which can be obtained on line.

The Council greatly appreciated the work of the committee, however several concerns regarding the details of enforcement were brought forward. These details will be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee at their next meeting on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm, and brought back to the Town Council in January or February.

Following the Yard Debris Burn Ordinance the committee will work on a local leash law.

Have an opinion? Don't be left out! Come and speak with any of our committees, boards, and the Town Council! Go to [www.Indian-trail.org](http://www.Indian-trail.org) for further details and scheduling information. Interested in serving on a committee, please contact Shelley DeHart at [srd@planning.indiantrail.org](mailto:srd@planning.indiantrail.org) for more information.

## Parks Master Plan Update

The Indian Trail Parks Master Plan is moving closer to adoption! The Plan has been under close revision by Town staff over the past month and will be reviewed by the Parks Master Plan Steering Committee November 18<sup>th</sup>.

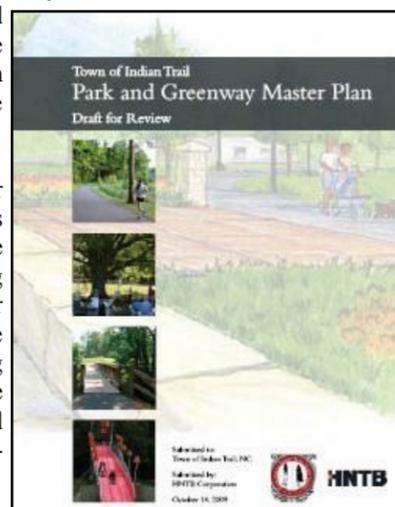
The plan has two other stops to make on its way to adoption, the first with the Planning Board on December 15th followed by the Town Council meeting in January. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings to participate in the process.

The plan begins by setting the context for parks in Indian Trail. During the park planning process, a detailed inventory and analysis of existing recreational facilities was conducted within the Town. Additionally, several stakeholder meet-

ings were held to collect public input about the future of parks in Indian Trail. The Town survey, another important component of the park plan, gathered information about the current recreational habits of Indian Trail's citizens.

The plan introduces future park recommendations and strategies for the Town and summarizes the vision and goals for the future of parks and recreation in Indian Trail. Look forward to the draft plan on the Town website coming soon or in person at the Indian Trail

Development Services Building at 130 Blythe Drive. Contact Hillary Pace at the Planning Department for any questions at [hkp@planning.indiantrail.org](mailto:hkp@planning.indiantrail.org) or 704-821-5401.



## Capital Improvement Program

The Engineering Department has developed a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which encompasses short and long range goals. The following short-term CIP projects are currently underway:

### Transportation

**Faith Church Road and Unionville Indian Trail Road Intersection** – This Federal Stimulus funded project being managed by NCDOT includes the addition of left turn lanes on Unionville Indian Trail Road and signaling the intersection. In addition to this, NCDOT will patch and resurface Unionville Indian Trail Road from Younts Road to Sardis Road.

**Old Monroe Road and Indian Trail Road Intersection** – Improvements provide for a dedicated right turn lane, through lane, and left turn lane at all approaches while incorporating pedestrian facility enhancements including 10' wide sidewalks, crosswalks and concrete refuges in the intersection.

**Waxhaw Indian Trail Road Sidewalk** – Sidewalk will be installed along the south side of Waxhaw Indian Trail Road from Coventry Drive to Colton Ridge Drive. This project extends through the limits of the Old Monroe Road and Indian Trail Road Intersection project.

**Unionville Indian Trail Road and Sardis Road Sidewalk** – Sidewalk will be installed along the south side of Unionville Indian Trail Road from Younts Road to Sardis Road. From there it continues along the west side of Sardis Road to Brick Landing Drive.

**Rogers Road Sidewalk** – This project will provide a continuous sidewalk along Rogers Road from Wesley Chapel Stouts Road to Old Charlotte Highway.

**Potter Road (Austin Village) Sidewalk** – This project will provide sidewalk connection from Middleton Avenue to the intersection of Potter Road and Chestnut Lane.

**Resurfacing Contract FY 09-10** – This contract will provide asphalt repair, reclamation, and resurfacing to seven Town maintained streets: Brandon Oaks Parkway, Midway Drive, Picketts Circle, Red Lantern Drive, Rockwell Drive, Hemby Wood Drive, and Clearwater Drive.

### Stormwater

**Maintenance Contract** – The Stormwater Maintenance Contract provides for continuous maintenance operations of the exiting stormwater public drainage system.

**Developer Bond Project** – These are projects the Town has undertaken to complete subdivision improvements which the developer was unable to construct. The funding source of this work is the developer's sureties.

**Callonwood South** – Project involves asphalt, curb and gutter, and storm drainage improvements.

**Holly Villa Circle** – Project involves the partial realignment, extension, and completion of a cul-de-sac at the existing end of Holly Villa Circle.



## Indian Trail Christmas Tree Lighting

*Warm up by the bonfire  
See Santa and Friends  
S'mores made by Girl Scouts  
The fun never ends*

*Cookies with Council  
Cocoa abounds  
Sun Valley High Choir  
Delighting us with sounds*

*A night of Community Spirit  
Not to be missed  
Join the Town of Indian Trail  
For an evening of Christmas Bliss*

WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 2ND, 2009  
6:30 PM  
INDIAN TRAIL TOWN HALL  
[WWW.INDIANTRAIL.ORG](http://WWW.INDIANTRAIL.ORG)

*WKQC-FM K104.7 broadcasting live  
All evening's refreshments graciously  
sponsored by CompuNet World*

# Sunday, November 29th at 2 pm

Join us for the 5th annual Indian Trail Christmas Parade sponsored by our local Rotary Club, Union West Rotary on Sunday, November 29th at 2 pm come rain or shine.

This year is sure to be the largest parade ever featuring our local favorites such as the Sun Valley Marching Band, our local Fire Departments, and of course St. Nick. This year's Grand Marshall



is Sonya Gantt, News anchor for WCNC-TV Charlotte.



Please join us for this fun filled event Thanksgiving Weekend right here in Downtown Indian Trail, on Indian Trail Road between Old Monroe and Hwy 74. Please visit [www.Rotaryclubofunionwest.org](http://www.Rotaryclubofunionwest.org) for more information on how you or your organization can participate in the parade or call Chad Hannon at (704) 882-3855.

## New Trash Pickup Requirements

Due to the Town's growth, on October 31st, 2009, the Town's trash contractor, Action Garbage, will only be able to fulfill the obligations of their contract as follows:

- Only trash **inside** the Town-provided roll-out cart will be picked up.
- Any trash located **outside** the Town-provided roll-out cart will **not** be picked up.

In addition to this local trash policy, the state has passed a bill which bans plastic bottles from disposal in landfills.

- All plastic bottles **must** be placed in your recycle bin for disposal.
- Paper and plastic **must** be kept separate.



If needed, you may place your recycling in a second container of similar shape and size, provided at your own expense.

Organic material including lawn debris, grass clippings, leaves, sticks, etc. are not permitted in your garbage cart. Placing any of these items in your cart can result in the entire cart **not** being emptied. A separate container for yard debris can be purchased from the Town.

Please help us in an effort to keep your taxes as low as possible and the Town clean and green. If you have any questions or concerns please call Town Hall at 704-821-8114. Thank you for your cooperation!



## Bike it

The Town of Indian Trail is preparing itself for the future and alternative means of transportation. We adopted a Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan in 2008 to create an extensive network of interconnected sidewalks, greenways, and pedestrian paths throughout town and the region. In the summer of 2009, we were awarded a grant from NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Division to develop a new Bicycle Plan. We recently began our search for a consulting firm to create the plan. Our goal is to complement the pedestrian planning efforts by providing recreational facilities and safe routes for cyclists to reach their destination.

The Comprehensive Plan is a long range land use plan. It provides guidance for future development and the basis for future plans, such as the Bicycle Plan. The goals of the plan include quality of life, land use, transportation, downtown revitalization, and public utilities. Specifically, the transportation goal details multi-modal transportation options for an improved thoroughfare plan. There are currently very few bicycle facilities anywhere in town, but diligent planning will help incorporate bicycles into our future transportation network.



Our timeline is as follows with the goal to have a plan in place by the end of 2010:

**November 2009** – review proposals and narrow the list of potential candidates to 3-5 firms

**December/January 2009** – candidates present proposals to Planning Board and Town Council; award contract

This is also an excellent opportunity to get involved and help with the planning efforts. We will be looking for volunteers to serve on the Steering Committee for this plan. If you are interested, please contact Craig Thomas at [cat@planning.indiantrail.org](mailto:cat@planning.indiantrail.org).

## Upcoming Community Events



- November 24th—Town Council Meeting at 6 p.m.
- November 26th & 27th—Town Hall Closed Thanksgiving
- November 29th—Indian Trail Christmas Parade— 2 p.m.
- December 2nd—Indian Trail Christmas Tree Lighting—6:30 p.m.
- December 8th—Town Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- December 23th—25th Closed for the Christmas Holiday
- January 1—Closed for New Years Day
- January 12th—Town Council Meeting—7 p.m.
- January 18th—Closed for Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday
- January 26th—Town Council Meeting—6 p.m.

On Friday, October 9th, local Girl Scout Troop #3461 marked the first storm drains in Indian Trail. These storm drains display the message, "No Dumping! Drains to waterways" in English and Spanish. They also have a colorful picture of a frog or fish on them to remind you that wildlife depends on clean water for survival.



The Brownies work together to mark the first storm drain in Indian Trail.

These Brownies learned the importance of a clean storm sewer system and are looking forward to marking more storm drains in Indian Trail. You can volunteer to mark drains too by contacting Indian Trail Stormwater Services. Volunteers must be 10 years of age and all those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers are given storm drain marking supplies and are briefed on safety and program expectations.

The storm drain marking program is open for all interested citizen volunteer groups. Contact Hillary Pace ([hkp@planning.indiantrail.org](mailto:hkp@planning.indiantrail.org)) with Stormwater Services at 704-821-5401 to arrange a time and date for your group to mark some storm drains in your neighborhood!

