

Town Hall Bulletin

TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

March 2025



Town of Indian Trail: A Safe Place to Be

One thing that sets the Town of Indian Trail apart from other municipalities of our size is our contract with the Union County Sheriff's Office (UCSO). Instead of having our own police force, we partner with the UCSO to keep our community safe - and it works! Through this contract, residents receive a dedicated law enforcement presence in Indian Trail, 33 sworn deputies to be exact, but also the reassurance that other UCSO deputies are available if needed. The contract also saves taxpayer dollars, as it is less expensive than funding our own police force.

While the deputies who serve Indian Trail respond to calls received, they are also proactive in their efforts to reduce crime and keep our community safe. For example, throughout 2024, the deputies held several enforcement events, including speed checking stations, seat belt checking stations, stop sign enforcement, and forged tag enforcement. Through these events, deputies were able to charge drivers for such offenses as having no insurance or registration, forged tags, other traffic violations and more.

Earlier this year, Andy Mullis, Captain of the UCSO's Indian Trail Division, shared with the Town Council that all Part One crime stats decreased from 2023 to 2024.

Nature	2024	2023	% Change
Totals	565	629	-10.2%
Murder	0	1	-100.0%
Rape	3	5	-40.0%
Robbery	2	3	-33.3%
Aggravated Assault	14	18	-22.2%
Burglary	62	70	-11.4%
Larceny	442	472	-6.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	42	60	-30.0%

In addition to keeping our residents and community safe, the Indian Trail deputies of the UCSO are also heavily involved in our community. They regularly participate in the Town's events, including National Night Out, Touch A Truck, and the July 4 and Christmas parades, just to name a few. They also participate in Bike to School events, hold student and adult education events, collect school supplies, and are a key partner in the annual Holiday Heroes Toy Drive.

The Indian Trail Division of the UCSO is also a permanent car seat checking station. This free service is available the first Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 130 Blythe Drive in Indian Trail.

The Town of Indian Trail is grateful for our partnership with the UCSO. Thanks to them, Indian Trail is a safe place to live and work. If you see a deputy around the Town, please thank them for their hard work and dedication to Indian Trail!

Lock Your Doors! Help Reduce Property Theft

Easy marks for thieves on the prowl are unlocked car doors.

Help keep your property safe and reduce the instances of theft by taking the following steps:

- Lock your doors every time you leave your vehicle.
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle. At the very least, keep them out of sight, such as in your trunk or glove box. If a thief doesn't see anything worth taking, they likely move on to another vehicle.
- Take your keys with you. Don't leave them in your car and make it an easy target for motor vehicle theft.

Tips to Prevent Vehicle Break-ins

- Lock your car doors!
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle every time you leave your car.
- Take your keys with you. Don't leave them in the car.



March Meeting Dates*

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| <p>4 Stormwater Committee, 6 p.m.</p> <p>11 Budget Workshop, 5 p.m.</p> <p>11 Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>18 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.</p> | <p>20 ABC Board, 6 p.m. @ABC Store (5880 U.S. 74)</p> <p>25 Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.</p> |
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All meetings are at the Indian Trail Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Council meetings may be viewed online at <http://indiantrail.org/310/Live-Archived-Media>.

*Meetings are subject to change. Please visit the Town's website at www.indiantrail.org for the most up-to-date meeting information.

Solid Waste and Recycling: News and Reminders

Shred Day



Saturday, May 10, 2025
Time: 9 a.m. to Noon



Indian Trail Town Hall
315 Matthews-Indian
Trail Rd.

Spring Shred Day: Saturday, May 10, 2025

The Town of Indian Trail's annual Spring Shred Day is on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (or until the truck is full) at the Indian Trail Town Hall (315 Matthews Indian Trail Road). The Shred Day is FREE and open to Indian Trail residents. The limit is five boxes per household.

What to Shred: Paper, folders, and hanging file folders.

What NOT to Shred: Hard drives, batteries, cell phones, laptops, CDs/DVDs/Tapes, or hardback books.

For more information, visit <https://indiantrail.org/626/Shred-Day>.

Yard Waste Collection Tips and Guidelines

With Spring quickly approaching, it will soon be time to clean up yards and flower beds.

Re-Use Yard Waste First

The Town of Indian Trail collects all types of yard waste; however much of this material can be managed at home and beneficially reused by residents. Utilization of mulching mowers for grass clippings and compost piles for leaves will yield healthier lawns, shrubs and gardens. If you do not wish to manage your own yard waste, the Town will collect the material every other week on your regular collection day.

How to Put Yard Waste Out for Collection

Brush and other trimmings should be stacked neatly next to the curb and should not obstruct the sidewalk or block storm drains. Branches and shrub trimmings should not exceed 4 feet in length and should be less than 4 inches in diameter.



Leaf Collection

- Loose leaves placed at the curb are a violation of Town code and are subject to Code Enforcement and removal penalties.
- Expanded leaf collection (up to 25 bags per pick-up) will be provided during peak periods.
- Leaves should be placed in clear plastic or brown paper biodegradable bags weighing less than 35 pounds each. Bagged materials are collected bi-weekly on your regular waste collection day on the opposite week from when you put out your recycling.

Common Code Violation: Lawn Maintenance



With warmer temperatures and spring around the corner, grass will begin growing quickly. One of the most common code violations the Town sees is high grass.

Per the Town's Code of Ordinances, grass should be no taller than 12 inches.

Please remember to mow your grass, as lawn maintenance is important to the health, safety, and welfare of residents and plays an important role in maintaining a quality neighborhood appearance.

If you see an occurrence of high grass in your neighborhood, you can report it to the Town's Code Enforcement Officers at <https://indiantrail.org/198/How-to-Report-a-Code-Violation>.

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Indian Trail Spring Litter Sweep

Volunteers Needed!*

When:

- Saturday, April 12
- 7:30-11 a.m.

Meet At:

- Indian Trail Town Hall (315 Matthews-Indian Trail Road)

Indian Trail will provide:

- Safety vests
- Bags, pickers, and buckets

Register:

- <http://bit.ly/4093ofc>



Questions:

- Contact Director of Public Works Adam McLamb at ajm@indiantrail.org

Co-sponsors:



*Volunteers must be ages 14+

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Did You Know?

Plastic Recycling Facts



What happens to recycled plastic containers? They can be used to make new plastic containers, but it doesn't stop there. Recycled plastic can also be used in creating other things like cell phone cases, playground equipment, clothes, and rugs.

Parks and Recreation: Upcoming Programs and Events

Touch A Truck



Police cars, fire trucks, construction equipment, a helicopter, and more! Stop by Chestnut Square Park for a chance to explore more than 20 different vehicles. You'll be able to touch, climb in, and even sound the sirens in these cool machines! Food trucks and other family friendly activities will also be on site for a full day of fun!

Date: Saturday, March 1

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (From 1-2 p.m. there will be a silent hour with no lights or sirens)

Location: Chestnut Square Park (320 Chestnut Parkway)

Sponsor: Novant Health (<https://www.novanthealth.org/>)

Abilities in Action



New Event! Abilities in Action is dedicated to celebrating the abilities and achievements of individuals with special needs. This inclusive field day will provide a morning of fun, fitness, and friendship in a supportive and accessible environment.

Date: Saturday, March 22

Time: 9-11 a.m.

Location: Chestnut Square Park (320 Chestnut Parkway)

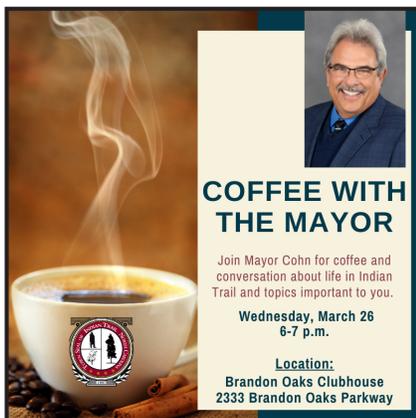
Coming in April!

- Inclusive Egg Hunt: Thursday, April 10, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park
- Hop to IT: Friday, April 11, from 6-9 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park
- HITS After Six: Thursday, April 17, from 6-9 p.m. at Chestnut Square Park
- Friday Flicks and Family Camp Out: Friday, April 25, beginning at 6 p.m. at Crooked Creek Park

Coffee with the Mayor

Join us for Coffee with the Mayor on Wednesday, March 26, from 6-7 p.m. This month, we're meeting at the Brandon Oaks Clubhouse, located at 2333 Brandon Oaks Parkway.

All Indian Trail residents and business owners are invited to join Mayor Cohn for coffee and conversation about life in Indian Trail and the topics important to you.



Share your questions and concerns directly with Mayor Cohn in a comfortable and informal setting so we can work together for the benefit of our community.

Interested in hosting a Coffee with the Mayor? Or do you have a specific topic you'd like to discuss at the March Coffee with the Mayor? Contact Communications Director Abbey Ball at anb@indiantrail.org.

Welcome, New Business!

Katrina's Mexican Grill



Katrina's Mexican Grill recently opened in Sun Valley! Offering Mexican cuisine, culture, and tradition, Katrina's Mexican Grill is a dining experience you don't want to miss. You can order online or dine in-person at 6437 Old Monroe Road.

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Facebook Live with the Mayor and the Manager

Special Guest: CRTPO

Join Mayor David Cohn and Town Manager Mike McLaurin for March's Facebook Live on Thursday, March 13, at 1 p.m.

This month, they'll talk with Neil Burke, Deputy Director, and Merritt McCully, Community Engagement Coordinator, for the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO). Council Member Clarence Alsobrooks, who is the Town's delegate to CRTPO, will also join us.



Additionally, Town Manager McLaurin will provide an update on important happenings in Indian Trail, and Mayor Cohn will share the details on upcoming events.

If you have a question for CRTPO or the Town, email it to Communications Director Abbey Ball at anb@indiantrail.org. You can also ask questions in the comments during the show where they will be answered live.

To watch live, tune in to the Town's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/IndianTrail>) at 1 p.m. on March 13. If you're unable to watch the live stream, the recording will stay on the Town's Facebook page for future viewing.

For more information about CRTPO, please visit their website at <https://crtpo.org/>.

Stormwater Maintenance

Lawn care, landscaping, and pest control practices are major contributors to stormwater pollution. Rain and irrigation runoff flows across yards, rooftops, paved areas, and picks up dirt, leaves, grass clippings, garden chemicals, and anything else in its path. This polluted water flows directly into the storm drain system. Nutrients and other chemicals from yard waste can cause excessive algae growth and toxin production. Algae robs organisms in our streams from the oxygen they need to survive. Below are some tips that will help prevent extra stormwater runoff and pollution from entering into the Town's watershed.



Mowing Pattern: Avoid mowing in the same direction or pattern each time you mow. When you do this, you risk compacting soil and creating ruts. Compacted soil and ruts can lead to grass that's less healthy, followed by weeds that thrive in compacted soil.

Adjusting Mower Height: Adjust mower height throughout the growing season. For instance, shift the cutting deck higher in summer and allow grass to grow longer. Taller grass helps shade soil, which prevents weed growth and slows water evaporation.

Grasscycling: When you let grass clippings lie on the lawn after cutting, that's called grasscycling. It not only saves time, but it also saves money (no more yard waste bags or fees). Grass clippings can provide up to 25 percent of your lawn's fertilizer needs, so you'll save some money on fertilizer, too. You don't need a specialized mulching mower, but you might want to replace your current mower blade with a mulching blade, which cuts grass into smaller pieces that decompose quickly.

Fertilizing: Fertilize only when necessary or not at all. If you do fertilize, be sure to follow the instructions on the package and use only the recommended amount. Excess fertilizer will wash off your yard when it rains and end up in the local watershed.

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Important Numbers

UC Sewer and Water Services
704-296-4210

UC Public Schools
704-296-9898

UC Sheriff's Office (IT Division)
704-283-3791

Hemby Bridge Fire Department
704-882-2100

Baker's Fire Department
704-289-2741

Stallings Fire Department
704-821-7100

2025 United Senior Games & Silver Arts Registration Now Open

Calling all Union County residents 50 years or better! Registration is open for the 2025 United Senior Games and Silver Arts. The events will be held from March 28 - May 5 at various locations throughout Union County. Registration is \$12 per person and ends on March 24.

To register, visit <https://torch.ncseniorgames.org/>. Log in or create an account. Once you're signed in, select the events you want to participate in, and then make your registration payment.

Registration gives participants access to ALL the events, including the spectacular Opening and Closing Ceremonies!

Join Indian Trail Parks and Recreation and others across the county for a celebration of fun, fitness, and friendship!

Why should you sign up?

- Stay active with a variety of sports and activities.
- Enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded individuals.
- Indulge in a delightful meal and entertainment at the Closing Ceremony.

For more information, call 704-282-4657.

UNITED SENIOR GAMES & SILVER ARTS

Union County residents 50 years or better have fun and make new friends by competing in various sporting or art events!

March 28 - May 5 at Various Locations in Union County

Early Bird Registration Feb 21-28 | \$10
Regular Registration Ends March 24 | \$12

Registration Steps

- ✓ Visit torch.ncseniorgames.org
- ✓ Log in or create an account
- ✓ Select the events you want to participate in
- ✓ Make payment

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