

# Town Hall Bulletin

## TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL NEWSLETTER

June 2025



## Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

During the May 13 Council meeting, Town Manager Mike McLaurin presented the recommended budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026. The budget is a statement of the Town's priorities and a financial plan for funding those priorities. The following six priorities help guide the Town: Public Safety, Transportation, Economic Development, Town Infrastructure, Human Capital, and Capital Improvement Projects.

During his presentation, McLaurin recommended that the Council maintain the 18.5-cent tax rate for FY 26. However, taking into account the recent property revaluations, the Council voted to move forward with a tax rate of 17 cents per \$100 of valuation to help offset the property tax impact for residents.

Indian Trail's budget consists of four separate funds:

- **General Fund:** Funds the daily operations of the Town, including personnel, supplies, utilities, etc.
- **Stormwater Fund:** Restricted to addressing stormwater issues, such as improving street drainage.
- **Powell Bill Fund:** Restricted to transportation projects.
- **Debt Service/Capital Reserve:** Used to pay for existing bond debt and fund larger scale projects with a multi-year life.

### Capital Projects

#### Funded Projects

The Town has several fully funded capital projects, including the Chestnut Square Park access road, Indian Trail Road Complete Street Phase 1, Chestnut Parkway Phase 3, Southfork Crooked Creek Greenway, and Chestnut Square Park Phase 2, totaling \$38,089,437.

#### Unfunded Projects

Additionally, the Town has several unfunded capital projects, including the Indian Trail Road Complete Street Phase 2, Public Works Facility, Multi-Generational Community Center, and sidewalk connection projects.

Once the FY 26 budget is approved in June, the Council will need to review the unfunded capital project list, identify which projects should move forward, and determine funding strategies.

### Recommended Budget

To view the recommended budget, visit <https://bit.ly/4ksrU4p>. If you have questions about the budget, contact Finance Director Alicia Massey at 704-821-5401 or [amm@indiantrail.org](mailto:amm@indiantrail.org).

If you want to learn more about the Town's finances or view the current budget, visit the Finance section of our website at <http://indiantrail.org/160/Finance-Business-Operations>.

### FY 25-26 Recommended Budget Highlights



#### Funds

- The General Fund is balanced at \$26,620,509 using the 17-cent tax rate. No fund balance was appropriated.
  - While the General Fund increased by 13.3% over FY 25, there was a **4.5% reduction** in the Operations Budget.
- The Powell Bill fund is \$2,035,000 and the Stormwater fund is \$3,866,795.
- The Capital Reserve/Debt Service is \$4,883,077.
- American Rescue Plan Act: During FY 25, the Town fully obligated the remaining ARPA funds for Stormwater projects. The unrestricted interest funds earned in FY 26 will be allocated to the Community Center.
- State Capital Infrastructure Funds: \$10,300,000
- NC Regional Economic Development Reserve Fund: \$250,000 for parks and recreation, with a priority on pickleball



#### Personnel

- No additional personnel requested.
- Reclassifying the Senior Account position to Assistant Finance Director.
- 2% COLA for Town staff and Council Members.



#### Public Safety (Union County Sheriff's Office Contract)

- Two deputies and one sergeant will be added, bringing it to a total of 38 full-time employees at the Indian Trail Division of the UCSO. This is an 18.52% cost increase over FY 25.



#### Transportation

- Funding for the CATS Union County 74X Express Bus.
- \$1 million for Old Monroe Road improvements.

## June Meeting Dates\*

4	PARC Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.	18	Stormwater Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
12	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	19	ABC Board, 6 p.m. @ABC Store (5880 U.S. 74)
17	Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	24	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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](http://www.indiantrail.org) for the most up-to-date meeting information.

# Solid Waste and Recycling: News and Reminders

## Mark Your Calendar! Important Upcoming Dates:

- **There are no scheduled solid waste pick-up delays in June.** Waste Connections will not be taking any holidays off in June. Please place your solid waste and recycling carts at the curb on your regular day.
- Toward the end of July, the Town will mail the **2025-2026 Recycling and Yard Waste Calendars** to your residence, so be on the look out! The calendar will also be available on the Town's website during that time.
- Yard waste will not be accepted if it's in black plastic bags.
- **Bulk and e-Waste Pickup will occur Aug. 4-8 for Green Recycling Weeks and Aug. 11-15 for Orange Recycling Weeks.** For more information, visit <https://indiantrail.org/258/Bulk-Collection>.



## Summer Recycling Tips



Now that summer is upon us, please keep these recycling tips in mind:

-When gardening, plastic plant pots may not be accepted in your recycling program but can be returned to participating retail locations.

-Mulch and potting soil bags don't belong in your recycling bin, but these can be returned to retail locations that accept plastic shopping bags or you may elect to order mulch and soil that are not sold in bags.

-Garden hoses are not recyclable and can pose dangers to recycling equipment and facility workers. Used garden hoses can be made into soaker hoses for gardening.

-Construction materials are not recyclable, but these may be valuable to resale stores or thrift shops.

-For cookouts or barbecues, remember to set out your recycling bin, preferably beside your trash can. When shopping for supplies, be sure to purchase products that are reusable, compostable, or recyclable. Prevent attendees from placing disposable cutlery, straws, plates, napkins, or paper towels in the recycling.

## Now Hiring! Public Works Maintenance Technicians

Are you looking for a new job or changing careers? Then look no further than the Town of Indian Trail's Public Works Department.

We're hiring Maintenance Technicians for the following crews:

- Parks & Grounds
- Right-of-Way
- Streets & Drainage

**Town of Indian Trail**

**NOW HIRING PUBLIC WORKS**

**Open Positions:**

- Maintenance Tech - Parks & Grounds
- Maintenance Tech - Right-of-way
- Maintenance Tech - Streets & Drainage

**Choose Indian Trail for:**

- Excellent Benefits
  - Pension, 401(k), and more!
- Advanced Training Opportunities
- Guaranteed Hours (35 hours, M-F)
- Positive Work Environment

**Be a part of building our community!**

**Apply Today!**  
[indiantrail.org/jobs](http://indiantrail.org/jobs)

As part of our team, you'll receive:

- Excellent benefits (pension, 401(k), etc.)
- Paid vacation and sick leave
- 13 paid holidays
- On-the-job training
- Advanced training opportunities
- Guaranteed hours (35 hours, M-F)
- A positive work environment

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## Public Works: Employee of the Year

Joey Castiglione, maintenance technician on the Facilities and Grounds crew, was named Indian Trail Public Works Employee of the Year! This is the ninth year for the award, which is anonymously voted on by employees in the Public Works Department. A few things his coworkers said about him include:

- "He is always kind, responsive, and responsible."
- "He is always there to help when you need him."
- "He is honest, kind, a hard worker, and an asset to the Town."
- "He always has a positive attitude."
- "He is a good worker, dedicated, and a good friend. He deserves it."



Congratulations, Joey! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to the Town of Indian Trail!

**Did You Know? Recycling Facts**

It is difficult to know exactly how much paper is made from recycled materials; however, it is estimated that 40% of the world's logging industry output goes into manufacturing virgin paper.

# Family Fun Day 2025: Everything You Need to Know



Family Fun Day, Indian Trail's biggest event of the year, is on Saturday, June 7, from 2-9:30 p.m. at Crooked Creek Park. This year's event includes carnival rides, games, vendors, food trucks, a Ninja Warrior course, and a spectacular fireworks show to end the night.

The day will also include a variety of live entertainment:

- Thirsty Horses: A high-energy rock/pop/country rock cover band
- Wonder Free: These seasoned pros bring a fresh, energetic, and authentic spin to classic hits
- Kids entertainment from Giggle Box Circus during the day or visit with Turbo a giant 9 foot robot! *This project was supported by Union County Community Arts Council and the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.*

We would like to thank this year's event sponsors, Novant Health and Piedmont Natural Gas. Without them, this event wouldn't be possible!

## **NO PARKING ON SITE - SHUTTLE SERVICE ONLY**

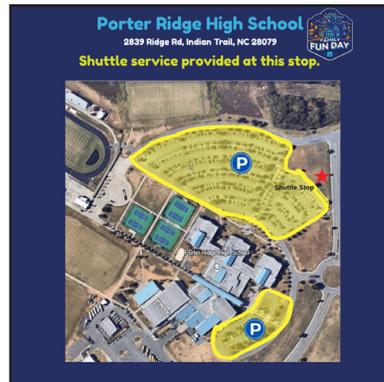
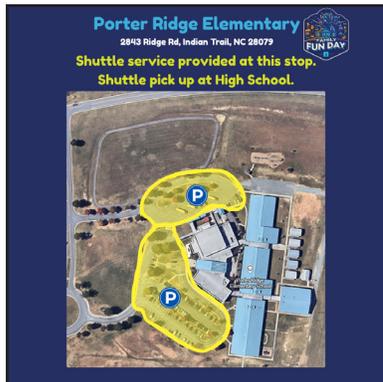
The rides, food trucks, vendors, and emergency service vehicles take up all the available parking at Crooked Creek Park. Guests will need to take a free shuttle from one of the following locations:

- Poplin Elementary School
- Porter Ridge Elementary School - Shuttle picks up at Porter Ridge High School
- Porter Ridge Middle School
- Porter Ridge High School



Handicap parking will be available at Sardis Elementary School with an ADA-accessible shuttle available.

If space is available, guests can also park at Sardis Baptist Church and walk to the park. There will be NO parking at KinderCare.



## Parks and Recreation: Upcoming Programs and Events

### Juneteenth



Join us as we celebrate Juneteenth as a day of recognition, reflection, and celebration with activities including spoken word readings, dancing, and more.

**Date:** Friday, June 13

**Time:** 6-9 p.m.

**Location:** Crossing Paths Park (120 Blythe Drive)

### Coming in July!

- July 4 Parade: Friday, July 4, at 10 a.m. along Indian Trail Road (Please note the earlier 10 a.m. start time, which is an hour earlier than previous years.)

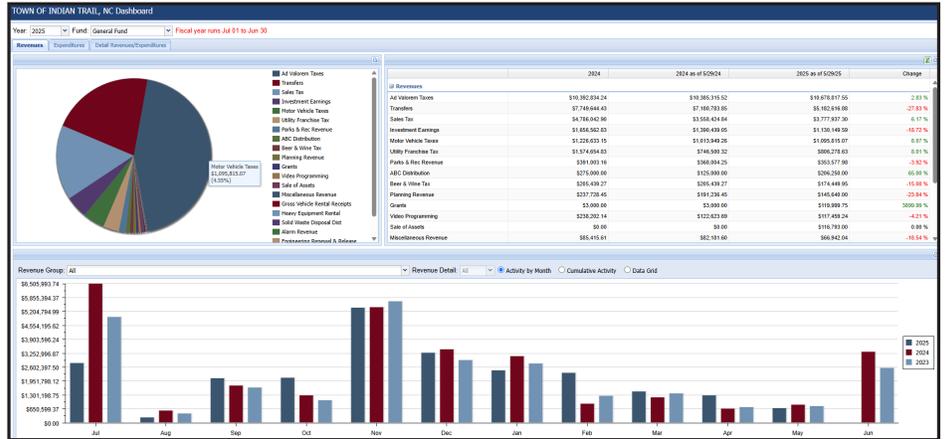
# Financial Transparency Dashboard

Indian Trail's Finance Department recently launched an interactive Financial Transparency Dashboard.

The dashboard shows current revenue and expenditure data in real-time, as well as revenues and expenditures from the three previous fiscal years. Users can view financial data from the Town's General Fund, Powell Bill fund, and Stormwater fund. To view the dashboard, visit <https://broker.edmundsassoc.com/Dashboard/?municipalId=600NC>. It can also be found on our website, [www.indiantrail.org](http://www.indiantrail.org), by hovering over the Government tab and clicking on Financial Transparency Dashboard under the Finance Department.

Transparency with Town residents is essential, and the dashboard provides an additional tool to keep our community informed.

If you have any questions about the dashboard or the Town's finances in general, contact Finance Director Alicia Massey at 704-821-5401 or [amm@indiantrail.org](mailto:amm@indiantrail.org).



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### Important Numbers

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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

## Crooked Creek Park Splash Pad is Open!

The Splash Pad at Crooked Creek Park is officially open for the season! We have just a few reminders to share with you about the Splash Pad:

- The Splash Pad is operational daily (except for Tuesdays) from 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. through Sept. 7. Every Tuesday the Splash Pad is closed for routine maintenance. If we are able to open the Splash Pad on Tuesday after maintenance is completed, we will post via social media.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays: Groups of 15+ can be out at the Splash Pad. Groups are limited to the time frame of 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and have made a reservation. Group reservations are limited to one group per day. To make a group reservation, call 704-821-8114.



- The Splash Pad can be rented for private parties or events on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays, from 7 p.m. to sunset. To reserve the Splash Pad, visit <https://bit.ly/41mtPxl>.

- If you would like to use the Splash Pad-friendly wheelchair, please call 704-821-8114 or email [recreation@indiantrail.org](mailto:recreation@indiantrail.org) to reserve it.

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