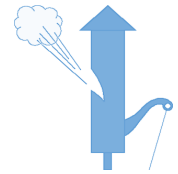




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Public Notice

governing body >>>

Troutman Town Council

Troutman is governed by a Mayor and a five member Town Council. All elected positions are non-partisan and at-large. The Town Council has regularly scheduled meetings on the second Thursday of each month at Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

Teross W. Young, Jr.	Mayor
W. Paul Henkel	Mayor Pro Tem
Paul R. Bryant	Councilmember
George W. Harris	Councilmember
Edward R. Nau	Councilmember
Sally P. Williams	Councilmember

In response to the Coronavirus-19 awareness threat, The Town of Troutman's top priority is the health, safety and security of our community and employees. Town officials are taking the current spread of COVID-19 very seriously and receiving guidance from the Iredell County Health Department and other governmental partners in monitoring this situation. The Town Hall lobby is closed to the public, so we have implemented the following:

- ◇ All customers are encouraged to conduct utilities payments with the Town utilizing its online feature at www.troutmannnc.gov (the \$3 online convenience fee has been removed for the next few months); or depositing your payment in our Town Hall utilities payment drop box located outside by the Town Hall Drive Up; or by calling the Town offices at 704 528-7600 and making your payment over the phone during business hours. Additionally, you may email questions to the Town at info@troutmannnc.gov.
- ◇ The playground, restrooms and water fountains at the Troutman ESC Park are closed until further notice. Please enjoy the open field areas and walking trails in the park.
- ◇ Public Works department asks that we "think before we flush". If the toilet paper shortage has you using disposable wipes, paper towels, tissues, etc.—Please put them in the garbage can. Even if the label says "flushable", these items can clog our sewer lines. Use the trash can, not the toilet!
- ◇ There will be no walk-in appointments at Town Hall. If a customer needs to meet with a Town Hall employee, discussions are encouraged by phone or email. Below is how best to contact Town Hall employees via email.

Utility Billing questions & payments: Angela Hoover, Email: ahover@troutmannnc.gov or Danielle Upright Email: dupright@troutmannnc.gov
Planning & Zoning (Subdivisions or Commercial): George Berger, Planning Director
Email: gberger@troutmannnc.gov.

Zoning Permits: Danielle Upright, Email: dupright@troutmannnc.gov

Town Clerk: Kimberly Davis, Email: kdavis@troutmannnc.gov

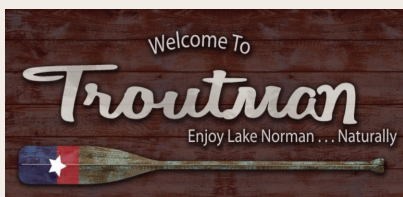
Parks & Recreation: Emily Watson, Email: ewatson@troutmannnc.gov

Troutman Police Dept.: (Non-Emergency) Chief Tina Fleming, Email: tfleming@troutmannnc.gov or 704-528-7610

Interim Town Manager: James Freeman, Email jfreeman@troutmannnc.gov

Please check our website and Facebook page (Town of Troutman) for updates that the Town must implement in this time of constant changing health and safety threat to our community.

For more information go to
www.TroutmanNC.gov



Bicycle Laws & Safety>>>

With Spring on the horizon and more cyclists likely to be on the road, it's important to remember that safety is a shared responsibility between motorists and cyclists. Both motor vehicles and bicycles are subject to North Carolina traffic laws.



According to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, bicyclists must ride in the same direction of traffic and obey all traffic signs and signals, stopping at red lights and stop signs. Additionally, cyclists should keep to the right side of the road, designated for slower traffic, and use hand signals to indicate turns. At night, bicyclists are required to use a front lamp and a rear reflector (or reflective clothing), both of which must be visible from a distance of 300 feet.

Motorists should be prepared for bicyclists to take the whole lane, as it is permitted by law for cyclists to do. Motor vehicle drivers must allow at least 2 feet of space when passing a bicyclist; motor vehicle drivers may cross a double yellow line to pass a bicyclist as long as: (1) there is enough sight distance to do so; and (2) the motorist allows at least 4 feet of space between the motor vehicle and the bicyclist OR moves completely into the opposite lane to pass. Drivers should also always look for bicyclists before turning, backing up, and when driving at night. Pass bicyclists only when it is safe to do so, and be sure to give them plenty of room.

For more information about bicycle laws and safety, visit <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/bike-ped/>. (Reprinted and slight edits with Permission of the Town of Mooresville.)

Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation (ESFR) Program Available to Eligible Homeowners >>>

Iredell County has been awarded funding from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency to rehabilitate eligible homes. The primary goal is to encourage the essential rehabilitation of single-family homes owned/occupied by lower-income households with: an elderly and/or disabled fulltime household member; with a child under the age of 6 whose health is threatened by the presence of lead-based paint hazards; and/or veteran households with incomes at or below eighty percent (80%) of the area median income.

The amount of funds available can vary from \$5,000 to \$25,000, depending on the condition of the home. Manufactured Homes are eligible if the foundation and utility hookups are permanently affixed, included removal of all transporting equipment and installation of a full masonry foundation and tie-downs. The property must be current with all taxes. ESFR assistance will be provided to eligible owner-occupants in the form of interest-free, forgivable loans covering the costs associated with rehabilitation of the unit.

Homeowners desiring additional information or wishing to apply for the ESFR Program may do so by contacting Laurie Powell at Western Piedmont COG at 828-485-4249 to receive an application.

Troutman Counts 2020!! >>>

Census Day is officially April 1. Residents can begin filling out the census online as early as Thursday, March 12 at my2020census.gov. For more information or if you have any questions, you can visit the town's website home page for a link to the NC Census website, or to read the FAQs about the Census.

town meetings / schedules>>>

April 2020

01: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)

06: Agenda Briefing Meeting 4:00 pm*

06-07: Limb Collection

07: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)

08: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN

09: Town Council Meeting—7:00 pm*

10: Town Hall Closed: Good Friday

14: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)

15: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)

16: Design Review Board—7pm*

20: Parks & Rec Committee— 3:00 pm

21: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)

22: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN

27: Planning & Zoning Board. 7pm*

28: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)

29: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)

May 2020

04-05: Limb Collection

05: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)

06: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN

11: Agenda Briefing Meeting 4:00 pm*

12: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)

13: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)

14: Town Council Meeting—7:00 pm*

18: Parks & Rec Committee— 3:00 pm

19: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)

20: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN

21: Design Review Board—7pm*

25: Town Hall Closed: Memorial Day

26: Planning & Zoning Board. 7pm*

26: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)

27: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)