

## “From the Duck Blind...” Managers Memo

Several wonderful things are happening in Troutman early this Spring season. The flowers are in early bloom. Our Troutman ESC park is buzzing and has people using it in mass already on every beautiful day. We appreciate your patience as we are constructing a new parking area at the new ballfields section in Troutman ESC Park. The greenways are full of people getting their exercise or just enjoying a casual stroll through downtown. It is an awesome time of the year. This is also the busiest time of the year for our Town employees in each department as well. I hope as you see each of them you get an opportunity to say "Hello" or even "Thank You" as they are doing great jobs to keep our Town running well. I appreciate their efforts and know that you do, too. "Happiness is being contented with what you have and enjoy those around you."



Ron "Duck" Wyatt— Town Manager

## Public Works—Spring Activities

The Public Works Department is excited to be moving into the warmer months of the year. As citizens begin to get out and enjoy Troutman's recreational areas, the Public Works Department will be working to ensure those areas are safe and well kept. Some of the tasks Public Works will be starting in April include mowing, edging, mulching, weeding, planting, pruning, special landscape projects/updates, litter pickup, street herbicide application, and right-of-way mowing.



As always, do not hesitate to contact us with any issues related to water, sewer, streets, & grounds.

If you encounter a water or sewer emergency after hours, we are available 24/7 with our emergency call back program at **704-682-3835**.

## Job Posting—Associate Planner—Current & Long Range Planning

The Town of Troutman, NC is seeking candidates for Associate Planner in its 3-person Planning Department to participate in a variety of both current and long-range planning initiatives. Under the direction of the Planning Director, the Associate Planner will be involved in all aspects of development plan review, including rezonings, subdivisions, site plans, building design review, Special Use Permits and Variances, working collaboratively with Design Review Board, Planning & Zoning Board, and Board of Adjustment. Please visit our website ([www.troutmannnc.gov](http://www.troutmannnc.gov)) to see full description, duties, responsibilities and requirements.

## Troutman Town Council Members

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| Mayor:             | • Teross W. Young, Jr.                 |
| Councilmembers:    | • W. Paul Henkel- <i>Mayor Pro Tem</i> |
| • Felina L. Harris | • George W. Harris                     |
| • Edward R. Nau    | • Sally P. Williams                    |



## Town Schedules

### April 2021

- 02: Town Hall Closed—Good Friday
- 05-06: Limb Collection
- 05: Agenda Briefing Meeting: 4:00 pm
- 06: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)
- 07: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN
- 08: Town Council Meeting: 7:00 pm
- 13: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)
- 14: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)
- 19: Parks & Rec. Committee: 3pm
- 20: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)
- 21: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN
- 26: Planning & Zoning Board: 7:00 pm
- 27: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)
- 28: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)

### May 2021

- 03-04: Limb Collection
- 04: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)
- 05: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN
- 10: Agenda Briefing Meeting: 4:00 pm
- 11: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)
- 12: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)
- 13: Town Council Meeting: 7:00 pm
- 17: Parks & Rec. Committee: 3pm
- 18: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)
- 19: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN
- 24: Planning & Zoning Board: 7:00 pm
- 25: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)
- 26: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN



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## Council Briefs *A Summary of Significant Council Actions*

Troutman Town Council approved the follow agenda items in March 2021:

### Town Council Meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup>

- ◇ Approval of a Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement for property acquisition.
- ◇ Set a Special Meeting date of March 23, 2021 (4pm) for a Public Hearing regarding issuance of debt for acquisition of property.

### Town Council Meeting of March 11<sup>th</sup>

- ◇ Approval of GovOffice Web Solutions Proposal for Town Website
- ◇ Approved to name the Troutman ESC Park Softball/Baseball Complex "The Comer and Friends Complex"
- ◇ Approved Re-appointment of Kenny Overcash to the Town of Troutman Board of Adjustment for a 3 year term.

## 2021 Independence Day Parade

Join us as, together, we celebrate pride in our freedoms, community, and country with our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Troutman Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 11 am.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Troutman Independence Day Parade! Please contact Emily at Town Hall or [ewatson@troutmannnc.gov](mailto:ewatson@troutmannnc.gov) for an application. Forms are also on [www.troutmannnc.gov](http://www.troutmannnc.gov).

Please call Town Hall at 704-528-7600 or email [ewatson@troutmannnc.gov](mailto:ewatson@troutmannnc.gov) with questions.



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## Troutman Ordinances—*Grass in Street & Public Nuisances*

### **SPRINGTIME'S COMIN' - THINK CLEAN and GREEN!**

#### **Clean Streets**

The Town of Troutman strives to reduce flooding and maintain healthy creeks, streams, and lakes. Yard debris such as grass clippings, shrubbery trimmings, and leaves contribute to storm water pollution. This debris can cause flooding by clogging storm drains. Grass clippings in the street carry fertilizers and pesticides from yards and through storm drains into streams and ponds. The increase in nutrients causes algae growth which depletes oxygen and kills fish and other aquatic life. Please be a good steward of your property by keeping streets and sidewalks free of grass clippings and other debris.

Troutman's Code of Ordinances prohibits leaving grass clippings and other yard debris on streets and sidewalks. Penalties for violation range from a warning letter to civil penalties up to \$500. Continued violations may result in misdemeanor charges. (Troutman Ordinance Article I Sections 22.1 - 22.5)

#### **Tall Grass and Other Property Nuisances**

Springtime is a great time to clean up around your property. Lawns that are nicely maintained make attractive Town neighborhoods. Following are some conditions considered public nuisances:

- ⇒ Grass, weeds, or noxious vegetation taller than 12 inches
- ⇒ Piles of trash and/or garbage, rubbish, or junk
- ⇒ Piles of combustible items such as mattresses, boxes, paper, automobile tires and tubes, brush, old clothes, rags, etc.
- ⇒ Piles of animal or vegetable matter that has an offensive odor or maybe inhabited by rats, mice, snakes, etc.
- ⇒ Buildings or structures which have been burned or otherwise partially destroyed and which are unsightly, a fire hazard, or hazardous to residents' safety.
- ⇒ Blockages to the natural flow of streams and creeks so that the property is not free from standing water
- ⇒ Outside placement of furniture intended for inside use such as sofas, recliners, and other like items.

Property owners in violation of the Town's public nuisance ordinance will receive a notice of violation allowing 10 days to correct the problem. If the violation continues, the Town will correct it and charge the cost to the property owner. If unpaid, the charges become a lien against the property.

(Troutman Ordinance Article V, Sections 10-143 - 145)

## Farmers Market

2021 season will open Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 —7:00 pm at the Troutman ESC Park (338 North Ave.)

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please visit our web-site [www.troutmannnc.gov](http://www.troutmannnc.gov) for an application.



## Update Your Contact Info

Staff is working to insure that we can contact customers in our community to let them know of announcements, emergencies and events happening in Troutman.

We ask that each customer fill out the back of your payment slip with your mailing address, phone number and email and return it to us. It can be returned with your utility payment or the information can be emailed to our office at [info@troutmannnc.gov](mailto:info@troutmannnc.gov).

**STAY  
UPDATED**  
UPDATE YOUR  
CONTACT INFO

## 5k Walk/Run Training Group

The 5k Walk /Run Training Group will meet at the Troutman ESC Park Pavilion each Saturday at 8:30 am. It is free to participate, and all abilities are invited to participate. Course will run from April 10 until May 22, 2021. Please contact Emily Watson with questions at [ewatson@troutmannnc.gov](mailto:ewatson@troutmannnc.gov).



## Community Bluegrass Jam

The Community Bluegrass Jam sponsored by Troutman Chair Company will be at the Troutman ESC Park Pavilion from 6:00 –8:00 pm the following dates: April 12 & 26 and May 10 & 17.

Bring an instrument and hop in and play or come just to enjoy the music.



## Bicycle-Pedestrian Planning Grant

The NC Department of Transportation has awarded the Town of Troutman a planning grant to create, adopt, and implement a Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to enhance the network of non-motorized facilities throughout the Town. Recommendations will include prioritized implementation and funding strategies supporting a long-range and cohesive vision to:

- improve safety and comfort of current and future pedestrians and bicyclists,
- encourage walking and biking as viable alternatives to driving, and
- promote economic activity.

The Plan will build upon existing plans and policies such as the recently-completed Troutman Alternatives Study, while serving to update older plans and policies such as the 2009 Town Comprehensive Transportation Plan and the 2008 Troutman Pedestrian Plan. Completion of this Plan will place the Town in a more favorable light when identifying funding for improvements to its greenway and sidewalk networks.

The Plan process is tentatively scheduled to begin by late spring, and will involve the creation of an advisory committee. Anyone wishing to be considered to serve on the advisory committee should send a letter of interest (including an explanation of why interested) to [planning@troutmannnc.gov](mailto:planning@troutmannnc.gov).

