




Volume 12—Issue 8 The Whistle Stop Monthly Newsletter August 2023

Council Briefs—A Summary of Significant Council Actions

- ◆ Set a Public Hearing Date of August 10, 2023 for:
 - * Annexation Request AX-23-05 (Contiguous) for Sterling Properties of Mooresville, LLC; 49.54 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4741014288
 - * Annexation Request AX-23-06 (Contiguous) for Barium Springs Home for Children
 - * Annexation Boundary Agreement between the Town of Troutman and the City of Statesville
- ◆ Recognition of Emily Watson as Town of Troutman Employee of the Month
- ◆ Recognition of Service and Retirement of Randy Austin Galliher, Public Works Water Technician
- ◆ Approved Road Closure of Eastway Drive for South Iredell High School Homecoming Parade on September 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Town Council

Mayor:
Teross W. Young, Jr.



Councilmembers:
W. Paul Henkel - Mayor Pro Tem
Felina L. Harris
George W. Harris
Edward R. Nau
Jerry R. Oxsher

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

Troutman Employee of the Month

Parks and Recreation Director Emily Watson was recognized as Troutman employee of the month. She is commended for her professionalism, leadership, work ethic, and humble nature. She oversees major events, along with a small staff. Town Manager Ron Wyatt praises her “recipe book” for events that is constantly revised after each event to improve organization, performance, and future success. He also notes that the Independence Day parade is a months-long process requiring extensive work and that Emily has the ability to rally staff and volunteers to pull off the event each year.



Troutman Honors 23 Years of Service

Randy Austin Galliher, Troutman Public Works water technician, was honored for his 23 years of service as he retired from full-time employment with the town. He is recognized for his reliability and dedication, his selfless service and pride in his work, and his long work hours, especially in times of emergencies. He is known for his impressive skill set and abilities to get the job done, helping to benefit co-workers and the public, contributing his knowledge of the system and hard work to the citizens of the town. He will continue to work for the town part-time in areas that require the special certification he possesses.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Troutman Police Dept. National Night Out 6 pm - 8 pm Troutman ESC Park Blue Recycling Day only for Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge,	2 Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thur. except Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove at Lake Norman, Enclave at Falls Cove &	3 DRB Meeting 3:30 - 4:30 pm	4	5 Farmers Market 8:00 am - 12:00 noon 405 N. Main St. Next to Your Coffee Place
6 Agenda Briefing 4:00 - 6:00 pm	7	8 Viking Community Pep Rally 6:00 pm - Troutman ESC Park Green Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)	9 Green Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, and Falls Cove at Lake Norman, Calvin Creek & Enclave at Falls Cove	10 Green Recycling Day for Norwood Walk Town Board Meeting 7:00 - 10:00 pm	11	12 Farmers Market 8:00 am - 12:00 noon 405 N. Main St. Next to Your Coffee Place
13	14	15 Blue Recycling Day only for Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge, & Colonial Crossing	16 Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thur. except Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove at Lake Norman, Enclave at Falls Cove &	17 Board of Adjustment 3:00 - 5:00 pm	18	19 Farmers Market 8:00 am - 12:00 noon 405 N. Main St. Next to Your Coffee Place
20	21	22 Green Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)	23 Green Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, and Falls Cove at Lake Norman, Calvin Creek & Enclave at Falls Cove	24 Green Recycling Day for Norwood Walk	25	26 Farmers Market 8:00 am - 12:00 noon 405 N. Main St. Next to Your Coffee Place
27	28 P & Z Board 6:00 - 8:00 pm	29 Blue Recycling Day only for Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge, & Colonial Crossing	30 Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thur. except Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove at Lake Norman, Enclave at Falls Cove &	31		

Troutman Police Dept.: Back to School

During the month of August students will be returning to school which will bring the need for drivers to be pay extra attention for students crossing at pedestrian crossings and be aware of the laws regarding stopping for stopped school buses. Please look over the visual guide below to know when to stop for stopped school bus. We hope that all students, teachers, and staff have a great start to this year.

North Carolina's law on stopping for a school bus

All traffic must stop for a stopped bus, unless it is on a road of four or more lanes with a median or center turning lane. In those instances, oncoming traffic does not have to stop because children will not be crossing the road to reach the bus. Traffic following a bus must always stop with the bus. If in doubt, always stop for a stopped bus.

- Two-lane road**
All traffic from both directions must stop.
- Two-lane road with a center turning lane**
All traffic from both directions must stop.
- Four-lane road without a median separation**
All traffic from both directions must stop.
- Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation**
Only traffic following the school bus must stop.
- Road of four lanes or more with a center turning lane**
Only traffic following the school bus must stop.

"From the Duck Blind..." Manager's Memo

There is a report that Mooresville is the fastest growing city in the State of North Carolina per gobankingrates.com. Everyone is aware we also have been growing exponentially as well. Last month we had the official groundbreaking of North Fork Business Park, a 45-acre site. There are some that think we should call a moratorium on all construction and have gone to great lengths on social media to explain why only their opinion matters. The facts are listed per the UNC School of government about when a moratorium can be out in place. When you do so it is very limited by specific procedures and contains a carve-out for residential uses. As staff and elected officials, the town must follow the law, or we will face the loss of tax dollars in legal fees and possible damages. The Town of Mooresville has been sued multiple times and lost in every instance that I am aware of for ignoring the laws and procedures for development. Some think the Town should get this business here or that business there, but the reality is the Town does not open or close businesses. I am sure most citizens, staff and especially Town Council do not want all the growth that is coming. However, the Town Council and staff must allow it when legal and continue planning for our future. There are many questions, who builds the schools?, when will the state build bigger highways?, is there sewer capacity?, how we get more water?; questions could go on for eternity. But to post information on the topic without fact is careless and says a lot about the person(s) posting. We are responding and planning for growth. It is not only our duty to do so, but many of us live here and pay town taxes also. There are positives to most of the growth, again that list can also be quite lengthy if people think about it. But yes, I agree it is sad to see some of the changes in our community.



"Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle" ~ Napoleon Hill

Local Events

**Refuge Church of Christ
Non-perishable Food Pantry**

**Every 4th Saturday of the month
from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.**

All are welcome. Please contact the church for more information.

133 Elder Ln. Troutman, NC 28166

Troutman's Farmers Market
Saturdays from 8:00am - 12:00
405 N Main St.
Next to Your Coffee Place

Join us on Saturdays through the end of October

Great Farmers and Vendors with great quality merchandise!

Call or text 704-576-2050
troutmanrotaryclub@gmail.com



Viking Community Pep Rally
Tuesday, August 8th - 6:00 pm
Troutman ESC Park

Everyone is invited to meet fall sports team members, marching band, and coaching staff to help celebrate and kick off the fall sports season.

Come ready to cheer on our Vikings!

COMMUNITY PEP RALLY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
6PM
TROUTMAN ESC PARK
ALL INVITED TO COME
CHEER ON OUR VIKINGS

Local Library

Children & Families:

Fridays at 11:00-11:30 am

- **Preschool Storytime**

Tuesdays at 11:00-11:30 am

- **Toddler Storytime**

August 1st at 3:00-4:00 pm

- **Discovery Club**

August 8th at 3:00-4:00 pm

- **Discovery Club**

August 15th at 3:00-4:00 pm

- **Discovery Club**

August 22nd at 3:00-4:00 pm

- **Discovery Club**

August 24th at 4:30-5:30 pm

- **Family Book Club**

August 29th at 3:00-4:00 pm

- **Discovery Club**

Adult Programs:

August 9th at 2:00-3:00 pm

- **What Are You Reading? Book Club**

August 23rd at 2:00-3:00 pm

- **Adult Coloring**

August 26th at 10 am-12 pm

- **Adult Pinterest**

**J. Hoyt Hayes
Memorial Library**

215 West Church Street
Troutman, NC 28166
704-528-2682
www.iredell.lib.nc.us

Welcome!

Welcome Tania Trent to the Town of Troutman staff as our Administrative Supervisor. You will see her friendly smile in the drive-thru and in the front office of Town Hall.



Town of Troutman Passport Applications

The Town of Troutman is pleased to announce that we now accept passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. U.S. Citizens planning international travel may apply for their passports on Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 171 Wagner Street Troutman, NC 28166.

Applications are accepted by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please contact the dedicated passport phone number at 704-832-5792.

- Checks or money orders are required by the Department of State to mail with your completed passport application.
- We accept Cash only for the application fee of \$35.00, passport photos \$15.00 and photocopies \$.25.



For application forms, information on documentation required fees, and a wealth of other passport and international travel information, visit the only official website for passport information – <https://travel.state.gov/>

Processing Times: Routine: 10-13 weeks* - **Expedited:** 7-9 weeks and an extra \$60*
*Mailing times are not included in processing times. Processing times only include the. The total time to get your passport includes both processing and mailing times. **Consider the total time it will take to receive your passport when you are booking travel.**

Troutman Transportation Projects



Road improvements in Troutman are funded by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FWA).

The State manages the distribution of these funds through regional transportation planning organizations and Troutman is a part of the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO). Projects within the region are ranked and placed on a Transportation Improvement (TIP) list. The TIP is updated every four (4) years.

The following road improvement projects, with the exception of R-5711, are currently on the draft 2026 - 2035 Transportation Improvement (STIP) List to be considered for future funding. R-5711 is a funded project.

Project Number	Project Name	Description	Status
R-2522	NC 21 (Main Street)	Widen to 4 lanes from Cedar Lane to Barium Loop	Funded for preliminary engineering only. Consideration is being given to fund ROW and construction. 2026 - 2035 STIP list
R-5711	The intersection of NC 21 (Main Street and Flower House Loop	Realign Flower House Loop at Houston Road and Intersection Improvements	Scheduled to begin construction in 2025
U-6175	Old Mountain Road	Widen to 4-lane divided from NC21 (Main Street) to Buffalo Shoals Road	Consideration is being given to placing on the 2026 - 2035 STIP list
H090112-A	NC 21 (Main Street)	Widen to 4-lane divided from North of Julian Place to Cedar Lane	Consideration is being given to placing on the 2026 - 2035 STIP

Funding, engineering, and completion of unfunded projects can take numerous years. The Town will continue to work with CRTPO and NCDOT to bring awareness of the Towns transportation needs.