

Welcome To Troutman

Enjoy Lake Norman...Naturally



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The Whistle Stop Monthly Newsletter

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Council Briefs—A Summary of Significant Council Actions

Approved:

- Consider DRB-24-04; Façade Approval for Morris Stoneworks, 178 Julian Place, as Recommended by the Design Review Board
- Consider DRB-24-05; Façade Approval for Weather Creek High School, 246 Weathers Creek Road, as Recommended by the Design Review Board
- Consider Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between the Town of Mooresville, Town of Davidson, Town of Troutman, City of Statesville, Town of Cornelius, Town of Huntersville, and the County of Iredell, Creating the Lake Norman Regional Transportation Commission

Denied:

- Rezoning Request CZ-RM-24-01, Applicant: Atlas Principals, LLC; 13.55(+/-) acres; located at 129 & 131 Shermill Lane to rezone from Town of Troutman Suburban Residential (RS) to Town of Troutman Conditional Zoning-Mixed Residential (CZ-RM)

Town Council

Mayor:

Teross W. Young, Jr.



Councilmembers:

Jerry R. Oxsher - *Mayor Pro Tem*
 Felina L. Harris
 Nicholas D. Jaroszynski
 Edward R. Nau
 W. Paul Henkel

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 Police Department: NC Bus Stop Law



On August 12 Iredell-Statesville Schools will begin the 2024-2025 school year. The Troutman Police Department would like to remind everyone to be alert for students walking to and from school.

State law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians crossing in marked crosswalks. Drivers passing stopped school buses continues to be a problem each school year throughout our area. Passing a stopped school bus is a misdemeanor crime with a minimum of a \$500 fine, court costs, and 5 driver's license points. Help us protect our communities' children this school year as they travel to and from our schools.

North Carolina School Bus Stop Law

How to know when to



Two-lane roadway:
All traffic from both directions must stop when the bus stops.



Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:
All traffic from both directions must stop when the bus stops.



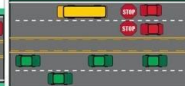
Four-lane roadway without a median separation:
All traffic from both directions must stop when the bus stops.



Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation:
Only traffic following the bus must stop when the bus stops.



Roadway of four lanes or more with a center turning lane:
Only traffic following the bus must stop when the bus stops.



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Troutman Parks & Rec: Upcoming Events



PUZZLE PALOOZA

Do you love puzzles? Race against other teams to see who can put their 500 piece puzzle together the fastest! Team will take home their puzzle at the end of the event.

Teams include 2-3 people- \$30 per team
All ages are welcome
Prizes for the fastest team
*Registration will close September 6th at 11:59pm

SUNDAY, SEPT 15TH, 4PM-6PM
@ **TROUTMAN TOWN HALL**
DOORS OPEN @ 3:30PM

Contact Amber @ award@troutmannnc.gov with questions

Puzzle Palooza– Sunday, September 15th, 4-6pm, Troutman Town Hall

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WICKED
fast 5k

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH @ 6PM
DOWNTOWN DEPOT

\$30/PERSON
INCLUDES T-SHIRT & MEDAL

WWW.RUNSIGNUP.COM

Wicked Fast 5k– Saturday, October 12th, 6pm, Downtown Depot

Join us for our annual festive, family-friendly 5K along the Richardson Greenway in Troutman, NC. Wear your best costume and enjoy the fun spirit of Halloween! All fitness levels are welcome!

\$30 includes t-shirt and medal– Guaranteed t-shirt deadline is 9/27

Sign up online at www.runsignup.com/wickedfast5k



Trails & Treats
10.31.24 : 4-6pm
Troutman ESC Park

Trails & Treats– October 31st, 4-6pm at the Troutman ESC Park

Wear your costume and come trick-or-treat with local businesses and non-profits on the paved trail within Troutman ESC Park. No fee to participate. Safe, family fun!

Businesses and organizations, consider being a vendor at this event- passing out candy to the community and advertising your organization, while also networking with your community. If your business or organization is interested in participating, find more info @ www.troutmannnc.gov. Email award@troutmannnc.gov with questions.

Troutman Parks & Rec: Adult Sports Leagues



TROUTMAN PARKS & RECREATION
CO-ED ADULT 18+
8 VS. 8 SOCCER LEAGUE

REGISTRATION CLOSING AUGUST 12TH

• TEAMS CONSIST OF 10-15 PLAYERS
• GAMES ON MONDAY EVENINGS, STARTING AUG 19TH
• GAMES PLAYED AT TROUTMAN ESC PARK

Call or Email questions to Shawn smccoy@troutmannnc.gov 704-761-9272

Scan to Register!

Co-Ed Adult (18+) Soccer League, Season starts Aug. 19th

- **\$50/person**– Registration closes August 12th
- Games played on Monday Evenings at Troutman ESC Park
- Teams consist of 10-15 players
- Registration open to TEAMS & INDIVIDUALS– If you know who you want to form a team with, please know your team name at sign up!
- Contact Shawn at smccoy@troutmannnc.gov with questions




TROUTMAN PARKS & RECREATION
CO-ED ADULT 18+
SOFTBALL LEAGUE

REGISTRATION CLOSING AUGUST 12TH

CALLING ALL SOFTBALL PLAYERS TO JOIN US FOR OUR CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE THIS FALL!
TEAMS CONSIST OF 10-15 PLAYERS

• Games played at Troutman ESC Park on Sunday Evenings, starting August 18th
• Bring your own bat and glove

Call or Email questions to Shawn smccoy@troutmannnc.gov 704-761-9272

Scan to Register!

Co-Ed Adult (18+) Softball League, Season starts Aug. 18th

- **\$50/person**– Registration closes August 12th
- Games played on Sunday Evenings at Troutman ESC Park
- Teams consist of 10-15 players
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Troutman Parks & Rec: Sports Survey

My name is Shawn McCoy, and I am the new Athletic Coordinator for the Town of Troutman! I am excited about the opportunity to serve the community, but I need your help to survey efficiently. I am seeking your partnership with other household members to help me better determine what sports and recreational programs you would like to see! Although we cannot accommodate all requests, it is essential for your voice to be heard.

Thank you for taking the time to answer this short survey. If you have questions concerning the survey, please feel free to reach out via email at smccoy@troutmannnc.gov.

SCAN ME



Troutman Planning Dept: What in the Z?

You've probably noticed yellow signs with a big "Z" on them throughout the Troutman area. While most probably have an idea what these signs mean, everyone may not. These signs represent public hearings involving one of three aspects of zoning on the property they are posted on. The most common reason for one of these signs is that staff has received a request to rezone a property. These are typically a result of a property owner selling land to a developer and the sale is contingent on a property being zoned to allow the development being proposed. Rezoning requests can also be speculative and even sometimes a property owner requests a down zoning to prevent higher density development on their land. These are all legislative decisions that are determined by the Town Council. Information on any request for a rezoning can be found on the Planning Department website under the rezoning tab.



The second type of hearing that one on the "Z" signs may be posted for is a request for variance on a property. A variance is request to allow for departure from the literal requirements of the Troutman Unified Development Ordinance relating to dimensional requirements such as setbacks, side yards, street frontage, and lot size that, if applied to a specific lot, would significantly interfere with the use of the property. These are quasi-judicial hearings heard and decided by the Board of Adjustment. The applicant must prove they have a unique hardship for approval of the request. The decision is based on findings of fact. To testify in a variance case, one must have standing, or be impacted by the decision.

The third type of hearing is a request for a Special Use Permit. Like the variance a Special Use Permit is a quasi-judicial hearing also heard and decided by the Board of Adjustment. The Special Use Permit is a permit issued to authorize development or land uses in a particular zoning district upon presentation of competent, material, and substantial evidence establishing compliance with one or more general standards requiring that judgement and discretion be exercised as well as compliance with specific standards. These are for uses that may fit into a zoning designation but require additional review. Similar to the variance the decision is based on findings of fact and one also must have standing to participate in the hearing.

If you see a "Z" sign and would like more information please contact the Troutman Planning Department.

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

As we bid farewell to summer, we eagerly anticipate the start of the new school year. In just a few weeks, our children will walk through the doors of the five schools that stand as a testament to our growing community. Our population almost doubles every day school is in session. Some citizens complain that town staff and elected officials can't plan correctly. Ironically, most complaining live in the county, not the Town limits. Those same people do not communicate with county elected officials and staff about proper planning. Whether that be the school board asking, "Why are you going to build at least two more schools in the Town of Troutman, whose population is a mere 15 to 20% of Statesville? Yet no new schools are scheduled to be built in Statesville, which is also a rapidly growing community." Or whether that be to the County Commissioners asking, "Why do many of you not work with the Towns on growth and citizen services?" After all, every one of us pays county taxes.

As a community, we must voice our concerns in the proper forum. This will help ensure that the county and all the municipalities can provide services to our citizens based on need and available funds and prevent complaints from being misaligned regarding who is responsible for what.

Quote of the month- "Complaining is finding faults. Wisdom is finding a solution" ~ Ajahn Brahm. This quote underscores the importance of community engagement in finding solutions. It's not enough to just point out problems, we must actively participate in the decision-making process to find the best solutions for our entire county.



AUGUST 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>All meetings conducted at Town Hall— Public encouraged to attend in order to stay informed and engaged with Town matters.</p>						
				1 Design Review Board Meeting - 3:30 - 4:30 pm	2	3
4	5 Limb Collection Agenda Briefing 4:00 - 6:00 pm Monday Recycling Day	6 Limb Collection National Night Out, 6-8p, Troutman ESC Park Tuesday Recycling Day	7 Limb Collection Wednesday Recycling Day	8 Town Board Meeting 7:00 - 10:00 pm Thursday Recycling Day	9	10
11	12 Registration Ends for Co-Ed Adult Soccer & Softball Leagues	13	14	15 Board of Adjustment 3:00-5:00pm	16	17
18 Co-Ed Adult Softball League Starts, Troutman ESC Park	19 Co-Ed Adult Soccer League Starts, Troutman ESC Park Monday Recycling Day	20 Tuesday Recycling Day	21 Wednesday Recycling Day	22 Thursday Recycling Day	23	24 Refuge Church of Christ Food Pantry, 11:30am -1 pm 133 Elder Ln, Troutman
25	26 Planning & Zoning Board 6:00-8:00 pm	27	28	29	30	31