

“From the Duck Blind...” Manager’s Memo

I hope everyone has made it past the new year and the first couple of beautiful snows with no issues. As we move into February and the end of winter nears, our season changes gradually again. Please be careful as we still have more nights of freezing temperatures and maybe, I say just maybe another snow. Like most kids, I to hope so. We have a couple dates to be mindful of in February. Valentines is always a favorite of many. Please do spoil your loved ones on the 14th. Let’s take a moment and appreciate the great presidents who have led our great nation on the 15th. And on the 17th lets just make someone smile and enjoy the “random act of kindness day”. Feel free to go to my Facebook page and share one you provide or experience. “Do things for people not because of who they are or what they can do in return, but because of who you are” ~ Harold S. Kushner



Leaf & Limb Pick-Up Schedule:

LEAF PICK-UP:	LIMB PICK-UP:
February: 14	February: 7 & 8
March: no collection	March: 7 & 8
April: no collection	April: 4 & 5



Citizen & Organization of the Year Awards

Nomination forms are available at Town Hall– 400 N. Eastway Dr- and on our website– www.troutmannnc.gov– under Forms and Documents. Deadline for nominations for Citizen or Organization of the Year is March 31,2022 at 5:00 pm.

Citizen of the Year: This award honors those who make a difference in our community through ongoing efforts of residents to improve the quality of life in Troutman. Do you know a friend, family member, neighbor, or business person who deserves recognition for performing a good deed or providing a service that has positively impacted you or others? You can honor them with this award, as it is the Town’s way of recognizing residents of the Troutman community who are committed to preserving, maintaining, and improving the quality of life in their neighborhood or community. Troutman Town Council will select the winner from the pool of candidates. Your assistance in honoring these residents is greatly appreciated.

Organization of the Year: This recognition should be presented to an organization that is respected for their commitment, support, services, and activities that promote a positive influence on the community.

Town of Troutman Governing Body

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.

Town Schedules

February 2022

01: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday; Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge)

02: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. except Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, & Falls Cove at Lake Norman)

03: Design Review Board: 3:00 pm

07: Agenda Briefing Meeting: 4:00 pm

07 & 08: Limb Collection

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

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

10: Town Council Meeting: 7:00 pm

14: Leaf Collection

15: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday; Weathers Creek & Sanders Ridge)

16: Blue Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove at Lake Norman

17: Board of Adjustment: 3:00 pm

21: Parks & Rec. Committee: 3pm

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

28: Planning & Zoning Board: 7:00 pm

28: Annual Planning Retreat: 8:00 am–12:00pm



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Council Briefs—A Summary of Significant Council Actions

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

- Approval of Retirement and Sale of Police K9 Jackpot
- Approval to Trade/Surplus Firearms to Lawmen’s Police Supply
- Acceptance of Donated Right-of-Way Property Located on the East Side of North Main Street Fronting Iredell County Fairgrounds Property by John D. Goforth, Property Owner
- Approval of Policy #60 Titled: “Town of Troutman Street Maintenance Acceptance Policy”
- Approval of Resolution 02-22 Titled: “Resolution In Memory Of Jennie Lee Moore Clontz”
- Approval of Resolution 03-22 Titled: “Resolution In Memory Of James K. Troutman”
- Approval of Resolution 04-22 Titled: “A Request Of Support For The Town Of Troutman To Match 50% Of Funding Up To \$100,000 For Construction Of Sidewalk On The East Side Of Wagner Street”
- Approval of Resolution 05-22 Titled: “Resolution In Memory Of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. And In Recognition Of Martin Luther King Day”

Introductions/Recognitions/Presentations:

- Introduction of New Police Officer, Sergeant Daniel Stikeleather
- Recognition of Police Department Promotions: Sergeant Rex Eure, Sergeant Chad Trivitte
- Presented Proclamation 01-22 Titled: “Proclamation Declaring January 23-29, 2022 As School Choice Week In The Town Of Troutman”
- Carson’s Pickles/ Carson Lester: Business Spotlight

New Business:

- A) Call for Public Hearing was held. B) Approved Proposed Town Charter and to Forward the Proposed Town Charter to the North Carolina General Assembly for Consideration of Enactment
- Approved Policy #61 Titled: “Ethics And Conflict Of Interest Guidelines For Town Advisory Boards And Committees”
- Approved Resolution 01-22 Titled: “Code Of Ethics For The Mayor And Town Council Of The Town Of Troutman, North Carolina”

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- Leaf & Limb Pick Up Schedule
- Citizen of the Year & Organization of the Year Nominations: Due 3/31/22
- Town of Troutman Governing Body

Interested?

If you would like to receive email notifications/agendas regarding upcoming Town meetings, please sign up for the distribution lists by emailing Kimberly Davis, Town Clerk at kdavis@troutmannnc.gov specifying the Board(s) and/or Committee(s) of your interest.

Troutman's New Workforce Housing Development

In late 2021, The Meadows apartment development began construction on the corner of S. Eastway Dr. and Winecoff St. The Meadows is an 84-unit workforce housing development and will consist of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units. The project went through all Town approvals including Planning Board, Town Council, and Design Review Board to ensure consistency with architectural and design standards established by Town Ordinances.

What Exactly is **Workforce Housing**?

The term "workforce housing" focuses on housing built to serve families that have income levels between the true affordable housing options and luxury housing. They are middle-income households that seem to have gotten left behind in the housing market. A family's household income might be insufficient and is dropping lower each year; they don't make enough to qualify to get luxury housing and make too much for affordable housing, which is government-subsidized housing.

There's a wide gap between luxury housing and subsidized housing, which is caused when housing costs and rents go up because of urban development but wages and incomes stay the same. Ultimately, these workers are in the middle, and affordability through workforce housing could be the key.

One thing workforce housing is **not** is subsidized housing. It is a product in which the developer received a federal loan allowing them to build the project at a reduced price, in exchange for charging affordable rents to persons that qualify. Realizing the cost of housing has greatly increased in our area, the Town has prioritized the need to provide housing for all of our workers, including teachers, fire and police officers and restaurant workers to name a few.

If you are interested in additional information on "The Meadows", you can contact their management company at: Leasing@gemmanagement.net.

Parks and Rec News: UPCOMING EVENTS



BASEBALL CAMP: AGES 6-12

2/20/2022

1PM-4PM ; 75.00 /PERSON

TROUTMAN ESC PARK

EMAIL CSMITH@TROUTMANNC.GOV TO REGISTER



SOFTBALL WINTER CAMP: AGES 6-12

2/27/2022

1PM-4PM ; 75.00/ PERSON

TROUTMAN ESC PARK

EMAIL CSMITH@TROUTMANNC.GOV TO REGISTER

Save the Date!

Our 9th annual Sprint Into Spring 5K is scheduled for Sunday March, 20 at 3pm. Mark your calendars and plan to join us, whether walking or running. We are holding this event a few weeks later this year and not so early in the morning in hopes that the temps might not be as cold. Register in person at Troutman Town Hall or online at www.runsgnup.com. Call-704-528-7600 or email csmith@troutmannnc.gov with questions. See you in March!



Enroll in Auto Pay

Contact the Customer Service Department of Town Hall to enroll in automatic bank draft and conveniently have your water bill payment recurrently debited from your checking account every month without you having to do a thing. Call or stop by for a form to get the process started. 704-528-7600.



Troutman PD: Monthly Police Beat

CONGRATS TO THE FOLLOWING TROUTMAN POLICE OFFICERS!

At the January Town Council meeting, the following patrol officers were recognized for their performance, leadership, and promotion to Sergeant. We appreciate their commitment to professionalism and all they do for our community.



(L-R) Sergeant Chad Trivette, Sergeant Rex Eure, Chief Josh Watson, Sergeant Daniel Stikeleather.

COMMUNITY & POLICE PARTNERSHIP

Troutman Police Department is looking to a renewed focus on the concept of Community Policing. The idea behind this is that while the Police Department is responsible for investigating crimes, preventing criminal incidents, and enforcing state and local laws, we are most effective when partnering with the community to achieve these goals. This can be done through many different ways including these examples:

- Reporting problems and concerns to the Police Department. Even if an issue in your neighborhood or at your business may not seem like a criminal violation, the Police Department can connect you to other resources and work with other agencies to help resolve the issue.
- Be willing to do your part as a citizen when officers are attempting to resolve quality of life issues in an area. This may be as simple as providing information to an officer, communicating with your neighbors about the issue, or giving your own suggestions to the officers who are responding.
- Officers will be out speaking to residents and introducing themselves. It is important for our officers to know citizens on a personal level and for the officers to be known and trusted by those they protect.
- Attending community meetings held by the Police Department and being willing to voice questions and concerns to officers.

When citizens and police work together to solve issues in our community it builds a partnership in which each group is invested in seeing positive outcomes. If you have any issues of concern, please contact Troutman Police Dept at 704-528-7610 or email Chief Watson directly at jwatson@troutmannnc.gov.