

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

Hello friends and neighbors, I hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas. As we begin the new year, I hope we all look forward to new opportunities that exist. That does not mean any of us have to change the course if you are 100% happy with your quality of life. Most can certainly enjoy opportunities for improvement normally, I know I regularly seek them.



As town employees we hear feedback directly from many of you. We appreciate the commentary. Let us take one topic, “growth.” Many get passionate about that one. Some are very happy and want more. Some are, “nope, you should have closed it down 10 or better yet 20 years ago!” I recently had a discussion with a friend in a group setting. He was chastising me about the growth and the traffic in Troutman even though he does not live here. I feel the same as he does about traffic by the way. I am hopeful the NC Department of Transportation provides us with relief soon. But as soon as he was done venting, I said how about you quit selling your property. He said what? I pointed out a couple instances when his family sold property for commercial/business that was not originally in our Town but became annexed into it. I expressed how much traffic that generated and would generate. As the witnesses laughed, he then said well commercial/business is what you need. You don’t need all the houses. Most will blow away in a good windstorm. They are too close to each other. The rant continued. My point in sharing this is not to poke fun at my friend, but to point out many citizens here have different views on growth. We as staff do not promote it, we are not recruiting it, we do not decide what can go where. We advise property owners and builders in general what is allowed by zoning. If they wish to proceed with a project other than what is allowed, we explain the process they must go through to get a decision.

If I had the authority or influence some people accuse me of on social media, we would have Chick-Fil-A and Krispy Kreme. We would have enough employees and demand for our current restaurants in town to be open six days a week for all three meals. But then I would be offending some who enjoy Kats Patch that is open for three meals a day six days a week. I appreciate Mark and patronize Kats Patch regularly. It is great food! That does not mean I do not also enjoy Best Little Pizza, Burrito’s and Ribs, China Garden, Dixies, Julia’s Talley House, Kyjo’s, Pellegrino’s, Randy’s BBQ, or occasionally one of the fast-food places. I like our current options for food. But believe me or not, we hear regularly from MANY they want more options for various reasons.

Quote as we start the new year...

“Be so busy improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others” ~ Chetan Bhagat

Town of Troutman Governing Body

Mayor:

Teross W. Young, Jr.

Councilmembers:

- W. Paul Henkel- *Mayor Pro Tem*
- Felina L. Harris
- Edward R. Nau
- George W. Harris
- 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

January 2023

1/2: Town Hall Closed for New Year’s

1/3: Leaf Collection

1/3: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday; Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge)

1/4: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. except Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, & Falls Cove at Lake Norman)

1/5: Design Review Board Meeting: 3:30-4:30 pm

1/9: Agenda Briefing: 4:00-6:00 pm

1/9 & 1/10: Limb Collection

1/10: Green Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)

1/11: Green Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN

1/16: Town Hall Closed for MLK Day

1/17: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday; Weathers Creek & Sanders Ridge)

1/18: Blue Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove at Lake Norman

1/19: Board of Adjustment: 3-5 pm

1/23: Parks & Rec. Committee: CANCELLED

1/23: Planning & Zoning Board 7:00-9:00 pm

1/24: Green Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)

1/25: Green Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, and Falls Cove at Lake Norman

1/31: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday; Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge)

Christmas Trees will be picked up with January’s Limb collection on January 9th & 10th, 2023.



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Council Briefs—A Summary of Significant Council Actions

In This Issue:

- ◆ Approved a “Silver Award Girl Scout Project” for Girl Scout Troop 12965 (Bird Houses in Troutman ESC Park)
- ◆ Recognition of Chris and Francie Carney (Troutman ESC Park Donation)
- ◆ Set Public Hearing Date of January 12, 2023 to consider an annexation request for Mountain State Investments, LLC
- ◆ Approved Town of Troutman Town Council 2023 Meeting Schedule
- ◆ Deferred Item 10 - Annexation Request AX-22-08; (Shinn Farms) to Councils January 12, 2023 regular scheduled meeting
- ◆ Deferred Item 12 - Rezoning Request CZ-RM-22-09; (Shinn Farms) to Councils January 12, 2023 regular scheduled meeting
- ◆ Selected West Consultants as Engineering Firm for the following three projects:
 - * Water System AIA Project No. AIA-D-ARP-0123
 - * Clay Pipe Sewer System AIA Project No. AIA-W-ARP-0105
 - * 2022 Wastewater Capacity Improvements Project No. SRP-W-ARP-0249
- ◆ Approved Annexation of 8.34 acres located at 122 Frazier Loop Applicant: Michael Burner/Calvary Fellowship of Huntersville
- ◆ Approved Updated Future Land Use Map and Revised Land Use Definitions
- ◆ Approved Rezoning Request for North Fork Business Park - 38 (+/-) acres located at 164 Nugget Lane from Suburban Residential (RS) to Conditional Zoning - Heavy Industrial (CZ-HI)
- ◆ Held Closed Session Pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3) to Consult with Attorney
- ◆ Appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to Centralina Council of Governments (COG) Councilmember Jerry Oxsher - Delegate Councilmember Eddie Nau - Alternate Delegate
- ◆ Appointment of Alternate to Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) Councilmember George Harris - Alternate Delegate (Major Young is automatic Delegate for this organization)
- ◆ Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to Lake Norman Transportation Commission (LNTC) Councilmember Paul Henkle - Delegate. Councilmember Felina Harris - Alternate

- ◆ Council Briefs: A Summary of Significant Council Actions
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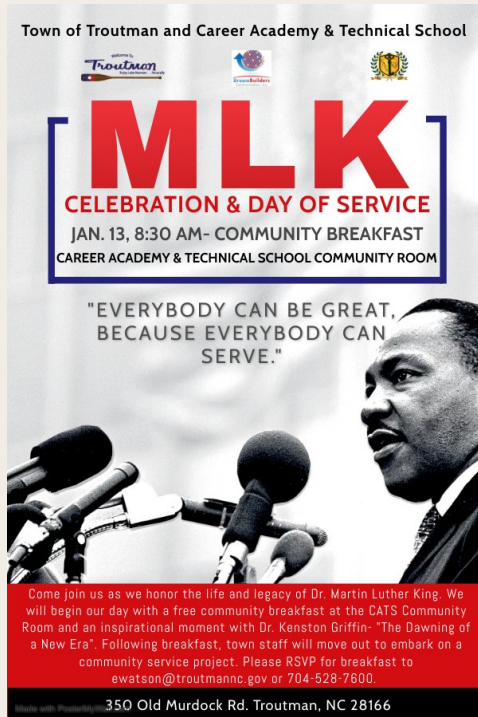
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(704) 946-5612



Parks and Recreation Department: Upcoming Events

MLK Celebration Event



Come join us on January 13th at 8:30am for a service project and breakfast in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

We will meet in the Community Room at the (CATS) Career Academy & Technical School. 350 Old Murdock Road. Troutman, NC 28166. Join us for breakfast and an inspirational moment from guest speaker Dr. Kenston Griffin - "The Dawning of a New Era." Following breakfast the town staff will head out to embark on a community service project.

If interested in breakfast, please RSVP to Parks and Recreation Director, Emily Watson at 704-528-7600 or ewatson@troutmannnc.gov.

Spring into Spring 5K/10K



Mark your calendars and plan to join us, whether walking or running, as the Troutman Parks and Recreation Department presents the annual Sprint into Spring Event.

Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 3:00pm. Troutman Town Hall

Register at www.runsignup.com or in person at Town Hall. 400 North Eastway Dr. Troutman, NC 28166

T-Shirt and medal included for participants

Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities available

If interested or have questions please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Emily Watson at 704-528-7600 or ewatson@troutmannnc.gov



Be sure to follow the [Town of Troutman](#) and [Town of Troutman Parks and Recreation](#) on Facebook and Youtube. This will be a great tool to stay up to date on all the events and happenings around the town.



Local Library

Here are some events and programs happening this month at our local Troutman branch library.

Children & Families:

Fridays at 11:00am

- Preschool storytime

Tuesdays at 11:00

- Toddler storytime

January 3rd at 3:00pm

- Discovery club:
Lego Challenges

Teen Programs:

January 19th at 4:00pm

- Button Maker

Adult Programs:

January 11th at 2:00pm

- Book Club

January 25th at 2:00pm

- Adult Coloring

January 28th at 10:00am

- Adult Pinterest

The library will be closed
January 2nd & January 16th

Contact Us:

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Memorial Library
215 West Church Street
Troutman, NC 28166
704-528-2682

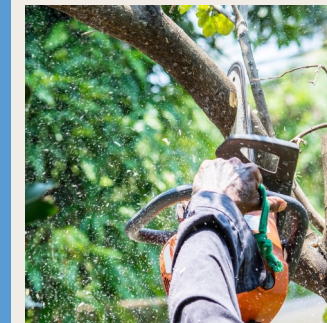
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Planning Dept: Landscape Trimming

I once asked my Horticulture professor what is the best time to trim your landscaping? He said "Whenever you have the pruners in your hands." Now that most of the leaves have fallen it's a great time to trim your shrubs, bushes, and tree limbs. Let's all do our part to keep our town beautiful and also make a safe passage for school buses, large construction vehicles and fire trucks. Just a friendly reminder on the town's code on this subject:

Per the Town Code Chapter 26-6 -- Obstruction of visibility at intersections. Trees, vines, bushes, shrubbery or flowers, standing in or upon any lot or land adjacent to any public street or public place and having branches, limbs, trunks, or other parts projecting into the public street or place, shall be kept trimmed by the owner or occupant of the property on which such vines, trees, bushes, shrubbery or flowers are growing, so as not to interfere with the free and safe passage along the public way by pedestrians and vehicular traffic.



If the owner or occupant of such property does not keep this growth from projecting into or on public ground, then the town shall have the authority to order its removal. The order shall be in writing to the owner or occupant responsible for such growth and shall be acted upon within ten days from the time the receipt of the order. If after ten days the owner or

occupant has not responded or acted to remove the projecting growth from such vines, trees, bushes, shrubbery or flowers, then the town or any member of the staff shall have the authority to enter upon the property to perform the work.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to call the office and speak with me, Shane Harris, Code Enforcement Officer at 704-528-7600.

Recycle Bin Reminder: Do's & Don'ts

Please remember to only put the following items in your recycle bin:

Aluminum Cans, Tin & Steel Cans, Cardboard, Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Junk Mail, Phone Books & Plastic Marked (#1 & #2)



Please DO NOT put the following items in your recycle bin:

Styrofoam, Dishes, Hazardous Materials, Mirrors, Electronics, Cups, Plastic Marked (#3-7) & Other Plastic Containers, Batteries, Clothing, Aerosol Cans, Glass of Any Kind, Garbage, & Yard Waste