

**serve on a board or committee >>>**



A great way to be part of our community is to serve on a Town advisory board or committee. Applications are accepted year round and may be downloaded from the Town's website or picked up at Town Hall. No experience is necessary for most positions – just a willingness to learn about municipal services and an interest in serving the residents of Troutman.

**Currently the following boards and committees have openings: Board of Adjustment; Design Review Board and Parks & Recreation.**

**Board of Adjustment:** Hears and decides cases that range from granting specific variances from adopted rules to approving unique, special uses.

**Design Review Board:** The Design Review Board (DRB) reviews and approves the appearance of all multi-family and non-residential buildings. The DRB also approves alternative landscape designs. Priority appointments are given to applicants with special training or experience in a field of design such as architecture, landscape design, horticulture, city planning, urban design, building design and construction.

**Parks & Recreation Committee:** Recommends and develops parks, greenway systems, and recreational programs to benefit the citizens of Troutman. This committee helps with community events that might include activities that support Troutman- ESC Park, land planning, citizen surveys, downtown promotions, etc.

**garbage and recycling delays >>>**

**Make a note:** garbage and recycling **WILL NOT** be collected on Christmas Day or New Years Day. Collection will be a day behind regular pick up after each holiday.  
MLK Day: Garbage & recycling will be on regular schedule.



**leaf & limb collection >>>**

Reminders:

- **Christmas tress will be collected with January LIMB collection.**
- Leaf and limb services are for customers inside town limits.
- Limbs will not be picked up if they have been cut by professional cutters.
- If your items are not on the curb in front of your house before the crew comes through, they will not be picked up. Must be placed by curb before first collection day.
- Please put your leaves and limbs in separate piles.
- DO NOT put your leaves or limbs in bags.
- Only limbs under 4 inches in diameter will be collected.

**Leaf Collection**

January 6  
February 10  
March—No Collection  
April—No Collection  
May— No Collection  
June—No Collection

**Limb Collection**

January 13 & 14  
February 3 & 4  
March 3 & 4  
April 6 & 7  
May 4 & 5  
June 1 & 2

**town meetings / schedules>>>**

**January 2020**

- 01: **Town Hall Closed: New Years Day**
- 02: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)
- 03: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN
- 06: **Agenda Briefing Meeting—4:00 pm\***
- 6: Leaf Collection
- 08: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)
- 09: **Town Council Meeting—7:00 pm\***
- 13-14: Limb & **Christmas Tree** Collection  
*TBD: Parks & Rec Committee— 3:00 pm*
- 14: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)
- 15: Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, Falls Cove LN
- 16: Design Review Board—7pm\*
- 20: **Town Hall Closed: MLK Day**
- 22: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves*)
- 27: Planning & Zoning Board. 7pm\*

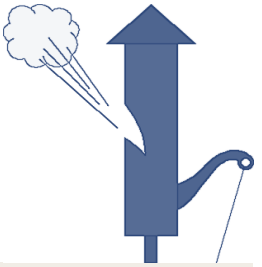
**February 2020**

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

**\*Town Meetings are open to the public**



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*North Carolina*



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**governing body >>>**

**Troutman Town Council**

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

<b>Teross W. Young, Jr.</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
W. Paul Henkel	<i>Mayor Pro Tem</i>
Paul R. Bryant	<i>Councilmember</i>
George W. Harris	<i>Councilmember</i>
Edward R. Nau	<i>Councilmember</i>
Sally P. Williams	<i>Councilmember</i>

For more information go to  
[www.TroutmanNC.gov](http://www.TroutmanNC.gov)



**Town of Troutman 2020 Event Schedule**

Mark your calendars and come join your neighbors at our town events.

Sprint into Spring	March 7
Easter Egg Hunt	April 5
Family Bike Ride	May 2
Farmers Market Season	May 5—Sept. 29
Yoga in the Park	May 5—Sept. 29
Front Porch Fest	May 16
Back the Blue 5k	May 17
Party in the Park	June 5
Independence Day Parade	June 27
Independence Day Fireworks	June 27
National Night Out	August 4
Party in the Park	August 14
Trails & Treats	October 31
Holiday Market Craft Show	November 14
Town Christmas Tree Lighting	December 3
Troutman Christmas Parade	December 5
Jingle Run 5K	December 6
Movies in the Park	TBD

tune in >>>

Troutman is now featured on the radio show titled "Our Town" on WSIC. Tune in the second Monday each month at 8:30 am to WSIC 105.9 to hear local folks talk current events and activities.



registration open>>>

**Sprint into Spring**  
**March 7, 2020**  
[www.raceroster.com](http://www.raceroster.com)



**Troutman Parks & Rec: Sprint Into Spring 10K / 5K / 1 Mile Fun Run returns for the 8th annual race!**

Residents, local business owners, and community organizations come together to enjoy the continued progress and development of Troutman ESC Park and to encourage continued involvement and support of the project.

The 5K/10K races will begin at 9:00am. The One Mile Fun Run will begin shortly afterwards.

Since 2013, over 1200 individuals have participated in Sprint into Spring and we have raised more than \$19,000 for Troutman ESC Park. All proceeds from the 8th Annual Sprint into Spring will go towards further development of Troutman ESC Park: amphitheater, additional parking, and softball/baseball fields.

Cost: **5K:** \$20    **10K:** \$30    **Fun Run:** \$10

Register by Feb 21st to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

## Prescription Drug Disposal Dropbox

Troutman Police Department has a permanently installed prescription drug disposal drop box located in the lobby area of Troutman Town Hall (8am-5pm).

Project Lazarus of Wilkes County provided the free drop box (one of four so far in Iredell County) in order to help reduce drug addiction in North Carolina. This box allows individuals to safely dispose of unused medication without fear of it falling into the wrong hands or being stolen. The area is under video surveillance, but no records are kept and all deposits are anonymous.



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## Monthly Police Beat

New Year's Greetings from Chief Tina S. Fleming



As we start a new year, Old Man Winter likes to make an appearance. With him comes the colder temperatures, sleet, and snow. Driving in his Winter Wonderland can be treacherous. Seventeen percent of all vehicle crashes occur during wintry conditions. Here are some safety tips for these conditions.

- **STAY HOME.** Drive only if it is **ABSOLUTELY** necessary
- Keep all fluids full (gas, antifreeze, oil, windshield wiper, etc.)
- Check your tire tread and tire pressure; consider snow tires
- Clear snow off of the top of your car, windows, and headlights
- Check your wiper blades; replace if needed
- Avoid back roads
- Increase your following distance to 8 to 10 seconds
- Drive slower
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- Do not use cruise control while driving in wintry conditions
- Steer in the direction of a skid
- Wear your seatbelt
- Stay alert
- Keep your phone fully charged
- Keep an emergency kit in your car to include (but not limited to) a blanket, flashlight, first aid kit, bottle water, and extra batteries/phone charger
- If you become stranded, call 911
- Taking these few precautions can ensure that you arrive safely.



**Have a Safe and Happy New Year!!**

## Preventing Frozen Pipes

Winter is here again! And with winter comes the threat of damage to your home from snow, ice and frozen pipes. In an effort to inform the citizens of Troutman we want to offer a few tips that may help you protect your water pipes and in turn your home and property

### 1) Turn on the taps

Let the water drip in extreme cold. Even if the water does freeze, this will relieve some of the water pressure and keep the pipe from bursting.

### 2) Open cabinets

Leave the cabinets open under your kitchen and bathroom sinks. This keeps warm air circulating around your pipes.

### 3) Wrap the pipes

If your pipes are in areas that don't get warm air, consider insulating them with insulation sleeves or wrapping. You can get foam rubber or fiberglass sleeves at your local hardware store, or call a plumber to help you with this.

### 4) Seal the gaps

Cracks in your home's outside walls or foundation should be caulked to keep cold air away from your pipes.

**Please stay warm, and do not hesitate to contact the Town of Troutman for more information.**

**Troutman Town Hall- (704) 528-7600**

**Public Works After Hours Emergency- (704) 682-3835**

**Adam Lippard, Public Works Manager- (704) 902-1451**

## Tips to Thaw a Frozen Water Pipe

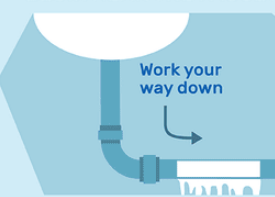
LOCATE THE FROZEN PIPE



OPEN THE FAUCET



BEGIN NEAR THE FAUCET



AVOID USING AN OPEN FLAME



THAW EXPOSED PIPES WITH

- Hair Dryer



- Hot Towels



- Portable Space Heater



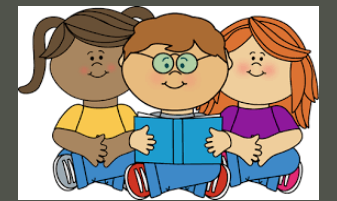
- Heat Lamp



- Electrical Heating Tape



the balance



## J. Hoyt Hayes Memorial Troutman Library

For information on all library events,

call 704-528-2682 or stop by

215 W. Church St., Troutman

### Tweens: Candy Sushi

Thursday, January 16 at 4:00 pm. Do you like candy? Do you like sushi? They're totally not the same thing, but create your own edible sushi rolls out of sweet treats. This event is designed for tweens aged 11-17.

### InFLUence Your Community Naturally

Tuesday, January, 14th at 5:30pm Learn natural ways to boost your immunity during the winter months and all year round. Valerie Mills returns for another health spotlight program.

report a problem>>>

*If you see a problem, let us know!*

Don't forget about our Mobile311 issue reporting system that can be used to bring issues to the attention of Town staff and easily track the progress of those requests. Try it out today! Visit our website homepage and select "Report a concern" or visit <http://troutman.mobile311.com>



Mobile311™