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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.

Teross W. Young, Jr. Mayor

W. Paul Henkel Mayor Pro Tem

George W. Harris Councilmember

Edward R. Nau Councilmember

Sally P. Williams Councilmember

For more information go to www.TroutmanNC.gov



Troutman Alternatives Study >>>



Last year the Town of Troutman hired the consulting firm Stantec to undertake the Troutman Alternatives Study. The goal of the study was to evaluate the various alternatives available that would relieve the traffic congestion now experienced on US21/NC115 (Main Street) that is pro-

jected to worsen considerably in the future as the town continues to grow.

The consultant worked with a 16-member advisory committee to evaluate several alternatives, including building a northeast bypass, building a southwest bypass, widening and improving Main Street, and making improvements to the existing street network. Doing nothing was also evaluated as an alternative. After reviewing the costs of each alternative and looking at the impacts each alternative would have on community assets such as environmental features, historic properties, and farmland, and considering the transportation travel time savings each alternative would create, the committee reached consensus that improving and widening Main Street was preferred over the other alternatives.

The advisory committee received the final study report recommendations in November and made several minor changes. The goal now is for the study to be reviewed by the Town Planning & Zoning Board, who would make a recommendation to the Town Board, who could adopt the recommendations as Town policy. Unfortunately the COVID restrictions around indoor public gatherings make it impossible for the Planning & Zoning Board to meet presently, but there is still an opportunity for members of the public to review the report and to offer comments or ask questions which will then be shared with the Planning & Zoning Board before their next meeting.

One simple way to review the report is to visit the Town website at www.troutmannc.gov, and look along the left-hand margin on the home page for the Troutman Alternatives Study. The study report is posted in this area, as is a link to a Town mailbox where questions and comments may be left that can be shared with Planning & Zoning Board once they are able to meet and discuss the study.

2021 Recycling Calendar >>>

The 2021 Recycling Calendar is available at Town Hall or it can be printed from our website www.troutmannc.gov under Forms and Documents.

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<u>Preventing Frozen Pipes >>> </u>

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 relive 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

town meetings / schedules >>>

January 2021

01: Town Hall Closed-New Years Day

04: Leaf Collection

05: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)

06: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except*

Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves)

11: Agenda Briefing Meeting 4:00 pm*

11-12: Limb & Christmas tree Collection

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

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

14: Town Council Meeting—7:00 pm*

18: Town Hall Closed- MLK Day

19: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)

20: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. *except*

Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves) 25: Planning & Zoning Board. 7:00 pm

26: Recycling Day (if your trash is

picked up on Tuesday)

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

February 2021

01-02: Limb Collection

02: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)03: Recycling Day (if your trash is

picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. except
Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves)

08: Leaf Collection

08: Agenda Briefing Meeting 4:00 pm*

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

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

11: Town Council Meeting-7:00 pm*

16: Recycling Day (Sanders Ridge)

17: Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. except Parkwood, Falls Park, & Twinn Coves)

22: Planning & Zoning Board. 7:00 pm

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

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