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Council Briefs—A Summary of Significant Council Actions

- ◆ Approved Ordinance *Amending the Town of Troutman Code Ordinances Prohibiting Parking Of Vehicles In Front Yards On Residentially Zoned Lots*
- ◆ Set Public Hearing Date of Oct. 12th to Consider the Annexation of 3.5 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4750174203 (269 Houston Road)
- ◆ Approved Annexation Request AX-23-08 (Non-Contiguous), Applicant: Troutman Commercial Properties LLC; 7.5 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4741603432, 4741604372, 4741606173 (709 South Main Street)
- ◆ Rezoning Request RZ-23-04, Applicant: Troutman Commercial Properties LLC; 7.5 (+/-) acres; 709 South Main Street located on the north side of Highway 21, across from Royal Oaks Drive, from Iredell County RA (Residential Agriculture) to Town of Troutman HB (Highway Business.)
- ◆ Denied request of a Text Amendment to amend the UDO to allow Murals as a permitted sign type in the HI and HB Districts.
- ◆ Deferred Annexation and Rezoning Request for MI Homes (Sterling Properties) until Council's Oct. 12th Meeting.
- ◆ Deferred consideration of a Development Agreement between Wakefield Village, Barium Springs Home for Children until Council's Oct. 12th Meeting.
- ◆ Recognized Tania Trent as Employee of the Month

Town Council

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.

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

Fall has arrived and I am glad we finally have cooler temperatures. This is the time of year when some of the colors around Town get so vibrant and beautiful. I hope you can take time and enjoy the greenway or the park for a nice walk and some great photo opportunities. The days are getting shorter, which of course is one of the reasons our leaves are changing colors. Fall sports are wide open. I am enjoying the opportunity to watch both the Troutman Bobcats and South Iredell Vikings football teams. The band is doing a wonderful job at South as well. Hope you will go and support both schools at an event.

Columbus Day is October 9th. It is a Federal Holiday, that means our Town Hall will still be open as normal, but the banks and post office will be closed. Join us on Halloween for fun at our annual Trails and Treats.

Quote “Autumn is the season to find contentment at home by paying attention to what we already have” – unknown author

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1							7 Farmers Market 8:00 am - 12:00 noon 405 N. Main St. Next to Your Coffee Place
2		2 Limb Collection	3 Limb Collection Green Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)	4 Green Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twin Coves, and Falls Cove at Lake Norman, Calvin Creek & Enclave at Falls Cove	5 DRB Meeting 3:30 - 4:30 pm Green Recycling Day for Norwood Walk	6 Leaf Collection Wicked Fast Packet Pick Up & Costume Swap 12:00 noon - 7:00 pm	7 Wicked Fast 5K 6:00 pm Troutman Depot 137 S Main St.
8		9 Leaf Collection Agenda Briefing 4:00 - 6:00 pm	10 Leaf Collection Blue Recycling Day only for Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge, Colonial Crossing & Smith Village	11 Leaf Collection Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thur. except Parkwood, Falls Park, Twin Coves, Falls Cove at Lake Norman, Enclave at Falls Cove & Redwood Apartments)	12 Leaf Collection Town Board Meeting 7:00 - 10:00 pm	13 Leaf Collection Wicked Fast Packet Pick Up & Costume Swap 12:00 noon - 7:00 pm	14 Farmers Market 8:00 am - 12:00 noon 405 N. Main St. Next to Your Coffee Place
15		16	17 Green Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)	18 Green Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twin Coves, and Falls Cove at Lake Norman, Calvin Creek & Enclave at Falls Cove	19 Board of Adjustment 3:00 - 5:00 pm Green Recycling Day for Norwood Walk	20	21 Farmers Market 8:00 am - 12:00 noon 405 N. Main St. Next to Your Coffee Place
22		23 Leaf Collection P & Z Board 6:00 - 8:00 pm	24 Leaf Collection Blue Recycling Day only for Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge, Colonial Crossing & Smith Village	25 Leaf Collection Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thur. except Parkwood, Falls Park, Twin Coves, Falls Cove at Lake Norman, Enclave at Falls Cove & Redwood Apartments)	26	27	28 Refuge Church of Christ Food Pantry 11:30 am - 1:00 pm 133 Elder Ln, Troutman
29		30	31 Trails & Treats 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Troutman ESC Park Green Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)		* As a reminder DO NOT put your leaves or limbs in bags		

Troutman Parks & Rec. Upcoming Events



Wicked Fast 5K – Saturday, October 14, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Troutman Depot – 137 S. Main St.

- Register: www.runsignup.com

- \$20: includes t-shirt and race medal

- Contact Emily Watson at ewatson@troutmanncc.gov or call 704-528-7600 if you have any questions regarding this event



Trails & Treats – Tuesday, October 31, 2023

4:00pm - 6:00pm – Troutman ESC Park

- A free fun and safe event for all!

- Wear your costume and come trick or treat with local businesses and non-profits along the paved trail within the park

- Businesses/organizations interested in participating, please contact Emily Watson at ewatson@troutmanncc.gov

Troutman Planning & Zoning: Rezoning Cases

A rezoning sign is a public notice that indicates a property owner's request to change the zoning class of a particular lot or parcel of land. The process of rezoning involves submitting a rezoning application, which is followed by two meetings, a public meeting before the Planning Board and a public hearing held by the Town Council. In the case of Conditional Rezoning, a community meeting is also held prior to the Planning Board meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing process is to ensure that the proposed uses are appropriate with existing or planned uses on the surrounding property. In addition, decisions are typically made at this point that determine the density (or intensity) of development and its general layout and character. These decisions are made only after listening to any concerns that surrounding property owners or members of the general public may have regarding the proposed development and its impact on the community.

For information on current rezoning requests, you can visit the Planning and Zoning homepage on the Town's website.

[Rezoning Cases - Troutman, NC \(troutmanncc.gov\)](http://www.troutmanncc.gov)



TPD: Lock up!

Lock Your Vehicle!!

The Troutman Police Department wants to remind all residents to lock your vehicles. Most vehicles that are broken into are left unlocked by their owners. Keep your vehicles locked and do not leave items of value, especially firearms, in a vehicle. The simple act of hitting the lock button can help prevent crime in our community.



Halloween Safety

- Visit familiar, well lit neighborhoods
- Use the sidewalk and look both ways before crossing
- Carry a flashlight or wear reflective items
- Have an adult inspect candy before allowing children to eat
- Call and report any suspicious behavior to the police
- Remind children to never go inside a strangers house or inside a strangers vehicle
- When driving through residential areas drive slowly and pay attention for children



Passport Tips!

- Apply 6-9 months before passport expiration date or planned travel. Many countries require six months of validity
- Print your application at travel.state.gov/passportforms
- Make sure your photo meets our requirements by visiting travel.state.gov/photos or we can take your photo for \$15
- Include your email address on your passport application
- Submit your most recent passport with your application or report it lost/stolen at travel.state.gov/loststolen
- Make sure you include your correct Social Security number



travel.state.gov/passport

TOT Recognition

Administrative Supervisor, Tania Trent, was recognized as Troutman's Employee of the Month. She is described as kind, understanding, patient and a pleasure to work with. She wears many hats and juggles many responsibilities in the town's finance department, passport office, billing, and customer service areas. She was praised for digitizing documents and invoices to modernize procedures and ease document retrieval.



Important Notice to all Citizens of Troutman

Benfield Sanitation, a locally owned Iredell County family business, has been the exclusive company handling our household trash and recycling services for many decades. A couple of years ago, the company was sold to Danny Lippard. When this transaction occurred, the rate at which we were charged for the services that we had been receiving and were accustomed to was honored and did not change. This year Danny Lippard sold the company to Republic Services, a nationally recognized company in the trash and recycling business.

Town staff recently met with officials from Republic Services. We were informed there would be an immediate price increase in the range of 67% and would continue to increase incrementally upwards in the range of 78% more than what we currently pay. That of course is VERY alarming. As staff, we had heard the rumors of such increases in other areas once Republic Services bought out a local company. We, however, wanted to give the new owners a fact-based opportunity to keep our business and not prematurely react to these rumors.

We also learned in this meeting that many local businesses used cans instead of dumpsters for their normal trash. That practice is against Iredell County Solid Waste rules. Those businesses must be charged a commercial fee for their trash per Teddy Boller, Director, at Iredell County Solid Waste Facility. Mr. Boller had expressed this to Benfield Sanitation previously on several occasions. This trash must be weighed separately as commercial waste per Mr. Boller.

We also learned that Republic Services (and most companies) prefer a one-person truck service. This would prohibit extra bags on occasion from being picked up without a substantial surcharge to the resident. Several business accounts in the area that are already billed directly from Benfield/Republic have received notice that their fees are going up for dumpsters.

Going forward, the Town of Troutman is in the process of (RFI) Request for Information with several companies. After this process is complete, a formal process called (RFP) Request for Proposal will be advertised for any company interested in proposing an agreement with fees identified to do business for the trash and recycling services in contract form. The Town will choose the best company, all factors considered. At this point, it does appear there will be a significant increase in the rates we all pay; to what extent is still to be determined. We will keep you informed of the process as we have the facts.

Troutman Public Works: Sewer System

In efforts to maintain and provide a clean and sustainable community, the Town of Troutman Public Works Department works very hard to prevent sewer spills & backups. One of the biggest issues facing our sewer department is F.O.G.

What is F.O.G., and why does it matter? FOG is an industry term for Fats, Oils, and Grease. It includes animal fats, vegetable fats and oils used to cook and prepare food. FOG is a solid or viscous substance that can create an obstruction in the sewer system if not properly disposed of. When grease is washed down the drain, it sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, it builds up and can block an entire pipe. FOG can cause serious damage to the sewer system, your property, and that of your neighbors, as well as damage to streets and waterways from sewage overflows. Also, cleanup can be very costly. How can I prevent F.O.G?

The best way to handle grease and fats is to scrape them off or pour them into containers and dispose of them through the trash disposal. Never put fats or grease down the sink drains or into the toilet.

