

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

We have reached that wonderful fall time of the year. Football is in full swing. Leaves are turning colors. Many ask why do the leaves change color? The simple answer is the length of the daylight gets shorter and the temperatures get cooler, that combination stops their food making process. So, we get different colored leaves depending on the type of trees. Wow, do they make vibrant and beautiful colors for us to enjoy.

We enjoy two main widely recognized days this month. Columbus Day is October 11th and is a Federal Holiday. Town Hall will still be open but the banks and Post Office will be closed. And Halloween of course is October 31st. If you have never searched the origins of Halloween, please do yourself a favor and look it up. I think you would be pleasantly surprised to know the origins. It is way to long for me to explain in our newsletter.

This also unofficially kicks off the baking season for many. Starting with pumpkin carving for Halloween and what to do with the “goody” or the inside of the pumpkin. There are many online options and resources to help and give advice on various recipes. I hope a lot of you will consider doing just that this year. Pumpkins are a great way to spruce up your yard or residence for fall or Halloween and enjoy a good recipe also.

“Every leaf speaks bliss to me fluttering from the autumn tree” - Emily Bronte



Town Schedules

October 2021

- 4,5: Limb Collection
- 07: Design Review Committee: 3:30 pm
- 11: Agenda Briefing Meeting: 4:00 pm
- 14: Town Council Meeting: 7:00 pm
- 18: Parks & Rec. Committee: 3:00 pm
- 21: Board of Adjustment: 3:00 pm
- 25: Planning & Zoning Board: 7:00 pm

November 2021

- 1,2: Limb Collection
- 7: Design Review Committee: 3:30 pm
- 8: Agenda Briefing Meeting: 4:00 pm
- 11: Town Council Meeting: 7:00 pm
- 15: Parks & Rec. Committee: 3:00pm
- 18: Board of Adjustment: 3:00 pm
- 22: Planning and Zoning Board: 7:00 pm

Please visit www.bsstrash.com for information regarding trash pickup, recycling details, holiday schedules, etc. or call the Town of Troutman at 704-528-7600.



Leaf and Limb Info:

- ⇒ Leaf and limb services are for customers inside town limits.
- ⇒ Limbs will not be picked up if they have been cut by professional cutters or trimmers.
- ⇒ Please take your leaves and limbs to the curb in front of your house the day before the first collection day.
- ⇒ Please put your leaves and limbs in separate piles.
- ⇒ Only limbs under 4 diameter will be collected.
- ⇒ Do not put leaves or limbs in bags.

Welcome!

In August, we welcomed Megan Edmiston to the Customer Service and Utility Billing Dept. She was born and raised in Troutman and is a graduate of South Iredell High School and UNC-Charlotte. She has enjoyed seeing many familiar faces come into Town Hall and looks forward to being a part of the Troutman staff!



Welcome, Justin Mundy, our new Finance Director! Justin joins us with many years of experience in corporate accounting and governmental auditing. Justin and his wife, Jordyn, live in Alexander County. He looks forward to knowing our community.



Troutman Town Council Members

Mayor:

Teross W. Young, Jr.

Councilmembers:

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

Town Council meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at Troutman Town Hall.

Town meetings are open to the public and also live-streamed on You-Tube.



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Council Briefs: A Summary of Significant Council Actions

Troutman Town Council recently approved the following agenda items:

Agenda Briefing: September 7, 2021

Approved to accept property donated to the Town by Regina and Steven Dowdow located at 145 Garden Street (PIN 4731-65-5179)

Regular Meeting: September 9, 2021

- ◆ Annexation Request AX-21-01 (Contiguous) Applicant: Peggy Jolly; Project Name: Winecoff Village was continued to the October Town Council meeting.
- ◆ Rezoning Request CZ-RM-21-01 Applicant: Peggy Jolly; Project Name: Winecoff Village was continued to the October Town Council meeting.
- ◆ Approved Budget Amendment for Acquisition of Property located at 334 North Avenue
- ◆ Set Public Hearing Date of October 14, 2021 for Annexation Request AX-21-05 Project name: Speedway; Applicant: Big Daddy and Nonnie 2.71 acres PIN 4740931943
- ◆ Set Public Hearing Date of October 14, 2021 for Annexation Request AX-21-07 Project name: The Meadows at Troutman; Applicant: Gary Ellis 1.367 acres; PIN 4741054722
- ◆ Recognition of Service and Retirement of Steven H. Shealy (Finance Director)
- ◆ Introductions of new Employees: Justin Mundy-Finance Director; Megan Edmiston-Customer Service Specialist; Ashley Lambeth-Police Evidence and Records Specialist



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Visit us on the web:
www.troutmannnc.gov

After Hours Water/Sewer
Emergency:
704-682-3835

Downtown Happenings



Downtown murals on Wagner St and Main St/Hwy 21, featuring landmarks of our Troutman community and a natural lake scene. Thank you to Pepsi Co. for making these possible!



Following the recent retirement of Dr. Dan Tedder, Dr Robert Steljes will be assuming this dental practice and continuing to serve patients in this location under a new office name of "Harbor Pointe Dental". Dr. Steljes is from Statesville and a graduate of West Iredell High School, Lenoir Rhyne University, and A.T. Still University. He is excited about being back home and providing whole family dental care for years to come. Welcome to Troutman!

Harbor Pointe Dental
124 Wagner Street
Troutman, NC 28166
704-528-9811



Stop by and visit two new downtown businesses:

Wonderland Sweets at 135 Wagner St and My Blue Dog Organic Grooming at 129 Wagner St. Visit their Facebook pages for a full list of services and contact information.



Food Drive

The Rotary Club of Troutman is partnering with the Town of Troutman on a mission to collect 400 lbs of food and supplies for local food pantries.

- 9/27-10/8: toothpaste, deodorant, bars of soap, tooth brushes, travel size tissues, breakfast bars
- 10/11-10/22: canned veggies, canned fruit, chicken & beef broth, salad dressings, canned soups
- 10/25-10/29: boxed cereals, dry beans, chips, rice, crackers

Items may be dropped off at Town Hall– 400 N. Eastway Dr. Pull through the drive-thru to request help unloading items.

Follow Us!



For additional Town information, follow us on Facebook!

- Town of Troutman
- Troutman Parks & Recreation
- Troutman Police Department
- Town of Troutman Planning
- Town of Troutman Public Works



Monthly Police Beat: Troutman PD

Tips to prevent red light crashes:

- Limit distractions - Driver distraction, such as hands-free texting or dialing while sitting at a red light, can linger for up to 27 seconds after hitting send. Intersection require a driver's full attention.
- Drive defensively - Before you enter an intersection after the light has turned green, take a second after the light changes and look both ways before proceeding.
- Prepare to stop - Lift your foot off the accelerator and "cover the brake" when preparing to enter any intersection by positioning your right foot just above the brake pedal, without touching it.
- Use good judgement - Monitor "stale" green lights, those that have been green a long time as you've approached the intersection. They're more likely to turn yellow as you arrive.
- Tap the brake - Tap your brakes a couple of times before fully applying them to slow down. This will catch the attention of drivers who may be inattentive or distracted behind you.



Halloween Safety Tips: Troutman PD

Walk Safely:

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right, and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down. Keep heads up and walk. Don't run across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Join kids under age 12 for trick-or-treating. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, tell them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Costumes for a Safe Halloween:

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.