




Volume 12—Issue 9 The Whistle Stop Monthly Newsletter September 2023

Council Briefs—A Summary of Significant Council Actions

Town Council

- ◆ Set a Public Hearing Date of September 14 10, 2023 for:
 - * Sterling Properties of Mooresville, LLC; 49.54 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4741014288
 - * Troutman Commercial Properties, LLC; 7.5 (+/-) acres; PIN(s) 4741603432, 4741604372, 4741606173 (709 South Main Street)
- ◆ Recognition of Josh Watson as “Town of Troutman Employee of the Month”
- ◆ Approved an Annexation Request and Rezoning Request; Celeste Dominguez (representing The Children’s Hope Alliance/Barium Springs Campus), portion of PIN(s) 4732959334; 75.597 (+-) acres
- ◆ Approved Appointment of Camille Lahey to the Design Review Board (DRB)
- ◆ Approval of a contract between the Town of Troutman and the North Carolina Charter Educational Foundation, Inc. on behalf of Iredell Charter Academy of Arts and Science (ICAAS) for a School Resource Officer (SRO)

Mayor:
Teross W. Young, Jr.

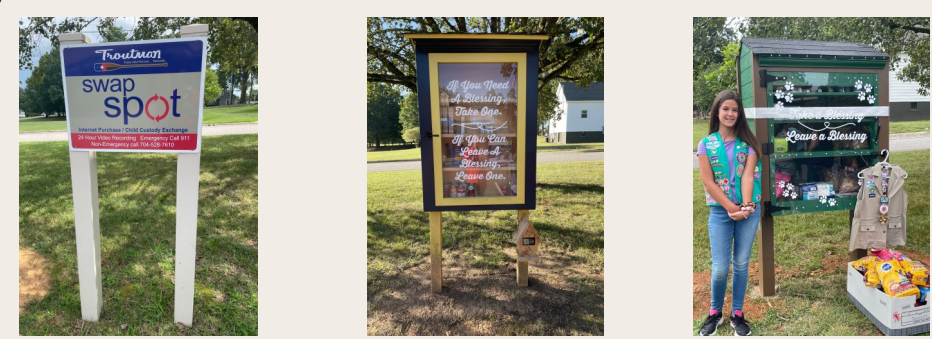


Councilmembers:
W. Paul Henkel - *Mayor Pro Tem*
Felina L. Harris
George W. Harris
Edward R. Nau
Jerry R. Oxsher

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.

Swap Spot & Donation Boxes at Town Hall

Town Hall has a designated area labeled “Swap Spot” for internet purchases and child custody exchanges. This area is designed to be a safe area to make these exchanges with 24 hour-video recording. In addition to the Swap Spot, Town Hall offers donation boxes in the same area. Rocky Mount Church operated the “Blessing Box” where you can donate non-perishable items to the box or take what you may need from the box. The newest donation box is a pet pantry box set up by Juliette Girl Scout, Layla Sudol. The box is painted in Troutman colors of green and brown and accommodates pet food bags and cans. This box is distinguishable by having paw prints and animals on it. The box has a QR code that connects to the Pet Pantry Facebook page, which community members can relay information or get donation information.



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www.troutmannnc.gov


Utility Payments:
(704) 946-5612



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SEPTEMBER 2023



Welcome To Troutman
Enjoy Lake Norman...Naturally

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Farmers Market
8:00 am - 12:00 noon
405 N. Main St.
Next to Your Coffee Place

9
Farmers Market
8:00 am - 12:00 noon
405 N. Main St.
Next to Your Coffee Place

16
Farmers Market
8:00 am - 12:00 noon
405 N. Main St.
Next to Your Coffee Place

23
Refuge Church of Christ
Food Pantry
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

30
Iredell Walk for Recovery
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Troutman ESC Park
338 North Avenue

Troutman Police: School Resource Officer Unit

As our community and schools continue to grow the Police Department's School Resource Officer Unit is growing with it. With the changes happening we have new officers assigned to the SRO Unit and we would like to introduce them and introduce members of the unit whose roles have changed.



**Iredell Charter Academy
Officer Aaron Hudler**
Officer Hudler has over 6 years of experience as a patrol officer and is the first school resource officer assigned to Iredell Charter Academy of Art & Science. Officer Hudler is excited to mentor students and ensure a safe school.



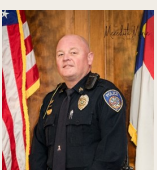
**Career & Technology School (CATS)
Officer Wayne Elmore**
Officer Elmore previously served as the SRO for Troutman Middle School for 6 years and is looking forward to meeting new faces.



**Troutman Middle School
Officer Philip Castronova**
Officer Castronova has been with the Troutman Police Department for over a year and prior to his new assignment to Troutman Middle School worked in the Patrol Division. Officer Castronova's goal is to have a positive impact on the lives of all students.



**SRO Unit Commander
Sergeant Kerry Baker**
Sgt. Baker has over 20 years of experience as an SRO and with the growth of the unit has moved from being CATS SRO and the unit supervisor to his primary duty being that of supervising the SRO Unit. This will allow Sgt. Baker to guide and direct all of the officers, provide additional support to specific schools as needed and ensure that no school is without an SRO on campus in the event the assigned officer cannot be there.



"From the Duck Blind..." Manager's Memo

The Fair is in town, the Fair is in town! The Statesville Kiwanis will bring the Iredell County Fair to the Fairgrounds from September 1st through September 9th. We also will enjoy Labor Day on September 4th during the various fair activities. Take an opportunity to visit if you can. Iredell County is considering what to do to rebuild the fairgrounds soon or to re-locate it to another area. The Troutman Town Council officially asked the fairgrounds to stay at its current location about 4 years ago and offered to partner with Iredell County Commissioners at that time to make it better going forward. After a year and a half of committee meetings there is still no definite decision. It's not too late for you to contact the Iredell County Commissioners and let them know your thoughts. Of course, you can include Troutman Town Council also.



I hope you have adjusted your schedules to more than 4,500 students and adults coming into our Town in the morning to one of the five schools in our Troutman Town limits. Then they leave in the afternoon. Did you realize Statesville, with 8 times our population, only has four Iredell/Statesville schools in their city limits? Yet two more Iredell/Statesville schools are slated to be built in Troutman Town Limits in the future. We have Constitution Day on September 17th. The Constitution could have been signed by 70 delegates appointed to the Constitutional Convention. Only 55 delegates attended. Yet only 39 signed it due to various reasons. It's amazing that something so important barely passed. The Constitution of the United States, and that much disagreement over our Independence from Great Britain. The official end of summer arrives on Saturday September 23rd. I hope the chill in the air returns as we support South Iredell Vikings Football on Thursday or Friday evenings every week. "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." ~ John Adams

Upcoming Events

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



**Wicked Fast 5K
Saturday, October 14, 2023
Time: 6:00pm
Troutman Depot – 137 S. Main St.**

- Register: www.runsignup.com
- \$20: Race
- Contact Emily Watson at ewatson@troutmannnc.gov or call **704-528-7600** if you have any questions regarding this event



Welcome!

Welcome Shane Harris to the Town of Troutman as our new Code Enforcement Officer/ Planning Technician. You can see his smiling face at the Planning House by Town Hall or driving around our beautiful town limits.



Welcome Jessica Davidson (top) & Susan Kinahan (bottom) to the Town of Troutman staff as our new Customer Service Representatives. You will see their friendly smiles in the drive-thru and front office of Town Hall. You can also see them at the new Passport Office on Wagner St.



6th Annual Iredell Walk for Recovery

6TH ANNUAL IREDELL WALK FOR RECOVERY

LEED NOT FOLLOW BAND, SPEAKERS AND PERFORMANCES, TONS OF KIDS ACTIVITIES, MAGICIAN, FOOD, PRIZE DRAWINGS, HELPING AGENCY VENDORS!
FREE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 4:00 -7:00 PM
ESC PARK TROUTMAN

FREE REGISTRATION:
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/IREDELL-WALK-FOR-RECOVERY-TICKETS-694877225487](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iredell-walk-for-recovery-tickets-694877225487)

PLATINUM: DRUG-ALCOHOL COALITION OF IREDELL, FOUNDATION OF HOPE MINISTRIES, ICGH-STATESVILLE, PARTNERS IREDELL COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE, PQA, PIEDMONT HEALTHCARE, SOUTHERN FAMILY MEDICINE
GOLD: FIFTH STREET MINISTRIES, IREDELL FREE NEWS, IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOLS, NAMI
SILVER: ADDICTION RECOVERY MEDICAL SERVICES (ARMS)
BRONZE: FOUNDRY HOUSE, IREDELL HEALTH SYSTEM, SAWYER INSURANCE, TURNING POINT

Water Policy #29: Payment Extensions

Final Notice of Existing Water Policy #29 regarding payment extensions will be adhered to immediately!

Payment Extensions: Extensions will only be granted under extreme circumstances. Extensions must be approved by the Town Manager or designee and will not be granted in excess of two (2) months in a twelve-month cycle. Once a customer is sent a disconnection notice, they are required to pay their bill in full. If they want to pay a portion of their bill, we will accept the portion; however the customer will remain on the disconnection list and will have their service turned off unless the remainder of their bill is paid on the disconnection date. Extensions must be requested before the disconnection date of the 25th of the month. Extensions will not extend more than five (5) days past the 25th of the month.

Town of Troutman Employee of the Month

Police Chief Josh Watson was recognized as the Town of Troutman employee of the month. Town Manager Ron Wyatt praises him for his dedication to the job and for regularly working overtime. Even when he had put in a 50-hour week and had a Friday off, Chief Watson came in to work to direct traffic in an emergency situation. He goes beyond the call of duty and truly leads his officers through his example and says that whoever enters law enforcement knows the job can be 24/7, especially in times of emergency. Mayor Young says Watson is "the best chief in the county" and thanked him for keeping the community safe. Chief Watson is engaged in the community often visiting businesses to check in, and, along with the TPD officers, is making Troutman a better place to live. Thank you and congratulations, Chief Watson.

