

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

Summertime is officially over!! I know that is sad news to some, but happy times for many of us. Many of you enjoyed the hottest summer on record in this area, others like me are so ready for the fall sports season and the cooler temperatures that are now here. Football, cheerleaders and soccer is happening. Hearing the band practice and play at South Iredell is welcomed. The fall flowers are starting to bloom and of course schools are back in full swing. Troutman ESC Park is busier with practices and games, and the FOP Splash Pad will get its last days of use for the season. The greenways will have lots more people as temperatures encourage more activity. Please don't forget the Statesville Kiwanis will bring the annual Iredell County Agricultural Fair back to Troutman at the Iredell County Fairgrounds.



The Town Hall office will be closed for Labor Day, which is a federally recognized holiday on September 5th, 2022. This is to recognize all workers for the contributions for working all shifts in the United States of America on the first Monday in September since 1894.

September 17th, in my opinion, is one of the most important days- if not the most important day- of the whole year for us. “Citizens Day” or “Constitution Day” commemorates the date that our constitution was signed in 1787 in Philadelphia. Many scholars can argue why, and which parts are most important. But to many it comes down to the first three words “We the People...” and regardless of what issues and turmoil our area or country struggles with and over. “We the people” have freedoms and luxuries and choices that no other country has. I am so very blessed and thankful to be a citizen and to have lived right here in the Town of Troutman for 29 years, Troutman area for 45 years. Choices are easy to make if I wanted to go elsewhere, and that is not the case in so many other countries and places. The Constitution guaranteeing three separate branches of government to me keeps us a country with free liberties with equal rights.

Upcoming Parks & Rec Events:



Town of Troutman Governing Body

- Mayor:**
Teross W. Young, Jr.
- Councilmembers:**
- W. Paul Henkel- Mayor Pro Tem
 - Felina L. Harris
 - Edward R. Nau
 - George W. Harris
 - 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.

Town Schedules

September 2022

- 9/1: Design Review Board: 3pm
 - 9/5: Closed/Labor Day Holiday
 - 9/6: Green Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)
 - 9/6: Agenda Briefing Meeting: 4pm
 - 9/8: Town Council Meeting: 7pm
 - 9/7: Green Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, and Falls Cove at Lake Norman
 - No collection : Leaf Collection
 - 9/12 & 9/13: Limb Collection
 - 9/13: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday; Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge and Colonial Crossing)
 - 9/14: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. except Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, & Falls Cove at Lake Norman)
 - 9/15: Board of Adjustment: 3pm
 - 9/19: Parks & Rec. Committee: 3:30pm
 - 9/20: Green Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday)
 - 9/21: Green Recycling Day for Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, and Falls Cove at Lake Norman
 - 9/26: Planning & Zoning Board: 7pm
 - 9/27: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up on Tuesday; Weathers Creek, Sanders Ridge & Colonial Crossing)
 - 9/28: Blue Recycling Day (if your trash is picked up Mon/Wed/Thurs. except Parkwood, Falls Park, Twinn Coves, & Falls Cove at Lake Norman)
- All town meetings are open to the public and are held at Troutman Town Hall, 400 N. Eastway Dr. Troutman, NC 28166.



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Council Briefs—A Summary of Significant Council Actions

Consent Agenda Items Approved:

- Annexation Request AX-22-09; Barium Springs Home for Children PIN 4732959334 set public hearing date of September 8, 2022 for consideration of annexation.
- Approved Joint Economic Development Agreement between the Town of Troutman and C.R. Onsrud, Inc.

New Business

- Approved Zoning Case: CZ-HI-22-06; Alaina Dillard; 303 Murdock Road PIN 4742-01-8897 from Suburban Residential to Conditional Zoning-Heavy Industrial.
- Approved Text Amendment TA-22-03 for the Unified Development Ordinance. Regarding addition of language providing for a mixed-used zoning category.
- Approved Text Amendment TA-22-04 for the Unified Development Ordinance. Regarding addition of language authorizing the town to enter into development agreements and establishing procedures for the process.
- Deferred Annexation Request AX-22-03 for Touche, LLC Troutman Townes until Council’s September 8th meeting; PIN 4741327896 (681 South Eastway Drive)
- Approved Resolution Titled: “Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans”

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Labor Day

Town Hall administrative offices will be closed in observation of Labor Day, September 5, 2022. For water or street emergencies, please call (704) 682-3835

Monday– Friday 8:00am-5:00pm
Phone: (704) 528-7600
Address: 400 North Eastway Dr.



New Utility Payment System

The Town of Troutman has a new online utility payment system. You can view your account and make payments online through "MyGovHub". You will have to register and set up your new account on the portal. The easiest way to access the portal is by going to our website (www.troutmannnc.gov) and clicking "Pay Online" on the scrolling bar in the middle of the page. Instructions on setting up your online account can be found under the "Utility Billing" section on the Town's website. Once you have logged on to MyGovHub you don't need to type in your full address. For Example: 400 North Eastway Drive you would type in "400 Nort" and your account number then click "find account".

We are also excited to have a new automated phone payment system. You can call 704-946-5612 to make a credit card payment by phone. You will need to have your account number ready that is listed on your monthly paper bill. The convenience fee for this transaction is \$3.00.

Please call Town Hall at 704-528-7600 with any questions.

Planning & Zoning Department: Online Permitting System

Troutman Converting to an Online Permitting System

We are happy to announce that the Town of Troutman will be expanding online permitting with the new citizen self-service portal through the Iredell County Energov system.

- Apply online for residential and commercial zoning permits
- Make online payments for permits
- Follow your permit approval progress
- Manage inspection request

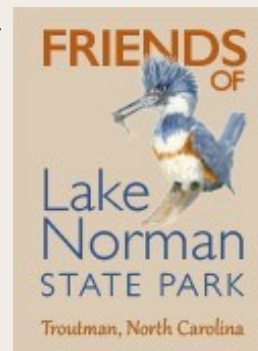
We strive to provide our community with improved services and look forward to offering access to this new system.

Below is a link to the new system. If you have any questions, please contact the Troutman Planning Department at 704-528-7600. https://selfservice.co.iredell.nc.us/energov_prod/selfservice#/home

Community Events

Friends of Lake Norman State Park (FLANO) will have its annual meeting on Saturday, September 10, from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center. Come join this organization dedicated to helping the park with projects, cleanups, and support for park events, enjoy refreshments, and take a short hike after the meeting!

On Saturday, October 1, FLANO will join the Catawba River Keepers for the Catawba River-sweep, a day when residents from all over the Catawba-Wateree River Basin come together to clean up on the same day. After the event, FLANO is having a free burger and hotdog cookout with all the trimmings for volunteers as well as a booth with FLANO T-shirts and membership information at the boat launch area. Contact LKN State Park for more info.



The 5th Annual Iredell County Walk for Recovery will be on Saturday, September 17, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Troutman's ESC Park (338 North Avenue behind Town Hall). Rain date is September 24. This FREE, family-friendly event, featuring a concert by Pepper Lewis and The Big Chiefs (formerly The Audiophiles) will perform a wide variety of music from 1970s through today, in celebration of the hope and healing that comes with recovery from substance use and mental illness with words from inspiring speakers and community leaders.

Welcome!

Welcome **Brent Bustle** and **Bobby Deal** to the Parks & Recreation Department. These guys are no strangers to Troutman and no strangers to athletics and field maintenance. They have many decades of experience, and we are grateful to have them join our team here in Troutman. Stop and say hi when you see them out and about.



Reminders:

Trash and Limb Pick-Up:

Make sure to put trash and limbs out the night before scheduled day of pick up. This will help to insure your items get picked up and not missed.

ESC Park Splash Pad:

The splash pad will remain open until September 25, 2022- weather permitting.

Facility Rentals:

Did you know that the Town of Troutman offers Facility Rentals for parties, family reunions, and neighborhood parties, etc.? If you are interested in finding out more about our rentals contact us at Town Hall. 704-528-7600, ext. 4

Troutman PD: Residential Speed Limit

The Troutman Police Department has had an increase in the number of speeding complaints in our residential areas. It is important for all drivers to pay attention to the posted speed limits and obey them whether driving in your own neighborhood or another.



Speeding in residential areas increases the risk of children or other pedestrians being struck. The men and women of the Police Department ask drivers to slow down, especially when traveling through a neighborhood. Officers have been increasing their traffic enforcement efforts in these areas to help make our neighborhoods safer.

If you feel that your neighborhood has a speed issue please contact the Police Department so a speed survey can be conducted and officers can be aware to increase patrols. 704-528-7610

Welcome New Officers!

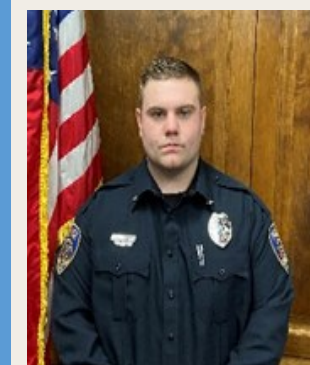
The Troutman Police Department would like to introduce our newest officers to the community, and we are proud to have them join our team.

Officer L. Ruocco joined the department in April of this year. Officer Ruocco previously served with the Mount Holly Police Department before coming to Troutman.

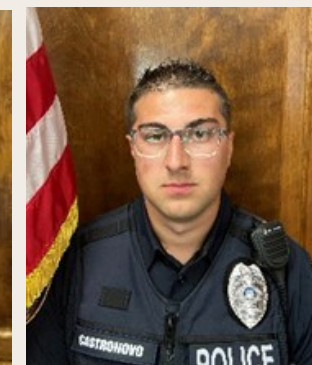
Officer P. Castronovo joined the department in April of this year. He has prior experience with Queens University Campus Police.

Officer C. Matos is a recent graduate of Mitchell Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Training program and joined the Troutman Police Department in July.

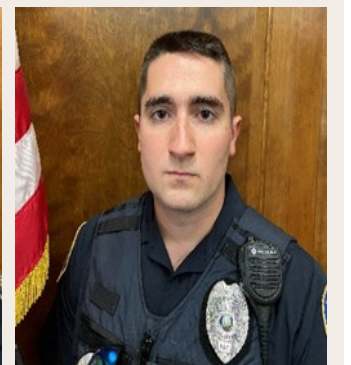
All of these young men are dedicated to the highest ideals of professionalism and service to the community.



Officer L. Ruocco



Officer P. Castronovo



Officer C. Matos