



THE WHISTLE STOP



Troutman Depot Farmers Market-BUY LOCAL!

The third season opens April 17th and runs every Thursday from 3:30-6:30 pm through September. Shoppers will find traditional and organic produce (including fruits and vegetables), baked goods, honey, chicken, beef, pork, lamb, rabbit, ham, livermush, cheese, jams, jellies, and salsas. Shaved ice, yoga instruction and monthly craft sales will be featured. The Market needs vendors for molasses, hand-made soaps, handmade personal care items, seafood, eggs, herbs, dairy, local crafters, local musicians, and specialty home-grown or homemade items. Applications are being accepted for vendors with these items as well as placement on a waiting list for other products. The application can be found online at www.townoftroutman.org, click on "Printable Forms."



By 2050, our 14-county Greater Charlotte region will add more than 1.8 million people and more than 860,000 new jobs.

CONNECT Our Future is about working together to turn the challenges that come with growth into opportunities for vibrant communities in our region.

Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey. It is critical that we hear from as many people as possible. <http://connectourfuture.metroquest.com>



10th Annual Independence Day Parade

NEEDS YOUR TALENTS!

The parade committee is looking for volunteers to assist in planning and on parade day. The committee meets once in April, twice in May and weekly in June.

Next meeting date is Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 pm at the Troutman Town Hall.

Parade day this year is June 28, 2014 at 11:00 am.

ADDITIONAL AREA GOLF TOURNAMENTS

SIHS Athletic Boosters: Saturday, April 5, 2014
Contact/Info: Andy Jones; 704-902-8379 or dmv_officer@yahoo.com

Help Ministries of Troutman: Friday, April 25, 2014
Contact/Info: Fox Den: 704-872-9990

***Information on the above tournaments can be viewed on the town website (www.townoftroutman.org) under Troutman Events.*

3RD ANNUAL TROUTMAN ESC PARK GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Sat., April 26, 2014

Where: Lakewood Golf Course

Format: Captain's Choice

Time: 1:00 pm Shotgun start / **Check in:** 12:00 pm

1st Place: \$400 **Sponsored by: Engineered Sintered Components**

Price: \$60 per person

Mulligans/Tee Busters: \$5 each

Hole-in-one: \$10,000 **Sponsored by: Triangle Insurance**

All Par 3s: Hole-in-one prizes

Longest Drive/Closest to Pin: Men & Women

Door Prizes

BBQ dinner provided at end of tournament

Sponsored by: Fat Boys Restaurant

This fundraiser is to help build the **first** park in Troutman for people of all ages. Ball & soccer fields, walking/fitness & nature trails, pavilion with picnic area, playground and more.

Come out and help build this park for all!!

Contact: Sally Williams (704) 528-6601 by April 18, 2014

We thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the 26th.



NCDOT ~ SPRING LITTER SWEEP April 26 – May 10, 2014

Volunteers may participate in the Governor's proclaimed LITTER SWEEP to remove litter from North Carolina's roadways. Help beautify your community by getting involved locally.

Participants are eligible to receive a certificate of appreciation and enter the Unusual Litter Contest for cash prizes. Litter Sweep safety and promotional materials are located through the "Forms" link at www.ncdot.gov/~beautification.

About Litter Sweep:

- ◆ Litter Sweep is a statewide roadside litter cleanup drive sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
- ◆ Volunteers can obtain pick up supplies such as orange trash bags, blue bags (for items to be recycled), orange safety vests and gloves from their respective local NCDOT county maintenance office.
- ◆ NCDOT maintenance crews devote one week of their time during Litter Sweep to pick up litter and collect orange bags from the roadsides once the groups have completed a clean-up.

More information: Litter Sweep Hotline (800-331-5864)

Save the Date: Troutman ESC Park turns 1 on May 13th. Join us for a party in the park starting at 5:30pm.



SPRINGTIME'S HERE - THINK CLEAN and GREEN!

Clean Streets

Town of Troutman strives to reduce flooding and maintain healthy creeks, streams and lakes. Yard debris such as grass clippings, shrubbery trimmings and leaves contribute to stormwater pollution. This debris can cause flooding by clogging storm drains. Grass clippings in the street carry fertilizers and pesticides from yards and through storm drains into streams and ponds. The increase in nutrients causes algae growth which depletes oxygen and kills fish and other aquatic life. Please be a good steward of your property by keeping streets and sidewalks free of grass clippings and other debris.



- Grass, weeds or noxious vegetation taller than 12 inches
- Buildings or structures which have been burned or otherwise partially destroyed and which are unsightly, a fire hazard or hazardous to residents' safety.
- Outside placement of furniture intended for inside use such as sofas, recliners and other like items.

Property owners in violation of the Town's public nuisance ordinance will receive a notice of violation allowing 10 days to correct the problem. If the violation continues, the Town will correct it and charge the cost to the property owner. If unpaid, the charges become a lien against the property. *Troutman Ordinance Art. V, Sec. 10-143 - 145*



Troutman's Code of Ordinances prohibits leaving grass clippings and other yard debris on streets and sidewalks. Penalties for violation range from a warning letter to civil penalties up to \$500. Continued violations may result in misdemeanor charges. *(Troutman Ordinance Art. I Sec. 22.1 - 22.5)*

Tall Grass and Other Property Nuisances

Springtime is a great time to clean up around your property. Lawns that are nicely maintained make attractive Town neighborhoods. Following are considered public nuisances:

- Piles of trash and/or garbage, rubbish, or junk

TROUTMAN LIBRARY

215 W. Church St. Troutman, NC 28166 (704) 528-2682

Thursday, April 3 @ 6pm local Author Joe Sinclair will present "Putting Life on the Finish Line". Books will be available for purchase. This event is being sponsored by the Troutman Friends of the Library.

Saturday, April 5 @ 10am Saturday Morning Story Time (Easter stories with a craft and Easter egg hunt).

Saturday, April 5 @ 3pm local children's author Dicy McCullough will present "Tired of Being Different". Books will be available for purchase. This event is being sponsored by the Troutman Friends of the Library.

TOWN OF TROUTMAN MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mayor: Elbert H. Richardson

Board of Aldermen

Paul Henkel ~ Betty Jean Troutman
Sally Williams ~ Teross Young
J.T. Jablonski, Mayor Pro Tempore

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Agenda Briefing for Mayor & Board of Alderman	Mon., Apr. 7 4:00 pm
Town Board Meeting	Thurs., Apr. 10 7:00 pm
Technical Review Committee	Thurs., Apr. 10 10:00 am
Parks & Rec. Meeting	Mon. Apr. 28 4:00 pm
Planning & Zoning Board	Tues., Apr. 22 7:00 pm
Land Use Committee	TBD; See our website

**Town meetings are open to the public and are held at Town Hall in the Boardroom unless noted otherwise. You are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

LARGE PRINT EDITIONS

of *The Whistle Stop* are available for pick up at Troutman Town Hall.



LEAF & LIMB SCHEDULE

May 2014

NO Leaf Collection
Limb Collection 3 & 4

June 2014

NO Leaf Collection
Limb Collection 2 & 3



LEAF AND LIMB COLLECTION GUIDELINES

The **2013-2014** fiscal year leaf & limb schedule is available on our website and at Town Hall.

Take leaves and limbs to the curb in front of your house the day **BEFORE THE FIRST COLLECTION DAY**. If they are not out before the crew comes through, they will not be picked up.

Put leaves and limbs in separate piles.

Only limbs under **4"** inches in diameter will be collected.

Limbs will not be picked up if they have been cut by professional cutters or trimmers.

DO NOT put leaves or limbs in bags.

RECYCLING INFORMATION



Benfield Sanitation collects recycling on **Wednesdays** from town residences. Your pickup day is based on your garbage pickup day. If you have questions, please contact Town Hall at **(704) 528-7600**.

<u>Green Week</u>	<u>Blue Week</u>	<u>Blue Thursday</u>
Garbage Day is Tues. or Thurs.	Garbage Day is Mon. or Wed.	Falls Cove: <u>Parkwood Division</u>
April 2	April 9	April 10
April 16	April 23	April 24
April 30	May 7	May 8
May 14	May 21	May 22

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