



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 October. 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 and yoga instruction will also be available. The Market needs vendors for cut flowers, molasses, handmade soaps, handmade personal care items, seafood, eggs, herbs, dairy, local crafters, local musicians, and specialty homegrown 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."



TOWN OF TROUTMAN:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Do you know a family member, friend, neighbor or business person who works to improve the community? Maybe they have performed a good deed or provided a service that needs to be recognized. You can honor them with a nomination for the "Citizen of the Year" Award. The deadline for nominations is April 1, 2014.

The "Citizen of the Year" award recognizes ongoing efforts of those who are working to improve the quality of life in Troutman. The Town of Troutman Board of Aldermen will select the winner. The "Citizen of the Year" award is the Town's way of recognizing individuals in the Troutman community who are committed to preserving, maintaining and improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods and our community.

Eligibility and submission details and a printable form are also available on our website homepage at

www.townoftroutman.org.



Name of Nominee: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relationship to nominee: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Nominator Phone Number: _____

Nominator Email: _____

On a separate sheet of paper describe in 400 words or less why you think the nominee deserves the Town of Troutman "Citizen of the Year" Award.

SPRINGTIME'S COMIN' - 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.



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 Article I Sections 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 some conditions considered public nuisances:



- Grass, weeds or noxious vegetation taller than 12 inches
- Piles of trash and/or garbage, rubbish, or junk
- Piles of combustible items such as mattresses, boxes, paper, automobile tires and tubes, brush, old clothes, rags, etc.
- Piles of animal or vegetable matter that has an offensive odor or may be inhabited by rats, mice, snakes, etc.
- Buildings or structures which have been burned or otherwise partially destroyed and which are unsightly, a fire hazard or hazardous to residents' safety.
- Blockages to the natural flow of streams and creeks so that the property is not free from standing water
- 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 Article V, Sections 10-143 - 145)

TROUTMAN LIBRARY

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

Saturday Morning Story Time: Mark your calendars! Saturday morning story time will be offered the 1st Saturday of each month @ 10 a.m. beginning March 1 and our theme will be Dr. Seuss in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day (which is March 2nd). Additional Saturday morning story times will be offered April 5, May 3, and June 7.

Max Tarpe Photography Collection: Joel Reese, Local Historian Librarian, from the Statesville Library, will present a program on the Max Tarpe Photography Collection.

Troutman Farmers Market: Alison Stroud will be available from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday March 27 to answer questions and provide information about the Troutman Farmers Market.

LARGE PRINT EDITIONS

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



TOWN OF TROUTMAN MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mayor: Elbert H. Richardson

Board of Aldermen

Paul Henkel ~ Sally Williams

Teross Young ~ Betty Jean Troutman

J.T. Jablonski, Mayor Pro Tempore

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Agenda Briefing for Mayor & Board of Alderman	Mon., Mar. 10 4:00 pm
Town Board Meeting	Thurs., Mar. 13 7:00 pm
Technical Review Committee	Thurs., Mar. 13 10:00 am
Board Retreat Fox Den County Club in Statesville	Fri., Mar. 14 8:30am-4:30pm
Parks & Rec. Meeting	Mon. Mar. 24 4:00 pm
Planning & Zoning Board	Tues., Mar. 25 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.*

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Date: March 11

Time: 2—6:30 pm

Location: 1st United Methodist Church; 204 Mills Avenue

OPERATION MEDICINE DROP

Bring unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medicines to this TAKE-BACK EVENT sponsored by the Troutman Police Department.

Message from Safe Kids NC: Operation Medicine Drop is a partnership of Safe Kids NC, NC State of Bureau of Investigations, the Riverkeepers of NC, and local law enforcement agencies, working together to encourage the public to safely dispose of unused and unwanted medication. Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent accidental poisonings and drug abuse while protecting our waters. Operation Medicine Drops March 16-22, 2014 coincide with National Poison Prevention Week.



Date: Sat., March 22

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Kerr Drug Parking Lot
533 N. Main St.

Contact: Lt. Loudermilt or Lt. Payne at 704-528-7610 for additional information.

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.

2-YEAR ACTION PLAN

The Town Board recently held a two year action planning workshop and committed to the following:

"Over the next two years the Troutman Board of Aldermen is committed to doing all we can with the funds we have to attract industry, utilize and promote our current assets, do what is best for the town (evaluating what comes our way), control growth, and listen to our citizens. To accomplish this we will work on implementing key tasks to recruit and retain businesses, promote our assets and our town, develop our infrastructure, involve our citizens, and beautify downtown."

Please log on to the **feedback** Town's website (click the government tab) to review the plan and provide feedback to the Town Board. www.townoftroutman.org

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**.

Green Week (If your Garbage Day is Tuesday or Thursday)	Blue Week (If your Garbage Day is Monday or Wednesday)
March 5	March 12
March 19	March 26
April 2	April 9
April 16	April 23



LEAF & LIMB SCHEDULE

April 2014

NO Leaf Collection
Limb Collection: 7 & 8

May 2014

NO Leaf Collection
Limb Collection 3 & 4

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