



Trinity CONNECTION

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Want to serve on a City Board?

The City of Trinity encourages citizen participation through service on City advisory Boards. The City Council is expected to make appointments to two advisory boards in December. Terms of service are three years.

Planning & Zoning

The Planning and Zoning Board serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and holds public hearings and considers requests for rezoning, subdivision and site plan approval. The Board also serves as the Board of Adjustment (BOA). The BOA considers appeals of decisions of the Zoning Officer and requests for variances of certain requirements of the City's development ordinances.



Infrastructure/Parks & Recreation

The Infrastructure Committee makes recommendation to the City Council on issues such as streets, sewer, storm-water, and parks and recreation.



Residents seeking appointment to a board must submit an application to the City. Applications are available at City Hall or may be downloaded from the City's web site, www.trinity-nc.gov.

The deadline for filing an application to serve on a board is Dec. 3, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Please call 431-2841 for an application or for information on serving on a City board.

Awesome Autumn in Trinity

City Council Elections

Election Day
Tues. Nov. 6

Polls open
6:30 a.m.-
7:30 p.m.



Call 318-6900 for
voting locations

Early Voting

Begins Thurs.
Oct. 18 at
Archdale Public
Library: 10433
S. Main St.

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.- 4
p.m.; and Sat. Nov. 3,
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Christmas in Trinity

City officials are making plans for this year's celebration. Watch for details in the A-T News.

If you know a family or individual in the Community who could use some help this holiday season, please call Community Outreach of Archdale and Trinity (COAT) at 431-3663.



Hot
Hot
HOT!



Car Show & Chili Cook-off

Free!

October 20
Braxton-Craven
School
9:30 cars; noon chili



Car Show benefits Old Timers' Racing Club
Medical Hardship Fund

Vendor Information

- Registration: 9:15 a.m. on the 20th
- Pre-registration forms available at Trinity City Hall
- Vendors Entrance Fee \$15

Sponsored by Friends of Trinity

CITY HAUL makes clean-up easy by bringing the landfill to you. Now is the time to get rid of all the stuff that's cluttering your home and property by disposing of the junk in City provided dumpsters. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to help keep our community clean and green.

What: Household trash, metal, yard waste, wood, and junk.

When: Thurs. - Sat. Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 8-10, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or until dumpsters are full.

Where: Dumpsters at YMCA Soccer Fields (former Guil-Rand fields), 7194 Turnpike Rd.

Cost: Free for Trinity residents.

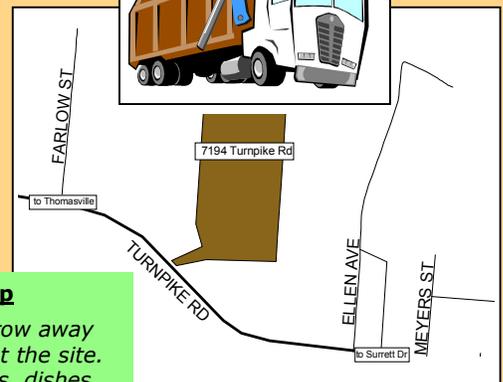
What's not allowed: Tires, appliances, electronics, cans of paint (dried paint cans are OK), batteries, toxic or hazardous materials, commercial disposal. (Some of these items may be taken to the County Landfill.)

Information: 431-2841

Swap Shop

Items too good to throw away may be dropped off at the site. Furniture, rugs, lamps, dishes, books etc. will be given away to anyone in need. Items remaining at closing will be donated to a local non-profit organization.

CITY HAUL



Trinity residents have disposed of 494 tons of trash since the first City Haul in 2005

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Trinity Public Safety Board

The City Council approved creation of the Public Safety Board in February and appointed members a few months later. The Board has been meeting regularly since May and is focused on two major efforts:

1. Establishing emergency shelters within the City limits; and
2. Developing an emergency management plan for the City. The plan is expected to detail specific duties and responsibilities of City officials and other community personnel. The Board hopes to identify resources within the community and work out agreements for use of resources in emergency situations.

Mission Statement
The Trinity Public Safety Board and its individual members are dedicated to promoting the health, safety and welfare of City residents and creating a safe work environment for City employees

Fire Drills—Practice makes perfect!

More than 4,000 Americans die each year in fires, and approximately 20,000 are injured. Deaths resulting from failed emergency escapes are particularly avoidable. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) believes that having a sound escape plan will greatly reduce fire deaths and protect you, your co-workers and your family if a fire occurs.

**HAVE A
 SOUND FIRE
 ESCAPE PLAN
 & PRACTICE
 IT**

Practice escape plans every month. The best plans have two ways to get out of each room. If the primary way is blocked by fire or smoke, you will need a second way out.

A secondary route might be a window onto an adjacent roof or using an Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) approved collapsible ladder for

escape from upper story windows. Make sure that windows are not stuck, screens can be taken out quickly and that security bars can be properly opened.

In the event of a fire, remember - time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Escape plans help you get out of your home or business quickly. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for a house or business to fill with thick black smoke and become engulfed in flames.

Also, practice feeling your way out of the house or business in the dark or with your eyes closed.

(Source: Randolph County Emergency Services/U.S. Fire Administration)

Who to Call

Emergencies: 911
 Deputy Jim Rich is available for private conferences with residents. Call 431-2841 to set up a meeting.

Animal Control: 434-3134
 M-F; 8 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. At other times call 911.

City Advisory Boards

Infrastructure/ Parks & Recreation

- Lloyd Brown, Chairman
- Mike Robertson, Vice Chairman
- Mickey Callahan
- Bobby Campbell
- Kelly Grooms
- Tommy Johnson
- Gwyn Riddick

Planning/Zoning

- Robbie Sikes, Chairman
- David Albertson, Vice Chairman
- J. R. Ewings
- Linda Gantt
- Vernel Gibson
- Scott Norman
- Melvin Patterson
- Jeff Taylor

Public Safety

- Paula Peace, Chairman
- Randy McNeill, Vice Chairman
- Mickey Callahan
- Curtis Connor
- Brian Cox
- Delores Hoschouer
- Buddy Maness
- Carolyn Patterson
- Scott Rudisill

Stormwater Smart

Everyone contributes to stormwater pollution problems - everyone must be part of the solution.

All real property experiences stormwater ponding and runoff regardless if a drainage concern exists on that specific piece of property or not.

Even if your property has never flooded, the stormwater that flows off your property must be managed so that it does not contribute to flooding or pollution in areas downstream.

Whether you live in a condominium, a suburban home or in an urban setting, stormwater is an issue.



Grass clippings, twigs, leaves and other yard waste

When grass clippings, leaves, and other yard materials are blown onto streets, they will eventually be washed into stormwater systems.

Leaves and debris either get caught in a drain or culvert causing local flooding, or flow through stormwater systems directly into rivers, streams or stormwater ponds.

Yard debris is organic, so when it enters water bodies, it decays and eats up the oxygen in the water which will harm aquatic life.

(Source: Piedmont Triad Council of Governments)

Report illegal dumping or spills
Septic tanks:
 318-6261
 (Randolph County)
Animal waste:
 771-5289 (DENR)
Construction sites:
 771-5000 (DENR)

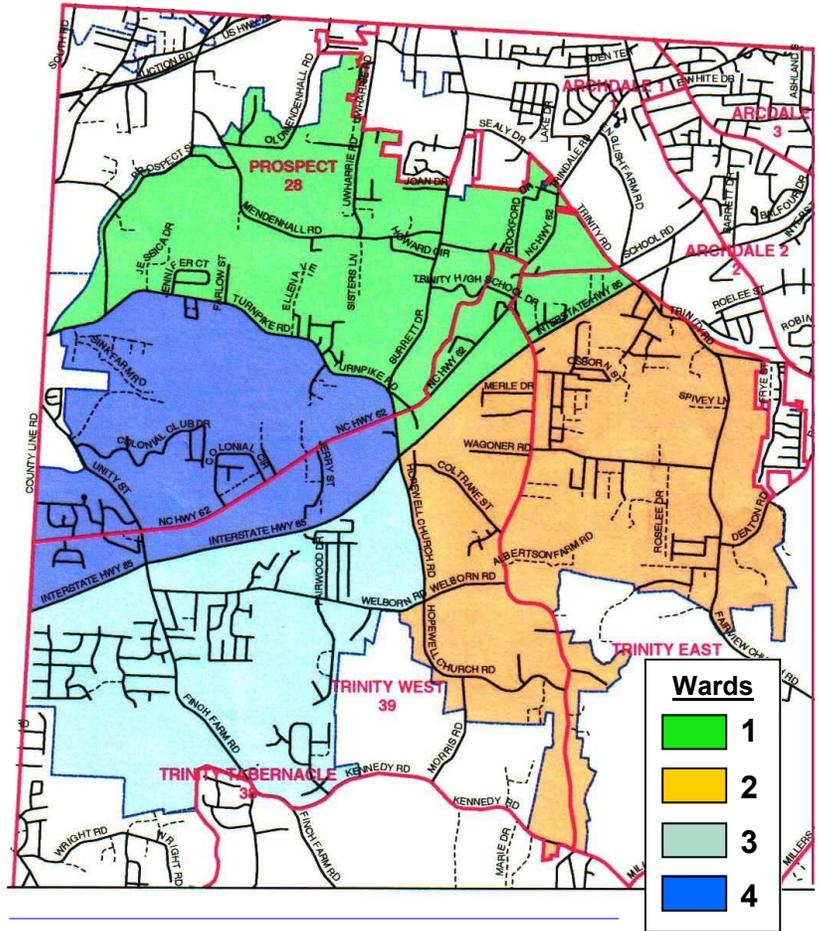
Online Hotline for reporting spills: <http://www.stormwatersmart.org/hotlinetip.html>

Voters to elect 4 new City Council members

On Tuesday November 6, Trinity voters will elect four residents to serve on the City Council. Four current council members whose terms are ending did not seek reelection. Long time council members Phil Brown and Dwight Meredith did not seek reelection and neither did first-term council members Bob Labonte and Miles Talbert.

Trinity is divided into four districts called wards. Two residents from each of the four wards serve on the City Council. Nonpartisan elections for one seat in each ward are held every two years.

Citizens seeking office compete only against candidates who live in the same ward. City residents vote on *all* candidates, no matter which ward the voter lives in or which ward the candidate repre-



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sents. The top vote-getters from each ward win seats on the Council.

City Government

Trinity has a council-manager form of government. Under this system,

voters elect a Mayor and City Council to set policy for the City.

A City Manager is appointed by the Mayor and Council to carry out adopted policies and ensure that all residents are equitably served.

City Officials

Mayor

Fran Andrews

Council members

Karen Bridges

Phil Brown

Barbara Ewings

Bob Labonte

Barry Lambeth,
Mayor Pro Tem

Dwight Meredith

Edith Reddick

Miles Talbert

Administration

Ann Bailie,
City Manager

Debbie Hinson,
City Clerk/
Finance Officer

Lori Hunt,
Administrative
Assistant

Adam Stumb,
Planning/Zoning
Administrator &
Code Enforcement
Officer

Joe Rainey,
Planning/Zoning
& Code Enforcement
Assistant

Zip Codes will remain unchanged

Trinity's confusing zip code system will remain in place for the time being.

Over the summer, the United States Postal Service surveyed City residents who have Thomasville and Archdale addresses about changing to a Trinity zip code.

A survey was mailed to residents asking if they would like their address changed to Trinity NC 27370. A majority of respondents who returned the survey asked that the zip codes not be changed.



Growth and development

In November, 2004, Trinity voters approved the City's borrowing \$15 million to pay for sewer service expansion. The availability of public water and sewer has spurred development and will continue to do so. As public utilities become available, owners of undeveloped land may consider options for conserving or developing their property. Resources are available for either option.

Development

Randolph Co. Economic Development Corp.
<http://www.rcedc.com/>
336-626-2233

Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce
<http://archdaletrinitychamber.com/>
336-434-2073

Conservation

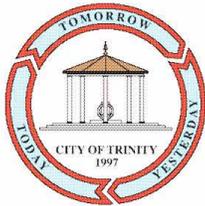


Preservation and protection of farmland, natural areas, historic sites and timberland:

Piedmont Land Conservancy
<http://www.piedmontland.org/>
336-691-0088

Land Trust for Central NC
<http://www.landtrustcnc.org/>
704-647-0302

Conservation Trust for NC
<http://www.ctnc.org/>
919-828-4199



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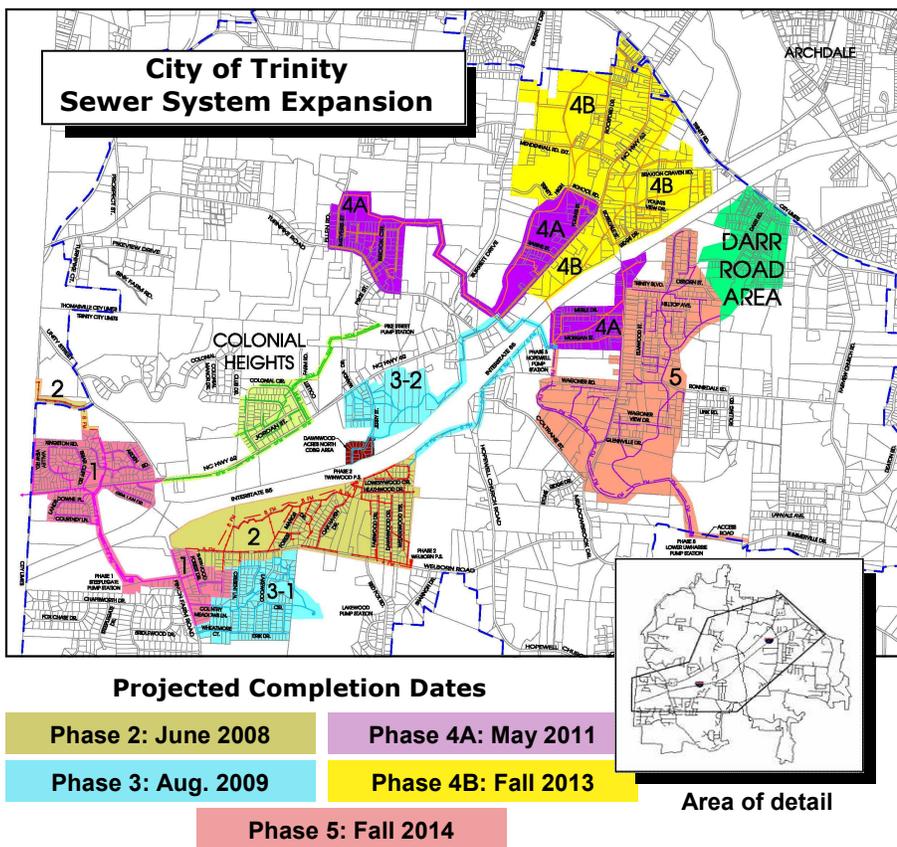
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Public Notice

Know someone who's turning 100?

City officials recognize these special community members with a plaque presentation at the celebrant's home. Please contact us if you know someone who will be celebrating a 100th birthday. 431-2841.

Volunteers Needed —Trinity Community Park is growing! Friends of Trinity has cleared brush, poured concrete and is nearing completion of a new picnic area. To help with this and other civic projects including special events such as the Independence Day celebration and the Car Show & Chili Cook-off, call 431-9456.

USDA Housing Programs —Low to moderate income families may be eligible for financial assistance for new or improved housing. Info: (336) 294-7181.

DSS office in Archdale—Randolph County Dept. of Social Services has office hours at Archdale Methodist Church on first, third and fourth Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Applications accepted for Food Stamps, Family and Children's Medicaid, Emergency Assistance, Work First and Crisis Intervention programs. Info: (336) 878-8109.

City Council

Regular meetings are held third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Memorial United Methodist Church, 7140 NC Hwy. 62. Pre-agenda meetings are held second Tuesdays of each month at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

City Meetings Schedule

Planning & Zoning Board
Meets fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Board serves as Board of Adjustment.

Infrastructure/Parks & Rec Committee
Meets first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Public Safety Board
Meets fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Meeting agendas are posted at:
www.trinity-nc.gov.

**Meetings are open to the public
Residents are invited and encouraged to attend**