

# **TROUTVILLE TIDBITS** Fall 2013

## **T4T HAS FULFILLED ITS MISSION!**

**SINCE T4T WAS INCORPORATED IN 2010 IT HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN IMPLEMENTING KEY COMPONENTS OF TROUTVILLE'S STRATEGIC PLAN. ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDED:**

- 1. DESIGNATION OF THE TOWN OF TROUTVILLE AS AN OFFICIAL APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY**
- 2. PLACED VDOT ROAD SIGNS TO ANNOUNCE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY DESIGNATION**
- 3. SET-UP A HIKER SUPPORT BOX AT THE TROUTVILLE POST OFFICE AND A PROFESSIONAL WALL SIGN TO POINT HIKERS TO A NEARBY PICNIC TABLE**
- 4. FACILITATED THE BUILDING OF THE A.T. KIOSK AT THE ROUTE 11 TRAIL HEAD AT THE GATEWAY OF THE TOWN OF TROUTVILLE**
- 5. LAUNCHED THE ANNUAL TROUTVILLE TRAIL DAYS EVENT AND THE FAMILY DAY OF HIKING TO PROMOTE TROUTVILLE AS A PREMIER OUTDOOR RECREATION DESTINATION**
- 6. HELD NUMEROUS EVENTS TO RAISE FUNDS AND TO FOSTER COMMUNITY SPIRIT: THE LITTLE VALENTINE'S CAFÉ, QUILT SHOW, COMMUNITY YARD SALE, TOGETHER FOR CLEAN VALLEY DAY, TOGETHER FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE TIDBITS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

**DURING ITS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER OF 2013, THE ORGANIZATION ADDRESSED ITS SUSTAINABILITY AND SUPPORTED RECOMMENDATIONS BY ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION BY 12/31/2013, TRANSFER OF ALL ASSETS TO THE TOWN OF TROUTVILLE, AND TO RENDER A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HOW TO SUPPORT A TRANSITION THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR IT TO RETAIN ITS DESIGNATED APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY STATUS. THE TOWN COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENDORSE T4T'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**MAINTENANCE AND CONTENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE A.T. KIOSK AT THE TRAIL HEAD ON ROUTE 11 IS PLANNED TO TRANSITION TO BOTETOURT COUNTY'S PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. T4T IS CONTRIBUTING \$1,000.00 TO THE COUNTY FOR THIS EFFORT. MUDDY SQUIRREL, LLC, AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE COMPANY, OWNED BY LISA MOYER AND TIM MILLER HAS BEEN HIRED BY THE TOWN TO COORDINATE AND LEAD THE ANNUAL TROUTVILLE TRAILS DAYS, THE HIKER'S 5 K RACE, AND THE FAMILY DAY OF HIKING. TIM IS TROUTVILLE'S APPALACHIAN TRAIL AMBASSADOR OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY. BOTH LISA AND TIM HAVE BEEN ACTIVE MEMBERS OF T4T WITH TIM HAVING SERVED AS THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY DIRECTOR. T4T IS TRANSFERRING OVER \$3,000 TO TROUTVILLE TO CONTINUE THE MISSION TO REVITALIZE THE TOWN INTO A PREMIER OUTDOOR RECREATION DESTINATION.**

**WE WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF T4T AS WELL AS THE COUNTLESS VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE GIVEN THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF UNPAID TIME TO THIS COMMUNITY EFFORT. OUR HOPE IS THAT ALL THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN T4T'S EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY IN ITS ENDEAVORS TO IMPLEMENT THE TOWN'S STRATEGIC PLAN.**

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