



Town Voice

Newsletter from the Town of Mooresville

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A Few Priorities for 2009

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Town Manager Steve Husemann has a list. It is not the Town's official strategic plan. It is not a wish list. It is a list of priorities for the Town to accomplish in 2009. It is called his "Top 50 List" but it includes more than 75 items. Key priorities on the list are traffic issues, wastewater projects and parks. Below are summaries of some of the items related to these priorities.

"The traffic projects are obviously a high priority because the problem is so wide-spread," said Husemann.

Highway 150 & Bluefield Road Median:

The Town is working with a developer to make improvements to this intersection. The Town will be responsible for providing a median on Highway 150 from Bluefield Road to Norman Station Boulevard AND on Bluefield Road from Highway 150 to the entrance of Winslow Bay Commons. The developer is still negotiating with the NC Department of Transportation.



Talbert Road & Highway 150

Intersection: Improvements planned at this intersection include a dedicated right/through lane, dedicated left lane on the northbound side of Talbert Road, restriping the roadway, and retiming the signal, as necessary.

The Town is submitting an application for grant funding for this project. If the Town is awarded the grant, it would cover approximately 80% of costs up to \$500,000.

Main Street Phase 3: This project is almost complete with Duke Energy, Sealand and electricians making the final adjustments to street lights and associated receptacles. Traffic signal needs for the intersection of Main and Moore streets are still being evaluated.

Gravel Streets Phase 2: This project includes installing sidewalk, curb & gutter, as well as paving sections of Logan Street, Ogburn Street, Short Street, Sharpe Street, Hager Lake Road and Locust Street. The contractor has started installing stone base on several streets and will begin paving once temperatures allow.

Church Street Improvements: This project's cost estimate is \$1.9 million and includes sidewalks, curb & gutter, and a wider road. The project occurs on Church Street between Wilson and McLelland avenues. Construction will begin in March or April.

The Town has identified several priorities for wastewater needs that involve **expanding the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)** to 19 million gallons per day (MGD). The first phase, rerating the system, is underway. The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) is reviewing the Town's application to **rerate the Rocky River WWTP** from 5.2 to 5.5 MGD.

The second phase is to expand the WWTP with a 2.0 MGD project. This project is critical to keep up with wastewater treatment needs in an environmentally-responsible manner. The third phase is an expansion to 19 MGD.

The **Presbyterian Pump Station** will provide sewer to a new public school complex and replace a 30-year-old pump station that is over capacity. It accommodates future expansion for economic, commercial and residential development. The estimated cost is \$18 million.

Also, the Town will **identify and reduce Inflow & Infiltration** in its wastewater collection system. Inflow is the introduction of stormwater, stream flow or illegal connections directly into

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DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

Engineering
704-663-4510

Employment
704-662-8724

Fire (Non-Emergency)
704-664-1338

Golf Course
704-663-2539

Winnie Hooper Center
704-663-0033

Library
704-664-2927

Charles Mack Citizen Center
704-662-3334

Planning
704-662-7040

Police (Non-Emergency)
704-664-3311

Recreation
704-663-7026

Sanitation
704-664-4278

War Memorial
704-663-3800

Water
704-663-3800

Zoning
704-662-3191

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER...

In Times of Need

You can not watch the news or read the papers without learning more about the economic woes that face many in our community, state and nation. While your town government is charged with “providing valued governmental services and directing well-planned growth and development,” it is our local human service agencies that provide the services many people seek in times of need.

This column is not long enough to list all of the organizations that offer assistance to our neighbors who need extra help right now. I am asking for forgiveness (or indulgence) in listing just a few that can help people through difficult circumstances.

- Ada Jenkins Center, 704-896-0471
- Counseling Center of Iredell, 704-664-4357
- Davidson Housing Coalition, 704-892-4486
- Information & Referral Services of Iredell, 704-872-2900
- Iredell County Department of Social Services, 704-873-5631
- Mooresville Christian Mission, 704-664-2357
- Mooresville Soup Kitchen, 704-660-9010
- United Family Services, 704-655-8745

For a comprehensive list of services, contact the United Way that serves your area.

While these organizations are helping many in our community they need our help as well. If you have time or financial resources to share, please contact a charity of your choice and get involved.

In my short time here, I have witnessed the sense of community that exists among residents and businesses in Mooresville. As we all walk through these uncertain times, let’s remember to treat others with respect, offer a helping hand and support the local businesses and organizations that support our community.

Respectfully,

Steve Husemann
Town Manager



We received several inquiries regarding the new downtown cardboard and paper recycling location. In summary, the comments involved overflow and pick-up.

A private contractor picks up the contents of the recycling container at the corner of Church Street and Iredell Avenue. The Town has changed the pick-up day from Tuesday to Friday to help with the weekend overflow. We will continue to monitor the location to keep it clean. Thanks for such great participation!

Why is Mooresville a “town” instead of a “city?”

Although most people think it is because of population, Mooresville is a “town” by virtue of the Town Charter as approved by the North Carolina General Assembly. There are no legal differences between the two classifications. The Town of Cary is one of the largest municipalities in our state but they also are a “town.”

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Planning Award

The Town of Mooresville received an “Outstanding Planning Award” from the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (NCAPA) for its revised Zoning Ordinance.

According to the organization’s press release, NCAPA presents awards that recognize agencies and individuals that have completed outstanding plans, program, and projects. The awards represent the highest standards of achievement in the planning profession in North Carolina.

NCAPA stated that Mooresville’s newly revised ordinance, adopted in March, 2008, “implements the goals in the Town’s Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan using a hybrid approach that integrates concepts from traditional use-based and form-based codes. The Ordinance recognizes the importance of user-friendliness, use-based controls, protection of community character, high-quality building form and environmental protection. The Ordinance serves as a model for small communities seeking to address building form and appearance without complex architectural requirements while also maintaining zoning districts.”

NCAPA is a non-profit, public interest and research organization representing over 1,600 members involved with urban and rural planning issues throughout North Carolina.

For more information, contact the Town’s Planning Department at 704-662-7040.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Sixth Annual Citizens Academy. Once again, the Town of Mooresville is offering the Mooresville Citizens Academy, an eight-session class offering an inside look at Town services and facilities. Beginning March 5, classes will be offered on Thursday evenings and are open to Town residents only. Department managers and town officials will lead the classes and offer residents an opportunity to meet the people who provide the services and take an “inside look” at Town facilities. There is no cost for this program, but space is limited.

Applications are available online at www.ci.mooresville.nc.us or at Town Hall. Application deadline is February 24. For more information, contact Janet Pope, Town Clerk, at 704-662-3131 or jpope@ci.mooresville.nc.us.

Mooresville Concerts. Mooresville Concerts is thrilled to present Davidson Express in concert on Sunday, February 15 at 3 p.m. at the Charles Mack Citizen Center.

Davidson Express provides a mix of traditional bluegrass standards and original song writing. They delight audiences with picking and fiddling, as well as three- and four-part harmony vocals. The program is family-friendly and includes appearances by child performers. Davidson Express is a five-piece ensemble of local musicians including Sherman Campbell on fiddle, David Conner on banjo, Tony Hoover on mandolin, Cameron Swallow on guitar, and John Wertheimer on bass.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Tickets can be purchased at the Mack Center, the Mooresville Recreation Department office, or by calling 704-662-3334.

Free Family Movie. Movies on Main is proud to present “Snow Day” on Saturday, February 28 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Charles Mack Citizen Center. This free monthly event for families is presented by the Town of Mooresville and sponsored by MI-Connection. For more information, visit www.ci.mooresville.nc.us or call 704-662-3334.

Drought Management Advisory Group. The Catawba-Watauga Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG) recently advised its members that drought indicators across the basin are showing improvement. “The good news is that gradual improvement of stream flows and groundwater recharge is occurring,” said Ed Bruce, CW-DMAG coordinator. “However, if long-term forecasts prove true, the basin will continue to experience dryer than normal conditions until at least mid-2009.”

Continued water conservation by customers is holding the region’s water supply at a steady level. Current basin conditions continue to accommodate up to two days a week of outdoor water use without significant negative impacts on water supplies.

The CW-DMAG reviews drought conditions regularly and re-evaluates recommendations as needed.

Help Us Help You: Mooresville Transfer Station



Did you know the Mooresville Transfer Station offers more services than just trash disposal? The Mooresville Transfer & Recycling Station is located at 158 Macleod Drive off of Highway 150 and is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. There is no charge to homeowners to recycle any of the following items:

- Aluminum Cans/Tin Cans
- Clear Glass/Brown Glass
- Plastic Bottles (1-7 Only)
- Mixed Paper (Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogues, Phone Books, Notebook Paper, Colored Paper, Junk Mail)
- Cardboard (Packing Boxes, Gift Boxes, Cereal Boxes, Brown Bags)
- Scrap Metal (Grills, Bikes, Steel Posts)
- White Goods (Large Appliances)
- Rechargeable Batteries (Cell Phones, Cameras, Tools)

- Printer Cartridges (Computers & Copiers)
- Antifreeze (5 Gallons)
- Motor Oil (5 Gallons)
- Tires (5 per year)
- Auto Batteries

The Transfer Station can NOT accept:

- Plastic Containers other than Bottles 1-7
- Green Glass
- Plastic Bags or Styrofoam
- Aluminum Foil or Pie Pans

For more information, contact the Iredell County Solid Waste Department at 704-878-5430, Iredell County Recycling at 704-928-2023 or the Mooresville Transfer Station at 704-663-5314.



Mark Your Calendar

February 2
Board of Commissioners
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

February 10
Water Bills Due

February 12
Planning Board
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

February 19-21
Board of Commissioners
Planning Retreat
Winston-Salem

March 3
Water Service Disconnected
for Non-Payment

Priorities for 2009

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the wastewater collection system. Infiltration is where groundwater enters the collection system through cracks in aging pipelines or deteriorated manholes. There will be more information about inflow & infiltration in a future issue of this newsletter.

Two parks top the priority list for 2009. The Town is accepting bids for work on **Mazeppa Park**. Base bids include a softball/baseball complex, picnic shelters, playgrounds, roads & parking, water & sewer, and grading. In addition, the Town will accept additional bids for a soccer complex. Work on Mazeppa Park should begin in April.

The Town plans to begin construction on **Cornelius Park** by the end of the year. Phase One of Cornelius Park will include baseball fields, a recreation center and tennis courts.

Child Safety Seats

Mooresville Fire Department's Station One is the only permanent checking station for child safety seats in Iredell County. The department has 36 technicians that are nationally certified through Safe Kids Worldwide.



Each certified technician can instruct/show parents the correct way to install "their" seat in "their" car. During 2008, the Mooresville Fire Department checked 529 seats. They checked 490 seats in 2007. Also, the department has an assistance program for families who need car safety seats but can not afford them.

Safety checks are offered at Station One (457 North Main Street) on Fridays from 1-4 p.m. or other times by appointment. Call the Mooresville Fire Department at 704-664-1338 to schedule an appointment or for more information.