



Town Voice

Newsletter from the Town of Mooresville

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Spring Cleaning ~ Outside

Elected Officials

Bill Thunberg
Mayor

Mitchell Abraham
Ward I Commissioner,
Mayor Pro Tem

Thurman Houston
Ward II Commissioner

Mac Herring
Ward III Commissioner

Chris Carney
Ward IV Commissioner

Miles Atkins
At-Large Commissioner

Frank Rader
At-Large Commissioner

Town Officials

Steve Husemann
Town Manager

N. Erskine Smith Jr.
Assistant Town Manager

Stephen P. Gambill
Town Attorney

Janet Pope
Town Clerk

Springtime in the South! Time for closet cleaning, open windows and yard work... lots of it. The flowers start blooming. The yard needs mowing. The bushes need pruning. The yard debris needs collecting.

To help us better assist you with outdoor spring cleaning, please remember the following tips.

Leaves and grass should be placed loose at the curb. **Limbs** up to 4 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length should be placed behind the curb in a separate pile. A **vacuum truck** picks up the leaves and grass. When sticks and limbs are mixed with them it reduces the efficiency of the truck.

The regular schedule for yard waste collection is the day after your normal garbage pick-up. However, heavy demand in the spring may cause a slight delay.

For larger projects inside or outside the house, the Town offers **Dial-A-Truck** service. Just call the Public Works Department during business hours to reserve a truck. When available, trucks will be delivered to your home at 4 p.m. and picked up the next morning at 7 a.m. If your project requires more time, trucks can be reserved for the weekend.

There is no charge for this service if you are loading the truck with only household or yard waste the Town would normally collect. However, you **CAN NOT** mix household and yard waste together in one load. There are fees if loads are combined.

Also, there is a \$50 charge plus Iredell County tipping fees for painted or treated wood, bricks, rocks, gravel, windows, dirt, shingles, sheet-rock, siding, flooring and any other construction debris not normally picked up by the Sanitation

Department. We cannot take tires, oils, paint or any other hazardous chemicals and debris. The Dial-A-Truck service is for homeowners only and not intended for use by contractors or contractors hired by the homeowner.

For more information or to reserve a truck, contact Public Works at 704-664-4278 between 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

One project to consider this Spring is putting **street address numbers** on your house. This makes finding you much easier - whether it is an emergency or just a need for a utility crew.

The Town's Code of Ordinances section 20-115 requires that any residential or commercial building within the Town be numbered. The numbers should be no less than three inches high and should be a contrasting color to the background to which they are attached.

It is important, especially during an emergency, to be easily identified from the street. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 704-662-7040.

Town offices will be closed on Friday, April 10 in observance of Good Friday.

There will be NO change in sanitation service for residential customers due to this holiday.

Water bills are due on the 10th of the month, as usual; however, payments will be accepted as "on-time" if paid by Monday, April 13.



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
704-663-2670

Water
704-663-3800

Zoning
704-662-3191

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER...

Retreat Highlights

The annual Board of Commissioners Retreat is probably the most significant policy-making event of the Town's year. The Board spent over 20 hours across a three-day period hearing staff presentations and discussing difficult issues which face the town. It is especially important to me, a fairly new Town Manager, to get a chance to see what the board members feel is important to our citizens.

Financial Situation

Director of Administration & Finance Maia Setzer advised the Board that the Town is doing well financially. Through January, 94% of projected property taxes and 47% of projected sales taxes had been collected. Despite the economy, Mooresville is likely to reach its revenue projections primarily due to realistic budgeting.

Golf Course

After a review of the 2008 Golf Course Master Plan, commissioners directed staff to study the feasibility of making improvements to the golf course. Staff will examine grant opportunities, greens fee increases and public-private partnerships that could potentially provide the funds necessary to make golf course improvements.

Technology

The Board will experiment with a digital agenda. Initially, agendas will be available in both paper and digital formats but eventually the Town will move toward paperless. This saves printing and filing costs and makes it easier to research information.

Joint Meeting with the School Boards

A discussion about community centers and before- and after-school programs led to the conclusion that a meeting with the Mooresville Graded School District and Iredell-Statesville school boards will be beneficial as we look at the overall community needs regarding youth.

Sidewalks

Our community needs more sidewalks and walking areas. However, we are limited by money, state regulations and availability of rights-of-way.

Staff is seeking locations where sidewalks can be added to maximize inter-connectivity of existing walks, as well as where sidewalks can be installed easily.

Internal Relations

The Board reviewed its own ethics policy and directed staff to develop some recommendations. Also, the Board decided to start experimenting with two meetings per month; one as the business meeting and one as a study meeting.

The Board also discussed fire stations, street projects, wastewater system improvements, the 2005 Angelou Study, economic development, updates to the strategic framework, recycling, national trends impacting Mooresville, and a variety of other topics. If you are interested in any of the topics described above, please e-mail me (shusemann@ci.mooresville.nc.us) and I will be happy to provide more detail.

At your service,

Steve Husemann
Town Manager



**Have a question about town services?
Want to know more about a local park
or Town department? Send your
comments (with contact information)
to the address listed below.**

Town Voice
c/o Town Manager's Office
Post Office Box 878
Mooresville, NC 28115
704-663-3800

comments@ci.mooresville.nc.us

Recreation News

Community activities planned for April:

Easter Egg Hunt for Grades K-3

Moor Park (651 Broad Street)
Saturday, April 4
2 p.m.

Third Annual Dog Walk & Dog Show

North Main Park (1474 N. Main Street)
Sunday, April 19
2 p.m. - Registration
2:30 p.m. - Walk
4:30 p.m. - Dog Show

Community Yard Sale

War Memorial Parking Lot (220 N. Maple Street)
Saturday, April 25
7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The Recreation Department will be offering weekly summer camps from June 15 - August 14 (no camps offered June 29 - July 3). Registration begins April 15.

Just Keep Movin'

Fitness-oriented activities for rising 1-6 graders.
War Memorial Building (220 N. Maple Street)
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
\$10/week

Summer PitStop

Arts, crafts, games, swimming, special events and more for rising 1-6 graders.
War Memorial Building (220 N. Main Street)
Noon - 5:30 p.m.
\$60/first week, \$50/each additional week

T.A.L.O.N.S.

Leadership, life skills & adventures to empower and equip teens (rising 7-10 graders).
War Memorial Building (220 N. Maple Street)
Noon - 5:30 p.m.
\$40/week

Rock-n-Learn

Crafts, games, golf, cooking, computers, flag football and much more for ages 6-13 years.
Winnie Hooper Center (221 S. Sherrill Street)
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
\$20/week

For more information on events or camps, call the Recreation Department at 704-663-7026.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Attention HOA/POA Presidents. The Mooresville Police Department requests that presidents of homeowners/property owners associations contact Captain Phil Blocker with their contact information. The Community Services Unit is compiling a list of association presidents to better serve citizens and their communities. Please send your contact information to Capt. Blocker at pblocker@ci.mooresville.nc.us or call 704-658-9016.

Mooresville Concerts. Mooresville Concerts is pleased to present The Queen Charlotte Chorus of Sweet Adelines on Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. The chorus includes women ages 16 to 70-something who are dedicated to the performance of four-part barbershop-style harmony. 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.

Keep Your Front Porch Clean. The Town of Mooresville Code of Ordinances prohibits the use of an unenclosed front porch for storage. This includes the storage of furniture and appliances, building materials, debris, etc. This Ordinance is enforced by the Zoning Administrators with a Notice of Violation, followed by civil penalties if not corrected. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 704-662-7040.

Free Family Movie. This month's free family movie, "Firehouse Dog" (PG), is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Charles Mack Citizen Center. Movies on Main is a free monthly event for families presented by the Town of Mooresville. For more information, visit www.ci.mooresville.nc.us or call 704-662-3334.

Event Signs. Temporary event signs for non-profit events are allowed within Town limits but require a permit from the Town. Permit applications may be obtained from the Planning Department in Town Hall, 413 North Main Street. The completed application must indicate what the signs will say and where they will be placed. Event signs may not exceed 32 square feet and should be located at least five feet behind rights-of-way and not blocking visibility. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 704-662-7040.

Jobs Available for Summer Lifeguards. The Recreation Department needs lifeguards for the summer season at the War Memorial Pool. If you are 16+ years old and have a valid lifeguard certification, contact the Human Resources Department at 704-799-4070 or download an application at www.ci.mooresville.nc.us.

Help Us Help You: Remember to Scoop the Poop

Attention all pet owners! Did you know:

- Pet waste has bacteria that can make our lake unsafe for swimming and other recreational activities.
- Each dog creates about a half pound of excrement a day.
- Dog droppings are one of the leading causes of E. Coli pollution. Each gram of dog poop has over 20,000,000 E. Coli colonies in it.
- Children are the most frequent victims of diseases from pet waste.
- Flies may also spread diseases from animal waste.

Pet waste is more than smelly and unsightly - it is a health risk to other pets and people. Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets and grassy areas is flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains. This waste may contain disease-causing bacteria and viruses.

Here are three easy tips to keep pet waste under control:

- **Bring your own bags** when walking your pets or grab one provided in the Mutt Mitt dispensers in Town parks.
- **Use the bag as a glove** to scoop the waste, then turn the bag inside out and close it.
- **Dispose of pet waste promptly and properly.** Whether in your yard or on a walk, promptly dispose of your pet's waste in a trash can or down the toilet where it will be properly treated.

More pet owners are following these tips and to those of you who are, we extend our sincerest THANK YOU! We ask that all pet owners be courteous and sanitary with pet waste. Do your part to keep our Town and waterways clean. Remember to scoop the poop!



April 6
Board of Commissioners
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

April 9
Planning Board
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

April 10
Water Bills Due

Good Friday Holiday
Town Offices Closed

April 28
Water Service Disconnected
for Non-Payment

Presenting the Flag

During the March 2 Town Board meeting, Gene Readling presented Mayor Bill Thunberg with an American flag representing his time served in Djibouti, Africa. Readling was deployed with the North Carolina Army National Guard from October 2007 through October 2008.

Readling has been employed with the Town for 17 years and serves as a crew leader with the Utilities Water & Sewer Maintenance Department.



Free Investors Education Seminars

Do you know the difference between a stock broker, an investment adviser and a financial planner? Learn their functions and scope of responsibilities during FREE educational seminars on Tuesday, April 14 at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. Sessions will be held at 1:30, 3:30 and 6 p.m.

Barbara Bennett, Investor Education Specialist with the North Carolina Department of Secretary of State Securities Division, will provide information on avoiding investment fraud. Recognizing investment red flags, knowing the most prevalent types of scams and what you should know to avoid becoming a victim of investment schemes is vital to everyone. Become a better informed investor before entrusting your hard earned money in any investment.

For more information, contact Town Hall at 704-663-3800.