



Town Voice

Newsletter from the Town of Mooresville

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Indoor Recreation Options

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

While the Town continues construction on Mazeppa Park and considers plans for Cornelius Park there is an option of building a sportsplex at Cornelius Park (or another site) to address indoor sports needs.

A sportsplex is not the same as a recreation center. A sportsplex costs approximately \$3.5 million to build. A recreation center may cost at least twice that much. Typically, a sportsplex has indoor basketball courts, volleyball courts and, perhaps, a general purpose room and some open areas.

Recreation Director Wanda McKenzie is ready to build something - whether at Cornelius Park or elsewhere. "I am excited about the possibility of a sportsplex or recreation center in Mooresville," said McKenzie. "I have pushed for one the entire 14 years I have been director. Now it is time to ask the community what to include."

Town Manager Steve Husemann believes the Town is "open-minded" about the possible uses for an indoor recreation facility. "It may be possible to build indoor soccer fields or have space for other larger sporting events," said Husemann. "We need more citizen input before we allocate the remaining recreation bond funds."

We Want Your Opinion

We want your opinion! What do you consider the most important unmet indoor recreation needs in our community? You can complete an on-line survey at www.ci.mooresville.nc.us or just detach this page and mail to:

Mooresville Recreation Department
Post Office Box 1455
Mooresville 28115

Indoor Recreation Needs Survey

I consider these the most important unmet indoor recreation needs ranked from 1-10:

- Indoor Walking Track
- Basketball Courts
- Volleyball Courts
- Indoor Soccer Fields
- Indoor Lacrosse/Football/ Rugby Fields
- Multi- Purpose Rooms for Exercise
- Fitness Equipment Rooms
- Shuffleboard Courts
- Indoor Playground
- Indoor Tennis Courts
- Other- please specify _____

My family would use a sportsplex facility most if it were located (rank site options from 1-3):

- Downtown
- Hwy. 21 near Hwy. 150
- At Cornelius Park (Cornelius Road)

I would be willing to pay \$ _____ to participate in a program like open basketball, volleyball or family gym time. (Indicate highest amount per adult per visit)

- I am not willing to pay.
- \$1
- \$2
- \$3
- \$4
- \$5

Contact information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



**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...

Budget Friendly Activities

The Town of Mooresville is working with many local businesses and organizations to bring you budget-friendly, community-building activities.

Free Movies

We are expanding our free “Movies on Main” event and moving it outside for the summer. (See details on page three.) I look forward to meeting many of you while we all enjoy a free movie on the lawn beside Town Hall.

Free Concerts

The “Fun At Five” Outdoor Concert Series begins this month. (See details on page three.) This event will take us to both sides of town as concerts are scheduled at Mooresville Town Hall in downtown and Mooresville Town Square at the intersection of Brawley School and Williamson Roads.

Free Library Services

The Mooresville Public Library offers many free activities for readers of all ages. For children, there are age-appropriate story times. For job seekers, there is a job portal which lists job openings and provides assistance in job-seeking skills. For those just needing a quiet moment in these hectic times, there are places to sit and thousands of books to read. Check out your local library for more details.

At your service,

Steve Husemann
Town Manager



What is the distance of the new walking trail at Bellingham Park?

If you start at one of the park entrances and walk the entire “circle” of the new trail the distance is one mile. There are also connecting trails from the surrounding neighborhoods.

Located at 1600 Bellingham Drive, the park has a shelter, lighted tennis courts, ball fields, playgrounds and paved walking trails. To reserve a shelter or ball field, call 704-663-7026.

Who do you call to report a missed sanitation pick-up?

If the sanitation service missed a pick-up at your house, call the Public Works Division at 704-664-4278 and we will send a truck back out as soon as possible.

You may use the same number to report a street light out or a pot hole in the road.

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

comments@ci.mooresville.nc.us

Conservation Updates

Water Restrictions Ended

The Town of Mooresville ended mandatory water restrictions for its water customers in April after the Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group announced that improved groundwater and stream flow conditions have lessened the basin's drought. Future rainfall patterns will dictate whether conditions continue to improve or whether the basin level results in our region falling back into a moderate or severe drought.

The Town encourages residents to use water wisely and continue voluntary water conservation as outlined in the Town's Stage I Voluntary Water Conservation ordinance. Efforts include, but are not limited to:

- Inspecting and repairing faulty and defective faucets and toilets causing water waste;
- Installing water-saving devices in toilets and shower heads;
- Using a shower for bathing and limiting a shower to no more than five minutes;
- Turning off faucets while shaving, rinsing dishes or brushing teeth;
- Limiting sprinkler irrigation of lawns;
- Watering shrubbery with recycled household water (see below); and
- Limiting vehicle washing

To view the entire conservation ordinance, visit the Town's web site at www.ci.mooreville.nc.us.

Rain Barrel Sale

On Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., the Town will once again be selling 60 and 80 gallon rain barrels on a first come, first served basis at the Mooresville Police Department on West Iredell Avenue.

Rain barrels are a popular conservation option. They collect run-off from rooftops for irrigation and provide a way to sustain landscaping in times of drought and watering restrictions.

Pre-paid orders are encouraged. Call the Town's Business Office at 704-663-3800 for more information or to place an order.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Movies on Main is Moving - Outdoors. "Movies on Main" is a free, monthly event presented by the Town of Mooresville and sponsored by MI-Connection. During May, we will offer TWO family-friendly movies on a 25' outdoor screen on the lawn beside Town Hall. Bring your blankets and join us on Friday, May 15 for "Cars" and Friday, May 22 for "Bolt." Shows begin around 8:15 p.m. For more information, call 704-662-3334 or visit www.ci.mooreville.nc.us.

Summer Camp Registration. The Recreation Department is accepting registrations for weekly summer and sports camps. Camps begin June 11 at facilities throughout Mooresville. Call the Recreation Department at 704-663-7026 for more information or to register.

Time to Swim. The War Memorial Pool opens to the public on Saturday, May 23. Public Swim is available daily from 1-5 p.m. for \$3 per person. Family Swim is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7-9 p.m. for \$2 per person. Swim lessons and teams are available for a fee. Call the Recreation Department at 704-663-7026 for more details.



Students Participate in Track & Field Events. Fifteen students from the Winnie Hooper Center will participate in events during the Hershey's Track and Field Event scheduled in May. Best of luck to all participants!

Fun At Five Outdoor Concerts. The Recreation Department proudly presents the inaugural season of the "Fun at Five" Outdoor Concert Series. This free concert series will feature a line-up of musicians ranging from rock to country to hip-hop to bluegrass. Join us from 5:30 - 8:30pm on designated evenings from May-October for a Fun at Five concert experience.

The concert series begins on Wednesday, May 20 with The Band of Gold performing at 5:30 p.m. at Mooresville Town Square (Corner of Brawley School Road & Williamson Road). There will be other planned activities, as well as food and beverage sales. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy a community concert with your neighbors.

Sanitation Service Changes. Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Sanitation service will be delayed one day for residential customers all week.

Help Us Help You: Call Before You Dig

According to our local natural gas utility provider, an alarming trend has developed in residential neighborhoods. PSNC Energy is experiencing significant damage to natural gas lines in neighborhoods. The incidents occur when homeowners/landscapers plant trees, shrubs or grade without knowing what utilities are in the ground below.

The existence of a natural gas pipeline is not always obvious. Some pipelines are noticeable because of clearly visible markers and an established pipeline right-of-way. PSNC Energy places markers at select locations and intervals along the right-of-way. These markers are visible where pipelines cross roadways, streams, some property lines and various other locations.

Pipeline markers might not identify the precise location of a line – only the general route. And the absence of a marker does not mean that an underground line is not present. Therefore, **811** should always be called prior to beginning a digging, excavating or grading project.

If you are planning to dig on your property, follow these important steps:

- **Call BEFORE you dig.** State law requires that you notify the NC One Call Center by calling **811** to have your utilities located before you begin any excavation work. Utilities have two business days to mark their underground facilities.
- **Wait.** Technicians will mark the location of utility lines on your property at no cost to you. Then you can safely begin your project.
- **Respect the markings** for your safety.
- **Dig with care.** If you accidentally hit the pipeline, call PSNC Energy immediately at 1-877-776-2427.



May 4
Board of Commissioners
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

May 10
Water Bills Due

May 14
Planning Board
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

May 25
Memorial Day Holiday
Town Offices Closed
No Sanitation Service

May 27
Water Service Disconnected
for Non-Payment

Staff Retirement

The Town's Public Works Division wishes Leonard McLaughlin good luck and good health in his retirement. After 31 years of service, McLaughlin retired on April 1. "The division is losing one of its greatest assets," said John Finan, Public Works Manager. "Leonard is knowledgeable in every aspect of the division and will be greatly missed."

McLaughlin served as Sanitation Superintendent since 1986.



Firefighter of the Year

Mooresville Fire Chief Wes Greene uses three words to describe Matt McAlphin - dedication, leadership and compassion. McAlphin, a firefighter with the Mooresville Fire Department (MFD) and Ebenezer Volunteer Fire Department, was honored recently as the Iredell County Firefighter's Association Firefighter of the Year.

McAlphin is part of the MFD's hazardous materials team and serves as an instructor to other firefighters throughout the county. Also, he helps coordinate the Explorer Post for junior firefighters and participates in Read Across America. In his role as a volunteer firefighter, McAlphin is in charge of the Mobile Air Unit which responds to fires to refill air bottles.

"It's not just his skill of caring for those who are injured or sick but the extra steps he takes to offer a measure of comfort," said Greene.

Congratulations Matt! We are proud to have you serving our community.