



Town Voice

Newsletter from the Town of Mooresville

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Focus on Code Enforcement

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

The Town's Planning Department is charged with the duties of code enforcement & zoning administration. Zoning Administrators are the staff responsible for ensuring compliance with the Town's zoning codes and ordinances which outline the minimum standards that apply to housing, overgrowth of vegetation, outside storage buildings, overall maintenance of property (residential and commercial), zoning, disabled/abandoned vehicles, and signage.

When property owners are in violation of a code or ordinance, they are notified and given time to correct the violation(s) before other enforcement measures are taken.

Yard Maintenance Standards



Violations of yard maintenance standards include any growth of weeds, grass or other vegetation in excess of 12 inches in height.

Vacant lots must be cut three times per year by May 15th, July 15th, and September 15th.

Junk, Trash & Debris

Junk, trash and debris must be disposed of properly. This includes, but is not limited to, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, trash such as discarded paper, cardboard, plastics, etc., and debris such as tree trimmings and fallen limbs.

The Town does not pick up construction material and debris with regular curb side pickup service. For more information, contact the Public Works Division (Sanitation) at 704-664-4278.

Residents of Iredell County may use the Iredell County Transfer Station, 151 West Plaza Drive, for disposing of waste and recycled materials. Visit www.co.iredell.nc.us/Departments/Solid Waste/locations.asp for more information.

Disabled/Abandoned Vehicles

A vehicle that does not display a current license tag and/or is not equipped with all parts that are required to legally and safely operate on public streets and/or cannot be driven under its own power is classified as a derelict/inoperable or junk vehicle. These vehicles can only be stored in a fully-enclosed building.



Minimum Housing Standards



All wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens and any other exterior

parts of residential structures must be maintained in good repair, be weather-tight, rodent proof and in sound condition. Interior walls, ceilings, floors, doors and hardware must also be in good repair and condition.

Electrical, heating and plumbing fixtures must be installed in accordance with local building codes and maintained in good and safe condition.

To report violations or inquire about codes, call the Planning Department at 704-662-7040.

Town offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Sanitation service will be delayed one day for residential customers all week.



**DEPARTMENT
PHONE NUMBERS**

Engineering
704-663-4510

Employment
704-799-4070

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'S OFFICE...

Cable Upgrades & Personal Update

Cable Upgrades

MI-Connection recently completed a system upgrade which offers fast, reliable high-speed Internet, a cable television lineup offering up to 300 channels and Video on Demand (VOD), and clear voice services.

The improved MI-Connection system offers "Extreme Speeds" high-speed Internet with up to 20 Mbps download by 2 Mbps upload for customers who want more speeds for downloading multimedia files, gaming and more. Also, high-speed Internet customers receive exclusive online content from ESPN360, ABC News Now and Disney Connection.

MI-Connection's digital customers receive VOD featuring more than 2,600 programs from popular cable networks. Their HD lineup boasts over 40 of the most popular HD channels available.

If you have not tried it, MI-Call voice service is an alternative to traditional home phone service. It includes more than 15 popular features and unlimited local and long distance in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

For more information, visit MI-Connection's web site at www.mi-connection.com or call 704-660-3840.

A Personal Note

In April, I was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. It is a cancer of the bone marrow which is treated through chemotherapy and an autonomous (my own) bone marrow transplant. I have received 20 applications of chemotherapy and recently began the next steps at Duke University.

I have been truly blessed by the prayers and encouragement of friends and family throughout this process. The chemotherapy has been highly successful in reducing the intensity of the cancer and the side effects have been limited.

On August 20, I started the transplant phase of the program. I will make numerous trips to Duke and spend three weeks there as an outpatient for the transplant. Upon completion of the

transplant, I will need time to rebuild my immune system.

So far, this situation has not caused me to miss any work but the loss of my immune system will necessitate that I avoid public contact. I do hope to work as much as possible by telephone and e-mail - largely for my own sanity.

Although I have maintained a normal schedule, my extended absence necessitates my sharing of this personal information. Thank you for your understanding and well wishes. I look forward to working with and for you again soon.

Respectfully,

Steve Husemann
Town Manager



Who do I contact to report a street light out on our street?

Using Duke Energy's web site, customers can e-mail the company directly if a street light is out. The link to the outdoor lighting reporting site is www.duke-energy.com/north-carolina/outages/streetlight.asp.

Also, there is helpful information on energy efficiency and other related items on their web site, www.duke-energy.com.

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New Water Treatment Plant

On June 2, the Town's new 12 million gallons per day (mgd) Water Treatment Plant went on line pumping treated water into the distribution system. At the same time, the new Raw Water Pump Station went into service providing raw (untreated) water to both of the Town's water treatment plants. On June 29, both new facilities passed an inspection by the Public Water Supply Section of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources. No issues or problems were found.

This project cost approximately \$33 million. The new water treatment plant was designed to be readily-expandable to treat up to 30 mgd. The Town's other plant can treat up to 6.2 mgd. With both plants operating, the Town has the ability and flexibility to treat up to 16 mgd before another expansion must be completed. With more than 12,000 water/sewer customers, the demand for treated water averages between 5.0 and 5.5 mgd.

The new treatment plant is located at 2528 Charlotte Highway and will meet the expected needs of the Town for years to come.

With the completion of this project only one critical water project remains to be completed and that is the installation of a new raw water line from the new Raw Water Pump Station. This new raw water line will maximize the town's ability to utilize the current capacity of the existing pump station and meet demands of up to 24 mgd without replacement of the raw water pumps.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Bike Rodeo. The Mooresville Police Department will host a bike rodeo on Saturday, September 12 from 9 a.m. - Noon at the Police Department, 750 West Iredell Avenue. During the bike rodeo, riders can practice their skills on a course that simulates different challenges cyclists face everyday. Bike patrol officers from the Mooresville Police Department will assist with safety tips for those in attendance. For more information, contact Officer Ken Davis at 704-664-3311.

"Movies on Main" Moving Back Inside. "Movies on Main" is returning to its first home, the Knox Auditorium in the Charles Mack Citizen Center, for the September 26 showing of "Bedtime Stories" (PG). This free, family-friendly movie begins at 7 p.m. Bring your friends (but not your pillows) and join us for the movie. For more information, call 704-662-3334 or visit www.ci.mooresville.nc.us.

Scoop the Poop. Being a responsible pet owner not only keeps the areas you walk clean for everyone but it also reduces contaminants in storm water runoff. Pet waste can carry viruses and bacteria that are extremely harmful to humans and animals that live in or near our streams. Also, the organic matter and nutrients contained in pet waste can degrade water quality. The decay of the pet waste in our waterways uses up dissolved oxygen and releases ammonia. This process in warm water temperatures of summer can kill fish and other aquatic life. Managing pet waste properly is something that everyone can do to make a difference in the quality of our surface waters. So do your part - clean up after your pet!

Utility Bill Reminder - Higher Rates. Utility bills received in September include the rate increases approved by the Town Board of Commissioners in June. Rate increases were explained in the July newsletter and are 5% increase in water rates, 10% increase in sewer rates for an average increase of 8% to customers. A copy of the new rates and the newsletter can be found on the Town's web site at www.ci.mooresville.nc.us.

Plan Ahead for the Pumpkin Run. The Recreation Department will host the 10th Annual Pumpkin Run 8K Road Race on Saturday, October 31 at the War Memorial Building, 220 N. Maple Street. In addition to the 8K race, there also will be a 2K fun run/walk for ages 7 and up. Early-bird entry fees for the 8K Road Race are \$25. Entry fees for the 2K Fun Run/Walk are \$15. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 704-663-7026.

Help Us Help You, *Bikes Not Allowed in Skate Park*

During the December 2008 Town Board meeting, commissioners accepted a recommendation from the Recreation Advisory Board to amend Section 20-120 of the Town Code and delete the term “freestyle bicycling” from the definition of “skateboard park” as follows:

“Skateboard park means a facility specifically constructed and designated as activities, skateboarding and in-line skating. Such facility may include obstacles such as ramps, ‘half-pipes’ and other structures which may be used in the course of such activities.”

After several recent complaints concerning bicycles in the skate park, the Town’s Recreation Department and the Mooresville Police Department began enforcement of the bicycle ban.

Foremost in the decision to begin enforcement was the safety of park visitors. With the weight and speed of bikes, any collision with a skater has the potential to result in serious injuries.

Skaters using the park come in all ages and skill levels. Because of this, it is difficult for many to skate safely in a park designed for skateboards and not bicycles.

In addition to safety issues, the skate park was not designed for bicycle use. Because of their metal parts, bicycles may cause more unintended damage to park equipment and ramps.

In order for the park to remain an enjoyable place to skate, visitors are reminded that respect for the park and other visitors is essential. A recent graffiti incident closed the entire park to all skaters and visitors while a thorough cleaning took place. It is important for those using the park to report any criminal activity including damage to park property.

For more information, contact the Mooresville Police Department at 704-664-3311 or the Recreation Department at 704-663-7026.

Save the Date

The Mooresville Mill Village is hosting a Community Cleanup the weekend of September 18-20. Dumpsters will be placed at the following locations in the Mill Village to assist residents with disposal of waste materials:

- Parker Avenue - for wood & construction materials only;
- Pressley Avenue - for yard materials only; and
- Summer Street - for plastics and metals only.

For more information about the Mooresville Mill Village Community Cleanup, contact the Planning Department at 704-662-7040.

Free Outdoor Concert



Join us at Town Hall (413 N. Main Street) on Thursday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. for a free, outdoor concert featuring NiteShadow.

NiteShadow plays beach, boogie, rhythm

& blues, soul and classic/southern rock music to satisfy all musical interests. Their performance will get everyone up dancing, moving and grooving and having a great time.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to Mooresville Town Hall and enjoy a free, outdoor concert sponsored by the Mooresville Recreation Department. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

For more information, call the Recreation Department at 704-663-7026.



September 7

Labor Day Holiday
Town Offices Closed
No Sanitation Pick-Up

September 8

Board of Commissioners
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

September 10

Water Bills Due

Planning Board

Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

September 29

Water Service Disconnected
for Non-Payment