



# Town Voice

Newsletter from the Town of Mooresville

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## Update on Town Projects

### 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 Engineering Division assists with the project management of numerous Town projects. Updates on several projects are listed below.

### White Oaks Road

Construction is underway to replace aging culverts that carry Dye Creek under White Oaks Road. White Oaks Road is temporarily closed to through traffic until late November. Detours are posted directing traffic through downtown.

### Center Avenue Improvements

Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2010 for improvements to Center Avenue between Magnolia Street and Iredell Avenue.

### Church Street

The Church Street Improvement Project is removing existing asphalt/base, widening the asphalt surface and installing storm drainage, curb and gutter, and sidewalks. Portions of Church Street are closed during construction.

During October, the contractor will complete the current phase and move to the block between Catawba Avenue and East Wilson Avenue. During this time, the back entrance to the Mooresville Public Library will be closed.

Construction is scheduled for completion in January 2010. Town staff are pleased with the progress on this project.



Church Street Improvement Project, September 2009

### Highway 150 & Williamson/Bluefield Roads

Dual left turn lanes and medians will be taking shape at the intersection of NC Highway 150 and Williamson/Bluefield roads.

Dual left turn lanes will be added on the west-bound lane of Highway 150 at that intersection and the current right turn only lane on Bluefield Road will become a through lane to Williamson Road.

Medians will be added on Bluefield Road and access to several businesses will be affected. Shoppers leaving the Winslow Bay Commons Shopping Center by way of Bluefield Road will only be able to exit by turning right.

This project is a joint venture between Pinnacle at Lake Norman Properties LLC and the Town. Pinnacle will pay \$493,540 of the \$693,888 project cost for traffic mitigation. The Town's portion addresses traffic congestion and vehicular safety issues.

### East Wilson Sidewalks

Construction is scheduled to begin in October/November 2009 for sidewalks on East Wilson Avenue.

### West Wilson Turn Lane

Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2010 on an extension to the left turn lane at the intersection of West Wilson Avenue and Highway 21.

For more information about any of these projects, call the Town's Engineering Division at 704-663-4510.



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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...**

# Football & Community

The chill in the air tells me that the season is changing. Leaves falling, Friday night football, Saturday college games, Sunday Panthers games – football is here and so is fall!

Beyond football, there is a lot happening this season in Mooresville. With an election in November, we may have changes in town government and school boards. With our population numbers increasing, we have the challenge to serve more citizens during this economic budget crunch. We are hosting an exciting fall line-up of movies in Downtown Mooresville, wrapping up our free outdoor concert series, initiating the Police accreditation process, and much more.

Our local Chamber of Commerce is spearheading a “Buy Local” campaign and encouraging citizens to spend their money locally. If community residents purchase goods and services from local merchants, restaurateurs, service providers, etc. then these business owners can, in return, support the local economy by living and investing in our community.

One such industry is our local communications system. MI-Connection is owned by the citizens of Davidson and Mooresville. Whether or not you supported the purchase, we now own the system. If we follow the Chamber’s “Buy Local” mantra, then we need to support this local business because this local business is re-investing in our community.

Before you settle into your fall routine, make sure you check out the fire safety tips on page four of this newsletter. October is Fire Prevention Month and our local fire department wants to make sure the citizens of Mooresville are “Fire Smart.”

Are you ready for some football?

Sincerely,

N. Erskine Smith, Jr. , AICP, ICMA-CM  
Assistant Town Manager



**The lid is broken on my roll-out container. Will the Town fix it?**

We have been experiencing a large amount of breakage on roll-out container lids during dumping. The Town has identified the problem and is taking steps to fix the issue.

We are replacing broken lids during normal pick-up days as manpower allows. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**Why does the Town send two sanitation trucks by my house on pick-up day?**

The Town does send two trucks by your home each week for trash (garbage) collection. The first one is the automated side-loader that mechanically grabs your container and dumps it.

If you have excess trash that will not fit in your roll-out container, place it in a bag a few feet away from your roll-out and the second truck (that comes looking for bulky or excess waste) will collect it the same day.

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# MI-Connection Wins Award

MI-Connection has been named the **2009 Community Broadband Project of the Year** by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA). In their announcement, NATOA stated, "These honors are awarded to exceptional leaders and innovative programs that champion community interests and broadband deployment in local communities nationwide."

Recipients were chosen based on their "extraordinary efforts, achievements, and innovation in community-based approaches to broadband. These individuals, organizations, and communities have distinguished themselves in the effort to ensure that more American communities and citizens benefit from new technology."

In selecting MI-Connection as the Community Broadband Project of the Year, NATOA identified MI-Connection as "a public broadband communications network owned and operated by a consortium of municipalities in North Carolina that refused to accept sub-standard broadband and cable service and decided to deliver better quality themselves."

Evan Webster, former chairman of the MI-Connection Board of Directors, said "It is truly affirming to know that a professional organization such as the NATOA views MI-Connection as notable in the area of broadband accomplishments. Despite some trying times, we never gave up or second guessed our decisions; we should be proud of that...With the system's latest upgrades completed, MI-Connection is moving forward and applying the technology to achieve enhanced economic growth and improved quality of life for the great people of our communities."

MI-Connection's network passes nearly 34,000 potential customers in an estimated 55 square-mile area. The company is owned and controlled by the towns of Mooresville and Davidson, with Cornelius participating through the transfer of its customer base. Guided by a local six-member board of directors, MI-Connection is managed by BVU FOCUS, a telecom consulting and management firm based in Bristol, Virginia. For more information, visit [www.mi-connection.com](http://www.mi-connection.com).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Time 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.

**"Movies on Main" Fall Lineup is Exciting!** "Movies on Main," the free, family-friendly entertainment option provided by the Town of Mooresville and MI-Connection, is proud to announce an exciting fall lineup.

On Saturday, October 24, join us for "Night at the Museum: Battle at the Smithsonian" at 7 p.m. in the Knox Auditorium in the Charles Mack Citizen Center, Downtown Mooresville.

On Saturday, November 28, we venture back in time to "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs." Movie time is 7 p.m. in the Knox Auditorium.

Kick off the holiday season on Friday, December 4 with "The Polar Express" in Downtown Mooresville.

Stay tuned for more movie information each month in the newsletter, visit [www.ci.mooresville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooresville.nc.us) for movie trailers or call 704-662-3334.

**Fun @ Five Concert Season Finale.** On Thursday, October 15, join us at the bandstand at Mooresville Town Square Shopping Center (279 Williamson Road) to enjoy the sounds of The Craig Woolard Band. Offering beach, Motown and R&B sounds, this band will present an award-winning finale to the Fun @ Five Concert Series. Music starts at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 704-663-7026.



**Flu Season is Here!** The Centers for Disease Control analyzes information about influenza disease activity in the United States. Recent reviews found that influenza activity is increasing, particularly the H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu).

Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people have reported diarrhea and vomiting.

To prevent the spread of germs that cause illnesses like influenza:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Use alcohol-based hand cleaners.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick, stay home for seven days after your symptoms begin or until you have been symptom-free for 24 hours, whichever is longer.

## Help Us Help You, *Fire Prevention Week*



During October, the Mooresville Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association for Fire Prevention Week (October 4-10) and urging residents to “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.” This year’s campaign focuses on ways to keep homes “fire safe” and prevent painful burns.

The national statistics are staggering. Each year approximately 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns. More than 200,000 individuals are seen in the emergency rooms for burn injuries.

“The most common types of burn injuries result from fire or flame burns, scalds and contact burns,” said Gary Styers, Mooresville’s Fire Marshal. “Burns are not only painful, they can result in serious scarring and even death. When we take extra caution in our homes to ensure the curling iron is out of children’s reach or the pot handles are turned away from the edge of the stove such injuries are entirely preventable.”

Follow these simple safety rules for home fire and burn prevention:

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges;
- Have a “kid-free” zone around the stove;
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage;
- Be careful when using items such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps and heaters;
- Install tamper-resistant outlets to prevent a child from sticking an object in the outlet;
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace/stove or where a hot appliance might be in use;
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking;
- Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees; and
- Install anti-scald valves on shower heads and faucets.

Fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week for 85 years - making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record. For more information, contact the Mooresville Fire Department at 704-664-1338.



**October 5**  
Board of Commissioners  
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

**October 8**  
Planning Board  
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

**October 10**  
Water Bills Due

**October 29**  
Water Service Disconnected  
for Non-Payment

## Citizen Commendation

Recently, Mayor Bill Thunberg and the Mooresville Beautification Committee commended Eric Peterson on his “selfless service to his neighbors and our community.”

“Mr. Peterson’s efforts to keep his part of Mooresville beautiful are a wonderful example of someone who believes it is better to serve than be served,” said committee member Joe Cullen. “Over the past several years, Mr. Peterson has made a dedicated effort to the Harbor Cove area of Mooresville to police the grounds and pick up improperly disposed litter. The Beautification Committee chose to award this Commendation to recognize Mr. Peterson’s contribution to making Mooresville a better and brighter place to live and work.”

Thank you Mr. Peterson for caring about our community!

## Recycling Update



A new State law bans the disposal of plastic bottles, commonly used for water, soft drinks, milk, etc., effective October 1, 2009. This product joins other materials already

banned from landfills such as aluminum, corrugated cardboard, yard waste, used oil filters and other items.

The Town encourages residents to use the Iredell County Transfer Station (recycling facility) on Highway 150 to recycle these items.