



# TownVoice

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## Elected Officials

Chris Montgomery  
Mayor

Mitchell Abraham  
Ward I Commissioner

Thurman Houston  
Ward II Commissioner

Mac Herring  
Ward III Commissioner

Chris Carney  
Ward IV Commissioner,  
Mayor Pro Tem

Miles Atkins  
At-Large Commissioner

Rhett Dusenbury  
At-Large Commissioner

## Town Officials

N. Erskine Smith Jr.  
Interim Town Manager

Stephen P. Gambill  
Town Attorney

Janet Pope  
Town Clerk

## Music on Main Concert Series

It's that time of year again! The Mooresville Recreation Department kicks off the Music on Main Outdoor Summer Concert Series this month. Bring the family, bring a blanket, and enjoy a free concert on the Town Hall Lawn, 413 N. Main Street. Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

### The Catalinas - May 20



One of the South's most beloved beach & variety bands, The Catalinas start this year's concert series on May 20. Entertaining audiences for more than 40 years,

the band credits its long success to the ongoing popularity of beach music and the tunes the band has composed. The Catalinas will delight the crowd with many favorites, including "Summertime's Calling Me."

### PUSHH - June 24

Bringing a fun and high-energy show filled with music from yesterday and today, PUSHH is a favorite in the Lake Norman Region. Audiences of all ages will enjoy their music by artists such as KC & the Sunshine Band, Commodores, Bon Jovi and more. With their incredible five part vocal harmonies, PUSHH will keep audiences dancing and singing all night long.



### The Fantastic Shakers - July 22



The Fantastic Shakers possess a level of musical versatility and personality few other bands can match. With five lead vocalists and up to three horns,

every performance is a party for all ages filled with almost every style of music...from start to finish.

### Da Throwback Band - September 16

Are you ready for a musical trip back to the 70s? Members of Da Throwback Band offer an incredible performance - in full costume - of your favorite party songs by artists such as Donna Summer, Abba, KC & The Sunshine Band, Earth, Wind & Fire and many more. You will be on your feet dancing!



For more information about this summer concert series, visit [www.MooresvilleRecreation.org](http://www.MooresvilleRecreation.org) and click on "Music on Main Schedule" or call 704-663-7026.





**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...**

# Surrounded by Talent

Recently, I had the opportunity to vacation in North Myrtle Beach during the annual shagging convention. I was surrounded by many people, both young and old, who displayed great dancing talents. When I returned home I was, once again, amazed by the talented musicians at church. The organist, choir, guest musician and guest minister shared an inspired message. When I watch sporting events on television I am in awe of the talents of the athletes.

And not to be overlooked, our Town employees are another group of amazing, talented individuals who work hard in their jobs. They spend many hours training, preparing and working at their task. Whether it is a public safety officer, engineer, planner, librarian, sanitation worker, golf professional or administrative worker, Town employees strive to do their job efficiently, safely and effectively. I appreciate and admire their talents and dedication.

There are many in our community who share their talents to benefit us all. The Recreation Department could not provide some programs without the talents and dedication of volunteer coaches. Check out the volunteer opportunities for local boards and commissions. Many appointments are made during June and July. Visit the Town web site for more information. (See article on page three.)

Also, we have a new Mooresville Volunteer Program (MVP). MVP is a community outreach program designed to encourage citizens to participate in local government. Volunteers can learn more about local government by volunteering within various town departments. Whatever your skills or interests, there is a volunteer position for you. Search "MVP" on our web site.

Thank you for sharing your talents with others in our community!

Sincerely,

Erskine Smith, ICMA-CM, AICP  
Interim Town Manager



**Recently, I have seen residents using tanker trucks and fire hoses to fill their pools. Is that OK?**

If residents or community organizations hire companies to fill swimming pools, the contractor may purchase the water from the Town's Business Office located in Town Hall, 413 North Main St. After payment is received, the contractor may fill their tanker at the Water Treatment Plant.

The filling of pools from a fire hydrant is strictly prohibited and will result in a fine. The Town's Services Policy Manual states in Section 2-5 D:

*"No person except an authorized official of the Town shall take or use water from any hydrant on the Town's water system unless permission is expressly received from the Town."*

These procedures help protect our water supply from possible contamination. If you witness anyone using or tampering with a fire hydrant, call the Town Business Office at 704-663-3800 immediately.

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# MI-Connection Board Updates

The MI-Connection Board of Directors seated new board members and elected new officers in April.

Former Chairman John Kasberger and member Rick Howard stepped down from their posts and Huntersville communications executive Brett Ellis took a seat on the board. Also seated were Davidson Town Manager Leamon Brice, Mooresville Interim Town Manager Erskine Smith and former non-voting Cornelius representative Steve Miller. Members Dawn Huston and Ken Essex returned to serve another term on the board.

John Venzon was unanimously elected to be the new Chairman of the Board. Venzon, a Davidson resident, has been a member of the MI-Connection Board since September 2009 and has served as Treasurer for the past year.

The board elected Ellis to serve as Treasurer. Ellis, the board's newest member, has eight years of experience in the communications industry and holds a masters degree in accounting

Dawn Huston was elected to serve as secretary. Huston, a Mooresville resident and board member since October 2009, succeeds Ken Essex in the position of secretary.

The new board members were approved by the Mooresville Board of Commissioners on April 4 and the Davidson Board of Commissioners on April 12.

The transition of board members comes after the towns recently approved a revised interlocal agreement which increased the number of board members and established a new appointment process. Venzon, Ellis and Huston will serve two-year terms; Essex and Miller will serve one-year terms. All members will serve in an at-large capacity. In future years, all board members will serve two-year terms.

The MI-Connection Board of Directors meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Davidson Town Hall, 216 North Main Street in Davidson. Meetings are open to the public.

For more information on MI-Connection, visit [www.mi-connection.com](http://www.mi-connection.com).

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Movies on Main** On Friday, May 13, "Movies on Main" continues outside with "Toy Story 3" (Rated G). Movie starts at 8 p.m. on the Town Hall Lawn. For more information, call 704-662-3334. To view the movie trailer, visit the Town's web site at [www.ci.mooreville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooreville.nc.us).



**Free Golf Lesson** During May, Town residents can receive a free 10 minute golf lesson from one of the golf professionals at the Mooresville Golf Course. This is your opportunity to be introduced to the game of golf or just get a check up on your swing. Call the Mooresville Golf Course at 704-663-2539, schedule your 10 minute lesson, and bring this newsletter with you on the day of your lesson. Once your lesson is done, you will receive a bag of range balls to practice what you learned.



**Priority-Based Budgeting** The Town's fiscal year 2011-2012 budget is being prepared with a priority-based budgeting process. Similar to allocating money for a home or family budget, priority-based budgeting challenges the Town to identify goals and priorities.

The process requires each department to list their services and programs, ensuring they align with the Town's goals and priorities. This includes identifying the number of personnel required to fulfill the service or program at an optimal level, determining all operating and capital costs, and providing detailed descriptions or explanations to support why the service or program should be funded. Each service or program is prioritized based on a mutual criteria, then reviewed or challenged, and later approved by the Town Board.

High-priority services or programs, such as those mandated by law, require more consideration and are more likely to be funded than those not mandated or labeled as low-priority.

**Summer Sports Camps** Mooresville Recreation Department partners with local schools and individuals to offer summer sports camps at various facilities throughout Mooresville. For more information, call 704-663-7026 or visit [www.MooresvilleRecreation.org](http://www.MooresvilleRecreation.org). Registration is available online.

**Volunteer Boards & Committees** The Town has several boards and committees that offer citizens an opportunity to volunteer their education, experience, skills, abilities and interests to Town government. Participation also provides citizens with the ability to learn about local government and how it functions. Visit the Town's web site at [www.ci.mooreville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooreville.nc.us) and click on the "Appointed Boards" icon for more information. A Board Appointed Application is available for downloading to apply for available positions.

## Help Us Help You, Scoop the Poop

Once again, we received a request to remind pet owners of the importance of cleaning after their pets. Below are a few reasons to take time to “scoop the poop.”

- Stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.
- Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the oxygen in water necessary for beneficial underwater grasses, wildlife and fish.
- Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted to humans and other animals by ingesting contaminated water.
- Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans.

- Cleaning up after your pet is always the right thing to do.
- No one likes to step in pet waste and spread it into homes, cars and businesses.
- Scooping on a daily basis and applying lime will help prevent odors.
- It's easy to clean up by carrying small plastic bags and paper towels in your pocket. The bags can be secured and thrown in the garbage.

The Town reminds all pet owners to be courteous and sanitary with pet waste. Do your part to keep our community and water supply clean.



### Mark Your Calendar

- May 2**  
Board of Commissioners  
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.
- May 10**  
Water Bills Due
- May 12**  
Planning Board  
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.
- May 16**  
Board of Commissioners  
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.
- May 30**  
Memorial Day Holiday  
Town Offices Closed
- June 1**  
Water Service Disconnected  
for Non-Payment

## Call Before You Dig

To prevent damage to natural gas lines, homeowners and landscapers must remember to “call before you dig.” 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. However, 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 you to notify the NC One Call Center by calling **811** to have 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.

## Rain Barrels for Sale

In our efforts to promote the conservation of water and using it wisely, the Town is, once again, offering rain barrels for sale.

Rain barrels are a popular conservation option. They collect runoff from rooftops for irrigation and provide a way to sustain landscaping during times of drought and water restrictions.

Each rain barrel comes with a brass spigot, two overflow valves that can be used to connect additional barrels, and a screen to keep out debris and insects. Sale prices are \$90 for the 60 gallon rain barrel and \$100 for the 80 gallon rain barrel.

For more information or to place an order, call the Town's Business Office at 704-663-3800.

