



# 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.  
Town Manager

Stephen P. Gambill  
Town Attorney

Janet Pope  
Town Clerk

## It's (Finally) Time to Recycle

The Town's long-awaited, comprehensive Town-wide recycling program is scheduled to begin in November. Town residents living in single family homes, townhomes and duplexes who wish to participate may begin registering for the program online at [www.ci.mooresville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooresville.nc.us). Just click on the "Curbside Recycling" link on the home page and enter the required information, including your trash pickup day and subdivision, if you live in one.



Letters will be mailed to all eligible Town residents later this month with additional information about the recycling program. Also, there will be a registration card included for those who do not have internet access or are uncomfortable with an online registration process.

Residents must sign up no later than September 15 to receive a recycling rollout for the November start date.

The Town will deliver a 96 gallon BLUE rollout recyclables container to all registered participants in October. (This is the same size as the green rollout container for trash.) A smaller 64 gallon container that is easier to roll out will be available for the elderly. The container will be emptied EVERY OTHER WEEK on your normal trash day.

Items that can be recycled include;

- Aluminum
- Cardboard (must fit loosely inside container)
- Glass Bottles
- Juice Boxes
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Paper (newsprint, magazines, junk mail, phonebooks)
- Plastic #1-5 and #7
- Steel/Tin Cans

Remove caps and lids and, if needed, rinse the recyclables before placing them in the recycling rollout. Do NOT bag recyclables.

There will be more details and information posted on the Town's web site and Facebook pages, in future newsletters and media outlets, and distributed with the rollout containers. Automated calls to registered participants will announce dates for container delivery and the start date of service.

Recycling saves valuable landfill space, conserves energy & resources, and creates local jobs. We hope you choose to participate and we look forward to serving you!

## Board Appoints Smith as Town Manager

During the Town Board meeting on June 6, the Board of Commissioners announced the appointment of Erskine Smith as Mooresville's next Town Manager. Smith has been serving as Interim Town Manager since Steve Husemann resigned in January.

Smith has worked for the Town for 23 years and has served as Zoning Administrator, Planning Director, Assistant Town Manager and Interim Town Manager during his tenure.

"I wish to thank the Board for the opportunity and privilege of serving the citizens of Mooresville as Town Manager," said Smith. "This is the achievement of a life-long dream and I am delighted that it comes true in my hometown."



**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...**

# Budget: Charting a Stable Course

The Town's 2011 - 2012 fiscal year budget is \$79.6 million dollars - approximately \$3.8 million less than the 2011 budget. The budget keeps the existing tax rate at .58 cents and does not increase water or sewer rates. The budget does include a new \$36 per year solid waste fee.

While the new budget does include additional personnel in certain areas, there are more than twenty frozen vacant positions and other positions have been eliminated or reassigned. Personnel costs have been reduced by more than \$400,000 from last year.

The 2012 budget supports new capital projects, including: the opening of two parks, Mazeppa and Cornelius Road; renovations of the former GymCo facility for use by the Town's Recreation programs; and the opening of a new Operations Center for Public Works and Public Utilities. Sidewalks projects are being funded along South Magnolia & Fieldstone Road, West Iredell Avenue from the Police Station to Academy, and Oak Tree Road from Brawley School Road to Lake Norman Elementary School.

The new budget provides funding for a town-wide recycling program to begin this fall - finally! (See cover story.) Also, we will begin implementing a backflow prevention program in compliance with state mandated regulations.

So what do we, the citizens, receive with this budget? With Public Safety and Public Services representing approximately 61% of the personnel expenses, we have the assurance that if we have a fire, a medical emergency or are involved in an accident, a group of dedicated men and women will respond to provide service. We have the assurance that the water we drink is safe and the treated sewer is disposed of in a safe and efficient manner. We know that our garbage will be collected.

In creating this year's budget, we used a Priority Based Budgeting process. We asked the questions: What is a want? What is a need? What services do we provide and how much does it cost to maintain/improve that service? What

services can we eliminate and what impact will that have on our community? These are all budgeting business decisions.

Town management is committed to providing an equitable, fair and stable tax rate; a rate that is not exorbitant nor depends on the Town's savings account. We will prepare for the future and pay for the necessary items to provide the citizens of Mooresville the services they demand.

Sincerely,

Erskine Smith, ICMA-CM, AICP  
Town Manager



### Are water & sewer rates increasing again this year?

No. With the approval of the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget, the Town Board voted to keep water and sewer rates the same for the coming year.

However, customers should remember that increased USAGE during the summer months for watering lawns and plants, washing cars, and filling swimming pools (even kiddie pools) increases the water/sewer bill.

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# MI-Connection's Local Transition

Starting July 1, Mooresville and Davidson's cable, Internet and telecommunications system will begin its transition to a locally-operated company.

At a May meeting of the MI-Connection Board of Directors, Transition Manager David Auger said the system's transition from management under Bristol Virginia Utilities (BVU) – the operator of the system since its inception in December 2007 – to independent operator will begin on July 1.

The transition will bring local employees and most services in-house and will shift BVU from system operator to a service vendor providing customer service, billing and technical support.

Auger said it will likely take about 90 days to complete the phased-in transition to independent operation...given the complexity of the transition and the need to work through various software-related issues.

A number of changes will begin on July 1, including a management fee that will gradually decrease from about \$1.4 million to \$300,000 annually as BVU's management responsibilities decrease.

What that means for employees, subscribers and citizens, said Auger, is that the system will add local employees to accomplish functions currently handled in Bristol, Virginia. In addition to making all current employees in the Mooresville office local employees instead of BVU employees, said Auger, the system also plans to add 16 local jobs.

"July 1 is an exciting day for MI-Connection and for the Mooresville and Davidson communities," said Auger. "Not only will we assume local management of the system which will give us greater control over how we allocate money, but we'll also create local jobs in a struggling economy. That's something to be proud of."

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



## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Electronics Ban** Effective July 1, computers, televisions, laptops, monitors & printers (including scanner/fax models) are banned from disposal in NC landfills. The Town will no longer collect these items curbside. Residents can take these items to the Iredell County Transfer Station for recycling.

**It's Pool Time!** The War Memorial Pool is open for the summer! Public Swim is offered daily from 1 - 5 p.m. for \$3. Family Swim is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 - 9 p.m. for \$2. The pool is available for private rentals on the weekends. Call the Recreation Department at 704-663-7026 for more information.

**Movies on Main** On Friday, July 15, "Movies on Main" presents "Shrek Forever After" (Rated PG) at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. Movie starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 704-662-3334. To view the movie trailer, visit the Town's web site at [www.ci.mooresville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooresville.nc.us).



**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. Bring your friends and family to this free concert on Town Hall Lawn, 413 N. Main Street. Concert starts at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages are available for purchase.



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

**National Night Out** Join the Mooresville Police Department on Tuesday, August 2 from 5 - 9 p.m. in Downtown Mooresville for the 28th Annual National Night Out (NNO) event. Mooresville's event will be held on Main Street in front of the Charles Mack Citizen Center and will include games, face painting, food, music and much more. For more information, call the Mooresville Police Department at 704-664-3311.

**Water Conservation Tips** Water your landscaping during the cool of the day. Watering in the early morning or late evening reduces water waste through evaporation and avoids peak use times of day. Also, position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas.

## Help Us Help You, *Weather Emergencies*

### Weather Radios

Mooreville Fire & Rescue (MFR) offers free NOAA Weather Radios to provide early warning notification during weather emergencies to Town businesses, churches, offices, or other facilities where at least 50 or more people congregate at one time. Weather Radios are also available for citizens with a disability that may limit their timely response to an emergency.

Weather radios are equipped with a special tone feature to sound an alert and provide immediate information about potentially life-threatening situations. During an emergency, the National Weather Service interrupts routine weather radio programming and sends a special tone that activates weather radios in the warning area.

To receive a weather radio, contact Assistant Fire Chief Shane LaCount at 704-664-1338 or slacount@ci.mooreville.nc.us.

### Connect-CTY

Register your contact information with the

Town's Connect-CTY program for early warning notification during natural and man-made emergencies.

The Connect-CTY program notifies citizens and businesses of emergencies. Participation is free within the Town limits. MFR's goal is for all households and businesses to have a method of notification when an emergency threatens this area.

MFR will notify Connect-CTY participants of a tornado warning or any other emergency that may require action to protect self, family or employees. This notification is delivered through one or all of the selected methods: Land Phone Line; Cell Phone; Text Message; or E-mail.

To enroll, click "Connect-CTY" on the Town's home page at [www.ci.mooreville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooreville.nc.us) and complete the requested information. If you need assistance, call MFR at 704-664-1338 and staff will assist you.



### Mark Your Calendar

#### July 4

Independence Day Holiday  
Town Offices Closed  
No Sanitation Pick-Up  
No Town Board Meeting

#### July 10

Water Bills Due

#### July 11

Board of Commissioners  
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

#### July 14

Planning Board  
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

#### July 28

Water Service Disconnected  
for Non-Payment

## On the Links in July

### Honoring our Military

On July 4, all military personnel and retirees can book tee times, show a current military ID, and play 18 Holes for \$27.

### Driving Range

The Driving Range will be closed during the following times in July to accommodate The First Tee summer programming:

July 11 - 14	4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
July 15	9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
July 18 - 21	8:30 a.m. - Noon
July 25 - 28	9:00 a.m. - Noon
July 29	8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### FAMILY of 4 after 4 p.m.

A family of four can experience nine holes of golf with cart for \$48 (weekday) and \$52 (weekend/holiday). Just book a July tee time online, bring this newsletter to the golf course, and enjoy nine holes of afternoon golf with the family.

Call the Pro Shop at 704-663-2539 for more information.

## Summer Reading @ MPL

### Adult Summer Reading Program

Mooreville Public Library is offering *Novel Destinations*, an Adult Summer Reading Program, from June 11 - July 29. This program has prizes for reading or listening to audiobooks, as well as special events:

*"Coffees From Around the World"* (tasting)  
July 23, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

*"Keeping It Simple: Traditional Scrapbooking"*  
July 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### "One World, Many Stories"

The Library's Youth Services Department is offering many programs for their Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories."

To register for activities or for more information, call the Mooreville Public Library at 704-664-2927 or visit [www.MoorevilleLibrary.org](http://www.MoorevilleLibrary.org).

