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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

Streetside Garden Winners

The Mooresville Beautification Committee, in conjunction with the Mooresville Garden Club, recently announced the winners of their first "Street Side Garden Contest." A street garden is defined as "a garden containing living plants which can be viewed from a public street." It may be a small patch with a focal point or a larger, more elaborate garden.

Entries were divided into four categories: residential, business, homeowners associations/neighborhoods, and children (ages 12 and under). Members of the Beautification Committee and Mooresville Garden Club judged each entry on the following criteria; variety, color, suitability of plants, design, visual effect, creativity, ingenuity, and maintenance. Winners received an engraved plaque and gift certificate to Brawley Seed Company.

Residential

Michelle & Doobie Westmoreland (far right in photo), 923 Ferncliff Drive, took first place honors in the residential category. Esperanza Ferreira, 181 Pleasant Grove Lane, placed second. Honorable mention went to Michelle Glosser, 111 Charing Place.



Business

In the business category, the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, 275 South Broad Street, received first place honors and Primrose School of Lake Norman, 173 Raceway Drive, placed second.

Homeowners Associations/Neighborhoods



The Harris Village Homeowners Association won first place in the association category and Harbor Cove won second place.

Children

The Primrose School of Lake Norman also won honors in the kids category with their "Primrose Patch" vegetable garden winning first place.



"Best of the Best"

The "Best of the Best" award went to the Mooresville Soup Kitchen. Jody Schwandt, executive director, accepted the award on behalf of all those in the community who worked to



create their street side garden. The centerpiece of their garden is the Peace Pole, a handcrafted monument erected as an international symbol of peace, with the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

Congratulations to all of the outstanding entries.



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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...

Time & Change Moves Fast

I just returned from my summer vacation. It seems it took a long time to arrive but then it just flew by! Why is that? I've been going to the beach with the same families for nearly 30 years - that just doesn't seem possible! Time sure moves fast and life constantly changes.

The Town continues to change also. Recently, Niagara Bottling Company announced they will open a new facility here. Best Sweets opened their newly-expanded facility and warehouse. Downtown Mooresville continues to attract new businesses and our race shops are busy!

Already this summer, local children and adults have read more than 1,000,000 pages through the Library's Summer Reading Program. The War Memorial Pool has been packed with swimmers. Town staff are completing two large sidewalk projects along Fieldstone & Magnolia and West Iredell Avenue. And we all hope one section of Brawley School Road will be completed soon!

The new Public Services Operations facility will soon be occupied by many Town employees - water & sewer maintenance, sanitation, signs, streets, buildings & grounds, development services, warehouse, fleet services - all in one facility! This will provide training opportunities, equipment sharing, and operational efficiencies.

Two new parks, Mazeppa and Cornelius, will be open in September! I encourage you to attend the grand opening at Mazeppa Road Park on Saturday, September 3. There will be tournaments and special activities for all members of the family. This 100 acre park will provide modern tournament facilities for youth baseball, youth & adult softball, soccer and lacrosse, as well as a great walking trail and playground. Cornelius Park will open soon after that with a great walking trail, two baseball fields, tennis courts and open play fields.

The Town will soon begin the long-awaited recycling program, develop plans for a future fire station, and begin the process of extending water & sewer to the new America's Park baseball site!

Our community is changing and time is moving quickly! For information on Town news and events, visit our web site at www.ci.mooreville.nc.us or check us out on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Erskine Smith, ICMA-CM, AICP
Town Manager



In the new recycling program, what glass can be recycled?

Glass bottles & jars (brown, clear and green) can be recycled. Plate glass, mirrors, ceramics, dinner plates, coffee mugs, etc. are NOT recyclable. For more information, call Public Works at 704-664-4278.

Did the Town increase water & sewer fees in the new budget?

The Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget did NOT increase water or sewer rates. However, the new budget did increase fees for customers who have their services disconnected for non-payment.

Reconnect Fee: \$50
Reconnect Fee (After Hours): \$75
Reset Meter Fee (if pulled for non-payment): \$50

For more information, call 704-663-3800.

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Scooter Theft



During the past several months, Mooresville Police Department (MPD) has received numerous reports of scooters being stolen. With the increasing popularity of this form of transportation, an increase in thefts is predictable. However, there are steps owners can take to lessen the chances of being victimized.

When purchasing a scooter, record all pertinent information including the serial number. Too often, MPD recovers a scooter but the owner cannot be identified. To improve the chances of returning a stolen scooter to the rightful owner, a serial number is needed at the time the theft report is taken to place the scooter in a database for stolen and recovered vehicles.

Also, MPD is creating an owner's database. To register a scooter, bring it by the department at 750 West Iredell Avenue during weekday business hours.

Additional Safety Tips for Owners:

- As with any valuable, take time to secure the scooter. Use a lock, chain or cable to fasten the scooter to a fixed, immovable object.
- Before purchasing a used scooter, take reasonable steps to ensure that you are not purchasing a stolen scooter.
- With the rise in scooter thefts, officers will be giving this issue increased attention. Be patient if a police officer asks you questions about your scooter or ownership information.
- Report any suspicious activity immediately. Descriptions of the suspect and direction of travel are always important to responding officers.

If you have information on scooter thefts or any crime, please call MPD at 704-664-3311 or Mooresville-South Iredell Crime Stoppers at 704-658-9056. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to an arrest and callers may remain anonymous.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Remember to Register for Recycling



The Town's recycling program is scheduled to begin in November. Town residents living in single family homes, town-homes and duplexes who wish to participate may register for the program online at www.ci.mooresville.nc.us. Just click 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.

Residents must register by September 15 to receive a recycling rollout for the November start date. For more information, call 704-664-4278.

Movies on Main On Friday, August 12, "Movies on Main" presents "Despicable Me" (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.

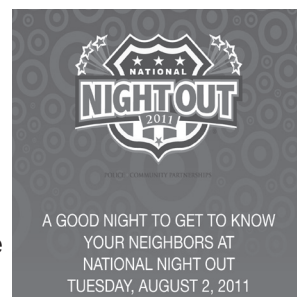


Mazeppa Road Park Grand Opening Mark your calendars now and join us on Saturday, September 3 for the grand opening of Mazeppa Road Park. Recreational activities, sport clinics, ribbon cutting and much more are planned for the day. A schedule of events will be listed in the September newsletter or online at www.MooresvilleRecreation.org. For more information, call Mooresville Recreation at 704-663-7026.

Iredell Avenue Sidewalk Project Crews are constructing a sidewalk on Iredell Avenue from Broad Street to Highway 150. The project is scheduled to be completed in September. For more information, call 704-799-4065.

McNeely Street Closed McNeely Street will be closed to through traffic from North Main Street to Oak Street for a waterline replacement project. The contractor, Bell Construction, is scheduled to have the work completed and the road re-opened before the start of school on August 25.

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 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.



Help Us Help You, *Mooreville Fire & Rescue*



Smoke Detectors

The most common cause of fire deaths is not the fire but the toxic smoke and gases from materials smoldering before flames erupt. This silent killer often renders its victims unconscious and unable to react long before a fire grows out of control, especially at night.

The best way to prevent these deaths is to equip homes with a residential sprinkler system or early warning device such as a smoke detector. An early warning device sounds an alarm at the first hint of smoke in a building and provides a life-saving margin of safety which gives families time to exit a structure.

Mooreville Fire & Rescue provides and installs smoke detectors, free of charge, for residents of the Town. Upon request, a free home fire-safety check is also conducted at the time of installation.

If you are a resident of the Town and need a smoke detector installed in your home, call Mooreville Fire & Rescue at 704-664-1338.

Free CPR Classes

Mooreville Fire & Rescue offers free CPR classes on the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. - Noon. Classes are open to anyone who wishes to attend; however, class size is limited to 20 participants so pre-registration is required.

The class offered is the American Heart Association's CPR for Family & Friends. It teaches how to give CPR to an adult, child or infant. The class is for anyone who wants to learn CPR and does not need a course completion card.

Classes are scheduled:

Saturday, August 6, 2011 8 a.m. - Noon
Fire Station 2, 186 Knob Hill Road

Saturday, September 3, 2011 8 a.m. - Noon
Fire Station 1, 457 North Main Street

For more information or to register, call 704-664-1338 or Assistant Fire Chief Shane LaCount at 704-746-4564.



August 1
Board of Commissioners
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

August 10
Water Bills Due

August 11
Planning Board
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

August 30
Water Service Disconnected
for Non-Payment

September 5
Labor Day Holiday
Town Offices Closed
No Sanitation Pick-Up

Prescription Discount Cards Available

Beginning August 15, the Town is offering free prescription discount cards to residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The discount cards offer residents an average savings of 20% off the retail price of commonly-prescribed medications.

The discount cards may be used by all residents of Mooreville and have no restrictions based on age, income level or existing health coverage. The card benefits not only those without insurance, but can also be used by underinsured residents to obtain prescriptions that are excluded from health benefit plans.

"The Town is pleased to partner with the NLC to make this discount card available for our residents," said Town Manager Erskine Smith.

For more information, visit the Town's web site at www.ci.mooreville.nc.us and search "Prescription Discount Cards" or call 704-799-4070.

Summer Hours at Town Hall



The Town is testing a four day work week with extended service hours during the months of July and August. Town Hall and the Recreation Administrative Offices are open 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday to allow better access for the public. Both are closed on Fridays.

Online bill pay and the parking lot payment box are available 24 hours/day for water & sewer payments.

"The Town is joining other local governments that are altering schedules to save money, energy and resources," said Town Manager Erskine Smith. "If we can save money while also making it more convenient for people to do business with the Town, we all benefit."

The Town's four day work week trial ends Friday, September 2.