



# 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

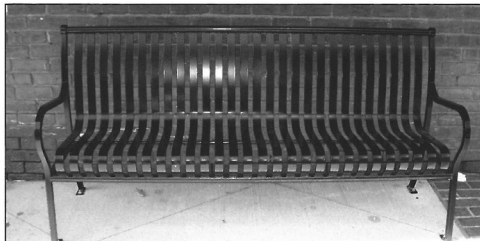
Janet Pope  
Town Clerk

## Community Gift Catalogue

Whether you wish to honor someone, give a memorial gift, or simply enhance the community, the Town's Beautification Committee now offers a Community Gift Catalogue which provides opportunities to give "community gifts." These gifts may be a bench, tree, or hanging basket given in honor or memory of someone or a special occasion.

### Benches

New wrought iron "memorial benches" are a wonderful way to remember a friend or relative. The bench site is chosen by the donor in collaboration with the Town's Public Works Director to ensure compliance with zoning regulations. The cost of the bench is \$1,200, including commemorative plaque, installation, and maintenance for the life of the bench.



### Commemorative Trees

Trees are great presents for any occasion and perfect remembrances to honor a friend or relative. The cost of the tree program is \$250 per tree. Each tree meets minimum ordinance requirements of two inch caliper size and includes tree, plaque and continued maintenance of the tree (fertilizer, pruning, mulching, etc.). The planting location must be consistent with zoning. Trees are guaranteed for one year.

Options include, but are not limited to, large canopy trees such as Red Maple, River Birch and Japanese Snowball. Choices for smaller trees and bushes include, but are not limited to, Yaupon Holly, Butterfly Bush and Flowering Cherry.

Trees ordered from April 1 - October 15 will be planted in the fall. Trees ordered October 16 - March 31 will be planted in the spring.



### Other Details

The Beautification Committee and Town staff has an approved list of additional items, such as ground planters and hanging baskets, if a bench or tree is just not the item you wish to donate.

Installation of donated park elements, including donor acknowledgement/memorial plaques, will be done by Town personnel and scheduled at a time and date determined by Public Works so as not to unnecessarily interfere with routine maintenance activities.

Also, if you prefer to donate time instead of money, volunteers are needed to help maintain the plantings.

For more information, visit <http://communitygift.mooreville.nc.us> or call Irene Mann at 704-662-3191.

Town offices will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 5. Sanitation service will be delayed one day all week for residential customers.

Town Hall & Recreation Administration offices will resume a regular Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. schedule on Tuesday, September 6.



**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...**

# Hometown Heroes

As I write this column, I am saddened by the death of two long-time employees and retirees of the Town - Bobby Brown of Water/Sewer Maintenance and Phil McLaughlin of the Mooresville Fire Department. Both were natives of this community and touched many lives. They loved their families and were involved in local service organizations and the faith community.

They were hometown heroes - simple men who enjoyed the fellowship and laughter of their co-workers. They were dedicated workers who served as mentors and teachers to the younger workers on the job. They enjoyed their jobs.

Today's Town employees exemplify many of the same qualities shown by Bobby and Phil. They are dedicated, hardworking and strive to be the best at their jobs. They seek to meet citizens' needs and make our community clean, safe and enjoyable.

In this election season, I know the same can be said for our municipal candidates. These men and women have placed their names on the ballot and wish to do what is best for our community. They are willing to work to make this community a better place.

I encourage you to get to know your Town employees and the candidates for the coming election. They are involved in our community to make it a better Town for all of us.

Bobby Brown and Phil McLaughlin will be missed by many but they took the time to teach and show others how to love this community. Mooresville is a better place because of people like them.

Sincerely,

Erskine Smith, ICMA-CM, AICP  
Town Manager



**I got my tax bill with a \$36 fee from the Town for solid waste? Is this for the new recycling program?**

The Town's Solid Waste Fee of \$36 (\$3 per month) was approved in the 2011-2012 budget by the Town Board. This fee will help off-set the cost of weekly collection of household garbage, bulky items, limbs, grass clippings and leaves, as well as the recycling program scheduled to begin in November.

According to a 2010 NC League of Municipalities report on Solid Waste, 70% of municipalities in North Carolina charge a Solid Waste Fee. The average fee charged is \$126 per year.

**I want to read business (not marketing) information about MI-Connection. Where can I find it?**

To learn more about MI-Connection, visit their web site at [www.mi-connection.com](http://www.mi-connection.com) or search "MI-Connection" on the Town's web site at [www.ci.mooresville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooresville.nc.us) or click on the MI-Connection link on the Town of Davidson's web site at [www.ci.davidson.nc.us](http://www.ci.davidson.nc.us).



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# Recreation News

## Mazeppa Road Park Grand Opening

Mooreville Recreation Department (MRD) is hosting a Grand Opening Celebration for Mazeppa Road Park, 645 Mazeppa Road, on Saturday, September 3 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. An official ribbon cutting ceremony will occur at 10:30 a.m. in the soccer complex of the park.

Planned activities include an adult softball tournament, soccer clinics, fitness demonstrations, music, and much more. Special guests Safari Bob, McGruff, and Sparky will be at the park to greet visitors and children of all ages are invited to the “Touch a Truck” area. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Mazeppa Road Park is an 80-acre park with three main activity areas to accommodate a variety of interests. A state-of-the-art playground with a large modular play system will keep children of all ages occupied for hours. A large shelter adjacent to the play area offers plenty of shade and a place to picnic. A one mile, partially-shaded, asphalt walking/nature trail provides convenient connections from the soccer complex to the baseball complex. The park has four lighted ball fields and all facilities are handicap accessible.

For more information, call 704-663-7026.

## Afterschool Pit Stop

MRD offers after school activities for children in Kindergarten - Sixth Grade from 2:30 - 6 p.m. at the War Memorial Building. Cost is \$25/ week and registration is required. For more information, call 704-663-2670.



## Tuesday Trips for Adults

Join MRD for a fun day trip... without having to drive. Cost is \$4 per trip (not including the cost of any meals). Seat-

ing is limited; registration is required by calling 704-663-7026.

September 20: Prime Outlets - Gafney, SC  
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October 4: Hanes Mall - Winston-Salem, NC  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October 18: Andy Griffith Museum - Mt. Airy, NC  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(Extra \$3 Fee for Admission)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Music on Main - September 16** Da Throwback Band offers an incredible performance in full costume of favorite party songs from the 70s. Bring your friends to this last free concert of the season. Concert starts at 6:30 p.m. on Town Hall Lawn. Food and beverages are available for purchase. For more information, call 704-663-7026.



**Volunteers Needed** The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hosts its fourth annual Tour of Homes on October 22 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and October 23 from 1- 4 p.m. The tour will feature homes that represent the history of Mooreville. HPC is looking for docents, or volunteers, to help tell the stories of each home. Volunteers will meet with home owners to learn more about the homes and then represent those homes during the tour. If interested in serving as a docent for this year's Tour of Homes, contact Mandy Edwards at 704-799-4089 or medwards@ci.mooreville.nc.us.

**Patriot Golf Days – September 2-5** During Labor Day weekend, Mooreville Golf Course is participating in the national event, Patriot Golf Day. Golfers across the country are asked to add \$1 extra to green fees to benefit the Folds of Honor Foundation which provides educational scholarships to families of those who have become disabled or lost their lives in the line of duty. For more information, call the Mooreville Golf Course at 704-663-2539.



**Movies on Main** On Saturday, September 17, “Movies on Main” presents “Rio” 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.mooreville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooreville.nc.us).

**Register for Recycling** Time’s running out! Residents interested in participating in the curbside recycling program must register by *September 15* to receive a recycling rollout for the November start date. Town residents living in single family homes, townhomes and duplexes who wish to participate may register for the program in the Business Office at Town Hall or online at [www.ci.mooreville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooreville.nc.us). Just click the “Curbside Recycling” link on the home page and enter the required information. For more information, call 704-664-4278.



**Free CPR Classes** Mooreville Fire & Rescue offers free CPR classes on the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. - Noon. Pre-registration is required. Classes are scheduled for *Saturday, September 3* at Fire Station 1 and *Saturday, October 1* at Fire Station 4, For more information or to register, call 704-664-1338 or Assistant Fire Chief Shane LaCount at 704-746-4564.

## Help Us Help You, *All About Signs*

### Sign Ordinance Updated

On August 1, the Town Board voted to amend Town Ordinance Section 20-115 of Article V, Chapter 20 which regulates the size and placement of street numbers on any structure or building within the Town.

“The street numbers on residential buildings or structures shall not be less than four (4) inches high, on commercial buildings or structures shall not be less than six (6) inches high, and on all other buildings or structures shall not be less than six (6) inches high. All numbers shall be of a contrasting color to the background to which they are attached, and located in such a manner as to be readily identified from the street on which the building is located.”

Public safety and emergency services personnel cannot help you if they cannot find you. Please post your address numbers so you can be located in an emergency. If you need help determining a proper location, contact Mooresville Fire

& Rescue at 704-664-1338 or the Planning Department at 704-662-7040.

### Campaign Signs

With elections just around the corner, please remember the Town has regulations in place for political campaign signs. Signs are allowed to be placed on public property for 60 days prior to an election and must be removed within seven days after the election. Signs should be no larger than 12 square feet and should be placed outside of street rights-of-ways.

(An easy way to estimate the right-of-way is to assume that power poles are at the back of the right-of-way. If signs are put behind the poles, they are considered behind the right-of-way.)

Also, for everyone’s safety, make sure that any signs placed near intersections do not block the visibility of the intersection.

For more information, call 704-662-7040.



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

**September 6**  
Board of Commissioners  
Town Hall @ 6 p.m.

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

**September 10**  
Water Bills Due

**September 28**  
Water Service Disconnected  
for Non-Payment



## Celebrating the History of MPD

Mooresville Police Department (MPD) is interested in creating an historical display of departmental items.

Items of interest include old uniforms, leather gear, badges and patches carried or worn by former police officers employed by MPD. Staff are particularly interested in locating the patch that resembles an inverted triangle.

Also, MPD is seeking old police photographs and written documents that were maintained as part of police department business.

If anyone has police department equipment or items they would be willing to share for the display, please contact Chief Carl Robbins at 704-658-9008.

## Public Water Supply & Fire Hydrants

*Only Town personnel are allowed to pull water from a Town fire hydrant!* The Town restricts the use of any fire hydrant within its jurisdiction to ensure the safety of the Town’s public water supply. Without proper protection devices, cross-connections may occur that can contaminate and endanger the public water supply.

Exceptions can be made allowing private contractors to get water from a specific hydrant for a specific purpose. These contractors must have an approved application which requires back-flow prevention and the use of temporary water meters issued by Town staff. Temporary Hydrant Permits are issued and signage is placed at the specific hydrant/area to alert citizens of approved use.

If you see anyone other than a Town employee pulling water from a hydrant that does not have a special sign, contact the Mooresville Police Department at 704-664-3311.