

# town voice

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## Liberty Park Reimagined Set for June 17 in Downtown

Get excited – the highly-anticipated grand reopening of Liberty Park is set for June 17 in Downtown Mooresville! Liberty Park Reimagined is one of the Town's seven Signature Events to celebrate its 150th birthday in 2023.

Liberty Park Reimagined Presented by Randy Marion boosts fun for all ages – from playing on the new three-story playground and the interactive water fountain to enjoying food and a concert from country music icon Craig Morgan!

The Town of Mooresville spent three years revitalizing Liberty Park (255 E. Iredell Avenue). Phase I, completed in 2020, included a band shell, event lawn, lighting, walking paths, public art, and pedestrian access from Church Street. Phase II tackled a new three-tier playground, interactive water fountain, picnic shelter, greenway to Center Avenue, and a covered basketball court.

On June 17, residents and visitors are invited to celebrate Liberty Park's transformation! The fun begins at 4:30 p.m. when people can enjoy the new amenities, along with bounce houses, slides, live characters, food and beverage trucks, and a lineup of performances, including the Harlem Wizards.

At 6:30 p.m., country music icon Craig Morgan will take the Lowe's Stage to perform his greatest hits – including That's What I Love About Sunday, International Harvester, and Redneck Yacht Club. The day of fun and music wraps up at 9 p.m.

The next 150 Signature Event is the Stars and Stripes Parade on Main on July 4 in Downtown Mooresville. You can learn more about these two events and others by visiting [MooresvilleNC150.com](http://MooresvilleNC150.com).



## MEETINGS THIS MONTH

### June 2, 16, & 30

#### *Agenda Briefings*

The Board of Commissioners will hold a virtual agenda briefing before their regular meetings on June 2, 16, and 30 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting may be viewed at [moorevillenc.gov/live](http://moorevillenc.gov/live).

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### June 5 & 20

#### *Board of Commissioners Meetings*

The Board of Commissioners will meet June 5 and 20 at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, at 6 p.m.

The meetings may also be viewed virtually at [moorevillenc.gov/live](http://moorevillenc.gov/live).

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### June 13

#### *Planning Board*

The Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting on June 13 at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, at 6 p.m.

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### June 19

#### *Town Offices Closed*

The Town of Mooresville offices will be closed June 19 in honor of the Juneteenth holiday.

# Happening Around Town

**PARKS & RECREATION**  
Arts & Events

**ROCK THE PARK**  
LIBERTY PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY **RANDY MARION**

**June 17 - Craig Morgan at Liberty Park Reimagined**  
Mooresville welcomes country music icon Craig Morgan for the grand re-opening of Liberty Park!

**July 7 - The Cooke Book - The Music of Sam Cooke**  
A celebration of Sam Cooke's innovative career that blazed a trail for many of the giants of soul music.

**August 4 - The Entertainers**  
Beach music, R&B, Top 40, and everything in between. The Entertainers are sure to satisfy the most diverse audience.

**September 1 - Groove Machine**  
Provoking a fond memory of a time when music was timeless. The Groove Machine brings the entertainment atmosphere of the '70s, surrounding the audience with a good time!

Food & Beverage trucks on-site | Shows begin at **6:30 p.m.**

Liberty Park | 255 E. Iredell Avenue, Mooresville NC, 28115  
For more information, visit [www.ourtownstage.com](http://www.ourtownstage.com)

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1972 2022

## Stars and Stripes on Main Parade

July 4 | 10 a.m. | Downtown Mooresville

Show your hometown pride while participating in the Stars & Stripes on Main Parade on July 4 in Downtown! This imaginative display of patriotic floats, performers, and community groups will fill Main Street starting at 10 a.m.

Interested in being part of the parade? Visit [MooresvilleNC.gov/StarsAndStripes](http://MooresvilleNC.gov/StarsAndStripes) to learn how.



## Destination Recreation Events

### Doughnut Day

June 2 | 9-11 a.m.  
Cornelius Road Park

### Best Friend Day

June 9 | 9-11 a.m.  
Nesbitt Park

### World Oceans Day

June 16 | 9-11 a.m.  
North Main Park

### Bicycle Day

June 23 | 9-11 a.m.  
Bellingham Park

### International Asteroid Day

June 30 | 9-11 a.m.  
Edgemore Park

## Special Olympics Sendoff Pep Rally

June 1 | 6:30-8 p.m.

War Memorial Recreation Center

Help send off local Special Olympic athletes as they head to the State games! Doors open at 6 p.m. for the sendoff rally at the War Memorial.

## MAPS Program (Mooresville Abilities Program)

June 12-15, 20-23, & 26-30 | 9-2 p.m.

War Memorial Recreation Center

This half-day program is designed for individuals with cognitive and intellectual impairment. It offers an integration of activities and classroom lessons focused on reading, comprehension, math, and socialization skills. This program is for individuals 13 and older. Participants may need to spend money on field trips.

## Time Capsule Opening

June 3 | 10 a.m.

Mooresville Public Library Front Lawn

Join us as we open the 1973 time capsule! After the ceremony, view an exhibit of items from the original time capsule in the Williams Wing at the Library. And don't forget to enjoy all the summer reading kick-off events occurring throughout the rest of the day at the Library!



# Mooresville Public Library Events

## **Fantastic Friday Films**

**June 9 & 23 at 2 p.m. | Main**

**June 16 & 30 at 2 p.m. | West**

Families are welcome to take a break from the summer heat and join us for movies in the library. All movies are P.G. and vary each week. Viewing locations alter weekly between the Main Library and West Branch. No registration is required, but attendance will be limited by room capacity. Patrons are welcome to bring their own light snacks and drinks with lids.

## **Summer Reading Kickoff:**

### **Aesop's Fables**

**June 3 | 11 a.m.**

#### **Main Library**

Join us as we kick off our Summer Reading program with Bright Star Touring Company performing Aesop's Fables at the Main Library. These fables, from the legendary Greek storyteller Aesop, have been delighting young and old alike for thousands of years, and they still have a message for us today. These classic tales entertain but also share a strong message about treating others fairly and knowing right from wrong. Stories like "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," "The Tortoise and The Hare," and "The Lion and The Mouse" leave audiences with a message that is both timely and timeless!

## **Summer Reading Kickoff:**

### **Little Red & the Big Bully Wolf**

**June 3 | 2 p.m.**

#### **West Branch**

Bright Star Touring Company will perform Little Red and the Big Bully Wolf to kick off Summer Reading at our West Branch. The woods are scary enough without worrying about a big bully howling in the shadows! Follow Little Red and meet her friends – the three little pigs, the Gingerbread Man, and more – as they learn to face their fears and stand up to the Big Bully Wolf!

## **Find more information and**

**events at [moorevillelibrary.org](http://moorevillelibrary.org)!**

## **Teen Kitchen Capers**

**June 5 | 4 p.m.**

#### **West Branch**

Teens are invited to the library's West Branch location to make easy and delicious recipes that can be reproduced at home. A consent form must be signed to participate in the program.

## **Afternoon Adventures Presents:**

### **Turtle Time**

**June 8 | 2 p.m.**

#### **Main Library**

Is a turtle's shell it's home? Help us answer this age old question as we examine the lives of North Carolina's land, freshwater, and sea turtles. Learn about turtle behavior, feeding habits, anatomy, and find out what you can do to help protect these fascinating reptiles. Program includes live terrestrial and freshwater turtles.

## **Memory Café**

**June 13, 20 & 27 | 11 a.m.**

#### **Main Library**

Join us as we partner with Anita Perry, CDP, Memory Care Director of Terrabella of LKN for a comfortable, social gathering that allows people experiencing memory loss and a loved one to connect, socialize, and build new support networks. Structured activities such as art, music, crafts, creative writing and fun conversation are just a few of the things that will be offered.

## **All Together Now: Mexico and Pinatas**

**June 27 | 3 p.m.**

#### **West Branch**

Teens are invited to the library's West Branch and learn about the culture of Mexico and then create your own pinata. Registration is required.

*\*View the full All Together Now events schedule online.\**

## **Town Departments Visit MPL**

- **Recycling**  
June 15 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
- **Mooresville Fire-Rescue**  
June 29 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

# Utility Payment Updates

On June 30, 2023, the Town of Mooresville will remove the old payment boxes from Town Hall and Public Operations Center.

Starting July 1, 2023, residents won't be able to drop a check off in those boxes. Instead, they'll have to use one of these payment methods:

- Pay at the kiosk in the Town Hall parking lot. The kiosk accepts cash, check, and card payments.
- Pay in person at the Utility Billing Office inside Town Hall.
- Pay over the phone by calling 1-888-598-4076.
- Bank Draft – you can have your payment automatically drafted from a checking or savings account.
- Online – you can use a debit or credit card to pay online at [moorevillenc.gov/PayMyBill](http://moorevillenc.gov/PayMyBill).

Questions? Visit [moorevillenc.gov/UtilityBilling](http://moorevillenc.gov/UtilityBilling) or stop by the Utility Billing Office inside of Town Hall (413 N. Main Street).

**DEPARTMENT  
PHONE NUMBERS**

Business Office  
704-663-3800

Employment/Human  
Resources  
704-799-4070

Fire (Non-Emergency)  
704-664-1338

Golf Course  
704-663-2539

Winnie Hooper Center  
704-663-0033

Library  
Main 704-664-2927  
West Branch 704-799-4200

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

Selma Burke Center  
704-799-4035

War Memorial  
704-663-2670

Water  
704-663-3800

Zoning  
704-662-7040

# Mooresville Fire Marshal's Office Warns of Grilling Dangers

Summer is prime grilling time with families spending more time outdoors and on the water. However, every time a grill is lit, danger ignites with it.

On average, fire departments across the U.S. respond to 10,600 home fires involving grills, hibachis, and barbecues, according to National Fire Protection Association research from 2014-2018. These fires can lead to injuries, death, and home and property damage.

Mooresville Fire Marshal Jason Workman says locally, there are several issues that lead to grilling fires each year.

"Here in Mooresville, we see several consistent issues with grilling fires," said Mooresville Fire Marshal Jason Workman. "People don't properly clean their grills or on a regular basis; they place them too close to homes and garages; people use them inside their garage; and they don't have a fire extinguisher nearby."

Workman recommends keeping grilling devices at least 10 feet away from structures and combustible materials. And if you live in an apartment complex, there may be restrictions that prevent using grills in the complex, specifically on balconies/patios. He says it's best to read over your lease agreement and check with the property management company prior to using a grill.

The NFPA says on average each year, 19,700 patients go to emergency rooms with grill-related injuries. Nearly half of them are thermal burns! While grill fires can happen at any point during the year (inside or outside), the NFPA says most happen in July (18%) and June (15%). Fire Marshal Workman says that data aligns similarly to what Mooresville Fire-Rescue sees.

"It's important to also check for any leaks or breaks in the fuel source," said Workman. "And please do not use water on a great fire inside grills and cookers! It can cause the grease to splash, making the fire spread and potentially burning your arms, legs, and face."

Mooresville Fire-Rescue and the Fire Marshal's Office advise also doing the following before lighting your grill:

- Remove grease and/or fat buildup from grills and trays below grills.
- Keep grills out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Open gas grill lid before lighting it.
- Keep children and pets at least three (3) feet away from grilling area.
- If using starter fluid for charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluid.
- When finished grilling, let coals cool completely before disposing of them.
- Dispose of coals in a metal container (after they've fully cooled).
- Never leave a grill, smoker, etc. unattended while in use.

**ELECTED  
OFFICIALS**

Miles Atkins  
Mayor

Eddie Dingler  
Ward I  
Commissioner

Thurman Houston  
Ward II  
Commissioner

Tommy DeWeese  
Ward III  
Commissioner

Lisa Qualls  
Ward IV  
Commissioner,  
Mayor Pro Tem

Gary West  
At-Large  
Commissioner

Bobby Compton  
At-Large  
Commissioner

**TOWN  
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Beau Falgout  
Asst. Town Manager

Ryan Rase  
Asst. Town Manager

Sharon Crawford  
Town Attorney

Genevieve Glaser  
Town Clerk