

# town voice

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## MEETINGS THIS MONTH

### March 1 & 15

#### *Agenda Briefings*

The Board of Commissioners will hold in-person agenda briefings on March 1 and 15 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street.

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### March 2 & 16

#### *Board of Commissioners Meetings*

The Board of Commissioners will meet March 2 and 16 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street.

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### March 12

#### *Planning Board*

The Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting on March 12 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street.

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### March 25

#### *Board of Adjustment*

The Board of Adjustment will hold its monthly meeting on March 25 at 2 p.m. at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street.

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All meetings may also be viewed virtually at [MooresvilleNC.gov/live](https://www.MooresvilleNC.gov/live).

## Creek Week Returns March 4-9

The Town of Mooreville will host its second annual Creek Week March 4-9, 2024, with events for all ages! The Town's Stormwater Division is working with various town departments as well as local businesses, organizations, and agencies to offer a week full of fun, engaging events for kids, teens, and adults.

Creek Week events include tours of the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant, guided hikes at Mooresville parks, trivia at a local brewery, activities at the Main Library and West Branch, and conversations with the Catawba Riverkeeper and Yadkin Riverkeeper.

And, back by popular demand, residents can get rid of unwanted household items and recycle electronics for FREE during the Community Clean Up! From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on March 9, at Bellingham Park (1600 Bellingham Drive, Mooresville), Benfield Sanitation and Southern Environmental will be on site to collect the unwanted items. TVs, computers, filing cabinets, and similar items can be dropped off. Please note, hazardous chemicals, paints, and tires **will not be accepted**.

Along with the Community Clean Up, there is a full lineup of activities and events on Saturday at Bellingham Park including a Touch-A-Truck with Town vehicles and equipment, technical workshops, educational activity booths, and volunteer opportunities.

"We added more events for various ages this year to help educate our community about why it's important to keep our water as clean as possible," said Marissa Houston, Stormwater Program Manager. "This year, we incorporated more Town departments and a local brewery to expand our events and better reach our residents – young and old."

Registration is required for certain events, including the Guided Hike at Mazeppa Road Park and the guided tours at the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. View all activities, event information, and register at [MooresvilleNC.gov/CreekWeek](https://www.MooresvilleNC.gov/CreekWeek).

**Correction**—February 2024 Town Voice's "Home Rental Scams on the Rise" article inaccurately inferred that reputable businesses do not accept Zelle or Cash App as forms of payment. We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.

# Happening Around Town

## Arts & Events

### **Mooreville Day** **March 23 | noon-4 p.m.** **Downtown Mooreville**

This annual hometown festival showcases local art, food, and entertainment. Take a journey through the artisan market featuring a kaleidoscope of art and unique handmade items. Enjoy an array of the best cuisine from local food trucks and Downtown eateries. Experience entertainment that features live performances, music, and activities that promise to keep the atmosphere lively and engaging. Join us downtown on Saturday, March 23, noon-4 p.m. for this family-friendly street fair and be a part of the community spirit.

### **Always Loretta - The Ultimate Loretta Lynn Tribute Show** **April 13 | 7 p.m.** **Joe V. Knox Auditorium**

With a voice often compared to Loretta Lynn, Emily Portman's connection to the Country Music legend led her to portray Loretta in a nationally touring musical, and ultimately collaborate with Lortta's official band, The Coalminers, to create "Always Loretta," this amazing tribute show celebrating the music and life of the iconic trailblazer in Country Music.

Join us on April 13, 2024, for this amazing performance! Doors open at 6.p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. For more information or tickets, visit [OurTownStage.com](http://OurTownStage.com).

## Summer Camps & Swim Lessons Registration Opens March 11!

Looking for activities for your child over the summer? Look no further than Mooreville Parks & Recreation! Summer Camp and Swim Lesson registration opens March 11. Visit [MoorevilleRecreation.org](http://MoorevilleRecreation.org) for a full list of camps and lessons.

### **Summer Camp Options**

- Day Camps
- Art Camps
- Sport Camps
- Basketball, Golf, Soccer, and Tennis

### **Swim Lessons**

- Swim Basics Stage 1\*
- Swim Basics Stage 2\*
- Swim Basics Stage 3\*
- Parent and Child Lessons

\*Offered for both school-aged and preschool-aged children.

## FREE MPD & MFR Car Seat Check

### **March 13 | 3-5 p.m.** **MFR Station 2 | 186 Knob Hill Road**

Stop by for a free car seat check to make sure your precious cargo's seat is correctly installed and secure!

## Parks & Recreation

### **Spring Fitness Series** **March 2-April 20 | 9-9:45 a.m.** **Saturdays**

**Liberty Park Green Space**  
Join us at Liberty Park on Saturday mornings for a full-body workout challenge. A water bottle and a fitness mat are all you need to enjoy this class!

### **Spring Break Camp** **March 4-8 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** **April 1-5 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** **Selma Burke & Winnie Hooper Recreation Centers**

Looking for a place to send your kids during their school's spring break? Look no further! We offer a full day of recreation adventures, including indoor/outdoor active play, arts & crafts, and sports.

Selma Burke Fee: \$65 Resident/\$78 Non-resident

Winnie Hooper Fee: \$25 Resident/\$30 Non-resident

### **Therapeutic Socials-Bunny Hop** **March 16 | 6-8 p.m.**

**War Memorial Recreation Center**  
Enjoy a special evening that will include dancing, light refreshments, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Photo opportunities will also be available. For more information, please contact Lynn Hegedus at [lhegedus@moorevillenc.gov](mailto:lhegedus@moorevillenc.gov) or call 704-799-4179.

### **Rec-Ventures: Hanging Rock** **April 1 | 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.** **War Memorial Recreation Center**

Put on your hiking shoes and get ready to explore and enjoy the perfect blend of nature and scenery as you hike along the trails of Hanging Rock Mountain. Great for hikers of all experience levels. Due to extensive walking on uneven terrain, hiking shoes are preferred, but any shoes with a good grip will be fine. Must bring bag lunch, snacks, water bottle, and backpack. Don't forget to dress in layers, as the weather may change throughout the day. For more information call 704-663-2670. This program is designed for youth ages 12-15. Fee: \$30 Resident; \$35 Non-resident.

## Mooreville Public Library Events

### Intellectual Hub

**March 2 | 10 a.m.**

#### West Branch

Explore the wonders of math and science through an engaging workshop program! Dive into hands-on activities, unravel the mysteries of mathematics and science in real-world applications, and discover the excitement of learning.

### Lego Club

**March 5 | 4 p.m.**

#### Main Library

Children of all ages are invited to join us for LEGO Club at our Main Library. This program will allow children to connect with other builders and work on creating different structures. They can let their creativity flow while trying out new LEGO challenges.

**This event will be themed in honor of our second annual Mooreville Creek Week!**

### Catawba Riverkeeper

**March 4 | 6 p.m.**

#### West Branch

### Yadkin Riverkeeper

**March 7 | 6 p.m.**

#### Main Library

Learn about local river basins as well as how our water is utilized and enjoyed by so many. Discover how the efforts of Riverkeepers help ensure that our rivers can sustain plentiful, clean water for generations to come. **These events are part of our second annual Mooreville Creek Week!**

### Preschool STEM

**March 7 | 10 a.m.**

#### Main Library

Preschool children ages 3-6 are invited to join us for Preschool STEM. This month, children will construct their own ice castles and become ice royalty! Children will create, discover, and learn different concepts using the STEM approach.

**This event will be themed in honor of our second annual Mooreville Creek Week!**

### 911 for Kids

**March 7 | 2 p.m.**

#### Main Library

What happens when you call 911? When should you call 911? 911 for Kids is designed to answer these questions. This program will teach kids the proper use of 911 and what they should do in case of an emergency. Join our dispatchers and Ella, the MPD therapy dog, as we go over this important information.

### Page Turners

**March 7 | 6 p.m.**

#### Main Library

**March 13 | 4 p.m.**

#### West Branch

Children ages 5-8 are invited to join us for our Picture Book Club to bridge the gap between preschool story time and book clubs for older kids. Children will have the opportunity to take turns reading through each month's book selection during the program, participating in a great conversation based on the book, and participating in book-themed activities to spark their imagination.

### Pokémon Club

**March 9 | 2 p.m.**

#### Main Library

Teens and adults are invited to drop in and play Pokémon Trading Card Game at the Main Library. It is suggested that you bring your own deck, as the library has a limited number of sets.

### Lego Club

**March 19 | 6 p.m.**

#### Main Library

Children of all ages are invited to join us for LEGO Club at our Main Library. This program will allow children to connect with other builders and work on creating different structures. They can let their creativity flow while trying out new LEGO challenges.

**Find more information and events at [MoorevilleLibrary.org](http://MoorevilleLibrary.org)!**

## Mooreville Fire-Rescue Citizens Academy Accepting Applications

Mooreville Fire-Rescue (MFR) is accepting applications for their annual Citizens Academy. Residents can learn about how MFR serves our community and get experience with MFR tools and equipment.

The 10-week course allows residents to witness up close and learn what our Firefighters do – HazMat, medical calls, rappelling, pin-in crashes, and more. The 2024 Academy begins March 14 and meets every Thursday 6-9 p.m. The Academy concludes May 16.

The MFR Citizens Academy is open to Mooreville residents and business owners/employees 18 and older. Dinner is provided at each session.

Interested? Sign up at [MoorevilleNC.gov/FireAcademy](http://MoorevilleNC.gov/FireAcademy)

*\*MFR Citizens Academy is not intended to train people to become firefighters, but rather to help raise awareness, understanding and trust between the community and Fire-Rescue\**

**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  
704-663-7282

Selma Burke Center  
704-799-4035

War Memorial  
704-663-2670

Water &  
Sewer Maintenance  
704-663-7282

Utility Billing  
704-663-3800

Zoning  
704-662-7040

# What is all the fuss about FOG?

FOG is an industry term for fats, oils & grease. It includes fats and oils used to cook and prepare food. FOG is a solid/viscous substance that can create an obstruction in the sewer system if not properly disposed of. FOG discharged by residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial users presents a significant problem for the Town's wastewater collection and treatment system.

When grease is washed down the drain, it sticks to the inside of the sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, it builds up and can block the entire pipe. FOG can cause serious damage to the sewage system, your property and that of your neighbors, as well as damage to the streets and waterways from sewage overflows. Cleanup can be very costly!

**DO THIS:**

- Scrape all food and leftover grease into the trash, never the sink.
- Recycle large amounts of used cooking oil at the Iredell County Transfer Station.
- Wipe pots, pans, and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing/washing them.
- Pour cooled FOG into a can with a tight lid (coffee can) and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Talk to friends and family about FOG in the sewer system and help them become proactive in preventing sewer blockages.

**DON'T DO THIS:**

- Do not pour FOG down the sink, drain, or toilet.
- Do not use hot water to wash grease down the drain. When the water cools, fog will solidify and clog the pipes.
- Do not rely on additives or detergents to dissolve grease. They only disperse it down the line to recollect and cause more problems.
- Do not put grease or greasy food into the garbage disposal.
- Never pour grease or oil in the storm drains or on the ground.

For more information, contact [FOG@Moorevillenc.gov](mailto:FOG@Moorevillenc.gov).

**ELECTED  
OFFICIALS**

Chris Carney  
Mayor

Eddie Dingler  
Ward 1  
Commissioner,  
Mayor Pro Tem

Will Aven  
Ward 2  
Commissioner

Tommy DeWeese  
Ward 3  
Commissioner

Lisa Qualls  
Ward 4  
Commissioner

Gary West  
At-Large  
Commissioner

Eddie Karriker  
At-Large  
Commissioner

**TOWN  
OFFICIALS**

Jim Landon  
Interim Town  
Manager

Ryan Rase  
Asst. Town Manager

Sherisha Hills  
Asst. Town Manager

Sharon Crawford  
Town Attorney

Jane Crosby  
Town Clerk

Ann Burns  
Asst. Town Clerk

## FREE Shred Event - April 27

Bring your old bills, bank statements, and any other unwanted documents containing personal information to Mooresville Police Department's annual Shredding Event on **April 27, 2024**, in MPD's parking lot at **2847 Charlotte Highway**. The event will be held rain or shine, **9 a.m.- noon**.

Residents and businesses can drop off two bank-box sized containers per person.