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MLK Day Celebration

The 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration may be going virtual, but the Town of Mooresville will still be teaming up with the Mooresville Graded School District and other community partners to honor Dr. King and his legacy in a meaningful way.

Observed each year on the third Monday in January, MLK Day is not only a federal holiday but also a national day of service to encourage volunteerism, improving local communities with thoughtful projects. In the spirit of that idea, Mooresville's celebration will include virtual acts of kindness, where residents can send in pictures of themselves doing something nice for another, as well as virtual guest speakers who will talk about the importance of Dr. King and his legacy.

More details about the events for 2021's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration will be forthcoming and updates can be found by visiting mlkjrmooreville.com.



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Sanitation tips after the holiday season



After the presents are unwrapped and the holiday meal is done, residents might be wondering how to properly dispose of their boxes and trees as the season comes to a close.

The Town of Mooresville's Sanitation department requests that all boxes are flattened before being collected by recycling trucks, with all contents (such as styrofoam, shredded paper, or packing popcorn) removed from the boxes as well. Wrapping paper that is metallic, has glitter, or has flocking is not recyclable and should be put in the garbage.

Televisions are a popular gift during the Christmas season, but the Sanitation Department would like to remind residents that the Town does not pick up used or broken televisions left on the curb. Residents can properly dispose of them at the Mooresville transfer station, 158 Macleod Drive, for a \$10 electronic recycling fee (charged by Iredell County).

When it comes to disposing of your tree, artificial trees should be placed with household trash for removal. Live trees and wreaths should be placed with brush, but must be free of any wire frames, decorations, lights or stands before collection. Lastly, please place all trash and recycling out by the curb by 6 a.m. on the day of your collection so that Sanitation crews can quickly and efficiently collect it after the holidays.

Preparing for incoming winter weather conditions

Winter weather is approaching fast and preparing early for inclement conditions is the key to staying safe.

Before ice or snow is in the forecast, make an emergency preparedness kit to place in your vehicle. This kit can include a small first aid kit, a warm blanket, a flashlight with batteries, an ice scraper, bottled water and snacks, and basic tools.

If you are out driving and your vehicle stalls or you become stuck, stay with your car and put bright markers on your antenna and window so that others know you need assistance. Only run your car for 10 minutes each hour to stay warm with one window cracked for ventilation to avoid asphyxiation from carbon monoxide poisoning while you are stalled.

Snow can start suddenly and fall quickly, making the roads slippery. Avoid using your cruise control in snowy or icy conditions to ensure complete control over your vehicle and avoid breaking or accelerating in a turn to prevent sliding. If you're driving near a snowplow, don't



crowd it or travel beside it, as plows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the road frequently. If you find yourself behind a snowplow, stay behind it or use caution when passing.

If the power goes out, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest using battery-powered flashlights or lanterns rather than candles, as forgotten candles can lead to house fires. If you choose to use an outdoor generator for power, it should be located at least 20 feet from any window, door or vent. Never use generators, gas or charcoal grills, camp stoves, or similar devices inside your home or near windows, as the fumes can be deadly.

Extreme cold can also cause water pipes in your home to freeze or even break. When you are expecting very cold or freezing temperatures, leave water taps slightly open so they drip continuously and open cabinet doors beneath the kitchen and bathroom sinks so heated air can reach the pipes to prevent freezing.

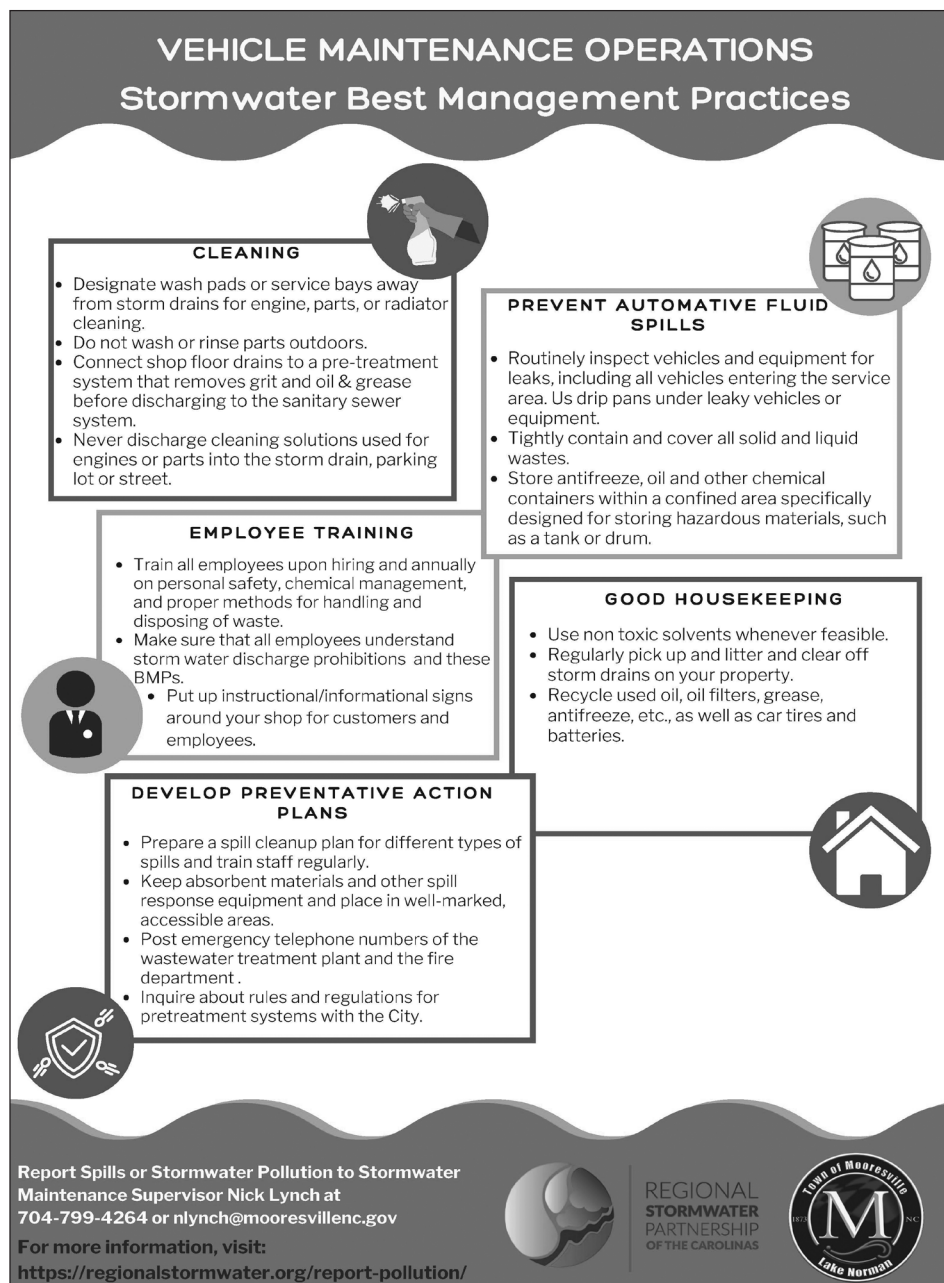
To keep up-to-date on Town matters, make sure you're registered with our Blackboard Connect notification system. You can choose how we contact you, either by email, phone or even by text message.

Visit www.moorevillenc.gov to learn more!

Vehicle Maintenance

Stormwater runoff is simply rainwater that does not soak into the ground, but runs off hard surfaces like paved streets, parking lots, sidewalks and rooftops. As stormwater travels, it can pick up pollutants along the way. This stormwater pollution enters our waterways and can be detrimental to water quality and aquatic life. The storm drainage system in the Town of Mooresville is a network of storm drain inlets and underground pipes that carry stormwater from our streets directly to our streams.

Fluid spills and improper disposal of materials such as oil, grease, antifreeze, etc. during or after common maintenance shop activities may result in pollutants, heavy metals and toxic materials entering our waterways through the storm drain system, creating public health and environmental risks. For this reason, it is important to understand the ways in which the vehicle maintenance industry can aid in keeping our waterways clean through the following Best Management Practices (BMPs). BMPs are methods or activities that help prevent stormwater pollution.



JANUARY 1

New Year's Day & MLK Day

Town of Mooresville offices will be closed on January 1 for the New Year's Day holiday and on January 18 for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

JANUARY 4, 19

Board Meeting

The Board of Commissioners will meet virtually January 4 and 19 at 6 p.m. These meetings can be viewed at mooresvillenc.gov/live

JANUARY 15

Agenda Briefing

The Board of Commissioners will hold an online agenda briefing on January 15 at 8:30 a.m. It can be viewed at mooresvillenc.gov/live

JANUARY 18

Sanitation Delay

Town of Mooresville sanitation customers will experience a one-day delay in trash and recycling collection, due to the MLK Day holiday on January 18.

CALENDAR

Looking for more activities or events? Visit www.mooresvillenc.gov to view our community calendar.

**DEPARTMENT
PHONE NUMBERS**

Business Office
704-663-3800

Employment/Human
Resources
704-799-4070

Fire (Non-Emergency)
704-664-1338

Mooresville Golf Club
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

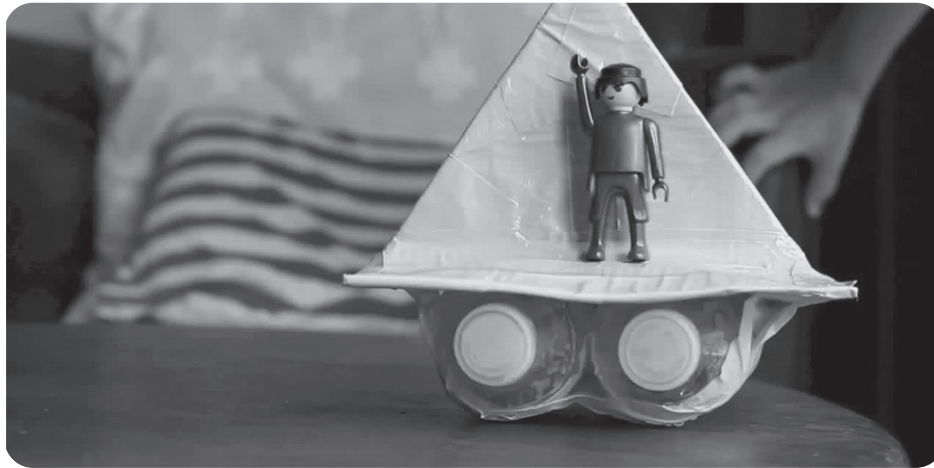
Selma Burke Center
704-799-4035

War Memorial
704-663-2670

Water
704-663-3800

Zoning
704-662-7040

Upcoming Library and Parks & Rec Fun



Whatever Floats Your Boat On January 21, students ages 5 and up will design, build and test a boat made out of materials of their choice, including aluminum foil, milk cartons and plastic. Participants will be challenged to build a boat that holds the most material while floating on water. The program is virtual and free at 1 p.m., and students will need to send a two-minute video of their boat to rbrawley@mooresvillenc.gov, or msspencer@mooresvillenc.gov.

Winter Bingo Challenge Looking for some winter reading inspiration? The Winter Reading Book Bingo Challenge, good for all ages, continues until January 31. Print off or pick up your BINGO sheet anytime to participate. Call the Mooresville Public Library at 704-664-2927 for more information.

Take It, Make It Looking for a fun, at-home activity? Teen and Adult library patrons can pick up a Take It, Make It craft at the circulation desk while supplies last. Kits can be picked up from January 4-11 at 304 South Main Street.

Courageous Conversations Conversations are where meaningful solutions start! Join the Mooresville Public Library for a series of "Courageous Conversations" on different diversity & inclusion topics. Inclusive and brave conversations challenge us to show empathy as we gain a new perspective. The latest conversation in the series will take place January 14 at 6:30 p.m. Call 704-664-2927 for more information on how you can join in.

**ELECTED
OFFICIALS**

Miles Atkins
Mayor

Eddie Dingler
Ward I
Commissioner

Thurman Houston
Ward II
Commissioner

Barbara Whittington
Ward III
Commissioner

Lisa Qualls
Ward IV
Commissioner
Mayor Pro Tem

Bobby Compton
At-Large
Commissioner

Gary West
At-Large
Commissioner

**TOWN
OFFICIALS**

Randy Hemann
Town Manager

Beau Falgout
Asst. Town Manager

Ryan Rase
Asst. Town Manager

Sharon Crawford
Town Attorney

Genevieve Miller
Town Clerk

Join the Town of Mooresville community online!

Through the Town of Mooresville's social media hub, you can link up with your community on multiple platforms. Connect directly to the Town of Mooresville on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Vimeo, & YouTube.

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