

# town voice

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## MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

### September 1

*Environmental Protection Commission*

The EPC will hold its monthly meeting on September 1 at Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

### September 2

*Historic Preservation Commission*

The HPC will hold its monthly meeting on September 2 at Town Hall at 6 p.m.

### September 6

*Labor Day Closure*

Town of Mooresville offices will be closed on September 6 in observance of Labor Day. Sanitation will experience a one-day delay.

### September 7 & 20

*Board of Commissioners Meeting*

The Board of Commissioners will meet September 7 & 20 at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street. The meetings may also be viewed virtually at [mooresvillenc.gov/live](https://www.mooresvillenc.gov/live).

### September 9

*Planning Board*

The Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting on September 9 at Town Hall at 6 p.m.

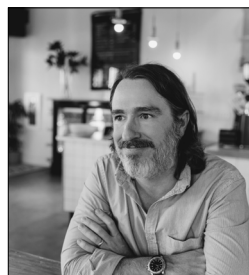
## Mooreville Library Speaker Series

**Best-selling authors visit to share their stories this fall**

The Mooresville Public Library is planning to host a Speaker Series this fall, kicking off on September 30. Three authors, Jaki Shelton Green, Wiley Cash, and Matt Doherty, will be sharing stories about their works, answering questions from the audience, and signing books after each program. For more information, visit [mooresvillelibrary.org](https://mooresvillelibrary.org).



Jaki Shelton Green is the first African American to be appointed as the North Carolina Poet Laureate. Her publications include "Dead on Arrival," "Masks," and "Feeding the Light." In 2020, she released her first LP poetry album, "The River Speaks of Thirst." Jaki Shelton Green is also the owner of SistaWRITE. She will appear at the library on September 30 at 6:30 p.m.



Wiley Cash is an award-winning and New York Times bestselling author who currently teaches fiction writing and literature at the University of North Carolina-Asheville. Cash's novel, "The Last Ballard," was an American Library Association Book of the Year. "When Ghosts Come Home," his next novel, will be available soon. Wiley Cash will appear on October 12 at 6 p.m.



Matt Doherty coached basketball at the University of North Carolina, eventually leading them to the ACC Championship in 2001. Coach Doherty currently runs the Doherty Coaching Practice. His book, "Rebound: From Pain to Passion," is available now. He will be appearing on November 4 at 7 p.m.

# “Pawsitive” tips from our Stormwater Department on cleaning up pet waste

Pollutants from improperly disposed pet waste may be washed into the storm drainage system by rain or melting snow, eventually decaying, using up oxygen, and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia combined with warm temperatures kill fish. Pet wastes also contain nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. Overly fertile water becomes cloudy and green, which is unattractive for swimming, boating and fishing. Below is some information and tips to keep our waterways clean!

PET WASTE MAY BE NATURAL, BUT IT IS NOT SAFE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



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WHEN IT RAINS PET WASTE IS WASHED INTO STORM DRAINS THAT LEAD DIRECTLY TO OUR WATERWAYS.



PET WASTE CONTAINS NITROGEN, HARMFUL BACTERIA, AND PARASITES CAUSING ALGAE BLOOMS AND DECREASING WATER QUALITY.



THIS RUNOFF HAS THE POTENTIAL TO KILL AQUATIC LIFE AND DEGRADES THE HEALTH OF OUR LOCAL WATERS.



**DOO something PAWSITIVE for our streams and take the pledge to clean up after your pets!**

**AT HOME**

WHEN AT HOME ROUTINELY CHECK AROUND YOUR HOME OR YARD FOR YOUR PETS WASTE. IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A LONG HANDELED POOPER SCOOPER.



**ON A WALK**

ALWAYS TAKE BAGS WITH YOU WHENEVER YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE WITH YOUR FURRY FRIEND. YOU CAN ALSO MAKE USE OF PET WASTE STATIONS AT YOUR LOCAL PARK.



**EDUCATE OTHERS**

WHILE KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN AND HEALTHY STARTS WITH YOU, WE NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE YOU! EDUCATE YOUR NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY ABOUT KEEPING PET WASTE OUT OF OUR RIVERS, LAKES, AND STREAMS!



**WHY?**

CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR PET RESULTS IN CLEANER AREAS OF RECREATION AND SAFER WATERWAYS FOR ALL!



**REGIONAL STORMWATER PARTNERSHIP OF THE CAROLINAS**

**Connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Vimeo, & YouTube.**

**Visit [moorestvillenc.gov/431/Social-Networks](http://moorestvillenc.gov/431/Social-Networks) to learn what's happening around Town!**

## Join Town employees at Race City Festival



The Town of Mooresville will be participating in the Race City Festival on September 25.

Held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Race City festival is an outdoor celebration along Main and Broad Streets in Downtown Mooresville.

The Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual event, which features arts & cultural elements from our community, local businesses, NASCAR displays and souvenirs, live music, food trucks and even a beer garden. There is no admission charge to attend the festival.

The Race City Festival brings more than 25,000 attendees every year, and is a rain or shine event. Learn more about our departments, potential employment and volunteer opportunities and ways you can volunteer with the Town by stopping by our booths while you're there.

# HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

## Town of Mooresville Events & Offerings

**Mooresville Ruck Club** You can ruck around Town with the Mooresville Ruck Club! This free club, which combines urban hiking with socializing, meets weekly to ruck approximately five kilometers in and around town. The club is designed for all skill levels. Contact [info@ruckmooresville.com](mailto:info@ruckmooresville.com) to find out more details and to learn future meeting times.

**Courageous Conversations** Do you want to be a part of positive change in our community? Conversations are where meaningful solutions start! Join in on the “Courageous Conversations” series to learn more about diversity & inclusion topics. A willingness to be open minded and engage in conversation can produce a stronger sense of community. The next conversation will be held on September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mooresville Public Library’s Selma Burke room.



**Stormwater Drain Marking** Storm drain marking is an opportunity for residents of all ages to be involved in reminding everyone that storm drains connect directly to our local water

ways. Storm drain marking involves labeling storm drains with messages warning residents not to dump pollutants into storm drains.

Typically, volunteer events are conducted in small groups and last 1-3 hours. In order to participate in the Town’s storm drain marking program, volunteers must submit an online application through the Town’s Volunteer Program and also a signed waiver at <https://mooresvillenc.gov/194/Become-A-Volunteer>.



**Suicide Awareness Program** September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among people ages 10–34 and the tenth leading cause of death overall in the U.S. The program, held at the Mooresville Public Library, will discuss common myths and facts surrounding suicide, as well as what signs to look for and what questions to ask in youths or adults. The program will be presented by Amber Matthews, MSW, and Jeanne Patterson from Partners Health Management on September 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Selma Burke Room.

## IMPORTANT NEWS



The Iredell County Board of Elections has announced changes to some polling locations, including ones that will affect Mooresville voters.

Southern Iredell County has grown exponentially in the last decade, resulting in overcrowding and insufficient parking at some polling places. The State Board of Elections has approved changes to some of the Iredell County precinct boundaries and polling sites.

Voter cards have been mailed to ALL voters affected by the changes. One of the changes being made is that Lake Norman Volunteer Fire Department will no longer be used as a polling location.

Should you have questions regarding your polling place, please contact the Board of Elections at 704-878-3140. To find out more about the candidates and the election process, visit [www.co.iredell.nc.us/1342/2021-Municipal-Election-Information](http://www.co.iredell.nc.us/1342/2021-Municipal-Election-Information).



## 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  
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

# FACILITY HIGHLIGHT: The Mooresville Public Library



The Mooresville Public Library was initially created around 1890 by a group of town residents who donated their own books in order to form the Mooresville Lending Library. When it began, the donated books were stamped in the front with the cost to rent the book for a day. The library was housed in various locations around town because no permanent home for it was available at that time.

The Town of Mooresville eventually added the library as a department and the name was changed to the Mooresville Free Library but continued to be without a permanent location.

In 1939, Mrs. Lutell Sherrill Williams learned that the library was occupying her former family home. Mrs. Williams decided to raze it and started construction on a new building. In December 1940, the new library opened to a crowd of 600 people, was deeded to the town, and incorporated with a Library Board consisting of community leaders.

In 1963-64, the original building of the library was expanded with a 900-square-foot addition was added to the back of the building. In 2006, the library opened its second expansion of an additional 30,000 square feet.



## 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

Gary West  
At-Large  
Commissioner

Bobby Compton  
At-Large  
Commissioner

## TOWN OFFICIALS

Randy Hemann  
Town Manager

Beau Falgout  
Asst. Town Manager

Ryan Rase  
Asst. Town Manager

Sharon Crawford  
Town Attorney

Genevieve Glaser  
Town Clerk