

town voice

THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE
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MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

December 6 & 20

Board of Commissioners Meetings

The Board of Commissioners will meet December 6 & 20 at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street. The meetings may also be viewed virtually at mooresvillenc.gov/live.

December 9

Planning Board

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

December 24 & 27

Christmas Holiday

In observance of Christmas, Town offices will be closed December 24 & 27.

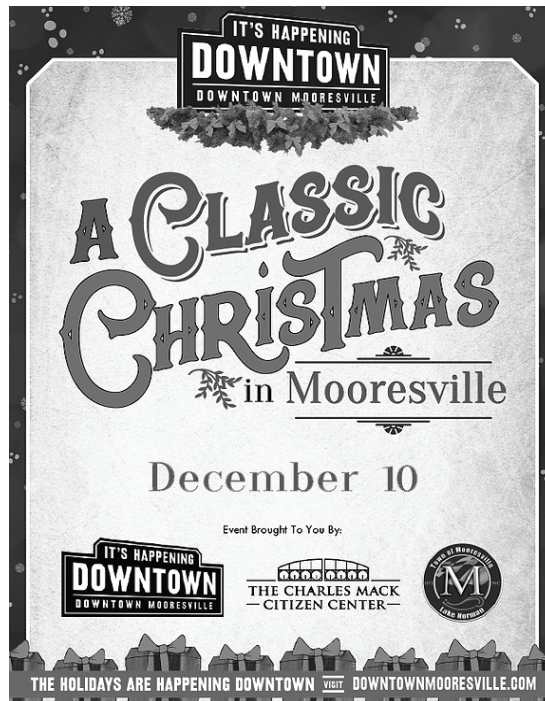
January 1

New Year's Day

In observance of New Year's Day, Town offices will be closed January 1.

Happy Holidays in Downtown

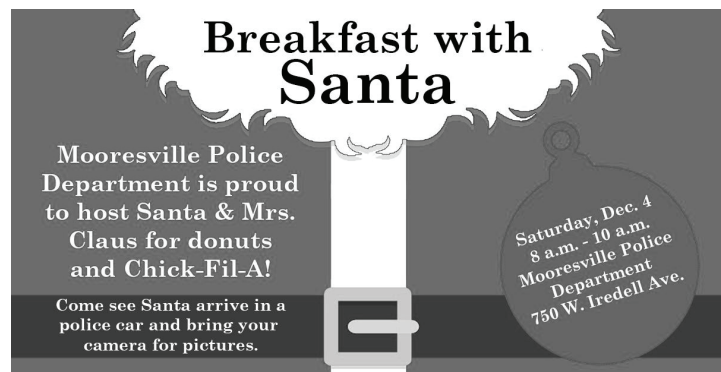
Classic Christmas celebration set for December



The Mooresville Downtown Commission, The Charles Mack Citizen Center and the Town of Mooresville are teaming up to present "A Classic Christmas."

Held on December 10, the event will feature horse-drawn wagon rides, carolers, ice skating, petting zoo, shopping, crafts & more! Find out more on our Parks & Recreation social media accounts and on the Downtown Mooresville website.

Breakfast with Santa at MPD



Holiday safety starts at home

Making sure your family's celebration is a success



Decorations like trees, lights and candles can increase the risk of home fires during the holidays, and unfortunately, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day are the top three days for home candle fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Below are some tips to keep your family safer this season:

- Check all your holiday light cords to insure they aren't frayed or broken.
- If you are buying an artificial tree, look for the fire-resistant label, and keep it away from fireplaces, radiators, and other sources of heat.
- If you're getting a live tree, make sure it's fresh and water it consistently.
- If you decorate outside your home, make sure your decorations are for outdoor use and fasten lights securely to your home or trees.
- Don't forget to turn off all lights when going to bed or leaving the house.

Safe Travels While Out of Town

Traveling by car during the holidays has the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation, based on fatalities per passenger mile. Alcohol impairment is involved in about a third of those fatalities. Stay safe on the roads by following these tips:

- Prepare your car for winter and keep an emergency preparedness kit handy.
- Get a good night's sleep before departing and avoid drowsy driving.
- Leave early and plan ahead for heavy traffic and delays.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up, no matter how long or short the distance traveled.
- Many distractions can occur while driving, but cell phones are a main culprit. Put your phone away while you are behind the wheel.
- Practice defensive driving.
- Designate a sober driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a party.

Public Records Requests



NextRequest, the Town of Mooresville's new public records request platform, is now live. This platform will be used from now on for all public records requests, and can be found at townofmooresvillenc.nextrequest.com.

If you have any questions about NextRequest, please reach out to Amy Cummings, our paralegal, at 704-799-4052 or email her at acummings@mooresvillenc.gov.



West Side Library

The Mooresville Public Library is expanding! Due to our growing population and residents requesting an additional full-service branch on the West side of Town, a lease was signed for the former Walgreens building on Brawley School Road. The building is more than 11,000 square feet and will have traditional library services and hours. It is projected to open in Summer 2022.

HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

Joyce Brown Join North Carolina writer Joyce Brown on Dec. 9, as she reads from her new book of poetry, sings and plays the Appalachian music that inspires her life's work. This program will take place at the Mooresville Public Library in the Youth Services Community Room from 6:30-8 p.m.

Winter Bingo Challenge Looking for some winter reading inspiration or want to expand your literary horizons? Participate in the library's Winter Reading Book Bingo Challenge. Print off or pick up your Bingo sheet at the library between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31 to participate. Questions? Call the library at 704-664-2927.



Courageous Conversations Join MPL for a special Courageous Conversation session for teens, where we give back to the community by wrapping toys and have conversations with the Mayor's Youth Council and the Mooresville Police Department. This program will take place on Dec. 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Selma Burke Room, located on the library's main floor.

Mindful Moments On Dec. 3 and 17, participants will be guided in a variety of mindful practices to support wellness and self-care, including breathwork, gentle yoga, energy clearing, and sound healing. This program will take place in the Selma Burke Room from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

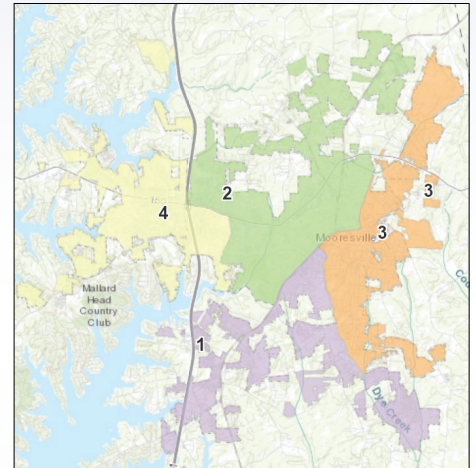


The Giving Tree During the month of December, the Mooresville Public Library is collecting new hats, scarves, gloves, and canned goods that will be donated. Please hang your donation on our tree (located at 304 South Main Street) or add them to the gift boxes under the tree.

Teen Chess Teens can meet up and partner with others on Dec. 11, from 1-3 p.m., to play chess. It is not required to bring your own board and pieces, but it is encouraged, as the library has a limited number. This program will take place in the Selma Burke Room, and registration is required at moorevillelibrary.org.

Library Closure The library will be closed on Dec. 1 for staff development day. Book drops will remain open, but it is best to bring materials back when the library is open. The library will return to normal hours of operation on Dec. 2. As always, you can access your library account, as well as our digital library of online resources, by visiting www.moorevillelibrary.org or through the library's app (which you can download for free on your phone's app store).

IMPORTANT NEWS



Redistricting in Mooresville

The Town of Mooresville's Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Nov. 15 at their regularly scheduled meeting to gain insight from residents about their redistricting preference.

Redistricting is the regular process of adjusting the lines of voting districts in accordance with population shifts. To ensure a +/-5% deviation in population for each ward, the Town is working with an outside vendor to reshape the current ward boundaries.

During the public hearing, two options were presented, Option A and Option 2A, and the board voted to choose Option 2A. Residents may visit <https://arcg.is/1TWKuK> to look at the redistricting map that the board chose in order to check their ward.

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

Water and Wastewater: Comprehensive Master Plan



The Town adopted its 2021 Water and Wastewater Comprehensive Master Plan at its regular Board of Commissioners meeting on November 15. This plan will guide investments in our utilities program through 2045 to ensure that we can meet current and future customer needs and continue to provide the highest quality service possible to our water and sewer customers. A copy of the Executive Summary is available at <https://bit.ly/3qNqhpl>.

Mooresville Youth Council Toy Donation Drive



The Mooresville Youth Council will be conducting a toy drive on behalf of Feed NC, aimed at giving local children a happier holiday season.

Look for the donation boxes around Town or visit our website, mooresvillenc.gov, for locations to drop off toys. Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, is an available drop-off location if you're in Downtown Mooresville!

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