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THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE VOLUME 18 NUMBER 6 JULY 2022



## MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

#### July 1, 15 & 29

Agenda Briefings
The Board of Commissioners will hold
agenda briefings before their regular meetings
on July 1, 15 & 29, virtually, at 8:30 a.m. These
meetings can be viewed at
mooresvillenc.gov/live.

#### **July 5 & 18**

Board of Commissioners Meetings
The Board of Commissioners will meet
July 5 at the Charles Mack Citizen Center, 215
North Main Street, at 6 p.m. The Board will meet
July 18 at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, at
6 p.m. The meetings may also be viewed virtually
at mooresvillenc.gov/live.

#### **July 14**

Planning Board
The Planning Board will hold its monthly
meeting on July 14 at Town Hall at 6 p.m.

## Sprinkler Season is in full swing!

It's that time of year again—sprinkler season! As you're turning on your irrigation systems to keep your lawn a lush green or setting up a sprinkler to water your landscaping and summer gardens, remember to be aware of your water consumption and to water efficiently.

In the summer months, about 10% of all water produced at the Town of Mooresville treatment facilities goes to irrigation. People often unknowingly use more water than necessary to water their lawns. In our region, only one inch of water per week is needed to keep most lawns green.

How do you how many inches of water your lawn is consuming? To gauge watering, you can put several short, straight sided containers (such as cat food or tuna cans) around your yard within your sprinkler system's spray pattern. Run the sprinklers for 15 minutes, then measure the depth of water in each can to determine the average depth across your lawn. Then use that depth to calculate the length of time your sprinkler should run per day to get one inch of water in a week. While overwatering adds to your water bill, it can also be harmful for your lawn.

To make sure watering is most effective, water early in the morning or at night when it is cooler. Consider using rain barrels to capture rainwater and using it to water your lawn or plants. If a landscaping project is in your future, research and consider using native drought tolerant plants and trees, such as certain varieties of juniper, lavender, camellias, and daylilies which are all native to North Carolina.

Water for irrigation is treated to the same level as drinking water. Town of Mooresville water supply, which comes from Lake Norman, is routinely monitored for more than 150 potential contaminants—such as E. coli, arsenic, mercury, chromium, and radioactive contaminants—before it is distributed to our customers. More than 50 samples from our distribution system are taken per month to check for any presence of contaminants to ensure the water is just as safe when it gets to your house. Both in-house and third-parting testing is used to ensure residents are receiving a quality product their households—and their plants—can rely on.

Learn more about Mooresville water! For detailed information on Town of Mooresville Public Utilities and to read the full 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, visit mooresvillenc.gov/222/Public-Utilities.

## Happening Around Town

## MISSION EXPLORE: THE SEA MONSTER ADVENTURE

JULY 30 AT 10 A.M. AND 11 A.M.

MISSION EXPLORE: THE SEA MONSTER ADVENTURE IS A TOTALLY UNIOUF EXPERIENCE! JOIN AS WE CELEBRATE AND STUDY THE MAGNIFICENT CREATURES THAT

FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS!

\*REGISTRATION BEGINS ON JUNE 30. 2022 FOR THIS EVENT



## **Rock the Park Summer Concerts**

Join the Parks & Recreation department for their latest "Rock The Park" concert at Liberty Park!

On July 29, residents can jam out to Cat5 Band. This award-winning band is proud to bring Mooresville the best beach music, originals, country, yacht rock, and classic rock!

All concerts in the series are free, with food trucks available at 6 p.m., followed by music and fun at 6:30 p.m.

Don't want to bring your chair to Rock the Park concerts? No problem! We are excited to offer lawn chair rentals for all the Rock the Park shows! A limited number of chairs will be available for rent on the day of each show so call 704-799-4220 to reserve your chair in advance!

For more information about Rock the Park visit www.ourtownstage.com.

## **Destination** Recreation

Join us at Mooresville Parks for special events select days this summer! All Friday events are

#### **Build Your Own Birdfeeder**

Friday, July 8 Mazzepa Park

#### **Scavenger Hunt**

Friday, July 15 Cornelius Road Park

#### **Crafting on Main**

Friday, July 22 North Main Park

#### Friendship Bracelet Making

Friday, July 29 Willow Valley Park

## **Summer Pool Events**

Parks & Recreation will host special summer events on select Saturdays at War Memorial Pool. All events are 6:30-8:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tickets for swimming during these events will need to be purchased at the pool the week of the event. Swimming is limited to 75 swimmers.

#### **Glow Party**

Saturday, July 2

#### **Back to School Bash**

Saturday, August 13

#### **Doggie Parade/Splash**

Saturday, September 10 10 a.m.-noon



## **Mooresville Public Library Events**

#### **Town Offices Closed**

The Town of Mooresville will close all offices, including the library, on July 4 in honor of the Independence Day holiday.

#### **Bright Star Performance**

July 18 at 10 a.m.

Bright Star will present "Treasure Island" on July 18 at 10 a.m. at the Selma Burke Recreation Center. Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" is a tale of "buccaneers and buried gold" that centers on the conflict between good versus evil. Catch this new take on the quintessential literary adventure classic!



#### **Water Around Town**

July 7 at 2 p.m.

School-age children are invited to join us this week to learn about Stormwater and how it affects your community.

#### A Whale of a Tale

July 14 at 2 p.m.

As we explore the 'Oceans of Possibilities' all around us, school-age children are invited to join us this week to enjoy the power of stories.

#### **Underwater Photography**

July 14 at 6 p.m.

Explore the fascinating hobby of underwater photography.

#### Career, College, and Life Conversations—How to Build an Affordable College List

July 16 at 2 p.m.

Identify great colleges that will lower their cost for students like you! For teens who know where they want to go and for teens still figuring it out, come check out tools to identify the most generous schools for students with a variety of GPAs and financial backgrounds. Registration is required at mooresvillelibrary.org.

## **Summer Escape Room (Teens and Adults)**

July 21 at 1, 2, 3, & 4 p.m. Find the clues, solve the puzzles, and challenge your brain and communication skills during our summer escape room!

#### **Virtual Aquarium Tours**

July 21 at 2 p.m.

School-age children are invited to join us this week to participate in a live virtual tour of the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher.

#### **Water Adventure Puppet Show**

July 28 at 2 p.m.

School-age children are invited to join us this week and enjoy a puppet show featuring some fun water adventures.

#### Career, College, and Life Conversations—Fleet and Car Maintenance

July 19 at 2 p.m.

A guided tour of the Town of Mooresville's Fleet department and some hands-on basic car maintenance. This class will be held at 2532 Charlotte Highway, at the Fleet Department. A waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian to participate in this program. Registration is required at mooresvillelibrary.org.

### IMPORTANT NEWS

#### **New Pavement Tools**

Keeping Town-owned streets in good working order is a top priority for staff and elected officials, but the increasing prices of asphalt pavement means that only milling and resurfacing old and damaged roads to repair them is no longer financially feasible or cost-effective. In order to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars, the Town is embracing new tools to continue to provide residents with the highest quality roads to drive on.

The first new tool is called microsurfacing. This preservation method seals existing cracks in the road and then a thin layer of microsurface, or a mix of emulsified asphalt, crushed aggregate, and a few other chemicals is added. Microsurfacing is also cost-effective from a durability standpoint, lasting seven years or more for a fraction of the cost of major road rehabilitation. It is the Town's goal to apply approximately four miles of microsurfacing on local roads within the first year of its use.

The second tool is asphalt rejuvenator. Asphalt is composed of two main elements, an asphalt cement (AC) and a stone aggregate. Asphalt typically fails because the AC surface becomes brittle and starts to crack. When the rejuvenator is added, it softens the AC pavement surface and reduces the stress on the material. The rejuvenator will be applied while the roads are still in working order, as the goal is the preservation of existing roads in good condition. The Town's goal to apply approximately 7.6 miles of rejuvenator on our local roads in its first year of use.

### 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



## **MPD Citizens Academy Grads**

On Tuesday, June 7, Mooresville Police Department (MPD) celebrated the graduation of its 2022 Citizens Academy at the Charles Mack Citizens Center. Twelve Mooresville residents participated in this year's academy, which began on March 22, 2022 and ran for elven consecutive weeks meeting every Tuesday night. Greg Forrest, Chief United States Probation Officer for the Western District of North Carolina, was the event's guest speaker.

2022 MPD Citizens Academy graduates are Mike Bush, Bryan Clarke, Charlene Clarke, Toni Clarke, Linda Denney, Camille Desimone, Steve Johnson, Linda Martin, Becky McCall, Marietta Nilsson, Eddie Sanchez, and James Tyson.

MPD's Citizens Academy is designed to give members of our community an opportunity to get a behind the scenes look into our police department to give them a better understanding of roles, duties and responsibilities of our officers. Each week the participants received a presentation and hands-on activities, when possible, from units within the department. To learn more about the MPD Citizens Academy and all MPD Community Programs, visit MooresvillePD.com.

## 2022 Dog Mayor Elected



The Mooresville Youth Council is pleased to announce the newly elected 2022 Dog Mayor is the Honorable Buttercup! The outgoing Dog Mayor, the Honorable Daisy, was Mooresville's first ever dog mayor and was elected last year after a third grade class at Rocky River Elementary who had been studying local government reached out to Mayor Atkins about the possibility of electing a dog mayor for the Town of Mooresville. Daisy did an amazing iob, and we thank her for her service.

Again this year, the MYC held a contest on their Instagram page, where Buttercup was elected with over 4,000 votes. Congratulations Buttercup and we look forward to an exciting year!

### 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