

town voice

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Town Project Update

HOLIDAYS

September 5

Labor Day

Town Offices will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on September 5. Sanitation and recycling services will experience a one-day delay.

MEETINGS THIS MONTH

September 2, 16, and 30

Agenda Briefings

The Board of Commissioners will hold agenda briefings before their regular meetings on September 2, 16, and 30, virtually, at 8:30 a.m. The meetings may be viewed at mooresvillenc.gov/live.

September 6 and 19

Board of Commissioners Meetings

The Board of Commissioners will meet September 6 and 19 at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, at 6 p.m.

The meetings may also be viewed virtually at mooresvillenc.gov/live.

September 13

Planning Board

The Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting on September 13 at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, at 6 p.m.

Travel any direction in Mooresville and you will see evidence that the town and surrounding area is growing and looking toward the future. Mooresville has evolved from a small mill town to a thriving lakeside community, serving more than 50,000 residents and visitors. The area was recently rated a top lake destination by multiple sources and uniquely boasts opportunities and entertainment for all walks of life.

To better serve the growing community, the Town of Mooresville has seven major new construction projects in progress during 2022. These projects, a direct investment of over \$33 million by the Town Board of Commissioners, will provide residents and visitors with innovative facilities, enhancing quality of life and making Mooresville even more of a destination. Two of these projects—Mooresville Fire-Rescue Fire Training Center and Station 6—were completed and opened earlier this year. Five projects—Mooresville Police Department Headquarters, Liberty Park Phase 2, Skate Park, West Side Library, and Mazeppa Park (turf conversion)—are still under construction with most projects currently scheduled to be complete before the end of 2022.

Police Headquarters

Mooresville Police Department is currently preparing for relocation this fall to the new headquarters facility located at the intersection of Brawley School Road and NC Highway 21. This new state-of-the-art 50,000 square-foot facility will provide additional communications, evidence, and holding cell space along with a designated K9 building. The new headquarters will also feature an enhanced community room space that will allow for additional community events and engagement without compromising department security. The facility will more than double the department's headquarters space, providing capacity for future growth. With major exterior work complete, work is focusing on interior projects and preparing the building for occupancy. Perimeter fencing is on-going, planting has begun, dispatch console installs have begun, and interior finish work continues. The project construction cost is \$19,048,500 and work is scheduled to be completed in late summer 2022, with anticipated occupancy in September 2022.

Library West Branch

One of the primary 2022 strategic goals for the Town Board of Commissioners was Expanding Mooresville Public Library's services and reach. To accomplish this, the Town is creating the West Branch by renovating a building located at 614 Brawley School Road. The West Branch will feature a drive-through for book pickups, small group study rooms, meeting rooms, and all-age programming. Additional LSTA grant funding has provided for cardholder early/late-hours quiet-time access and self-service check in/out kiosks. Mooresville Public Library will be one of the first public libraries in North Carolina to utilize the quiet-time access feature. The project includes significant interior work. All interior work has been completed and exterior components have begun. This \$897,700 project is scheduled to be completed in late summer 2022. The West Branch is scheduled to open in fall 2022.

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Happening Around Town



Rock the Park Summer Concerts

Join the Parks & Recreation department for the last “Rock The Park” concert at Liberty Park!

On September 2, residents can rock out with 80z Nation. This cover band always delivers a high-energy performance. Playing songs by A Flock of Seagulls, Journey, Duran Duran, Prince and more, this show is totally a blast from the past!

On October 7, join us for the piano mastery of The Stranger. Featuring Mike Santoro, The Stranger brings the Billy Joel show with the sound of his original band in his prime... energetic, interactive and often unpredictable. It's live entertainment at its best!

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 arts and entertainment opportunities, visit www.ourtownstage.com.

Destination Recreation

Join us at Mooresville Parks for special events select days this fall!

Dot Day Art

Saturday, Sept. 24 | 9 a.m.-noon
Willow Valley Park

Disability Awareness

Saturday, Oct. 22 | 9 a.m.-noon
Bellingham Park

Day of the Dead

Saturday, Nov. 19 | 9 a.m.-noon
Nesbitt Park

MPD Pauses Fingerprinting

As of September 1, 2022, Mooresville Police Department will temporarily suspend public fingerprinting services in anticipation of relocating to the new facility. Please contact Iredell County Sheriff's Officer at 704-664-7500 or iredellsheriff.com for fingerprinting services during this time.

Utility Payment Kiosk Open

Residents now have a new method to make Utility Payments—a new payment kiosk in Town Hall (413 N. Main Street) parking lot!

Using the payment kiosk, you can pay by:

- Check
- Cash in whole dollar amounts (no change given)
- Debit or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, AmEx)

Questions about your Town utility account? Contact Utility Billing at 704-663-3800.

Mooresville Public Library Events

Storytime starts back in September!

NC Works at MPL

September 6 | 2-4 p.m.

NC Works will be at the library on the first Tuesday of the month to assist patrons with resumes and job search questions, one-on-one from 2-4 p.m. in the Reference Department.



National Read a Book Day is September 6!

Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention

September 13 | 6 p.m.

Crystal Hobbs, Lake Norman/Iredell NAMI President, will give a presentation on understanding mental wellness and recovery. The presentation also includes a discussion on the stigmas surrounding mental health, suicide how to develop healthy communication and self care habits, as well as suicide prevention information.

Speaker Series - Kelly Mustian

September 22 | 6-7 p.m.

Author Kelly Mustian will speak about her journey from a Mississippi childhood to the writing of the USA Today bestselling novel *The Girls in the Stilt House*.

Kelly will be available for book purchasing and signing after the program.



Career, College, and Life Conversations: Getting Started with FAFSA

September 25 | 3 p.m.

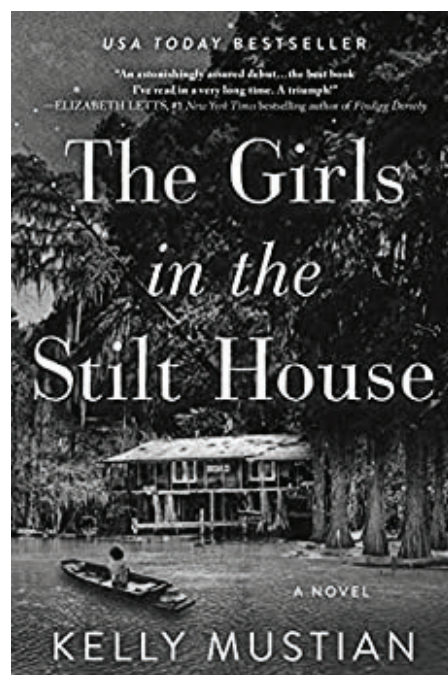
This one-hour virtual session will answer the most common FAFSA questions that come up for families as well as some key changes that are coming to the form and who they will impact most dramatically. Financial aid specialist Amanda Miller has been filling out FAFSAs since 2014. She invites you to join her to gain knowledge and a sense of empowerment with this federal form.

Peer Led Substance Use Support Program

September 29 | 6 p.m.

Join us for an informative evening with The Christian Mission of Mooresville/Lake Norman and hear from a Peer Support Specialist (a person with lived experience with substance use). Learn about the tools available to assist with the struggles of substance use, navigating the healthcare system, and the many barriers that prevent one from getting the help they need.

Find more information and events at moorevillenc150.com!



MOORESVILLE
150
1873 2023

Get ready to celebrate in 2023!

On Thursday, August 11, the Town of Mooresville unveiled its 150th anniversary signature events at a partnership kickoff event at the Charles Mack Citizens Center.

The Town of Mooresville will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2023 with over 150 events and activities occurring in Mooresville throughout the year. Signature events include New Year's Fireworks, Party Like It's 1873 Festival, Liberty Park Grand Re-Opening, Stars & Stripes on Main Parade, Bands, Brews, & BBQ Festival, Mooresville Motorsports Festival, and A Classic Christmas. Find out more and discover 150 fun things to do in 2023 at moorevillenc150.com.

On March 3, 1873, the North Carolina General Assembly approved the Charter for the Incorporation of the Town of Mooresville. From small mill town to fast-growing lake community with a population of more than 50,000, Mooresville has grown and changed over the years but has retained its small-town charm. Learn more about Mooresville's history at moorevillenc150.com.

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



Town Project Update

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Liberty Park Phase 2

The Town's investment in the Liberty Park revitalization has created a downtown destination space not only for Town residents but also visitors locally, regionally, and nationally. The 2019-2020 Phase 1 project included a concert band shell and Veteran's promenade. The \$7,930,221 Phase 2 project which broke ground in February 2022 includes a three-tier playground, interactive fountain, picnic shelter, greenway connection to Center Avenue, new restrooms and concession stand, and a covered basketball court (pictured above) that may also be used for events like the seasonal Farmers' Markets. The Phase 2 of the project is scheduled to be completed in early summer 2023. Steel decking is complete, rough plumbing and electrical on restroom/pumphouse is ongoing.

Skate Park

The Town of Mooresville strives to not only invest in its public facilities but also to ensure Town facilities meet the needs and expectations of users. After seeking substantial public input from the skate community, improvements began on the Town's Skate Park, located at 748 W. Iredell Avenue (adjacent to the current Police Department), in February 2022. This project contains significant park expansions and upgrades including bowl and street features, racing-themed design (chosen by the skate community), designated restroom facilities, and athletic field lighting. Currently, skate feature work continues, shotcrete work has begun, and building footers poured. Once completed, the new park will be 40,000 square feet, making it one of the largest skate parks in the region. The \$2,841,492 project is scheduled to be complete in late fall of 2022.

Mazeppa Park Turf Conversion

Since the creation of Mazeppa Park, the Town of Mooresville has sought partners to make this sports field facility a regional draw for those participating in youth sports. The vision started with a partnership with the Convention and Visitors Bureau to turf two of the six sports fields. The Town is now forming an additional partnership with Charlotte Independence Soccer Club to convert two additional sports fields at Mazeppa Park. The goal of this project is to provide an all-weather playing surface for sports and increase the usability of the facilities for local, regional, and travel sports leagues. Phase 1 (cost of \$777,750) work is complete and included resurfacing of existing turf fields. Phase 2 (cost of \$1,626,131) includes conversion of existing grass fields to synthetic turf. Fence posts, curb, and base work are on-going for Phase 2. Work is scheduled to be completed in September 2022.

Town staff are working diligently to ensure project timelines are met so these facilities can begin serving our community as quickly as possible. Additional questions about Town of Mooresville facilities projects should be directed to Chris Wyckoff at cwyckoff@moorevillenc.gov.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Miles Atkins
Mayor

Eddie Dingler
Ward I
Commissioner

Thurman Houston
Ward II
Commissioner

Tommy DeWeese
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