

# town voice

THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE  
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## MEETINGS THIS MONTH

### February 3 and 17

#### *Agenda Briefings*

The Board of Commissioners will hold a virtual agenda briefing before their regular meetings on February 3 & 17 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting may be viewed at [mooresvillenc.gov/live](https://mooresvillenc.gov/live).

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### February 6 and 20

#### *Board of Commissioners Meetings*

The Board of Commissioners will meet February 6 and 20 at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, at 6 p.m.

The meetings may also be viewed virtually at [mooresvillenc.gov/live](https://mooresvillenc.gov/live).

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### February 14

#### *Planning Board*

The Planning Board will hold its monthly meeting on February 14 at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, at 6 p.m.

## *Black Mooresville: The Untold Story*

As the Town of Mooresville celebrates 150 years, a new documentary is giving an inside look at the Black community in Mooresville then and now and the integral roles they've played along the way. *Black Mooresville: The Untold Story* documents memories of current residents, oral histories, photographs, and events over the last 150 years. It premieres February 11 at the Charles Mack Citizen Center (215 N. Main Street).

NAACP President Reverend Curtis Johnson approached the Mooresville Public Library in the summer of 2022 with the idea to take a deep dive into the history of Black residents in our community. The 150 History Town Committee endorsed the idea and by September 2022, interested community members joined Rev. Johnson at the Heritage House to kick off the project.

The four-month process has been a labor of love for those involved, including Sharnetta Clark-Gordon. She coordinated interviews, worked with residents to feel comfortable and heard during interviews, provided voice overs for some of the documentary, and will be the co-emcee of the documentary premiere event on February 11. Clark-Gordon believes the documentary will showcase the Black Community's culture and history that most people do not know about.

"I was told there was no record of Black history for Mooresville. This is going to be life-changing for some because they're getting to tell their story," said Clark-Gordon. "I was just excited to be part of it and have learned a lot, some I knew nothing about. I've learned things about my family as well."

Rev. Johnson asked the Mooresville-native to be part of the documentary because of her active role in the community, including emceeding local NAACP events and being the spokesperson for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast event. Clark-Gordon says this documentary gave many longtime residents the chance to tell their stories, their successes, and the changes they've seen since the Town became incorporated on March 3, 1873.

"Our stories matter. Black lives matter. We're proud to be able to share it and hope those who see it take some pride and change their mind about things they thought about themselves," said Clark-Gordon.

Part of the documentary dives into segregation in Mooresville. For example, in the 50s and 60s, white people were allowed to sit downstairs at the local theater, but black people were forced to sit upstairs.

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# Happening Around Town

## **Murder Mystery Dinner**

February 25 | 7 p.m.

Charles Mack Citizen Center

A tragic crime takes center stage as your detective skills become the star of the show. Sigmon Theatrical (creators of The Wonderland Experience and The Sleepy Hollow Adventure) specialize in immersive theatrical experiences. Featuring a cast of incredible performers, the action will unfold all around you, with some guests even finding themselves becoming important characters in the story. Only one question remains...who's the murderer?

This is not your usual Murder Mystery experience—it's a high-class evening of theatre and mystery that will have you laughing one minute and gasping the next!

Can you figure out who did it? Take a chance on February 25, 2023. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. for more information or tickets visit [ourtownstage.com](http://ourtownstage.com)

## **RUBEN SINGS LUTHER**

March 18 | 7 p.m.

Mooresville Performing Arts Center

Mooresville Performing Arts & Events welcomes Ruben Sings Luther at the Mooresville Performing Arts Center Saturday, March 18, 2023.

It's a magical night out—a special concert event for Ruben fans and millions of Luther Vandross fans who long for his music—who now have a show that comes very close to the feeling of his memorable concerts—it's a vocal tribute to his remarkable talent.

There will never be another Luther Vandross, and no other voice comes closer to him than Ruben Studdard—the remarkable singer who has been hailed as the “Next Luther” during his American Idol run and was nominated for a GRAMMY for singing “Superstar.”

Join us for this amazing show on March 18. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

## The Town of Mooresville is Hiring!

Do you know someone looking for a job? The Town of Mooresville is actively hiring for numerous positions in several departments, including Fire, Police, Planning, and Legal. There is a \$2,000 sign on bonus available.

The Town will host a pop-up job fair on February 17 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Goodwill Career Center (124 4th Crescent Pl., Statesville).

The Town is also actively planning its annual career fair for this spring and will release details once finalized.

If you know someone interested in working for the Town of Mooresville, they can apply at [MooresvilleNC.gov/HR](http://MooresvilleNC.gov/HR).

MOORESVILLE ARTS & EVENTS PRESENTS

**RUBEN**  
STUDDARD  
**SINGS**  
**LUTHER**  
VANDROSS

**March 18, 2023 | 7 p.m.**  
**Mooresville Performing Arts Center**

OUR TOWN STAGE

# Mooresville Public Library Events

## **Take and Make Kit: Mini Book Magnet**

**February 1-10**

Teens and adults stop by the Circulation desk at MPL and pick up a take and make kit to make your own mini book magnet. Available while supplies last.

## **Great Backyard Bird Count**

**February 6-20**

The Mooresville Public Library will be participating with the National Audubon Society's 'Great Backyard Bird Count' (GBBC). Each year people from around the world come together to watch, learn about, count, and celebrate birds. In February we will be releasing a DIY bird seed kit, bird log, and library/GBBC instructions for participants.

## **Great Decisions 2023**

**February 6 and 20 | 6 p.m.**

Great Decisions is the largest nonpartisan public education program on international affairs in the world. Created in the 1950s by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions engages citizens in learning about global issues and U.S. foreign policy.

Eight critical issues facing our nation will be on the agenda of the Great Decisions discussion program.

\*Registration required.

## **LEGO Club**

**February 7 and 21 | 6 p.m.**

Children of all ages can come and enjoy building and playing with LEGOs. This program will allow children to connect with other builders and work on creating different structures or try a new LEGO challenge. Join us and let your creativity flow!

## **Homeschool Hub**

**February 9 and 23 | 1 p.m.**

Join other homeschool students as we explore literature, science, art, and technology through a variety of interactive activities. This program will require registration for the entire two-month session. Parents/guardians will register their child for the first program, and this will secure their spot for all eight sessions. Any spots that have been unclaimed during the first session will be given to the next person on the waitlist.

\*This program is for patrons ages 8-18 years old.

## **Teen Cosplay**

**February 18 | 1-3 p.m.**

Join other teen cosplay fans who want to make items, explore, and learn about cosplay. Questions? Contact Megan Mosher at [mmosher@moorevillenc.gov](mailto:mmosher@moorevillenc.gov).

## **Sensory Saturday**

**February 18 | 2 p.m.**

A family program geared towards children ages 2-6 with developmental and sensory issues, but inclusive to all children and families of all abilities. Children will engage in various activities that may include stories, music, rhymes, movement, and sensory opportunities. Group participation is not necessary.

**Find more information and events at [moorevillenc.gov](http://moorevillenc.gov)!**

## Overloading Power Strips Can Cause Fires!

The Mooresville Fire Marshal's Office is reminding people not to overload power strips or they can catch on fire!

**Plug in:** Low-powered and small electronics and devices, such as lamps, TVs, computers, phone charges

**Don't plug in:** Any major appliance, including refrigerators, oven ranges, microwaves, dishwashers, etc.

How can you prevent overloading a power strip?

1. Check how many watts or Joules the respective power strip can handle (most household power strips can handle 800-1,100 watts)
2. Determine the number of watts/Joules for each appliance, device before plugging it in
3. Ensure the number of total watts/Joules being plugged in does not exceed the max number the power strip can handle
4. Don't assume you can plug in 6 devices just because there are 6 spots available
5. Do not piggyback!
6. Large stationary devices should be plugged directly into a receptacle
7. If still unsure, read the manufacturer's instructions and labels on power strips and appliances

Questions? Call Mooresville Fire Marshal's Office at 704-664-1338.



**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

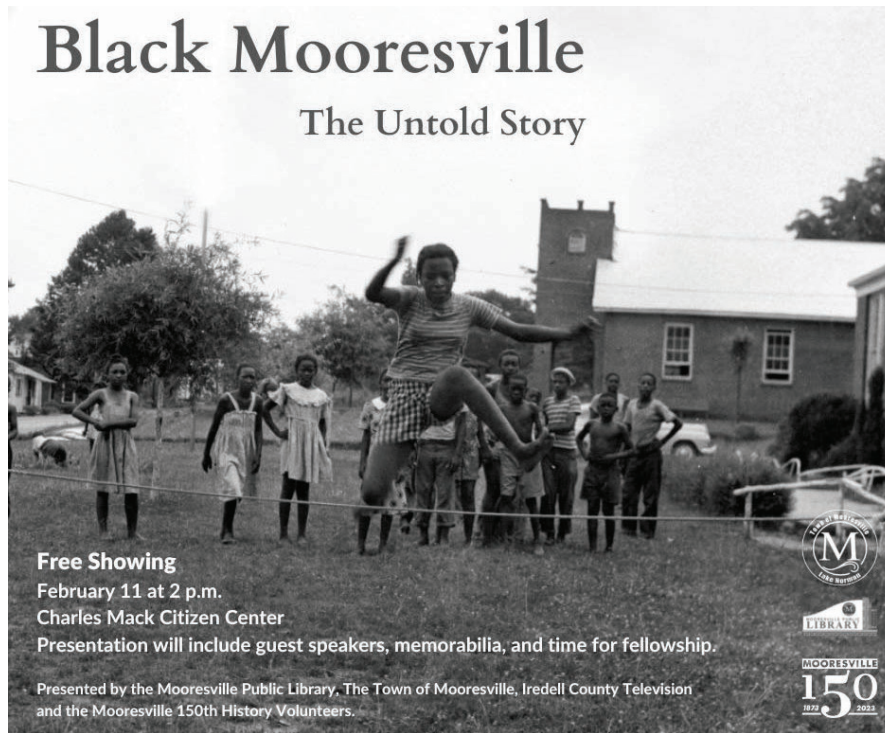
Sanitation  
704-664-4278

Selma Burke Center  
704-799-4035

War Memorial  
704-663-2670

Water  
704-663-3800

Zoning  
704-662-7040



## *Black Mooresville: The Untold Story*

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"There's also a restaurant called Sally's where Black people had to go in the back door," said Clark-Gordon. "But (Dunbar School) Principal N.F. Woods ate up front until they found out he wasn't white. There's also the history of Dunbar and the culture. There's going to be some information that people didn't know."

While digging through those years, Clark-Gordon quickly realized she had the same high school biology teacher as her mother. Miss Margie Carrouthers (later Mrs. Byers) was recruited from Barber Scotia College to teach at Mooresville High School. She lived at a home along West Moore Avenue, which Clark-Gordon says is still there today.

The documentary also features local radio host Vivian Brandon, who has worked at radio station WHIP for more than 45 years.

"She talked about how she used to have to carry records there. Now she just has to press a button," said Clark-Gordon. "She's in her 70s now and serves the entire Mooresville community. Now she gets to be part of this forever."

Clark-Gordon stressed this document is for "everyone, not just the Black community. It's for the entire Town."

*Black Mooresville: The Untold Story* documentary is directed and produced by the Iredell County Television's Shawn Eckles with narrators Reverend Curtis Johnson, Reverend Gavin Gabriel, and Sharnetta Clark-Gordon. The documentary premieres February 11 at 2 p.m. at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. The premiere is free to attend and will include guest speakers, memorabilia, and time for fellowship.

If you cannot attend the premiere, the film in its entirety as well as individual interviews and many of the photographs will be available on the Mooresville Public Library's website, under the Local History and Archives digital exhibits collection.

**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**

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Beau Falgout  
Asst. Town Manager

Ryan Rase  
Asst. Town Manager

Sharon Crawford  
Town Attorney

Genevieve Glaser  
Town Clerk