

town voice

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MEETINGS THIS MONTH

February 2 & 16

Agenda Briefings

The Board of Commissioners will hold in-person agenda briefings on February 2 and 16 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street.

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February 5 & 20

Board of Commissioners Meetings

The Board of Commissioners will meet February 5 and 20 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street.

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February 13

Planning Board

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

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February 26

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment will hold its monthly meeting on February 26 at 2 p.m. at Town Hall, 413 North Main Street.

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All meetings may also be viewed virtually at [MooresvilleNC.gov/live](https://www.MooresvilleNC.gov/live).

Home Rental Scams on the Rise

Whether you are looking for a staycation rental or a longer-term rental option, the Mooresville and Lake Norman area has plenty of options! However, Mooresville Police Department (MPD) Detectives urge residents and visitors to exercise caution when renting property outside of verified rental agencies.

MPD Detectives are seeing an increase in reports of rental property scams. Generally, these scams involve a listing of a property for rent that is not owned by the scammer. The listing could be on sites such as Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist and will usually be advertised at an incredible price. Scammers will obtain victims personal information by asking them to fill out an application and pay an application fee. Scammers then set up a remote viewing of the property with no agency representative present by giving the victims door access code information. This door access code can be obtained by the scammers from homes advertised by the actual owners via agencies such as AMH or Invitation Homes. The victim will then be asked to pay a deposit or down payment using Zelle, Cash App, Western Union, or gift cards.

At this point, the victim may or may not be given access to the property. If they are given access, victims may attempt to take possession of the property only to find that the property was not vacant and/or was legitimately rented by the property owners. In such cases, MPD Detectives say the use of electronic payment methods or gift cards for deposits make the recovery of the victim's funds next to impossible since the money is often transferred to other accounts or crypto currency then transferred out of the country.

But it doesn't stop there! Scammers have victim's personal information—such as name, date of birth, and social security number—that was provided for the application. That information can be used in identity theft, including loans taken out or vehicles purchased in the victim's name. Victims usually find out when collections or banks start calling due to missed payments.

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Happening Around Town

Arts & Events

The Great Magician - Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

February 10 | 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. You'll be whisked away to a world of illusion as a world-class magician stumbles into the middle of a chilling crime. Only one question remains... will you be the one to solve the murder, or will the truth remain hidden behind the smoke and mirrors?

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 10, 2024. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. For more information or tickets, visit OurTownStage.com.

Always Loretta - The Ultimate Loretta Lynn Tribute Show

April 13 | 7 p.m.

Joe V. Knox Auditorium

With a voice often compared to Loretta Lynn, Emily Portman's connection to the Country Music legend led her to portray Loretta in a nationally touring musical, and ultimately collaborate with Lortta's official band, The Coalminers, to create "Always Loretta," this amazing tribute show celebrating the music and life of the iconic trailblazer in Country Music.

Join us on April 13, 2024 for this amazing performance! Doors open at 6.p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. For more information or tickets,visit OurTownStage.com.

Park & Recreation's "No School" Solution

School's Out Fun Days

February 9 & 12 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Selma Burke and Winnie Hooper Recreation Centers

Looking for an activity for your school-age child on "No School" days? Students can enjoy a fun-filled day of recreation adventures with the Town of Mooresville Parks & Recreation! Activities include arts & crafts, sports, outdoor fun, and much more. Participants must bring lunch and a snack. Register at MooresvilleNC.gov/YouthPrograms.

Selma Burke = \$25 Resident/\$30 Non-resident

Winnie Hooper = \$10 Resident/\$12 Non-resident

FREE MPD & MFR Car Seat Check

February 14 | 3-5 p.m.

MFR Station 1 | 457 N. Main Street

Stop by for a free car seat check to make sure your precious cargo's seat is correctly installed and secure!

Parks & Recreation

Valentines Dance

February 3 | 6-8 p.m.

War Memorial Recreation Center

Invite your neighbors and friends to celebrate Valentine's Day with you! Enjoy a special evening of dancing and light refreshments, and have a picture made in the photo booth. This event is designed for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability, but all are welcome. Ages 8+.

Ask the Experts

February 7 & 21 | 9-10 a.m.

Winnie Hooper Recreation Center

Looking for ways to enrich your mental health or the health of a loved one? Our sessions will provide discussions on Avoiding Scams; A Deeper Understanding of Dementia; and Mind, Body, and Stress. Go to MooresvilleNC.gov to register.

Preschool Art in the Park

February 13 | 10 a.m.-noon

Selma Burke Recreation Center

Join us at the Selma Burke Recreation Center to create a nature sun catcher. This outdoor preschool-aged program is the perfect way for little ones to explore the Town of Mooresville's parks, explore their creative side, and have FUN!

Motown Valentine's Day Dance

February 14 | 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Winnie Hooper Recreation Center

Put on your dance shoes and bring your special someone. Join us for sing-a-longs and dancing as we kick back to the 70s and 80s, partying to the Motown oldies! Refreshments will be served. Residents: \$5 Non-resident \$6. Ages 50+.

Mooresville Golf Club

Spring Afterschool Program

Stay tuned to the Mooresville Golf Club's Facebook page for information on their Spring Afterschool Program. The junior Golf Spring Afterschool Program is designed to teach children 5-17 the entire game of golf.

Mooreville Public Library Events

True Crime Podcast Discussion

February 5 & 19 | 6 p.m.

Main Library

Do you love true crime? Join us for a true crime podcast discussion! Twice a month we'll meet to discuss a few episodes of Paper Ghosts season 1. We will discuss episodes 7, 8, and 9 on 2/5. We will discuss episode 10 and updates on the case on 2/19.

Code Club

February 8 | 4 p.m.

February 22 | 6 p.m.

Main Library

Children, grades K-6, will get to explore the coding program Scratch. No experience is necessary. Join us to learn how to make your own games, cartoons, and more! Both February sessions will cover the same lesson. Registration is required: bit.ly/eventsMPL.

Black Mooreville: The Untold Story Parts I, II, & III

February 8, 15, & 22 | 6 p.m.

Main Library

Celebrate Black History month and join us to view Parts 1, 2 and 3 of *Black Mooreville: The Untold Story*. Each week we will watch one part of the documentary.

Find more information and events at MoorevilleLibrary.org!

The Town of Mooreville is Hiring

Looking for a new job? What about a career change? Think MOOREVILLE! The Town is hiring for several positions— from entry level to director. Many positions offer a \$2,000 sign-on bonus. Visit MoorevilleNC.gov/HR to apply today!

2024 Recycling Calendars Now Available!

Visit MoorevilleNC.gov/Sanitation or pick up a printed schedule at Town Hall (413 N. Main Street) or Public Operations (2523 Charlotte Highway) today!

Heart of Flowers

February 12 | 6 p.m.

Main Library

Join us and make a spiral flower heart craft for your home or loved one. Registration required: bit.ly/eventsMPL.

Book Marked

February 15 | 6 p.m.

Main Library

Children ages 8-12 are invited to join us for a new book club that will make reading fun! We will meet every month with a new book to read and unique ways to discuss it. Patrons are encouraged to take the books home to read and take notes. Write them out on post-its, draw your favorite scene, even act out the dialogue, it's up to you!

Pokémon Terrariums

February 27 | 5 p.m.

Main Library

Celebrate National Pokémon Day creating your own Pokémon terrarium! Registration required: bit.ly/eventsMPL

SMARt Kids

February 27 | 6 p.m.

Main Library

School-age children will get to experiment and explore the world of Science, Math, and Art by participating in simple experiments

Overloading Power Strips Can Cause Fires!

The Mooreville Fire Marshal's Office is reminding people not to overload power strips.

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 or 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 six devices just because there are six spots available.
5. Large stationary devices should be plugged directly into a receptacle.
6. If still unsure, read the manufacturer's instructions and labels on power strips and appliances.

Questions? Call Mooreville 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
Main 704-664-2927
West Branch 704-799-4200

Charles Mack Citizen
Center
704-662-3334

Planning
704-662-7040

Police (Non-Emergency)
704-664-3311

Recreation
704-663-7026

Sanitation
704-663-7282

Selma Burke Center
704-799-4035

War Memorial
704-663-2670

Water &
Sewer Maintenance
704-663-7282

Utility Billing
704-663-3800

Zoning
704-662-7040

Home Rental Scams on the Rise

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MPD Detectives encourage residents and visitors to follow the below recommendations when renting property:

- Rent from only well-known companies or individuals.
- Meet the agency representative in-person, and do not enter the residence by yourself as it could be occupied.
- Exercise caution when making any payments via Western Union, Cash App, or Zelle.
- **IF IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT IS.** Today's housing market is expensive!

If you have questions or think you may be a victim of a rental property scam, contact Mooresville Police Department at 704-664-3311.

**ELECTED
OFFICIALS**

Chris Carney
Mayor

Eddie Dingler
Ward 1
Commissioner,
Mayor Pro Tem

Will Aven
Ward 2
Commissioner

Tommy DeWeese
Ward 3
Commissioner

Lisa Qualls
Ward 4
Commissioner

Gary West
At-Large
Commissioner

Eddie Karriker
At-Large
Commissioner

**TOWN
OFFICIALS**

Jim Landon
Interim Town
Manager

Ryan Rase
Asst. Town Manager

Sherisha Hills
Asst. Town Manager

Sharon Crawford
Town Attorney

Jane Crosby
Town Clerk

Participate in Mooresville Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Mooresville Planning & Community Development Department is asking for residents, property owners, and business owners to provide feedback for the Mooresville Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

This plan establishes goals and policies to strategically plan Mooresville's future while preserving and enhancing what makes Mooresville a desirable place to live, work, learn, and play. Goals and policies developed with this plan aim to enhance our town with a mix of uses and amenities that expand the local economy, enhance social interaction, protect environmental resources, and improve our overall quality of life. The Mooresville Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan will focus on the pattern and character of future growth while providing a vision and policy framework from which the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Capital Improvements Plan, and the Annual Budget should be guided.

Residents, property owners, and business owners are invited to join the Town for hands-on, interactive conversations about a wide range of topics important to Mooresville's future. Drop-in anytime, and stay as long as you want speak with the team. February drop-in events include:

February 1 | 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

West Branch Public Library (614 Brawley School Road)

February 8 | 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Selma Burke Recreation Center (781 Agape Drive)

Questions? Contact Will Washam, Transportation Planner, by calling 704-799-4042 or emailing wwasham@mooresvillenc.gov.