

Town to Honor Veterans with Celebration

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For the second consecutive year, the Town will hold a Veterans Celebration in honor of Veterans Day. Unlike last year's one day event, though, this year's enjoyment will last all week. The event this year will not only focus on saluting veterans for their service, but also helping them with various aspects of civilian life.

For veterans who need help connecting military skills to civilian jobs there will be workshops on Monday, November 9, and Tuesday, November 10. There will be assistance with resume writing, interview prep and one-on-one counseling at Mitchell Community College from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at NCWorks Career Center from 5 to 8 p.m.

The celebration will begin on Wednesday, November 11 with a flag ceremony at Glenwood Cemetery promptly at 11 a.m. At noon a parade will begin at the intersection of Wilson Avenue and South Main Street. The parade will proceed north ending at Town Hall. Vietnam veterans will be grand marshals of the parade as this year commemorates the 50th anniversary of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

Once at Town Hall, lunch will be provided and there will be a brief wreath laying ceremony at the flag pole. Beginning at 2 p.m., there will be a Town Hall Meeting, an open forum meant to encourage dialogue with staff from The American Legion. Festivities Wednesday conclude with a concert by country music artist Rockie Lynne on the Town Hall lawn at 4 p.m.

The celebration continues on Thursday with a Benefit Action Center and Job Fair at the Charles Mack Citizen Center. The action center, held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will offer veterans the chance to speak with Veterans Affairs staff about assistance with their benefits. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis.



Hosted by the Mooresville-South Iredell Economic Development Corporation, the Job Fair will showcase businesses who seek and employ veterans. This will be held on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will also be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The final day of the celebration will feature a closing ceremony at the Welcome Home Veterans Living Museum on Saturday at 10 a.m., an annual motorcycle ride, and a benefit barbecue by Knights of Columbus at St. Therese Catholic Church.

For more information, visit www.MooresvilleVeteransCelebration.com.



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704-662-7040

November is a month where transition and preparation begins in earnest for the approaching holiday season. Christmas trees and lights show up even before Halloween is over and certainly before we celebrate Thanksgiving. I have many friends who put up trees, set up the Christmas village, dust off the Christmas china, and place multiple ornaments and wreaths around their homes. These are all signs that signal the coming holiday season.

Just as we prepare for special holidays and celebration, the Town always faces the possibility of storms and severe weather. That is why we have a comprehensive response plan in place for disaster mitigation and planning. Our public works and utilities departments will prepare brine, stockpile salt and ready the trucks for the wintry days that will come. The sanitation crews prepare for the falling leaves and the removal of tree limbs. Street crews ensure the storm drainage system is clear and able to handle the water runoff.

Our Fleet department prepares the snow tires, checks batteries and gets warming areas ready for the diesel trucks in cold weather. Police staff prepare for Black Friday shoppers, increased patrols in shopping areas, and, unfortunately, more vehicle accidents. Fire-Rescue personnel prepare for more calls about furnaces, chimneys and candles.

On the administrative side, our finance staff have begun preparing for the 2017 budget cycle. Staff is currently evaluating the capital and staffing needs for the operation of the various departments for the next five years. Our development services folks are preparing for the future by creating a housing strategy for Mooresville and focusing new studies on key growth areas of the town. These include the Langtree and Cornelius Road areas, as well as Downtown Mooresville.

The Town constantly strives to be prepared for any type of event, crisis or emergency. Each day Town staff also prepares for the future, because the future is where we will spend most of our time.

I can't let November pass without giving thanks for each of our employees and elected officials. These are the dedicated men and women who provide you, the citizen, excellent services each day. Remember everyone who has made an impact in your life and give thanks for each of them. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and let's get ready for Christmas!

N. Erskine Smith, Jr., ICMA-CM, AICP
Town Manager

Reader Mail

When are flags supposed to be lowered to half-staff? Who decides if a flag is supposed to be lowered?

In accordance with the U.S. Flag Code, Title 4, section 7 (m), the United States Flag can only be displayed at half-staff on specific days, or under the directive of the President of the United States or the by the Governor of a state.

The Governor has authority over all flags at North Carolina facilities. In this capacity, the Governor may order the flags at state facilities to be flown at half-staff. There are a few certain days every year when flags are flown at half-staff, and those days are Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, Memorial Day (last Monday of May), Korean War Veterans Day on July 27, Patriot Day on September 11 and Pearl Harbor Day on December 7.

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Indoor Concert Series 2015/2016

The 2015-2016 Music on Main Indoor Concert Series is here! Each month from November to March a different act will be center stage. The majority of the concerts will be in the Joe V. Knox Auditorium at the Charles Mack Citizen Center with a Christmas concert at Mooresville Senior High School. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and concerts start at 6:30 p.m.

The first and last concerts of the season will be \$10 for general admission tickets and \$20 for V.I.P. meet & greet passes. All other concerts will be \$20 for general admission tickets and \$40 for V.I.P. meet & greet passes.

The first concert will feature New Car Caviar on November 6. This is a jamgrass group that pays tribute to Pink Floyd with their fresh Americana blend of music.

The second performance will be a special Christmas concert by The Impressions on December 19. This legendary group has been performing more than five decades with their soulful rhythm & blues sound. This concert will also feature the group Image as an opening act.

Taking the stage on January 2 will be Majesty Rose, who you may recognize as a contestant on season 13 of American Idol. Originally from Goldsboro, NC this young performer brings an Alternative/Pop sound to audiences of all ages.

Stephen Freeman will perform on February 5 with his tribute to Elvis Presley. Originally from Thomasville, NC. Freeman has also written, produced and starred in two plays about the life of Elvis Presley.

The last performance of the Indoor Series will be March 11 from Poor Boy Revival. This group performs cover songs of famous musicians such as Creedence Clearwater Revival and John Fogerty. This classic southern rock style of the late 60's and 70's appeals to listeners of many ages.

Concerts are expected to sell-out quickly so reserve your seats soon. Seating may be secured by registering online at www.MooresvilleRecreation.org, calling 704-663-7026, or at the Recreation Administrative Office at 418 Carpenter Avenue.

News in Brief

November Holiday Schedule Town offices and facilities will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday on Wednesday, November 11. Wednesday and Thursday residential sanitation customers will experience a one day delay in trash and recycling collection that week.

Also, Town offices and facilities will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27. Sanitation and recycling services will be delayed one day for residential customers whose regular pick-up day is Thursday.

Christmas Parade – November 24 The 71st annual Mooresville Christmas Parade will be held on Tuesday, November 24 beginning at 3:30 p.m. As usual, the parade will begin at the intersection of Statesville Avenue & Main Street, travel south along Main Street, and end at Merino's Home Furnishings. This event is free and open to the public.



For more information about the 2015 parade, call 704-213-8775 or visit www.MooresvilleChristmasParade.com.

Sanitation Survey The Town would like your input as we seek to provide the best quality service to our sanitation customers. To do so we ask residents to complete our online Sanitation Survey. This survey is meant to give sanitation staff feedback for areas of strength and areas of improvement.

To participate, visit ci.mooresville.nc.us/SanitationSurvey. For questions, call 704-664-4278.

Leaf Collection The Town collects more than 1,000 tons of leaves every year. As a reminder, yard debris, including loose leaves, are collected the day after your garbage. Mooresville residents can rake leaves to the curb for automated pick-up – do not bag your leaves. The only object than can be mixed with loose leaves is grass clippings. Piles containing brush, branches, dirt, brick concrete or rocks will NOT be collected.

For more information about the Town's leaf collection, call 704-664-4278.

New Utility Billing Cycle

Beginning January 1, 2016, the Town will begin a new cycle for the collection of utility payments. This new cycle will include notable changes to the current cycle. These changes are:

- Bills will be due for payment on the 20th of each month instead of the 10th.
- Any bill not paid by the 25th will be assessed a 5% penalty.
- Bills not paid by the 11th day of the following month will have the service disconnected.
- All disconnections will now occur between the 11th - 18th of each month. Currently, disconnections occur at the end of the month.
- The Town will no longer grant extensions.
- There will no longer be second notices sent for nonpayment of a bill.

The biggest benefit to residents of the new billing cycle will be that residents will have 10 more days to pay their utility bill.

The first payment for residents under the new billing cycle will be January 20, 2016. For more information, call 704-663-3800.



MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

NOVEMBER 6
MUSIC ON MAIN
CMCC @ 6:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 10
WATER BILLS DUE

NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

NOVEMBER 12
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

NOVEMBER 16
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

NOVEMBER 26 & 27
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

DECEMBER 2
WATER SERVICE
DISCONNECTED FOR
NON-PAYMENT

November Happenings at the Library

The Youth Services Department of the Mooresville Public Library has a full slate of activities for the fall season! Listed below are several events happening at the library during the month of November. For a full list of events, go to MooresvilleLibrary.org.

Candy Corn Turkey – November 13
Create a festive turkey using various fall candies and treats! For children ages 3 – 5. Registration is required and begins October 30.

Snowy Owls – November 17
Story time followed by a craft project involving snow owls! For children in grades K – 3rd. Registration is required. Registration begins November 3.

Evening Family Storytime – November 18
Drop in for some after dinner stories to enjoy as a family! For children ages 3 – 7. Registration is NOT required.



Make It Take It – November 18
Come to the Youth Services desk and receive a craft project to make and take home. For children ages ALL ages and while supplies last. Registration is NOT required.

Fall is in the Air – November 20
Make a popsicle stick scarecrow and play with pumpkin playdough. For children ages 3 – 5. Registration is required and begins November 6.

For more information about programs, call 704-664-2927 or visit www.MooresvilleLibrary.org.