

TownVoice

Development Projects Around Town

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In November 2014, residents approved \$30 million in bond projects to fund major infrastructure improvements within Town limits. In the coming months, many of these projects will be completed. In addition to these, new development projects are being undertaken by private organizations. Some current development projects in Town are:

School Network Sidewalk and Waterline

Waterline construction is nearly complete on Briarcliff, Bellingham and White Oaks roads. Work will continue on the sidewalk, curb and gutter over the summer, with a scheduled completion in summer 2017. Residents are asked to use caution as temporary gravel will be in the work area during the project.

Patterson-Bell Area Infrastructure Improvements

The contractor for the Patterson-Bell Sidewalk and Street improvements began work mid-January and is expected to be complete next winter. Crews will install curb, gutter, storm drainage and sidewalk on Patterson Avenue, Bell Street, and Biltmore Street.

NC115/Faith Road Intersection Improvements

Design and regulatory approval continues on the intersection of NC115 and Faith Road. This project will align Faith Road with Campus Lane and provide dedicated turn lanes on Faith Road and NC115. The new subdivision currently under construction on Faith Road was also required to participate in the cost of these improvements. The Town is receiving approximately \$1.1 million in federal funding for this project.

Walmart Grocery on NC Highway 3

Construction has begun in earnest at the intersection of Iredell Avenue and Harris Crossing Boulevard/E. Center Avenue on the new Walmart Grocery store. In addition to all site work, this privately developed site is responsible for installing a traffic signal at Iredell Avenue and Harris Crossing/E. Center, as well as participating in the cost of a traffic signal at Iredell Avenue and Culp Street. The store and signal work are expected to be completed by summer 2016.



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704-799-4070

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704-664-1338

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704-663-2539

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704-664-2927

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704-663-3800

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704-663-0033

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704-662-7040

I had the opportunity to attend the annual Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce's annual luncheon recently. At this meeting they recognized business people and individuals who have contributed and volunteered in our community. I have been to many of these over the years, and I was fortunate to be a recipient of an award many years ago. As I listened to the award winners this year I was struck by how much all of them complimented and appreciated the Town and community in which they call home.

Several of the award winners were "newcomers" to our community. Others like Steve Dailey, Juanita Norman and JD Chamberlain have lived or worked in the community for decades. Each of these newcomers I feel sure had the opportunity to live and work in any community in the country, but they chose Mooresville.

Why Mooresville? Several mentioned the outstanding quality of life we all enjoy living in this area. They mentioned the school system as well as an excellent workforce climate. What they all mentioned in their remarks, however, was the outstanding leadership in the community and the commitment of local leaders.

There are some who criticize and complain about issues in our community. They claim high taxes, traffic, the loss of "small town" Mooresville. These are opinions everyone is entitled to. There are others, though, such as the "newcomers" mentioned above, who talk about and understand Mooresville as a great, growing, caring community.

Mooresville has a long history of committed public servants, dedicated volunteers and people who make a difference. It takes special individuals to take on issues and problems to make such an impact.

As Chamber executive Kirk Ballard stated about Mooresville: "When the history of this community is written, it will include stories about its ability to adapt, improvise, overcome and create a new identity for itself. Leaders with a vision that can look to the future and see opportunities yet to come who could work collaboratively across political and socio-economic lines. Leaders who would seek to create positives out

of negatives." I often wonder where our next group of leaders at the local, state and national levels will come from and what new ideas they will bring.

I'm thankful for past leaders who exhibited the leadership, vision and collaboration to enable Mooresville to become what it is today. The task now is to have leaders who will look to the future, create a new vision and transition to our economy to meet the growing needs of our state and nation. I encourage you to take an active role in preparing Mooresville for the future!

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

Reader Mail

I pay my water bill online, so why does the Town enclose a payment envelope with my water bill?

The Town's billing process for 14,000 accounts is automated and the only payment envelopes we can guarantee are removed as inserts are those accounts with automatic bank draft. If you wish to sign up for that free service, please call 704-663-3800.

Please send any questions or suggestions for a future issue to the address below:

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c/o Public Information Office
P.O. Box 878
Mooresville, NC 28115
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Involvement Opportunities

Beginning in March, Mooresville Fire-Rescue and Mooresville Police Department will be offering free academies for local residents to learn more about these respective departments. The classes will include a mixed format including hands-on activities and demonstrations, and provide attendees with a greater understanding of public safety officials in Mooresville.

Mooresville Fire-Rescue's Citizens Fire Academy

Mooresville Fire-Rescue's (MFR) Citizens Fire Academy is a 10 week program designed to give participants a better grasp of the daily activities of MFR. Beginning Thursday, March 10, classes will continue each Thursday night from 6 – 9 p.m.

Classes will include lectures, live demonstrations and several participant involvement opportunities. The program is FREE and open to anyone at least 18 years old who lives or works in Mooresville. Applications are available on the Town's website or at any Mooresville Fire-Rescue station.

For more information, contact Mooresville Fire-Rescue at 704-664-1338.

Mooresville Police Department's Citizens Police Academy

The Mooresville Police Department's Citizens Police Academy will begin on Tuesday, March 8. This eight week course is designed to give residents and business owners a glimpse into the life of a police officer. Meetings will involve classroom presentations, simulations and interactive, hands-on activities. One of the main goals of this academy is to promote awareness, understanding and trust within community partners.

Class orientation begins on Tuesday, March 8 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and classes run through the end of April with a graduation ceremony. Anyone interested should make plans to attend all classes.

The Academy is open to Mooresville residents and business owners who are at least 18 years old. Applications are available at the Mooresville Police Department, 750 West Iredell Avenue, or on the Town's website.

For more information, call Mooresville Police Department at 704-664-3311.

News in Brief

Music on Main - February 5 On Friday, February 5, the Town of Mooresville's Music on Main Indoor Series will bring Stephen Freeman as Elvis to the stage. Originally from Thomasville, Freeman's tribute to Elvis Presley started professionally in 1998, and he has since performed in venues all over the country.



This concert will be in the Joe V. Knox Auditorium of The Charles Mack Citizen Center. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Seating is \$20 for general admission and \$40 for V.I.P. meet & greet passes. 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.

Mooresville Community Children's Theatre The Mooresville Community Children's Theatre brings "The Princess & The Magic Pea" to The Charles Mack Citizen Center February 6 – 7 and 12 – 14. Friday and Saturday



performances will be at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday performances at 3:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors (62+) and \$10 for students (3 – 18).

For more information, visit MooresvilleChildrensTheatre.org.

Housing Strategy Open House – February 16 On Tuesday, February 16 the Town of Mooresville will be hosting a second comprehensive housing strategy Open House. This drop-in event is from 5 – 7 p.m. at The Charles Mack Citizen Center. Residents are encouraged to provide comments and feedback on the Town's housing strategy initiative.

MI-Connection Channel Update Several MI-Connection customers may have recently lost high definition (HD) channels in the 700 range. The reason is MI-Connection no longer duplicates standard and high definition channels because they are the same. Thanks to a feature called channel mapping, the HD signal comes through no matter the box you have. This eliminates the need to scroll through long lists of channels to get to those in HD. For more information, visit mi-connection.com or call 704-660-3840.

SOUTHERN
FLAIR
BRIDAL AFFAIR

Sunday February 28th 12:00pm – 3:00pm
The Charles Mack Citizen Center, Mooresville
www.southernflairbride.com

National Burn Prevention Month

Every minute someone in the United States gets a burn injury severe enough to require treatment. Mooresville Fire-Rescue offers a few tips on how to prevent burn injuries.

Thermal Burns:

- The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Always stay in the kitchen when cooking. If you must leave, turn the stove off before leaving.
- Remove items with an oven mitt or potholder.
- Use a timer when cooking.
- Make sure you are alert while cooking. Do not cook if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or taken medicine causing drowsiness.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.

Scald Burns:

- Allow food and beverages to cool before putting them in your mouth.
- Test bath water before getting into the tub. Remember children and older adults have thinner skin which burns more quickly and severely than teens and younger adults.
- Do not allow young children in the kitchen or near outdoor grills when cooking.
- Microwaves can heat unevenly and create hot spots, so avoid using them to heat baby formula or baby milk.
- Unplug and safely store irons, flatirons and other appliances that might be hot to the touch.

For more information about burn prevention, contact Mooresville Fire-Rescue at 704-664-1338.

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

FEBRUARY 5
MUSIC ON MAIN
CMCC @ 6:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 11
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

FEBRUARY 15
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

FEBRUARY 16
HOUSING STRATEGY
OPEN HOUSE
CMCC @ 5 - 7 P.M.

FEBRUARY 18 & 19
TOWN BOARD RETREAT
WINSTON-SALEM

FEBRUARY 20
WATER BILLS DUE

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

Water from melted ice and snow is considered stormwater runoff and has the potential to carry pollutants into storm drains and waterways. To manage the ice and possible snow that come along with our winter weather, many use salt as a deicer and/or sand to provide traction on walkways.

As the ice on our sidewalks and walkways melt, the salt and sand can potentially travel into the nearest storm drain and into our waterways which can cause negative environmental impacts.

In an effort to minimize stormwater pollution please consider the following:

- Shovel snow and ice onto gently sloped grassed areas so as it melts it can soak into the ground.
- Apply the minimal amount of salt or sand to melt ice, and consider using environmentally friendly products instead of salt or sand.
- Sweep or shovel the salt and/or sand as ice melts so that it doesn't travel into the storm drain.

For more information, contact Rylee Hernandez, Stormwater Program Specialist, at 704-663-7282 or rhernandez@ci.moorestville.nc.us.

