

TownVoice

Spring Cleaning Reminders 2016

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The phrase “spring cleaning” doesn’t apply to just inside the home. Outside projects are also popular and the Town’s Sanitation Department has several reminders for the spring cleaning season.

Construction Debris

Building material such as carpet, flooring, tile and sheetrock cannot be collected with normal residential waste. Iredell County manages the disposal of Town-collected materials and does not permit it to be mixed with regular trash. As a result, the Town cannot collect this material through normal curbside pick-up.

Residents wishing to dispose of this debris must take it to the Iredell County Transfer Station at 158 MacLeod Drive (off Highway 150), and place it in the dumpster marked “construction debris.” There is a charge of \$35 per ton to dispose of this material. Material under 40 pounds is disposed of free of charge.

For more information, call 704-663-5314.

Household Hazardous Waste

Never place any type of chemicals, pesticides, petroleum products, etc. in your trash. Iredell County and the Town of Mooresville are hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Town’s Operations Center, 2523 Charlotte Highway.

Common items accepted include batteries, paint and paint thinners, cleaners, oils and pesticides, fluorescent light bulbs, acids, mercury thermostats and thermometers. A chemist will be on site for identifications of materials.

For more information, call Iredell County Solid Waste at 704-878-5430.



Yard Debris

Yard debris, including leaves, grass clippings and branches, is collected on the day following your normal garbage collection. Seasonal volumes such as loose leaf collection during the fall or severe storm debris may cause a brief delay in this schedule at times.

Leaves and grass clippings should be placed loosely (in piles) at the curb three feet from any obstacles. Do not bag these items. Always keep leaves and grass clippings separate from limbs.

Large piles of limbs are collected by a different truck using a special piece of equipment. This may not occur on your regular scheduled day, but debris is usually collected with 7 - 10 business days.

The Town does not collect dirt or mulch.



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How Do You Make The Right Decision?



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704-663-3800

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704-662-3334

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704-663-1026

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704-799-4070

FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY)
704-664-1338

GOLF COURSE
704-663-2539

LIBRARY
704-664-2927

PLANNING
704-662-7040

POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY)
704-664-3311

SANITATION
704-664-4278

SELMA BURKE CENTER
704-799-4035

TALBERT RECREATION
CENTER
704-799-4281

WAR MEMORIAL CENTER
704-663-2670

WATER
704-663-3800

WINNIE HOOPER CENTER
704-663-0033

ZONING
704-662-7040

Recently, I was in the nation's capital and enjoyed one of those "teaser" spring days. How beautiful Washington D.C. is when the cherry blossoms are coming out! Looking at the numerous flowers I was reminded of the millions of decisions made by individuals throughout our lives. It may be the simple decisions of when, what and where we eat each day to major decisions of college, marriage or employment.

In my career as manager, I've had to make many hiring decisions. These are some of the most difficult and trying decisions to make. They are also some of the most important. I've had the opportunity to interview and talk to a lot of qualified individuals about their career, interests, plans, achievements and skills.

All of these men and women were well qualified for the positions they were seeking. They all possess educational credentials, specialized training, advanced degrees or certificates, as well as a long employment history, professional and personal references and great resumes. So how can you make the right decision if the candidates are all similar?

Recently, in the selection process for Police Chief, I asked for input from department employees, Town Board and community partners. Being a good communicator, both verbally and written, is very important to me because being able to relate and communicate with fellow employees, the Town Board and citizens can be a challenge.

While the review of a resume, checking references and employment history are important, I've found several other tools necessary. A candidate's decision-making ability, relationship building, creativity, empathy, energy and emotional intelligence are also vital. I've used many personality tools, assessment centers and interview panels to provide additional input. The bottom line though in any of my decisions is what I believe in my heart to be best for the Town going forward.

I'm trying to build an organization and culture in the Town that will transcend my career. The Town of Mooresville is bigger and stronger than any individual, elected official or employee. The decisions made in

Town governance since 1873 have all been carried out by the elected and appointed employees of the Town. They continue to practice pride, integrity and commitment in their job each day for you, the citizens. I, along with my fellow employees, look forward to making the best possible decisions to serve you.

As I mentioned earlier, one of my recent hiring decisions was to appoint Damon Williams as Police Chief of Mooresville. He begins his service to you on April 4. I look forward to introducing him to the community as we travel and visit around town. In the meantime, please welcome him to the Mooresville community.

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

Reader Mail

How do you decide what and how many events are included in the Town Voice calendar?

Currently, all items listed occur within the month. Also, all items are events or meetings sponsored by the Town or a community partner that are open to the public. All events or meeting are available on the Town website and social media pages.

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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A Week of Celebration

April 10 – 16, 2016 is a week filled with appreciation for those who make contributions at all levels of government. Those recognized include public safety and public education individuals for their dedicated service to the community.

National Telecommunicators Week

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. This week brings celebration, honor, and publicity focused on the otherwise unsung hero on the other end of the line. Telecommunicators operate telephone and switchboard systems to relay incoming calls to emergency responders.

Today, it is estimated there are over 200,000 public safety telecommunicators across the country supporting police, fire or medical services. This week serves to thank all local police, fire, and medical professionals, by recognizing their dedicated service in helping all those in need through the use of telecommunications.

For more information, call 704-664-3311.

National Library Week

First recognized in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and involves libraries across the country. It is a time to celebrate achievements of libraries and librarians across the country, and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - are involved.

Celebrations during National Library Week include National Library Workers Day, which is celebrated each Tuesday of National Library Week. This is a day for library staff, users and administrators to recognize the contributions made by all library workers. National Bookmobile Day, celebrated the Wednesday of National Library Week, is a day to recognize the contributions of our nation's bookmobiles and those dedicated to making outreach through bookmobiles possible in their communities.

For more information about National Library Week, call 704-664-2927.

News in Brief

Festival of Food Trucks - April 16 The Mooresville Downtown Commission will host the monthly Festival of Food Trucks on the third Saturday of each month (April – October) from 5 – 8:30 p.m. North Main Street from Moore Avenue to Iredell Avenue will be closed for the events, so bring a chair, sample some delicious dishes, walk the streets and visit downtown merchants. For more information, call the Mooresville Downtown Commission at 704-662-3336.

Global Youth Service Day - April 16 Global Youth Service Day mobilizes millions of young people who improve their communities through service. Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth.



Global Youth Service Day

Join us on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. – Noon as youth throughout Mooresville gather to work on service projects to benefit our area. The event is open to youth ages 6 – 18. (Participants under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Pre-registration is REQUIRED. For more information, call 704-663-7026.

Water Quality Report The 2015 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available on the Town's website at <http://nc-mooresville.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/1989>. This state-mandated report is a snapshot of last year's water quality and the Town is pleased to report there were no violations. For more information or any questions, contact Mike Fulbright at 704-662-3186.

April Events @ The Library As spring approaches, the Youth Services Department of the Mooresville Public Library has a full calendar of events for April. Listed below are several events happening at the library this month. For a full list of events, visit MooresvilleLibrary.org.

Windsock Fun – April 15 from 11 a.m. – Noon

Draw, color and paint your own windsock. For children ages 3 -5, and registration is required. Registration begins April 1.

Acts of Kindness Club – April 19 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Create simple projects for the community and community organizations. For children in grades K – 6, and registration is required. Registration begins April 5.

Earth Day Celebration – April 22 from 11 – 11:45 a.m.

Learn fun ways to help our planet, including how to make a planter of recycled materials. For children ages 3 – 5, and registration is required. Registration begins April 8.

Spring Has Sprung – April 29 from 11 a.m. – Noon

Listen to springtime books and create your very own work of art using Cray-Pas oil pastels. For children ages 3 – 5, and registration is required. Registration begins April 15.

Fats, Oils & Grease (F.O.G.)

When grease is washed down the drain, it sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and in streets). Over time, it builds up and can block an entire pipe. Never pour fats, oils or grease (F.O.G.) down the drain.

F.O.G. discharged by residential, commercial and industrial users present a problem for the Town's wastewater collection and treatment system. Commercial products that claim to dissolve grease may only pass it down the line.

Follow these steps to properly dispose of F.O.G.:

Scrape all food and leftover grease into the trash, and never into the sink.

Recycle large amounts of used cooking oil at the Iredell County Transfer Station.

Wipe pots, pans and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing/washing.

Pour cooled F.O.G. into a can with a tight lid (ex. coffee can) and dispose of it in the garbage.

Do not use hot water to wash grease down the drain. When the water cools, F.O.G. will solidify and clog the pipes.

Do not use detergents to dissolve grease. They only disperse it down the line to recollect elsewhere and cause problems.

Do not put grease or greasy food into the garbage disposal.

Never pour grease or used oil into the storm drains or in the ground.

For more information about the Town's F.O.G. program, call 704-799-4192.

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

APRIL 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

APRIL 14
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

APRIL 16
FESTIVAL OF FOOD TRUCKS
DOWNTOWN MOORESVILLE
5:00 - 8:30 P.M.

APRIL 18
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

APRIL 20
WATER BILLS DUE

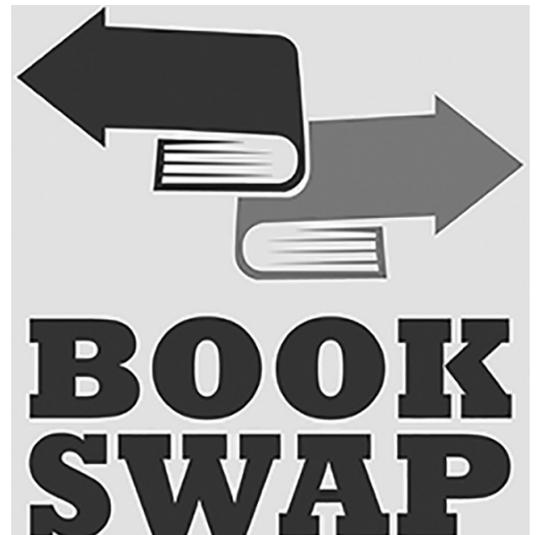
Children & Teen Book Swap at the Library

The Mooresville Friends of the Library will once again be sponsoring a book swap in April. This program offers an opportunity to recycle and reuse donated books.

Children of all ages are encouraged to drop off a gently used book during early evening hours and receive a raffle ticket for each book. These raffle tickets will be used to "purchase" donated books.

Drop off donated books in the story time room at the library April 11 - 14 from 6 - 8 p.m., and April 15 from 4 - 6 p.m. Any "new-to-you" books may be picked up/swapped on April 16 from 10 a.m. - Noon by the story time room.

All remaining books will be donated locally. Each book dropped off enters the donor into a raffle for free gifts! Three winners will receive a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble.



For more information on the Children & Teen Book Swap, call the Mooresville Public Library at 704-664-2927.