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Mooreville Main Has New Stops, Times

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Recently, changes were made to Mooreville’s public bus route to accommodate requests and ridership demand. Locations in greater demand were added to the Mooreville Main bus route, and stops with very low ridership were removed.

No longer part of the route is the corner of Catawba and Cabarrus Avenues, Merino’s Home Furnishings, Patterson Avenue and the Winnie Hooper Center. Newly added stops to the route include the Iredell County Health Department’s Mooreville location and the Lowe’s YMCA. Adding the YMCA stop in will allow riders to travel from the South Iredell Senior Center to the YMCA, a request frequently made.

The bus stop at the senior center was also adjusted for easier access. The stop is now at the side entrance to The Charles Mack Citizen Center on Moore Avenue.

In an attempt to accommodate riders who utilize the bus for traveling to and from work, the hours of operation

were extended to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Previously, bus hours were 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Since the Mooreville Main bus began operation in August 2013, the bus route has changed to accommodate demand and requests from riders. The current route reflects the most frequently used and requested stops within Town limits.

“We’ve looked at the number of riders and data collected, and we think the new routes and adjusted times will best serve our community,” said Kim Sellers, Public Information Officer for the Town.

The fare for riding Mooreville Main remains the same at \$1. For more information about the Mooreville Main bus, call ICATS at 704-873-9393. For updated route information, visit the Town’s website at ci.mooreville.nc.us.



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DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

BUSINESS OFFICE
704-663-3800

CHARLES MACK CITIZEN
CENTER
704-662-3334

CULTURAL & RECREATION
SERVICES
704-663-1026

EMPLOYMENT/HUMAN
RESOURCES
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

I recently read a book entitled "The Lost Choice" by Andy Andrews. The theme of the book (in a simplified version) is what one does with the choices they make or don't make. It struck me as I was reading that we are all placed on this earth for a reason and a purpose. We have "choices" to make during our life to fulfill that greater purpose or calling.

A quote from the book that stayed with me is "Every single choice you make...every single action you take...matters. But remember the converse is also true. Every choice you do not make...every action you do not take...matters just as much!" I want you to think about that as you read this article.

At the Town of Mooresville, we are working on a culture change in the way we operate, communicate and work internally with each other as well as our citizens. With this change comes a renewed focus on empowerment and accountability.

Each employee is accountable for the choices they make. Employees who want to advance in their careers must make "choices" to be ready for that promotion. Questions one must ask is have I taken advantage of additional training? Have I taken on greater responsibility? Have I become a coach or mentor to a fellow employee? Have I offered suggestions, alternatives or solutions to an issue or challenge? Am I willing to take risks and possibly fail?

Each issue the Town deals with, and maybe you deal with, comes with choices. There are things we can change and things we cannot change. Maybe we can't change a process or operation because of specific rules. However, just because we have been doing the same job, the same way for the past 20 years we can still evaluate it and look at ways to possibly change it to be better. Each decision requires a choice. We can accept the change or blame someone else for it. It seems we have been socialized to blame and argue, have bad attitudes and exhibit bad behaviors.

The definition of choice is "an opportunity or power to choose between two possibilities." The quote in the book I noted earlier says there are consequences of

each choice. They don't have to be negative, they could be positive, but there are consequences.

As I prepare the FY 17 budget for the Town Board's adoption this month I realize I have many choices. Also, the Board will have choices as they review and analyze the budget themselves. In my decisions, I strive to make the right choice to make Mooresville a better place to live, work and play.

I encourage you to think about each choice you make or don't make. Be accountable for your decisions and your choices. I encourage you to make the choice that has the greatest impact on you, your neighborhood, the Town of Mooresville, North Carolina and the world.

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

Reader Mail

I have been a resident of Mooresville for almost 2 years. I was aware of county taxes and Mooresville Graded School District taxes. However, the Town of Mooresville taxes threw me for a loop.

As a Town resident, you pay the Town of Mooresville, (.58) Iredell County (.5275) and Mooresville Graded Schools (.185) property taxes. Mooresville and Iredell County levy this per \$100 of property valuation. Iredell County taxes pay primarily for three services: schools; health & social services; and the judicial system. As a resident of the Town of Mooresville, your taxes provide for Public Safety (Fire and Police); Public Works (Streets, Sanitation, Fleet, Traffic); Development Services (Planning, Zoning and Development); Recreation and Culture (Builds & Grounds, Library, Recreation Centers, Golf Course, Charles Mack Citizen Center, Museum and Art Depot); and General Government Administration.

Proposed FY 17 Budget Highlights

During the May 16 Town Board of Commissioner's meeting, Town Manager Erskine Smith formally presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017. Interested residents may obtain a copy of the proposed budget at the Mooresville Public Library, Mooresville Town Hall or download it from the Town's website.

At the Town Board meeting on June 6, there will be a public hearing for anyone who wishes to speak about the budget. Following the public hearing, the Board may vote on the budget for the next fiscal year or wait until the June 20 meeting. A few of the items included in the FY 17 Budget include:

Public Safety

Mooresville Police Department is requesting additional personnel to improve customer service and meet Town growth needs. One proposed position is to add an Assistant Communication Supervisor to increase supervisor coverage to 24 hours a day. With the implementation of the MPACT policing model, the Mooresville Police Department is requesting two additional patrol officers. Additionally, Mooresville Fire-Rescue is replacing an existing fire engine and requesting a new Assistant Chief of Logistics. One role of this position involves supervising maintenance and care of Fire-Rescue's capital assets including vehicles and equipment.

Recreation Facility Improvements

The proposed budget calls for facility improvements at cultural and recreation facilities. These include renovation of main floor restrooms and a new roof at The Charles Mack Citizen Center, and to repair the existing facade at the Talbert Recreation Center. Other projects include an upfit for men's and women's locker rooms at the War Memorial pool and funding the design phase of the Dye Creek Greenway.

Stormwater Projects

A major stormwater project involves Church Street & Stewart Avenue. This project will upgrade the existing Church/Stewart storm drainage collection system in an area prone to street flooding during heavy rain. Work includes a small component designed to protect the headwaters of the Rocky River basin and reduce erosion issues.

News in Brief



Music on Main - June 3 Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs to the free "Music on Main" summer concert series. On Friday, June 3, Darrell Harwood and special guest Coddlecreek will take the stage for the second concert of the summer. A native of China Grove, Harwood brings a must see, high energy country party.

The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn beside Town Hall. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call 704-663-7026 or visit MooresvilleRecreation.org.

Splash Pad/War Memorial Pool Open The Splash Pad at Hope Park and the War Memorial Pool are now open. The Splash Pad is located at 170 Joe Knox Blvd, and is open from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., seven days a week. The War Memorial Pool is open every day from 1 - 5 p.m. and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. for family swim.

For more information on the Splash Pad at Hope Park or War Memorial Pool, call 704-663-7026.

Free Summer Movies From MI-Connection To say thank you to their a video customers, MI-Connection is giving a FREE Video on Demand (MI-Choice 1) movie each week during May, June and July. Grab the popcorn and get ready for a summer of family fun.

A converter box is required in order to receive Video On Demand. If you don't have a box, upgrade today and enjoy the summer of FREE movies. Check your email for ordering and redemption instructions. Visit the MI-Connection website, www.mi-connection.com, or call 704-660-3840 for more information.

Holiday Closing - July 4 Town offices and facilities will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Monday, July 4. There will be a one day delay in sanitation collection for all residential customers that week.



Sanitation Brochure Distribution A new brochure highlighting the services provided by the Town's Sanitation Department is coming your way in the mail. The publication includes updates on weekly services, as well as information about the new services offered to Town residents. For more information, call the Sanitation Department at 704-664-4278.

Firework Education & Safety

During this time of year, fireworks are a popular recreation activity. Fireworks can be dangerous, however, if not handled properly. In 2015, there were 10,850 firework-related injuries treated in U.S. hospitals. There were also 11 deaths associated with fireworks from 10 incidents.

Mooresville Fire-Rescue reminds everyone of simple facts and safety tips to follow:

- Fireworks that are legal in North Carolina include poppers, sparklers, fountains and other novelty items that don't explode, spin, leave the ground or fly through the air.
- The majority of injuries annually from fireworks are from smaller devices, like fountains, sparklers and poppers.

• Sparklers burn at temperatures up to 1200 degrees Fahrenheit. To put in perspective, wood burns at 575 degrees and glass actually melts at 900. Handheld sparklers are the cause of many 3rd degree burn injuries annually.

If you plan to purchase and use legal fireworks:

- **Buy** from reliable fireworks vendors.
- **Store** fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- **Wear** tighter fit clothing if handling fireworks.
- **Have** a hose or bucket of water nearby.
- **Never** shoot fireworks from objects such as a metal or glass container.

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

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

JUNE 3
MUSIC ON MAIN
TOWN HALL @ 6:30 P.M.

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

JUNE 9
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

JUNE 20
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

JUNE 20
WATER BILLS DUE

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Dig Safely

If you are planning to dig on your property, follow these steps before beginning:

***Call before you dig.** State law requires you notify North Carolina 811 by dialing 8-1-1 to have your utilities located before you begin any work. When a utility locate request is received by NC 811, utilities have two business days beginning at 12:01 a.m. of the next business day to mark their underground facilities.



***Wait.** At no cost to you, technicians will mark the location of the utility lines on your property. Once all lines are marked, you can then safely begin your project.

***Dig with care.** If you accidentally hit a line, no matter how minor it may seem, call PSNC Energy immediately at 1-877-776-2427.

Summer Reading

Our summer Reading 2016 Kickoff is Saturday, June 4 at the Mooresville Public Library. Join staff for a fun day filled with shows and events. **My Animal Guy** will feature his interactive animal performance at 11 a.m. in the Youth Services community room, and **The Know it All Fair** takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keep track of your reading and earn prizes along the way when you register for the summer reading club. There's a club for everyone from birth – 99! Youth Services will offer programming from story times, craft programs and exercise classes.

Move to the Music is for 2-5 year olds who will make simple musical instruments to take home. Registration is required. Also, **Library Fit Camp** is a fitness class for kids in grades 1 – 6.

For more information, visit the event calendar at MooresvilleLibrary.org or call 704-664-2927.