

TownVoice

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Information

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MILES ATKINS
MAYOR

EDDIE DINGLER
WARD I COMMISSIONER

THURMAN HOUSTON
WARD II COMMISSIONER,
MAYOR PRO TEM

DANNY BEAVER
WARD III COMMISSIONER

LISA QUALLS
WARD IV COMMISSIONER

DAVID COBLE
AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER

BOBBY COMPTON
AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER

TOWN OFFICIALS

N. ERSKINE SMITH JR.
TOWN MANAGER

STEPHEN P. GAMBILL
TOWN ATTORNEY

JANET POPE
TOWN CLERK

On June 6, the Mooresville Town Board approved the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. The approved budget total of \$98,929,412 includes no increase in taxes or utility rates.

General Fund.....	\$66,346,737
Utility Fund.....	25,503,782
Utility Capital Projects.....	3,435,000
Stormwater.....	1,179,920
Powell Bill.....	960,000
Community Development.....	565,973
Capital Reserve.....	500,000
General Capital Projects.....	438,000
Total.....	\$98,929,412

Some of the items from the general fund in the FY '17 budget include nine new or replacement police cars, a new fire engine, buildings renovations at The Charles Mack Citizen Center, adding nine new staff positions, Edgemoor Park playground improvements and the design phase of the Dye Creek Greenway.

Items from the utility fund include \$100,000 for in-house work on waterline projects and \$500,000 for contracted waterline projects, one new staff position and a sewer line extension design between Highway 3 and Linwood Road.

Each local government shall operate under an annual balanced budget ordinance adopted and administered in accordance with "The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act." Major sources of revenue for the Town are the ad valorem property tax and local option sales taxes. User fees for services, such as water and sewer, support the operation and maintenance costs of the systems.



Ad valorem property taxes, the Town's General Fund major source of revenue, generates approximately \$34,125,000 of revenue. Property tax rates for Mooresville are \$0.58 per \$100.

Funds in the budget pay for the personnel and services provided by the Town to the residents. Safe drinking water, regular trash collection, recreational opportunities and public safety protection are among the many services provided by the Town.

One element of the budget added last year, and continues this year, are the Capital Project Budget Ordinances. These ordinances authorize major expenditures that span over multiple budget years and consists of large-scale projects. Examples of this include previously approved GO Bond Projects like the Golf Course renovations and Mill Village water/sewer upgrades.

Copies of the complete budget are available at Mooresville Town Hall, the Mooresville Public Library or by download from the Town's website.



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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

As I write this, the nation has learned of the tragedy and death of 50 young people in Orlando. This was an unspeakable act of violence against unarmed and defenseless individuals. It is the worst act of terrorism on American soil since the events of 9/11. It's hard to imagine how an individual can commit such an act.

Recently, this area experienced the loss of two firefighters while serving in the line of duty. One was involved with his department on an active fire scene. The other was involved as a volunteer using his skills as part of mutual aid response in recovering a drowning victim. As a former fire-rescue worker for more than 20 years, I understand their dedication and passion. I've witnessed that care and passion in my fellow volunteer firefighters.

Each of these incidents provide a couple of valuable lessons for each of us. First, I realize I take for granted the job our public safety workers do each day in our community. These men and women put on their uniform each day and serve me, a resident of Mooresville. Every day they protect this community from harm.

Many not only work full-time for Mooresville, but on their time off they volunteer in many of the volunteer departments in Iredell county and surrounding communities. They ask for nothing in return other than reasonable pay and quality equipment. I'm happy our Town Board has worked to ensure our public safety personnel are competitively paid and provided the necessary resources to be safe while on duty.

Second, these incidents are a reminder that life is short and precious. I've discussed this topic before, but I know I have taken family, friends, co-workers for granted. I should tell those family members close to me daily how much I love them. I should tell my friends and co-workers how proud and grateful I am for the things they do.

I encourage you to recognize our public safety employees each time you encounter them. Thank them for their service and dedication to the profession, community and you. Also, never take your family, friends or co-workers for granted. Thank them often.

Lastly, I want to thank each of you for your service to the community. I know many of you serve in volunteer roles in the schools, organizations and agencies of our community. Mooresville is what it is because of the work YOU do.

So don't wait any longer...don't you have somebody to thank?

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

Reader Mail

Why did the second notices for paying utility bills stop? I am 77 years old and I used the second notice as a reminder to pay my bill.

The Town began a new billing cycle in January for collecting utility payments. With this new policy the Town no longer sends second notices for nonpayment of a bill.

However, bills are now due on the 20th of each month instead of the 10th. This allows residents 10 more days to pay their utility bill than the previous billing cycle. For example, one utility payments are due July 20.

The Town offers several options for payment. Residents may pay online through the Town's website at ci.mooresville.nc.us, through an automatic bank draft program that is free to use, or residents may pay in person at Town Hall.

For more information, call 704-663-3800.

National Night Out 2016



On Tuesday, August 2 from 5 - 8 p.m., the Town of Mooresville and community partners will participate in National Night Out (NNO), a crime and drug prevention event held in cities throughout the United States.

Founded in 1981, the purpose of NNO is to increase awareness of crime & drug prevention, increase support of local efforts to reduce crime, strengthen community-police partnerships, and provide information to kids and adults about alternatives to drugs and crime.

Each year approximately 30 million people across North America participate in the National Night Out Celebration. Participation includes every state in the U.S. and Canada.

Our event takes place along North Main Street between Iredell Avenue and Moore Avenue. Representatives from Mooresville Police Department, Mooresville Fire-Rescue and local businesses and shops will be sharing information. Activities include prize raffles, dunk tank, food vendors, disc jockey, live entertainment and much more.

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



News in Brief



Music on Main - July 3 Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs to the free "Music on Main" summer concert series. On Sunday, June 3, Rockie Lynne and special guests Dane Page and Glass Hammers will take the stage for the third concert of the summer. A native of nearby Statesville and military veteran, Lynne is a country music artist who brings a patriotic tribute to each show.

This special concert is being held in partnership with the Lowe's YMCA's Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, July 3. The event begins at 4:00 p.m. at Lowe's YMCA located at 170 Joe V. Knox Avenue. Concerts will return to Town Hall in August. For more information about the concert series, call 704-663-7026 or visit MooresvilleRecreation.org.

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.

Downton Survey The Town of Mooresville has experienced rapid growth, and is exploring ideas for potential improvements to downtown parking. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts by completing our online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parkmooresville>.

Children's Theatre The Mooresville Community Children's Theatre brings Disney's "The Jungle Book Kids" to the Joe V. Knox Auditorium of the Charles Mack Citizen Center. Performances will be held two consecutive weekends in July beginning Friday, July 22.



Shows start at 7 p.m. on July 22, 23, 29 and 30, and at 3 p.m. on July 24 and 31. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors (62+) and \$10 for students (3 - 18). For more information, visit MooresvilleChildrensTheatre.org.

No Agenda Needed - July 30 The Town of Mooresville will hold its fourth "No Agenda Needed" community chat session on Saturday, July 30 from 9 - 10 a.m. at Liberty Park in conjunction with the Mooresville Farmer's Market. These events give residents an opportunity to meet and talk with Town elected officials and staff in a relaxed environment. For more information, contact Kim Sellers, Public Information Officer, at ksellers@ci.mooresville.nc.us or 704-799-4011.

Hotel Safety Advice

Summer travels can make hotels our home away from home. On average, one of every 13 hotels report a structure fire each year. The majority of these fire deaths result from fires that start in a bedroom.

Follow these steps to make your stay safe:

- Choose a hotel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted.
- Take time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked.

If they are locked, report it to a member of management right away.

- Keep your room key by your bed at night and take it with you anytime you leave.
- If an alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs — never use elevators during an emergency.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low to the floor and stay as low as possible.

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

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

JULY 3
MUSIC ON MAIN
LOWE'S YMCA @ 4:00 P.M.

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

JULY 5
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

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

JULY 20
WATER BILLS DUE

AUGUST 2
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
N. MAIN STREET @ 5 P.M.

Car Washing: Stormwater Effects

Water runoff from washed cars often includes oils, grease, sediment, heavy metals, residue from exhaust fumes, and gasoline. Water from residential car washing activities enters storm drains, many of the pollutants from washed cars can enter and pollute the drains.

Sediment discharged to the storm drains, and ultimately our local water bodies, can negatively impact the environment.

Using a commercial car wash instead of washing your car at home helps to reduce the amount of pollutants entering the stormwater system. When washing your car at home, consider the following to reduce the amount of pollutants you discharge:

- Wash your car over a grassy or vegetated area;
- Direct runoff from car washing activities to a grassy or vegetated area;



- When washing, use a bucket and rag;
- Use a control nozzle on hoses; and
- Use biodegradable soaps.

For more information on how you can prevent stormwater pollution, contact Rylee Hernandez, Stormwater Program Specialist, at 704-799-4068 or rhernandez@ci.mooreville.nc.us.