

TownVoice

Citizens Academy Begins in September

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Beginning in September, the Town will again offer the Mooresville Citizens Academy, an eight week course that offers citizens an up close look at Town services and facilities.

This year's academy will begin on Thursday, September 8 and conclude with a graduation ceremony at a November Town Board of Commissioners meeting. Classes are led by department directors and Town officials. **This year TWO sections will be offered, one from 9 a.m. - Noon, and the second from 6 - 9 p.m. each Thursday.**

Instruction will include PowerPoint presentations, live demonstrations, interactive group discussions, and more. There is no charge for this course, but space is limited to 15 participants and is open to Town residents only.

"This is an opportunity for any resident of Mooresville to meet and talk with people who provide the services they, as residents, receive," Town Manager Erskine Smith said. "This offers a great way for students to understand how and what their Town provides on a day-to-day basis."

"This course is a great learning experience for anyone; whether you just moved to Mooresville last week or you're a native whose lived in the area all your life," Smith said. "If you want to learn about the Town you live in, how a local government operates, and the benefits and services you receive there is no better way to learn than this."

"Those who take this course will see first hand the hard work and commitment involved to make a town run smoothly," Public Information Officer Kim Sellers said. "Our hope is students use their experiences in the class to share with their neighbors and friends to help tell the Town story."

Applications are available on the Town's website at www.ci.mooresville.nc.us, at Town Hall and at the Mooresville Public Library. All applications must be received by Thursday, September 1.

For more information about this year's Citizens Academy, contact Kim Sellers at 704-799-4011 or ksellers@ci.mooresville.nc.us.



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LIBRARY
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704-663-2670

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FROM
THE
TOWN
MANAGER

Time For A New Chapter To Begin

By now you know of my decision to retire from the Town. I have been fortunate to have served my entire public service career in my hometown of Mooresville. I would never have guessed that would happen when I graduated from Mooresville High School in 1974 and Appalachian State University in 1978. Mooresville was a totally different place when the population was under 8,000 people. Shops closed early on Tuesday afternoons, were busy every Saturday, and closed every Sunday. Mooresville today is different from the Mooresville of my youth.

I have been fortunate to serve as the town manager for Mooresville since 2011. I am grateful and appreciate the opportunity the Mayor and Town Board allowed me to lead the Town. I haven't done it alone. I had a great foundation and organization established before me. Mooresville has always been led by professional managers and I consider myself lucky to be among the men who served the town and public before me.

I am proud of the many accomplishments achieved during my career with Mooresville. I have witnessed the creation or expansion of facilities like the Mooresville Public Library, The Charles Mack Citizen Center, Town Hall, several fire stations, and the development of Mazeppa and Cornelius Road parks. Together, we have purchased two new community centers, renovated the Mooresville Golf Course, and created a multitude of economic development projects...all while establishing a sound, conservative financial foundation, stabilizing tax and utility rates, and so much more. I feel fortunate to have played a role in the growth and development of this southern mill town where I grew up into a vibrant multi-dimensional community.

However, I would not have made a difference in this community without the support of my family, the Town Board, and my co-workers with whom I serve. I am especially proud of the leadership team that is in place to lead this organization. I am confident the men and women in these leadership positions are experts; professionals in their work and committed to customer service. This leadership team will meet the future challenges in the Town. I know the next manager will be fortunate to have this staff already in place.

Over the past several years, I and the leadership team have worked on a new Town vision that embodies the values of pride, integrity and commitment. Collectively, we have worked to break down department silos, value our individual traits and those of team members, understand our own strengths and weaknesses, improve communication, and strive for more efficiency in service delivery.

To my fellow employees of the Town, I believe there is nothing more fulfilling or noble than serving the public. They may not appreciate it at times; they may take you for granted but know I appreciate your service and dedication to the citizens of Mooresville. Like the ancient Greeks, I hope I will leave the Town greater, better and more beautiful than when I began my career here nearly 30 years ago.

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

Reader Mail

I recently received a letter from the Town of Mooresville regarding water line warranty services. Is the town paying for these mailings on behalf of these other companies, or are these warranty companies covering the costs?

The Service Line Warranty program is a partnership with the Town of Mooresville and Utility Service Partners. It is a voluntary program, endorsed by the Town and National League of Cities. Many of our residents do take advantage of the water and sewer line warranty program as simple "insurance" over issues with their utility lines.

The Town does NOT pay for the mailings. The warranty company pays all costs associated with the solicitation and purchases the mailing list through the US Postal Service.

August Programs @ The Library

The month of August offers programs for all ages at the Mooresville Public Library. All programs are led by Town staff or professionals in the career field. Please note, the children's events require registration before the day of the scheduled program.

Library Fit Camp - August 5 @ 11:00 a.m.

Get fit by discussing fitness and practicing simple exercises to get your body moving. Wear sneakers and comfortable clothes. For children in grades 1st-6th. Registration required.

LEGO Fun - August 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

Use your imagination to create with LEGOS. This is proven to support STEM learning. For children in grades 1st-5th. Registration required.

Healthy Living - August 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a special presentation on the role money plays in a healthy lifestyle. There will be time for questions. For all ages.

Let's Get Creative - August 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

Learn metal tooling techniques by creating your very own metal tooling masterpiece. For children in grades 4th-7th. Registration required.

Choose My Plate - August 15 @ 2:00 p.m.

Create a healthy "plate" with fruits, grains, vegetables, protein and dairy while discussing different foods and helpful tips. For children in preschool-2nd grade. Registration required.

Chair Exercise Class - August 26 @ 1:00 p.m.

Even if you have difficulty standing or walking, it doesn't mean exercise is out of the question. Come learn easy exercises you can do sitting in a chair.

Family History 101 - August 27 @ 10:30 a.m.

Join Mr. and Mrs. Bill Solt for a presentation on genealogy and there will be time for questions. For all ages. Light refreshments provided.

For more information about these programs or any event at the library, call 704-664-2927.

News in Brief



Music on Main - August 5 Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs to the free "Music on Main" summer concert series. On Friday, August 5, Hip Pocket and special guest Lakeside Drive will take the stage for the fourth concert of the summer. Known for their lively shows and party atmosphere, Hip Pocket is consistently ranked as one of the top Beach/Variety bands on tour.

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 about the concert series, call 704-663-7026 or visit MooresvilleRecreation.org.

Pool Closing for the Season The War Memorial Pool will close for the season in August as many staff return to college. The official last day of operation for the season is determined by staff availability, and will be posted on the Town's website and Facebook page. Thank you for a great season!

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>.

Whole Home DVR MI-Connection now offers a Whole Home DVR service. This new DVR will allow you to record up to six programs at once and watch on any TV connected to your home network. Remote scheduling is also a feature on the new box along with the latest interactive, multi-function guide.

For more information, call MI-Connection at 704-660-3840.

No Agenda Needed - August 23

The Town of Mooresville will hold the next "No Agenda Needed" community chat session on Tuesday, August 23 from 6 - 7 p.m. at Firehouse Subs, 489 River Highway. 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.



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 under 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, 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

AUGUST 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

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

AUGUST 5
MUSIC ON MAIN
TOWN HALL @ 6:30 P.M.

AUGUST 11
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

AUGUST 20
WATER BILLS DUE

SEPTEMBER 5
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

National Night Out - August 2

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 and towns 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. It also is meant to build neighborhood camaraderie and ultimately empower residents to make their neighborhoods safer places to live.

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.