

Golf Club Set To Open This Month

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The Mooresville Golf Club will re-open for business this month. The re-opening will complete a two-and-a-half year process for the course that's included many alterations, including a name change.

In May 2014, local voters approved \$10 million of bonds for recreation projects. In August 2014, the Town Board approved the complete redesign of the front nine holes and new greens, tees, bunkers, cart paths and fairways for the back nine. In November 2014, the course officially closed and the redesign process began.

Among the changes since then include the installation of 1,000 new sprinkler heads and a new 10 acre practice facility with five target greens, and the addition of five miles of new concrete cart path and eight miles of new drainage pipes. The course now also features a new bathroom facility and pump station between holes 14 and 15 and a new cart bridge between holes five and nine.

During the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting on August 2, 2016, Golf Course Manager Luke Steimke announced the club's new daily greens and members fees. A full golf membership for residents, with seven day a week access, will be \$1,500 for a single membership and \$2,250 for a family. Senior memberships will be \$1,200 annually with a family rate of \$1,800.

Anyone who wants Monday through Friday access only, the weekday plan will be \$1,000 for singles and \$1,500 for families.

Opening hours for the course will be Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and weekends and holiday hours will be 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. The first tee time will be available one half-hour after opening. Winter hours will switch to 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



When the course opens, the only element yet to be complete will be the new clubhouse facility. This facility, which will feature a formal dining hall and banquet area, is set to open in Spring 2017. A modular unit will be installed to serve as the temporary clubhouse.

"We are excited to introduce the newly-renovated Mooresville Golf Club, and we believe our course will be one of the best in North Carolina," said Steimke. "We hope to see everyone teeing up soon as course conditions, layout, clubhouse amenities and exceptional customer service will guarantee a great round of golf."

For more information about the Mooresville Golf Club, contact Luke Steimke at 704-663-2106 or lsteimke@ci.mooresville.nc.us.



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704-663-2539

LIBRARY
704-664-2927

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704-662-7040

POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY)
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704-799-4035

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CENTER
704-799-4281

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704-663-2670

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704-663-3800

WINNIE HOOPER CENTER
704-663-0033

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704-662-7040

FROM
THE
TOWN
MANAGER

The Wheels of Local Government

Welcome to September and the “kick off” of football season! I’m looking forward to cooler temperatures and App State football! Now on to the serious stuff...

I have heard all my life that the “wheels of government turn slowly,” but what does that mean? The Chinese military strategist Sun Tzu is credited with stating that “the wheels of justice turn slowly but grind fine.” In my time with the Town, I’ve found that to be true in many cases. I believe in the efforts to make government more accountable, open and secure there are many procedures and requirements put in place to protect the taxpayer’s money.

For example, people always ask why does it take so long to complete a road or recreation project? The citizens approved the bonds in 2013, why haven’t we seen anything done? I’ll provide an example of one of the projects I get questions about the most: NC-150 and NC-801 intersection.

First, this road is owned by the State of North Carolina. In order to spend Town money on a state road, there has to be coordination with the NCDOT. The Town has to survey and develop the design documents that need to be reviewed by NCDOT. I know what you’re saying, “oh great, another layer of bureaucracy.”

This project was fortunate to qualify for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (CMAQ) from the Federal Government. Another layer of government bureaucracy! While that may be true, Mooresville is receiving \$1.7 million in CMAQ dollars for the project. Yes, it requires federal approval and additional time, but with these additional funds Mooresville can save its local bond money for other projects. Lastly, when the Town receives NCDOT and federal approvals we can work with property owners affected by the project.

As you can see this is an extensive project and typical for the first phase of our transportation bond projects that involve CMAQ and NCDOT approvals. Several of the projects approved in the bond package involve almost \$4.3 million in additional CMAQ and private development funds. That’s \$4.3 million of additional revenue that’s too good to pass up.

Other issues, such as required bidding for construction projects and equipment purchases, are good practices, but they do also increase time for approvals of purchases and delay projects. These all have to be taken into account by our departments, administration and finance staff. Approval of zoning, changes to ordinances, annexation and other regulatory documents require public hearings, specific advertisement requirements and timeframes which are dictated by North Carolina law. All of these requirements “slow down the wheels of government”.

There are many protective measures in place, like contract control, multiple signatures, reviews, public notice and audits that are necessary to protect not only individuals but also the public investment. With a budget approaching \$100 million, there should be checks and balances to protect the citizen’s investment.

My hope in discussing this topic is that you have a better understanding of some of the many challenges and hurdles involved in local government. I can assure you we do everything possible to make sure each citizen has access to all the information to understand what it takes to manage and operate your local government.

For all up-to-date information on the Town, please check the Town website at www.ci.mooreville.nc.us. You can also become a fan of the Town on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. As always my door is open, and you’re welcome to drop by anytime!

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

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

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Special Collections @ The Library

The Special Collections Division at the Mooresville Public Library serves as the Town repository for the local history, archives, and genealogical collections of the Town and the surrounding area. It is comprised of four main collections: Local History, Archives, Genealogy and Rare Books. In addition, there are also many services and resources offered to patrons to research family history, conduct historical research on the history of the Town, or as a connection to larger global databases.

One resource patrons can access anytime from any location is Digital Mooresville (www.digitalmooreville.org). This web page houses the oral histories of various people, groups and business from around Mooresville, as well as digital copies of the Mooresville Tribune from 1904 to the present. The site also includes links to the Willow Valley Veterans project which includes veterans buried at Willow Valley Cemetery and a historic walking tour map of Downtown Mooresville.

From the main page of the library website, patrons can access links provided by Special Collections to Fold3, My Heritage, North Carolina Digital Collections and others to help in their family history research. In addition to online resources, Special Collections houses books, files, and donated family genealogies, as well as microfilm records and genealogical publications.

A complete catalog of all the genealogical holdings can be found by typing in the word "genealogy" into the search bar on the library's online catalog page. Other resource items that can be found include items such as photographs, scrapbooks, maps, manuscripts, memorabilia from World War II, artifacts and more.

The Special Collections Division accepts donations of historical items to the archive. Items relating specifically to the history of Mooresville are appreciated.

For more information on how to donate items or about the Special Collections Division, contact Andy Poore, Curator of Special Collection, at 704-664-4315 or apoore@ci.mooreville.nc.us.

News in Brief



Music on Main - September 2 Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs to the free "Music on Main" summer concert series. On Friday, September 2, the Band of Oz will take the stage for the fifth concert of the summer. Formed in 1967, the Band of Oz still performs over 200 shows per year and the Raleigh based group still remains one of the most popular beach bands in the Southeast.

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.

Holiday Closing Town offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. There will be a one day delay in trash and recycling collection for all residential sanitation customers.

Splash Pad at Hope Park The Splash Pad at Hope Park will close for the season on Monday, September 5. Thank you for another wonderful summer!

REACH from MI-Connection MI-Connection is entering its fourth year of partnering with the Mooresville Graded School District to offer the Internet Reach Every Available Community Household (REACH) program. REACH provides the opportunity for every qualifying family in the MI-Connection service area to receive free 3Mbps X 1Mbps internet during the school year.

To qualify, the household must have at least one child in the fourth grade or higher enrolled in the Mooresville Graded School District who is eligible for the National School Free and Reduced Lunch program. For more information, visit mi-connection.com or call 704-660-3840.

Volunteer Spotlight

Each month, one individual is highlighted for his/her service to the Town through their volunteer service. This month's spotlight is Alyssa Core, a Junior at South Iredell High School, who volunteers at the Winnie Hooper Center.

"I volunteer because I like helping children. Volunteering gives me the opportunity to meet kids and other volunteers that I probably wouldn't have met otherwise."



Yard Debris Collection

Each week, on the day after your trash collection, Town sanitation crews collect yard debris (limbs, leaves, grass clippings, etc.) curbside. Seasonal high volumes, such as loose leaves or storm debris, can sometimes cause a brief delay in this schedule.

Leaves and grass should be placed in piles at the curb for the vacuum truck to collect. DO NOT bag these items or mix them with limbs.

Limbs should be placed at the curb, neatly stacked, and should not exceed four feet in length and four inches in diameter. Large piles of limbs are collected by a different truck with special equipment, and usually within 7 - 10 business days.



The Town of Mooresville DOES NOT collect mulch, dirt, brick or stone. Also, yard waste generated from work by a contractor is NOT eligible for curbside collection. Contractors must remove the yard waste from your home after work is completed.

For more information, call Sanitation at 704-664-4278.

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2
MUSIC ON MAIN
TOWN HALL @ 6:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 5
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

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

SEPTEMBER 8
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 19
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 20
WATER BILLS DUE

September Events at the Library

The Youth Services Department at the Mooresville Public Library has a full calendar of events for September. Listed below are several opportunities this month. For a full list, visit MooresvilleLibrary.org.

Sunflower Fun - September 9 @ 11:00 a.m.
Painting and designing your very own sunflower! For children ages 3 - 5. Registration required.

Halloween Wreath - September 15 @ 4:00 p.m.
Come create a festive Halloween wreath to display during the month of October. For children in grades K - 6th. Registration required.

An Apple A Day - September 16 @ 11:00 a.m.
Learn about the life cycle of an apple and enjoy some fun apple activities to get ready for the Fall! For children ages 3 - 5. Registration required.

Family Story Time - September 21 @ 6:30 p.m.
Drop in for some after dinner stories to enjoy as a family. For children ages 3-7.. Registration is NOT required for this event.

Acts of Kindness Club - September 20 @ 4:30 p.m.
Come create simple projects for those in the community. Gifts will be ideal for the humane society or those in assisted living facilities. For children in grades K - 6th. Registration required.

Fall Creatures - September 30 @ 11:00 a.m.
Enjoy listening to a Fall themed story and then have fun making a hedgehog and owl craft. For children ages 3 - 5. Registration required.

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