

National Fire Prevention Week 2016

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This year's National Fire Prevention Week is October 9 - 15. The theme, "Don't Wait - Check the Date!," focuses on checking and replacing smoke alarms every 10 years at minimum.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,000 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of property.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation. Since that time, Fire Prevention Week has been observed each Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President has signed a proclamation proclaiming national observance every year since 1925.

Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference during a fire. That's why the message behind this year's campaign of "Don't Wait- Check the Date!" stressed the importance of a working smoke alarm.

Along with firefighters and safety personnel throughout the country, Mooresville Fire-Rescue is reminding residents not only about the importance of checking the dates on smoke alarms, but also to test them monthly. This ensures each device works properly in case of a fire emergency.

National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of those and related findings, the NFPA is addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on several key points:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

Every second counts during a fire emergency. Approximately half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone time to exit the home safely.

During Fire Prevention Week, Mooresville Fire-Rescue will work with schools, day cares and community groups to provide life-saving fire safety tips. Mooresville Fire-Rescue also will provide residents with a working smoke alarm free of charge, if needed.

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



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FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY)
704-664-1338

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704-663-2539

LIBRARY
704-664-2927

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704-662-7040

POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY)
704-664-3311

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704-664-4278

SELMA BURKE CENTER
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TALBERT RECREATION
CENTER
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704-663-2670

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704-663-3800

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704-662-7040

I think October is my favorite month of the year. I love the cooler weather and the leaves changing. While I love the colors of fall in October, it also means it's time to rake those gorgeous leaves! In October I get to celebrate some personal milestones, App State football is in full swing and I get to spend a great Homecoming weekend with college buddies I met in Bowie Hall my first year in college.

For me personally, it begins a 90 day countdown to the end of the year and my retirement from the Town of Mooresville.

Even with my pending retirement, rest assured the Town continues to move forward. The decisions I need to make to ensure the capital and personnel needs of the Town will be made. I will ensure the Town continues the strong customer service and excellent services and programs for our residents.

Financially, the Town begins our second quarter of the fiscal year. We receive our audit of the previous year and start thinking about next year's budget. We continue the construction of Edgemoor Park and the design/construction drawings for improvements at the Selma Burke Center and Liberty Park. We continue our progress on the transportation projects at major NC-DOT intersections, as well as our neighborhood projects of Patterson/Bell, the lower Mill Village, and the Bellingham-Kistler sidewalk.

Already this year the Town has been busy with the purchase of a new fire truck, several replacement equipment and maintenance items. We have hired, or are in the process of hiring, our Stormwater crew, police officers and other staff to help manage the growth of Mooreville. We've opened our beautiful golf course with construction of the new clubhouse underway.

Our public information office is in the middle of two classes of the Mooresville Citizens Academy. The department also continues to develop public service announcements to provide you, the citizen, quick tips and useful information to improve your quality of life.

During the next three months, Town staff will begin work on the FY 18 budget. They will update depart-

mental Capital Improvement Plans, revise personnel expectations, and look at operational and programmatic changes based on Mooresville's changing population. The Parks & Recreation staff is in the middle of fall baseball, softball, soccer, handling concessions and preparing for basketball season.

Our Music on Main Outdoor Series at Town Hall will conclude this month, but beginning in November the series transitions indoors to the Joe V Knox Auditorium at The Charles Mack Citizen Center.

The next 90 days will be busy for the Town of Mooresville. Remember, your Town is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The men and women of the Town workforce are dedicated to providing excellent customer service to YOU, the residents. I appreciate what they accomplish each day for the citizens.

If you see our Town staff out working or on patrol, I encourage you to speak to them and offer a word of encouragement. I know they will appreciate it. While you're at it, enjoy October!

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

Reader Mail

I've seen information out about the golf course opening, but haven't seen information about new rates/fees. Also, does the course have a website with relevant information?

The Mooresville Golf Club has a new website and it includes information on memberships, tee times, tournaments, special events and more. All of this information can be found at MooresvilleGolfClub.com.

For more information, call 704-663-2539.

October Events @ The Library

October 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.

Mad Science - October 6 @ 4:00 p.m.
Conduct some spooky, but fun, Halloween science experiments. For children in grades K-6th. Registration required.

Hi Fly Guy - October 7 @ 11:00 a.m.
Listen to a fly guy adventure story and then make your very own fly guy to take home. For children ages 3-5. Registration required.

Monster Mash - October 14 @ 11:00 a.m.
Listen to a fun monster themed story and then make your very own monster puppet. For children ages 3-5. Registration required.

Create & Learn - October 14 @ 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Have fun and make new friends exploring different creative activities. This program is targeted at adults with special needs or learning disabilities. Meet in the Selma Burke Room.

Sensory Story Time - October 15 @ 11:00 a.m.
A 30 minute interactive program designed for children ages 2-10 with developmental disabilities and challenges (all inclusive). Registration required.

Acts of Kindness Club - October 18 @ 4:30 p.m.
Visit the library to create simple and fun projects for community members (i.e. Assisted Living or Humane Society). For children in grades K-6th. Registration required.

Pumpkin Time - October 21 @ 11:00 a.m.
It's time for pumpkins! Make a pumpkin project to take home and display. For children ages 3-5. Registration required.

Spooktacular Crafts - October 28 @ 11:00 a.m.
Enjoy a Halloween story and make some spooktacular crafts for home! For children ages 3-5. Registration required.

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

News in Brief



Music on Main - October 7 Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs to the free "Music on Main" summer concert series. On Friday, October 7, Radiojacks will take the stage for the final concert of the summer. Unique in the cover band world, Radiojacks only plays current hit songs from various genres. Artists such as Katy Perry, Maroon 5, Bruno Mars and Rihanna are featured by this youthful group.

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.

Follow The Town The Town uses Facebook, Twitter and Vimeo to share announcements about events and activities that are happening in our community. Take a few moments to "like" us on Facebook, "follow" our Twitter page and "subscribe" to us on Vimeo.

Downtown Trick-or-Treat Kids and costumes of all ages are welcomed to Downtown Mooresville on Friday, October 28 for the downtown's annual trick-or-treat festivities. From 3 - 5 p.m., businesses downtown will hand out free candy to trick-or-treaters. The event will end promptly at 5 p.m. For more information, call 704-662-3336.

Working Fingers Craft Show This year marks the 40th annual Working Fingers Craft Show. Enjoy this handmade holiday market featuring the best local and regional artists, crafters and bakers at The Charles Mack Citizen Center on Saturday, November 5 beginning at 10 a.m. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Volunteer Spotlight

Each month, one individual is highlighted for his/her service to the Town, through their volunteer service. This month's spotlight is Randy Cherry, a resident of Mooresville, who volunteers at the Winnie Hooper Center.

"First, I volunteer because it's my passion not only to teach but to learn as well. Second, it's such a satisfying reality just to see those smiling faces once we have enlightened one another. Lastly, we have an obligation to take an active part in our community."



Veterans Day Celebration

Mooresville's third annual Veterans Celebration is set to be the biggest yet. The celebration spans six days honoring our hometown heroes with ceremonies, benefit action center, parade, concert, job fair and more.

The week begins on Monday, November 7 with the Veterans Experience Action Center sponsored by the Veterans Administration. This center will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7 thru Wednesday November 9 at The Charles Mack Citizen Center.

A veterans job fair will also be held in conjunction with the Veterans Experience Action Center. This event will also be held at The Charles Mack Citizen Center.

Friday, November 11 marks the largest day of the celebration. Activities start at 11 a.m. with a memorial ceremony at Glenwood Memorial Park. This ceremony will be followed by the parade through downtown beginning at Noon ending at Town Hall.

Immediately following the parade will be a special tribute at the flag pole at Town Hall. Next, a free lunch will be provided, and patriotic concert by "Poor Boy Revival" will conclude the day's activities.

For more information, visit MooresvilleVeteransCelebration.com.

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

OCTOBER 3
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 7
MUSIC ON MAIN
TOWN HALL @ 6:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 13
CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO
CMCC @ 11:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 13
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 17
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 20
WATER BILLS DUE

Keeping Leaves From Storm Drains

The changing of seasons means leaves change color and fall from trees. Unfortunately, many of these leaves end up in our roadside ditches and storm drains, which lead to our local creeks, rivers and lakes. These leaves often decompose in our storm drains and the nutrients from the decomposed leaves go directly into our local waters which can lead to an accelerated growth of algae.

Algae decreases the amount of oxygen available in the water, killing fish and other aquatic plants and animals. Additionally, algae have a foul odor and detract from the appearance of our waters which reduces their recreational value.

Leaves can also clog our stormwater system, leading to flooding of our roads and neighborhoods. Leaves can be composted or mulched using a mulching lawnmower and then used as nutrients for your lawn or garden.



If you wish for the Sanitation Department to collect your leaves, place them above the curb and away from any obstructions and storm drains. Do not blow, sweep or rake leaves into storm drains.

For more information, contact Rylee Hernandez at 704-799-4068.