

## Mooresville Veterans Celebration 2016

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For the third year, the Town will host a Mooresville Veterans Celebration in honor of Veterans Day. This year's lineup features a week's worth of activities and enjoyment dedicated to veterans past and present.

Activities begin on Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8 with a Skills Workshop will be offered to veterans looking to improve their resume and interview skills. These workshops will be from 9 a.m. to Noon at Mitchell Community College in Mooresville.

Also on Monday and Tuesday, as well as Wednesday, November 10, is a Veterans Experience Action Center at The Charles Mack Citizen Center. The action center, held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., will offer veterans the chance to speak to Veterans Affairs staff about assistance with their benefits. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis. During last year's benefit action center, over \$750,000 in claims were awarded during a two day period.

The second event occurring Monday thru Wednesday is the Career & Resource Fair, also at The Charles Mack Citizen Center. This event will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for Veterans only and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for everyone.

Hosted by Goodwill Industries partnering with the Mooresville-South Iredell Economic Development Corporation, the Career & Resource Fair will showcase businesses in Mooresville and surrounding area. Any veteran is welcome, but this will also be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Friday, November 11 includes a day full of events beginning with a flag ceremony at Glenwood Cemetery promptly at 11 a.m. At noon, a parade will begin at the intersection of Wilson Avenue and South Main Street. The parade, featuring military vehicles, classic cars and more, will proceed north ending at Town Hall. Korean War veterans will be grand marshals of the parade this year. A military flyover is expected to be part of this year's parade.

Once at Town Hall, lunch will be provided and there will be a special ceremony at the flag pole. Beginning at approximately 2 p.m., a tribute concert featuring Poor Boy Revival will conclude the day's activities.



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## Kindergarten Taught Me All I Needed to Know



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LIBRARY  
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704-662-7040

POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY)  
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704-664-4278

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TALBERT RECREATION  
CENTER  
704-799-4281

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There was a popular book titled “All I Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten” written by Robert Fulghum. I had a great kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Klepfer. She taught me many things, but really the most important lessons for each of us was how to get along with others, share, don’t take things that are not yours, clean up your own mess, and apologize when necessary.

Little did I know she was teaching me lifelong traits to help me build relationships. Through life we develop many relationships. We have relationships with family, friends and the people we work with every day in the workplace. As I near the end of my 30-year career, I have learned it’s ALL about relationships.

We must have strong, open and honest dialogue in our family dynamics. I recently lost my father in-law, but the great thing about the Cooke family is their open, loving and strong relationship with each other. Anyone raising children can understand how difficult the many pressures of today’s society strain even the strongest family relationship. As a husband, father and grandfather I understand how important my relationship is with each member of my family. It’s not easy, but as they say something worthwhile never is.

We develop many friendships through the course of our lives. In progressing from childhood to adult, we develop lifelong friends. Some come and go in our life, others move away, and some we may wonder exactly what happened to make us grow apart. I am fortunate to still have many childhood friends as part of my life today.

I still have many friends from high school and college. I enjoy my high school class reunions, and I attend App State football games with my college roommates and friends. I’ve gone to the beach with the same families for nearly 40 years.

Each of us spends a lot of time at our job. Research says as much as 30% of a person’s life is spent at work. During my career, I have developed relationships with elected and appointed officials at all levels of government, as well as colleagues in the planning and city management profession. I have relationships with

business owners, corporate clients and many individuals in the development business. The relationship I value most, though, is the one I have with my fellow employees of the Town of Mooresville.

In all of these relationships I have built trust by treating people fairly and honestly, keeping my word, and most importantly communication, communication and communication! This has not been an easy task for me, but I have many people who help me. The men and women who serve with me are some of the most dedicated and professional of any local government in North Carolina. I am fortunate to be surrounded by many leaders in the Town organization who are able to lead Mooresville in the future.

So what is there left to say about relationships? I say work at them every day. If you have issues, concerns or things that need to be said to build a stronger relationship, don’t waste another minute, just do it. Words can mend a heart and soothe the soul. Don’t be afraid to say you’re sorry, congratulations and thank you.

As Fulghum says “Live a balanced life – learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work every day some.”

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

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# Movies on Main Film Series

The Charles Mack Citizen Center is hosting a Movies on Main film series thru May 2017. All movies are free of charge and appropriate for any age. For more information, visit [www.cmccmooreville.com](http://www.cmccmooreville.com).

## Guess Who's Coming To Dinner

November 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

A wealthy couple's attitudes are challenged when their daughter introduces them to her fiancé.

## It's A Wonderful Life

December 23 @ 8:00 p.m.

An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he never existed.

## Frozen

January 14 @ 3:00 p.m.

When Queen Elsa accidentally uses her power to turn her home into ice and in infinite winter, her sister, Anna, teams up with a group of unlikely helpers to change the weather.

## Wizard of Oz

February 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Gale is swept away to a magical land in a tornado and embarks on a quest to see the Wizard who can help her return home.

## War Room

March 17 @ 8:00 p.m.

A seemingly perfect family looks to fix their problems with the help of Miss Clara, an older, wiser woman of faith.

## Space Balls

April 9 @ 8:00 p.m.

Planet Spaceballs' President sends Lord Dark Helmet to steal planet Druidia's supply of air to replenish their own, and only Lone Starr can stop them.

## Star Wars - The Force Awakens

May 4 @ 8:00 p.m.

Three decades after the defeat of the Galactic Empire, a new threat arises. The First Order attempts to rule the galaxy and only a ragtag group of heroes can stop them, along with the help of the Resistance.

\*The Music on Main Indoor Concert Series for 2016/2017 is being finalized. For updates, check future issues of the *Town Voice*.

# News in Brief



**Speaker's Bureau** The Town welcomes invitations from neighborhood and HOA groups to answer questions related to land use, future growth, public safety, sanitation services or recreation programs provided by the Town. If you have an HOA or neighborhood group that meets regularly and wishes to host a Town staff member, please contact Jackie Thompson at 704-662-8472 or [jthompson@ci.mooreville.nc.us](mailto:jthompson@ci.mooreville.nc.us) to schedule a date and time to meet.

**Citizen Survey** The Community Relations Team of Mooresville asks your participation in the SAFE Neighborhoods Survey. This will provide an in-depth assessment of how safe you feel in your community. This survey is part of the Community Equity Profile Initiative that focuses on Safe Neighborhoods, Economic Well-being, Housing, Education, Health, Transportation and Arts/Culture.

Please support this initiative and encourage others to participate. The survey can be accessed online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/mooresvillesafe](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mooresvillesafe), and paper copies may be obtained and returned at any of the following Town facilities: Mooresville Public Library, Mooresville Police Department, Town Hall, the Charles Mack Citizens Center, Selma Burke Center, or Talbert Recreation Center.

**November Holiday Schedule** Town offices and facilities will be closed for the Veterans Day holiday on Friday, November 11. There will be no delays for residential sanitation and recycling customers that week.

Also, Town offices and facilities will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Sanitation and recycling services will be delayed one day for Thursday residential customers only.

**Christmas Parade - November 22** The 72nd annual Mooresville Christmas Parade will be held on Tuesday, November 22 beginning at 3:30 p.m. The parade will begin at the intersection of Statesville Avenue & Main Street, travel south along Main Street, and end at Merino's Home Furnishings. This event is free and open to the public. For more information about the 2016 parade, call 704-213-8775.

## No Agenda Needed - November 28

The Town of Mooresville will hold the next "No Agenda Needed" community chat session on Monday, November 28 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings, 479 River Highway.

For more information, contact Kim Sellers, Public Information Officer, at 704-799-4232 or [ksellers@ci.mooreville.nc.us](mailto:ksellers@ci.mooreville.nc.us).



# Turkey Fryer Safety

Fried turkeys are delicious, but they come with a slew of safety issues. Thousands of fires, as well as many deaths and injuries, happen each year due to turkey fryer fires. Before you set up your turkey fryer this Thanksgiving, remember a few safety tips:

**1) Stay Away From the House** Set up the turkey fryer at least 10 feet away from your home and keep children and pets away. Never leave it unattended.

**2) Find Flat Ground** The oil must be even and steady at all times to ensure proper safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface and carefully gauge the amount of oil needed in the fryer.

**3) Be Prepared** Have a fire extinguisher (multi-purpose, dry-powder if possible) ready at all times in the event the oil ignites.

**4) Use a Thawed and Dry Turkey** Make sure your turkey is completely thawed and dry. Any extra water will cause the oil to bubble and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer onto the burner, it can cause a fire.

**5) Monitor the Temperature** Use caution when touching the turkey fryer. Also be sure to track the oil's temperature as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.

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

MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR

**NOVEMBER 7**  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

**NOVEMBER 10**  
PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

**NOVEMBER 11**  
VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY  
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

**NOVEMBER 21**  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

**NOVEMBER 20**  
WATER BILLS DUE

**NOVEMBER 24 & 25**  
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY  
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

## Leaf Collection Around Town

The Town collects more than 1,000 tons of leaves every year. As a reminder, yard debris, including loose leaves, are collected the day after your garbage. Mooresville residents can rake leaves to the curb for automated pick-up - DO NOT bag your leaves. The only object that can be mixed with loose leaves is grass clippings. Piles containing brush, branches, dirt, brick concrete or rocks will NOT be collected.

Leaf removal is important especially for newly seeded lawns. Young grass without light will die more quickly than established turf. Leaves that remain on fescue seedlings can also increase rot conditions by creating a dark, damp climate. Leaf removal should be done on a regular basis (every 7 to 10 days) as opposed to waiting until all the leaves have fallen and collecting them all at once.

While young grass is still around, you're better off using a blower to remove leaves, since a rake can injure the young grass or remove seedlings from the soil.



For more information, contact the Town's Sanitation Department at 704-664-4278.