

After 30 Years of Service... THANK YOU

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



As we've seen with the election, there will be a transition of leadership come January. Our nation has always had a smooth transition of power when a new President, Governor or Mayor is elected. That's something the American people can always be proud of no matter who wins the Electoral College or the popular vote. The voice of the people and transition of power, expressed through voting, is respected and upheld. A transition of power will also take place with the Town.

This is my last article for the Town Voice. After almost 30 years working for the Town, I'm retiring on December 31. I will join those professional managers who've had the chance to serve you the citizens.

I've seen a lot of change in 30 years with the Town. I've seen not only changes in community but in the organization. In my career, Mooresville has grown from 8,500 residents to nearly 37,000 residents.

While Mooresville is no longer dependent on a textile based economy, it boasts a strong manufacturing base with other products such as auto racing, bottled water, energy drinks, ceramics and a lot more. And the impact of Lowes' corporate offices being a major boost to Mooresville's economy is undeniable.

Mooresville can be proud of the many facilities that were built or improved over the past 30 years. These include the library, Public Operations Center, golf course, Talbert Pointe and Selma Burke Recreation Centers, Bellingham, Mazeppa and Cornelius Road Parks, The Charles Mack Center and more. Mooresville can also be proud of expanded water and sewer treatment facilities to enable continued growth.

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I wish I could take credit for the aforementioned items, but I can't. Mooresville has many leaders, past and present, who have impacted the projects listed. Everything I mentioned has been accomplished through teamwork. Mooresville has always asked "How Can We?" instead of saying "We Can't."

I am most proud of the men and women who serve you, the citizen, each day in the Town. They recognize as an organization we make better decisions when we are inclusive and open to new ideas. I have been fortunate to be surrounded by employees who are creative, committed and compassionate. They will continue to serve you with pride, integrity and commitment every day.

While I'm transitioning out, the Town Board has selected David Treme to serve as Interim Town Manager. He will prepare the FY 18 budget and help the new manager, when selected, have a smooth transition. David brings a wealth of experience to Mooresville after serving as City Manager in Salisbury for over 25 years. David will begin his service as interim manager on January 1, 2017.

With the excellent staff at the Town, I know both he and the new Town manager will have no problems. The future of the Town is in good hands.

Many thanks also go to the people I've met during my career in local government. These include many city

management professionals from around North Carolina and the country. A lot of these folks have become close friends. I've also had the privilege to work with committed leaders in community organizations as well as public and private businesses during my career.

I would be remiss if I did not thank my family for sharing, forgiving and allowing me to serve the Town. I can truly say I accomplished my professional goal of being a town manager. To be the town manager in my own hometown is just "icing on the cake." I look forward to spending time with my friends, family and especially my two granddaughters.

Thank you everyone for your support and encouragement over these years. In all my efforts representing the Town I have tried to do so based on a quote from President John F. Kennedy. "We must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." I have endeavored to let my actions reflect my respect and admiration for all those who placed their trust in me as I served the Town.

So after 30 years of service...THANK YOU.

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



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



Get social with the Town of Mooresville

December Events In Town

As 2016 comes to a close, there will be plenty of activities to celebrate the holiday season. During the upcoming weeks, the Town of Mooresville and Town partners will be offering several activities to celebrate the season:

Downtown Holiday Light Spectacular

This is an orchestrated light show featuring more than 115,000 lights set to music. The show takes place nightly from 6 - 9:30 p.m. on the Town Hall Lawn through the end of December.

Celebrate the Holidays Downtown

For three consecutive Fridays in December, celebrate the holidays downtown. On December 2, 9 and 16, Downtown Mooresville will feature many Christmas time celebrations! Along Main Street and Broad Street from 6 - 8 p.m., more than 30 businesses will be open to welcome guests. Wagon rides will load in front of the Christian Mission on Broad Street, and Santa Claus himself is expected to attend.

Children's Holiday Party with Santa & Rudolph

Everyone is invited to meet Santa Claus and Rudolph on Sunday, December 4 from 9 - 11 a.m. at The Charles Mack Citizen Center, 215 North Main Street. Hot cocoa and snacks will be provided, and guests will have the opportunity for a free professional photo with Santa. For more information, call 704-662-3334.

Story Time with Mrs. Claus

The Mooresville Public Library invites children and adults of all ages to story time with Mrs. Claus. On Wednesday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m., in the Youth Services Community Room, Mrs. Claus will tell timeless Christmas classics. For more information, call 704-664-2927.

Breakfast with Santa & Rudolph

Santa Claus and Rudolph will be at the Mooresville Police Department on Saturday, December 17 from 8 - 11 a.m. Biscuits, doughnuts, and milk will be provided. For more information, call 704-664-3311.

Movies on Main: It's A Wonderful Life

As part of the Town's Movies on Main series this timeless Christmas classic will be shown on Friday, December 23 at 8:00 p.m. at The Charles Mack Citizens Center, 215 North Main Street. For more information, call 704-662-3334.

News in Brief

Mooresville Community Children's Theatre The Mooresville Community Children's Theatre will hold open auditions for their non-musical



production of "The Knight at Dawn." Auditions will be held Wednesday, December 14, from 4:30 - 7 p.m., and Thursday, December 15, from 4:30 - 7 p.m. and are open to youth ages 6-18.

Cost to audition is FREE. If cast, however, there is a \$75 participation fee with scholarships available. All auditions will be held at The Charles Mack Citizen Center. Visit www.MooresvilleChildrensTheatre.org for more information.

Holiday Schedule Town offices & facilities will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. There will be a one day delay for sanitation and recycling customers that week. Also, Town offices & facilities will be closed for the New Year holiday on Monday, January 2. There will be a one day delay for sanitation and recycling customers that week as well.

Food for Fines During the month of December, library patrons can bring canned food to donate to the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, and the Mooresville Public Library will waive \$1 in fines for each item up to a total of \$10. Food cannot be past the expiration date. For more information, contact Circulation Services at 704-663-1701.

Volunteer Spotlight Each month, one individual is highlighted for his/her service to the Town through their volunteer service. This month's spotlight is Kathleen Cummings, a resident of Mooresville, who volunteers at the Mooresville Public Library.



"When I retired and moved to Mooresville I wanted to find a way to become a part of this community so I looked at volunteering opportunities. I love to read so the library seemed like the right fit. Four years later I'm still enjoying my time at the library!"

Recycling Calendars 2017

Congratulations Mooresville! Our community is recognized as having one of the highest recycling participation rates in the state thanks to our more than 9,000 recycling customers.

In a recent survey, we asked customers if they still use their recycling calendars listing their collection week and holiday delays. While 62% of respondents keep their calendar for reference, many customers access the schedule online. In 2017, we will be offering various ways for customers to access their blue week/green week schedule.

Recycling calendars are available ONLINE for downloading or reference from the Town's website, www.ci.mooresville.nc.us/sanitation. There is an INTERACTIVE MAP on the same Sanitation web page if customers are not sure if they are a blue week or green week for recycling collection.

For customers who live in subdivisions, there is also a QUICK REFERENCE LIST that indicates the collection week by subdivision.

Customers may CALL 704-664-4278 to request a calendar be MAILED or DELIVERED to their home. Also, customers may STOP BY Mooresville Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, or our Operations Center, 2523 Charlotte Highway, to pick up a recycling calendar for 2017.

Sanitation staff will still deliver calendars to SENIOR RESIDENTIAL HOUSING areas. Also, residents moving in to NEW CONSTRUCTION will have a calendar included when their new containers are delivered.

For more information about the Town's recycling program, call 704-664-4278.

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

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

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

DECEMBER 20
WATER BILLS DUE

DECEMBER 23 & 26
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

JANUARY 2
NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Town Joins Butterfly Highway Program

No garden is too small to make a big difference for pollinators and wildlife habitats. In October, the Town's Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) installed two pollinator gardens in Bellingham Park as part of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation's (NCWF) Butterfly Highway program.

The Butterfly Highway is a statewide conservation restoration initiative that aims to restore native habitats to areas impacted by urbanization, land use change and agriculture across North Carolina. From backyard pitstops to large-scale roadside habitat restoration, the project is creating a network of native flowering plants to support butterflies, bees, birds and other pollen and nectar dependent wildlife.

Through this initiative, the Lake Norman Wildlife Conservationists (LNWC) are creating a network of native flowering plants to support butterflies, bees, birds and other pollen and nectar dependent wildlife in public spaces within the Town.



Pictured are members of the Town's Environmental Protection Commission. For more information about the Butterfly Highway Program, call 704-662-7041.