

# TownVoice

## April Filled With Eco-Friendly Activities

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April is a month dedicated to the environment and its protection. Many events, both nationally and locally, will take place during the month to promote the protection and sustainability of the planet. From Earth Day to yard debris collection to household hazardous waste, this month is full of eco-friendly activities.

### Earth Day

Founded on April 22, 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues, Earth Day is now a globally celebrated holiday. Today, Earth Day is celebrated by an estimated 200 million people in 174 countries.

In Mooresville, the Earth Day celebration will be part of Global Youth Service Day activities on Saturday, April 22. Festivities will be held at Liberty Park from 1 - 3 p.m. Fun for all ages will include a bounce house, face painting, live music, games and more.

### Yard Debris

Yard debris, including leaves, grass clippings and tree branches, is collected on the day following your normal garbage collection. Seasonal collections, such as leaf collection in the fall or severe storm debris, may cause delays in this schedule at times.

Leaves and grass clippings should be placed loosely (in piles) at the curb three feet away from obstacles. Do not bag these items. Always keep leaves and grass clippings separate from branches.

Large piles of branches are collected by a different truck using a special piece of equipment. This may not occur on your regular scheduled day, but debris is usually collected within 7 - 10 business days. The Town does not collect dirt or mulch.

### Household Hazardous Waste

Never place any type of chemicals, pesticides or petroleum products in your trash. For the third year in a row, Iredell County and the Town of Mooresville are hosting a Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. This year's event is Saturday, April 29 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Town's Operations Center, 2523 Charlotte Highway.

Common items accepted include aerosols, automotive fluids, cleaning chemicals, fluorescent and CFL bulbs, lawn care products, pesticides and oil-based paint. A chemist will be on site for identification of materials.

For more information, call 704-878-5430.



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FROM  
THE  
FIRE  
CHIEF

## MFR's Insurance Rating & What It Means



### DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

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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

Mooresville Fire - Rescue (MFR) was recently evaluated by the North Carolina Department of Insurance for our Public Protection Classification (PPC) inspection. This inspection measures the major elements of a community's fire protection system and results in a numerical grade, which insurers use to calculate premiums for fire insurance.

Currently, the Town of Mooresville has a PPC rating of 3 on a scale of 1 to 10. A rating of 1 represents superior property fire protection, and a 10 indicates the area's fire suppression program does not meet the minimum criteria.

Through this rating, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) evaluates municipal fire protection efforts. A community's investment in fire protection is a proven and reliable predictor of future fire loss.

The community's rating depends on four general areas: First, the emergency communications systems, including facilities for the public to report fires, staffing, training, certification of telecommunicators and facilities for dispatching fire departments. Second, the fire department, including equipment, staffing, training and geographic deployment of fire companies.

Third, the water supply system, including inspection and flow testing of hydrants, and a careful evaluation of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires. Finally, community efforts to reduce the risk of fire, including fire prevention codes and enforcement, public fire safety education and fire investigation programs.

In simple terms, communities with better fire protection and better rating scores usually have lower insurance premiums.

During our inspection, we spent three days evaluating and verifying all aspects of our department, as well as the Town's water system. Upgrading our rating would have a positive affect on insurance premiums for industries, while most residential premiums would go unchanged.

Using this information for future development allows the Town Board and Town staff to better predict future station locations, and the deployment of fire personnel and equipment.

We should be notified within the next 60 days of our rating score. This department works hard every day to ensure the safety and security of Mooresville. It is our pleasure to serve our citizens.

Curt Deaton  
Fire Chief

### Reader Mail

**Would you please provide an update on the sidewalk installation project along Bellingham Drive? Seems like this project started last summer and it's now almost Spring.**

The Town received partial federal funding on this project and with this there are more steps involved that are out of the Town's control. It also took longer than expected to obtain the 78 parcels of property required for the project.

Town staff, along with our consultant, are addressing final comments on the construction plans with intentions of getting the Authorization to Construct soon. This is required prior to a project being released for bid. It is our hope to have this project out for bid soon and under construction by this summer.

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# April Programs @ The Library

April 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, most of the events below do require registration before the day of the scheduled program.

## **Crafterdark: Easter Tealight Holder**

*April 4 @ 6 p.m.*

Adults are welcome to join staff in the Selma Burke Room to create an Easter tealight holder to display around your home. For adults. Registration is required.

## **Resume and Employability Assistance**

*April 7, 21 and 28 @ 9 a.m.*

Do you need assistance writing or updating your resume, general job searching skills or help preparing for an interview? Library staff offers assistance in these areas to any interested adult. Registration is required.

## **Fun Hopping Crafts**

*April 7 @ 11 a.m. and April 13 @ 1 p.m.*

To kick off the Spring season, come to the Youth Services Community Room to enjoy a story and make a spring craft. Open to children ages 3 - 5. Registration is required.

## **Going to the Dogs: Book Club**

*April 11 @ 11 a.m.*

Adults of all ages are invited to join a group discussion of best-selling author Neil Abramson's latest novel, *Just a Life*. A copy of the book will be available for check out. Registration is required.

## **Rainbow Fish**

*April 21 @ 11 a.m. and April 27 @ 1 p.m.*

Listen to the Rainbow Fish story and create one of your own. Program is held in the Youth Services Community Room and open to children ages 1-4.

## **My Life Under Hitler**

*April 22 @ 11 a.m.*

Join Frederick Folkerts as he talks about life growing up in Wuppertal, Germany during WWII. This program is for adults of all ages and meets in the Youth Services Community Room.

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

# News in Brief

**Easter Eggstravaganza – April 8** Join us for our 4th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 8 from 1 - 4 p.m. at Cornelius Road Park, 247 Cornelius Road. Activities will include bounce houses, train rides, arts & crafts, summer camp previews and 20,000 eggs. Fun for all ages! For more information, call 704-663-7026.

**Holiday Closing – April 14** Town offices and facilities will be closed in observance of the Good Friday Holiday on Friday, April 14. There will be no changes in residential sanitation services.

**Music on Main – April 15** On Saturday, April 15, the final Music on Main Indoor Concert of the season features Stephen Freeman as Elvis. Freeman's tribute to Elvis Presley started professionally in 1998, and he has since performed in theaters all over the country.



This concert will be in the Joe V. Knox Auditorium of The Charles Mack Citizen Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. General admission tickets are \$20 for adults (14+), \$10 for children (under 14) and \$40 for V.I.P. tickets and meet & greet passes. For more information, call 704-663-7026.

**Global Youth Service Day – April 22** Global Youth Service Day mobilizes millions of young people who improve their communities through service. Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth.



**Global Youth Service Day**

Join us on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. – Noon as youth throughout Mooresville gather to work on service projects to benefit our area. The event is open to youth ages 6 - 18.

(Participants under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Pre-registration is REQUIRED. For more information, call 704-663-7026. The day's activities conclude with an Earth Day community celebration at Liberty Park from 1 - 3 p.m. This celebration is open to everyone and activities will include a bounce house, face painting, live music, games and more.

**No Agenda Needed – April 25** The Town will hold the next "No Agenda Needed" community chat session on Tuesday, April 25 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Famous Toastery, 134 Mooresville Commons Way. These events give residents an opportunity to meet and talk with Town elected officials and staff.

**Water Quality Report** The 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available on the Town's website at <http://nc-mooresville.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2816>. This state-mandated report is a snapshot of last year's water quality and the Town is pleased to report there were no violations. For more information or any questions, contact Mike Fulbright at 704-662-3186.

# Water Safety Awareness Tips

As warm weather approaches, area rivers and lakes will, once again, become populated with boaters and swimmers. Over the last few years, the Lake Norman area has seen an increase in drowning fatalities.

Most emergency situations can be prevented through caution and following water safety tips. One important precaution everyone should remember is to wear a personal flotation device or life jacket. 90% of drowning victims were not wearing a personal flotation device.

Remember these safety tips when around large bodies of water:

- Don't go in the water unless you know how to swim and never swim alone.

- Have at least one person in your group that is CPR certified.
- Never drink alcohol while swimming.
- Only swim in water that matches your skill level. Swimming in a pool is much different than swimming in a lake or river.
- If caught in a current, don't swim against it. Stay calm and swim with the current until you can free yourself.
- Don't dive in unfamiliar areas. Hidden objects, such as rocks or tree limbs, could lie just below the surface.
- Children should be supervised at all times around any body of water. Drowning is the second leading cause of death for children under 12.

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

MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR

**APRIL 3**  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

**APRIL 8**  
EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA  
CORNELIUS ROAD PARK  
1 - 4 P.M.

**APRIL 13**  
PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

**APRIL 15**  
MUSIC ON MAIN  
CMCC @ 6:30 P.M.

**APRIL 17**  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

**APRIL 20**  
WATER BILLS DUE

**APRIL 22**  
GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY  
LOCATIONS IN MOORESVILLE  
8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

**APRIL 25**  
NO AGENDA NEEDED  
FAMOUS TOASTERY @ 8:30 A.M.

## April 9 - 15: A Week of Appreciation

April 9 - 15, 2017 offers a week to celebrate those who make contributions at all levels of government. Two areas specifically recognized during this week for their dedication and service to citizens include those in public safety.

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. This week brings honor and publicity focused on the otherwise unsung hero on the other end of the line. Telecommunicators operate telephone and switchboard systems to relay incoming calls to emergency responders.

This week serves to thank all professionals in fire, police and medical fields, by recognizing their dedicated service in helping those in need.

Anyone wanting to show their appreciation during this week is encouraged to drop off cards of encouragement to the Communications Division at the Mooresville Police Department, 750 West Iredell Ave.

First recognized in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and involves libraries across the country. It's a time to celebrate the achievements of libraries across the country, and promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - are involved.

Celebrations during National Library Week, April 9-15, include National Library Workers Day, celebrated each Tuesday of National Library Week. This day is for patrons to recognize the contributions made by all library workers. Anyone wanting to show their appreciation is encouraged to drop off cards of encouragement to the circulation desk at the library.

Anyone with a desire to become more involved with the library is encouraged to attend the Friends of the Library meeting on Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in the Selma Burke Community Room. This community partner supports many programs and activities at the library. The group is free to join and open to anyone.