

TownVoice

Recommended FY18 Budget Highlights

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During the May 15 Town Board of Commissioner’s meeting, Town Manager David Treme formally presented the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2018. Interested residents may obtain a copy of the proposed budget at the Mooresville Public Library, Mooresville Town Hall or download it from the Town’s website.

At the Town Board meeting on June 5, there will be a public hearing for anyone who wishes to speak about the budget. Following the public hearing, the Board may vote on the budget for the next fiscal year or wait until the June 19 meeting. A few of the items included in the FY 18 Budget include:

Utility Improvements

In the recommended Utility Fund are projects to strengthen both residential and commercial development. Public Utilities will work to create a redundancy plan to reduce water loss liabilities for commercial water users. Additionally, the Wastewater Treatment Plant will complete an industrial optimization study to determine the appropriate control measures from commercial sewer users. On the residential side, Public Utilities will contribute funding to the 42” sewer line extension project, water line replacement on Spencer Avenue and Boger Avenue near Magla Park. Also recommended is funding the preliminary study for the Northside force main and pump station project. The recommended budget proposes these projects without proposing a utility rate increase.

Public Safety

In a combined effort between the Information Technology and Police Departments, the recommended budget proposes increased funding for police body cameras. The proposal includes funds for the cam-



eras, software and server storage. Also recommended is software funding to begin creating a town wide camera system for police and fire-rescue purposes.

Cultural & Recreation Services

The Charles Mack Citizen Center is requesting funds to complete their roof replacement project. This project began during the current budget year. Several recreation facilities are requesting the replacement of aging infrastructure and equipment. The War Memorial facility requests a new HVAC unit. The Mooresville Public Library requests adding remote kiosks on the west side of Mooresville to expand community outreach, and minor exterior improvements are requested for the Talbert Recreation Center. Finally, the athletic programs and leagues offered will be expanded under the current recommended budget.



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How Does My Street Get Paved?



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704-663-3800

CHARLES MACK CITIZEN
CENTER
704-662-3334

CULTURAL & RECREATION
SERVICES
704-663-1026

EMPLOYMENT/HUMAN
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704-799-4070

FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY)
704-664-1338

GOLF COURSE
704-663-2534

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

The Town of Mooresville historically has handled all street resurfacing projects using Town staff. Over the past 10-15 years, the Town has repaved approximately 2-4 miles of streets per year.

When the Town received its most recent pavement survey from US Infrastructure, the overall rating of the Town's streets had fallen below the North Carolina average. To return the rating to above average, the Town developed a paving program that would put all streets on a 20-year resurfacing schedule.

Granted, 20 years seems like a long time. The average life expectancy of a newly constructed asphalt street is 15-20 years. With the mild winters and generally warm climate overall in this area, that life expectancy is attainable. The Town has also changed its standards for the construction of streets. Streets are now constructed with more stone and a thicker layer of asphalt, which will also extend the life of streets.

This 20-year plan is not the only way streets are paved. The Town's Engineering Department also has projects that affect the paving of streets. For example, if a water or sewer line replacement affects the majority of a street, that project will include resurfacing the street at the end of the project. This is one example of Town departments working collaboratively.

Some streets need more than just resurfacing, however, like West McLelland Avenue, West Wilson Avenue and West Statesville Avenue. These streets have been studied and plans are being developed to rebuild them, not just repave. Construction starts this year on West McLelland Avenue, which will involve removing all the pavement, curbing and sidewalks.

A new road base will be made, along with new asphalt, curbing and sidewalks on both sides of the street from Broad Street to Highway 150. Construction on West Wilson is expected to begin in 2018, and it will have new pavement, curbing and a multi-use path along the South side from Broad Street to Highway 21.

Funding for these projects comes from two primary sources. The first is the Powell Bill, or gas tax as it's commonly known. Money from this bill covers ap-

proximately half of what is needed for yearly paving projects. The rest of the funds come from the \$20 million in transportation bonds residents approved in 2014. The money from these bonds will not be available in a couple of years, so the Town is studying ways to replace those funds.

For more information about street paving projects in the Town, call the Public Works Department at 704-644-4278.

Ryan Rase
Deputy Town Manager

Reader Mail

Some of our streets are in the worst shape they've been in since I moved to Mooresville over 50 years ago. Some of them, especially on this side of Highway 21, are in bad need of repair. When will something be done?

As discussed in the article on this page, the Town has a 20-year street repaving plan for all streets in Mooresville. A portion of Center Avenue was completed last month as one example from this plan. There are also some streets, though, that need more work than just resurfacing. West McLelland Avenue, West Wilson Avenue and West Statesville Avenue have been studied and plans are being developed to completely rebuild them.

Construction begins this year on West McLelland Avenue, which will involve removing the current pavement, curbing and sidewalk. A new road base, along with curbing and sidewalks, will be made from Broad Street to Highway 150.

Card Skimmer Safety Tips

Recently, credit card skimmers have struck at gas stations and other locations in the area. Skimmers are used to “skim,” or steal, your credit or debit card information using a device that affixes to a card reader on other devices, such as an ATM machine or gas station pump.

In an effort to combat this crime, the Mooresville Police Department offers the following suggestions:

Inspect the Card/Pin Pad Area

Most skimming devices are designed to be temporarily affixed to the ATM or gas pump so they can be easily retrieved once the data is collected. Look around at other ATMs or gas pumps to see if they match the one you are using.

Avoid Using a Pin Number

It is best to choose the credit option, if possible. This option avoids entering a PIN in sight of a card skimmer camera. Choosing the credit option means entering a billing zip code instead of a PIN, which is much safer.

Choose a Gas Pump Closest to Cashier

If you have a choice of pumps, choose one close to the cashier. Criminals are less likely to apply card skimmers or other tools close to the attendant.

Make Your Card Difficult to Use

One option that is becoming readily available through banks is using geolocation. This pairs information from your card and cell phone to track the location of each. When a debit/credit card is used, the card company compares the location to that of the cell phone. If the locations match (or are relatively close) the transaction is allowed. If the locations do not match, the transaction is blocked.

Keep An Eye on Your Accounts

Even if you don't feel your card information has been stolen, it is a good idea to keep track of your debit/credit card activity. Report any suspicious activity to your card company immediately.

For more information or to report a concern, call the Mooresville Police Department at 704-664-3311.

News in Brief



Music on Main - June 2 Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs to the free “Music on Main” summer concert series. On Friday, June 2, Trial by Fire will take the stage for the second concert of the summer. These five North Carolina based musicians bring the Steve Perry era of Journey to life.

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, call 704-663-7026 or visit MooresvilleRecreation.org.

War Memorial Pool Open The War Memorial Pool is now open. The pool is open every day from 1 - 5 p.m. and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. for family swim. For more information on the Splash Pad at Hope Park or War Memorial Pool, call 704-663-7026.

Firework Safety During this time of year fireworks are a popular recreation and leisure activity. However, fireworks can be dangerous if not handled properly. In 2015, there were 11,900 firework related injuries in the United States. Mooresville Fire-Rescue reminds everyone that fireworks and sparklers are too unpredictable to be used by anyone other than trained professionals.

No Agenda Needed - June 22 The next “No Agenda Needed” community chat session will be on Thursday, June 22 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Lowe's Foods, 125 Center Square Drive. These events give residents an opportunity to meet and talk with Town elected officials and staff in a casual environment. For more information, contact Kim Sellers, Public Information Officer, at ksellers@ci.mooresville.nc.us or 704-799-4011.

Holiday Closing - July 4 Town offices and facilities will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Tuesday, July 4. There will be a one day delay in sanitation collection for Tuesday - Thursday residential customers that week.



Free Summer Movies From MI-Connection To say thank you to their video customers, MI-Connection is giving a FREE Video on Demand (MI-Choice 1) movie each week during June and July.

To order video on demand, tune to channel MI-Choice 1 (Channel 1). Scroll through the menu and select “movies” (Whole Home Gateway DVR customers press the blue VOD button at the top of the remote control). Finally, select any movie valued at \$5.99 or less and enjoy! Visit the MI-Connection website, www.miconnection.com, or call 704-660-3840 for more information.

June is National Safety Month

Every June, National Safety Month focuses on reducing the leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes. During National Safety Month, the National Safety Council helps prevent injuries and accidental deaths by calling attention to common safety risks.

This June, Mooresville Fire-Rescue encourages everyone to learn more about safety issues like prescription painkiller abuse, transportation safety, and slips, trips and falls.

Prescription painkiller overdoses are a growing problem in the United States, especially among women. Approximately 18 women die every day from a prescription painkiller overdose. Doing other activities while driving, like texting or

eating, distracts you and increases the chance of a crash. Approximately 20% of crashes with injuries involved distracted driving.

- Avoid distractions while driving, including eating, drinking or texting.
- Observe other vehicles and watch for aggressive or distracted drivers.

One of every four adults (18+) suffers a fall each year, and falls are the top cause of death for those 70 years and older. While falls can happen anywhere, most occur at home.

- Remove any clutter that may cause a fall.
- Use non-slip adhesive to secure carpets or rugs.
- Provide adequate lighting in every room.

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



MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

JUNE 20
WATER BILLS DUE

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Summer Reading & June Library Activities

Our Summer Reading 2017 Kickoff is Saturday, June 3 at the Mooresville Public Library. Join staff for a day filled with shows and events. Family comedian Paul Miller will feature his juggling performance at 11 a.m. Adults and families can relish in our Know It All Fair featuring stations to learn about topics including self-defense and genealogy.

A full schedule will be available of programs for babies, preschoolers and school age children including arts and craft programs, special Storytimes, Baron the Dog and science programs.

Youth Services will offer programming from story times, craft programs and exercise classes. Also, for anyone interested in the Teen Advisory Board, meetings will be June 6 and June 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Keep track of your reading and earn prizes along the way when you register for the summer reading club. There's a club for everyone from birth – 99!

In addition to the summer reading program, there are lots of other activities going on in June:

A Night at the Library - June 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
Join us for a pajama story time with your stuffed animal. Tuck him in at the library for the night. For children ages 3-5 and registration is required.

Library Escape Room - June 24 @ 12:30 p.m.
Find clues, solve puzzles and beat the clock you to claim you figured out Mooresville Public Library's first escape room. For adults of all ages and registration is required.

Does the Moon Change? - June 20 @ 2:00 p.m.
Have fun learning about the phases of the moon using Oreo cookies. For children in grades K-3 and registration is required.

For more information about this year's summer reading program, and a full listing of summer events, visit www.MooresvilleLibrary.org, or call 704-664-2927.