

TownVoice

Protect Your Vehicle Against Break-Ins

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Over the last several weeks, Mooresville police have seen an increase in residential vehicle break-ins and theft of property from vehicles. Vehicle break-ins are often crimes of opportunity, not premeditated, which makes it hard to predict when and where they may happen. In many cases, an offender makes a split-second decision to commit the crime based on the perception that valuable items will be found in the vehicle.

For residential crimes, offenders often roam neighborhoods searching for items in unlocked vehicles. Of the 46 reported vehicle break-ins in May, half of them involved vehicles that were unlocked. Also, 98% of the unlocked vehicles were in residential areas.

A break-in is a crime that can be committed in a matter of seconds in a variety of settings. While officers are proactively patrolling public areas and residential neighborhoods where these crimes are occurring, police are seeking the public's assistance in minimizing the opportunity for these crimes by making your vehicle less appealing to the offender.

The police department encourages everyone to increase their awareness and follow steps to reduce the potential of becoming a vehicle break-in victim:

- **Keep** the interior of your vehicle "showroom clean." Do not leave valuables laying in plain sight, including loose change, bags and electronics.
- **Hide** all items that need to remain in the vehicle.
- **Do not** store or leave personal identifying information in the glove box.
- **Keep** trees and shrubs trimmed so that cars can be easily viewed from the roadway by patrol officers.
- **Hide** garage openers, cards and keys.



- **Be aware** of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity to the police.
- **Always** lock your vehicle, including at your home.

The Mooresville Police Department encourages everyone to know their neighbors and share contact information with each other. Those who live around you are most likely to recognize suspicious activity. A neighborhood watch program can also be a great crime prevention tool. Anyone interested in this program can contact Crime Prevention Officer Dave Harding at 704-799-4187 for more information.

Officers of the Mooresville Police Department are always eager to attend HOA meetings, community events, social gatherings and other assemblies to share information and build partnerships through our Mooresville Police and Community Together (MPACT) initiative. Contact the department at 704-664-3311 for more information.



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FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY)
704-664-1338

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LIBRARY
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704-662-7040

POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY)
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SELMA BURKE CENTER
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TALBERT RECREATION
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704-799-4281

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704-663-2670

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704-663-3800

WINNIE HOOPER CENTER
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704-662-7040

Parks & Recreation Little Known Facts

Parks and recreation departments provide countless benefits for their communities. Just as clean water, paved streets and public safety are essential public services, parks and recreation opportunities are important for establishing and maintaining quality of life in a community and contributing to its overall well-being.

Benefits of parks and recreation activities include promoting overall health and wellness, protecting environmental resources, and strengthening the sense of pride within a community.

According to the Surgeon General, "Engaging in regular physical activity is one of the most important things that people of all ages can do to improve their health." Parks and recreation staff provide fitness and nutrition classes, sports programs and recreation activities to help people improve their health.

Overall access to parks and green space is a huge benefit. Green space improves air and water quality and provides habitat for wildlife. Mature park trees also filter out pollutants before they reach local streams, rivers and lakes.

Parks and recreation facilities are used to host weddings, company picnics, family reunions, non-profit fund raisers and a range of other special events. Activities like these promote good maintenance of resources and instill a sense of pride in one's community.

Here are some specific things you may not know about Mooresville's Parks & Recreation Department:

Talbert Recreation Center houses a seasonal garden where staff grow organic produce to use in the Town's concession stands. Concession stand waste is harvested and used to create compost to put back in the garden. Dunkin' Donuts donates its coffee grounds for additional composting material. Garden produce is also donated to the Soup Kitchen, the department's community centers and other charity organizations.

Last season, the department served 685 children in its youth basketball program and 663 youth in the baseball/softball programs. That's a lot of smiling young faces engaged in a variety of healthy activities!

We expect these numbers to increase as we offer more activities and leagues in the future.

All Town parks have free wifi access, and the baseball and softball fields have live-feed cameras if you want to watch children and youth play ball, but can't make it to the practice or game.

In the past year, the department has received \$174,183 in grants and donations to provide residents with recreation programs and services funded by a source other than taxpayer dollars.

When the Mooresville Golf Course closed in November 2014 for renovations, it had 24 members. Since reopening in October 2016, the new Mooresville Golf Club now boasts a membership of 202 golfers.

John Franklin Moore, for whom Mooresville is named, is buried in one of three cemeteries within the Town. Town staff are also the frontline people assisting families when a friend or loved one passes away and will be buried in Willow Valley, Green Acres or Glenwood cemeteries.

These are just some of the ways your Parks & Recreation Department strives to maintain a high quality of life in Mooresville. For more information about the programs and services we offer, call 704-663-7026.

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FY18 Approved Budget Information

On June 5, the Mooresville Town Board approved the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget. The approved budget total of \$104,598,398 includes no increase in taxes or utility rates.

General Fund.....	\$68,424,368
Utility Fund.....	26,978,604
Project Ordinances.....	3,087,970
Utility Capital Reserve.....	2,800,000
Stormwater.....	1,422,568
Powell Bill.....	990,000
Capital Reserve.....	500,000
Community Development.....	394,888
Total.....	\$104,598,398

The budget's General Fund includes software to begin creating a town-wide camera system for police and fire-rescue purposes, increased funding for police body cameras, completion of a roof replacement project at The Charles Mack Citizen Center, and remote kiosks for the Mooresville Public Library on the west side of town.

Items from the utility fund include funding for the 42" sewer line extension project and water line replacements on Spencer Avenue and Boger Avenue near Magla Park. Also included is funding for a preliminary study for the Northside force main and pump station project.

Each local government operates under an annual balanced budget ordinance adopted and administered in accordance with The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. Major sources of revenue for the Town are the ad valorem property tax and local option sales taxes. User fees for services, such as water and sewer, support the operation and maintenance costs of the systems.

Ad valorem property taxes, the Town's General Fund major source of revenue, generates approximately \$35,720,000 of revenue. Property tax rates for Mooresville are \$0.58 per \$100.

Funds in the budget pay for the personnel and services provided by the Town to the residents. Safe drinking water, regular trash collection, recreational opportunities and public safety protection are among the many services provided by the Town.

Copies of the complete budget are available at Mooresville Town Hall, the Mooresville Public Library or by download from the Town's website.

News in Brief



Music on Main - July 3 Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs to the free "Music on Main" summer concert series. On Monday, July 3, the Matt Stratford Band will take the stage for the third concert of the summer. Based out of Charlotte, this Top 40 variety band performs songs from Johnny Cash to Stevie Wonder to Maroon 5.

This special concert is being held in partnership with the Lowe's YMCA's Independence Day Celebration on Monday, July 3. The event begins at 4 p.m. at Lowe's YMCA located at 170 Joe V. Knox Avenue. The concert series will return to Town Hall in August. For more information, call 704-663-7026 or visit MooresvilleRecreation.org.

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, Wednesday and Thursday residential customers that week.

Preparing For Homeownership Community Foundations, a local non-profit, is hosting a free community event "Preparing for Homeownership" on Saturday, July 22 at East Mooresville Intermediate School. This program is designed to assist families interested in homeownership by providing information related to topics such as credit, loan programs for first-time home buyers, down payment assistance, student loans and fair housing.

Registration is required for this event. Visit www.cfcfdc.org to register or call 704-799-7641 weekdays 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Children's Theatre The Mooresville Community Children's Theatre brings "Into the Woods, Jr." to the Joe V. Knox Auditorium of The Charles Mack Citizen Center. Performances will be held July 27-30.

Shows start at 7 p.m. on July 27 and 28, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on July 29, and 3 p.m. on July 30. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors (62+) and \$10 for students (3 - 18). For more information, visit MooresvilleChildrensTheatre.org.



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 in July. To order, tune to channel MI-Choice 1 (Channel 1) and 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! For more information, go to www.miconnection.com or call 704-660-3840.

Fats, Oils & Grease (F.O.G.)

When grease is washed down the drain, it sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and under streets). Over time, it builds up and can block an entire pipe. Never pour fats, oils or grease (F.O.G.) down the drain.

F.O.G. discharged by residential, commercial and industrial users presents a problem for the Town's wastewater collection and treatment system. Commercial products that claim to dissolve grease may only pass it down the line.

Scrape all food and leftover grease into the trash, never into the sink.

Recycle large amounts of used cooking oil at the Iredell County Transfer Station.

Wipe pots, pans and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing/washing.

Pour cooled F.O.G. into a can with a tight lid (ex. coffee can) and dispose of it in the garbage.

Do not use hot water to wash grease down the drain. When the water cools, F.O.G. will solidify and clog the pipes.

Do not use detergents to dissolve grease. They only disperse it down the line to recollect elsewhere and cause problems.

Do not put grease or greasy food into the garbage disposal.

Never pour grease or used oil into the storm drains or in the ground.

For more information about the Town's F.O.G. program, call 704-799-4192.



JULY 3
MUSIC ON MAIN
LOWE'S YMCA @ 4:00 P.M.

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

JULY 10
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

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

JULY 20
WATER BILLS DUE

AUGUST 1
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
N. MAIN STREET @ 5 P.M.

National Night Out - August 1

On Tuesday, August 1 from 5 - 8 p.m., the Town of Mooresville and community partners will take part in National Night Out (NNO). This crime and drug prevention event is held in cities and towns throughout the United States.

Founded in 1981, the purpose of NNO is to increase awareness of crime and drug prevention, increase support of local programs to reduce crime, strengthen community-police partnerships, and provide information for children and adults about the effects of crime and drugs. It is also meant to empower residents to make their neighborhoods safer places to live.

Millions take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August.



This year's event takes place along North Main Street between Iredell Avenue and Moore Avenue. Representatives from the Mooresville Police Department, Mooresville Fire-Rescue and local businesses and shops will be sharing information. Activities include prize raffles, food vendors, disc jockey, dunk tank, live entertainment and more.

For more information, call the Mooresville Police Department at 704-664-3311.