

# TownVoice

## Citizens Academy Begins in September

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For the sixth consecutive year, the Town will offer the Mooresville Citizens Academy, an eight week course that offers citizens an up close look at Town services and facilities.

This year's academy begins on Thursday, September 7 and conclude with a graduation ceremony at a November Town Board of Commissioners meeting. Classes are led by department directors and Town officials. The Town will again offer two sections of the course, one from 9 a.m. - noon, and the second from 6 - 9 p.m. each Thursday.

Instruction will include PowerPoint presentations, live demonstrations, interactive group discussions and more. There is no charge for the course, but space is limited to 15 participants per class and is open to Town residents only. Applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

"This is a great opportunity for Mooresville residents to talk with those who provide the services they, as residents, receive," Town Manager David Treme said. "Those who take the academy will hopefully better

understand the services the Town provides, and the work that goes into making those services happen on a day-to-day basis."

"If you want to learn about the Town you live in, how a local government operates and the benefits and services you receive, there is no better way to learn than by taking the citizens academy," Treme said.

"Those who take this course will see the hard work and commitment involved in making Mooresville run smoothly," Public Information Officer Kim Sellers said. "We hope participants share their experiences from the class with their neighbors and friends to help tell the Town's story."

Applications are available on the Town's website at [www.ci.mooresville.nc.us](http://www.ci.mooresville.nc.us), at Town Hall and at the Mooresville Public Library. All applications must be received by Thursday, August 31.

For more information about the Citizens Academy, contact Kim Sellers at 704-799-4011 or [ksellers@ci.mooresville.nc.us](mailto:ksellers@ci.mooresville.nc.us).



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# Comprehensive Housing Strategy



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LIBRARY  
704-664-2927

PLANNING  
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POLICE (NON-EMERGENCY)  
704-664-3311

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SELMA BURKE CENTER  
704-799-4035

TALBERT RECREATION  
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704-799-4281

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704-663-2670

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704-663-3800

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704-662-7040

In recent years, the Town's leadership recognized that housing is a serious issue that needs to be addressed in an intentional, strategic and inclusive manner. Mayor Miles Atkins, members of the Town Board, and Town staff members understood that to have a prosperous, thriving community well into the future, housing would be needed for all residents, in all life stages and at all price points.

Making progress on this front would take a disciplined, community-wide approach. Resident involvement and buy-in to the project would be crucial for the issue to be addressed properly.

Mooresville is comprised of residents and stakeholders from various backgrounds – seniors, millennials, large employers, low income residents, business owners, young families, teachers, students etc.

Representatives of these groups and engaged residents worked in partnership to analyze existing housing, determine the need for current and future residents and employers, and develop an action plan that the community could support. The result is the Mooresville Comprehensive Housing Strategy, completed in September, 2016 and adopted by the Town Board on October 3, 2016.

The purpose of the housing strategy was to gain a better understanding of the Town's current and future housing needs. Knowing where to start was imperative before beginning the new project.

In order to comprehend existing housing availability, population and market trends, employer needs, general housing needs (including senior and millennial residents), and public sentiment regarding housing and housing needs, a variety of input strategies were used throughout the process.

The project included the Mooresville Housing Needs Assessment, an extensive public engagement process with open house events and focus groups, a project steering committee and a project team to guide all elements of the planning process. These groups consisted of stakeholders from various parts of the community, including education, finance and real estate.

The Mooresville Comprehensive Housing Strategy is designed to:

- Articulate the Town's housing needs and provide a clear housing vision
- Provide recommendations and steps towards fulfilling the Town's housing vision
- Aid in communicating the Town's housing vision to the development community
- Serve as a guide that elected officials, appointed officials, and Town staff can use to address challenges and leverage opportunities related to housing

The Mooresville Comprehensive Housing Strategy identifies existing conditions, current and future needs, and provides options that Town staff and elected officials can take under advisement to be implemented based on local priorities at the community's pace and appetite for change.

To begin addressing these priorities, the Town has allocated \$150,000 over the next three years to fund a critical repairs program to help preserve and enhance existing housing stock. Further, Town staff is designing a down payment assistance program to assist qualifying homebuyers with purchasing a home.

To learn more about the Mooresville Comprehensive Housing Strategy and our housing programs, contact the Town's Planning and Community Development Department at 704-799-4291.

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# August Programs @ The Library

August offers activities and programs for all ages at the Mooresville Public Library. These are led by Town staff or professionals in the career field. Please note, some events require prior registration.

## *Youth Activities*

**Solar Eclipse Viewer** - August 3 @ 2:00 p.m.

Be prepared for the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21 by creating a safe solar eclipse viewer. This program will be downstairs in the youth services room.

**Family Movie Day** - August 7 @ 2:00 p.m.

Come watch the movie "The Boss Baby" (Rated PG). This fun family movie is for all ages, and will be downstairs in the youth services room.

**Steve Somers** - August 12 @ 11:00 a.m.

Learn fun ways to build a better world and discover the magic of books. Enjoy magic tricks, music, storytelling and more. This is for youth of all ages, and will be downstairs in the youth services room.

**Solar Eclipse Party** - August 21 @ 2:00 p.m.

A total solar eclipse will cross the continental United States. Join library staff to witness one of nature's most stunning displays. For youth of all ages.

## *Adult Activities*

**Crafterdark Book Art** - August 2 @ 6:00 p.m.

Build a better world and a cool craft by creating folded book sculptures from recycled books. Registration is required, and you must be at least 16-years-old to participate.

**Stretch & Balance Exercise** - August 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

Wear sturdy shoes as we learn proper balance and stretch movements for all ages. Program will be in the Selma Burke room, and registration is required.

**Escape Room** - August 12 @ 10:00 a.m.

Find clues, solve puzzles and beat the clock to figure out the library's "Around the World" escape room. Registration is required, and you must be at least 18-years-old to participate.

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

# News in Brief



**Music on Main - August 4** Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs to the free "Music on Main" summer concert series. On Friday, August 4, Band of Oz takes the stage for the fourth concert of the summer. One of the most successful Beach groups in the Southeast, Band of OZ make tour stops all along the East coast and continue to get the best reviews from entertainment experts.

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 about the concert series, call 704-663-7026 or visit [MooresvilleRecreation.org](http://MooresvilleRecreation.org).

**Pool Closing for the Season** The War Memorial Pool will close for the season in August as many staff return to college. The official last day of operation for the season is determined by staff availability, and will be posted on the Cultural & Recreation Services Facebook page. Thank you for a great season!

**Farmers' Market** The Mooresville Farmers' Market brings local farmers and vendors together for residents of the Mooresville community. Every Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon at Liberty Park, fresh foods such as eggs, produce and honey can be purchased. Operating thru October, items sold include baked goods, peanut butter, jams, barbeque sauce and pork skins. Non-food vendors offer pottery, hand crafted soaps and lotions.

For more information, go to [www.mooresvillefarmersmarket.com](http://www.mooresvillefarmersmarket.com).

**Coffee With A Cop - August 7 & 22** Come enjoy informal, one-on-one conversations with Mooresville Police Officers at "Coffee With A Cop." Officers will hold two sessions in August, the first on Monday, August 7 from 8 - 9 a.m. at Dunkin Donuts, 651 River Hwy. The second session is Tuesday, August 22 from 12 - 1 p.m. at Starbucks, 489-A River Hwy.

For more information, or to schedule a "Coffee With A Cop" session, call the Mooresville Police Department at 704-664-3311.



**Holiday Closing** Town offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. There will be a one day delay in trash and recycling collection for all residential sanitation customers.

# Back to School Safety

August means it's almost time for school to resume. Mooresville Fire-Rescue and Mooresville Police Department offer advice for parents and children as another school year begins:

## Riding the School Bus

- Always be aware of moving traffic.
- Stay at least 10 steps away from the bus as it pulls up so the driver can see you.
- If you have to cross the street to get to the bus, make sure the bus and traffic have completely stopped before crossing.
- Be respectful of the bus driver, and listen to his/her instructions.
- Don't put your head, arms, backpack or anything else outside a window.
- Always stay seated while the bus is moving.

## While at Home Alone

- When home alone keep all doors locked.
- If someone knocks use a window to see who it is. Never open the door for a stranger.
- Post an emergency phone list where everyone knows where it is and can see it.
- Children under 13 should not use the oven or microwave without adult supervision.
- Make sure potential poisons like detergents, pesticides and household cleaners are locked in cabinets or out of reach for children.
- Put medicine in a locked storage unit or out of reach for children.

For more information, call the Mooresville Police Department at 704-664-3311 or Mooresville Fire-Rescue at 704-664-1338.



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

**AUGUST 4**  
MUSIC ON MAIN  
TOWN HALL @ 6:30 P.M.

**AUGUST 7**  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN HALL @ 6 P.M.

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

**AUGUST 20**  
WATER BILLS DUE

**SEPTEMBER 4**  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY  
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

# Car Maintenance & Stormwater

Many people choose to maintain their own cars or trucks at home instead of taking them to a service center. Individual vehicle owners, however, may not have the practices in place that service centers do to minimize stormwater pollution. If these pollutants are not managed properly, they can go into storm drains and cause pollution in streams and rivers.

Byproducts of automotive maintenance, such as oil, antifreeze and other fluids, contain toxins that can pollute our water and are harmful to fish, birds, other wildlife, plants and people. If you are doing your own automotive maintenance, take precautions to prevent stormwater pollution.

Ways to prevent pollution include:

- Be aware of your work area. Keep this area clean and dry.
- Work on a flat surface where you can easily clean up accidental spills.



- Use proper materials and equipment to handle fluids and waste to avoid spills.
- Do not work on a vehicle in the street or near a storm drain.

If you spill fluids when doing maintenance on your vehicle, use kitty litter, sawdust or other oil absorbent to clean spills. NEVER sweep, wash or dump used oil products or other fluids into a storm drain, ditch or gutter.

For more information on the Town's stormwater program, contact Rylee Hernandez at 704-799-4068, or [rhernandez@ci.mooresville.nc.us](mailto:rhernandez@ci.mooresville.nc.us).