

National Fire Prevention Week 2017

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This year's National Fire Prevention Week is October 8 - 14. The theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!," emphasizes the importance of getting out of a fire scene quickly. Having an escape plan is vital to saving precious seconds in the event of a fire.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,000 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of property.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation. Since that time, Fire Prevention Week has been observed each Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President has signed a proclamation proclaiming national observance every year since 1925.

This year's theme of "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is especially important to homeowners. According to a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) survey, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. According to the same survey almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, less than half ever practiced it.

With these survey results in mind, this year's campaign focuses on several key messages:

- Practice a home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Every second counts during a fire emergency. Approximately half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep. Having an emergency escape plan, and practicing it, is vital to knowing what to do if a fire occurs.

During Fire Prevention Week, Mooresville Fire-Rescue will work with schools, day cares and community groups to provide life-saving fire safety tips. Included will be information about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, severe weather radios and more.

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



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CHARLES MACK CITIZEN
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704-662-3334

CULTURAL & RECREATION
SERVICES
704-663-1026

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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

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CENTER
704-799-4281

WAR MEMORIAL CENTER
704-663-2670

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704-663-3800

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In January 2016, the Mooresville Police Department introduced a new policing strategy called MPACT, which stands for Mooresville Police and Community Together. By now you've probably heard at least a little about this program. If you don't know about the program, my goal through this article is to explain the details behind it, and tell how it's changed certain aspects of the police department in the last year-and-a-half.

This strategy is anchored in the philosophies of several similar strategies, including Problem-Oriented Policing, Community Policing and Focused Deterrence. With this hybrid style approach, partnerships are created between police and the community to address criminal matters and reduce crime. We are focused on building community relationships and engaging the community in problem solving efforts.

MPACT was conceived in the wake of several national incidents that led to distrust of law enforcement. These incidents formed an "us versus them" mentality that created a severe strain on the relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Although we feel the citizens of Mooresville support us, we want to continually demonstrate our commitment to our citizens.

MPACT embraces an officer's mindset of a guardian mentality. With the guardian mindset officers are focused on de-escalation of incidents through constant and consistent communication. A guardian also seeks to protect the community they serve treating the public with respect and dignity. As a constant reminder of this guardian mindset, every officer of the department wears an MPACT pin to signify their dedication to the town and our strategy.

Through the framework of MPACT, we formed two patrol districts, east and west. Each district has dedicated officers permanently assigned to one of four patrol zones within the district. With a permanent assignment, officers are expected to become more familiar with their assigned area while developing meaningful and lasting relationships with individual citizens, business owners and the community-as-a-whole. We believe every encounter with a citizen matters.

MPACT has become our principal managing instrument which all other departmental programs and functions operate. One of the newest functions implemented this year is COMPSTAT.

COMPSTAT is a data-driven, evidence-based approach to identify increases in criminal activity and addresses these increases through direct enforcement. The benefit is timely and accurate information gathering and sharing, rapid deployment of resources, effective tactics and relentless follow up.

Over the last year-and-a-half since it began, MPACT has become the central theme of our community outreach programs. Some of these programs include the Police Citizens Academy, Safety Town, Badges for Baseball, National Night Out, Breakfast with Santa, Coffee with a Cop, Police Explorers, Heroes and Helpers and Rape Aggression Defense (RAD).

One of the newest community programs started only within the last few months is Bicycle Safety. Officers from the bicycle patrol team will come to any neighborhood, free of charge, to provide bicycle safety lessons for children. If interested in having this program in your neighborhood please contact our office.

We at the Mooresville Police Department challenge ourselves daily to improve our relationships with the community, stay engaged with our citizens and to sustain the trust that's been established. We are aware our greatest resource is you, our citizens, and we will continue to serve and protect our community through Pride, Integrity and Commitment.

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October Events @ The Library

October offers several programs and activities for children at the Mooresville Public Library. All programs are led by Town staff or professionals in the career field. Please note, some of the children's events require registration before the day of the scheduled program.

After School LEGO Club - October 3 @ 6:00 p.m.
Use your imagination to create with LEGO's. This program supports STEM learning, and is for children in grades K-7.

Mad Halloween Science - October 4 @ 4:00 p.m.
Come conduct spooky Halloween science experiments. This program supports STEM learning, and is for children in grades 4-7. Registration required.

Autumn Leaf Fun - October 5 @ 1:00 p.m.
Learn about the Autumn leaves and enjoy the art medium of finger painting to create a beautiful Fall tree. This program supports STEM learning, and is for children ages 3-6. Registration required.

Fire Prevention Day - October 9 @ 1:00 p.m.
Meet Mooresville firefighters, learn about their uniforms and equipment, and see the big red fire truck. For children of all ages.

Candy Corn Monsters - October 20 @ 11:00 a.m.
& October 24 @ 1:00 p.m.
Learn about the Halloween holiday and get in the spirit by making a Halloween monster to take home. For children ages 3-6. Registration required.

Escape Room - October 30 @ 2:00 p.m.
You have 45 minutes to figure out how to escape Igor's Dance Dungeon run by monsters using your math and problem solving skills. This program is for children in grades 3-7. Registration required.

Halloween Party - October 31 @ 3:30 p.m.
Come dressed for the holiday and enjoy a dance bubble party, games, and a costume contest. This program is for youth of all ages.

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

News in Brief



Music on Main - October 6 Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs to the free "Music on Main" summer concert series. On Friday, October 6, Legacy Motown Revue will take the stage for the final concert of the summer. This group takes you back to the days of The Drifters, The Coasters, The Jacksons, Earth Wind & Fire, The Temptations, and many more legendary icons!

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.

Festival of Food Trucks - October 14

The Mooresville Downtown Commission hosts the final Festival of Food Trucks event for the year on Saturday, October 14 from 5 - 8:30 p.m. North Main Street from Moore Avenue to Iredell Avenue will be closed for the events. Bring a chair, sample delicious dishes, walk the streets, and visit downtown merchants. For more information, call the Mooresville Downtown Commission at 704-662-3336.

Downtown Trick-or-Treat - October 31

Kids and costumes of all ages are welcomed to Downtown Mooresville on Tuesday, October 31 for the downtown's annual trick-or-treat festivities. From 3 - 5 p.m., businesses downtown will hand out free candy to trick-or-treaters. The event will end promptly at 5 p.m. For more information, call 704-662-3336.

Working Fingers Craft Show - November 4

This year marks the 41st annual Working Fingers Craft Show. Enjoy this hand-made holiday market featuring the best local and regional artists, crafters and bakers at The Charles Mack Citizen Center on Saturday, November 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Follow The Town The Town uses Facebook, Twitter and Vimeo to share announcements about events and activities that are happening in our community. Take a few moments to "like" us on Facebook, "follow" our Twitter page and "subscribe" to us on Vimeo.



Keep Storm Drains Free of Debris

Storm drains serve a crucial role in the maintenance of our town roads. These drains, located in the street and sometimes on private property, collect stormwater that runs off impervious surfaces such as driveways, parking lots, basketball or tennis courts and streets.

Sometimes these storm drains can become blocked, preventing stormwater runoff from entering the drain, and possibly leading to flooding of the area. Depending on the source clogging the storm drains, there can also be negative environmental impacts downstream.

Town maintenance crews typically check storm drains before major storms and remove anything that may prevent water from freely

entering these drains. Town storm drains are continuously monitored and are cleaned at least once a year.

Please assist us in keeping the storm drains clear by removing any debris in front of the drain or on the grate, placing leaves and grass clippings up above the curb rather than in the street, and by not leaving any trash or other debris in the street where it may be washed to the nearest storm drain. Please contact the Town to remove any large debris blocking or clogging a storm drain.

For more information, contact Rylee Hernandez at 704-799-4068.

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

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

OCTOBER 12
PLANNING BOARD
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 16
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 20
WATER BILLS DUE

OCTOBER 26
CHAMBER BUSINESS EXPO
CMCC @ 11:00 A.M.

Mooreville Veterans Celebration 2017

Mooreville's fourth annual Veterans Celebration is set for the week of November 6. The celebration includes a week of honoring our hometown heroes, with special tribute to female veterans serving as this year's grand marshals.

The week begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, November 6 with a procession on Main Street from Richard's Coffee Shop to Town Hall. Following the procession will be a P.O.W. memorial ceremony at the flag pole in front of Town Hall.

Saturday, November 11 marks the largest day of the celebration. Activities start at 11 a.m. with a memorial ceremony at Glenwood Memorial Park. This ceremony will be followed by a downtown parade beginning at Noon at the intersection of Main Street and McLelland Avenue and ending at Town Hall.



Immediately following the parade a free lunch will be provided on the Town Hall lawn, and a patriotic concert will conclude the day's activities.

For more information, visit MoorevilleVeteransCelebration.com.