

# TownVoice

## December Events Around Town

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TOWN ATTORNEY

JANET POPE  
TOWN CLERK



December is a busy time as 2017 comes to an end and 2018 quickly arrives. During the coming weeks, celebrate the holiday season as the Town and our community partners offer activities for all:

#### Downtown Holiday Light Spectacular

This is an orchestrated light show featuring more than 100,000 lights set to music. The show takes place nightly from 6 - 9:30 p.m. on the Town Hall Lawn through the end of December.

#### Children's Holiday Party with Santa & Rudolph

Everyone is invited to meet Santa Claus and Rudolph on Sunday, December 3 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at The Charles Mack Citizen Center, 215 North Main Street. Hot cocoa and snacks will be provided, and guests will have the opportunity for a free professional photo with Santa. For more information, call 704-662-3334.

#### Christmas Spectacular

The Mooresville Parks & Recreation Department invites everyone to the Christmas Spectacular on December 7 at the Mooresville Golf Club, 800 Golf Course Drive. An ice skating village, peppermint forest, hay rides, laser light show, pictures with Santa and more await attendees of this Christmas Spectacular!

#### Celebrate the Holidays Downtown

For two consecutive Fridays in December, celebrate the holidays downtown. On December 8 and 15, Downtown Mooresville will feature several Christmas celebrations. Along Main Street and Broad Street from 6 - 8 p.m., more than 30 businesses will be open to welcome guests. Wagon rides will load in front of the the Christian Mission on Broad Street, and Santa Claus and Rudolph are expected to attend.

#### Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus

The Mooresville Police Department welcomes Santa and Mrs. Claus for breakfast on December 9 from 9 - 11 a.m. Guests of all ages are invited to enjoy donuts, Chick-fil-A biscuits and drinks while visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Also, bring a camera for picture time with the Christmas couple.

#### It's A Wonderful Life

The timeless Christmas classic "It's A Wonderful Life" will be shown on Thursday, December 21 at 8 p.m. at The Charles Mack Citizen Center, 215 North Main Street. For more information, call 704-662-3334.



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## Parks & Recreation Receives Accreditation



### DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

BUSINESS OFFICE  
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

On September 25, the Town of Mooresville Parks & Recreation Department was awarded agency accreditation by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). This is an accomplishment that less than 5% of park & recreation departments in North Carolina can claim, and less than 3% of departments in the United States have earned.

This was a two year process the Department worked to receive this accreditation. Along the way our staff assembled evidence to show compliance with 151 standards in the following areas: Organization and Administration, Programs and Services Management, Financial Management, Facility and Land Use Management, Public Safety, Law Enforcement and Security, Risk Management, Human Resources, Planning and Evaluation and Assessment and Research.

The accreditation process included an agency self-assessment report which requires the Department to meet 37 fundamental standards, and at least 85% of the remaining standards. All evidence was submitted electronically, but if it had been printed, it would have required many large binders to hold the tremendous amount of information required for accreditation consideration.

Once the self-assessment was approved by the CAPRA Accreditation Board, the process progressed to an on-site visit by top peers from Texas, Georgia and Maryland. The final step was a formal panel review be-

fore the Accreditation Board at the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in New Orleans this past September. In total 10 Town staff members, two commissioners from the Town Board and one Deputy Town Manager were in attendance with high hopes for a positive outcome.

The Commission noted the department fully demonstrated its commitment to the park and recreation field by complying with a body of standards deemed essential to the quality of services delivered, and noted the professionalism of the Department's operational system. It stated the department accomplished best management practices in its delivery of programs and services to the Mooresville citizens.

CAPRA accreditation is valid for five years with a report submitted annually to the Accreditation Board. An in-house accreditation team made up of Parks & Recreation staff members from various operations of the department will meet once each month to review standards and ensure the Department continues to demonstrate compliance.

With this accreditation, the Town of Mooresville Parks & Recreation Department joins the Police Department and Fire-Rescue Department as accredited agencies within the Town. It's a group the Parks & Recreation staff are proud to be part of!

Pam Reidy  
Parks & Recreation Director



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# Reporting Illicit Discharges to Stormwater System

An illicit discharge is anything other than stormwater entering a storm drain or other part of the stormwater system. Common types of illicit discharges include pouring or allowing oil, other automotive chemicals, or paint into a storm drain, blowing grass clippings or leaves into a storm drain or roadside ditch intended for stormwater, and dumping trash into a storm drain.

Because these storm drains and roadside ditches connect directly to our local rivers, creeks and streams it is important to prevent illicit discharges from happening. These chemicals and waste materials can have negative environmental impacts on our local rivers, creeks and stream and wildlife.

## To Prevent Illicit Discharges:

- Keep rags nearby when using oil and other automotive fluids to clean up any spills.
- Blow grass clippings back into your yard.
- Pile grass clippings, leaves and yard waste up above the curb wherever possible.
- Properly dispose of all garbage.
- Do not use water to wash spilled material into the storm drain.

If you do see an illicit discharge, or suspect an illicit discharge has occurred, please report it to the Stormwater Department at 704-663-7282.

## Be Prepared with the Following Information:

- When did you see the possible illicit discharge?
- Where did you see the possible illicit discharge?
- What do you think the possible illicit discharge is?
- Is there a business involved?

For more information, contact Rylee Hernandez at [rhernandez@ci.moorestville.nc.us](mailto:rhernandez@ci.moorestville.nc.us).



# News in Brief

**Moorestville Community Children's Theatre** The Moorestville Community Children's Theatre will hold open auditions for their production of



"The House at Pooh Corner." Auditions will be held Monday, December 11, from 4 – 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday, December 12, from 5:30 – 8 p.m. and are open to youth ages 6-18.

Cost to audition is FREE. If cast, however, there is a \$90 participation fee with scholarships available. All auditions will be held at The Charles Mack Citizen Center. Visit [www.MoorestvilleChildrensTheatre.org](http://www.MoorestvilleChildrensTheatre.org) for more information.

**Holiday Schedule** Town offices & facilities will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26. There will be a one day delay for sanitation and recycling customers that week. Also, Town offices & facilities will be closed for the New Year holiday on Monday, January 1. There will be a one day delay for sanitation and recycling customers that week as well.

**Food for Fines** During the month of December, library patrons can bring canned food to donate to the Moorestville Soup Kitchen, and the Moorestville Public Library will waive \$1 in fines for each item up to a total of \$10. Food cannot be past the expiration date. For more information, contact Circulation Services at 704-663-1701.

**MLK Unity Celebration – January 13 & 15** The Town of Moorestville, in partnership with the Moorestville Graded School District and other community partners, will host a Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Celebration beginning on Saturday, January 13. The day includes storytelling at the Moorestville Public Library at 11 a.m., a community service project with Hope of Moorestville at 12 p.m. and movie showings at The Charles Mack Citizen Center starting at 2 p.m.

Celebration activities continue on Monday, January 15 with a community breakfast and program at 8:30 a.m. at The Charles Mack Citizen Center. Immediately following the program a unity march will cover several roads downtown, including Center Avenue, Broad Street, Moore Avenue and Main Street.

For more information, email Rupa Venkatesh at [rvenkatesh@ci.moorestville.nc.us](mailto:rvenkatesh@ci.moorestville.nc.us).

# Holiday Safety Tips

The holidays are a festive time with lots of parties and family visits. With these come lights and decorations, and a greater risk for fires. Mooresville Fire-Rescue reminds everyone to follow safety guidelines to ensure a safe and fire-safe holiday season:

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn. Battery operated candles are a safer alternative.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken chords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of light sets to each other.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the chords do not get damaged.

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking. Prepare meals so they're ready BEFORE guests arrive.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.

Most holiday home fires are preventable. Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Also, two out of every five home decoration fires are started by lit candles.

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave a room, leave your home or go to bed.

**Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

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

MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR

**DECEMBER 4**  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

**DECEMBER 14**  
PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

**DECEMBER 18**  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

**DECEMBER 20**  
WATER BILLS DUE

**DECEMBER 25 & 26**  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

**JANUARY 1**  
NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY  
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

## December Programs at the Library

There are many activities to celebrate the holiday season during December at the Mooresville Public Library. Listed are several opportunities this month. For a full list, visit [MooresvilleLibrary.org](http://MooresvilleLibrary.org).

**Holiday Cookie Swap** - December 4 @ 2:30 p.m.  
Bring a batch of your favorite cookies and the recipe to swap with others. Adults of all ages can enjoy warm beverages and holiday music. Registration required.

**Homemade for the Holidays** - December 5 @ 6 p.m.  
Adults are invited to join us to make homemade gifts to decorate your home for the holidays, or give to someone as a gift. Registration required.

**A Pirate Holiday Party** - December 7 @ 10 a.m.  
December 14 @ 6 p.m.  
Enjoy a reading of *A Pirate's Night Before Christmas*, sing a rendition of a Pirate's 12 Days of Christmas and get ready for a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! For children ages Birth - 6 years old.



**Fun Holiday Ornaments** - December 8 @ 11 a.m.  
Enjoy listening to some holiday stories and make a fun holiday ornament to take home. For children ages 3-6 years old. Registration required.

**The Polar Express** - December 20 @ 2 p.m.  
Join us for this fun movie as The Polar Express comes through and takes passengers of all ages! Pajamas are welcome!