

# TownVoice

## Town Board Looks Ahead to 2018

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

MILES ATKINS  
MAYOR

EDDIE DINGLER  
WARD I COMMISSIONER

THURMAN HOUSTON  
WARD II COMMISSIONER,  
MAYOR PRO TEM

BARBARA WHITTINGTON  
WARD III COMMISSIONER

LISA QUALLS  
WARD IV COMMISSIONER

BOBBY COMPTON  
AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER

GARY WEST  
AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER

### TOWN OFFICIALS

DAVID TREME  
TOWN MANAGER

STEPHEN P. GAMBILL  
TOWN ATTORNEY

JANET POPE  
TOWN CLERK

A new year brings two returning members to the Town Board as well as two new faces. Both the returning and new members have definite goals for the year ahead.

Mayor Miles Atkins begins his fourth term as mayor after serving one stint as a commissioner. Mayor Atkins applauds the work done in recent years saying “our economic development efforts have resulted in \$1 billion in investment by companies and 1,196 new jobs. Additionally, we secured \$160 million for transportation and road improvement projects to mitigate traffic congestion.”

Returning to serve Ward 4, Commissioner Lisa Qualls will continue to “listen to the residents and make the best decision possible for the immediate and long-term future of the community.”

Newly elected to serve Ward 3, Barbara Whittington is a Mooresville native who enjoyed a long career in town government before retiring. “I’ve never had an address other than Mooresville, and I truly love my town,” Whittington said. She also promises to “be an advocate for town employees and give back to the community.”

The other new member of the board, Gary West, will serve in one of the two Commissioner-At-Large positions. A Marine Corps veteran and previous member of the Mooresville Planning Board, West “worked hard to gain valuable experience needed to serve” as a commissioner. “I worked to get appointed to key boards, attended the Town’s citizens academy and was part of the Sister Cities program with Hockenheim.”

The Town Board meets the first and third Mondays, unless otherwise announced, in the Executive Board Room at Town Hall. Meetings begin at 6 p.m., and the public is always encouraged to attend.



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## Growing Downtown Initiative Underway



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704-663-1026

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FIRE (NON-EMERGENCY)  
704-664-1338

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704-663-2539

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704-664-2927

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704-664-3311

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SELMA BURKE CENTER  
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TALBERT RECREATION  
CENTER  
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A growing and vibrant downtown is the sign of a healthy community. If a municipality does not take care of its core, it doesn't bode well for the community overall. I know of one city that lost a major economic development deal due to benign neglect of its downtown core.

During my local government career, I've have been involved with the turnaround of Fayetteville Street in Raleigh and the revitalization of Downtown Goldsboro. These prior experiences let me know that downtown Mooresville is experiencing a time of renewal.

Our downtown is buzzing with activity! There are a number development projects that are currently underway that are poised to make our downtown even more special and inviting. Several these projects include improvements to existing streetscape facilities, new businesses that are opening, and setting the stage for future development projects.

One particularly visible project includes the installation of pedestrian safety areas and planting strips. Currently, there are crews taking up street surfacing to prepare the downtown for our first series of landscaping and tree plantings.

This project was funded primarily by State allocations with a supplement from the Town. When complete, this visual improvement in our downtown will provide a handsome facelift to our downtown pedestrian environment. This project is anticipated to be complete by the end of November.

Downtown is also getting several newer restaurant options as well. This Includes the soon-to-be opening of "The Famous Toastery" and "Tim's Table"; the former being an expansion of an existing, popular breakfast/lunch restaurant in town and the latter adding to our selection of deli sandwiches and lunch options.

We also welcome the addition of "On Tap" which is a new craft beer establishment on the corner of Moore and Main St. It is an exciting time for our Downtown growth as we move into 2018 and we don't see any sign of slowing down!

Finally, the old Executive Mill on the north side of Church St. is undergoing a demolition that will be leveraged against the Town's planned Church Street redevelopment project. When complete, it is planned that we will have a multi-story, mixed use building across from a redeveloped mill that will overlook our newly renovated Liberty Park and amphitheater.

Progress is certainly being made to turn our downtown into a truly vibrant, mixed environment. With your help, we will continue this momentum into the New Year as we begin 2018.

Angel Wright-Lanier  
Deputy Town Manager



Please send any questions or suggestions for a future issue to the address below:

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# January Programs @ The Library

January offers programs for all ages 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.

## *Adult Programs*

**Senior Appreciation Day** - January 5 @ 9:30 a.m. Seniors are invited to come in for light breakfast refreshments and watch the classic movie "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." This program will take place in the Selma Burke Room on the main floor.

**Organizing Files For Taxes** - January 8 @ 11:00 a.m. Let a certified public accountant (CPA) teach you how to organize your files for tax season. This program will take place in the Selma Burke Room.

**Kelly Starling Lyons** - January 13 @ 11:00 a.m. Enjoy a one hour storytelling performance featuring African American history and culture in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. day. This program is for children, teens, and adults in the youth services room.

## *Children's Programs*

**Polar Bear, Polar Bear** - January 4 @ 1:00 p.m.  
January 12 @ 11:00 a.m. Enjoy listening to the Story "Polar Bear, Polar Bear" and make your own polar bear to take home. For children ages 3-6 years old. Registration required

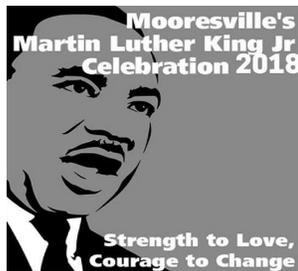
**Tween Time: Mad Science** - January 18 @ 4:00 p.m. Conduct fun and exciting science experiments with dry ice. Supports STEAM learning. For children in grades 4-7. Registration required.

**Winter Bird Feeder** - January 19 @ 11:00 a.m.  
January 25 @ 1:00 p.m. Learn about local "backyard" birds while listening to bird stories. Then make a birdfeeder to take home for your backyard. For children ages 3-6 years old. Registration required.

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

# News in Brief

**MLK Unity Celebration – January 13 & 15** The Town of Mooresville, in partnership with the Mooresville 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 Mooresville Public Library at 11 a.m., a community service project with Hope of Mooresville at 12 p.m. and movie showings at The Charles Mack Citizen Center starting at 2 p.m.



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.mooresville.nc.us](mailto:rvenkatesh@ci.mooresville.nc.us).

**Holiday Schedule** Town offices & facilities will be closed for the New Year's holiday on Monday, January 1. Sanitation and recycling services will be delayed one day for all residential customers.

Also, Town offices & facilities will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 15. Sanitation and recycling services will be delayed one day for all residential customers that week, as well.

**Town Board Schedule** Due to the New Year's holiday and Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the Town Board will meet on Tuesday, January 2 and Tuesday, January 16. Town Board meetings will resume the first and third Monday schedule in February.

**Inclement Weather** As we've already seen it's the time of year when weather can bring snow and ice to our area. Town crews provide snow removal on Town-maintained streets. Main roads are cleared first, with side streets and subdivisions being cleared after main roads are open.

**2017 Recycling Calendars** Recycling calendars are available online for downloading or reference from the Sanitation page on the Town's website. If you would like a calendar mailed or delivered to your home, customers may call 704-664-4278. Also, customers may stop by Mooresville Town Hall, 413 North Main Street, or our Operations Center, 2523 Charlotte Highway, to pick up a recycling calendar.

# Preventing Chimney Fires

Your chimney, and the flue that lines it, adds architectural interest to your home, but its' real function is to carry dangerous flue gases from your fireplace, wood stove or furnace safely out of your home.

Chimneys can also be a safety hazard if not properly maintained. Dirty chimneys can cause chimney fires, which can cause dangerous destruction to homes and lives. Indicators of these fires often include a loud popping or cracking noise, dense smoke and an intense, hot smell.

While some fires are visible, the majority go undetected. Slow-burning chimney fires don't get enough air or fuel to be visible and they often go undetected. The temperatures they reach, though, are high and can cause severe damage to the chimney structure and nearby parts of the house, such as wood, shingles or mortar.



Clean chimneys don't catch fire. Make sure a Chimney Safety Institute of America Certified Chimney Sweep inspects your chimney and fuel venting system annually.

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

MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR

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

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

**JANUARY 11**  
PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL @ 6:00 P.M.

**JANUARY 15**  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
HOLIDAY  
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

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

**JANUARY 20**  
WATER BILLS DUE

## The Truth About Road Upgrades

Traffic is a noted and major concern of Town residents. There isn't a day that goes by that Town officials don't hear some form of feedback about the condition of traffic and the infrastructure needed to handle growth. As such, it is important to know how road upgrades are implemented to handle these increases. There are three ways roads are upgraded:

- 1. Town-Funded Capital Improvement Projects:** The Town pays for a road to be upgraded via local tax dollars. These projects usually involve improvements to Town-owned roads, are locally funded by municipal tax dollars, and are usually ranked on critical needs as tax dollars are available.
- 2. State-Funded:** This involves improvements to State-owned roads in and around Town by the NCDOT. This process can take a long amount of time as upgrades must go through an extensive planning, acquisition, and construction process with the State.

**3. Developer-Funded:** This is a very common and typically preferred way to pay for roads. Developers must pay for road upgrades as part of any significant development. This could be improvements to both Town or State owned roads, and are funded through developer dollars, not the taxpayer dollars of Town residents.

There is no doubt there is a lot of coordination that occurs between the Town and State of North Carolina for road improvements. However, the Town strives to coordinate those improvements in the most efficient and fiscally-responsible manner available at the time. We will cover in more detail on these three methods in the upcoming issues of Town Voice.

For more information, contact the Planning & Community Development Department at 704-662-7040.