

TownVoice

Summer Boating Safety Measures

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Each year, approximately 75 million Americans engage in recreational boating activities. Most boating experiences are positive – the stuff memories are made of. Those joyful times, however, can quickly turn tragic if boaters are not vigilant about safety.

In 2015, the U.S. Coast Guard counted 4,158 boating incidents that involved 626 deaths, 2,613 injuries and about \$42 million of damage to property. Compared to 2014, this was a 3% increase in injuries and an 8% increase in deaths.

The most important aspect of boating for everyone is wearing a life jacket, the lifeblood of safe boating. The U.S. Coast Guard reports 78% of boating deaths in 2016 were due to drowning, and 84% of the victims were not wearing a life jacket. Coast Guard approved life jackets are readily available at most sporting goods stores. In North Carolina, children younger than 13 must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times.

Most water-related risks can be easily avoided by running through a safety checklist before beginning any boating activities:

- **Make** sure the boat has a basic first-aid kit.
- **Check** that everyone on the boat has life jackets.
- **Keep** watch for any signs of severe weather.
- **Always** be aware of others on the water.

To further reduce the risks of potential accidents, the National Safe Boating Council recommends taking a boating safety course. Seven out of every 10 boating accidents are caused by operator error, many of which would be avoided with proper safety instruction.



Another simple step in avoiding hazards on the water is having your boat routinely checked. Many marinas and storage facilities offer inspections at minimal cost. These inspections can detect potential problems before they become an issue.

Finally, just like driving a vehicle, it is illegal to drink alcohol and operate a boat in all 50 states. According to the Coast Guard, nearly 50% of all boating fatalities involve alcohol.

For more information, visit the National Safety Council at www.nsc.org or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at www.ncwildlife.org.



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Approved FY 2019 Operating Budget



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704-663-1026

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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 June 4, the Mooresville Town Board approved the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. The approved budget of \$99,235,682 includes no increase in taxes or monthly utility rates. The solid waste fee increases from \$5 to \$10 per month.

Below is a breakdown of the FY 2019 approved budget:

General Fund.....	\$69,168,495
Utility Fund.....	22,102,839
Capital Reserve.....	495,000
Utility Capital Reserve.....	3,350,000
Community Development.....	651,219
Powell Bill.....	1,002,400
Stormwater.....	1,645,729
Project Ordinances.....	820,000
Total	\$99,235,682

The Town aligns all its activities with the Town-wide Strategic Plan goals: (1) Customer Service, Transparency and Citizen Engagement, (2) Economic Development, (3) Organizational Excellence and Financial Stability, (4) Planning, Infrastructure and Housing, (5) Public Safety and (6) Recreation and Cultural Services.

The General Fund money (which provides funding for core town services) is \$69.2 million and represents a \$744 thousand (1.09%) budget increase from the FY2017-18 approved budget of \$68.4 million.

The General Fund portion of the budget includes funding for 10 new positions, 2 replacement Sanitation trucks, and 11 replacement Police vehicles.

The Utility Fund portion of the budget includes funding for one new position, a Northside Lift Station gravity sewer design, and a 2" waterline replacement project on Stewart Avenue.

The Stormwater Fund includes funding for one new position and a stormwater retention pond in the Cliffwood/Magnolia area.

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. Ad valorem property taxes generate approximately \$36,800,000 of revenue. Property tax rates for Mooresville are \$0.58 per \$100. User fees for services, such as water and sewer, support the operation and maintenance costs of those systems.

Funds in the budget pay for the personnel and services provided by the Town to the residents. Safe drinking water, solid waste 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 or by download from the Town's website. If you have questions about the budget or the budget process, call 704-663-3800.

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July Programs @ The Library

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

Youth Activities

Touch-A-Truck - July 10 @ 1:00 p.m.

Come learn about some of the different departments in the Town of Mooresville and see the trucks they operate. For children up to rising 7th graders.

The Mixed-Up Chameleon - July 13 @ 11:00 a.m.

Listen to the story, "The Mixed-Up Chameleon" then explore colors and camouflage to make your very own chameleon to take home. For children ages 3-6 years old. Registration required.

The Science of Sound - July 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

Learn and explore the science of sound and make a wind chime to take home. For children in grades K-5. Registration required.

Rockin' Music & Movement - July 20 @ 11:00 a.m.

Learn about musical sounds and rhythm in this fun, active program and make your own instrument. For children ages 3-6 years old. Registration required.

Adult Activities

Summer Flicks! - July 9 @ 5:00 p.m.

Join us for cool movies all summer at the library. The showings are every Monday in July, and are open to teens and adults.

Lumbee Tribe Performance - July 13 @ 3:00 p.m.

Join Ryan Dial-Stanley, a Lumbee Native American, for music, dancing, and storytelling. This event is open to teens and adults.

Duolingo French - July 24 @ 6:30 p.m.

Let's explore French language and culture together in a relaxed and friendly environment. All are welcome regardless of your level of French

Intro to Beading 101 - July 25 @ 6:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of jewelry making with Laura, Owner of Ain't Miss Bead Haven and create a bracelet and earring set. Registration required.

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

News in Brief



Music on Main - July 3 Bring your family and friends to the free "Music on Main" summer concert series. On Tuesday, July 3, Kids in America will take the stage for the third concert of the summer. The group is a high-energy, power-packed, 6 piece band paying tribute to the totally awesome 1980s.

This special concert is being held in partnership with the Lowe's YMCA's Independence Day Celebration on Tuesday, 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 Wednesday, July 4. There will be a one day delay in sanitation collection for Wednesday and Thursday residential customers that week.

Movies on Main - July 20 Join us on Friday, July 20 for "Homeward Bound." See the story of three pets who escape from a California ranch to find their owners on vacation in San Francisco.

The Movies on Main film series occurs the third Friday of each month now thru September on the Town Hall Lawn. All movies begin at dark and concession items will be available for purchase. For more information, call 704-663-7026.

Children's Theatre The Mooresville Community Children's Theatre brings "The Wizard of Oz" to the Joe V. Knox Auditorium of The Charles Mack Citizen Center. Performances will be held July 26-29.

Shows start at 7 p.m. on July 26 and 27, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on July 28, and 3 p.m. on July 29. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors (62+) and \$10 for students (3 - 18). For more information, visit MooresvilleChildrensTheatre.org.



Waterline Project on Statesville Avenue A water line replacement project is currently underway along Statesville Avenue. Work is taking place on Iredell Avenue to Oak Street. This project includes replacing curb along the street and a final pavement overlay. Project completion is scheduled for the end of October.

For more information, call 704-663-7282.

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.

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

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

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

JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

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

JULY 20
WATER BILLS DUE

AUGUST 7
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
N. MAIN STREET @ 5 P.M.

Dig Safely

If you are planning to dig on your property, follow these steps before doing so:

Call before you dig. State law requires you notify North Carolina 811 by dialing 8-1-1 or visiting NC811.org to have your utilities located at least three working days before you begin any excavation work.



Wait. At no cost to you, technicians will mark the utility line locations on your property. Once all lines are marked, you can then begin digging.

Respect the markings for your safety.

Dig with Care. If you accidentally hit a pipeline, no matter how minor it may seem, leave the area immediately and call PSNC Energy from a safe place at 1-877-776-2427.

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 7 from 5 - 8 p.m., the Town of Mooresville and community partners will participate in National Night Out (NNO), a crime and drug prevention event held in cities throughout the United States.

Founded in 1981, the purpose of NNO is to increase awareness of crime & drug prevention, increase support of local efforts to reduce crime, strengthen community-police partnerships and provide information to children and adults about alternatives to drugs and crime.

Our event takes place along North Main Street between Iredell Avenue and Moore Avenue. Staff from Mooresville Police Department, Mooresville Fire-Rescue and local businesses will be sharing information. Activities include prize raffles, a dunk tank, live entertainment and much more.

For more information, call 704-664-3311.