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Morrisville Lately



Clockwise from top left: Town Council Members are sworn in at the December 12 Organizational Meeting; Firefighters shovel during the January snow event; Town Council visits Kannapolis for their Annual Retreat; the Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 24; the first-ever Morrisville Transportation Fair was held on March 21.

**Mark your
Calendar for
SpringFest**

The 4th Annual SpringFest event will be held Saturday, May 19 from 4 - 9 pm on Town Hall Drive! The event includes great entertainment, midway games, rides, live music and some of your favorite food trucks!



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Spring 2018

Town Center Core Project Reaches Major Milestone

Town Council selects preferred vendor for negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Development Agreement

The Morrisville Town Council selected Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc. and authorized town staff to begin negotiations for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a Development Agreement for the Town Center Core Demonstration Project at its January 23 Town Council meeting. Armada Hoffler Properties was one of three qualified responses received for a Request For Proposal (RFP) that was issued this past fall. This decision is pivotal to the progress of the development of a Town Center in Morrisville.

The Demonstration Project is a piece of the overall Town Center Core Vision, and is a 4-story mixed-use project composed of commercial, residential, and structured parking on the block between Jeremiah Street and Carolina Street on Town Hall Drive. The first phase is proposed to consist of 172 residential units, 20,250 square feet of commercial space, and a 350-space parking structure. A public library and surface parking will be constructed by Wake County separately and concurrently. The Demonstration Project will be the cornerstone of future development phases, which includes residential, commercial, public facilities, open space and parking in a vibrant, walkable environment.

The Town has worked with Development Finance Initiative (DFI) with the UNC School of Government to develop the vision for the Town Center Core as well as perform the necessary work to structure a potential public private partnership between the Town and a selected developer for the Demonstration Project. The next step is to develop an MOU and eventually a Development Agreement. The MOU is expected to be executed in the spring of 2018 and the Development Agreement is expected to be executed in the summer of 2018. Demonstration Project construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2019 and be completed in the spring of 2021.

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“The Town Center Core Project will establish a much-needed downtown area and will give our residents a gathering place to enhance our connectivity with the community,” said Mayor TJ Cawley.

Road work related to the Town Center Core Project is scheduled to begin in June. The Carolina Street extension project will connect the existing Carolina Street to Town Hall Drive through a roundabout. It will also connect Foxglove Drive from Carolina Street to Jeremiah Street. Sidewalk and lane closures will be required on Town Hall Drive. Also, the work will require one weekend closure of Town Hall Drive from Jeremiah Street to the Chamber of Commerce building (260 Town Hall Drive). The detour route during that closure will be McCrimmon Parkway to Church Street to Morrisville Carpenter Road.

The Town originally approved a Town Center plan in 2007 that envisioned a lower density, historic crossroads concept. A number of implementation goals of that plan have been completed. The vision for the Town Center has since changed, reflecting market demand for a different mix of uses and amenities and in the winter of 2016, Town Council endorsed a revised Town Center Core concept.

“While the concept has changed, the vision for a downtown in Morrisville has been supported by Town Councils for many years,” said Council Member Liz Johnson. “I am looking forward to this vision we’ve worked so hard to develop come to fruition.”

The following accomplishments highlight the Town’s accomplishments in implementing the 2007 Town Center Plan vision:

1. Historic Pugh House is relocated, January 2008
2. NC 54 intersection improvements are completed, June 2009
3. Indian Creek Trailhead opens, August 2009
4. Jeremiah Street opens, August 2009
5. Town Center Code is adopted, July 2010
6. History Center in Morrisville Town Hall, June 2011
7. Historic Christian Church is restored, and is listed on National Register of Historic Places, November 2012
8. John Rex Endowment grant is awarded to the Town of Morrisville to build a Healthy Food Hub, June 2014
9. Historic Pugh House is restored, and it is listed on National Register of Historic Places, June 2014
10. Sidewalks installed along Church Street using Town and CAMPO/Federal funds, December 2017
11. Healthy Food Hub is under construction, anticipated opening Spring 2018
12. Historic Walking Loop Trail is under construction, anticipated opening Spring 2018

The following awards and designations have also occurred since the Town Center Plan was adopted:

1. Town Center Plan wins 2007 Outstanding Planning Award from N.C. Chapter of the American Planning Association, September 2007
2. Town Center Project wins 2010 Plan Implementation Award from N.C. Chapter of the American Planning Association, September 2010
3. Anthemion Award in recognition of the Morrisville Town Center Plan and Development Code, September 2010
4. Anthemion Award in recognition of the Town of Morrisville; Ernest Dollar; Joel Rhodes; Jerry Taylor; Jim Cowles for the development of the Morrisville History Center, September 2012

Police Department to Hold Neighborhood Watch Information Meeting

The Morrisville Police Department will hold an information meeting for the public to provide guidance and answer questions on how to create and implement a Neighborhood Watch program. The next session is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 at 2 p.m. and will be held at Cedar Fork Community Center (1050 B Town Hall Drive). Visit www.townofmorrisville.org/NHW to register to attend.

A Neighborhood Watch program is not designed to substitute for police protection. Rather it is an extension or supplement in assisting the police in making neighborhoods safer for all residents. Neighborhood Watch operates under two principles. First, when neighbors get to know and watch out for each other, they watch out for each other’s property as though it was their own. Second, Neighborhood Watch helps to create an identity within the neighborhood, which in turn fosters sense of pride, and belonging for the participants. While a Neighborhood Watch program can be a useful tool in keeping a neighborhood safe by engaging the residents that live there, it’s important to understand what it takes to create and implement a successful Neighborhood Watch program.



Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update Now Available



The draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update is now ready for review! After incorporating over 700 changes to the draft Plan based on valuable feedback from the community, we are ready for the next phase of the draft Plan update. View the draft Plan at www.townofmorrisville.org/transportationplanupdate.

The PZB will review the plan during their regular meetings and will ultimately forward a recommendation about the Plan to Town Council, who will review the Plan and the PZB recommendation for the final review and decision about the Plan prior to its adoption. The timeline for both the PZB and Town Council are at their discretion in order to fully review the updated draft

There will be several public meetings to provide input opportunities for the public to ask questions and give feedback on the draft Plan. Meetings will be posted on the Town's website at www.townofmorrisville.org and listed on the draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update webpage at www.townofmorrisville.org/transportationplanupdate. Can't make a meeting? Take the online survey to submit your feedback.

Public Works Department Earns Accreditation

The Public Works Department has been awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation designation. The APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual. The Town of Morrisville Public Works Department received the Accreditation award from APWA Region III Director Keith Pugh at a presentation ceremony during the February 27 Town Council Meeting (pictured below right with Council and staff).

The Accreditation of Morrisville's Public Works Department indicates the department met all applicable Accreditation documentation and practices over time. "The awarding of the APWA Accreditation shows we have dedicated ourselves to concepts of improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures and practices. The heroes of this prestigious APWA award are the public works staff, whose mission is to provide public works services and programs that contribute to making the Town of Morrisville a great community," said Blake Mills, Director of Public Works.

The Town of Morrisville becomes the 136th agency in North America to be awarded Accreditation and the second agency in North Carolina. In addition to Morrisville, Garner, N.C., is also accredited. The Public Works Department is Morrisville's 4th department to receive accreditation designation. The Police Department was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2009, the Fire/Rescue Department was accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) in 2011, and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department was accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) in 2014.



WCPSS District 7 Board Member Kathy Hartenstine Hosting Coffee Chats

Please join district board member- Kathy Hartenstine, monthly for coffee and a chat. Each month, Kathy will be available for families in District 7 to stop by a coffee shop and talk. There is no set agenda and you may ask questions, get clarification, give ideas, or share concerns. The events are called "Kathy Chats". Visit www.townofmorrisville.org/schools for details.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Scheduled for April

The Fire/Rescue Department is now taking registrations for the Spring 2018 CERT Training! After a catastrophic disaster, citizens will want to volunteer to help. Without proper training, these people can expose themselves to potential injury and even death! Experience has shown that basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills improves the ability of citizens to survive until responders or other assistance arrives.

The Fire/Rescue Department offers Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, free of charge! This program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. Using the training learned, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. For more information and to apply, visit www.townofmorrisville.org/CERT.



Police Department Launches Community Crime Map



The Morrisville Police Department and LexisNexis Risk Solutions recently partnered to provide a new way for the public to stay informed about crime in Morrisville. The Police Department now has an online crime map called Community Crime Map at www.townofmorrisville.org/communitycrimemap that maps and analyzes crime data and alerts residents about crimes in their area.

Morrisville Residents can view a map and grid with all of the crimes in their area, sign up for neighborhood watch reports that automatically email a breakdown of recent crime activity, and submit an anonymous tip about a crime directly to their law enforcement agency. Community Crime Map gets data from the Police Department's records system to keep crime information updated online and in a mobile app. The Community Crime Map cleans and geocodes the crime data, then displays all of the incidents on a map, grid and analytics dashboard along with some basic information about the incidents, including the type of crime, location type, block-level address, date and time.

Residents can view the map online and sign up for alerts at www.townofmorrisville.org/communitycrimemap. The app is available to iOS users by searching "Lexis Nexis Crime Map". A video tutorial on how to use the tool was prepared by Morrisville Police Chief Patrice Andrews, and is on the website.

2017 Citizen Survey Results Available

Morrisville conducted its most recent Citizen Survey in the fall of 2017. The National Citizen Survey (NCS) report is about the "livability" of Morrisville. The phrase "livable community" is used here to evoke a place that is not simply habitable, but that is desirable. It is not only where people do live, but where they want to live. Great communities are partnerships of the government, private sector, community-based organizations and residents, all geographically connected. The NCS captures residents' opinions within the three pillars of a community (Community Characteristics, Governance and Participation) across eight central facets of community (Safety, Mobility, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economy, Recreation and Wellness, Education and Enrichment and Community Engagement).

To view the survey results and learn more about the Citizen Survey, please visit www.townofmorrisville.org/citizensurvey.

Spring Green Day Scheduled for April 14



Green Day is an event held in the Spring and Fall which promotes natural environment, conservation and green initiatives. The event includes document shredding, electronics recycling and cooking oil recycling. Spring Green Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 14.

Document Shredding, Electronics Recycling, and Cooking Oil Recycling are from 10 am to 2 pm. Individuals and businesses are invited to drive thru and have their confidential documents destroyed on site. Anything with a cord is accepted in our electronics recycling program. If you are bringing cooking oil, please be sure it is free of food particles and is in a container with a screw on lid.

Interested in getting more involved? We are also offering a Litter Sweep from 9 am to 12 pm. Gloves, trash bags, safety vests, and litter sweep routes are provided for volunteers as well as light refreshments. Contact Dawn Raab at draab@townofmorrisville.org or 919.463.7072 for more information to get involved. We're also offering a Stream Clean event from 10 am to 12 pm. Supplies are included. Contact Tony Victor at tvictor@townofmorrisville.org or 919.463.6172. More information is available at www.townofmorrisville.org/greenday.

Now Taking Registrations for Teen Morrisville 101

Teen Morrisville 101 is an annual citizen's academy geared towards Teens interested in local government, specifically in Morrisville. This is a free program for 9 - 12th graders. The program will be held after school hours, from 4 - 6 pm once a week for 4 weeks, and will take place at Morrisville Town Hall, located at 100 Town Hall Drive. While the program is open to all high school students, preference will be given to those who live in Morrisville.

2018 Teen Morrisville 101 Dates

Session 1
Wednesday, May 2
4 - 6 pm

Session 2
Wednesday, May 9
4 - 6 pm

Session 3
Wednesday, May 16
4 - 6 pm

Session 4
Wednesday, May 23
4 - 6 pm

Graduation (held at the Morrisville
Town Council Meeting)
Tuesday, June 19
6:30 pm



Town Council Moves Forward with Strategic Planning Process

Town Council made great progress on our Strategic Planning process at the March 13 Council Meeting and discussed initiatives like improved transportation, maximizing use of technology to engage citizens & collaborating with WCPSS to get schools in Morrisville. Learn more about our Strategic Planning process at www.townofmorrisville.org/strategicplan.

