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(District 2)

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(District 4)

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(At Large)

Satish Garimella, Council Member
(At Large)

Calendar of Meetings and Events

June

- June 1 – Environmental & Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- June 3 – Senior Resource Day, 1:00 p.m.
- June 7 – Town Council Budget Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
- June 7 – Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- June 8 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- June 9 – Summer White Goods Collection Day
- June 9 – Town Council Budget Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
- June 9 – Planning & Zoning Board Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- June 11 – Morrisville Bike Rodeo
- June 11 – Morrisville Juneteenth Event
- June 13-17 – Summer Bulk Item Pick-Up Week
- June 14 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- June 19 – Juneteenth (*observed*)
- June 23 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- June 28 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- June 29 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.

July

- July 3 – Morrisville Family Fun Fest, 4:00 p.m.
- July 4 – Independence Day, *Town Offices Closed*
- July 5 – Public Education Advisory Council, 6:30 p.m.
- July 12 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- July 13 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- July 14 – Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- July 14 – Senior Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- July 26 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- July 27 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- July 28 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.

August

- August 2 – Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
- August 2 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- August 3 – Environmental & Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- August 9 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- August 11 – S'Morrisville, 6:00 p.m.
- August 11 – Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- August 16 – Town Council Work Session, 6:00 p.m.
- August 23 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- August 25 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- August 31 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Committee, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting and event dates and times are subject to change.

For current information, visit townofmorrisville.org/residents/events-calendar



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Morrisville CONNECTION

Morrisville Gets High School, Parkland Through Innovative Local Partnership

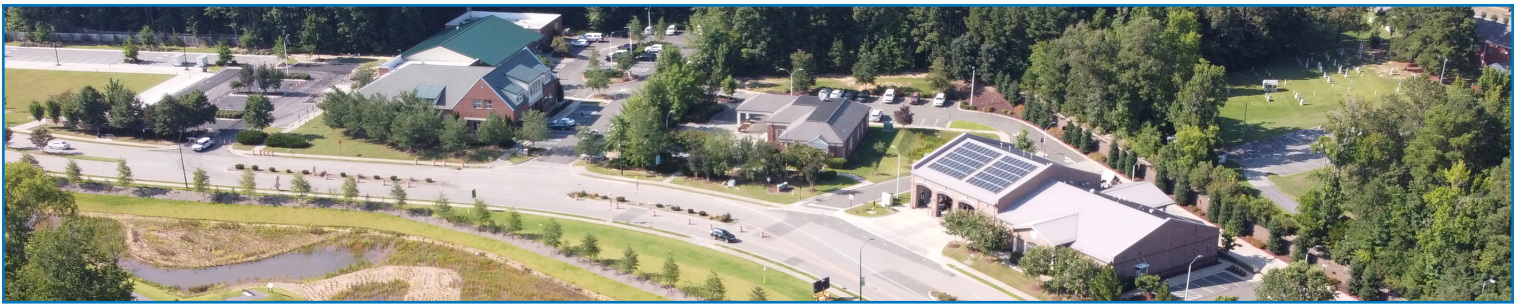


The Town of Morrisville has entered into a partnership with the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) and Wake Technical Community College that will lead to a new high school and 17 acres of parkland and open space in Morrisville.

The land purchase by WCPSS from Wake Tech was approved during the April 19 Wake County Board of Education meeting. The future Morrisville high school could be open by the fall of 2027.

“Collaborative working relationships and ongoing, strategic conversations behind the scenes that are critical for land purchase discussions demonstrate the hard work of Town of Morrisville staff, particularly the Planning Department, and the ongoing attention to school needs in western Wake County,” said Town Manager Martha Paige. “We listen – voices are heard, and our commitment to positive and productive dialogue has paid off for our community.”

The Town will provide Morrisville residents and other interested stakeholders updates on the projects and plans through the school information portal on the Town’s website once information is available to share with the public.



Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan Development

Each year the Town Manager is required to develop and present a recommended balanced budget where expected revenues equal planned expenses to Town Council for the upcoming fiscal year for both operations and capital budgets. Town Council is responsible for evaluation and guidance towards adopting a budget annually on or before July 1, establishing a tax rate and other fees, setting the legal spending limits for the next fiscal year.

Following essential budget evaluation of historic trends and experience, incorporating creative Town Council brainstorming and an infusion of community input via the budget portal (opened Feb. 15 – March 15) the FY2023 budget recommendation is taking shape. Council held a budget workshop on April 19 and staff is drafting a recommended budget and capital plan that was presented to Town Council by the Town Manager on May 10.

Budget highlights this season are aimed towards progress on important things already underway, all while sustaining those quality core services the community values most. Here is a glimpse into some BIG PICTURE focus areas:

- Initiating voter approved Bond Tax Increment (three cents dedicated to Bond projects)
- Core service focus with controlled growth (limited new personnel, new recurring cost)
- Quality of life and safety aspects (such as important public safety communications)
- Stormwater fee increase necessary to meet mandates related to capital improvements and inspections
- Capitalizing on small wins that the community desires (such as dog parks, Shiloh basketball court renovation and Smart Shuttle amenities)
- Putting aside budget for future projects and mobilizing shovel-ready designs (intersection improvements, sidewalks)
- Finishing plans that guide and inform our work (Affordable Housing Plan, Land Use Plan, Master Sustainability Plan)
- Continuing recent innovation initiatives (Smart Shuttle, mobile app, sustainability goals)
- Recovering post-pandemic
- Managing our assets and improvements
- Safeguarding workforce competitiveness

Staff has worked to align common community and Town Council interests to deliver results within existing resource capacity, putting your tax dollars and other onetime resources (such as ARPA) to work for Morrisville.

Visit townofmorrisville.org/budget to view the budget calendar.



Update: American Recovery Plan Act

Morrisville was allocated nearly \$9.2 million in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act passed by Congress and signed into law by the president in March 2021. These one-time funds can be used for a broad range of purposes, which has presented a unique opportunity to invest in community priorities. The Town received its first of two distributions, about \$4.6 million each, in July 2021 and expects the second in July 2022.

The Town has already begun putting the first allocation to work as a part of the current year budget on projects including greenway enhancements, playground equipment and smart technology solutions. The first round of funds have also been used to replace revenues lost because of the pandemic. As part of the FY 2023 budget process, Town staff is evaluating opportunities to align use of the remaining funds from the first distribution with the input received from Town Council and from the community through the budget portal.

Looking ahead, the Town will be working to identify the best uses of the second distribution expected in July 2022. The funds must be spent by the end of 2026.

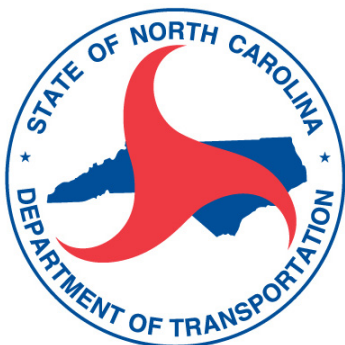
Morrisville Maintains AAA Rating

The nation's three top bond rating agencies—Standard and Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch—have reaffirmed the Town of Morrisville's AAA rating following meetings with each agency in March.

The Triple-A ratings will save Morrisville and its residents thousands of dollars over the next 20 years due to more favorable interest rates on the bonds. These ratings position the Town to more effectively leverage public investments meant to improve the valued quality of life aspects desired by the community.

Ratings are associated with the issuance of \$16.5 million in general obligation (GO) public improvement bonds and \$1.1 million in GO public safety bonds for sale that occurred in April related to the following essential community projects:

- Public Improvement Bonds
- Fire Station No. 3, Harris Mill Road (\$8 million)
- Sidewalk Connectivity (\$1 million)
- Airport Blvd. Extension Phase I (\$3.2 million)
- Morrisville Community Park Phase III (\$2 million)
- Parks/Open Space Land Acquisition (\$2.3 million)
- Public Safety Bonds
- Public Safety Improvement Projects (\$1.1 million)



The NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) continues work on the Airport Boulevard Extension Phase I project, with anticipated funding by the Town of Morrisville, general obligation bonds, and federal transportation funds. The project will extend Airport Boulevard from Garden Square Lane, west of Town Hall Drive, to Church Street.

Updates about the project are available at <https://bit.ly/TOMABEP1>

Employee Spotlight—We're Working For You

Pete Acosta, Morrisville Police Chief



Morrisville Town Manager Martha Paige has selected Pete Acosta to fill the permanent role as the Town's police chief following a three-month period as interim chief. In this role, he will lead and direct all police department operations and continue the Town's strong commitment to maintaining a safe community.

While serving with the Town of Morrisville, Chief Acosta has led the department to a successful transition to Advanced Accreditation which strengthens nationally recognized best practices in law enforcement. As sustainability is very important to Pete, he has developed a sustainability program which includes a Firstline Supervisor Training Program as well as a training program that offers role diversity.

"I am so honored to serve the Town of Morrisville residents and visitors as the chief of police," said Chief Acosta. "I look forward to continuing the much-valued partnership between the community and the police department."

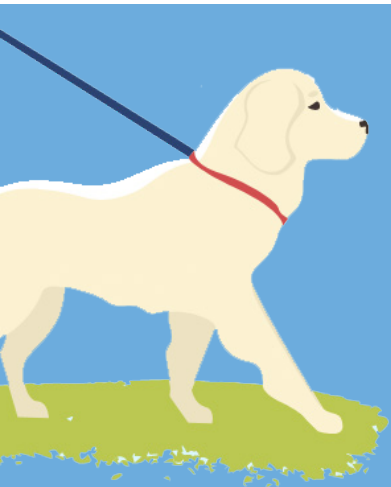
Giselle Rodriguez-Villanueva, Assistant Town Manager



Giselle Rodriguez-Villanueva has been named as the Town's new assistant town manager. Rodriguez-Villanueva has served as the Town's public works director since July 2019. In her new role she will oversee the Planning, Engineering/Stormwater, Inspections and Public Works departments.

Giselle, a North Carolina-licensed professional engineer, has more than 14 years of local government experience in the areas of public works, engineering, stormwater, project and construction management, regulatory compliance and development reviews.

"Morrisville is a beautiful, diverse and engaged community and I am honored to have the opportunity to contribute to its quality of life," said Rodriguez-Villanueva. "After serving our community as the public works director for nearly three years, I now welcome the exciting challenge of being the assistant town manager. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with our very talented and dedicated staff."



Pop-Up Dog Park Back for Summer

The Morrisville pop-up dog parks are back for summer! Bring your dogs out to enjoy the sunshine at Morrisville Community Park. The dog park will be open May 8 - Sept. 18 on select days. A seasonal registration is required for all participants (new and returning.)

Learn more and register at bit.ly/MSVDogPark2022

Did You Know?



You can track the status of your building permit online. Access the Morrisville Customer Self Service Online Portal at bit.ly/MSVCCS to login and view each step of a building permit.

View plan comments, due dates, submit documents, make payments, and request inspections all online.

If you need assistance with your building permit, or would like to schedule a training session with our staff on how to utilize the portal, contact our Inspections Department at (919) 463-6190.

Step-by-step guides are available at townofmorrisville.org/government/permits-applications

Free Small Business Promotion on Engage Morrisville

We love to shop local. If you own or manage a small business in the Town of Morrisville, you'll want to visit EngageMorrisville.com and introduce your business and its offerings to the community.

Engage Morrisville is the Town's community engagement platform. It can be found at www.EngageMorrisville.com. This is a great place to promote your business and highlight coupons or seasonal deals – for free!

You will need to register and set up an account.

Questions? Contact Brianne Gill at bgill@townofmorrisville.org or (919) 463-6164.



Volunteers Needed: Morrisville Stewardship Program

Contribute to making Morrisville a cleaner and greener place to live by taking part in the Morrisville Stewardship Program. Volunteers can take part in litter sweeps, stream cleans, and additional events over the course of the year.

If you, your group or organization would like to take part in ongoing maintenance in keeping, caring for and beautifying our parks, greenways and streams, fill out an application today.

Apply now at townofmorrisville.org/stewardship



Greenway litter clean up



Live Connected with the Smart Shuttle

The Morrisville Smart Shuttle is a free on-demand service from one of 15 nodes throughout town. We are anticipating an additional node at the Morrisville Aquatics and Fitness Center to be open by mid-June.

Visit townofmorrisville.org/smartshuttle to view a node location map, download the app, watch a how-to video, and view Smart Shuttle FAQs.

Contact: smartshuttle@townofmorrisville.org

Quick Facts*

Average rides per day: 38

App Downloads: 1,224

Top 3 Nodes: Park West Village (node 1), Morrisville Carpenter Road (node 3), McCrimmon Shopping Center (node 4)

**Based on service usage October 2 - April 11.*



Music in the Park Series Returns

Music in the Park is coming back to Morrisville! Join us for this FREE and FUN outdoor concert series featuring live music and food trucks. All shows are from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Healthy Food Hub, 280 Town Hall Drive.

Friday, June 3

Ed Stephenson & the Paco Band

Spanish music and Nuevo flamenco ensemble

Friday, July 8

Big Chief

Music from the '50s and '60s, New Orleans-style rock and country

Friday, August 5

GrassStreet

Bluegrass

Friday, September 9

Revolution

The Beatles tribute band

Morrisville a Winner in IDC Awards



Morrisville has been named a winner in IDC Government Insights' fifth annual Smart Cities North America Awards (SCNAA). Morrisville was recognized for the Connected Parks Initiative in smart water. The awards were designed to recognize the progress North American municipalities have made in executing Smart Cities projects, as well as providing a forum for sharing best practices to help accelerate Smart City development in the region.

Winners in the SCNAA illustrate best practice examples of how forward-thinking municipalities are effectively leveraging technology and innovation to offer new services and economic opportunities to meet the needs and expectations of citizens and residents.



Church Street Park Cricket Facility Expansion

Major League Cricket (MLC) and the Town of Morrisville announced a multi-million-dollar public-private partnership in February to jointly invest in the expansion of Church Street Park, upgrading the facility into an international-quality cricket venue.

The investment will see the addition of more than 2,000 permanent seats to the scenic venue, increasing Church Street Park's capacity to over 3,500. Upgrades will also include the installation of state-of-the-art broadcast infrastructure, additional parking and LED illuminated natural and artificial turf practice pitches and nets.

The enhancements will allow Church Street Park to host world-class MLC matches and serve as a flagship facility for USA Cricket's National Team games and training. The venue would meet the criteria necessary to host games at the 2024 T20 Men's World Cup, an event viewed by over 500 million cricket fans worldwide. The USA host venues are expected to be announced later this year.

Opened in 2015, Church Street Park is recognized as one of the best venues for cricket in the United States. The venue hosted the inaugural Minor League Cricket Championship finals weekend last October, with more than 3,000 fans in attendance.

The enhanced Church Street Park facilities will be available for community use, with Church Street Park continuing to serve as the home of the Morrisville Cardinals in Minor League Cricket and for the Triangle Cricket League's more than 2,500 players and 150 teams. The full suite of infrastructure improvements is expected to be completed by spring 2023.



Enhancements include:

- Expanded capacity of 3,500 +
- New broadcast infrastructure
- LED-lit practice pitches and nets
- Additional parking for fans