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Calendar of Meetings and Events

October

- October 3-7 – Fall Bulk Item Pick-Up Week
- October 4 – Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- October 4 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- October 5 – Environment and Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- October 8 – Fire Safety Day
- October 11 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- October 12 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- October 13 – Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- October 18 – Town Council Work Session, 6 p.m.
- October 22 – Trick or Treat the Trail, 3 p.m.
- October 22 – Diwali Festival, 3 p.m.
- October 22-23 – Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training, 8 a.m.
- October 25 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- October 26 – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- October 27 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.

November

- November 1 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- November 2 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- November 2 – Environment and Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- November 5 – Green Day Event, 9 a.m.
- November 9 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- November 10 – Senior Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- November 10 – Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- November 11 – Veteran’s Day, *Town Offices Closed*
- November 16 – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- November 17 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- November 22 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- November 24-25 – Thanksgiving Holiday, *Town Offices Closed*

December

- December 2 – Tree Lighting
- December 6 – Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- December 6 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- December 7 – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- December 7 – Environment and Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- December 8 – Fall/Winter White Goods Collection
- December 8 – Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- December 13 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- December 14 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- December 15 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- December 23-27 – Christmas Holiday, *Town Offices Closed*

Meeting and event dates and times are subject to change.

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Morrisville CONNECTION

Construction Begins on Fire Station No. 3

Construction has begun on Fire Station No. 3 at 1021 Harris Mill Road after a groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 27.

The new fire station is being built to improve the distribution and level of service for areas north and east of Town. Doing so will reduce response times, improve the reliability of fire protection to all areas of Town, and increase capacity. Once the new fire station is completed, the Town will also be able to relocate fire resources that are currently at a shared site in the Town of Cary.

“We are excited about all of the opportunities building this facility offers the department and residents,” said Morrisville Fire Chief Scott Criddle. “For the department, the station will include the latest in station design to reduce response times, protect equipment, and improve the health and safety for our staff.”

Construction cost for the fire station is \$8.8 million, with much of the funding coming from the 2021 Morrisville Bond Referendum, which passed in November 2021 and provided \$8 million for public safety improvements. Wake County contributed approximately \$1.4 million to the project.

The fire station, which will be approximately 15,700 square feet, will have double deep bays and administration and personnel quarters for four to nine staff per day. A third bay will be available for a Wake County EMS station. Construction is estimated to be completed in the summer of 2023, and the project will include landscaping improvements at the site.



From left, Steven Spruill, Kimberly Conley, Steven Dickinson, Keith Pugh of the APWA, Elisabeth Condron, Jeffery Brown, Giselle Rodriguez-Villanueva

Public Works Department Distinguished as Accredited Agency by APWA for Second Time

The American Public Works Association (APWA) has recognized the Town of Morrisville's Public Works Department as an accredited agency. Accreditation is designed to promote excellence in the operation and management of public works departments, and it is issued to departments who verify full compliance with recommended best practices for their municipality. The APWA has awarded accreditation to only 176 municipalities across the United States and Canada. In North Carolina, only three municipalities have received the distinction: The Town of Morrisville, the Town of Garner, and the Town of Mooresville.

Accreditation was granted after an internal review of the department's practices, policies, and procedures. The review lasted two years, and it included a total of 1,800 documents.

Accreditation lasts four years. Morrisville was originally granted accreditation in 2018.

Public Works Department Gets New Director

The Town of Morrisville has hired Jeffery P. Brown as the new Director of Public Works. Brown is a professional engineer with more than 20 years of experience working directly in the field of public works, including with both state and local government. He began his career in local government as a staff engineer and progressed rapidly to leading the Engineering & Infrastructure Department for the City of Fayetteville. Brown has directly overseen construction and engineering projects, facilities and grounds, fleet services, public utilities, solid waste (including a landfill), stormwater, streets, and traffic services. He was most recently the Internal Services Manager for Cumberland County.



Brown is very active in the American Public Works Association (APWA). He has served as the Chapter Delegate for the N.C. Chapter since 2016, and he has represented Region III on the Council of Chapters Steering Committee for the past three years. Brown was recently appointed to the Board of Directors as Region III Director representing Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina.



Survey Invites Feedback on ADA Accessibility to Programs, Services

The Town of Morrisville is committed to ensuring equal access to all of its facilities, services, programs, and events and to ensuring compliance with the policies of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). A public notice has been added to the website affirming that commitment. The Town will also be establishing a grievance procedure to address instances of non-compliance. The Town is currently in the process of conducting a self-evaluation for ADA compliance and is preparing a transition plan to address any areas of need and become fully compliant.

To help develop the transition plan, the Town has created a survey seeking feedback from individuals with disabilities, caregivers, organizations that support individuals with disabilities, those with experience in accessibility needs and best practices, and other interested parties. The survey asks questions about accessibility to Town programs, services, and facilities, such as participating in recreational programs, attending a public meeting, or obtaining a permit.

All responses to the survey are subject to becoming public record. Please visit <https://bit.ly/3Kx4UQU> to take the survey. It will be available until Sept. 30.

Town Gets Stormwater Project of the Year

The Town of Morrisville has been awarded the American Public Works Association (APWA)-NC Stormwater Project of the Year in the Natural Systems category for its Town Center Core Wetland project.

The purpose of the award is to promote excellence in the implementation of stormwater projects in North Carolina. Projects that were considered for the award were evaluated for their benefits to the community, the use of good construction practices and safety in completing the installation, community relations and community involvement, the successful use of innovative strategies and techniques, the potential of the project to impact the design of future stormwater projects, and more. The Town Center Core Wetland project was built in anticipation of the Town Center development and to accommodate the Town's growth. The Town created the wetland to provide an attractive incentive for development while also providing beautiful green space for residents and implanting a sustainable solution that nurtures the environment.



The APWA formally presented the Stormwater Project of the Year award at its conference in Winston-Salem on Sept. 20.

Morrisville Takes Next Steps to Implement Affordable Housing Plan

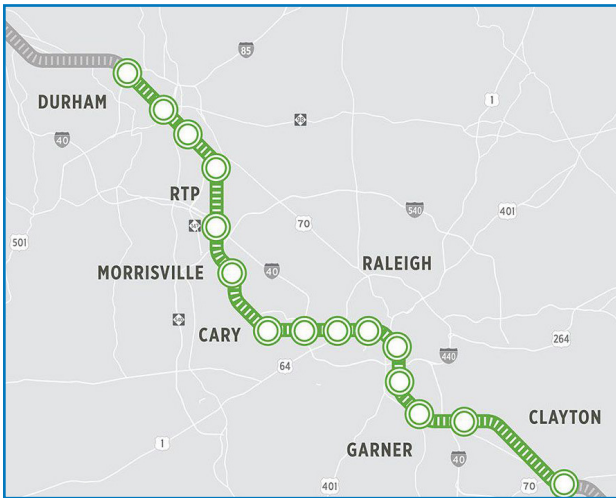
In April, the Town executed a contract with HR&A Advisors Inc. to begin work on a toolkit to incentivize development of affordable housing and to explore a public employee housing choice program. These are the next steps in implementing recommendations of the 2019 Town of Morrisville Affordable Housing Plan, and the work is expected to be completed by early 2023.

The project is divided into two phases:

- Phase 1: The consultant will conduct background research and analysis to develop a suite of options that the Town could pursue. Workshops will be held with the Planning and Zoning Board and Town Council to discuss next steps.
- Phase 2: The consultant will design and implement the options selected in Phase 1.

To learn more about the status of the project or to sign up for updates, please visit <https://bit.ly/2ZkBoGM> or contact Danielle Kittredge at dkittredge@townofmorrisville.org or 919-463-6927.

Greater Triangle Commuter Rail (GTCR) Phase 2 Feasibility Study is Released



The Greater Triangle Commuter Rail (GTCR) is a proposed commuter rail service from Durham to Garner or Clayton, with a planned stop in Morrisville. GoTriangle, which is leading the project, released a Phase 2 GTCR feasibility study at the end of August for public comment. The results of this study will be used to inform decision making on how to move forward with commuter rail service in the region. The study indicates that GTCR service could be operational by 2033 or 2035, if implemented, and cost between \$2.8 billion and \$3.2 billion. The study also estimates that service would have 12,000 to 18,000 boardings per day by 2040.

For more information about the project, please visit <https://www.readyforrailnc.com/>.



Upcoming Changes Slated for Nov. 8 Election



The Nov. 8 General Election will allow registered voters in the Morrisville community an opportunity to have a say in who represents them at the county, state, and federal level. (No Morrisville Town Council members are up for election at this time.) Congressional redistricting maps were approved in February 2022 and are effective for the fall elections, and some district numbers and district representatives have changed for Wake County (and some Durham County) Morrisville residents. Registered voters should educate themselves on the list of candidates they may see on the ballot for the following races*:

- Wake County Commissioners (Districts 1, 2, 3, and 7 are up for election, but contests are countywide, so every Wake County voter is eligible to vote on every district representative.)
- Wake County Board of Education
- Wake County Sheriff
- Wake County Representatives for N.C. House and Senate
- N.C. Representatives for the U.S. House of Representatives

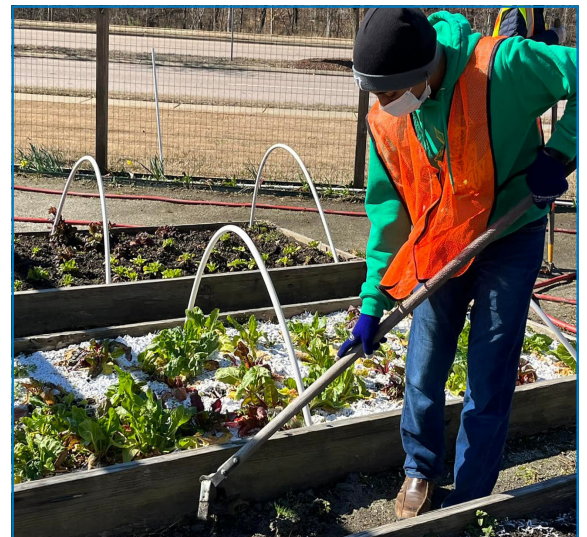
* This is not a comprehensive list of ALL races to be held in the November General Election.

To learn more, including information about early voting, please visit the Wake County Board of Elections at <https://bit.ly/3QYBD43>.

Join the Morrisville Stewardship Program to Keep Morrisville Beautiful

The Town of Morrisville is continuing to keep its parks, greenways, and streams clean and green with the help of its residents! As part of the Morrisville Stewardship Program, volunteers have picked up over 200 bags worth of trash and recycling from Morrisville's parks, greenways and streams, and dedicated over 900 volunteer hours toward conducting litter sweeps, stream cleans, educational garden maintenance, and other tasks.

If you or your volunteer group would like to take part in the Morrisville Stewardship Program, please check out the program webpage at <https://bit.ly/3Rce2wB>.



Educational garden maintenance

Registration Open for Esports Program

Calling all gamers! The Town of Morrisville's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department is partnering with the Wake Technical Community College (WTCC) RTP Campus to offer an Esports program for area residents, including teens and adults. The program will allow participants to enjoy open play in a collaborative environment, either alone or with others, or to enter organized leagues and tournaments. Games will include:

- Fortnite
- Valorant
- Overwatch
- Rocket League
- League of Legends

The program will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 4 to 9 p.m., at the WTCC RTP Campus, 10908 Chapel Hill Road. Additional programming may be held at the Cedar Fork Community Center, 1050 Town Hall Drive. All play will be supervised, and any online gaming will be secure. All participants will be required to agree to the terms of use and follow established sportsmanship policies for participation in any athletic program.

Esports can enhance cognitive capacity and teach problem-solving skills and collaboration through participation. The program can also teach better communication with others in many settings. Register for open times and planned programs in Activenet at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/mprplaymorr>.

Town Projects Webpage Reformatted

As part of a comprehensive website enhancement project, Town of Morrisville staff has reformatted the Town Projects page on the website. Residents can visit TownofMorrisville.org/residents/projects to find information about current capital improvement projects and developments. The new page includes interactive story maps that show details for each project, including concept drawings and maps, a timeline for completion, and funding information.

Visit the Annual Budget and Capital Investment Program page at <https://bit.ly/3Q3qHke> for detailed budget information.

Waste Collection for Fall/Winter 2022

Three upcoming holidays will affect trash and recycling service in Morrisville:

Thanksgiving 2022

- No service on Thursday, Nov. 24
- Thursday pick-up routes moved to Friday, Nov. 25
- Friday pick-up routes moved to Saturday, Nov. 26

Christmas 2022

- No service on Sunday, Dec. 25
- There will be no change to the schedule because the holiday falls on a Sunday.

New Year's Day 2023

- No service on Sunday, Jan. 1
- There will be no change to the schedule because the holiday falls on a Sunday.



Loving the Connection Newsletter? Visit <https://forms.gle/Ctm19usMhXJzg7Dz5> or scan the QR code to the left to enter a chance to win a Morrisville swag bag. It's our way of saying thanks!



Want to Go Solar? Three Reasons Now is the Time

Morrisville has joined 10 other local communities in Solarize the Triangle, a community-based group-buying program for solar energy, battery storage, and other clean energy technologies. The goal of the program is to help homeowners, businesses, and non-profits become more resilient, reduce energy expenses, and save on the cost of renewable energy systems by obtaining volume discounts on materials and installation services. The more property owners that participate, the greater the savings will be for all.

In addition to **saving significantly on solar energy through the program**, here are two more reasons why now is a great time to install solar energy on your property:

You can save up to 30 percent through federal tax incentives

As part of the Inflation Reduction Act, the federal tax incentive has been reinstated to 30 percent, allowing property owners to subtract 30 percent of the total cost of installing renewable energy technologies from their federal taxes. The incentive is valid now until 2032.

You can reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions, providing benefits to all

By going solar, you are contributing to the renewable energy movement by reducing your greenhouse gas emissions, which will help to improve air quality, slow climate change, and improve public health.

Solarize the Triangle is a limited time campaign that has an enrollment deadline of Dec. 31, 2022. More than 450 people have signed up for the free, no obligation evaluation. For more information about the program, visit www.solarizemorrisville.org.

Fall Leaf Pickup and Christmas Tree Disposal

The Town of Morrisville will be offering fall leaf pickup on the regular yard waste schedule. Leaves must be bagged in paper yard waste bags for pickup, and a maximum of 20 bags per week will be collected. All sticks and trash must be removed from the leaves. Piles of loose leaves will not be picked up.

Christmas trees will also be picked up as part of the yard waste program during the month of January. Trees must be placed at the curb on the designated yard waste day by 7 a.m. All lights, tinsel, ornaments, and bases must be removed from the tree. If the tree is larger than 6 feet tall, it must be cut in half.

Residents are also able to bring their used Christmas trees to a disposal site in January. The trees will be chipped up and used for mulch in parks. Wake County will be accepting trees at the following locations:

- Apex Convenience Center, 6120 Old Smithfield Road, Apex
- Lake Crabtree Park, 1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville