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Morrisville Town Council

TJ Cawley, Mayor

Liz Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem
(District 3)

Anne Robotti, Council Member
(District 1)

Donna L. Fender, Council Member
(District 2)

Vicki Scroggins-Johnson, Council Member
(District 4)

Steve Rao, Council Member
(At Large)

Satish Garimella, Council Member
(At Large)

Calendar of Meetings and Events

October

- Oct. 10 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 11 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 12 – Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16-20 – Bulk Item Pick-Up Week
- Oct. 21 – Trick-or-Treat the Trail, 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.
- Oct. 24 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 25 – Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 26 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 28 – Diwali Celebration, 5 p.m.

November

- Nov. 1 – Environment and Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 4 – Green Day, 8 a.m.
- Nov. 8 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 8 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 – Senior Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 9 – Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10 – Veterans Day (*observed*), Town offices closed
- Nov. 14 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 15 – Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 22 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 23-24 – Thanksgiving Holiday, Town offices closed
- Nov. 28 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

December

- Dec. 2 – Tree Lighting, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 5 – Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 5 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 6 – Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 6 – Environment and Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 13 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 14 – Menorah Lighting, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 – Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 25-27 – Christmas Holiday, Town offices closed
- Dec. 28 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting and event dates and times are
subject to change.**

**For current information, visit
www.morrisvillenc.gov/calendar.**



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Town Celebrates Accomplishments of Retiring Manager Martha Paige

After 10 years of service to the Town of Morrisville and 25 years in local government, Town Manager Martha Paige formally retired on October 1. Town staff, local leaders, former colleagues, family, and friends joined together on September 28 to celebrate her accomplishments and to wish her well.

During her tenure in Morrisville – the longest-ever by a Morrisville town manager – the Town was named an All-America City (2021), in addition to numerous other accolades, and has achieved and maintained three AAA credit ratings from three credit rating agencies. Morrisville is the smallest community to achieve and maintain these ratings.

Many at her farewell reception praised her work helping the Morrisville Town Council achieve their goals and priorities for the betterment of the community, including the Morrisville Carpenter Road Improvements Project, advancement of the Town Center project, and the future dog park. She also worked with council to pass the 2021 bond referendum.

“During her time as town manager, Morrisville has become a thriving, welcoming community known for its economic development, infrastructure, innovation, and sustainability,” said Mayor TJ Cawley.



Brandon Zuidema Named Town Manager

The Morrisville Town Council has named Deputy Town Manager Brandon Zuidema as its next town manager, effective Oct. 1. Zuidema has 30 years of experience in local government, including the last four with the Town of Morrisville. Prior to joining Morrisville, he spent 10 years with the Town of Garner after also working in New York and Virginia.

“Since joining our leadership team in 2019, Brandon has developed a deep understanding of, and commitment to, our community values and our opportunities,” said Mayor TJ Cawley. “He is a strong leader, with a long history of success in public service. The Town Council is confident he will continue to move the All-America City of Morrisville forward to provide an enhanced quality of life for our diverse community through innovative programs and services.”



While serving as Morrisville’s assistant town manager and deputy town manager, Zuidema’s key accomplishments include the significant progress made on the Morrisville Town Center and the land acquisitions the Town has made to support additional parks and open space.

“I am honored and humbled to be offered this leadership opportunity in Morrisville,” Zuidema said. “I am fortunate to work with such a great team and to have had so many mentors to help me prepare for this position. I look forward to working with Town Council and our staff to keep Morrisville a great place to live, work, and play.”

Zuidema has a master’s certificate in local government management, is a graduate of the Weldon Cooper Senior Executive Institute, and is an ICMA Credentialed Manager.

Inaugural Major League Cricket Season in Morrisville Enjoys Sold Out Matches

Major League Cricket (MLC) brought America’s first-ever professional franchise cricket league to Church Street Park in Morrisville in July, and fans from around the world came out to support their favorite teams, resulting in all seven matches in Town being sold out.

Matches were split between Morrisville and Grand Prairie, TX, and featured six teams: The Texas Super Kings, the Los Angeles Knight Riders, MI New York, the San Francisco Unicorns, the Seattle Orcas, and the Washington Freedom. Ultimately, MI New York was victorious, taking the final trophy after beating the Seattle Orcas by seven wickets in the final match in Grand Prairie.



Fans sold out the matches in Morrisville, with the average game selling 3,356 tickets. Standing room only seats had to be opened up on some matches to accommodate the overwhelming demand. Overall, the Morrisville matches sold 23,561 tickets. About half of the ticket sales came from the Triangle, but 43 percent of ticket sales were from out of state. Many fans came from other countries to see the matches.

In September, Minor League Cricket also returned to Church Street Park for matches featuring the Atlanta Fire vs. Baltimore Royals and the Morrisville Raptors vs. Atlanta Lightning. Learn more about professional cricket in Morrisville at www.morrisvillenc.gov/cricket.



From left, Morrisville Environment and Stormwater Committee Member Jim Simmons, Sustainability Coordinator Kimberly Conley, Council Member Anne Robotti, Mayor TJ Cawley, Congresswoman Deborah Ross, Mayor Pro Tem Liz Johnson, Council Member Steve Rao, and Council Member Donna Fender.

Congresswoman Ross Presents Federal Funding Supporting Town Solar Projects

On June 30, Congresswoman Deborah Ross (NC-02) presented the Town of Morrisville with \$250,000 in federal funding as part of a \$17 million package for Wake County community-based projects. The funding, which is being distributed through the U.S. Department of Energy, will be matched by the Town for a total allocation of \$500,000 to add solar to the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center, Town Hall, and potentially the Connector Building, in support of further reducing its carbon footprint by offsetting electricity with renewable energy.

These projects will directly support the Town's Master Sustainability Plan, which includes a goal of reducing greenhouse gasses by 5 percent (or 80 metric tons) by 2026 for all Town operations, including fleet and facilities. With existing solar arrays on fire stations No. 1 and 3, as well as the Public Safety and Municipal Services Building, the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is projected at 130 metric tons. The three additional solar arrays will add another projected 120 metric tons, providing an overall reduction of almost 16 percent based on the Town's 2019 baseline. "This funding will help the Town surpass the emissions reduction goal by 10 percent and three years earlier than projected," said Jeffery Brown, the director of Public Works.

Morrisville Awarded for Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Morrisville for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022. This recognition marks the 28th consecutive annual Certificate of Achievement for the Town of Morrisville's Finance Department.

The GFOA advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and research for more than 21,000 members and their communities. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. In receiving the award, the financial report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the GFOA program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

Visit www.morrisvillenc.gov/cafr to learn more about the Finance Department and to read the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Town Website Switches to .Gov Address

The Town of Morrisville has changed its website URL from www.townofmorrisville.org to **www.morrisvillenc.gov**, making the website address not only simpler and easier to remember, but also improving the overall security of the site and strengthening public trust. The change went into effect on Aug. 14.

All .gov URLs are authorized by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and they are only available to U.S.-based government organizations and publicly controlled entities.

“By adopting a .gov URL for our website, we are demonstrating to the public that we take online security very seriously,” said Rick Ralph, Morrisville’s chief information officer. “Anyone who pays the fee can get a .com or .org domain and pretend to be an official agency, but .gov domains are subject to strict scrutiny. When members of our community receive an email or link from the [morrisvillenc.gov](http://www.morrisvillenc.gov) domain, they can trust that the information is valid and that it is coming from the authoritative source.”

During a transitional period, if someone enters the previous www.townofmorrisville.org address, they will be automatically redirected to the new .gov domain. Eventually, the previous URL will be phased out completely and become inactive. The community is asked to update its bookmarks with the new web address in the meantime.

All Town email addresses will also move to the new domain later in the fall. The change will be announced on the website, in the mobile app, and on the Town’s social media platforms.



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NEWSLETTER



Learn about events each week and get the latest Town news. Select "Weekly Updates" when you sign up.

Two Electric Vehicle Chargers Installed at Town Hall

The Town has installed two chargers for electric vehicles in the parking lot at Town Hall, 100 Town Hall Drive.

Two Level II chargers have been installed. These chargers have dual ports that allow two cars to charge at the same time, which means that up to four electric vehicles will be able to charge at a time. One of the spaces will be reserved for accessible parking.

With these additions, the Town will now have seven electric vehicle chargers available, including one at the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center (1301 Morrisville Parkway), two at Church Street Park (5800 Cricket Pitch Way), and two at the public safety building (260 Town Hall Drive). Two more are planned for Morrisville Community Park.

Fall 2023 Town of Morrisville Elections: What You Need to Know

This fall, Morrisville voters will be able to cast their ballots for three members of the Town Council. Voters may select one of the following candidates for each of the seats listed on their ballots:

At-Large	District 1	District 3
Council Member Satish Garimella (incumbent)	Council Member Anne Robotti (incumbent)	Mayor Pro Tem Liz Johnson (incumbent)
Patty Wei-Pei Cheng	Subba Reddy Madireddy	Unopposed

Residents may vote on Nov. 7 at their assigned precincts. This information can be found on your voter registration card. If you are unsure or want to verify your precinct information, please visit the North Carolina Board of Elections website at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>.

The following are Morrisville voting precinct locations:

- Precinct 05-01: Morrisville Elementary School, 1519 Morrisville Parkway, Morrisville
- Precinct 05-03: Chandelier Wedding and Event Venue, 1077 Darrington Drive, Cary
- Precinct 05-06: Carpenter Elementary School, 2100 Morrisville Parkway, Cary
- Precinct 05-07: Parkside Elementary School, 332 Parkside Valley Drive, Morrisville
- Precinct 05-08: Hindu Society of North Carolina, 309 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville

Residents may also vote early at specified locations. The dates of operation and the hours will vary by location, but early voting begins at some locations on Oct. 19. Early voting locations in Wake County include:

- Wake County Board of Elections, 1200 N. New Hope Road, Raleigh
- John M. Brown Community Center, 53 Hunter St., Apex
- Avery Street Recreation Center, 125 Avery St., Garner

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/45CQGId>.

Registration Now Open for Morrisville 101



Registration is open for Morrisville 101 through Oct. 12. Morrisville 101 is a free annual community academy for Town residents ages 16 and up that offers a behind-the-scenes look at community services. The class also offers:

- The chance to make connections with other civic-minded residents.
- Knowledge and contacts to help you be an effective leader in your community.
- An understanding of what's needed to run for elected office in Morrisville.

The class is packed with activities and information, and is designed to be interactive with opportunities to ask questions and give feedback.

The class will meet on Wednesdays, from Oct. 25-Nov. 20, from 6-8:30 p.m. Learn more and register at www.morrisvillenc.gov/MSV101.

Esports Program with Wake Tech Helps Build Morrisville's Gaming Community



The Town of Morrisville offers a variety of esports programs that encourage collaborative gaming as well as teach many of the same lessons as traditional sports.

Computer-based gaming opportunities are offered through a partnership with Wake Tech Community College, including open meetups for popular games like Fortnite. Plans are in place to add Rocket League as the program grows. Players can find current opportunities and register at apm.activecommunities.com/mprplaymorr.

The Town also gives gamers the chance to compete in tournaments and other contests through the Mission Control gaming platform. Players can compete from any location on most gaming platforms.

Visit www.morrisvillenc.gov/esports to view current opportunities and to sign up. A winter tournament is currently being planned with prizes.

Registration for winter sports is now open.

Registration for Spring Little League opens on Jan. 8, 2024.

Visit www.morrisvillenc.gov/athletics for more information.

Join Morrisville Police for Fall Events



October 12-22 | North Carolina State Fair

The Traffic Safety Team will be participating in Safety City at the North Carolina State Fair.

October 14 | Special Olympics Charity Ride

Save the Date

Sign up for the Community Police Academy in November. The date has not been decided, so follow the department on Facebook for more information at facebook.com/morrisvillepd.



Mark your calendars — Trick-or-Treat the Trail will be Saturday, Oct. 21 at Morrisville Community Park, 1520 Morrisville Parkway.

This year's event will be slightly different than in years past. Attendees will be asked to register in advance for one of two available times: 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. The new structure will help to better manage event lines and traffic and to offer a better overall experience for attendees.

Get all the details at www.morrisvillenc.gov/halloween.

Enjoy Family Fun at the MAFC this Fall



The Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center will be hosting several family fitness events and classes this fall. These events give parents the opportunity to introduce fitness to their children in a way that is fun and engaging. Events include:

October 7: Family Yoga

- Ages 9-14: 2-2:30 p.m.
- Ages 5-8: 2:45-3:15 p.m.
- Ages 3-5: 3:30-4 p.m.

October 15: Parent-Child Tennis

(Tennis equipment will be provided by the MAFC.)

- Ages 6-8: 2-2:30 p.m.
- Ages 9-12: 2:45-3:15 p.m.
- Ages 13-17: 3:30-4 p.m.

October 29: Family Pool Party

This is a pool party for all ages. The program pool and lap pool will be open for swimming and games.

Swim with Santa will also return to the MAFC on Dec. 15. One-hour time slots will be available. Enjoy snacks, crafts, and photos. To sign up for MAFC events, visit www.tinyurl.com/signupmafc.

Fall Leaf Pickup and Tree Disposal

The Town will offer fall leaf pickup on the regular yard waste schedule. Leaves must be placed in paper yard waste bags, and a maximum of 20 bags per week will be collected. All sticks and trash must be removed. Loose leaves will not be picked up.

Christmas trees will also be picked up in the yard waste program throughout January. Trees must be at the curb on the designated day by 7 a.m. All lights, tinsel, ornaments, and bases must be removed. Trees larger than 6 feet must be cut in half.

Residents can also bring their used Christmas trees to the following disposal sites in January:

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

Recycle at Town Green Day Event



November 4 | 8 a.m.-noon

Church Street Park, 5800 Cricket Pitch Way

- Recycle fats and greases, electronics, batteries, and more
- Shred paper
- Dispose of medication
- Donate food

Learn more at www.morrisvillenc.gov/greenday.