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(District 4)

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Calendar of Meetings and Events

March

- March 5 - Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- March 6 - Environment & Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- March 7 - Spring White Goods Collection Day
- March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Starts
- March 12 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- March 14 - Senior Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- March 14 - Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- March 16 - Holi Celebration, 12 p.m.
- March 16 - 24 - Morrisville Creek Week
- March 17 - Creek Week 5K, 8:30 a.m.
- March 23 - Green Day, 8 a.m.
- March 26 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- March 27 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- March 28 - Peeps in the Park, 5 p.m.
- March 28 - Town Council Budget Work Session, 6 p.m.
- March 28 - Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- March 29 - Good Friday, Town offices closed

April

- April 2 - Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- April 3 - Environment & Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- April 6 - Community Fire Academy, 9 a.m.
- April 9 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- April 11 - Town Council Work Session, 6 p.m.
- April 12 - 14 - Battle of the Badges Softball Tournament
- April 20 - Morrisville Earth Day
- April 20 - Clean Up With a Cop, 10 a.m.
- April 22 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- April 24 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- April 25 - Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting and event dates and times are subject to change.

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Morrisville CONNECTION

Morrisville Police Department Achieves Advanced Law Enforcement CALEA Accreditation

The Morrisville Police Department was awarded national accreditation on Nov. 11, 2023, by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in the Advanced Law Enforcement program(s). In 2021, the Morrisville Police Department began a transitional process to Advanced Accreditation which required successful compliance to 461 standards.

The agency was first accredited by CALEA in 2009 and participates in a four-year reaccreditation cycle with an annual review. The Morrisville Police Department has remained successful, receiving five awards since 2009.

“The Morrisville Police Department is proud to have been awarded Advanced Accreditation by CALEA,” said Morrisville Police Chief Pete Acosta. “Our department strives to serve our community in a way that represents excellence and is considered to be elite in this industry.”

Pictured Above: Officer Tanija Brown (left) and Chief Pete Acosta (right) accept the CALEA Accreditation from Director of NC Criminal Justice Standards, Jeff Smythe, at the Nov. 28 Town Council meeting.

Letteney Named Morrisville Assistant Town Manager



Morrisville Town Manager Brandon Zuidema selected John Letteney as the Town’s next assistant town manager. He began his new role on Feb. 5.

Letteney recently retired as chief of police with the Thomasville, GA police department and previously served as the chief of police in Apex and Southern Pines. Prior to coming to North Carolina, John worked with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office in Rochester, New York. Letteney has also held numerous leadership positions with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, serving most recently as president for 2023.

“I am very pleased to be able to add someone of John’s caliber to our Morrisville team,” said Town Manager Zuidema. “John brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership experiences that will support our team and our community.”

“I am honored to have been selected to fill this important role,” said Letteney. “I look forward to the opportunity to serve the community, carry out the strategic plan and other initiatives adopted by the Town Council, and enhance the quality of life as part of Town Manager Zuidema’s senior leadership team.”

Park Beautification Efforts

The Public Works Community Enhancement Team is committed to providing beautification projects across Town of Morrisville parks and grounds. In 2023, the team worked on many projects including:

- The Town’s second 100% native plant garden installation at Northwest Park
- Multiple large tree plantings located at Northwest Park, Grace Park Greenway, and one currently underway at Morrisville Community Park
- A native plant garden at the Town’s Public Works facility
- Landscape renovations of the Town Hall Drive traffic circle
- Landscape bed renovations at all major facilities including seasonal flower plantings at all park/facility entrance beds and planters

The team has completed a full renovation at Morrisville Community Park by establishing a landscape path and park lookout area with associated native vegetation. Special consideration was given to stormwater erosion areas with many facilities receiving stormwater focused landscape features that reduce sediment washout and improve amenity usability. Large resodding projects were accomplished at Morrisville Community Park, Church Street Park, Cedar Fork Community Center and Cedar Fork District Park. The Community Enhancement Team will continue its good efforts going into 2024 with more beautification projects to come. Keep an eye out for our hardworking Public Works folks out in the field.

Morrisville Little Free Libraries

The Town of Morrisville has six different lending libraries in our parks and at Town facilities. These libraries have been placed in highly visited areas such as playgrounds, rental shelters, and our fitness center, to provide easy access. Each of the libraries was designed, built and installed by volunteer groups.

The book-sharing boxes provide access to books seven days a week. A variety of reading materials are stocked in each box to appeal to all age groups and reading levels. Residents are encouraged to borrow any books of interest and donate any appropriate books back to the box to share with others.

Recently, Town staff registered all the lending libraries with the Little Free Library organization. The registration provides the locations of our libraries to be added to the Little Free Library World Map, as well as numerous other resources from the Little Free Library community.

Public Works staff have taken on stewardship of the Little Free Library boxes. All the locations are regularly inspected, cleaned, and restocked with books. We are currently looking for additional stewards to assist with the care and maintenance of the Little Free Libraries. If you would be interested in adopting one or more of the boxes to help keep them clean, maintained, and restocked, please give Steve Dickinson a call at 919-463-7072 or email him at sdickinson@townofmorrisville.org.

Current Little Free Library locations include:

- Church Street Park (5817 Cricket Pitch Way)
- Healthy Food Hub (280 Town Hall Drive)
- Indian Creek Trailhead (101 Town Hall Drive)
- Morrisville Community Park (1520 Morrisville Parkway)
- The Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center (1301 Morrisville Parkway)
- Northwest Park (998 Parkside Valley Drive)



Morrisville Central App Upgrades

The Morrisville Central app will be introducing some exciting new features in the first quarter of 2024. App users will be able to build their own Smart City Dashboard to keep them updated on the status of their favorite fields, courts, or electric vehicle charging stations. An icon will be added to the center of the navigation bar to access this new feature.

A second icon will be added to the navigation bar for waste and recycling, which will enable Morrisville residents to look up the day their trash is normally picked up, view common methods of recycling items, and even lookup specific items to determine the correct disposal method.

To make way for these new features, the calendar icon is being moved to the top left-hand corner of the app. Download the Morrisville Central app today to start using the existing app features and prepare for the release of new features. Current users of the app will automatically receive the update when it goes live. To download the app visit morrisvillenc.gov/app.

Teen Morrisville 101 Registration Open

Teen Morrisville 101 is an annual residents academy for teens interested in local government, specifically in Morrisville. This is a free program for youths in grades 9-12.

Teen Morrisville 101 will feature hands-on learning with multiple Town of Morrisville departments. The program includes a graduation ceremony at a Morrisville Town Council meeting.



2024 Tentative Dates:

- Wednesday, May 8: 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 15: 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 22: 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 29: 4-6 p.m.

While the program is open to all high school students, preference will be given to those who live in Morrisville. Registration is open through April 26.

Register your teen today at bit.ly/TeenMSV101

Town Council Winter Retreat

The Town Council Winter Retreat was held Jan. 18-21. Town Council discussed key topics, brainstormed ideas, and shared interest areas and priorities. The top focus areas rising from the discussion revolved around economic development, technology innovation, future investments, and sustainability.

Other topics incorporated throughout the collaborative weekend included revaluation, transit mobility, affordable housing, infrastructure improvements, recruitment and retention, sustaining quality core services, public and pedestrian safety, and welcoming/placemaking interests. From that creative conversation emerged common shared themes. The valued discussions during the retreat exchange served to kick-off budget development for Fiscal Year 2025. As Council and staff continue to shape the future vision for the coming budget year, the community will have opportunities to provide input and feedback. Stay tuned to the Budget Connections Portal and stay involved in the process.

Firefighters Recognized for Deployment



Members of the Morrisville Fire/Rescue Department were honored at the Nov. 28 Town Council meeting for their work during deployment to assist the Poplar Drive wildfire in Henderson County in early November 2023. (L-R) Firefighter Kevin Lampman, Council Member Robotti, Fire Chief Nathan Lozinsky, Council Member Johnson, Master Firefighter Kamrin Papale, Mayor Cawley, Master Firefighter Garrett Lewis, Council Member Rao, Fire Captain Billy Dinkins and Council Member Fender.

Interview with the Town's Sustainability Coordinator about Green Day (*the collection event, not the band*)

The Town of Morrisville will be holding a Green Day event on March 23, from 8 a.m. - noon at Church Street Park (5817 Cricket Pitch Way). We took some time to talk with Sustainability Coordinator Kimberly Conley to find out more about Green Day and what you should know.

What should residents start compiling now for the upcoming Green Day event?

I'm so glad you asked! There are a host of things that could be reused or disposed of more effectively than our waste/recycling company is able to offer. The Town of Morrisville provides alternatives to adding to our limited landfill by sponsoring the following collections twice per year:

- **Textiles** - These can be something someone might wear again or not.
- **Fats, oils, and grease** (cooled in a plastic container with a screw top lid) - This becomes renewable biofuel. How cool is that!?
- **Batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs**
- **e-recycling** - Check our website for a list of items, including TVs, cell phones, wire, circuit boards, scanners, remote controls and more.
- **Medication take-back** - Our fabulous Morrisville Police Department hosts this collection! Flushing or throwing away medication could impact our environment or end up in the wrong hands.
- **Food Drive** - Take action against food insecurity and help stock our local food banks!
- **Hub Zone Technology Initiative** - Laptops are converted into Chromebooks for underserved members in need of a computer.
- **Goodwill Industries** - Collecting gently used furniture, clothes and shoes.
- **Paper shredding** - Only sensitive materials should be shredded. Regular paper including junk mail can go directly into the recycle bin!

Do attendees need to wear green?

You don't HAVE to wear green, but since it's probably at the front of your closet from St. Patrick's Day, we certainly welcome it! If you do, you will be entered to win a prize.

Where do I park for this event at Church Street Park?

No parking is needed, as this is a drive-thru event with lots of Town staff able and willing to help remove your items at the appropriate station! We do ask that you turn off your vehicles if idling more than 10 seconds. This will reduce carbon emissions and improve our air quality.

What if residents need solutions outside of Green Day events?

If it's not near a Green Day event, stay tuned for a new icon on the Morrisville Central app for waste and recycling information of all kinds of items! Download the app at morrisvillenc.gov/app.





Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Upcoming Events

Holi – The Town of Morrisville invites you to celebrate Holi, the Hindu festival of colors, on Saturday, March 16, from noon to 3 p.m. at Cedar Fork Community Center (1050 B Town Hall Dr.). The event guarantees a vibrant atmosphere featuring artisan vendors, food trucks, Holi powders, and music. morrisvillenc.gov/holi or <https://fb.me/e/1zgl40Oqv>

Peeps in the Park – Mark the arrival of spring by joining us at Peeps in the Park, a spring-themed scavenger hunt on Thursday, March 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Morrisville Community Park (1520 Morrisville Parkway). Participants who successfully locate all the hidden peeps may be eligible to win a prize. The event will also include attractions like a petting zoo, face painting, balloon art, and food trucks. morrisvillenc.gov/peeps or <https://fb.me/e/hpCrPlydX>



Spring Athletics Leagues – The upcoming spring athletic season brings a variety of leagues for youth offered by the Town of Morrisville's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department. Options include T-ball, Kid Pitch, Coach Pitch, Little League baseball, Little League softball, volleyball, and adult corporate basketball. <http://tinyurl.com/playmorr>

Movie in the Park – Attend an outdoor screening of the movie "Happy Feet" at Morrisville Community Park (1520 Morrisville Parkway) on Friday, April 19, at 8 p.m. The event is free and family friendly. Arrive early to secure a prime spot on the lawn of the multi-purpose field. morrisvillenc.gov/nextmovie

Shotokan Karate for Youth & Teens/Adults – Youth and teen/adult Shotokan Karate classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center (1301 Morrisville Parkway). Youth classes are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and teen/adult classes are held from 7:30 to 8:20 p.m. Shotokan Karate class emphasizes the development and control of power, smoothness, and balance in punching, kicking, blocking/parrying, and body shifting. Increase flexibility, coordination, and bodily awareness by learning the combative techniques of traditional Japanese empty-hand martial arts. <http://tinyurl.com/playmorr>



Family & Child Yoga – Introduce your child to the joy of yoga at the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center (1301 Morrisville Parkway)! Join our Family Tree Yoga for ages 5-9, where parents and guardians can bond with their little ones, or try Yoga Roots for ages 11-14. These family and child-oriented classes are designed to instill a solid foundation in the basic principles of yoga. <http://tinyurl.com/mafcyoga24>

**Movie
In The Park**



**Friday, April 19
8 p.m.**
Morrisville Community Park



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Summer Camp – Summer Camp registration at Cedar Fork Community Center (CFCC) (1050 B Town Hall Dr.) has begun. CFCC will host weekly summer camps tailored for two age groups, ages 5-11 and 12-14. Camp sessions are scheduled Monday to Friday, running from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. We have an exciting lineup of field trips, games, arts and crafts, pool visits to the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center, and more! Your child can partake in up to nine weeks of camp adventures, spanning from June 17 to Aug. 16. Registration is conducted on a weekly basis, with a cost of \$168 for residents and \$218 for non-residents per week. Secure your child's spot by making a \$50 deposit at the time of registration, which will contribute towards the overall program cost. <http://tinyurl.com/CAMPFCFC>

