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## Calendar of Meetings and Events

### June

- June 19 - Juneteenth
- June 21 - International Yoga Day, 8 a.m.
- June 24 - 28 - Camp Ignite
- June 25 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- June 26 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- June 27 - Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.

### July

- July 3 - Red, White & BOOM!, 5 p.m.
- July 4 - Independence Day, Town Offices Closed
- July 5 - Music in the Park, 6:30 p.m.
- July 9 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- July 11 - Senior Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- July 11 - Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- July 23 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- July 25 - Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- July 31 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.

### August

- August 2 - Music in the Park, 6:30 p.m.
- August 6 - Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- August 7 - Environment & Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- August 8 - Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- August 10 - S'Morrisville, 4 p.m.
- August 13 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- August 15 - Independence Day (India)
- August 21 - National Senior Citizens Day
- August 22 - Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- August 27 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- August 28 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- August 29 - Town Council Work Session, 6 p.m.

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

**For current information, visit [morrisvillenc.gov/calendar](http://morrisvillenc.gov/calendar)**



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# Morrisville CONNECTION

## Morrisville Implements Language Access Plan

From top left: Council Member Liz Johnson; Council Member Vicki Scroggins-Johnson; Council Member Donna L. Fender; Mayor TJ Cawley; Council Member Steve Rao; Council Member Anne Robotti and Mayor Pro Tem Satish Garimella.

In Morrisville, the saying is we don't talk about language barriers, instead we work to build language bridges. In February 2024 the Town implemented a Language Access Plan that will pave a way to better communicate with all its residents.

With 46 percent of Morrisville residents being Asian and roughly 36 percent of the total population being Asian-Indians, the Town is fully committed to adopting language access goals as an essential step in the journey to fostering a more inclusive environment through effective communication with the entire community.

The Language Access Plan, which includes translating vital documents into residents' native languages, serves as an action-oriented implementation plan to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This act prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating because of race, color, or national origin in the provision of any program or activity.

Providing language access in Morrisville is more than a federal mandate. It is important to the Town because the leadership is committed to inclusivity and to building stronger community connections in as many ways as possible.

From bottom left: UNC Institute for the Study of the Americas Language Access Coordinator Susan Clifford; HVM Program Coordinator Arundhati Baba; HVM Program Coordinator Sushma Maheshwari; Deputy Town Manager Giselle Rodriguez-Villanueva; Director of Management Services Jeanne Hooks and Town Manager Brandon Zuidema. (Not pictured: Communications & Outreach Director Wil Glenn)

# Language Access Plan (continued)

Last year the Town was one of nine North Carolina communities accepted by UNC-Chapel Hill's Institute for the Study of the Americas to participate in the Local Government Language Access Collaborative. Morrisville's language access team consisted of five Morrisville employees and two members from the community partner agency, Hindi Vikas Mandal (HVM) Hindi Pathshala, which functions as a part of the Hindu Society of North Carolina (HSNC). Together the group discussed inclusive practices and policies related to language access, conducted assessments, learned from immigrant leaders and language access practitioners, and created the Language Access Plan to expand communication with residents in community languages.

The Town was awarded a \$25,000 grant through the program to initiate the plan.

"We realized that we had a need in our community to increase the access to services," said Deputy Town Manager Giselle Rodriguez-Villanueva. "Our Language Access Plan will guide our efforts to better communicate with all of our residents."

The goals of the Language Access Plan include:

- Increasing the understanding and awareness of other cultures and language access inclusivity
- Development of a brand to allow residents to identify with the LAP
- Creation of accessible programs and information resources that embrace a diverse, inclusive community
- Improving resources that aid critical emergency situations
- Development of key resources and professional development of staff that improve language access to information and services

For more information about the Language Access Plan visit [morrisvillenc.gov/languageaccessplan](https://morrisvillenc.gov/languageaccessplan).

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## Public Works Beautification

This fiscal year (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) improvements and beautifications at the Morrisville Aquatic & Fitness Center (MAFC) were a main focus of Public Works. The MAFC building was originally constructed in 1987 and is starting to show its age. Many updates were needed to bring the building up to code for safety and fire protection reasons. MAFC projects completed in 2024 include:

- Modernization of the old elevator
- Beautification of the exterior of the building
- Multicolor LED safety lights
- Festival mat upgrades on the interior
- Electrical upgrades and reworking of office space



# Mural Program

The Town of Morrisville now has three new murals! We are thrilled to activate and enhance the cultural connectivity and vitality of the Town through engaging artwork and creative placemaking. Murals have been placed at Shiloh Park, the Fire Administration Building, and the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center. Our featured local artists are profiled below.

**Raman Bhardwaj** is our muralist for Shiloh Park. Raman is an award-winning artist who was born in India. He spent the early years of his career as a newspaper illustrator before branching out as a full-time freelance artist. Today, he lives in Greensboro, creating murals, portraits, illustrations, and paintings for a wide range of clients—from national brands like the Charlotte Hornets, to local entities like schools in Greensboro and Hillsborough. He has painted more than 50 murals in North Carolina for various organizations and individuals.

**Sampada Kodagali Agarwal** is our muralist for the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center. She is a dedicated visual artist, who has spent more than 18 years exploring traditional folk and tribal arts from India, along with focusing on an abstract, meditative art method called Zentangle®. Sampada calls Morrisville home and works as an IT professional in Cary. She loves to explore opportunities where art becomes the language that bridges barriers and spills over into everyday life. As an artist, using her talent to promote little known tribal art forms and giving back to the community is her focus. Painting murals is her passion since it inherently compels people to connect, engage, and share.

**Max Dowdle** is our muralist for the Fire Administration Building. He is a seventh-generation North Carolinian growing up in a family of artists and craftspeople and was exposed to creativity from an early age. Max is passionate about creative placemaking, which involves using art and design to revitalize public spaces and create more vibrant and inclusive communities. He believes that public art has the power to transform ordinary spaces into something extraordinary, to spark conversation and encourage reflection, and to bring people together in new and unexpected ways.



Shiloh Park



Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center



Fire Administration Building

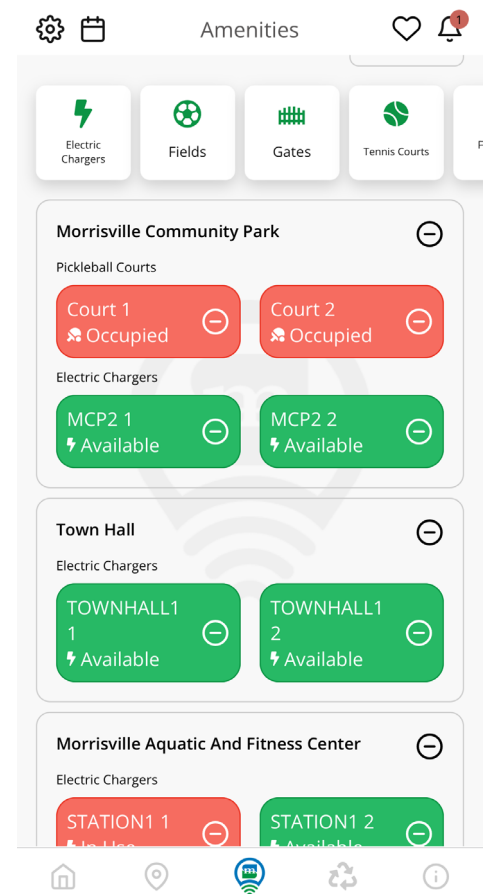
# Morrisville Central App Upgrades

Have you ever wondered which electric vehicle (EV) chargers are available in Morrisville when it's time to charge your EV? What about easily finding out if there's a tennis court available to play on around town?

An update for Morrisville Central, your go-to mobile app for everything Morrisville, has been upgraded to include two heavily requested features: Build-Your-Own Smart City Dashboard and Trash & Recycling Information. Add any field, court, park, or Town-owned EV charger to a dashboard showing its status and only what is important to you!

Forget which day is your pickup day for garbage or recycling? Have questions about how to dispose of an item? Search for any address or street name serviced by Morrisville to see your scheduled day of service. You can even search for specific items to see how to best dispose of an item or where it should be taken.

Download the app today to take advantage of these new features along with the previously released features such as viewing Town events, reporting concerns around town, and even booking a ride on the Smart Shuttle. Download the app at [morrisvillenc.gov/app](https://morrisvillenc.gov/app).



## Morrisville Announced as 2024 CIO 100 Award Winner

Foundry's CIO recently named the Town of Morrisville as a 2024 CIO 100 award winner. For more than 25 years, the CIO 100 Awards have recognized innovative organizations around the world that exemplify the highest level of strategic and operational excellence in IT.

“The CIO 100 Symposium & Awards continues a tradition of over 25 years of the highest quality content for IT leaders and their teams. In addition to celebrating 100 organizations during the dinner and awards ceremony, I am thrilled to feature many of these IT leaders as speakers,” stated Elizabeth Cutler, content director, CIO 100 Symposium & Awards. “The award-winning teams share a passion for excellence, a customer-centric mindset, and a drive to invest in technologies that elevate business value.”

“This recognition is a testament to our team and their ability to provide innovative solutions that make a positive impact on our community,” said Town of Morrisville Chief Information Officer Rick Ralph. “I am proud to work alongside such a creative group, whose dedication and creativity have set a new standard for innovation and collaboration in local government,” Ralph continued.

Executives from the winning companies will be recognized at the CIO 100 Symposium & Awards, August 5-7, 2024.

# Sri Lanka Cricket Team Practices in Morrisville

The Town of Morrisville welcomed the Sri Lankan men's national cricket team to town for several practices at the Church Street Park, May 17-24.

Morrisville is a community renowned for hosting prominent cricket events – including Major League Cricket games. We were proud to welcome the Sri Lankan men's team to Morrisville, and to our Church Street Park.

The Sri Lanka men's national cricket team was preparing for their upcoming battle in the World Cup which is scheduled for the entire month of June.

For more cricket in Morrisville, visit Church Street Park for Major League Cricket July 5-17. Tickets and full information can be found at [bit.ly/MLC2024Morrisville](https://bit.ly/MLC2024Morrisville).



## Newsletter Moving to Digital Format

Go Green.  
Go Digital.



To continue our sustainability journey, the Morrisville Connection newsletter will soon be moving to a digital format.

If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter, please fill out the form located at [www.morrisvillenc.gov/connection](http://www.morrisvillenc.gov/connection) to provide your email address.

Residents who want to continue receiving the newsletter by mail will be provided an option to do so.



## Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Upcoming Events

### National Park & Recreation Month (July) –

For nearly 40 years, the nation has celebrated Park & Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through the power of parks & recreation. This month is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the more than 160,000 full-time parks & recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — who maintain our country’s local, state and community parks. This year’s theme — “Where You Belong” — celebrates the many ways parks & recreation professionals nationwide foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections.

### Events

**Music in the Park** - Join us every first Friday through September, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Healthy Food Hub (280 Town Hall Dr.). Enjoy a free concert from a local band, accompanied by a featured food truck offering delicious options for purchase.

**Red, White & BOOM!** - Wednesday, July 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Cedar Fork District Park (228 Aviation Parkway). Live music, games, food trucks and, of course, an amazing firework show to top it all off! [morrisvillenc.gov/july3](http://morrisvillenc.gov/july3)

**S'Morrisville** - Saturday, August 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Morrisville Community Park (1520 Morrisville Parkway). Residents are invited to take part in National S'Mores Day each year with snacks and fun activities! [morrisvillenc.gov/smorrissville](http://morrisvillenc.gov/smorrissville)

### Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center

**Family & Child Yoga** – Introduce your child to the joy of yoga at the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center this summer! 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. Classes are available until September.

[bit.ly/4bIPfuO](http://bit.ly/4bIPfuO)



## Athletics

**Fall Athletics Leagues** – Fall athletic leagues are open for registration until mid July. Fall leagues include:

- T-Ball - ages 5-6
- Coach Pitch - ages 7-9
- Kid Pitch - ages 8-12
- Girls Volleyball Minors - ages 7-9
- Girls Volleyball Majors - ages 10-12
- Girls Volleyball Juniors - ages 13-15

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**Athletics To Go** – Morrisville Athletics will offer free pop-up Athletics To Go clinics this summer for basketball and volleyball. Basketball clinics will be offered on:

- Saturday, June 22 - girls ages 9-15
- Saturday, July 27 - boys ages 9-15
- Saturday, August 24 - girls ages 9-15

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## Cedar Fork Community Center

**Camp CFCC Senior** - This summer, from June 17 through Aug. 16, experience Camp Cedar Fork Senior, offering recreational activities for teens ages 12-14. Campers will enjoy days filled with games, arts & crafts, water activities, brain booster challenges, park trips and more!

[tinyurl.com/CAMPCFCC](http://tinyurl.com/CAMPCFCC)



## Morrisville Senior Center

**Home & Safety Fair** - The Morrisville Fire/Rescue Department and the Morrisville Police Department will present ways to reduce the likelihood of injuries and preventing emergencies at home on July 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Morrisville Senior Center.

**Summer Ice Cream Socials** - Cool off at the Morrisville Senior Center this summer for its two ice cream social events – there will be a sweet treat for everyone! Ice cream socials will be held on June 26 and July 31, from 1-3 p.m.

[bit.ly/4bFCNvB](http://bit.ly/4bFCNvB)

