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Calendar of Meetings and Events

October

- October 14-18 - GFL Bulk Pickup Week
- October 17 - Smart City Steering Committee, 6 p.m.
- October 19 - Diwali Festival, 5 p.m.
- October 22 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- October 24 - Town Council Work Session, 6 p.m.
- October 26 - Boo Bash, 3 p.m.
- October 30 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Committee, 6 p.m.

November

- November 2 - Green Day, 8 a.m.
- November 6 - Environment & Stormwater Committee, 6 p.m.
- November 9 - Morrisville Veterans Celebration Ceremony, 9 a.m.
- November 11 - Veterans Day (Town Offices Closed)
- November 12 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- November 14 - Town Council Work Session, 6 p.m.
- November 14 - Senior Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- November 14 - Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- November 16 - Turkey Bowl
- November 21 - Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- November 26 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- November 28 - Thanksgiving (Town Offices Closed)
- November 29 - Holiday (Town Offices Closed)

December

- December 3 - Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.
- December 4 - Environment & Stormwater Committee, 6 p.m.
- December 4 - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Committee, 6 p.m.
- December 5 - Winter White Goods Collection
- December 7 - Tree Lighting, 3 p.m.
- December 10 - Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.
- December 12 - Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
- December 19 - Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- December 24 - Christmas Eve (Town Offices Closed)
- December 25 - Christmas Day (Town Offices Closed)
- December 26 - Kwanzaa Begins (Town Offices Closed)
- December 27 - Menorah Lighting, 5 p.m.

Meeting and event dates and times are subject to change.

For current information, visit morrisvillenc.gov/calendar



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Morrisville CONNECTION

Morrisville Approves Town Center Development Agreement

Since as early as 2007, Morrisville's town council has formally envisioned the Town Center project that will bring a downtown and a destination hub to Morrisville. Since 2020, the Town has been working through a public-private partnership with Singh Development, LLC on a development agreement that outlines the intended public and private development for the first phase of the Town Center project, the responsibilities of both partners, and the funding required for the public investment. The Town, Singh, and the Development Finance Initiative at the UNC School of Government have worked collaboratively on this project.

The North Carolina Local Government Commission approved the proposed development agreement between the Town and Singh on September 10, 2024; this approval is required because the Town is using bond funds to support the Town Center project. At its September 10 council meeting, the town council voted to approve the development agreement and a capital project ordinance amendment to fund \$19 million for the Town's public investment in Phase 1A of the Town Center project.

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Town Center (continued)

Over the course of the past four years, the Town and Singh have come to agreement on an initial memorandum of understanding to collaborate on the project, a pre-development agreement to identify and fund portions of the project that needed to occur prior to the formal development agreement, and have collaborated on the rezoning of the Phase IA properties for the Main Street planned development zoning district to ensure the intended look and feel of the Town Center is realized. The Town also held several community meetings and outreach efforts seeking feedback on the design and amenities for the Town Center.

This public investment supports the infrastructure necessary for the project as well as the Town Green (which will include a performance stage, water feature, and children's play area), additional event space through the extension of Foxglove Drive from Carolina Street to Town Hall Drive, an improved space for the Western Wake Farmers Market and Education Garden, and other amenities. Singh will construct cottage retail units in the Town Green and will have additional retail and commercial space on Carolina Street.

The approval of the development agreement formalizes the commitment of the Town and Singh to move forward to construction of Phase 1A of the project. The next steps will include a site plan submittal by Singh Development and an anticipated groundbreaking in spring 2025. Additionally, the Town will continue its outreach to the community and particularly the surrounding neighborhoods to share design and amenities and to create a destination that will proudly represent Morrisville. More information on this project can be found on the Town's website at morrissvillenc.gov.

Anyone with questions about the Town Center project can contact Town Manager Brandon Zuidema at bzuidema@morrissvillenc.gov or (919) 463-6154. Anyone interested in bringing a business to the Town Center Project can contact Avi Grewal with Singh Development, LLC at towncenter@singhmail.com or (248) 935-6165.

Morrisville 101 Applications Open



Applications for the Town's annual community academy, Morrisville 101, are currently open. The free class is for residents ages 16 and up and meets for five sessions on Wednesday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. starting October 23.

Morrisville 101 is an excellent way to learn the inner workings of Town, chat with police and firefighters, and gain an understanding of the many departments that work together to make Morrisville so unique. Dinner is provided at each meeting.

To register visit morrissvillenc.gov/msv101.

Morrisville Welcomes Captain Shirley and Lieutenant Rosencrans

The Town of Morrisville Police Department is excited to announce two significant appointments that will enhance the department's leadership team and support their mission of serving and protecting the community. After a thorough and meticulous selection process, the Town is pleased to welcome Brad Shirley as captain and Tina Rosencrans as lieutenant. These appointments reflect Morrisville's commitment to excellence and the continued growth of the Town.

Captain Shirley will lead the Support Services Division. Mr. Shirley's selection came after an exhaustive selection process, underscoring the Town's commitment to securing the highest caliber of leadership.

With 29 years of experience in law enforcement and eight years in the fire service, Captain Shirley brings a wealth of expertise and dedication to his new role. Throughout his career, Shirley has served in various roles, including patrol officer, telecommunicator, instructor, detective, field training officer (FTO), corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, deputy chief, and chief of police.

The department is also excited to announce the appointment of Tina Rosencrans to the position of lieutenant. This decision follows a rigorous and detailed selection process aimed at identifying the most qualified candidate for this pivotal role.

Lieutenant Rosencrans brings over 32 years of extensive law enforcement experience to her new position. Her career has been marked by a diverse range of roles and accomplishments, reflecting her deep commitment and broad expertise in the field.

She has held numerous positions, including patrol officer, detective, instructor, accreditation manager, and K9 officer. Her experience also includes serving as special agent II with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI), a member of the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force, and field training officer. Her leadership roles have included corporal, K9 supervisor, sergeant, and watch commander.

The Town of Morrisville extends a heartfelt congratulations to Captain Brad Shirley and Lieutenant Tina Rosencrans as they step into their new roles.



Captain Brad Shirley



Lieutenant Tina Rosencrans

Fall 2024 General Elections are on the Horizon

What to Know

November 5, 2024, is General Election Day across North Carolina and the United States. While no Morrisville town council seats are available for election this year, residents will see several county, state, and federal seats on the ballot. Candidates for these positions work in collaboration with Town staff and town council to support a variety of community needs, including education/schools, roadways/transportation/mobility, grant funding, and many other areas. Decisions made at these levels contribute significantly to the continued growth and development of Morrisville.

Early Voting will begin Thursday, Oct. 17 and end Saturday, Nov. 2. Interested in Early Voting? Visit bit.ly/46MSWNn for Early Voting FAQs, schedule, and locations.

Looking for more information? Please visit the Wake County Board of Elections at bit.ly/WakeCoBOE for the following details about the 2024 General Election:

- Candidate List
- Verification (voting jurisdiction, view/update/new voter registration)
- Voting Schedule
- NC Voter ID Requirement
- And MORE.

A Look Back as We Push Forward, Sustainably

Fiscal Year 2024 saw tremendous growth and advancement of the Master Sustainability Plan* goals, strategies, and actions including the development of sustainable purchasing guidelines, the addition of four new EV charging stations, and an internal goal to not use Town funds to purchase bottled single use plastic water.

It can be a challenge for a Town that continues to grow—often expanding services and amenities—to reduce the usage of fuels like electricity and gasoline. But reducing fossil fuels is a key element of sustainability because they contribute to human-induced or anthropogenic climate change when burned.

The Town continues to build new facilities with an eye toward green building practices that support the inclusion of ultra-efficient mechanical systems, material waste diversion from construction projects, renewable energy options, and environmental considerations such as native plant material usage. Additional items such as water bottle filling stations for events, expanding EV charger access, and pro-pollinator efforts like adding apiaries (or beehives) to Fire Station No. 3, further add to our overall sustainability portfolio.

The Sustainability program provided an administrative report to the town council on September 24 that outlined the status of the goals, programmatic achievements, and initiatives that occurred outside of the timeline that support and strengthen the Town's overall commitment to sustainability.

This past year was witness to innovation, creativity, and unwavering enthusiasm by management, staff, and volunteers alike, as we continue to strive to make Morrisville a more sustainable community. Follow our progress by subscribing to the Sustainability Newsletter at bit.ly/sustainabilitynewsToM.

*Master Sustainability Plan: bit.ly/ToMmsp
Expanding EV Charger Access: bit.ly/ToMev

Two Town Staff Members Recognized as Movers & Shakers

Cary Magazine honored Lt. Josh Almond of the Morrisville Police Department and Brittany Johnson, a planner II for the Town of Morrisville, as two of its 2024 Movers & Shakers. Every year, *Cary Magazine* recognizes young people who are “making a lasting impact in Western Wake, whether they are entrepreneurs, educators, artists or advocates.”

Both being recognized for obtaining upwards of \$500,000 in grants for the Town, Lt. Almond and Johnson exemplify the spirit of the award, demonstrating a commitment to serving and improving their community. Their recognition as 2024 Movers & Shakers showcases the impact they’ve had on the growth, safety, and vibrancy of Morrisville and the surrounding area.



From left to right: Town Manager Brandon Zuidema, Captain Keith Kirkman, Lieutenant Josh Almond, Planner II Brittany Johnson, Deputy Town Manager Giselle Rodriguez, Planning Director Michele Stegall, Director of Management Services Jeanne Hooks, Assistant Town Manager John Letteney.

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 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



Events - morrisvillenc.gov/events

Diwali Festival – Saturday | Oct. 19 | 5-8 p.m. | Cedar Fork District Park | Free | All Ages

Join us for our celebration of Diwali, the “festival of lights.” Diwali is India’s biggest and most important festival of the year. Typically celebrated in October or November, the festival celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and the human ability to overcome. We will celebrate with food, music, cultural performances, and cap it all off with a fireworks display.

Morrisville Boo Bash – Saturday | Oct. 26 | 3-6 p.m. | Morrisville Community Park | Free | All Ages

Join us for an enchanting afternoon of Halloween magic at the Morrisville Boo Bash! Bring your little goblins, ghosts, and superheroes for an afternoon filled with laughter, treats and spooky surprises.

Tree Lighting – Saturday | Dec. 7 | 3-6 p.m. | Indian Creek Trailhead | Free | All Ages

Kick off the holiday season with our official tree lighting event! Our event will include holiday themed fun and entertainment, including a visit from Santa Claus! Don’t miss town council’s official lighting of the Town tree!

Menorah Lighting – Friday | Dec. 27 | 5 p.m. | Indian Creek Trailhead | Free | All Ages

The Menorah Lighting ceremony symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, a message that resonates universally and embodies the essence of the Hanukkah festival. Our lighting ceremony this year will take place on the third night of Hanukkah at the Town Menorah at Indian Creek Trailhead.



Athletics

Youth Basketball – Winter Youth Basketball is offered to boys and girls ages 7-12, plus a co-ed league for kids ages 5-6. The season starts Nov. 16 and runs through March 8. Register at bit.ly/3abzDS6

Pickleball Lessons – Morrisville Athletics will offer beginner and intermediate lessons at Morrisville Community Park (1520 Morrisville Parkway) during two time slots on Wednesday mornings from Oct. 23-Dec. 4. This is open to ages 18+. Register at bit.ly/3Zvp

Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center

Family Tree Yoga & Yoga Roots – Looking for a way to bring more mindfulness into your family's routine? Yoga classes are perfect for kids and parents to connect, stretch and breathe together. Family Tree Yoga will be held for ages 5-9 with a parent or guardian present. Yoga Roots is aimed for kids ages 10-14. Registration is required at bit.ly/4dlwc9L

Swim with Santa – Friday, Dec. 13 from 4-7:30 p.m. One hour time slots will be available for an evening swim with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Enjoy snacks, crafts and photo opportunities. The cost is \$10 for residents and \$13 for non-residents. Registration is required at bit.ly/3RovxBg

Morrisville Senior Center

The Morrisville Senior Center has an exciting line-up for educational workshops, field trips, and social events this winter! To view the full line-up of events and programs at the Morrisville Senior Center, visit bit.ly/MSCToM

