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Calendar of Meetings and Events

April

April 4 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
April 5 – Environment & Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
April 6 – Morrisville Egg Hunt
April 7 – Good Friday, Town Offices Closed
April 11 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
April 12 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
April 13 – Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
April 21 – Movie in the Park, 8:00 p.m.
April 22 – Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training, 8:00 a.m.
April 22 – Earth Day, 8:00 a.m.
April 23 – CERT Training, 8:00 a.m.
April 24 – Town Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
April 26 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
April 27 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.

May

May 2 – Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
May 2 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
May 3 – Environment & Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
May 6 – Fire/Rescue Department Open House, 11:00 a.m.
May 9 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

May 10 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
May 11 – Senior Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
May 11 – Town Council Budget Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
May 11 – Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
May 13 – SpringFest
May 18 – Town Council Budget Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
May 23 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
May 24 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
May 25 – Town Council Budget Workshop, 6:00 p.m.
May 25 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
May 29 – Memorial Day, Town Offices Closed

June

June 6 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.
June 7 – Environment & Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.
June 8 – Planning & Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
June 10 – Morrisville Bike Rodeo, 10:00 a.m.
June 13 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
June 14 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.
June 22 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.
June 27 – Town Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
June 28 – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting and event dates and times are subject to change.
For current information, visit www.townofmorrisville.org/our-community/calendar



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Morrisville CONNECTION

Morrisville Planning Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, Seeks Community Feedback

The Morrisville Town Council and Town staff are currently in the process of planning next year's budget, and they need your feedback to learn about your needs and priorities. Tell us how you want to see the Town grow.

Throughout March, Town staff provided a number of opportunities for members of the community to give feedback, including through an online survey and in person at events like the Holi Festival and Green Day. Town Council and staff are currently reviewing that feedback and incorporating it into the proposed 2023-24 budget, which will be posted online in early May.

Once the budget is posted, the public will again be invited to provide feedback before it is finalized. Public hearings will be held in which community members can share their thoughts with Town Council directly, and those comments will be taken into consideration to adjust or adopt the proposed budget. Other feedback opportunities will include a budget open house and an interactive informational booth at SpringFest on May 13.

Information will be posted about the budget and opportunities to provide feedback throughout the process. Scan the QR on the left or visit www.townofmorrisville.org/budget for up-to-date information on how to get involved.





Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Celebrates Completed Expansion of Morrisville Carpenter Road

The Town of Morrisville celebrated the re-opening of Morrisville Carpenter Road on February 28 after it was expanded from two lanes to four and upgrades were done that will greatly enhance safety for drivers and pedestrians.

In addition to widening the roadway, the Morrisville Carpenter Road improvements included:

- A landscaped center median
- New sidewalks
- New streetlights
- A new traffic signal at Town Hall Drive with all-way signalized pedestrian crossings
- A new greenway connection from the Indian Creek Greenway to the Hatcher Creek and Crabtree Creek greenways
- Re-construction of 800 feet of Franklin Upchurch Senior Street
- New twin, 100-foot-long box concrete culvert structures at the stream crossing
- Extensive work on stormwater and watermain infrastructure
- Extensive utility relocations, including power, cable, fiber, and gas
- Addition of curbs and gutters

The project also included the construction of a new, illuminated Town Hall monument sign at the corner of Town Hall Drive and Morrisville Carpenter Road.

The total project cost was more than \$10 million. Funding was provided in partnership with the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT), which provided about 70 percent of the funding, while the Town of Morrisville financed the remaining amount.

The Town is working with the NCDOT on right-of-way acquisition and easements for a new traffic signal with all-way signalized pedestrian crossings at Old Savannah Drive/Oriana Drive and Morrisville Carpenter Road and also for a permanent high-intensity, pedestrian-activated crosswalk signal between Ranglin Street and Leafycreek Drive. These new signals will enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety at both locations and is a collaboration between the community, the NCDOT, and the Town.

Morrisville's Focus on Grants

In late summer 2022, the Town of Morrisville established an internal staff team with a grants focus. The team works in partnership and collaboration with the Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG). Through this partnership, the staff team has gained access to additional grant resources, including research, grant writing, and community and regional partner grant interest. The team meets regularly to review and vet grant opportunities, which are prioritized using focus areas aligned with Town Council, organizational, and community-identified interests.

To continue expanding and enhancing its knowledge so that it can assist in developing future funding applications, the grants team is participating in the National League of Cities Bootcamp focused on the “Charging and Fueling Infrastructure” program within the Energy Efficiency Community Block grant.

In December, the Town received its largest award of Fiscal Year 2023, in the amount of \$250,000 for the Golden Leaf Foundation Flood Mitigation Program Grant. The program targets projects that effectively mitigate against existing or future flooding by constructing infrastructure solutions that benefit residents and the community. The grant awarded to Morrisville was a no-match grant for the Wolfsnare Lane Culvert. The culvert was prioritized high as an area of concern in the approved Stormwater Master Plan and was included in the Town’s Stormwater CIP. The project takes aim at reducing flooding in the area by upsizing a culvert and reworking a swale near the intersection of Wolfsnare Lane and Crabtree Crossing Parkway. The project was the only one in Wake County that received an award from the program.

In February, staff received notice that Morrisville received the first grant for which it applied - \$65,000 in a U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets for All grant to develop a “Vision Zero” plan. This plan will address road safety concerns with the goal of zero fatalities or serious injuries on Morrisville roads. Being awarded this grant also makes the Town eligible to apply for future phases of funding under this program.

Grants may be federally, state, or regionally issued. Depending on the format, if funds are awarded, grants can allow additional flexibility to use existing appropriations for other high-priority projects. Staff remains committed to finding the most effective and efficient ways to utilize Town funds and to being good stewards to the community.

To date, the Town has received awards totaling \$1,016,000 for Fiscal Year 2023.

AWARDED GRANTS

Grant	Category	Amount	Town Match
Governor's Crime Commission (GCC)	Accreditation	\$40,000	\$0
Dept. of Energy Community Project	Solar Array on Town Facilities	\$250,000	\$125,000
Safe Streets for All (SS4A)	Safety Planning Grant	\$65,000	\$13,000
NCDOT/CAMPO	Access Management Study	\$65,000	\$13,000
Golden Leaf Foundation	Flood Mitigation	\$250,000	\$0
NCDOT/CAMPO	Greenway Feasibility Study	\$72,000	\$8,000
UNC/Building Integrated Partnerships	Equity in Programs/Services	\$24,000	\$0
Congresswoman Ross - Appropriation	Small Business	\$250,000	\$0
Total		\$1,016,000	\$159,000

Lozinsky Sworn in as Morrisville Fire Chief



Nathan Lozinsky was sworn in as the Town's new fire chief on Feb. 7. Lozinsky, formerly the Town's deputy fire chief, was named the new chief on Dec. 31. Lozinsky succeeded Scott Criddle, who served as the Town's fire chief since November 2018.

"I am honored to serve the Town of Morrisville residents, businesses and visitors as the fire chief," said Chief Lozinsky. "I am excited about the opportunity to continue to build off the progressive foundation Chief Criddle cultivated and further lead an already excellent fire department forward."

Chief Lozinsky is a 16-year fire service veteran, serving his entire career with the Town of Morrisville. He has held every rank in the Morrisville Fire/Rescue Department, from firefighter to deputy fire chief.

The Oath of Office was administered to Chief Lozinsky by Town Clerk Eric Smith.

Morrisville Involved in Language Access Collaborative Program

The Town of Morrisville is a participant in the Local Government Language Access Collaborative, a one-year interactive course designed to build capacity for North Carolina local governments to communicate with residents in community languages. The Language Access Collaborative builds relationships between local governments and community partners, who must come together as a team to design a language access plan for their city, town or county. Morrisville is joined in its efforts by Hindi Vikas Mandal (HVM), a community organization who is a part of the Hindu Society of North Carolina (HSNC).

Monthly activities began in January 2023 and will take place until January 2024. The program features seven virtual workshops and two in-person events in Chapel Hill. Following the completion of the course, which is administered by Building Integrated Communities (BIC), the local government teams will be eligible for funding to assist with the implementation of their language access plan.



Members of the Town of Morrisville staff involved in the course include Town Manager Martha Paige, Deputy Town Manager Brandon Zuidema, Assistant Town Manager Giselle Rodriguez-Villanueva, Director of Management Services Jeanne Hooks and Communications & Outreach Director Wil Glenn. HVM participants are HVM Hindi Pathshala Program Coordinator Arundhati Baba and HVM Hindi Pathshala Program Coordinator Sushma Maheshwari.

From left: Rodriguez-Villanueva, Hooks, Maheshwari, Paige, Baba, Glenn, Zuidema.



MAFC Offering Several Programs this Spring

Spring clean your fitness routine and prepare for summer by visiting the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center (MAFC) at 1301 Morrisville Parkway or by signing up for one of these programs:

Youth and adult swim lessons will be available this spring and summer for all levels. Whether you are learning to swim or are looking to refine your skills, the MAFC has a class for you. Registration for the May session will open on April 18 for residents and on April 20 for non-residents.

Shotokan Karate classes will be offered for youth and adults. Participants can expect to increase their flexibility, coordination, and bodily awareness by learning the combative techniques of this traditional Japanese martial art.

Teen Fit is a course to help orient those ages 11-14 with the MAFC fitness equipment, while educating them on lifelong fitness skills. Each week, classes will be rounded out by fun games and competitions that put their new skills to the test.

Women on Weights is a six-week course with the goal of fostering a fun, collaborative environment for ladies looking to gain strength and confidence at the gym. Participants can learn how to perform exercises using the pin-loaded machines, cable machines, and free weights at the MAFC weightroom.

The Cary Pickleball Ambassadors host a **free pickleball clinic** for beginners on the second Sunday of each month at the MAFC from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., providing a great opportunity for those who are looking for a broad introduction to the game.

Racquetball Community Play takes place on the third Sunday of each month at the MAFC from 2:30-4:30 p.m. All levels are encouraged, and matches can be played as singles or doubles. This is a free event to MAFC members and available to non-members with the purchase of a single visit pass.

For more information on programs, visit www.townofmorrisville.org/MAFC.

Teen Morrisville 101 Registration Open Until April 21



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

Teen Morrisville 101 will feature hands-on learning with Town Sustainability, Stormwater (pictured top left), Morrisville Fire/Rescue Department (pictured bottom left) and the Morrisville Police Department. The program includes a graduation ceremony at a Morrisville Town Council meeting.

2023 Dates

- Wednesday, May 10: 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17: 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 24: 4-6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 31: 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 until April 21.

Register your teen today at bit.ly/TeenMSV101.



Have you ever wanted the chance to connect with your fellow Town residents but were never sure where to start? Join us in the Facebook Group "Talk Morrisville."

Talk Morrisville is a way not just for us to connect with you, but also to help you connect with fellow members of the community.

Together, we want to foster a welcoming space for all your Morrisville-related questions and content, and maybe even share some of our own.

Join today at facebook.com/groups/talkmorrisville.



Mark your calendars — SpringFest 2023 is Saturday, May 13, from 4-8 p.m.

SpringFest turns Town Hall Drive into fun for the entire family with food trucks, music, games, entertainment, and more. The event is free but be sure to bring money for the food, rides and games.

Event parking will be at Cedar Fork Community Center (1050 B Town Hall Dr.) and Cedar Fork District Park (228 Aviation Pkwy.) with shuttle service to and from the event. Get all the details at bit.ly/MSVSpringFest23.

Celebrate Morrisville Earth Day on April 22



Join the Town of Morrisville for Earth Day on April 22, 8 a.m. - noon, in conjunction with the Western Wake Farmers' Market at the Healthy Food Hub, 280 Town Hall Drive.

This year's theme is "Morrisville Roots for Trees." The event will include education and booths on sustainable topics including composting and vermicomposting—with live worms, native plants and trees, rain barrels, recycling, hands-on children's activities, and solar energy.

Attendees can also participate in a passport adventure game for those that visit particular farmers' market vendors and education booths. Completed passports will be entered into a raffle to win one of four Western Wake Farmers' Market gift baskets. There will also be a giveaway for a 10-15 gallon native hardwood tree from Davey Resource Group.

Parking will be available at the Farmers' Market, Morrisville Chamber of Commerce (260 Town Hall Dr.) and Indian Creek Trailhead (101 Town Hall Dr.). Learn more about Earth Day at bit.ly/MSVEarthDay.

Around Town



The Morrisville Police Department collected unused prescription medications at Green Day on March 18.



Brad Gagnon, stormwater engineer, talks about Creek Week at the March 18 Western Wake Farmers' Market.



A performer at the Morrisville Holi Celebration.



The March 18 Morrisville Holi Celebration was a colorful success!