

Reconnect Morrisville

The Town of Morrisville is constantly updating its plan to minimize the spread of the virus.

For COVID-19 updates visit the Town's website.



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From left to right, top to bottom: Mayor TJ Cawley, Council Member Vicki Scroggins-Johnson, Council Member Donna L. Fender, Council Member Steve Rao, and reception at Fire Station No. 1.



Morrisville CONNECTION

Re-elected Council Members Take Oath of Office

The Town held its formal swearing-in ceremony for newly re-elected officials on December 14, 2021. A pre-meeting reception was held at Fire Station No. 1, allowing elected officials, staff, and invited guests to celebrate in a safe and socially distanced environment. The Morrisville Honor Guard, as well as the Pipes and Drums began the ceremony with the posting of the colors.

Many friends, family, neighbors, elected officials, and special guests joined the Town for this special evening. Congratulations to re-elected officials Mayor TJ Cawley and Council Members Vicki Scroggins-Johnson, Donna Fender, and Steve Rao.

Town Council held its Winter Meeting in January 2022, to update their shared vision and goals for the Morrisville community for the coming year.

Morrisville Again Named No. 1 Best Place to Live

In November 2021, Morrisville was named the No. 1 Best Place to Live in North Carolina by Stacker, a data journalism news organization. Stacker compiled a list of the best places to live in North Carolina using data from Niche.

In March 2021, Niche.com ranked Morrisville the No. 1 Best Place to Live in North Carolina, and the No. 1 Best Place to Live in the Raleigh Area for 2021.



Community Spotlight: Providence Place

Tammy Petschke, a Providence Place HOA board member, sat down with the Town of Morrisville to share their community's recent updates.

What makes Providence Place Special?

Providence Place has a good sense of community togetherness. We also have a good sense of diversity. We work hard to ensure that there is engagement from all our community members. We celebrated Easter and combined the holiday with a Holi celebration. We have also started a teen night which creates an opportunity for engagement for our community's teenagers.

Everybody in our community for the most part knows each other. Our families know each other and we have a great close-knit feeling for our neighbors. We take pride in looking out for each other. We are a diverse community with many different cultures represented. We embrace this and use our events to learn and teach each other about our roots. We are fortunate to have residents with a wide array of talents. We've got a photographer, a boxing instructor, a Zumba instructor, a dentist, an art teacher, a piano teacher, and lots of techies!

It's fabulous to be able to lean on one another and share our talents with the community. I've never seen a group rally to help someone in a bind like my neighbors! When someone is in need our community definitely takes care of one another. In July 2021, a resident lost their home to a fire. Our community rallied together to collect items to help the family. At our August dive-in pool movie night, we sold BBQ and ice cream and raised over \$750 that we gave to the family. We always have each other's backs. If I forget to put my garage door down, I know I'll get a text from my neighbor by 9 p.m. asking me if I know

it's still up. If someone sees something concerning or suspicious, they're going to post on our community Facebook page to alert others.

Why is engagement with the Town of Morrisville important to the Providence Place community?

Community engagement with the Town is important to us because community collaborations allow us the opportunity to keep our community members informed and engaged. We enjoyed having first responders come out to our events and engage with our community members.

Our first National Night Out in October 2021 was very well received by residents. Kids got to meet Arko the K-9 and talk with Morrisville Police Department (MPD) officers about their jobs. The MPD let the kids check out their truck. Town Council members and candidates stopped by and chatted with residents about the 2021 Bond Referendum and other affairs. These events make our community feel connected with Morrisville as a whole.

What are a few well received programs that the Providence Place community has been a part of in collaboration with the Town of Morrisville?

In addition to collaborating with the MPD for National Night Out, this past year the Morrisville Fire Department (MFD) came out to our communities as part of a Trunk-or-Treat event to engage with community members. We truly appreciate our first responders taking the time to come talk with our community.

We look forward to having the MPD and MFD join us at some of our spring and summer events in 2022!



Senior Center classes

Morrisville Senior Center Activities Grow

In 2021, trips and tours of Raleigh's beautiful Jordan Lake occurred, along with the senior center's first holiday event, a Christmas social and gift exchange. New amateur musician jam sessions and dominoes and bridge game times were added to the fall programs schedule.

This spring, new programming includes a support group for caregivers and financial information sessions, along with the return of chair yoga. The Morrisville Senior Center will host a spring open house event on Saturday, April 9. Visit the senior center's webpage linked below for details and sign up for email updates.

Visitors are welcome to stop by for a tour, to meet the staff, and learn about current programming at the Morrisville Senior Center, located at 4117 Davis Drive in the McCrimmon Corners Shopping Center.

TownOfMorrisville.org/MSc

Help Morrisville Recycle Right and Recycle More!

If you are a Morrisville resident and served by GFL Waste Management trash and recycling, you should have received a 'Recycle More' magnet in the mail. The Town of Morrisville needs your help to increase our residential curbside recycling participation and reduce overall recycling contamination. We currently have 55 percent participation, which is above the industry average, but we're shooting for 70 percent across all five of our Morrisville routes.

The Town of Morrisville was awarded grant funding through the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Community Waste Reduction and Recycling program, designed to help provide residents information on proper recycling tips.

Help us 'Recycle More' and 'Recycle Right' by referencing your 'Recycling More' magnet or by visiting our Town's recycling webpage linked below.



To reduce contamination, please keep those plastic retail bags out of your recycle bin! These bags can be recycled at a grocery or retail store.

A simple way to avoid recycling contamination is to remember: "When in doubt, throw it out!"

TownOfMorrisville.org/Recycling

Engage Morrisville COVID-19 Q&A Session February 22

The Town of Morrisville will host a live virtual COVID-19 Q&A session on the Engage Morrisville community engagement platform on Tuesday, Feb. 22, from 2-3 p.m.

Dr. Nicholas Turner, a Duke University infectious disease specialist, will engage with Morrisville community members and answer all questions about the COVID-19 virus.

The engagement session will give residents and businesses within Morrisville an opportunity to gain the latest information about COVID-19 and provide the opportunity to ask questions about how to keep them and their families safe.

Attendees must visit EngageMorrisville.com and register on the platform to take part in the Q&A session.

Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center 2022 Programing

Get moving at the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center (MAFC) this winter and spring!

Winter and Spring Programming

Build a new you in the new year at MAFC by getting involved with one of our many recreation programs! For registration information and additional details, please visit TownOfMorrisville.org/MAFC.

Swimming

We have youth and adult swim classes available to help those of any age learn to swim and refine their skills.

- Registration for our Winter/Spring 2 sessions has begun for both for residents non-residents.
- Registration for Winter/Spring 3 sessions begins February 15 for residents, and February 17 for non-residents.



Swimming classes at MAFC



Yoga participants

Karate

Our Shotokan Karate classes are proven to improve flexibility, coordination, and bodily awareness for people of all ages!

- These classes emphasize the development of power, smoothness, and balance in punching, kicking, blocking/parrying and body shifting as part of this traditional Japanese, empty-handed martial art.
- Registration for our February sessions is now open for residents and for non-residents. Registration for our March sessions begins February 8 for residents, and February 10 for non-residents.

Weight Class

Women on Weights is an eight-week course where participants will learn how to perform exercises using the pin-loaded machines, cable machines and free weights in the weight room.

Participants will also explore the functional training equipment in the aerobic room, such as Bosu balls, TRX straps and kettlebells, and learn bodyweight exercises for an effective workout on the go. Each class will provide a total body workout, while fostering a fun, collaborative environment for ladies looking to gain strength and confidence at the gym. Registration for our eight-week winter and spring course is open for residents and non-residents.

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Teen Fit

Teen Fit is a course that helps orient those ages 11-14 with our facility's fitness equipment, and helps educate them on how to build strength, flexibility, balance, and other lifelong fitness skills. Each lesson will be rounded out by fun games and competitions that put these skills to the test! The course is open for residents and non-residents.



Racquetball King of the Court group

How-To Group Fitness Classes

Join us on Saturdays for MAFC's "how-to" introduction to group fitness classes. These classes are 30-minute instructional sessions. Participants have the option to register for the full one-hour version of the class. Sign up on MAFC's sign up portal.



RDU Youth Tennis

Free Pickleball Clinics

On the second Sunday of every month at 11 a.m., the MAFC hosts a free pickleball clinic in partnership with Cary Pickleball Ambassadors. This event is open to those ages 14 and up, and participants can expect to receive a broad introduction to pickleball, followed by some gameplay for application. The sign-up for these events goes live one week ahead of time, on the hour. Once you have learned the game, you can play free pickleball on Sundays (except the second Sunday of the month) from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. to put your skills to the test! Reservations for free play can be made on the tennis tab of MAFC's sign up portal.

For complete and up-to-date information on MAFC programming visit the link below.

TownOfMorrisville.org/MAFC

Morrisville Stewardship Program Updates

The Morrisville Stewardship Program finished its first full year of keeping the parks, streams, and greenways clean and green! If you or your local group would like to get involved and take part in ongoing volunteer maintenance opportunities in keeping, caring for and beautifying Morrisville parks, greenways, and streams, check out the Stewardship Program webpage and fill out an application!

TownofMorrisville.org/Stewardship

2021 Program Numbers

- **145** trash bags collected
- **63** volunteers to date
- **13** groups (five individuals per group)
- **Nine** stream cleans conducted



Greenway litter clean up



Morrisville Smart Shuttle service shuttle, node shelter, and node sign

Smart Shuttle Connects Morrisville

The Morrisville Smart Shuttle launched October 2021, offering free on-demand shuttle service to and from 15 nodes throughout town! We'd like to offer a sincere thank you to our riders for making the service a success! Are you new to the Morrisville Smart Shuttle? Visit the link below to learn more about how to use this free service.

TownOfMorrisville.org/SmartShuttle

Quick Facts*

Average rides per day: 34

Most Popular Nodes:

Park West Village, Morrisville Carpenter Road, and McCrimmon Corners Shopping Center at the Morrisville Senior Center

*Based on service usage from Oct. 2 through Dec. 14.



Danny Reilly, Rick Ralph, and Billy Whitehead with the IT Department receive the award



Cleantech Impact Award

Morrisville Receives Cleantech Impact Award

On December 8, 2021, the Town of Morrisville proudly received the 2021 Cleantech Impact: Local Government Award at the 2021 Cleantech Innovation Awards for work done on the Connected Park Initiative at Cedar Fork District Park.

A Smart City Project, the Connected Park Initiative included installing occupancy sensors at Town parks to let the community know if they are available for use, enhancing the use of green spaces and helping residents avoid unnecessary trips to courts and fields when they are occupied.

The project also included installing autonomous flood and ground moisture sensors in partnership with Green Stream, an environmental technology firm, so that the parks management team can be alerted to flooding, which has historically been an issue for Morrisville.

The Research Triangle Cleantech Cluster (RTCC) 2021 Cleantech Innovation Awards recognize the people, organizations, and initiatives driving cleantech innovation, creative deployment solutions, and workforce development in our region and throughout North Carolina.

2021 *Celebration of Service Awards*

During the Town of Morrisville Celebration of Service Awards in December 2021, employees who demonstrated exemplary service and a commitment to the Town through their dedication, resilience, and adaptability in their role were celebrated. The event specifically recognizes staff who have served five, 10, 15, and 20 years.

20 Years of Service

- **Stephen Edwards**, Fire Lieutenant
- **Thomas Alexander**, Fire Captain
- **Benny Cole**, Fire Captain
- **Todd Lewis**, Fire Captain
- **Kevin Squires**, Fire Engineer
- **Karen Bass**, Purchasing/Contracts Manager

15 Years of Service

- **Steven Dickinson**, Public Works Operations Analyst
- **Levi Henry**, Engineering Technician
- **Michael Fowler**, Engineering Technician
- **Hannah Wang**, Sr. Admin. Assistant
- **Kendal Smith**, Community Center Supervisor

10 Years of Service

- **Brian Whalen**, Fire Engineer
- **Lori Strickland**, Sr. Police Officer
- **Dawn Raab**, Management and Budget Analyst
- **Nathaniel Mayer**, Sr. HR Analyst

- **John Kauls**, Master Firefighter
- **Matt Lobban**, Fire Lieutenant
- **Nancy Emslie**, Finance Director
- **Zachary Grady**, Master Police Officer
- **Lynette Anderson**, Marketing Events Specialist
- **Christopher Lennon**, Facilities and Fleet Superintendent
- **Martha Saunders**, Planning Technician
- **Haydn Orr**, Master Police Officer
- **Eric Preddy**, Police Captain
- **Michele Stegall**, Planning Director
- **David Tews**, Fire Engineer

5 Years of Service

Connect Morrisville Strategic Plan Update

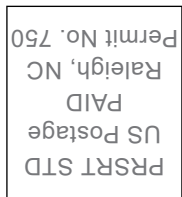
After Town Council approved an update to the Connect Morrisville Strategic Plan in July 2021, staff actively began re-engaging the updates.

The Town hosted an all-staff ice cream social on a rainy Thursday in September, with a break in the clouds long enough to gather outside and re-connect. Staff received Connect Morrisville branded materials in appreciation of their input and continued support of the Town's plan.

Updates to each department's Business Strategy Plan reflect how they work to meet the mission and vision established in Connect Morrisville for the 2021-2024 plan period.

These updates are incorporated on the Morrisville PRO Community Dashboard, the Town's Strategic Plan webpage, providing the community with a refreshed look and layout when visiting the webpage. To access the Morrisville PRO Community Dashboard visit the link below.

TownofMorrisville.org/StrategicPlan



Stay up-to-date on the latest news, events and more at:

[townofmorrisville.org](https://www.townofmorrisville.org)

[Town of Morrisville, NC](https://www.facebook.com/TownofMorrisvilleNC)

[townofmorrisville](https://www.instagram.com/townofmorrisville)

Morrisville Town Council

Mayor
TJ Cawley

Mayor Pro-Tem (District 3)
Liz Johnson

Council Member (District 1)
Anne Roberti

Council Member (District 2)
Donna L. Fender

Council Member (District 4)
Vicki Scroggins-Johnson

Council Member (At Large)
Steve Rao

Council Member (At Large)
Satish Garimella

Calendar of Meetings and Events

February

February 1 - 6:30 p.m. Public Education Advisory Committee
February 2 - 6:30 p.m. Environment & Stormwater Committee
February 8 - 6 p.m. Town Council Meeting
February 10 - 6 p.m. Senior Advisory Committee
February 10 - 6:30 p.m. Planning & Zoning Board
February 15 - 6 p.m. Town Council Work Session
February 22 - 6 p.m. Town Council Meeting
February 23 - 6 p.m. Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee
February 24 - 6:30 p.m. Smart City Steering Committee

March

March 1 - 6 p.m. Public Safety Advisory Committee
March 1 - 6:30 p.m. Public Education Advisory Committee
March 2 - 6:30 p.m. Environment & Stormwater Committee
March 8 - 6 p.m. Town Council Meeting
March 9 - 6 p.m. Performance Measures Advisory Committee
March 10 - Spring White Goods Collection
March 10 - 6 p.m. Senior Advisory Committee
March 10 - 6:30 p.m. Planning & Zoning Board
March 12-19 - Creek Week
March 22 - 6 p.m. Town Council Meeting
March 24 - 6:30 p.m. Morrisville Smart City Steering Committee
March 30 - 6 p.m. Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee

April

April 5 - 6:30 p.m. Public Education Advisory Committee
April 6 - 6:30 p.m. Environment & Stormwater Committee
April 12 - 6 p.m. Town Council Meeting
April 14 - 6:30 p.m. Planning & Zoning Board
April 15 - Good Friday, Town Offices Closed
April 19 - 6 p.m. Town Council Work Session
April 26 - 6 p.m. Town Council Meeting
April 27 - 6 p.m. Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee
April 28 - 6:30 p.m. Morrisville Smart City Steering Committee

May

May 3 - 6 p.m. Public Safety Advisory Committee
May 3 - 6:30 p.m. Public Education Advisory Committee
May 4 - 6:30 p.m. Environment & Stormwater Committee
May 7 - 11 a.m. Morrisville Fire/Rescue Department Open House
May 10 - 6 p.m. Town Council Meeting
May 11 - 6 p.m. Performance Measures Advisory Committee
May 12 - 6 p.m. Senior Advisory Committee
May 12 - 6:30 p.m. Planning & Zoning Board
May 17 - 6 p.m. Town Council Budget Workshop
May 24 - 6 p.m. Town Council Meeting
May 25 - 6 p.m. Parks Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Committee
May 26 - 6 p.m. Town Council Budget Workshop
May 26 - 6 p.m. Morrisville Smart City Steering Committee
May 30 - Memorial Day, Town Offices Closed