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(District 1)

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(District 2)

Vicki Scroggins-Johnson, Council Member
(District 4)

Steve Rao, Council Member
(At Large)

Satish Garimella, Council Member
(At Large)

Calendar of Meetings and Events

January

January 10 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

January 11 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee,
6 p.m.

January 12 – Senior Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.

January 12 – Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.

January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *Town offices
closed*

January 24 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

January 25 – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory
Committee, 6 p.m.

January 26 – Town Council Work Session, 6 p.m.

January 26 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.

January 27-29 – Town Council Retreat

February

February 1 – Environment and Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.

February 7 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.

February 8 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.

February 9 – Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.

February 14 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

February 22 – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory
Committee, 6 p.m.

February 23 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.

February 28 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

March

March 1 – Environment and Stormwater Committee, 6:30 p.m.

March 2 – Town Council Work Session, 6 p.m.

March 7 – Public Safety Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.

March 7 – Public Education Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m.

March 8 – Performance Measures Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.

March 9 – Spring White Goods Collection

March 9 – Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.

March 9 – Senior Advisory Committee, 6 p.m.

March 14 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

March 18 – Green Day Drive-Thru Event

March 18 – Holi Celebration, 12 p.m.

March 23 – Smart City Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m.

March 28 – Town Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

March 29 – Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Advisory
Committee, 6 p.m.

March 30 – Town Council Work Session, 6 p.m.

Meeting and event dates and times are
subject to change.

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Morrisville CONNECTION

Fortune Names Town of Morrisville One of Top 5 Best Places to Live for Families

Editor's Note:

In the fall edition of the Morrisville Connection, a photo caption on page 5 incorrectly labeled work in the educational garden as a greenway litter clean up.

The Town of Morrisville took the No. 5 spot on the inaugural Top 25 Best Places to Live for Families ranking, recently announced by Fortune Well, a living and wellness subsidiary of Fortune.com. The list highlights areas of the United States where multigenerational families are most likely to have access to critical resources, community support, and financial well-being.

A survey conducted by the Harris Poll on behalf of Fortune in August showed that nearly half of Americans who are raising children under the age of 18 are also shouldering the responsibility of regularly caring for their aging parents in some capacity. This so-called “sandwich generation” is the target population for the list ranking.

Location can make all the difference when Americans are managing caregiver roles. High-quality schools, reliable health care, ample senior support, and safe neighborhoods help bolster the well-being of multigenerational families and mitigate stress for caregivers.

“The residents of Morrisville agree it’s one of the best places to live in the country, and we’re thrilled to be recognized for our high quality of life for multigenerational families,” said Mayor TJ Cawley. “We strive to provide the best services for all families – from parks and greenways to public safety to senior resources – so our residents are happy to call Morrisville home.”

To analyze each place, Fortune collected more than 215,000 pieces of unique data across five broad categories. For more information and for the complete list, please visit bit.ly/MorrisvilleTop5.

Morrisville Moves Forward on Development of Downtown Destination

The Town is continuing to make progress toward implementation of the first phase of the Town Center project with its development partner, Singh Development LLC. The Town Center will create a new downtown destination for Morrisville that includes a Town Green that will host community events and concerts, connect to the Town's greenway system, and offer unique commercial and retail opportunities.

The Town Center is focused around six guiding principles established by Town Council in 2015 and recently endorsed by the current Town Council. The principles include:

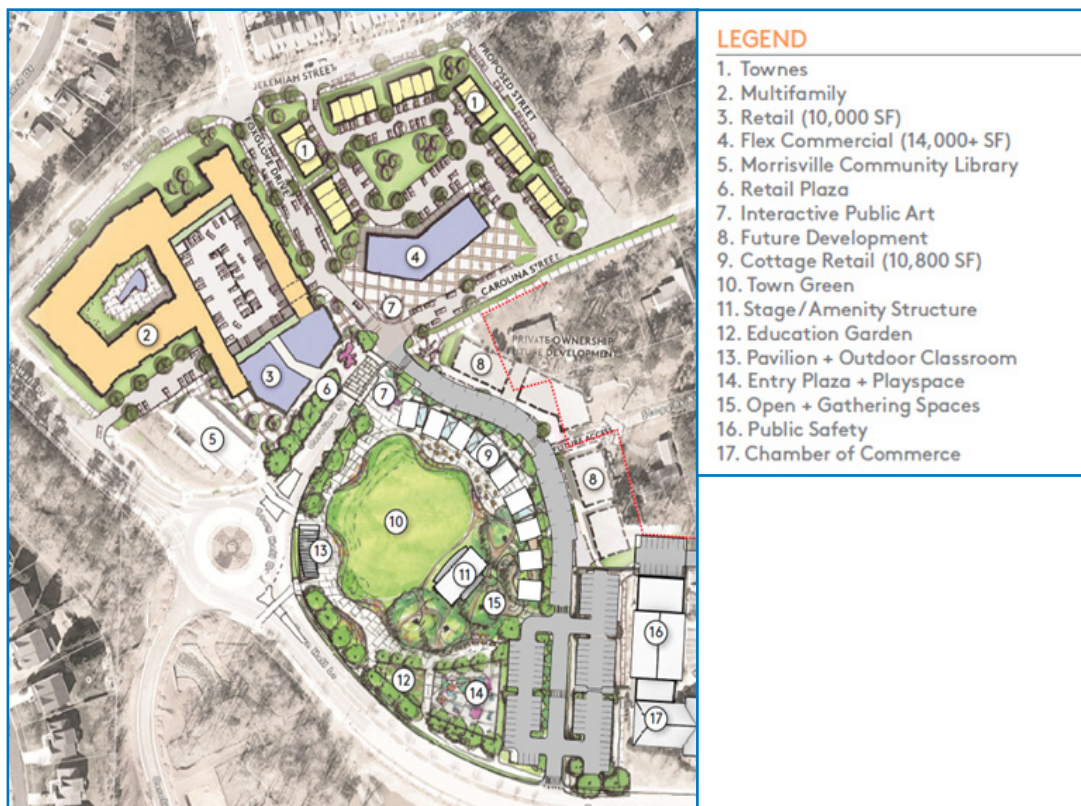
- Integrating residential, office, retail, and civic facilities to create a vibrant walkable Town Center.
- Creating a mix of uses that complement the existing quality of life and character of the Town.
- Leveraging recent and planned public investments to attract private development.
- Preserving Morrisville's historic crossroads architecture and small-town feel.
- Linking existing communities via greenways, trails, sidewalks, and parks.
- Establishing recreation and open spaces for community gatherings, cultural events, and connectivity to the Town's Healthy Food Hub.

The full Town Center project is intended to be a 25-acre mixed-use development. The first phase will include a Town Green, multi-family residential, cottage retail, and parking to support activation of this phase of the project. The Town and Singh are also actively working with a children's museum as part of the project.

The Town Green is expected to include open space, a stage for performances, and a hardscape walkway circling the green that will be the new home to the Western Wake Farmers' Market. Town special events and other activities will primarily be held at the Town Green once the space is activated. The Town Green is currently expected to open in late 2025.

For questions about the Town Center project, please contact Deputy Town Manager Brandon Zuidema, the project manager, at bzuidema@townofmorrisville.org 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 Measures Resident Satisfaction with National Community Survey

The Town of Morrisville recently surveyed residents to better understand the community's needs and perspectives. The National Community Survey (NCS) was developed by the National Research Center (NRC), which recently merged with Polco, and it captures opinions on the economy, mobility, community design, utilities, safety, natural environment, inclusivity, engagement, and more.

The results gave a comprehensive look at Morrisville's strengths, areas of improvement, and residents' priorities. The results show that residents give high ratings to the quality of life, economy, and utility infrastructure, among other findings.

This is the third time Morrisville has conducted the NCS. Tracking changes over time helps leaders measure progress and make data-driven decisions. Highlights of the survey include:

- Residents continue to experience a high quality of life and praise the Town's efforts toward inclusivity.
- The economy is strong in Morrisville, though cost of living is a concern for residents.
- Community design (the overall layout of residential and commercial areas) may be an area of opportunity for Morrisville.
- Utility infrastructure is an asset to Morrisville.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3U6OSRh> for the full survey results.

Lozinsky Named Morrisville Fire Chief

Morrisville Deputy Fire Chief Nathan Lozinsky became the Town's new fire chief on Dec. 31. Lozinsky succeeded Scott Criddle, who served as the Town's fire chief since November 2018. Criddle requested to return to his former battalion chief role and said he looks forward to once again providing direct service to the community. Battalion Chief Tom Dooley was promoted to deputy fire chief.

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. He has spent the last four years in fire administration at the assistant chief and deputy chief ranks.



2023 Athletic League Registration Dates

Morrisville athletics provides league and program opportunities that support young players as they begin their athletic journey. These recreational and developmental programs also help to get players and families out and engaged in the Morrisville community – to Live connected and Live well.

Spring Little League (February – June)

Registration Opened January 9

Little League Baseball /Softball

- T-Ball (5-6)*
- Coach Pitch (7-8)*
- Little League Baseball (9-12)
- Little League Softball (9-12)

Spring Recreational Sports Leagues (March – June)

Registration Opens February 6

Youth Volleyball

- Majors

Junior Girls Volleyball (13-15)

Junior Boys Basketball (13-15)

*Developmental – No scores or standings will be kept or maintained during this league. The purpose of game play is to help reinforce skills learned in practice, as well as develop a love of playing.

Did You Know ... ?

Did you know that a building permit may be required for modifications or additions to your home? Many times, homeowners contact the Inspections Department during the sale of a home, when it is discovered that work may have been completed without permits. It can be costly and time consuming to rectify unpermitted work.

The following is a partial list of work to your home that would require a building permit:

- Adding or extending a deck
- Building a screened porch or a sunroom
- Finishing a basement or attic that was previously unfinished
- Erecting a shed or accessory structure that extends more than 12 feet in any direction
- Modification or extension of electrical, plumbing, or mechanical systems
- Retaining walls, depending on the height

When in doubt, call and check on whether work requires a permit before beginning a project. For more information, contact the Town of Morrisville Inspections Department at (919) 463-6190.

Town Gets \$250,000 from Golden LEAF

The Town of Morrisville was one of seven local governments to receive funding through the Golden LEAF Flood Mitigation Program on Dec. 1. Morrisville received \$250,000 to mitigate flooding near the Wolfsnare Lane and Crabtree Crossing Parkway intersection.

Morrisville's project will include upsizing the existing culvert and improving existing channel berms to accommodate backflows and prevent flooding in the area.

Other municipalities that received funding included the Town of Canton (which received funding for two projects), Currituck County, the City of Statesville, the Town of Wallace, and the Town of White Lake.

In addition to flood mitigation, the Golden LEAF Board announced awards totaling \$5.8 million for projects designed to prepare land for economic development, \$700,000 for projects supporting agriculture and workforce preparedness, and \$113,806 to support existing disaster recovery projects.

Major Roadway Project Look Ahead

Several major road projects within the Town of Morrisville are expected to be finished or to begin construction over the next five years. Below is a look ahead at major road projects that are led by the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT), as well as those that are led by the Town. These projects represent approximately \$220 million in investment. The local share amounts to less than 5 percent of this total investment. Project updates are current as of November 2022 and are subject to change.

Morrisville-Carpenter Road (U-5618) - East of Davis Drive to just west of NC 54
Widen from two lanes to four lanes, with median. Completion by end of 2022.

Airport Boulevard & I-40 (I-5700) - Airport Boulevard and I-40 interchange area
Interchange access upgraded to a diverging diamond configuration and auxiliary lane improvements on I-40. Scheduled for completion in 2023. Additional ramp closures expected in 2023.

Airport Boulevard Extension, Phase 1 (HL-0033) - Garden Square Lane to Church Street
New four-lane roadway with 10-foot, multi-use path and a pedestrian-activated signal at the greenway crossing. Anticipated to begin construction in summer 2023.

McCrimmon Parkway (U-5747) - West of Davis Drive to Perimeter Park Drive
Widen from two lanes to four lanes, with median. Includes a wider sidewalk and bike lanes, a flyover at the railroad tracks and NC 54, and continuous flow/displaced left-hand turn lanes on Davis Drive. Construction to start in Fiscal Year 2024*, taking 1.5 to two years to complete.

NC 54 (U-5750) - Shiloh Glenn Drive to Perimeter Park Drive
Widen from two lanes to four lanes, with median. Includes additional lanes near NC 540 interchange, a 10-foot, multi-use path, and some changes to access along NC 54. Construction to start in Fiscal Year 2024*, taking 1.5 to two years to complete.

Aviation Parkway (U-5811) - NC 54 to I-40
Widen from two lanes to four lanes, with median. Proposes quadrant roadway intersection at NC 54 to improve traffic flow. Construction funding expected in Fiscal Year 2028*.

For questions, please contact Danielle Kittredge, principal planner with the Town of Morrisville, at dkittredge@townofmorrisville.org or (919) 463-6927.

* The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

Representing Morrisville: A Recap of the November Elections

Morrisville collaborates with several local, regional, state, and federal partners to advocate for and meet community needs. Following the Nov. 8 General Election, Morrisville, like many other municipalities, saw some change in representation across those elected partner groups. The following table is a recap of representation changes affecting Morrisville.

North Carolina General Assembly: NC House	
Maria Cervania	District 41 (Newly Elected)
Zach Hawkins	District 31* (Incumbent)
Ya Liu	District 21* (Newly Elected)
North Carolina General Assembly: NC Senate	
Gale Adcock	District 16* (Newly Elected)
Natalie Murdock	District 20* (Incumbent)
United States Congress (U.S. Senators represent all residents of NC)	
Senator Thom Tillis	Incumbent
Senator Ted Budd	Newly Elected
Congresswoman Valerie Foushee	District 4 (Newly Elected)
Congresswoman Deborah Ross	District 2 (Incumbent)
Wake County Board of Education	
Chris Heagarty	District 7 (Incumbent)
Tyler Swanson	District 9 (Newly Elected)
*Denote new or redrawn districts enacted for 2022 Elections	

Town Makes Progress on Sustainability Efforts

The Town of Morrisville remains committed to making Town operations more sustainable and to encouraging community members to live more sustainably. Several recent efforts have contributed to progress on these goals.

The Town has added two more electric vehicle (EV) ChargePoint Level 2 chargers to Church Street Park. This brings Town-owned ports to eight total. In addition, the Town recently applied for a Clean Fuels Advanced Fuels Technology grant, which is funded by federal and state agencies to help increase air quality in the state. If awarded, the Town will install EV chargers at Town Hall and the Connector building to continue to build infrastructure to support EV adoption in the region.

Those who have driven along Town Hall Drive recently may have noticed solar panels on the Public Safety Municipal Services building. This new array will offset about 50 percent of the police department's electricity usage. As a result of the Inflation Reduction Act's direct pay incentive for non-profits, the savings earned from this project will now pay for its cost within eight years instead of 12.

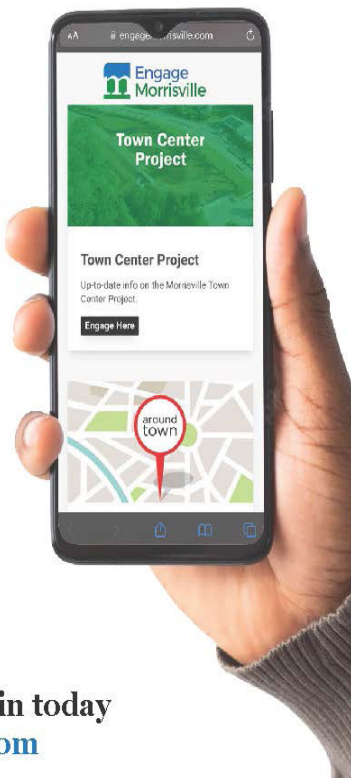
In order to optimize facility energy usage and comfort, the Town continues to implement building automation systems (BAS) in Town buildings. Building automation systems incorporate smart technology to help the Facilities team heat or cool rooms based on occupancy schedules, which helps reduce electricity consumption. Reducing electricity usage by 5 percent is one of the Town's 11 sustainability goals. The Historic Christian Church and the Connector building are undergoing preparations for BAS integration.

Have you joined Engage Morrisville?

Engage Morrisville is an online forum for residents, business owners and stakeholders to share ideas and engage with Town staff about various projects and topics affecting the Morrisville community.



Scan the QR code or join today at engagemorrisville.com



White Goods Collection March 9

Morrisville's next white goods collection is Thursday, March 9. Public Works staff provide a quarterly curbside collection of recyclable white goods, which include washing machines, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, dishwashers, water heaters, stoves and ovens, and dehumidifiers.

Registration is required for the white goods collection. Complete the form at bit.ly/MSVWhiteGoods or call (919) 463-7070 to confirm your collection. Registration will open 30 days before the collection, and requests must be received by March 6.

Yard Waste Collection - Fifth Wednesday

During months containing five weeks, yard waste will not be collected on the fifth Wednesday. Therefore, on March 29, no yard waste will be collected.



MAFC Hosts Fitness Events, Expands Programs

This past fall, the Morrisville Aquatics & Fitness Center (MAFC) hosted several activities that helped bring the community together while also encouraging them to enjoy an active and healthy lifestyle.

The Fall into Fitness Challenge was held at Morrisville Community Park, which was the perfect space for activities that included badminton, a run clinic, yoga, soccer, Tai Chi, ultimate Frisbee, and Zumba. Program attendance was at 98 percent capacity, but the program offered 100 percent fun.

MAFC’s new partner Next Level Physio helped teach the community about the importance of movement and physical therapy through four free clinics: Fall Prevention, Why Posture Matters, Defeating Back Pain, and How to Run Easier and Faster. All four clinics were well-attended, and participants walked away with actionable tips to improve their health. More clinics will be offered in 2023 with more expert advice.

With a growing aquatics staff at the MAFC, the pool space and programs have been expanded. Fall swim lessons served over 235 participants. The aquatics has also expanded its partnerships, and now, Blue Dolphin is providing private swim lessons and Next Level Physio has started a Friday masters swim group. As a special treat for the holiday season, kids also had the opportunity to swim with Santa at a December event.

Please consider joining the MAFC for one of our upcoming programs or events:

- Jan. 22**, 2:30 p.m. Racquetball community meetup. All levels are welcome to play and learn.
- Feb. 4**, Indoor triathlon, sponsored by Next Level Physio
- Feb. 6-19**, MAFC pools will be closed for necessary maintenance *note dates could change
- Feb. 12**, 11 a.m. Free adult pickleball clinic, sponsored by Cary Pickleball Ambassador
- Feb. 13**, 6 p.m. Free adult beginner tennis clinic, sponsored by Francie of U.S. Tennis Association
- Feb. 14-17** For the Love of Fitness
- Feb. 26**, 2:30 p.m. Racquetball community meetup. All levels are welcome to play and learn.
- March 6**, March Swim Lessons Begin
- March 12**, 11 a.m. Free adult pickleball clinic, sponsored by Cary Pickleball Ambassador
- March 13**, 6 p.m. Free adult beginner tennis clinic, sponsored by Francie of U.S. Tennis Association
- March 26**, 2:30 p.m. Racquetball community meetup. All levels are welcome to play and learn.