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QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT



Top: The Town was renamed S'Morrisville for National S'Mores Day.

Clockwise from bottom left: Several facilities were spruced up with paint and landscaping; Fire Chief Foy Jenkins, Assistant Town Manager Todd Wright, interim fire chiefs and Morrisville Fire/Rescue Department staff participate in the Change of Command ceremony; and the Morrisville Aquatics and Fitness Center pool was busy this summer. Upcoming renovations will increase capacity.



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NATIONAL NEWS



A story about Police Chief Patrice Andrews and three other North Carolina African American Police Chiefs aired on Megyn Today, a portion of the Today Show, on Tuesday, September 26. Chief Andrews, along with the other Chiefs, were also part of a live studio segment in which \$20,000 was donated to the North Carolina Law Enforcement Women's Association to help train women in law enforcement.

PARKING ORDINANCE



The Town's new parking ordinance, aimed at improving safety, went into effect this quarter. A demonstration at Morrisville Community Park showed the challenges firetrucks face when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road. Staff continue to educate the public about proper parking whenever an opportunity presents itself.

MEETING STUDENTS

From preschoolers to teens, Morrisville Police Officers spent time with young residents this quarter.



Above: Officer Bitting visited with preschoolers at Kids R Kids Academy



Below: Officer Rodrigues and K9 Arko visited students at Davis Drive Middle School

INTERNET PURCHASE EXCHANGE

The Morrisville Police Department unveiled an Internet Purchase Exchange location in front of the Morrisville Police Department, located at 260C Town Hall Drive. The exchange location includes marked, designated spots in front of the building, which are monitored by video. The location provides a safe space for those who make internet purchases from companies like Craigslist or through Facebook.

A slideshow was posted to the Morrisville Police Departments Facebook page to unveil the Internet Purchase Exchange Location, and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/morrisvillepd.



WATCH FOR ME NC



Morrisville Police Department is proud to participate in the Watch for me NC program, organized by NCDOT.

The program aims to decrease the incidents of accidents involving pedestrians and bicycles.

This quarter, the Department held several public education events—like the one pictured above, and conducted enforcement activities.

Please use caution as you are driving and approach crosswalks, and always look for pedestrians and bicycles. Yielding to them is the law.

COPS LOVE LEMONADE STANDS

Morrisville Police Department's first Cops Love Lemonade Stands event was held in August. The purpose of the event was to improve the Police Department's relationship and build trust with the community, specifically focusing upon the youth.

The event centered around a fun lemonade stand decorating competition. Kids and their families brought decorating materials and set up their stands at Cedar Fork Community Center and Chick-Fil-A provided lemonade.

Music and food trucks made for a well-rounded afternoon of fun.

More photos from this event are available on the Police Department Facebook page www.Facebook.com/MorrisvillePD.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 1, the Morrisville Police Department joined forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 34th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and promoting safety.

The event included inflatables, games, Law Enforcement vehicles on display, opportunities to meet Scruff McGruff and Sparky the Fire Dog, and souvenirs for kids.

More than 400 people attended MPD's National Night Out at Cedar Fork Community Center.

Crime Data July-September 2017

Part 1 Property Crimes	3 Year Average	July-September 2015	July-September 2016	July-September 2017	2016-2017 % Change
Part 1 Property Crime (includes Burglary, Larceny and Motor Vehicle Theft)	87	96	73	93	27%
Part 1 Violent Crimes	3 Year Average	July-September 2015	July-September 2016	July-September 2017	2016-2017 % Change
Part 1 Violent Crime (includes Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault)	5	3	8	5	-37.5%
Part 2 Other Crimes	3 Year Average	July-September 2015	July-September 2016	July-September 2017	2016-2017 % Change
Fraud	36	36	34	38	12%
Vandalism	19	25	11	20	82%
Drugs	34	26	19	56	195%
Simple Assault	8	8	8	7	-12.5%
Alcohol Offenses	2	2	3	1	-67%

Part 1 Property Crimes has increased due to a number of Residential Burglaries in the Breckenridge neighborhood and Weston area. At this time, 3 arrests have been made in the Residential Burglaries.

Part 2 Other Crimes for Vandalism has increased due to the damage caused during Residential Burglaries. Part 2 Other Crimes for Drugs has increased due to extra patrol in the Airport Blvd. area, which resulted in a number of arrests and citations for Drug Offenses.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY ZONES

As school began this fall, the Morrisville Police Department conducted School Zone Safety Operations in and around the Town's schools. The key element to this operation was raising pedestrian and bicyclist awareness during school peak hours.

The Department monitors school zone safety throughout the year, but finds it useful to emphasize the school zones at the beginning of each school year.





The Change of Command Ceremony was a formal relinquish of command from outgoing Chief Wright to the incoming Chief Jenkins.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Morrisville Fire/Rescue Department held a Change of Command Ceremony on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at Fire Station 1 on Town Hall Drive.

During the brief ceremony, incoming Chief M. Foy Jenkins accepted command from outgoing Chief Todd Wright and the Interim Fire Chiefs that have served the Town of Morrisville since Wright was named Assistant Town Manager in July 2016. "I am grateful for the opportunity to lead such a fantastic, forward-thinking organization," said Jenkins. "I am incredibly grateful to Chief Wright and the interim Chiefs who have created a great environment here in Morrisville."

Five Morrisville staff members served as Interim Fire Chief leading up to Jenkins' first day on May 8, 2017. They include: Battalion Chief Robert Boening, Battalion Chief Cliff Cates, Captain Scott Criddle, Captain Tom Dooley, and Former Fire Marshal/Current Inspections Director Shandy Padgett.

This was the first ever Fire Department Change of Command Ceremony in this area. Neighboring departments lined Town Hall Drive with fire trucks in support of the ceremony. Many residents and members of neighboring response agencies attended the ceremony.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook.com/
MorrisvilleNCFireRescue



@MSV_FireRescue

The most popular content on the Fire/Rescue Facebook page this quarter was a photo album from the Change of Command Ceremony Posted on July 22. More than 400 people reacted to

the post, and an additional 45 people commented.

Thanks to all who follow @MorrisvilleNCFireRescue on Facebook. If you aren't following us, you should!

SEPTEMBER 11TH 5K MEMORIAL



More than 200 people participated in the 2017 Morrisville 9/11 5K on Sunday, September 10, in remembrance of the Fire, Police, EMS workers and civilians who lost their lives in the attack on 9/11.

There was a strong volunteer and vendor turnout. The timing system, which was used for the first time this year, was well received and will likely be used again in the future.

The event raised nearly \$2,500 for the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund.

TRAINING: TO KEEP YOU, AND OURSELVES SAFE



Above left: B-Shift Battalion Chief Robert Boening directing a team in extrication training. **Above right:** B-Shift, Engineer John Kauls, Firefighter David Tews, and Captain Bryan Alexander discussing proper use of life saving tools.

CONGRATULATIONS FIREFIGHTER TEWS!



David Tews graduated top in his class from the Wake County Fire Academy, as class valedictorian. Great work David! We are so happy to have him on our team.

9/11 MEMORIAL



Working in coordination with the City of New York Fire Department, Morrisville Fire/Rescue was able to receive a piece of steel from the World Trade Center that could be used as the centerpiece for a future Memorial in Morrisville.

HINDU SOCIETY VISIT



Firefighters from Ladder 1 stopped by the Hindu Society of North Carolina in August and spoke with teens and younger children.

The short talk included information about fire response, life safety tips and how to best respond to emergencies at home.

HARD AT WORK



Ladder One responded to this vehicle accident on I-40 east bound and Airport Boulevard in July. The Fire/Rescue department responded to 56 vehicle accidents this quarter, including more than 25 calls in the month of August.



Fire suppression does not always involve structures and vehicles. In July, Engineer Benji Cole, Captain Brian Alexander and others from B-shift responded to a small pine straw fire.

WELCOME



Morrisville Fire Rescue welcomes our newest addition, Firefighter Ryan Clagherty. Ryan is originally from Michigan, but came to Morrisville from Fayetteville. He is a paramedic, and likes diving and the outdoors.

WELCOME



JASON MATTHEWS

BUILDING INSPECTOR

We would like to welcome Jason Matthews to the Inspections Department. He has a background in code enforcement and recently completed his Building level 1 class. His focus will start with the Building and Plumbing trades.



DIANE BOYD

PERMIT TECHNICIAN

Diane Boyd has accepted an opportunity within the Inspections Department. She has been with the Town for 17 years. Diane most recently completed her Law and Administration coursework.

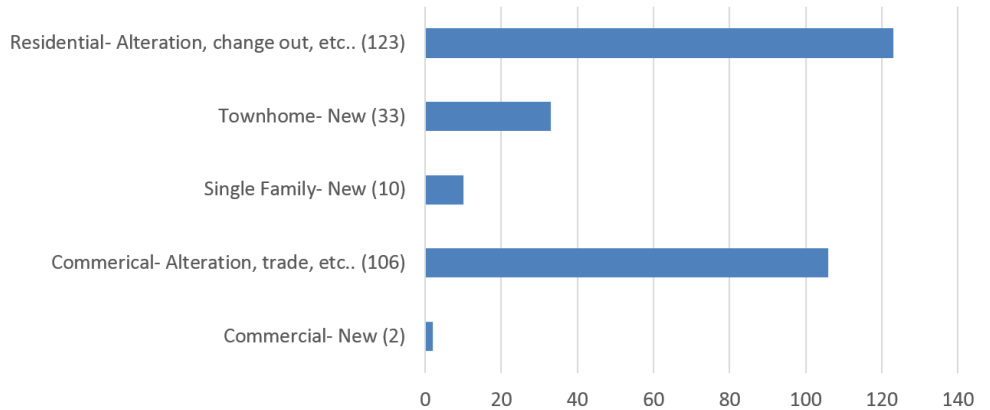
BY THE NUMBERS Q1/ FY 2018

Permits Issued by Type



- Commercial- New (2)
- Single Family- New (10)
- Residential- Alteration, change out, etc.. (123)
- Commerical- Alteration, trade, etc.. (106)
- Townhome- New (33)

Permits Issued by Type



Inspectors Morgan, McDaniel and Ruppe spent the morning touring the new Wake Tech site.



Did you know Building Inspectors are required to participate in annual continuing education?

WELCOME



KENT JACKSON, PE TOWN ENGINEER

Kent joined the Town in August. He has extensive experience in both local and state government. He previously served as the State Construction Director in the Department of Administration and as Director of Engineering and Building Inspections for the Town of Apex. Kent attended North Carolina State University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in North Carolina. Kent, his wife and two children live in Holly Springs. His favorite thing about working here so far is all of the friendly and helpful Town employees.



BEN MILLS, EI STORMWATER ENGINEER

Ben is a North Carolina State University Graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Engineering. Ben is certified as an Engineering Intern with the North Carolina Engineering Licensure Board. He has jumped right into his new role and has quickly made himself an asset to the team. We are excited about what he will bring to the Town.

LEADING THROUGH LEARNING

Jim Meyer and Joshua Baird recently completed the Construction Management Diploma series through North Carolina State University Office of Professional Development. The course involves an intense series of six hands-on work sessions given over a twelve week period. Some of the course topics include construction estimating, scheduling and operations. Congratulations to Jim and Joshua for their commitment to continuing their education



CHURCH STREET SIDEWALK IS TAKING SHAPE

A new section off sidewalk is being installed on Church Street between Morrisville-Carpenter Road and Jeremiah Street. The sidewalk is part of the Town Center Walking Loop.

Work started in July and will wrap up this fall. The project is funded through a matching grant from North Carolina Department of Transportation. Engineering staff are overseeing the work.



Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update



Several Open Houses were held, offering opportunities for residents, business partners and visitors to provide input on the Transportation Plan Update.

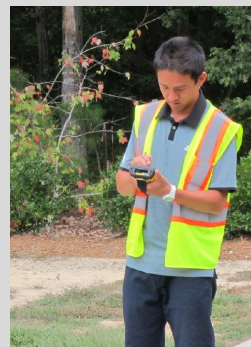
The Transportation Plan includes elements focusing on roadways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, as well as future routes and facilities. The proposed plan update will be comprehensive in nature, with data and analysis backing up recommendations.

The Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) and Town Council held work sessions in July, August, and September in order to review and discuss the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update. The draft Plan is currently being revised based on comments from the public, PZB, and Town Council.

Employee Highlights

Jack Jin is a Geographic Information Services (GIS) Intern who started in August 2017.

Jack is performing technical work in support of the GIS Division within the Planning Department by using a Global Positioning System (GPS) data collector to update GIS sidewalk data files, which have not been updated since 2009. The updated data will be used for various plan updates, data analysis and scheduling of maintenance and repair. The data will also be used by other regional agencies for network connectivity analysis.



Congratulations!

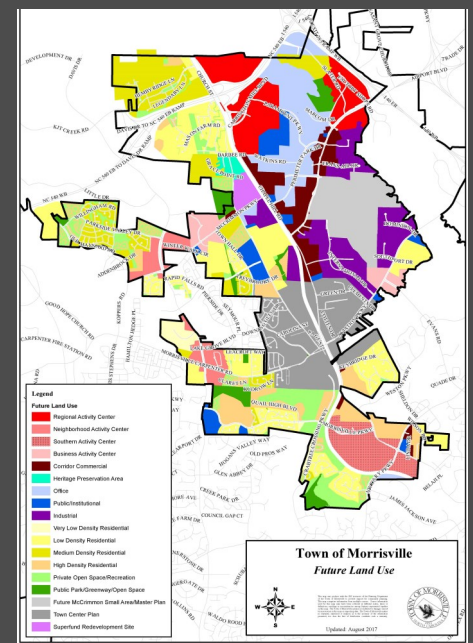
To Jill Meyer on completion of the Administration and Law course through Wake Tech Community College. The course covered the ins-and-outs of detailed administration in relation to building codes, inspections, and enforcement.

Jill primarily issues building permits and assists walk-in customers with application questions.

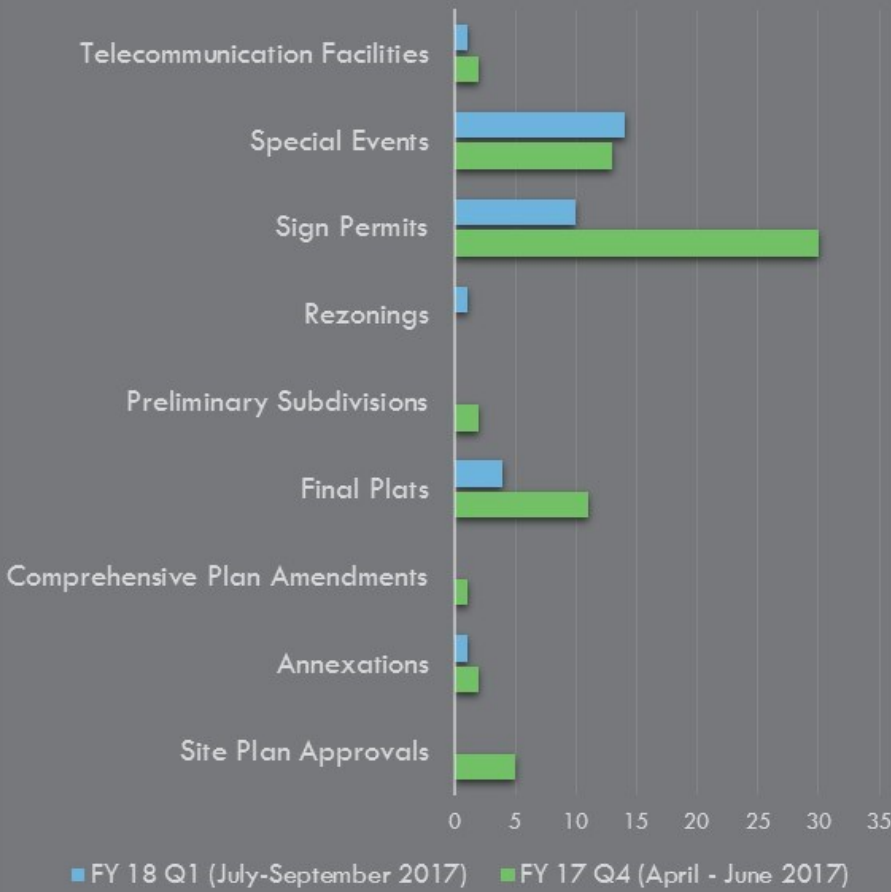
Land Use Plan Update

The Town will soon be updating the 2009 Land Use Plan. A Request for Proposals for the project was posted in late August. The Town received a number of responses and staff is in the process of selecting a firm. The Planning Department hopes to kick-off the project in November.

Several opportunities for public input on the land use plan are being developed. Look for details in the coming months.



Development Approvals



Code Enforcement

Occasionally, the Town uses the Code of Ordinances to ensure dilapidated structures are properly secured. It can often take months for a property owner to bring their property into compliance.

If a property owner is unable to bring a property into compliance, the Town can remove a structure that is structurally unsafe. Below is an example of an abandoned home located at 611 Church Street that was structurally unsafe, and subsequently demolished by the Town this quarter.



Sign Code Update

The Town of Morrisville welcomed a consultant for the sign code update on July 11 and 12 to kick-off the project and conduct a number of stakeholder interviews. A report of key recommendations is currently in progress and will be presented at public meetings before the Town Council and Planning & Zoning Board by the end of the year.

After presentations and further discussion, the consultant will begin drafting proposed text changes to the sign code, and a public hearing will be held. Completion of the project is expected in summer of 2018.



ROAD PROJECTS

TOWN CENTER CORE

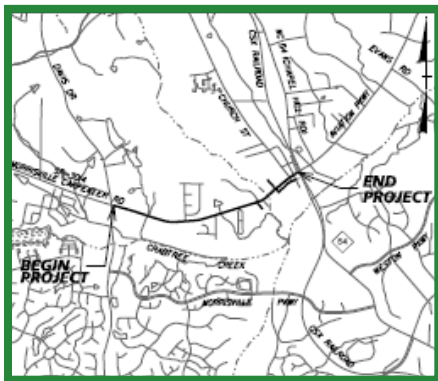


MCCRIMMON PARKWAY EXTENSION

Work on Phase One of the McCrimmon Parkway extension continues from NC54 to Airport Boulevard. The existing curb and gutter were removed at the intersection of McCrimmon and NC54 as part of work to expand the intersection.

The major storm sewer work on NC54 will be done at night when traffic is lighter.

MORRISVILLE CARPENTER ROAD



Morrisville Carpenter Road will be widened to a four-lane median divided road from Davis Drive to NC54. The project is scheduled for bid in Spring of 2018 .

CAROLINA STREET EXTENSION

Design work for the Carolina Street Extension is 90 percent complete. This project will create a roundabout on Town Hall Drive that will connect to Carolina Street.

Town Council endorsed the Town Center Demonstration Project in July and the Town is now seeking a private development partner for the first phase of the Town Center Core project.

Qualified development teams are invited to respond to a Solicitation for Development Partners. In the next several months, a team will be selected to execute a development services agreement with the Town; finalize the development program; and design, finance, construct, own and operate the project.



The site design will include a library at the intersection of Town Hall Dr. and Carolina Street, and a traffic circle with a commercial corridor along Carolina Street.



CRABTREE HATCHER CREEK GREENWAY

The Crabtree Hatcher Creek Greenway will provide an east-west greenway corridor through Morrisville, and will connect to Lake Crabtree to the east and the Town of Cary's greenway system to the west. The project will offer a safe pedestrian crossing over Crabtree Creek and underneath the railroad.



Top: This quarter, sections of greenway near Kudrow Lane and Morrisville Market were paved. A retaining wall will be installed along this portion in the near future.

Bottom: Grading began on the segment that will connect the greenway to Keybridge Dr and Crabtree Creek Nature Park.

SUMMER PARTNERSHIP



MAFC staff collaborated with Wake County Human Services' Summer Food Program to provide fun activities for kids 18 years old and younger from June to August.

Staff led activities to help improve gross motor skills—such as Frisbee, hula-hoop and tennis —when they attended the County's free summer meals program. More than 15 kids were served by this unique summer program.

MORRISVILLE
AQUATICS &
FITNESS
CENTER



Above: Strong by Zumba is our newest fitness class taught by Caroline Schmelzer. This is a high intensity interval training class integrating traditional fitness moves inspired by dance with a more athletic, conditioning-style workout.

Left: Master swim group meets every Friday morning at 6 a.m. to work on their strokes and push their limits. The group is made up of triathletes, ex-high school swimmers and many new swimmers learning how to put a workout together.

BIGGEST LOSERS BECOME BIG
TIME RUNNERS

This quarter, a new run group, Big Time Runners started. The group formed when two of the Biggest Loser's Pie in the Face Contest participants lost more than 30 pounds each and decided to keep running as part of their new healthy lifestyle.

The group meets at MAFC Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:15 a.m. All are welcome to join.



TOBACCO FREE PARKS
AND GREENWAYS

Beginning July 1, 2017, all Morrisville Parks and Greenways became tobacco free. The new ordinance was approved by Council in an effort to promote a healthier community.



It is also expected to reduce litter, the risk of fire, and chances of accidental ingestion by children and animals.

Signage has been installed at Town parks and along Greenways.

MORRISVILLE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Morrisville Youth Leadership Council (MYLC) continued to grow this quarter with membership reaching 70 members. The group has moved its meetings to Town Council chambers to accommodate all of the members.

This quarter, MYLC members volunteered at the July 3rd Fireworks, July 4th Pancake Breakfast (photographed below), and East Meets West events. Members also volunteered at the first Teen Night program at Cedar Fork Community Center in September.



JULY 3RD FIREWORKS

The annual fireworks event started with music and food truck favorites. Families enjoyed time together playing games on the field and visiting with friends.

This year's event included bigger and brighter fireworks than those in past years. The new pyrotechnics went higher, allowing more people to see them.

Even with some scattered showers, more than 3,500 people attended the July 3rd event at Morrisville Community Park.



JULY 4TH

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department, in partnership with the Fire/Rescue Department, prepares a pancake breakfast for the community each 4th of July.

Staff and volunteers from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and MYLC decorated Fire Station No. 1 with a patriotic theme and helped serve breakfast. More than 300 people attended the event this year.



PROMOTIONS



**KELLEY O'MALLEY,
RECREATION PROGRAM
SPECIALIST**

Kelley was recently promoted to the Recreation Program Specialist in charge of Cedar Fork Community Center youth programs such as after school, summer camp, and pre-school programs. She previously served as Center Aide II and was the summer camp director for the Town of Clayton before coming to Morrisville. We are excited to have her fresh ideas, enthusiasm and passion for the children and programs.



**JANET WALL,
CENTER AIDE II**

Janet has recently been promoted to the position of Center Aide II at Cedar Fork Community Center. She has worked as a part-time Center Aide since August 2016. Janet has previous recreation experience at the Cary YMCA. We are glad to have her knowledge and experience as part of the CFCC staff.

SENIOR TRIP: DURHAM BULLS



Ten seniors enjoyed a day at the ballpark in August. The day trip included dinner, a Durham Bulls game and socializing. This was the second year for this activity and the seniors really enjoyed the evening at the game.

WHAT'S NEW AT CFCC?

The Town strives to provide programming for all ages and interests at Cedar Fork Community Center. From preschoolers to teens to seniors, there are a variety of programs to choose from. Here are some of the exciting offerings:

Preschool & School Age

- Tinkergarten
- Little Medical School
- Baking Classes



Teens

- Teen Nights (one Saturday per month)



Seniors

- Drop in Bingo
- Senior Trips

*Want to find out more about what is going on at CFCC?
Check out our website which includes a new Google calendar.*

www.townofmorrisville.org/cfcc

CAMP CEDAR FORK

Camp Cedar Fork had 1,195 registrations across all age groups (Camp Wiggle Worms, Camp Cedar Fork Jr, Camp Cedar Fork and Counselors in Training) this summer. Campers participated in many activities including arts and crafts, skills clinics, field trips, theme days, and wacky Wednesdays. The kids had a great time, learning and growing at Camp Cedar Fork this summer.



Natural Science Museum Field Trip



Super Hero Day

EAST MEETS WEST FESTIVAL



The East Meets West Festival, organized by the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce, with significant support from the Town, highlights the cultural diversity of Morrisville.

This year's event included a variety of food, dance groups and music. Town staff helped plan the event and provided equipment as well as logistical coordination throughout the day on September 23.

The weather was great, drawing thousands of residents and visitors to the festival.



VOLUNTEERS



Students from Thales Academy in Apex spent a day working with Parks and Grounds staff to add and spread mulch at Town Hall and the Parks and Recreation Administration building.

Working with teachers and parent volunteers, the students, many of whom live in Morrisville, planted mums, pansies and other fall plants. Students also pruned back both the Indian Creek and Shiloh Greenways. The school had groups of students working in several communities across the region as part of their Day of Service.

PAINTING PROJECTS

The Public Works Facilities Division managed multiple painting projects in the first quarter of FY18. These included painting the exterior of Town Hall, the exterior of the Luther Green Center and the adjoining shed, as well as the roof on the playground gazebo at Morrisville Community Park.



The Administrative Division of Public Works worked on the Town's surplus backlog this quarter, creating a more organized and functional work space.



JEREMIAH STREET

The Streets Division of Public Works oversaw improvements to the sidewalk pavers along Jeremiah Street this quarter.

The pavers were originally installed by a designer using a sand settling method that eventually caused some of the bricks to loosen over time. The improvements to re-set the pavers in cement will eliminate movement and allow for safer travel for pedestrians and bicyclists along the sidewalks.

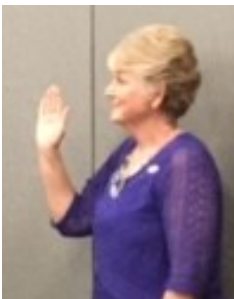
NCLM CITY VISION CONFERENCE



Council members and staff attended the 2017 NCLM City Vision Conference in Greenville at the end of September. The conference began with Council Member Liz Johnson assuming the role of President of the North Carolina Chapter of Women in Municipal Government. Conference speakers were eager to share about technology and data-driven initiatives, regionalism and effective collaboration.

Johnson Sworn in as President of WIMG

Council Member Liz Johnson sworn in as President of North Carolina Women in Municipal Government (WIMG).



WIMG serves as both a resource and a communication mechanism for female local elected officials and provides encouragement to women seeking public office in their communities. Johnson will serve a two-year term.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

July saw a lot of activity in the legislation for bills passed that could affect local governments. **Senate Bill 155**, effectively known as the “Brunch Bill”, was passed. More about this below.

House Bill 310 related to Small Cell Wireless and **House Bill 436** related to Impact Fees were also signed into law in July. Staff participated in informational webinars hosted by NCLM staff for both bills to learn more about the direct impact on Morrisville.

ALCOHOL SALES ORDINANCE

In July, Morrisville joined other municipalities across the state in allowing alcohol sales starting at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Town Council approved the ordinance change during its regularly scheduled meeting on July 25. The change went into effect immediately.

The move was aimed at promoting commerce at local businesses, with the hope that increased sales will lead to an increase in jobs and make Morrisville a more desirable and competitive brunch/lunch spot on Sundays.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed a bill earlier in the summer that provided municipalities the opportunity to adopt a local ordinance, allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages at 10 a.m. on Sundays, rather than noon, at licensed premises.

MORRISVILLE/CARY JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Morrisville/Cary Joint Committee met at the end of July to discuss topics affecting both towns, including East/West Connector Roads. Members of both councils and staffs work hard on a day to day basis to communicate any issues with one another. The meetings provide an opportunity to get everyone at the same table in an open forum. Both municipalities rotate as meeting host throughout the year.



BEST PLACES TO LIVE



Morrisville was named 90th Best Place to Live in America on the annual Money Magazine's "100 Best Places in America to Live" list. According to Money Magazine, 70 different types of data were used to rank eligible towns in the categories of economy, cost of living, education, housing, crime, amenities and ease of living. Morrisville was one of only three towns in North Carolina to make the list.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

RECRUITMENT

The fall Board and Committee recruitment cycle was very productive with more than 50 residents applying for 18 vacant positions. This was the first Board and Committee recruitment using an online application process.

Many long serving volunteers were re-appointed, as well as several first-time volunteers. All of the Board and Committee members who were appointed in July began serving their terms in September.

NEW COMMITTEE

The responsibilities and membership of Residents Active in Improving the Environment (RAIN) Committee and Morrisville Environmental and Recycling Committee (MERC) were combined to form a new committee, Morrisville Environmental and Stormwater Committee (MESC) in late July.

The image is a screenshot of an online application form titled 'Town of Morrisville Boards & Committees Application Form'. At the top left is a circular seal with the year '1852' and the text 'TOWN OF MORRISVILLE NORTH CAROLINA'. The form has a 'Profile' section with fields for 'First Name *', 'Last Name *', 'Email Address *', and 'Home Address *'. Below these are fields for 'City *', 'State *', and 'Postal Code *'. At the bottom, there is a field for 'Primary Phone'.

The new committee will advise Town Council on a wide variety of environmental topics including recycling, stormwater and sustainability. Members will monitor solid waste and recycling programs and promote environmental programs and education to residents and schools.

STATE OF MORRISVILLE



Holmes, Stohlman, Long Range Planning Manager Ben Howell, Town Manager Martha Paige, and Planning Director Courtney Tanner participated in a panel discussion during the State of Morrisville.

Town and County leaders provided updates and highlights of budgets, growth and development issues, and shared plans for the future during the State of Morrisville on September 13.

County Commissioner Jessica Holmes and Mayor Mark Stohlman spoke about partnerships and how the Town and County work together. Commissioner Holmes cited Morrisville as a hub of residential and commercial development in the County and highlighted the need and support for a library in the Town. Mayor Stohlman spoke about the variety of plans for the future that are moving forward and how they align. He also discussed the importance of collaboration to maintain a high quality of life.

More than 100 business and community leaders attended the event, hosted by the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce.



Council members toured the WakeTech RTP campus in August. The campus will have a technology focus when it opens to students in 2019.



S'MORRISVILLE

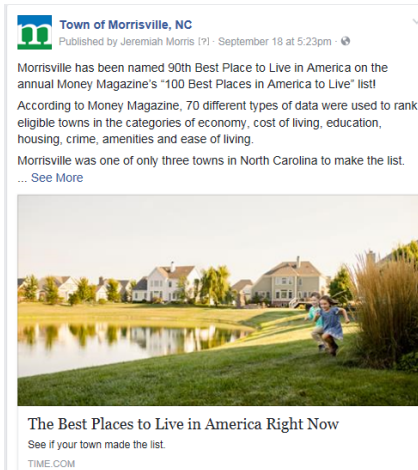
The S'Morrisville event on Friday, August 11, 2017, was a tremendous success despite some early rain. Hundreds of people visited Morrisville Community Park and enjoyed dinner from food trucks. Staff estimates that about 800 s'mores were distributed during the event. Approximately 100 people attended the movie.

The event attracted significant media coverage, including the News and Observer, several television stations, an on-site promotion by WNCN (the local CBS affiliate) and mentions on the Sirius XM 60's radio show on Friday and a post-event interview on Monday. A host of tweets, including Hershey candy company, and Scooby Doo also commented on our event.

Staff are beginning to plan the Second Annual S'Morrisville for next August. Special thanks to the event planners and a host of s'mores grillers.

FACEBOOK UPDATES

Three individual Facebook posts engaged more than 7,000 people. These included the Best Places to Live in America ranking from Money Magazine, the Friyay T-Shirt Giveaway and a traffic alert.



The next most popular posts this quarter were information about the ordinance change to allow alcohol sales starting at 10 a.m. on Sundays—and S'Morrisville.

INSTAGRAM NOTES

The Town of Morrisville Instagram account, @TownOfMorrisvilleNC, has nearly 600 followers, a more than 150% increase of from this time last year.

The most popular photos this quarter were from the July 3rd Fireworks, National City Hall Selfie Day, and the 9/11 5K. The most popular photo, the July 3rd Fireworks, engaged more than 1,100 people.



NEW PARK SIGNS



As part of the new brand rollout, park signs were replaced at Church Street Park and Northwest Park. This helps establish Morrisville’s brand throughout town, and helps our residents know when they are in Morrisville, and the services we provide.

The remaining park signs will be replaced later this year. After all entry signs are installed, signage inside the parks will be replaced!

MORRISVILLE IN THE NEWS

Media coverage of Morrisville during the 1st Quarter included a new exchange location for people buying and selling items online, and recognition of recent accolades.



- [Seeking a safe place to finish a deal you made online? Morrisville has the answer](#)
- [Life experiences, strong leadership give black, female NC police chiefs unique qualifications](#)
- [Morrisville consignment sale opens doors for Florida, Texas evacuees to shop early](#)
- [4 Female Police Chiefs Tell Megyn Kelly How They Broke the Glass Ceiling](#)
- [Morrisville Ranks in Top 100 Places to Live in National Magazine](#)
- [Morrisville Ranked as Fifth-Best Town for Young Families in North Carolina](#)



The #MorrFallFun promotion is off to a great start. More than 100 people have followed the Town on Instagram, and about four dozen residents have entered photos in the contest. Entries are being accepted through October 31.

TWITTERVERSE

Twitter continues to be a popular tool for distributing information and engaging residents. The top two tweets this quarter each reached more than 57,000 Twitter users!

A message from mid-July about the new Wake Tech RTP campus reached 60,379 people, while information about recycling and what items are accepted at the convenience center on Aviation Blvd. reached 57,050 people in mid-September.

The most direct engagement came from a Tweet about phone calls from a number identified as being from the Town, that was not actually from the Town, which was shared 18 times and generated 19 responses on Friday, September 8.



FINANCE

Fiscal Year 2017 Wrap Up

At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the Town's net position was almost \$148.6 million, an increase of about \$14 million from the previous fiscal year. Approximately \$13.5 million of the \$148.6 million is considered unrestricted and may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to the public and creditors.

The Town's net outstanding debt increased by about \$9.9 million in FY17, as \$10 million in General Obligation bonds was issued for streets improvements and \$4.3 million was refunded from the 2007 public improvement bonds.

At year-end, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of over \$41.2 million, which is an increase of approximately \$12.5 million over the prior year. The Town has \$12.9 in government-wide unassigned fund balance.

Finance Highlights for FY 2017

- AAA Bond Rating with Standard and Poor's and Aaa rating with Moody's
- Debt Ratio 6.5%
- FY2017 Comprehensive Annual Fiscal Report presentation to Town Council: October 24

FY18 IT Project Updates

Networking

This quarter, a more robust 10GB network was implemented at Town Hall. This work included upgrades of virtual servers and the Storage Area Network, and networking equipment that extends this offering to other Town sites using a private fiber optic network.

Data Storage

The Town is expanding its back-up strategy to include additional data repositories, leveraging the new 10GB network.

Private Network

Testing is underway for a dedicated Private Network to extend mobile computing offering(s).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Tyler Technologies Selected

Town Council approved additional funding for the Enterprise System project that will allow for a vendor hosted solution. This windows based solution will replace the Town's legacy system, yield internal efficiencies and will provide more public transparency. As part of this effort, the Town will be implementing electronic plan review processes and expanding our footprint in the mobile environment.

This project is scheduled to span 24 months with a tentative kickoff scheduled for January 2018, and contract negotiations are underway.

Security Assessment

The Town has partnered with a third party security firm to help identify Information Technology system vulnerabilities. This is an intensive security review that will help reaffirm the Town's existing security posture is sound and aligns with best practices.

Employee Recognition



Matt Schosser received an award this quarter for providing outstanding customer service. Thank you Matt for all of your hard work

CUSTOMER SERVICE APPRECIATION WEEK



CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

Visitors to Morrisville’s Town Hall, Development Services and other offices were invited to take a piece of Morrisville swag during Customer Appreciation Week. The items, including magnets, pens and phone wallets were available to anyone who visited during the first week of October.

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES

The Employee Appreciation Committee planned a hot dog lunch to honor employees and all the great work they do. Several dozen employees enjoyed hot dogs, chips and sodas in the relaxed atmosphere of Indian Creek Greenway during lunch hours on Friday.



FITNESS PROGRAM EXPANSION

With the success of the lunchtime total body and stretching classes, a kickboxing class was introduced this quarter with the same level of fanfare! Employees now have the opportunity to get a workout in on their lunch breaks three days a week! The Town is excited to foster a healthy work/life balance for all of its employees.



CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

More than 90 employees attended a Celebration of Service event in July at Morrisville Community Park. The half-day event included breakfast and ice pops, an awards ceremony and games such as kickball, whiffle ball, volleyball, bocce ball and corn hole. Eighteen employees received awards for excellence in customer service.

Above: Award Winners Kevin Kelly, Gideon LeCraft, Shannon Fonville, Erin Hudson, Jackie McKenzie, Diane Boyd, Amy Lindley, Nate Mayer, Kari Grace, Brad West, Pina Kantesaria, Matt Schosser and Scott Knox with Town Manager Martha Paige. **Right:** Additional award winners included Bobby Boening, Mike Lee, Katelan Coffey and Jim Meyer.



EMPLOYEE MATTERS

The Town of Morrisville bid adieu to two employees this quarter.

Sergeant Elena Sanchez

Nearly 23 years in law enforcement with the Town (30 total years of service).

Jefferson Beale, Parks and Grounds Technician I

After six years in the Public Works Department, Jeff decided he was ready to kick back and enjoy the next phase of his life!

Congratulations to both as they enjoy their well deserved retirements!



ECLIPSE VIEWING

When the moon passed between Morrisville and the sun, employees briefly paused their work to take part in a once in a lifetime event. Many employees wore eclipse glasses, while others used a paper plate method to safely observe the astronomical event.

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS

The Town both kicked off and saw the completion of its annual wellness program this quarter. The program is designed to encourage employees to be more proactive with their health. The program requires employees to meet three participation requirement to avoid a wellness fee of \$40 per month.



The first requirement was a Biometric Screening. Employees met with a nurse during the work day and received immediate results, including:

- Total Cholesterol (HDL, LDL, Triglycerides),
- Glucose,
- Weight,
- Body Mass Index (BMI), and
- Blood Pressure.

The second and third steps are an annual physical and completing an online Health Assessment.