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Welcome to Union County!

Established in 1842, Union County has deep historical roots in agri-business and today remains one of the top agriculture areas not only in North Carolina, but in the entire United States. Union County has established itself as a manufacturing hub with the highest geographic concentration of aerospace companies in the Carolinas. In addition, Union County’s 14 municipalities offer a wide variety of shopping, dining, and entertainment options. Our community has a healthy, diverse business base.

Whether you are visiting for a short time, relocating, or currently a resident, we believe you will find In Union County to be a valuable resource. This publication provides a wealth of useful information about Union County and is organized in a format you can refer to again and again.

If you are visiting, you will find a variety of activities to interest you: equine farms, antique and fine shopping, parks and lakes, vineyards, historical sites and landmarks. Lodging opportunities include bed and breakfast inns, camping and RV campsites, modern hotels and even tree houses. Our community includes a wide variety of special event facilities from the elegant to the rustic.

If you plan to relocate, you’ll find the charm of rural life combined with a metropolitan flair. Our county includes one of the finest public school systems in the state along with enviable private and charter schools. South Piedmont Community College offers a full complement of general education, transfer pre-majors, career and technical education and workforce development programs. Wingate University is a private comprehensive university offering 35 undergraduate majors, 34 minors, 12 career concentrations along with multiple graduate and doctorate programs. Whether you’re looking for a town home or condo, a home in a subdivision, or acres of land in a rural setting—Union County is the place you can call home.

The Union County Chamber of Commerce is THE Business Connection in Union County—and is THE resource for you if you are visiting or relocating. And if you own a business, YOUR Chamber is the place to be. The Chamber provides services to grow business, enhance operations, develop professionally, and the Chamber advocates in matters of public policy. The Chamber provides a variety of programs like Women in Business, Young Professionals, Small Business Initiative, Manufacturers Executives Roundtable, and many more. Our website (www.UnionCountyCoC.com) provides in-depth information about the Chamber and our community. Contact the Chamber staff to learn more about how the Chamber can benefit your business or assist you in finding needed resources right here in Union County.

Let us help you connect with Union County. You’re going to love it here.

Pat Kahle
President, Union County Chamber of Commerce
The arts are important to our local economy, the education of our students, the preservation of our heritage and our quality of life. Union County enjoys a legacy built on a diverse cultural foundation. For additional information, contact your Union County Chamber of Commerce at 704-289-4567, www.UnionCountyCoC.com or one of these fine organizations.

George A. Batte, Jr. Fine Arts Center
Wingate University presents guest lectures, art exhibits, theatrical performances and music concerts and recitals by students, faculty and visiting artists in the George A. Batte, Jr. Fine Arts Center. These performances and exhibits are open to the public and many are free. The Batte Center, on the Wingate campus, has partnerships with the Union Symphony Orchestra and Union County Youth Ballet, and often collaborates with performing arts and music organizations from throughout the Charlotte area. The Batte Center’s annual Performance Series features nationally and internationally renowned artists and musicians. Call 704-233-8300 or visit www.battecenter.org.

Historic Union County Courthouse/Heritage Room
This 1886 Victorian Italianate building, featured in motion pictures, now houses the Heritage Room. If you are interested in county history or genealogical work, this is it. The Heritage Room is open Mon. through Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located at 3910 US Hwy. 74 East, Wingate; 704-233-1776; www.jessehelmscenter.org.

Mexico-Cardenas Museum
Experience Mexican culture through folk art, photos, artifacts, and clothing. Learn about Lázaro Cárdenas, former Mexican president, and how he encouraged JAARS founder Cameron Townsend in his study of Mexican languages. Located at JAARS, 6403 Davis Rd., Waxhaw. Free admission. Open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. through Sat., 704-843-6045; www.jaars.org.

Museum of the Alphabet
Where did writing begin? And who created our alphabets? Trace the history of writing systems, from the ancient world to today. Located at JAARS, 6409 Davis Rd., Waxhaw. Free admission. Open 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. through Sat., 704.843.6066; www.jaars.org.

Museum of the Waxhaws
Experience regional history from 1650 to 1900, including Andrew Jackson’s life. Outdoor sites include a homestead, blacksmith, barn, smokehouse and picnic area. Newly opened gold panning area for adults and children alike. Open Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; admission charge $5 for adults, $4 for seniors and $2 for children ages 6 to 12. Waxhaw Amphitheatre, Waxhaw; 704-843-1832; www.museumofthewaxhaws.com.

Union County Community Arts Council Gallery
Downtown Monroe is enhanced by this gallery, which features exhibits/open houses of artists and their various mediums and entertainment. The Council’s mission is to promote the cultural arts in the Union County schools and through the community. The Council provides grant opportunities to qualifying arts organizations and artists. 120 N. Main St., Monroe; 704-283-2784; www.unionarts.org.

Union County Playmakers is a community based theatre that provides live entertainment and opportunities to participate on
stage and off. UCP productions include concert readings, fully staged productions, children’s theatre, Mystery “Picnic” events, Short Play Festivals, educational opportunities, and partnerships with civic and social organizations. UCP enriches, inspires, and educates our community through theatre arts. 704-238-3394. www.unioncountyplaymakers.org.

**Union County Writers Club**
The Union County Writers Club of North Carolina was formed in the fall of 1994 with the assistance of the Union County Arts Council. The club was supported by a grant from the Grassroots Arts Program of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts. The organization’s goal is to provide necessary tools to improve skills and heighten the writing interest of the Union County residents. The UCWC strives to encourage talents by sponsoring workshops, lectures, critiques and readings. For more information, contact Barbara Johns 704-254-1243 or www.ucwc.webs.com.

**Union Symphony Society, Inc.**
A nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate, entertain, serve and inspire through widespread musical presentation. Union Symphony Orchestra is a professional orchestra with 65 core musicians under the baton of Richard Rosenberg. For more information about the Union Symphony concert season, call 704-283-2525 or visit www.unionsymphony.org.

**Union Symphony Youth Orchestra (USYO)**
An educational program of Union Symphony Society, Inc. for music students of the greater Union County area of North Carolina interested in the study and performance of orchestral repertoire, Union Symphony Youth Orchestra orchestra is a full section auditioned orchestra with currently 75 student musicians. www.usyo.org

**Union Symphony/Prelude Junior String Orchestra**
In its fifth season, Prelude is an auditioned junior string orchestra for qualified students through ninth grade. Student musicians require a minimum of two years formal music training in the study of orchestral string instruments: violin, viola, violoncello and double bass.

**Union Symphony Youth Chamber Players (USCHAP)**
These ensembles serve students interested in the study and performance of chamber music. They rehearse separately and perform for community venues such as the Union County Community Arts Council and the American Red Cross. The ensembles include Vivace Strings, a chamber ensemble of the USYO, and Allegro Strings and Dorian Fiddles.

**Union Jazz**
This ensemble serves adults and youth interested in the study and expression of improvisational jazz. It includes players of traditional jazz instruments. Learn more about Union Jazz: unionjazz.org

**Union County Youth Ballet**
Monroe City Ballet is a pre-professional company formed in 2005 to help promising Union County dancers reach their full potential by strengthening technique and enhancing stage presence. Company members are selected based on their abilities and their commitment to dance. They have participated in numerous local and state performances including the University of North Carolina School of the Arts Winter Adjudication, the UNC School of the Arts Winter Dance Festival in Winston-Salem, NC, the Annual Artists Music Guild Awards Ceremony and the NC Governor’s Inaugural Parade in Raleigh, NC. 704-289-5733 or www.ucyb.org
The following is a partial list of celebrations and events in Union County. Dates/times subject to change. Please visit the websites of these municipalities for more information.

**INDIAN TRAIL**
www.indiantrail.org | 704-821-5401

**Hop-To-IT Easter Egg Hunt.** Held at Chestnut Square Park, Saturday April 8, 2017. Free face painting, crafts, activities, photos with the Easter Bunny and more.

**Sunset Series Concerts & Movies.** A series of free concerts and movies held on Friday evenings at Crossing Paths Park from May through July. Shows begin at dusk.

**Fourth of July Parade.** In the center of Indian Trail, the fun begins on July 4th at 9:30 am and the parade begins at 11:30 am. Bounce House, waterslide, watermelon contests and more.

**Cultural Arts Festival.** This event brings together local arts & crafts vendors, musicians and food trucks to highlight Indian Trail’s culture and history. Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Chestnut Square Park.

**Pottery Show.** Featuring artisans from throughout the region, this show has a number of different mediums to enjoy and take home. Held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Cultural Arts Center, 100 Navajo Lane, Indian Trail.

**IT’s a Wonderful Life Christmas Celebration.** Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 3, 2017 in the town of Indian Trail.

**LAKE PARK**
www.lakeparknc.gov | 704-882-8657

**April Saturday Kite Festival.** Lake Park NC residents host the family event with kite flying demonstrations, prizes for highest and longest airborne in Founders Park. Kites available.

**Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration.** Local nonprofit Common Heart sponsors Firecracker Run 10k (7am), 5k and 1k runs and a Kids Firecracker Dash. All proceeds feed local families in need. Race details at www.commonheartfirecrackerrun.com.

**National Night Out in Lake Park.** Professional emergency and public safety personnel present an evening of get acquainted activities and educational demonstrations for citizens and youth, arranged by Lake Park Village Council. First Tuesday in August 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Lake Park October Saturday Fall Festival.** Celebrating its 26th year in 2016, Lake Park NC residents sponsor games and rides, arts and crafts booths, food vendors, health and safety activities, music and promotion opportunities for local business, church and school organizations.

**Chili Cook Off.** Contestants offer samples of their favorite chili recipe for guests to taste and vote. Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Lake Park Memorial Day Ceremony.** Veterans and residents gather at Veterans Park to honor the sacrifice of those who defend our nation’s freedom. Held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., sponsored by Village Council. Lake Park NC is a Purple Heart Community.

**Sunday Evening Lake Park Christmas.** Christmas Tree Lighting and Concert, refreshments and horse-drawn carriage rides in Town Center Park. Sponsored by the Lake Park Homeowners Association.
MARSHVILLE
www.marshville.org | 704-624-2515

Marshville Boll Weevil Jamboree. Spend the day enjoying vendors, music, amusement rides, food, car/truck/motorcycle show, and games. Then hit the evening street dance at this annual event, presented by Marshville Chamber of Commerce. Held the third Saturday in September in downtown Marshville.

MINERAL SPRINGS
www.mineralspringsnc.com | 704-243-0505

Queen’s Cup Steeplechase. The annual Queen’s Cup Steeplechase includes live thoroughbred horse racing, parties, tailgating, contests and people-watching. Children 12 & under admitted for free and proceeds benefit the Alzheimer’s Association of Western NC. Always the last Saturday in April, rain or shine. Race course location 6103 Waxhaw Hwy, Mineral Springs. Call 704 843-707 or visit www.queenscup.org.

Mineral Springs Annual Festival. Mineral Springs holds an annual festival featuring local talent, craft and food vendors, corn hole tournament, dunk tank, and a children’s play area, which includes a bounce house and games. The festival is held on the second Saturday in September.

MONROE
www.monroenc.org | 704-282-4500

Beach, Blues & BBQ. Downtown Monroe comes alive with an eclectic mix of toe-tapping beach music and smooth jazz, all amid the aroma of dozens of BBQ vendors. Downtown Monroe heats up in early May with a sampling of delectable treats from individuals and groups along with amusement rides and live music. In addition to the food, rides, and music, several big pieces of machinery are on hand in the “Touch a Truck” area where kids and grown-ups alike can get up close and personal with the likes of fire trucks, combines, street sweepers and much, much more.

Music on Main. Hosted by the City of Monroe, Music on Main is a free summer concert series featuring primarily beach music. Held the fourth Thursday of the month from May through October, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Monroe. No charge for admission; adult beverages available.

Taste of Union. Held annually, Taste of Union is a fun food-tasting event that raises money for Operation Reach Out, a Christian nonprofit that helps provide for the physical and spiritual needs of those in Union County. The event features up to 20 local restaurants and caterers providing sample-size portions of some of their best dishes. The evening also includes a large silent auction, music and dancing, and a 50/50 raffle. Held in the Fall at the Union County Agricultural Center in Monroe. To purchase tickets, visit www.opreachout.org or call 704-289-4237.

Warbirds Over Monroe Air Show. This is a weekend dedicated to honoring the many men and women who have served this country in the armed forces. The two-day event, held on the first full weekend in November, brings upwards of 80,000 people to Monroe and the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport.

Spectators can get up close to the vintage aircraft as well as talk to the pilots before seeing the amazing aerobatic and pyrotechnic displays. Arrive early as gates open at 9 a.m. with the aerial entertainment starting around noon. Be sure to catch the special Veteran’s recognition program and take advantage of the enhanced children’s activities this year. www.warbirdsovermonroe.com.

Union County Christmas Parade. The Union County Christmas parade is held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving in Downtown Monroe. A poignant and long-held tradition, the parade is an exciting opportunity for families, businesses and local government to annually gather in the spirit of community and celebration. The Alliance for Children serves as the coordinating organization for the parade, reserving float space for participating groups and businesses, as well as managing all general logistics of the parade, continuing its tradition as Union County’s most popular holiday tradition. For more information, please call the Alliance for Children at 704-226-1407 or www.theallianceforchildren.org.

STALLINGS
www.stallingsnc.org | 704-821-8557

Stallings Bark in the Park. Fun day in the park with your pet which will include vendors, competitions, and giveaways! Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Blair Mill Park, 1025 Fair Oaks Dr, Stallings.

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**Easter Egg Hunt.** This is a fun event for the whole family with games and activities that include a doughnut eating contest, relay races, face painting, ring toss and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Saturday, April 15, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Stallings Elementary School.

**Blair Mill Disc Golf Tournament.** Family-friendly tournament located at Blair Mill Park, 1025 Fair Oaks Drive, Stallings. Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All skill levels welcome.

**Sunset Concert in the Park.** A family friendly night in the park with vendors, music, and food. Bring your chairs or a blanket and join us for the performance under the stars. Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Stallings Park.

**Children’s Fitness/ Safety & Movie Night.** The event includes an obstacle course and fitness activities for the family and a kickball game from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The movie begins at dusk where popcorn will be provided and food trucks will be on hand. Saturday, June 10, 2017 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Stallings Park.

**WAXHAW**
www.waxhaw.com | 704-843-2195

**JAARS Day.** Spend the day at JAARS headquarters, 7405 Jaars Rd., Waxhaw. Get an up-close look at how practical solutions like planes, 4WD vehicles, and computer software make Bible translation possible. Ride in a small aircraft, helicopter, boat, or 4WD; see media demonstrations in various languages; learn how computers make Bible translation possible; try on ethnic costumes and play musical instruments. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with activities happening all day. Four Saturday events per year. See scheduled dates at www.jaars.org/jaarsday; 704-843-6130.

**Waxhaw Kaleidoscope Fest.** A two-day art-centric event which takes place the third weekend in May. The festival showcases all things art and features high-quality art, handcrafted goods, performing arts, musicians, culinary arts, theatrical performances, and martial arts. Enjoy acoustic musical entertainment and street performances. Free Kids Zone, with carnival rides, inflatables, entertainers, concessions and more.

**Waxhaw Autumn Treasures.** A two-day event held in the second weekend in October. The festival features local crafters and musicians on Main Street, and barbecue cooking on the grills of professional barbecue teams on Friday and Saturday during the Grill’n & Chill’n BBQ Cook-off. Sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society, over 25 teams will compete for prize money and state championship titles. The Kids Zone features carnival rides, inflatables, rock climbing wall, pony rides, petting zoo, a children’s entertainment stage, kid’s crafts and more.

**Waxhaw Holiday Festival of Lights.** Waxhaw’s Christmas festivities officially kick-off during the Holiday Festival of Lights Ceremony held the First Friday in December from 6-9 p.m. Downtown will be illuminated with over 500,000 lights. The arrival of the Christmas season will be celebrated in a live performance Christmas Concert. Santa will arrive and visit with the children.

**WEDDINGTON**
www.townofweddington.com 704-846-2709

**Egg Hunt.** There are Over 4000 eggs filled with candy hidden around the Town Hall. The children enjoy various crafts including the popular spin art. Several bikes and baskets go in the raffle giveaway and live entertainment provides fun music to go along with the hula hoop and limbo contests.

**Country Festival.** Held in September this festival is fun for all ages: The “Kids” Corner features rides, slides, face painting, games, pumpkin decorating, and petting zoo. Senior BBQ picnic, free to anyone over the age of 65. “Art at the Corners” – features local juried artists selling their original artwork. The Best of Weddington Baking Contest, live entertainment, food and raffles.

**Annual Tree Lighting.** The annual Tree Lighting Event is a wonderful community event. Everyone that attends not only enjoys all of the local school choir groups but can make S’mores and have cookies and hot chocolate. This is a free event but toys and canned goods are collected for the Union County Christmas Bureau.
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Recreation is a big part of life in Union County, as evidenced by the large number of athletic associations, ball fields, parks, tournaments, golf courses and recreational facilities. All areas of the county have recreational facilities, most with playgrounds and ball fields.

If you love the links, you have found the right place. Union County’s gently rolling wooded hills and mild climate make it a year-round golfers’ paradise. With six semi-private golf clubs, three public courses and two private country clubs, you can easily find your niche. Courses designed by Jack Nicklaus (Longview) and Donald Ross (Monroe Country Club) await you.

In Monroe, the Parks and Recreation Department provides programs, fitness classes, sports leagues and summer day camps. The city operates the Monroe Golf Course and Country Club on U.S. 601 South. That facility features an 18-hole golf course, picnic area and nature trail. The ballroom is available for rentals and can accommodate up to 200 people.

Monroe also operates the Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center on Hanover Drive. Featuring a 25-yard indoor pool, basketball and racquetball courts, running/walking track and fitness equipment, the center also has a water park, whirlpool, sauna, steam room, massage and on-site child care to pamper you. Yoga, aerobics, martial arts and swim classes are available, as well as a wellness program.

The City of Monroe purchased the 30-acre Union County Fairgrounds property on the city’s western edge and has developed the Parks Williams Athletic Complex. This facility includes softball and soccer fields, a walking trail and restroom facilities. The City also recently renovated the Old Armory which houses the City’s newest community center, including a meeting room, children’s activity area, computer lab, restrooms, a fitness room, large media room and catering kitchen.

Indian Trail offers a number of special programs, such as festivals, events, youth camps and concerts, throughout the year at the Town’s three parks - Crossing Paths, Chestnut Square and Crooked Creek Parks. The parks provide an exciting assortment of outdoor activities, including walking paths, playgrounds, fitness classes, a dog park, disc golf course, ball fields, environmental education classes, sports clinics and a healthy, safe environment to enjoy the outdoors. They’ll soon be adding a splash pad, as well.

Stallings Municipal Park in the town of Stallings boasts an interactive fountain for warm weather enjoyment, and Blair Mill Park, also in Stallings, features a disc golf course.

The county’s largest recreation facility is Cane Creek Park, a family-oriented venue on 1,050 acres of land including a 350-acre trophy bass lake in southern Union County. This is one of three Trophy Bass Lakes in the State.

Water is the key to Cane Creek, including fishing, swimming and boating. The lake is home to some of the best large mouth bass fishing in the state as well as bluegill, crappie and catfish. A boat ramp allows you the opportunity to bring your own boat and pick your favorite fishing spot, or you may
rent a canoe or rowboat when you arrive at the Park. Large covered picnic shelters with power, water, grill and picnic tables invites visitors to enjoy just-caught fish or other savory items you may choose to bring with you. A concession stand is also available with a large listing of delicious items on their menu.

Park activities are not restricted to daytime. At the family camping area, you can relax at one of 108 family campsites overlooking the lake. The group camping area features 11 tent sites and six cabins to accommodate a maximum of six people each. Five horse campsites are available for horse enthusiasts who would like to bring their horse and camp overnight. Swimming, hiking, biking and horse trails also are available.

Union County developed a second district park in the east, near Wingate. Jesse Helms Park, located on a 230-acre tract on Presson Road, spreads across gently rolling wooded land. Amenities include athletic fields, hiking trails, picnic areas and natural areas.

Union County offers a host of privately owned recreational facilities:

Aw Shucks!
Aw Shucks Farms is a treasured destination each fall with lots to do for all ages. Attractions include hayrides, corn maze, pumpkins, a 1950’s Soda Shop, and an 1800’s train car featured on the Animal Planet! Paddle boats, fishing, and fossil mining make for a great outdoor party but indoor parties and weddings are also available in their event barn, The Cotton Gin. 3718 Plyler Mill Rd, Monroe. 704-709-7000. www.AwShucksCornMaze.com

Carolina Courts
Their 50,000 square foot facility includes 4 high school regulation sized basketball courts that can be converted to 8 middle school courts for basketball and volleyball. They offer lessons, league play, open gym play, academies, camps and much more for youth and adults. Carolina Courts also offers Pickleball, the fastest growing recreation sport in the United States. Carolina Courts also is home to Courtside Grill, located at 240 Chestnut Parkway, Indian Trail. 704-882-1115. www.carolinacourts.com

Extreme Ice Center
Extreme Ice Center offers the coolest activities all year around! At Extreme Ice Center, you will find two NHL sized sheets of ice and one ¼ sheet, aptly named “The Puddle,” as well as a Pro Shop, Concession Stand, Fitness Center, and the Center Ice Tavern. They also specialize in Birthday Parties, Summer or Winter Camps, and Group or Corporate Outings! Public Skating, private or group lessons, broomball, and league play are offered year around. 4705 Indian Trail-Fairview Road, Indian Trail. 704-882-1830. www.xicenter.com

Siskey YMCA
The Siskey Family YMCA in Matthews engages over 27,000 members with programs such as athletics to advocacy, dance classes to disease prevention, volleyball to volunteerism. The Y is a great place to improve your health, try new activities, spend time with family and friends, and connect with your
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Sun Valley 14 Theater
Sun Valley 14 Theatre is a state-of-the-art, luxury movie theatre that boasts fourteen fully expanded wall to wall screens, high-back rocker stadium seating, a movie awards program and superior concessions. Summer discount movies for kids, $5 Tuesdays* and monthly sensory friendly screenings. The theatre is surrounded by new restaurants to make it a night out or lunch and a movie. 6449 Old Monroe Rd, Indian Trail. 704-234-5373. www.stonetheatres.com (*3D and PDX additional)

Treehouse Vineyards
Treehouse Vineyards is a North Carolina winery, producing viniferous wines and wines from the first American grape – the muscadine, which is native to the NC region. Taste the fruits of the labor of local residents Phil and Dianne Nordan and their family, and be pleasantly surprised! Enjoy wine tastings, and events scheduled regularly such as live music, trivia night, line dancing lessons, Latin night, and murder mysteries. This beautiful 36-acre property boasts three treehouses all of which can be rented for overnight or hourly. They can also help you plan the wedding of your dreams and other special events. 301 Bay St, Monroe. 704-283-4208. www.treehousevineyards.com

Wingate University Athletics
If you’re a spectator, not a player, Wingate University competes in football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, golf, swimming, lacrosse, cross country and tennis. 220 N. Camden Rd, Wingate. 704-233-8000. www.wingate.edu

Easy Access to Charlotte
And you only have to drive a short way to Charlotte for semi-professional and professional games. The Carolina Panthers offer excitement for NFL fans. Don’t worry if you’re not a football fan, there are many more pro sports opportunities. Charlotte’s NBA basketball team, the Charlotte Hornets, plays at Time Warner Cable Arena in uptown Charlotte. Also located in Uptown Charlotte, the 150,000-square-foot NASCAR Hall of Fame is an interactive, entertainment attraction which honors the history and heritage of NASCAR. The Charlotte Knights play in the AAA International League at BB&T Ballpark in uptown Charlotte. The Charlotte Checkers, who skate at Time Warner Cable Arena, are members of the East Coast Hockey League. Each spring and summer, the Charlotte Eagles and Lady Eagles keep the adrenalin of soccer fans pumping. In May and October, Lowe’s Motor Speedway, off I-85 in Cabarrus County, comes alive with the best of NASCAR racing, including the Coca-Cola 600 and the UAW-GM Quality 500.

Other Recreational Facilities

Batter Up Hitting & Pitching Facility
batterupmonroe.com

Cane Creek Park
cou.union.nc.us

Charleston Panthers
panthers.com

Charlotte Checkers
gochekers.com

Charlotte Eagles
charlotteeagles.com

Charlotte Hornets
nba.com/hornets

Charlotte Knights
milb.com

Charlotte Motor Speedway
charlottemotorspeedway.com

Fox’s Alley Bowling Center
foxsalley.com

Kates Skating Center
katesindiantrail.com

Live, Laugh, Paint
livelaughpaintmonroe.com

Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center
monroeaquaticsandfitnesscenter.com

Nascar Hall of Fame
nascarhall.com/about

NCG Cinema – Monroe
ncgmovies.com/monroe/

The Athletic Barn
waxhawathleticbarn.com

Trails Dynasty Miniature Golf
trailandagility.com
Union County’s Retail Grows to meet Population

Retail sites, like industry and residential, are a critical component to development and the livability of Union County. As population has grown exponentially over the past decades, retail locations have followed at a rapid pace. This provides the necessary restaurants, shops, medical, and office venues demanded by the residents.

Major retailers such as Target can be found at established retail centers like Poplin Place in Monroe. While offering a mix of traditional restaurant and retail space, this development has generated a tax base worth $40 million demonstrating that retail brings much more than just conveniences to the community.

Poplin Place is complemented by the mixed use of office, medical and restaurants located across Highway 74 in The Park at Monroe shopping center. The Park at Monroe is a truly unique concept, blending medical offices and its anchor tenant, the 100,000 square foot Novant Medical Center, along with its nearly 52,000 square feet of retail space for tenants like Olive Garden and Moe’s Southwest Grill.

In 2012, the Sun Valley Commons shopping area opened in Indian Trail, providing Union County residents with a state of the art cinema, known as Stone Theater’s Sun Valley 14. Following the theater’s development, shops and restaurants, such as BT’s Burgerjoint, Hickory Tavern, and SweetFrog, jumped on the opportunity to take advantage of the younger demographic from the surrounding area. With 268,000 square feet of retail space located on 53 acres, Sun Valley Commons fills a niche in providing entertainment venues for residents and keeping retail dollars and tax revenues from crossing county lines.

Further south in the county, retail development continues to grow, as the Marvin Town Centre has come to life at the corner of Rea and Tom Short roads. With 10,000 square feet of space, Marvin Town Center is developing a strong retailer mix with stores like Kohl’s, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and Starbucks – one of only five Starbucks Reserved Clover Brewing stores in the Charlotte region. At the Northeast corner of this intersection, there are plans to create Marvin Commons, a 28-acre upscale center featuring a movie theater and mixed-use development including restaurants, retail and office space.

Several retail sites similar to Wesley Chapel’s Village Commons continue to flourish in municipalities across the county. This 430,000 square foot development caters to a large concentration of young families with unique offerings such as Harris Teeter’s 201 Central, a specialty beer and wine shop. Other sites are being considered for development in the more rural areas such as Fairview and Mineral Springs, bringing added conveniences closer to residents.

As these retail centers continue to develop, the residents will benefit with closer amenities and entertainment options, while Union County will realize an increase in its commercial tax base and sales tax revenue.
Located seven miles southeast of Charlotte and adjacent to I-485, Union County is home to as much diversity in one county as there is in the state of North Carolina. The Gateway region of the County, nearest to Charlotte, is a well-developed area, optimally suited for corporate offices and distribution locations. The central portion of the county has developed a strong base in advanced manufacturing, most notably in aerospace, and has the state’s highest concentration of aerospace companies - 18 companies in a seven mile radius. Agriculture reigns supreme on the eastern side of the county, where production of soybeans, corn and broiler chickens ranks among the highest in North Carolina. These attributes, along with the County’s strong workforce development pipeline from the public schools, South Piedmont Community College and Wingate University, combine to make Union County the ideal location for many manufacturers to call home.

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Agri-Business in Union County

Agriculture, once the primary industry in Union County, remains a viable part of the economy. Pumping more than $537 million into the economy annually, agribusiness is spread among poultry, cattle, eggs, soybeans, corn, wheat and nursery/ornamental plant production.

In order to embrace a community and its people one need only look to the past to the culture and values that undergird what Union County is today. In the 1920’s and 1930’s, life throughout the south was a patchwork of small farms devoted to subsistence agriculture. Farms consisted of a few chickens for eggs, a few rows of corn for meal, possibly a cow and hog for meat and milk, and cotton for clothing or as a source of cash. As years of soil depletion took their toll on production, and farm prices plummeted, many counties looked to other industries to fuel their economy and feed their people. Union County, to the contrary, combined a thirst for education and a spirit of cooperation to propel agriculture into a position of wealth and progressivism.

Today, Union County farmers and agribusiness represent over 15% of the county’s economy. Farm level income contributes $537 million dollars annually to the local economy, placing it third among the state’s 100 counties and 91st in the United States. Based on a study by NC State University economists, agriculture and agribusiness employ 15.2% of the total county workforce.

Rather than be content with backyard flocks, Union County farmers recognized the potential that large markets, such as Charlotte, its neighbor to the west, had to offer. As a result, Union County poultry producers became leaders in the concept of vertical integration. Vertical integration is a process which brings all aspects of production, such as genetics, health, nutrition, processing and marketing under a single management umbrella. Such a system provides the capital, management, and specialization to allow farmers to be more efficient, establishing Union County as an industry leader. Today, the county ranks 2nd in broiler production in NC with over 63 million birds marketed annually. Long a leader in turkey production, the county is currently 4th statewide and 11th nationally with 2.75 million produced each year. Central to this growth has been the access to processing. Union County boasts major processors - Tyson Foods, Pilgrims Pride, Circle S Ranch and Simpson Eggs - firms which together employ over 2,100 people. This combined production of poultry to make Union County the #1 poultry county in the nation based on 2015 data!

Rather than accept a future facing decreasing yields, Union County farmers led again by developing and adopting a process of crop production known as no-till. Instead of plowing, farmers plant directly into the previous crop’s residue, preserving topsoil, moisture and essential nutrients. The improved topsoil retention, increased yields and the lowered cost of this method of production led to Union County becoming a crop production leader as well. Union County currently ranks #1 in wheat, #4 in...
soybean and #7 in corn production in NC with over 145,000 acres of these commodity crops being produced in the county.

As the housing industry boomed in Union, farmers seized upon opportunity. Union County agriculture has become a major force in the “green industry” supplying ornamentals, turf, shade trees, and flowers to meet the demand for landscape materials. At present that segment of agriculture produces over 17 million dollars of farm income annually, ranking 10th in NC.

In recent years, a growing segment of agriculture has been the result of the increased interest in “local food”. As consumers become more aware of their food sources and its impact on their health and lifestyle, they are seeking a closer relationship with producers. Terms like organic, heirloom, farm-fresh, and artisan are becoming a part of a growing food movement and yet another marketing opportunity for Union County’s farmers. During the 5-year span of the ag census, locally sold direct marketed foods for consumption more than doubled.

Farmer’s Market
Local vendors offer homegrown produce, plants, baked goods and more. Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (seasonal), Saturdays (April – December) 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturdays (January – March) 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Located at 805 Skyway Drive, Monroe; 704-283-3626. Visit the Union County government website, www.co.union.nc.us/LivingHere/FarmersMarket for more information.
## Major Employers

As of April, 2015 4th Quarter. Source: NC Department of Commerce.

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A deliberate strategy to recruit and retain precision manufacturing has proven very successful for Union County. There are approximately 150 manufacturing firms employing nearly 15,000 people in the county. These firms represent manufacturing across a wide variety of sectors including aerospace, machine building, food processing, construction materials, plastics, and medical equipment.

This diversity of manufacturing sectors has enabled the community to avoid the dramatic ride of the business cycle. During the past fifteen years, Union County has maintained the lowest unemployment rate in the Charlotte region. When an economic downturn negatively affects one or more sectors, others remain strong and keep the local economy moving forward. This proved true during the last significant recession in that virtually every Union County manufacturer survived, and many experienced investment and job growth.

One important reason so many companies in the county weather economic cycles well is that they have long ago adopted continuous improvement and lean manufacturing practices throughout their organizations. Companies maximize productivity and profitability by continually investing in the latest production equipment, manufacturing techniques, and employee training.

The county’s diverse manufacturers enjoy a wide menu of support resources that serve to enhance most key functions of the company. Community partners such as South Piedmont Community College offer job-specific skills training. The North Carolina State Industrial Extension Service provides in-house analysis and coaching to improve product planning and production. Local utilities, in addition to supplying reliable, competitively-priced electricity, natural gas and water/sewer, perform energy audits that identify ways to become more energy efficient.

Precision based industrial sectors like aerospace have flourished in Union County. ATI Specialty Materials and UTC Aerospace Systems all are the high flyers in their industry. These companies, along with many others, have performed extensive due diligence on Union County prior to investing hundreds of millions of dollars. They found that the community’s workforce is extremely productive and other costs remain globally competitive. As a result, the Monroe area has been identified as one of the best locations to manufacture precision aerospace components in the United States.

Besides aerospace, Union County has attracted a bank of industry that is the envy of many communities. From plastics-based manufacturers and medical device manufacturers, like Greiner Bio-One and Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Co. - Plastics Division, to the traditional textile and food processing industry that have transformed into high production, high quality manufacturing centers; Union County has diversified around precision-based production facilities.

An abundance of smaller manufacturers thrive in the County as well, supplying many of the larger manufacturers throughout the United States and internationally. These manufacturers also play a critical role in the supply chain of Union County companies, allowing for close sourcing, efficiencies and reductions in costs. Machine shops and fabricating shops such as LA Simpson, Helms Machining, Swanson Sheet Metal, and many others produce high quality products that end up in the automotive, aerospace, medical, nuclear, automotive and many other industries.

The future of Union County manufacturing looks very prosperous.
Business & Industry in Union County

It’s great doing business in Union County. The area has become a magnet for companies who find the land, labor and support they need right here at home. Whether the focus is manufacturing, retail, services, small business or agriculture, business is booming here. Union County has been one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. during the past decade.

Blessed with expansive available land, easy access to interstates, the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport and nearby Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, Union County’s economy is robust and growing. The Monroe-Union County Economic Development office continues to work to support existing industries and to attract new firms that bring investment and jobs.

Union County and the City of Monroe both offer incentive grant programs to encourage retention among existing industries and to encourage new industry to locate in the county. Additionally, several other municipalities in the county are looking at creative ways to offer incentives to industries. South Piedmont Community College partners with these existing and incoming industries to match education and training programs with future employment needs.

Union County’s labor force of over 110,000 is productive and competitive. According to U.S. Census Bureau figures, Union County’s 2010 Median household income was $63,190; and per capita income was $27,469 (inflation adjusted dollars). For more than 17 years, Union County has also maintained the lowest unemployment rate in the Charlotte region.

A skilled workforce is one of Union County’s strongest assets. South Piedmont Community College offers a well-rounded curriculum, including associate degrees, certificate programs, and on-site training. Curriculum is tailored to the market demands. Advanced technical programs include state-of-the-art metallurgical science technology, mechanical engineering technology, welding technology, electrical systems technology and a heavy concentration in health care.

Wingate University, with its main campus as well as two satellite campuses in the Ballantyne area of Charlotte and Hendersonville, features doctorate programs in pharmacy, education, and physical therapy, fulfilling higher education needs throughout North and South Carolina.

The Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport is growing to accommodate new industries and to make the community more attractive for office and manufacturing development. With a runway of 7,000 feet, the airport can accommodate a full range of general aviation aircraft. The opening of the U.S. Customs Service in 2014 has set the airport up for the next several decades, allowing international flights to fly directly into Monroe and Union County. Union County’s current regional transportation linkage has already been further enhanced by the inclusion of the Charlotte Area Transportation System (CATS) daily express bus service from Monroe to uptown Charlotte on US 74 with stops in Indian Trail and Stallings.
These improvements will further enhance development in the nearby Monroe Corporate Center. The 500-acre business park, developed by the City of Monroe in 1996, has attracted world-class companies such as Greiner Bio-One, Scott Safety, Coca-Cola Bottling Consolidated Co., American Wick Drain, UTC Aerospace Systems, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, O’Neil Digital Solutions and Record USA. The City of Monroe is currently planning its 4th speculative building – an enticement to lure additional industry to the County.

Union County continues to enjoy significant growth which creates investment and jobs from both new and existing industries. The community has received national recognition for its accomplishments. Southern Business & Development named Monroe #3 in top 10 places for aerospace in the southeast. Accolades include being recognized by Southern Business and Development as a Top 10 Low-Cost Manufacturing location to re-shore near a major Southern airport and Top 5 location to supply Boeing.

The reputation of Carolinas HealthCare System - Union as a high quality, technologically advanced regional healthcare provider is of great importance to Union County’s economic development. The hospital completed features a new, state of the art maternity department and pediatrics unit that includes 13 pediatric rooms. The 70 bed Jesse Helms Nursing Center is named in honor of former Senator Jesse Helms, a Monroe native. His efforts resulted in a $1 million Congressional appropriation that provided a significant portion of the project’s initial capital.

NOVANT Health believes that residents should have access to quality care close to home. NOVANT Health provides a comprehensive outpatient health campus called NOVANT Health Medical Plaza Monroe. Conveniently located along Hwy. 74 across from Poplin Place Shopping Center, the three-building medical plaza offers convenient access to leading-edge health services including outpatient surgery and advanced diagnostic imaging such as digital mammography, CT and MRI technology. NOVANT Health Medical Plaza Monroe is also home to primary and specialty care physician practices including pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine, urgent care, OB/GYN, pediatric dentistry and orthodontists, and more.
Union County shares a mix of country charm and proximity to urban convenience. Its historic buildings and old-fashioned main streets share the same page with new housing developments and bustling department stores. Union County’s growth rate has remained steady for the past few years, making Union County the 8th fastest growing county in the state.

Our population is expected to grow from 215,956 in July 2014 to approximately 250,000 by the year 2019.

While anticipating plans for ever-improving infrastructure and projects like the Monroe Bypass, Union County looks to preserve its heritage.

The birthplace of Andrew Jackson is also the home of beautiful and natural areas like Cane Creek Park and Brooklandwood, home of the Charlotte Queen’s Cup Steeplechase. The county has plenty to offer and welcomes newcomers to enjoy its unique quality of life.

Newcomers who want to share the future by putting down roots here find a myriad of options, from traditional two-story homes to historic mansions, from sprawling ranch-style abodes to cozy farm houses and country estates with barns and stables.

Whatever you select, you’ll find reasonable housing prices here; in fact, you may discover your dollars go a bit further than they did in your old hometown. Or, if you prefer, you’ll find plenty of new upscale construction, especially in western Union County near Weddington, Marvin, Waxhaw and Wesley Chapel.

The Carolina Multiple Listing Service (CMLS) lists Union County as Area 10. The Union County Board of Realtors has divided that into five sub areas, four in the county and the fifth in Monroe. For more information on what these areas offer, ask your realtor.

After you read these brief profiles of Union County’s towns, drive around and get to know the area. You’re sure to discover the perfect home for you.
Monroe (County Seat)
The city of Monroe is a vibrant and progressive city that serves as the hub of retail, government, culture, and industry in Union County.

From the large Historic District complete with stately homes and a newly revitalized downtown, to its industrial core attracting businesses from across the globe, to the ever-growing retail marketplace, Monroe has something to offer to all.

The downtown area is currently in the throes of a revitalization plan that has been spearheaded by city leaders. The plan is geared to increase traffic to downtown businesses as well as to show off the charm of the tree-lined streets and make the downtown area a destination for families. Several activities like live music, antique car cruise-ins, and the Beach, Blues and BBQ festival, to name just a few, are held throughout the year. The downtown, at times, also finds itself the center of attention as film crews use the backdrop of the Historic Union County Courthouse and charm of Main Street in major motion pictures. (704) 282-4500.

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Real Property Tax
(per $100) Assessed Value Rate
(Source: Union County Tax Assessor’s Office) As of July, 2016

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Monroe continues to grow its industrial base in the Monroe Corporate Center, strategically located adjacent to the Charlotte-Monroe Executive Airport and South Piedmont Community College. The Corporate Center plays home to several international and local companies and has room for continued development. The city also has a new industrial park called AeroPointe; this corporate complex will satisfy the needs of smaller businesses.

Monroe is known for its aerospace industry cluster. The recent growth of this business segment goes hand in hand with the growth at airport. The 6,000-square-foot terminal overlooks a runway that has been recently expanded to 7,000 feet to attract businesses that will land and store their private jets in Monroe.

Other retail development along U.S. 74 includes large national retailers as well as small family-owned businesses. This development has occurred at a steady pace, giving residents shopping options that will keep them close to home. South Piedmont Community College strengthens the city’s economic and educational future. SPCC has a campus on Old Charlotte Highway and offers numerous degree programs along with continuing education, college transfer, basic skills, and workforce training.

Monroe is also home to Carolinas Healthcare Center-Union, Novant Health Medical Plaza, and several medical offices and specialists to provide the highest level of medical care available.

In regard to recreation, Monroe is home to the Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center, a state-of-the-art facility complete with workout area, basketball courts, indoor swimming pool, and an outdoor water park. The city of Monroe also operates Monroe Country Club, a municipal golf course that is truly a delight to play.

Whatever your need or desire, Monroe is your destination.

Fairview

When folks in the Fairview community needed a gymnasium for their school in the 1930s, they built it themselves. It is that sense of community that residents preserved when they incorporated in 2002. The town tax rate is 2.0 cents per $100. Taxes help the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department with equipment. Tax funds are also being used to fund the matching part of a grant received to build a park for the Fairview community. The park is currently under construction and should be completed in 2017.

Fairview is predominantly farmland and single-family homeowners. Fairview’s borders stretch from the county’s northernmost border to Unionville on the south. The N.C. 218 and U.S. 601 intersection is the heart of the community. The nearby Fairview Volunteer Fire Department serves as its focal point which houses the office of the Land Use Administrator and Town Clerk.

The Town Council meets at 7:00 pm the second Monday of each month at the Fairview Town Hall at 7516 Concord Highway, which is located at the old Fairview Elementary School site. (704) 753-1981. www.fairviewnc.gov

Hemby Bridge

The Town of Hemby Bridge was established on November 3, 1998. Farmers and residents in the Hemby Bridge community wanted to create the town to help preserve their way of life with a small town feel and community spirit. Hemby Bridge likes to keep things simple. One important way they have done that is by keeping a zero percent tax rate. The town has also managed to keep that small town feel through events that bring the residents together, such as the Hemby Bridge Foundation’s Community Fish Fries to support fellow citizens in need. Hemby Bridge is widely known for its Christmas Lights. Every Christmas the town lights up its town center with a huge display. Over the last several years the Christmas Lighting has grown into an all-day Christmas Festival and Parade. On the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving, over seventy vendors and thousands of people gather in our small town to celebrate the season. We invite everyone to come on out and enjoy the holiday festivities with us! Hemby Bridge is a Small Town with a Big Heart for its Community. (704) 882-3940. www.hembybridgenc.govoffice2.com
Indian Trail
Welcome to the Town of Indian Trail! Whether you are a long-time resident or have recently relocated to Indian Trail, everybody enjoys living, working, playing and learning in Indian Trail! In recent years, the Town has been named a U.S. Top Ten “Best Places for Families” by Family Circle Magazine, the “Most Affordable Place in North Carolina,” a “Great Place for Healthy Living in N.C.” and one of the Top Five “Best North Carolina Towns for Young Families.” These accolades highlight just a few of the many great aspects of Indian Trail: affordable housing, great neighborhoods, substantial green space and A-plus schools.

Indian Trail welcomes and promotes new businesses and entertainment venues to help better serve its ever-growing residential population, and we remain dedicated to bringing the best amenities to our residents while keeping a small-town feel. For those residents and businesses looking for metropolitan conveniences, Indian Trail is just a short drive to downtown Charlotte, where residents can enjoy professional and college sports, international amenities, shopping for everyone, world-class museums and delicious restaurants. Indian Trail is located near an international airport, minutes away from a busy regional airport (Charlotte-Monroe Airport) and has instant access to Interstates 485 and 74. We have two higher education institutions that border Indian Trail: South Piedmont Community College and Central Piedmont Community College.

Indian Trail, incorporated in 1907, can trace its beginnings to the 1750s with the establishment of a trade route between Virginia and the Waxhaw Indian settlement. The economy evolved from a trading and gold mining community to an agriculture and transportation hub.

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with the development of the railroad in the 1870s. Since the suburban trend emerged, Indian Trail has experienced huge residential growth. According to 2010 Census reports, the population has grown from less than 1,800 in 1990 to approximately 36,000 residents today.

Indian Trail is at an exciting crossroads of development! Town of Indian Trail elected officials and staff work in partnership with local civic organizations and community businesses to foster orderly growth and inspire community pride by offering a variety of activities including festivals, events and concerts throughout the year at the Town’s three parks - Crossing Paths, Chestnut Square and Crooked Creek Parks. Our parks provide an exciting assortment of outdoor activities, including walking paths, playgrounds, fitness classes, a dog park, disc golf course, ball fields, environmental education classes, sports clinics and a healthy, safe environment to enjoy the outdoors. We’ll soon be adding a splash pad, as well!

Come join us and see what IT is all about! (704) 821-5401. www.indiantrail.org

Lake Park
Lake Park NC residents host an annual family Kite Festival in spring and a Fall Festival in October. The Village sponsors an annual 4th of July picnic and kid’s parade and hosts both the Union County Girls on the Run 5k Race in April and the Common Heart Firecracker and 5K Race. Union County’s first National Night Out was held here in 2006. Recognized as a Purple Heart Community since 2012, Lake Park annually commemorates Memorial Day here in Veterans Park.

Our Town Center and unique neighborhoods offer exciting opportunities for commercial enterprise and residential growth, a hometown to families and singles of all ages. Shops, restaurants, medical and insurance offices flourish near local churches, Matthews Charter School, and three child care centers. Largest village employers include Lucas Landscaping and the Lake Park Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Lake Park is just a mile from Highway 74, convenient to I-485, and features over 60 acres of public areas: parks, ponds, playgrounds, outdoor tennis, basketball and swimming pools ~ all linked by paved sidewalks. Union County’s Fred Kirby Park is also located within the village and offers lighted soccer and baseball fields.

As North Carolina’s first planned urban community, Lake Park broke ground in 1990, and incorporated as the Village of Lake Park in 1994. Estate homes encircle a pedestrian friendly town center. Charlestonian row houses, 2-story homes, patio homes, townhomes and condominiums line quiet streets. Shaded sidewalks provide easy access around Town Center Park near our chiming Venetian style clock tower. Blooming planters, bubbling fountains and brick crosswalks add to Lake Park’s charm. (704) 882-8657. www.lakeparknc.gov or www.mylakeparknc.com

Marshville
Marshville began as the trading center for a surrounding farming community when the railroad built a cotton platform there in the mid 1800’s. The town has grown over the years, but it still retains strong ties to agriculture and its rural past. The CSX railroad tracks that bisect the town are a constant reminder of Marshville’s continuing appeal as a trading center.

Known early on as Beaver Dam and incorporated in 1877 as Griffinsville, the town was renamed in 1895 for J. W. Marsh, who donated land for a new town hall, school and churches. Claims to fame for Union County’s easternmost town include its status as the boyhood home of country music star Randy Travis and setting for the 1985 movie The Color Purple. In 2013 Marshville was designated as a Small Town Main St. community.

Marshville straddles US 74 and is looking forward to the Fall, 2018 completion of a bypass that will provide quicker access to Charlotte. One of the few “full service” towns in “Sweet Union” Marshville maintains 27 miles of water system, 15 miles of sewer service, 12 miles of town streets and provides 24-hour police protection.

Marshville is proud of its well-appointed 13-acre park, downtown Community Center, and the state of the art Lois Morgan Edwards Memorial Library. The Marshville Museum and Cultural Center opened
in June, 2013 in the Old Town Hall building at 201 N. Elm Street, and features exhibits on the history of Marshville and surrounding areas as well as regular art exhibits.

Town Council meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The Planning Board meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. The Boll Weevil Jamboree is held each year on the 3rd Saturday in September.

Marshville’s Town Hall, located 35 miles east of Charlotte at 201 W. Main Street, is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. (704) 624-2515. www.marshville.org

Marvin
Known for its beautiful rural atmosphere and horse farms, Union County’s westernmost municipality is making provisions for commercial development to coexist in the community while preserving the rural character. Marvin’s quiet pastoral scenes have attracted quick growth from many areas of the US. Firethorne, a large golf-oriented upscale development, the Marvin-Efird Park with its scenic views, trails, playground and barn, and Marvin’s one and one-half miles of multi-use trails, has established Marvin as a signature high-end residential community while maintaining a low tax rate. Marvin’s $160,093 median household income is among the state’s highest. (704) 843-1680. www.marvinnc.org

Mineral Springs
A self-described ‘country town’ with a long history and a penchant for horses, Mineral Springs has worked hard to preserve its farmland, forests, and its identity. Growing up between Monroe and Waxhaw, the town favors selected retail development. Town leaders shun strip malls, instead envisioning a pedestrian-oriented downtown with quaint shops.

Many newcomers arrive here with horses in tow. Mineral Springs is proud to be the home of Brooklandwood, the rolling, prestigious Charlotte Steeplechase track. Each April, the Queen’s Cup attracts over 20,000 visitors. Mineral Springs is also home to numerous horse breeding, training, and boarding facilities of all sizes.

Building upon an existing network of horse trails, the Mineral Springs Greenway is a mixed-use trail system open to hikers and joggers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers. The parking area is located at 6214 McNeely Road. The longest trail is just less than two miles closely following the Wolf and Bates Branches. Our multi-use trails are open to the public from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
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Mineral Springs began holding an annual festival in 2015 featuring local talent, craft and food vendors and a children’s play area, which includes a bounce house. The festival is held on the second Saturday in September. (704) 243-0505. www.mineralspringsnc.com.

**Unionville**
Unionville encompasses almost 19,000 acres north of Monroe and south of Fairview along U.S. 601 and Highway 200. While retaining its rural atmosphere, this old community with a newly-resurrected municipal charter maintains a low tax rate. The Unionville Presbyterian Church’s fellowship hall was donated by the church members to the Town Council as a Town Hall in 2000. Unionville students designed the Town’s seal in 2002. Longtime traditions include a Fourth of July celebration and parade, and Unionville Elementary School’s annual barbecue the first Friday in November. This is one of the area’s largest and most well-known fundraising events for an elementary school. Also in 2000, the Town established an annual Christmas tree-lighting the first Saturday in December, and the Sam F. Keziah Unionville American Legion Post #535 hosts the parade prior to the tree-lighting. (704) 226-1989. www.unionvillenc.com.

**Stallings**
Our growth has been rapid, but we have retained the small town character that defines the cherished meaning of the phrase “hometown.” As we have evolved and grown, we have preserved our independent spirit and sometimes stubborn tenacity, a resolve that led our founders to band together rather than be claimed by another community, one that is still seen in the organizations nurturing our schools and shaping our future.

Established in 1975, we are very young by most standards, and we welcome new neighbors who share our desire for small town charm with an unrivaled quality of life.

We enjoy the benefits of big-city commerce and culture, but exist as an oasis in a fast paced metro. We trade traffic congestion for family walks in the neighborhood, sounds of the city for children’s laughter in the park, corporate meetings for socializing at the high school football game.

We are both natives and newcomers. We cherish our separate and unique neighborhoods and the tight-knit community they create. We rally around our children’s schools as they continue to be some of the best in the region. No matter whom we are or where we come from, the thread that binds us together is our love of family, our love of connection and our love of community, this community, a special place known as Stallings, with everything we need at a pace we can enjoy. Being a member of this community truly means you are part of something special, and in a sense, we are the standard of what good communities look like. (704) 821-8557. www.stallingsnc.org.

**Waxhaw**
A historic downtown, inviting parks, outdoor events, dining, shopping, lovely art, families, and relaxed living is what makes up Waxhaw. Whether you enjoy a rustic or refined style of life, Waxhaw has something for you. Located along NC 75 and close to the South Carolina border, this charming town took its name from the Waxhaw Indians, a tribe that once inhabited the area. Located only 20 minutes south of Charlotte, Waxhaw has earned the reputation of a progressive yet quaint small town with big city amenities, where one can raise a family and enjoy a safe and active community.

Waxhaw was incorporated on March 7, 1889. Waxhaw has become known for the numerous outdoor events held in its downtown area throughout the year including Spring Kaleidoscope, Friday night summer concerts, an Independence Day parade, beach party and fireworks celebration, and Autumn Treasures. The 12 Days of Christmas Celebration begins the first Friday in December with the Holiday Festival of Lights and continues with weekend activities through the weekend before Christmas. A live nativity, Senior Citizen Christmas Party, Christmas Parade,
live windows in the downtown storefronts, and more. The town also honors its veterans by holding Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day ceremonies, in addition to collaborating with the Waxhaw Business Association for a Patriot Day Ceremony. All are held at the Military Wall of Honor located in downtown. The town is also increasing its visibility among the art community with an annual juried art show, an open air art market, a downtown art walk, and art showings by over 30 local artists and 24 art studios located in the area.

Much of the quaintness of downtown Waxhaw is due to the railroad tracks which run parallel through the center of Town dividing Main Street into two sides, each complemented by plush strips of green. Almost all of downtown can be viewed from the rustic overhead bridge built across the tracks that once carried vehicles and is one of the historic landmarks in the Town. The beloved bridge provides children and adults a place to cross or stand and watch the train going through town while feeling the rumble under their feet and garnering the occasional whistle blow from the train engineer.

Offered several times a year is the popular Historic Walking Tour, a stroll through the Waxhaw Historic District—listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The tour details Waxhaw’s proud history and the beautiful old homes that line the streets. Designated by First Lady Michelle Obama as a Preserve America community, Waxhaw boasts a downtown bustling with activity every day of the week—especially on First Fridays, a monthly themed event sponsored by the Waxhaw Main Street Program, and during special events.

Several parks in the area have been renovated or completed for children and families to enjoy. In the downtown area is the David G. Barnes Park, located at 219 S.W. Main Street, with playground equipment for the little ones. It stands adjacent to the Waxhaw Sk8 Park, popular with skateboard enthusiasts. Also in downtown is the Dare Steele Garden on South Providence Street, developed to honor the memory of former Waxhaw teacher and resident Dare Steele. The Harvey Clay Nesbit Park is also open at 1304 H.C. Nesbit Road. Located five minutes south of Waxhaw on Harkey Road is Cane Creek Park, a 1050 acre Union County owned park that draws visitors with its 350 acre trophy bass lake, a beach and swimming area, boats for rental, miniature golf, campsites and rental cabins. Eight miles of trails beckon mountain bikers.

Waxhaw has many cultural roots. The Museum of the Waxhaws is a memorial to President Andrew Jackson, the Waxhaw Indians, and the Land of the Waxhaws. The museum offers field trips, group visits, and special events such as a D-Day Celebration, living history events, gold panning, civil war reenactments and more. Located just south of Waxhaw is JAARS—an organization that works with more than 70 partner organizations worldwide.

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to provide the tools and training they need to translate the Bible into thousands of languages. The JAARS Center offers weekday tours, has a lunch room open to the public and includes two museums, the Museum of the Alphabet and the Mexico-Cardenas Museum.

Laden with history, Waxhaw offers not only its historical district and established neighborhoods, but modern shopping districts and businesses as well. Newer housing can be found along Hwy 16 towards Charlotte, along NC 16 east and west, and along Rehobeth Road. Proud of Our Past and Passionate about Our Future is a slogan lived daily in this Tree City, USA town. 704-843-2195. www.waxhaw.com

**Weddington**

The Town of Weddington is located in the northwestern corner of Union County, approximately 15 miles southeast of the City of Charlotte and 14 miles northwest of downtown Monroe. The Town encompasses approximately 17 square miles or 11,044 acres. Weddington currently has a population of approximately 11,500.

The Town consists almost entirely of single-family homes on lots of one acre or more. The Town’s only commercial area is located in the vicinity of NC 16 and NC 84 and is referred to as the Town Center. Only 27 of the 11,044 acres within Weddington are commercially zoned, and they are all located in what is considered the Town Center. Weddington Corners Shopping Center is located at the corner of Providence and Weddington Roads. The Town Hall also is located in this area within the Town Center and is a locally designated historic home built in 1894.

The Town tax rate is 5.2 cents per $100 valuation. Taxes help to fund a contractual agreement with the Union County Sheriff’s office for Sheriff Deputy’s who are assigned specifically to the Weddington area that provide additional coverage on top of what is already provided by Union County. Taxes also help fund “first responders” service to the Town.

The form of government is Mayor and Council. Council meetings are held the 2nd Monday night of each month in the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday or by appointment.

Planning for the Town is provided via a Zoning Administrator/Planner and a 7-member Planning Board. Planning Board meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Town holds several community events throughout the year. The Easter Egg Hunt is held in the spring at the Town Hall. Kids enjoy games, prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Town schedules a spring and fall Litter Sweep where residents are encouraged to help clean up the roads within the Town. In September, the Town holds the Weddington Country Festival featuring Art at the Corners – an all day festival of games, entertainment, baking contests, art show, food and family fun. Lastly, our Annual Tree Lighting is held in December where the Town lights the tree and enjoys local groups performing while residents enjoy hot cocoa and cookies. (704) 846-2709. www.townofweddington.com.

**Wesley Chapel**

Nestled between Monroe and Weddington, Wesley Chapel was incorporated in 1998 around a century-old community of the same name. The town’s commercial development, anchored by three upscale shopping centers at the intersection of N.C. 84 and Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road, enhances the village center. The newest addition to that center is the Town’s first municipal building, our Village Hall, at the east end of the shopping area. A mile to the west, at the corner of Lester Davis Road and NC 84 is the Village’s first Park, Dogwood Park, offering residents a quiet atmosphere to relax in a wooded environment with many walking trails (paved and unpaved), a dog park, a 2 ½ acre pond complimented by a fishing pier and an amphitheater to host local musical and artistic events. The pier is a Community Fishing Program Site and ADA accessible.

Boasting a rural atmosphere, Wesley Chapel is a short 30-40 minute drive from Charlotte. Look for medium to upper end single family homes nestled amongst rolling
green countryside still dotted with farms and cattle. Wesley Chapel and New Town Elementary Schools are part of the community fabric and a source of local pride. Several other elementary, middle and high schools are nearby and provide quality education for the children in our community.

Taxes are kept low by a centralized government aided by a small, capable staff, and also by the volunteerism of the community, including many families who have worked to make the park a reality through participation in volunteer days. Meeting dates as well as other community information can be found on the Village website: www.wesleychapelnc.com. (704) 839-0182

Wesley Chapel is truly “A Great Place to Live and Raise a Family”.

Wingate

Wingate started with the name Ames Turnout for a contractor named Ames who graded the bed for the railroad tracks that run through town. The name was changed to Wingate in the late 1890s.

The town is inextricably linked with Wingate University, a private comprehensive institution that recently celebrated its 115th year. Growth is likely to come to both the town and the school within the next decade when the Monroe Bypass, connecting U.S. 74 at a point near Wingate, makes Charlotte less than a half-hour’s drive away.

Wingate University offers 35 bachelor’s degrees, master’s degrees in business, accounting, education, physician assistant studies and sport administration and doctorates in pharmacy, physical therapy and education. Most of the more than 2,500 students attend classes at the 400-acre main campus just off U.S. 74; others attend the university’s Matthews and Hendersonville campuses. The University is proud of its state-of-the-art George A. Batte Fine Arts Center and the Levine College of Health Sciences which houses the School of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Studies program.

Wingate is home to the Jesse Helms Center on U.S. 74 near the Wingate campus. The center is a tribute to the late US Senator Jesse Helms, R-N.C., a Union County native and Wingate College graduate (class of 1939). It displays exhibits and memorabilia and will house the senator’s papers. The Helms Center sponsors a lecture series that brings government and international leaders to campus for public speeches and sessions with students. Visitors to town in recent years include Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Margaret Thatcher, and The Dalai Lama. The town of Wingate is proud of its new city hall, a historic Greek revival home released from the Jesse Helms Center and next door to the complex. 704-233-4411. www.townofwingate.gov
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For Power and Information

Union Power Cooperative
union-power.com
Utilities in Union County

Electricity
City of Monroe - 704-282-4511
www.monroenc.org
Serves most of Monroe. Duke Energy and Union Power Cooperative serve small areas in outlying portions within the city limits of Monroe.

Duke Energy - 800-777-9898
www.duke-energy.com
Serves many unincorporated areas, and portions of the towns of Fairview, Indian Trail, Marshville, Mineral Springs, Monroe, Unionville, Waxhaw, Weddington, Wesley Chapel, Wingate and Stallings.

Pee Dee Electric - 800-992-1626
www.pdenc.com
Serves a small area in southeast Union County.

Union Power Cooperative - 704-289-3145
Serves many unincorporated areas, all of the towns of Hemby Bridge, Lake Park and Marvin, and the towns of Fairview, Indian Trail, Marshville, Mineral Springs, Monroe, Unionville, Waxhaw, Weddington, Wesley Chapel, Wingate and Stallings.

Water/Sewer
City of Monroe - 704-282-4511
www.monroenc.org
Serves Monroe.

Union County Public Works - 704-296-4210
www.co.union.nc.us
Serves unincorporated areas and all or portions of towns of Hemby Bridge, Indian Trail, Lake Park, Marvin, Stallings, Waxhaw and Weddington. Marshville and Wingate contract with Union County for purchase of water and treatment of sewer and bill their customers. Private sewer companies support some subdivisions.

Natural Gas
City of Monroe - 704-282-4511
www.monroenc.org
Serves Monroe and Wingate.

Piedmont Natural Gas - 800-275-6264
www.piedmontng.com
Serves most of Union County.

Trash/Recycling
Commercial Collection Office
704-233-5334

Residential Collection Office
704-512-9821

Recycling Office – 704-296-4213
www.co.union.nc.us
Unincorporated residents may contract directly with any number of independent solid waste collection service contractors within the county for services. City of Monroe, Town of Indian Trail, the Village of Lake Park, Town of Marshville, Town of Stallings, Town of Waxhaw, and Town of Wingate provide curbside pickup for their residents. Residents of these towns should contact their municipalities for further information.

Telephone/Cable/Internet
Frontier Communications
www.frontier.com
(Monroe/Wingate/Central Union County)
Residential service - 877-462-8188
Business service - 877-462-8188

Time Warner Cable
www.timewarnercable.com
Weddington 704-377-9600

Time Warner Cable
Monroe and remainder of Union County
704-289-3168

Verizon - www.verizon.com - (Monroe/Wingate/Central Union Cty)
Residential service - 800-483-4300
Business service - 800-483-5300

Windstream - www.windstream.com -
(Eastern Union County)
Residential service - 704-624-2101
Business service - 704-847-9055

Windstream - (Western Union County)
Residential service - 704-847-4828
Business service - 704-847-9055
Driver’s License Offices

3122 US 74 West, Monroe, NC 28110 | 704-283-4264 | www.ncdot.gov/dmv

All new residents who plan to drive must obtain a NC driver’s license within 60 days. Most newcomers seek a Class C license for personal cars and small trucks. Motorcycle riders also need a motorcycle endorsement. Licensed drivers who are 16 or 17 years old must show passage of a state-approved driver education course in their former state; otherwise, they receive a temporary license. You may obtain a NC Level 1 permit at 15 after passing an approved driver education course. NC driver’s licenses are valid for five years. Apply in person at a driver’s license office and take the vision, sign recognition and written tests. A “Driver’s Handbook” study book is available at DMV offices or online at https://www.ncdot.gov/download/dmv/handbooks_NCDL_English.pdf

Present your current out-of-state license or two other accepted forms of ID (such as passport or birth certificate), proof of residency (utility bill, bank statement, etc.), Social Security or taxpayer ID and liability insurance from an insurer licensed in North Carolina.

A Class C license costs $4.00 per year. The motorcycle endorsement is an additional $1.75 per year, and you must pass a road skills test.

Police

All law enforcement emergencies call 911. The following towns have their own police, which can be contacted directly:
- Marshville: 704-624-6767
- Monroe: 704-282-4700
- Stallings: 704-821-0300
- Waxhaw: 704-843-0353
- Wingate: 704-233-1697

All other towns call the Sheriff’s Office: 704-283-8101
State Highway Patrol: 919-733-7952 Monroe office: 704-283-8101

Fire - To report fire county-wide call 911.

DMV Plate & Vehicle Registration

622E West Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110
704-283-4113
14015-J East Independence Blvd., Indian Trail, NC 28079
704-234-8704

You must register your vehicle before the reciprocity agreement between North Carolina and your former state expires (usually 30 days). Registration is renewed annually.

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Present your title (unless title is held by a lien holder) and a valid registration card from your former state. If a lien holder holds your title, you must provide the lien holder’s name and address on a state form for title release. You also must present proof of vehicle liability insurance that meets state standards.

Fees include $40 title fee, $28 registration fee for auto and a highway use tax that ranges up to $150 depending on the situation. Checks are acceptable with two proofs of identification. You must have a N.C. driver’s license or N.C. checking account.

You also must obtain a vehicle safety inspection within 10 days of receiving your license plate. This costs $13.60 and can be done at any state-authorized inspection station. Inspection is required annually. Vehicles newer than 1996 and registered in Union County must pass a $30.00 annual emission inspection.

N.C. counties assess property taxes annually. Your car will be registered when you receive your license plate, and you’ll receive a bill in about three months.
Rules of the Road

- Speed limits range from 55 mph to 70 mph on interstates and from 55 mph to 65 mph on open highways. The limit is 35 mph within city limits unless otherwise posted.
- Motorcyclists must wear helmets and drive with lights on at all times.
- Seat belt use is mandatory for drivers and front seat passengers. Children eight and younger and weighing less than 80 pounds must be restrained in a child safety seat in the back seat, if the vehicle has an active passenger side air bag and a back seat that can hold the safety seat. Passengers younger than 16 must use a seat belt or a safety seat, regardless of where they sit.
- Right turn on red is permitted after a complete stop unless otherwise posted. Left turn on red is not permitted.
- Driving while impaired rules (DWI) are strict. The state blood alcohol level limit is 0.08 percent but motorists can be charged if other drugs affect them. Penalties can include fines, imprisonment and license revocation.
- It is unlawful for a driver under the age of 18 to use a cell phone while driving.

Voter Registration
www.unioncountync.gov/elections

You must be a United States citizen; at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election; have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days before the election in which I intend to vote; no active felony conviction. You may register to vote at the Board of Elections at 316-B East Windsor Street in Monroe or the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (if conducting other transactions). Registration forms are available at the Union County Library at 316 East Windsor Street in Monroe or any branch, any town hall, post office or high school in Union County. In addition, you may print a registration form at www.co.union.nc.us/elections. Completed forms should be mailed to the Board of Elections, PO Box 1106, Monroe, NC 28111. This application must be received (or postmarked) by your county board of elections no later than 25 days before the date of the first election in which you desire to vote. Registered voters have the option of early voting in-person at select voting sites or at the main library in Monroe. Absentee Ballot by Mail is also an option, the request form and instructions are available at www.co.union.nc.us/elections. Effective January 1, 2016, North Carolina voters will need to show a photo ID when voting in person. Contact the Board of Elections at 704-283-3809 for information concerning election dates, voting locations or if you have additional questions.
Get in Touch with Local Governments

Union County: 704-753-1981
or www.co.union.nc.us

Administrative Offices for Municipalities

FAIRVIEW: 704-753-1984
www.fairviewnc.gov
HEMBY BRIDGE: 704-882-3940
www.hembybridgenc.govoffice2.com
INDIAN TRAIL: 704-821-5401
www.indiantrail.org
LAKE PARK: 704-882-8657
www.lakeparknc.gov
MARSHVILLE: 704-624-2515
www.marshville.org
MARVIN: 704-843-1680
www.marvinnc.org
MINERAL SPRINGS: 704-243-0505
www.mineralspringsnc.com
MONROE: 704-282-4500
www.monroenc.org
STALLINGS: 704-821-8557
www.stallingsnc.org
UNIONVILLE: 704-226-1989
www.unionvillenc.com
WAXHAW: 704-843-2195
www.waxhaw.com
WEDDINGTON: 704-846-2709
www.townofweddington.com
WESLEY CHAPEL: 704-243-7391
www.wesleychapelnc.com
WINGATE: 704-233-4411
www.townofwingatenc.gov

Event Facilities

Aw Shucks!
3718 Plyler Mill Rd.
Monroe NC 28112
704-221-0350

CHS-Waxhaw Community Room
Providence Road South
Waxhaw NC 28173
704-667-6802

Hampton Inn Charlotte/Monroe
2368 Roland Dr., Monroe NC 28110
704-220-2200

Henry Hall Wilson House
1301 E. Franklin St., Monroe NC 28112
704-283-1912

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
2505 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe NC 28110
704-774-1779

Monroe Country Club
Hwy 601 South, Monroe NC 28110
704-282-4661

South Piedmont Community College Conference Center
4209 Old Charlotte Hwy, Monroe NC 28110
704-292-1200

The Bottle Factory
304 W. Franklin St., Monroe NC 28112
704-226-9777

The Jesse Helms Center
3910 US Hwy 74 East, Wingate NC 28174

Union County Agricultural Services Center
3230-D Presson Rd., Monroe NC 28112

Wingate University LaVerne Banquet Hall
403 N. Camden St., Wingate NC 28174

US Post Offices

Indian Trail 28079 - 210 Postage Way
704-821-4977

Marshville 28103 - 322 E. Union Street
704-624-2059

Matthews 28104 - 301 E. John Street
704-847-6063

Mineral Springs 28108 - 5912 Waxhaw Hwy
704-843-3713

Monroe 28111 - PO boxes
101 S. Charlotte Avenue - 704-225-1097

Monroe (Annex) 28110 and 28112
(street delivery/carriers)
1639 Dickerson Blvd. - 704-283-2565

Waxhaw 28173 - 100 Waxhaw Pkwy.
704-843-3483

Wingate 28174 - 124 N. Main Street
704-233-0402

For general U.S.P.S. information or for locations that do not have phone numbers listed, call 800-275-8777 or visit www.usps.com.
The Union County Public Library System is comprised of one Main Library in Monroe with three branches—Union West in Indian Trail, Lois Morgan Edwards Memorial Library in Marshville, and the Waxhaw Branch in Waxhaw. The Library System provides books in regular and large print, e-books, audiobooks, e-audiobooks, DVDs, music CDs, newspapers, magazines and e-magazines. Monroe, Marshville, and Union West are open seven days a week with the Waxhaw Library open Monday through Saturday.

The Main Library is located at 316 East Windsor Street in Monroe. It was renovated and expanded in 2003 to serve residents of the entire county. Unique to the Main Library are a Spanish language collection, and the Dickerson Room which houses local history and genealogy research materials. The major nonfiction and reference collection is housed at the Monroe (Main) Library, where the staff offers telephone and email research assistance as well as help to library visitors.

The Union West Regional Library at 123 Unionville-Indian Trail Road in Indian Trail opened in 2002. This largest branch features a reading room with fireplace, where local residents enjoy browsing magazines and newspapers or quiet study. This full-service facility is a frequent destination for the area’s children, who enjoy great programs, many of which are sponsored by the Union West Rotary Club.

The Lois Morgan Edwards Memorial Library at 414 Hasty Street in Marshville was named after the mother of the facility’s benefactor, deceased businessman Carroll Edwards. This beautiful facility, reminiscent of a Frank Lloyd Wright design, opened in 2003 to serve all of the residents of eastern Union County. It too is a full-service branch, and uniquely offers an obituary index to the Marshville newspapers. The Waxhaw Branch, located at 509 South Providence Street in Waxhaw is highly popular in spite of its small size. It provides limited research services but all of the new materials readers of all ages could want.

All Union County Libraries offer public computers and free computer classes. For all ages of pre-schoolers, there are weekly story time programs at each location. There are programs throughout the year for kids, teens and adults; summer brings an intense series of activities for school-age children and teens. The libraries offer a wide selection of materials for children, teens and adults, with new books arriving daily.

For hours, directions and a wealth of online services, visit the website at www.union.lib.nc.us or find them on Social Media.
When it comes to children’s education, every choice is important—but those choices are perhaps most important when a family is new to a community. So newcomers to Union County are sure to put schools at the top of the “things to decide” list. Union County is fortunate to have a well-respected public school system, quality private and charter schools plus two post-high school facilities.

Union County Public Schools (UCPS), the sixth largest school system in North Carolina, welcomed a new superintendent this year. Dr. Andrew Houlihan was named superintendent on July 26 during a Board of Education meeting.

Before joining UCPS, Dr. Houlihan was chief academic officer for the Houston Independent School District (HISD) in Texas. He was chosen for his leadership, experience and dedication to students. Dr. Houlihan began work in UCPS on Aug. 24 and his first mission was to visit schools. During his first few weeks on the job, Dr. Houlihan had visited more than 40 schools, with plans to visit all 53 by the end of September.

Dr. Houlihan’s vision for UCPS is to be the best school system in the state and nation. Under his leadership, educators will be encouraged to strive for continual growth and learning, an essential element in continuous improvement.

His goal for educators is to help all students produce at their highest level so that they may be prepared for a quality life and career after high school.

A big proponent of social media, Dr. Houlihan uses Twitter as a communication tool. He follows educational trends and shares resources for educators, parents and community members. Follow Dr. Houlihan @AGHoulihan.

Dr. Houlihan has also implemented the Team UCPS Leadership Award, a demonstration of his philosophy to serve and support UCPS educators by rewarding those who exemplify strong leadership skills. Award winners receive a certificate of appreciation and a ball cap with the Team UCPS logo.

**UCPS Profile**

UCPS has 53 accredited schools, with approximately 42,000 students in grades Pre-K through 12. The school district is comprised of 11 high schools, nine middle schools, 30 elementary schools, and three special-purpose schools.

**Union County Early College (UCEC) and Central Academy of Technology and Arts (CATA) are high schools of choice and open to all Union County public high school students.**

UCPS boasts of its second highest four-year graduation cohort rate of 92.8 percent. In comparison, the state’s four-year graduation rate is 85.8 percent. The district’s approximately 2,950 graduates received a total of 2,301 scholarship offers, totaling approximately $111 million (over a four-year period).

UCEC and CATA are proud to announce they both have a 100 percent graduation rate, while six other UCPS schools can brag about having 93 percent or above: Marvin Ridge (99.7), Weddington (99.1), Cuthbertson (97.4), Piedmont (95.8), Parkwood (94.5) and Porter Ridge (93.2).

There are nine UCPS schools that have received the A+ distinction from the Department of Public Instruction. According to the Department of Public Instruction, more UCPS students met ACT requirements in the 2015-16 school year. There were 74.5
percent who met the requirements in 2014-15, compared to 77.1 percent in 2015-16.
UCEC recently hit a milestone by celebrating 10 years of educating students. Opening in 2006, the school started with 54 students. This school year, UCEC’s population reached 400 students. Located on the South Piedmont Community College campus,

UCEC offers not only a high school diploma, but also a two-year associates degree to its graduates who complete the 13th grade (five years of high school).

In 2016, Indian Trail Elementary School was named a Leader in Me Lighthouse School, serving as a beacon of leadership for elementary schools all over the world. There are 2,500 schools participating in the Leader in Me Program, but only 206 in the world have received the Lighthouse status. There are only five in North Carolina.

UCPS leads the state with nine Splash Language Immersion programs; seven in Spanish (Antioch, Poplin, Shiloh, Sun Valley, Unionville, Western Union, and Weddington elementary schools) and two in Mandarin Chinese (Marvin and Kensington elementary schools). There are 36 Splash classrooms teaching 784 UCPS students.

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Classrooms of Tomorrow
Classrooms of Tomorrow (COT) is an innovative initiative that reinvents the way students are taught. Teachers facilitate learning rather than lecture at the front of the classroom, using interactive technology and unlimited classroom configurations.

Teachers can easily rearrange their classrooms because the chairs and desks are on wheels. The unique shape of the desks also allows teachers to place students in unlimited formations of group learning.

The classroom’s technology serves as a teacher presentation tool and a student-interaction device. Lecture Capture cameras allow teachers to record lessons and do virtual field trips. Share walls are another unique concept, turning an entire wall into a very large white board where students can share ideas and work together.

UCPS has 79 COTs in 15 schools: elementary - Antioch, East, Marshville, New Town, Sun Valley, Walter Bickett, and Waxhaw; middle - East Union, Marvin Ridge, Piedmont, Porter Ridge; and high - Cuthbertson, Monroe, Piedmont, and Porter Ridge. With additional classrooms in the making, UCPS is slated to have 94 COT classrooms the spring of 2017.

Union Academy opened as the County’s first charter school in 2000. Serving almost 1400 students in grades K-12, Union Academy is a public school and charges no tuition. Students are enrolled through a public lottery held each spring. Union Academy is located on two campuses. The Lower School houses grades K-4, and is located at 3828 Old Charlotte Hwy in Monroe. The Upper School houses grades 5 – 12, and is located at 675 North M L King Jr Blvd in Monroe. The mission of Union Academy is to develop and educate the whole child with extraordinary emphases on academic challenge, community service, and the development of strong character.

South Piedmont Community College has prepared thousands of men and women for great careers, right here at home—conveniently and affordably. SPCC, which is North Carolina’s newest community college, created in 1999, offers more than 90 credit programs as well as many short-term continuing education opportunities offered year-round. South Piedmont is also a leader in Basic Skills instruction for adults who want to complete high school or improve their reading, writing, mathematics, and communication skills.

South Piedmont is growing—serving 15,000 credit and continuing education students annually. But even as the college grows, extensive hands-on experience and one-on-one instruction remain hallmarks of South Piedmont’s approach to learning.

Business and industry across the region recognize South Piedmont as an important ally. SPCC’s on-site customized training programs equip men and women for the high-demand, high-paying careers of today and of the future.

South Piedmont Community College’s status as an “up-and-comer” among the state’s 58 community colleges is good news for everyone who lives and works in the communities it serves, and it bodes well for the future of the counties it serves.

SPCC operates the Union County Early College in conjunction with the Union County Public Schools to provide local high school students the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and an associate’s degree in a college transfer program through a five-year program. SPCC operates another early college program in Anson County.

Founded in 1896, Wingate University is a private university with 3,200 students on campuses in Wingate, Ballantyne (Charlotte) and Hendersonville. At the Union County campus, Wingate University offers a liberal arts education with bachelor’s degrees in 35 undergraduate majors.

In addition, Wingate offers 34 minors; 12 career concentrations; nine pre-professional programs; master’s degrees in accounting, business, education, sport management and physician assistant studies; and doctoral degrees in education,
pharmacy and physical therapy. Evening and weekend programs are offered at the Ballantyne campus for adults who wish to complete a bachelor’s degree and for teachers and school administrators to obtain special licensures.

At all degree levels, Wingate emphasizes small class sizes, personal attention and hands-on learning. With Wingate’s core principles of faith, knowledge and service, students gain the tools and support they need to excel in academics and apply that learning toward an extraordinary career and life.

Wingate student-athletes compete in 22 NCAA Division II sports. The university has won the South Atlantic Conference Echols Athletic Excellence Award for the past 10 years. Wingate has more Academic All-American honorees than any other university in North Carolina.

Wingate University welcomes Union County businesses and residents to take advantage of cultural events open to the public. The annual Performance Series offered at the George A. Batte, Jr. Fine Arts Center in Wingate showcases world-class performances and art exhibits. The university also hosts lectures by international figures and provides summer youth programs and athletic camps. To find out more about these events or to book a facility, visit www.wingate.edu.
Access to quality health care is an important issue when your family is moving to a new area. But quality health care isn’t an issue in Union County – there’s an abundance of it.

More than 300 physicians practice in specialties from cardiology to radiology, from endoscopy to rehabilitation. The county also has health professionals in chiropractic, podiatry, optometry, dentistry and other fields. Although all physicians have offices in Union County, some are based in nearby Charlotte and hold non-daily hours in Union County. Residents have choices in hospital care, emergency care and long-term care.

Many local medical facilities are affiliated either with Carolinas HealthCare System or Novant Health. Two area hospitals provide an array of specialized services.

For more than 50 years, Carolinas HealthCare System Union has been committed to a single purpose – improving the health of individuals, families and communities throughout Union County and the surrounding area. As part of this commitment, Carolinas HealthCare System Union provides an array of specialized health services, including access to Levine Cancer Institute, Levine Children’s Hospital and Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute, an acute care hospital, long-term care facility, behavioral health center, a newly opened state-of-the-art women’s and children’s center and several community-based physician practices.

The 247-bed facility is located in Monroe, NC, and is recognized by residents of Union County and the surrounding area as an accessible and dependable source for quality care. In an effort to pair personalized medicine with an advanced level of care, Carolinas HealthCare System Union is continuing to add new services and more specialized physicians so Union County residents don’t have to travel far for their healthcare needs.

Major expansions and significant improvements over the past decade have led to better service and more efficient delivery of care at Carolinas HealthCare System Union. In November 2014, Carolinas HealthCare System Union opened a state-of-the-art Women and Children’s Center that offers personalized healthcare experiences for women and children of all ages. Providing high-quality care in a family-centric environment, the Women and Children’s Center features 24 labor, delivery, recovery and post-partum (LDRP) suites; a private entrance for moms-to-be and their families; a special care nursery staffed by board-certified neonatologists; specialty retail shop; and a family-style waiting lounge, complete with a fireplace, bistro, internet café and children’s play area.

Carolinas HealthCare System Union continued their commitment to provide unparalleled services to the families in this community when Levine Children’s Hospital began providing inpatient care at the hospital. Known as hospitalists, these board-certified pediatricians are available 24/7 and provide world-class care right in your community. In January 2014, Carolinas HealthCare System opened Carolinas HealthCare Children’s Urgent Care Union, a dedicated children’s urgent care that’s affiliated with Levine Children’s Hospital.

Sanger Heart & Vascular Institute’s Cardiovascular Center at Carolinas HealthCare System Union provides an extensive array of cardiac and vascular
diagnostic services using the latest technologies. The interdisciplinary team approach to heart care ensures that patients get excellent, life-saving care while remaining close to home. In April 2014, the Cardiovascular Center underwent renovations that included a new patient and family waiting area, a radial lounge for patients recovering from heart catheterization procedures, patient recovery unit and an upgraded interventional radiology and vascular suite. Additionally, the Cardiovascular Center launched a percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) program, commonly known as angioplasty. Carolinas HealthCare System Union is the only facility in Union County to offer urgent and elective PCI services to diagnose and repair blocked arteries in the heart.

Carolinas HealthCare System Union’s Edwards Cancer Center, part of Levine Cancer Institute, was recently updated with a state-of-the-art linear accelerator, which provides advanced imaging and radiation treatment. Residents of Union County now have access to the latest advancements in radiation therapy technology in additional to the highest quality of cancer care available.

The Emergency Department (ED) on Carolinas HealthCare System Union’s campus has some of the most advanced technology and includes 34 treatment rooms, two dedicated trauma rooms, a 64-slice CT scanner, cardiac monitoring equipment and other imaging equipment. In the hands of top-notch ED staff and board-certified physicians, these new tools are helping expedite diagnoses and speed patients directly to the care they need.

Additional services provided by Carolinas HealthCare System Union include an accredited chest pain center, inpatient and outpatient surgery, home health services, chemical dependency services, sleep center, cardiac rehabilitation, as well as a specialized wound care center.

Not too far from Carolinas HealthCare System Union, residents of Waxhaw and surrounding communities are served by Carolinas HealthCare System Waxhaw, a

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unique outpatient medical facility that provides convenient access to 24-hour emergency care, advanced diagnostic and imaging services, and access to the experts at Carolinas HealthCare System’s physician practices – all in one convenient location.

To better meet the healthcare needs of the community, Carolinas HealthCare System Union is expanding care beyond the hospitals setting by providing faith-based healthcare, health screenings and educational opportunities focused on health and wellness.

Carolinas HealthCare System Union is the largest healthcare provider in Union County and is part of Carolinas HealthCare System, one of the leading healthcare providers in the Southeast. Carolinas HealthCare System provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness programs throughout North and South Carolina. Its diverse network of care locations includes academic medical centers, hospitals, freestanding emergency departments, physician practices, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and behavioral health centers, as well as hospice and palliative care services. Carolinas HealthCare System works to enhance the overall health and wellbeing of its communities through high quality patient care, education and research programs, and numerous collaborative partnerships and initiatives.

**Carolinas Medical Center-Union**  
600 Hospital Drive, Monroe, NC 28112  
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Comprehensive care, close to home: That’s what Novant Health Matthews Medical Center provides for thousands of Union County residents each year. The hospital is located on Highway 51 in Matthews, near the intersection of US-74, centrally located to the places where Union County residents work and live.

Matthews Medical Center is part of Novant Health, an integrated network of physician clinics, hospitals and outpatient centers dedicated to making the healthcare experience simple, convenient and affordable so that patients can focus on getting better and staying healthy.

At Matthews Medical Center, that dedication means expert care – with a personal touch. Nationally recognized for quality care and a commitment to excellence, the hospital offers a wide range of services including a 24-hour emergency room that provides access to an accredited chest pain center and certified primary stroke center.

The medical center also offers advanced diagnostic and treatment options for heart, cancer, orthopedics, pediatrics and maternity care. Radiology imaging services at the hospital include CT, MRI and a Breast Center that provides same-day mammogram appointments, including the latest in 3-D technology.

Union County is growing quickly – and Novant Health is growing to meet the community’s needs.

Summer 2016 saw the opening of the new Women’s Center at Novant Health Matthews Medical Center, a comprehensive center offering a continuum of care to women at all stages of their lives. The Women’s Center features labor and delivery, recovery and postpartum suites with balconies, full bathrooms with jetted baths and showers; pre-delivery obstetric rooms and a level 2 neonatal intensive care unit. The warm and welcoming environment helps families feel comfortable, while moms and babies are provided all the amenities and medical care they need.

Now more than ever, patients want to take charge of their own health. Matthews Medical Center helps them do that by offering the public access to its full-service medical library. The health library offers free services such as health information searches, support group listings and referrals, physician referrals and monthly health education programs. It also provides access to a comprehensive collection of consumer health and medical databases, as well as hard-copy medical publications.

While Novant Health is providing support and education, the organization also is making it easier for patients to get the care they need.
they need, when and where they need it. To do that, the healthcare system is bringing more physicians, services and facilities to the area.

Today, residents can see primary care providers and a wide range of specialists, all in one convenient hub – the comprehensive Novant Health medical plaza campus, located in Union County on Highway 74, across from Poplin Place Shopping Center. The three-building medical plaza offers convenient access to leading-edge health services, including advanced diagnostic imaging such as digital mammography, CT and MRI technology. The campus is also home to primary and specialty care physician clinics including pediatrics, family medicine, cardiology, ob-gyn and more.

A new Novant Health Express Care clinic is located in the Union Festival shopping center on Indian Trail Road South. It offers convenient walk-in care, with extended weekday and weekend hours, to treat common illnesses and minor injuries for those ages two and older. A nurse practitioner or physician assistant can diagnose and treat medical conditions, prescribe needed medications, conduct work and sports physicals, and provide wellness screenings and vaccinations.

Novant Health is focused on keeping our community healthy, one person at a time. That’s why Matthews Medical Center participates in longstanding community partnerships in Union County, including a comprehensive sports medicine and wellness program with Union County Public Schools. This initiative provides students, teachers, staff and their families a wide range of services and programs to create a healthier community.

And Matthews Medical Center also cares for the Union County community through its relationships with the Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center. The on-site wellness center provides members with access to two full-time registered nurses and services provided by licensed healthcare professionals.

Union County is a vibrant place to live, work and raise a family. Novant Health Matthews Medical Center is proud to play a key role in helping our residents get better – and stay healthy.

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Long-Term Care Rehabilitation Facilities:
Union County is also home to a wide selection of licensed long-term care facilities providing a variety of services to residents. Long-term care facilities include: The Jesse Helms Nursing Center, Brian Center, Lake Park Nursing and Assisted Living, Monroe Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Monroe Manor, Elizabethan Gardens, Brookdale Monroe Square, Brookdale Union Park Assisted Living, PruittHealth Union Pointe, Woodridge Assisted Living, White Oak of Waxhaw and Autumn Care of Marshville. Alzheimer’s facilities include Clare Bridge of Monroe Square, Carillon Garden Place, Woodridge Special Care Unit, and Brookdale Monroe Square Memory Care.

Express Care:

Novant Health Express
622 Indian Trail Road S.
Indian Trail, NC 28079
704-384-1575 | www.novanthealth.org

Medical Plazas and Pavilions:

Carolinia Medical Center - Waxhaw
2700 Providence Rd. S., Waxhaw, NC 28173
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NOVANT Health Medical Plaza Monroe
2000 Wellness Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110
www.novanthealth.org

Emergency Rooms:

Carolinia HealthCare System Waxhaw
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www.caroliniashealthcare.org/waxhaw

Carolinia HealthCare System Union
600 Hospital Drive, Monroe, NC 28112
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Novant Health Matthews Medical Center
1500 Matthews Township Parkway,
Matthews, NC 28105
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Urgent Care:

FastMed Urgent Care
2242 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110
704-220-1904 | www.fastmed.org

Monroe Urgent Care
613 E. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28112
704-283-8193
www.caroliniashealthcare.org/urgent-care

Union West Urgent Care
6030 W. Hwy 74, Indian Trail, NC 28079
704-246-2777
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CHS Children’s Urgent Care Union
Children 18 and younger
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Student Assignment/Transfers:
704-290-1557
Transportation: 704-296-3015
After School Program: 704-290-1516
www.ucps.k12.nc.us

N.C. Public Charter Schools
Matthews Charter Academy
3624 Lake Park Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079
980-339-5449
www.matthewscharteracademy.org

Union Academy
675 North M L King Jr. Blvd.
Monroe, NC 28110
704-238-8883 | www.unionacademy.net

Union Day Charter School
8120 Kensington Rd.
Waxhaw, NC 28173 (early 2017)
704-256-1494 | www.uniondayschool.com

Union Preparatory Academy at Indian Trail
2324 Younts Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079
704-681-8149 | www.indiantrailcharter.org

Shining Light Baptist Academy
2541 Old Charlotte Hwy.
Monroe, NC 28110
704-283-1480 | www.sbc.net/academy

Tabernacle Christian School
2900 Walkup Ave., Monroe, NC 28110
704-283-4395 | www.tcsmonroe.com

Colleges and Universities

South Piedmont Community College
Old Charlotte Highway Campus
4209 Old Charlotte Hwy.
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