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Welcome to Union County!

This is a wonderful time for you to experience all Union County has to offer – because our community has a lot to offer you.

Whether you are visiting for a short time, relocating, or a life-long 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. Union County Chamber member businesses make this publication possible through their advertising and financial support. We encourage you to support them by doing business with them.

If you are visiting, you will find a variety of activities to interest you: equine farms, antique and fine shopping, a wide variety of dining options, parks and lakes, craft breweries, vineyards, historical sites and landmarks. Almost every weekend of the year you’ll find a family-friendly festival or community event on the calendar. Lodging options include bed and breakfast inns, camping and RV campsites, modern hotels and even tree houses.

Union County is a warm, welcoming community with 14 diverse municipalities offering a wide variety of shopping, entertainment, and places to call home. If you plan to relocate, you’ll find Union County offers the charm of rural life combined with a metropolitan flair. 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 community you can call home.

The Union County Chamber works daily to lead, serve, and promote our businesses and community. We are proud of our community and gladly call Union County home. Our goal is to make Union County the quality standard for business, manufacturing, education, arts, and healthy, active lifestyles. We encourage you to support businesses in Union County. By shopping in Union County, your dollars support our community – and are important to the continued growth and prosperity of our community.

If you own a business, YOUR Chamber is the place to be. The Chamber provides services to grow business, enhance operations, develop professionally, and advocates in matters of public policy. Our website (www.UnionCountyCoC.com) provides in-depth information about the Chamber and our community. Contact the Chamber team 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, IOM
President
Union County Chamber
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. And we’re growing; look for at least two new additions in the City of Monroe slated to open in Fall 2019: Center Theatre and Monroe Science Center.

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 Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Thurs. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Located at the Historical Courthouse, 300 N. Main Street, Monroe; 704-289-6737.

Jesse Helms Center
The center highlights the life of late U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, a native of Monroe. Education, citizen awareness and historical documents await you Mon.-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, and clothing. Learn how former Mexican President Lázaro Cárdenas encouraged JAARS founder Cameron Townsend in his translation work of minority languages. Located at JAARS, 6403 Davis Rd., Waxhaw. Free admission. Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. 704-843-6045. www.jaars.org.

Museum of the Alphabet
Where did writing begin? Who created our alphabets? Are there languages without alphabets? Travel back in time to trace writing systems from the ancient world to today. Located at JAARS, 6409 Davis Rd., Waxhaw. Free admission. Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. 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.org.

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
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. They meet the third Sunday of each month. For more information see our website www.ucwc.webs.com or contact Barbara Johns 704-254-1243 or email unioncountywritersclub@aol.com.

Union Symphony Society, Inc.
A nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to entertain, educate, serve and inspire through music. Union Symphony produces at least nine live concerts per season as well as a number of community performances including classical, pops, opera and jazz. 704-283-2525. www.unionsymphony.org

Union Symphony Orchestra (USO)
Union Symphony Orchestra is a professional orchestra with 75 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 Ensemble Services
Union Symphony provides small ensembles for community events such as the WDAV Classical Harvest Concert Series when a Union symphony string quartet will perform for the community at Matthews Community Farmers Market.

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 enters a 10th season as a full section auditioned orchestra. Visit www.usyo.org.

Union Symphony/Prelude Junior String Orchestra
In its sixth 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.
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FAIRVIEW
www.fairviewnc.gov
704-753-1981
Fall/Winter Events
• Annual Fall Festival

HEMBY BRIDGE
www.hembybridgenc.gov
704-882-3940
Fall/Winter Events
• Hemby Bridge Festival & Parade

INDIAN TRAIL
www.indiantrail.org
704-821-5401
Spring/Summer Events
• April Saturday Kite Festival
• Girls on the Run 5K
• Memorial Day Ceremony
• Summer Movies – Music in the Park
• Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration
• National Night Out in Lake Park

LAKE PARK
www.lakeparknc.gov
704-882-8657
Spring/Summer Events
• April Saturday Kite Festival
• Girls on the Run 5K
• Memorial Day Ceremony
• Summer Movies – Music in the Park
• Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration
• National Night Out in Lake Park

MARSHVILLE
www.marshville.org
704-624-2515
Fall/Winter Events
• Randy Travis Music Festival

MARVIN
www.marvinnc.org
704-843-1680
Fall/Winter Events
• Taste of Union (opreachout.org 704-289-4237)
• Warbirds Over Monroe Air Show
• Union County Christmas Parade (theallianceforchildren.org 704-226-1407)

MINERAL SPRINGS
www.mineralsprings.com
704-243-0505
Spring/Summer Events
• Queen’s Cup Steeplechase (queenscup.org)

MONROE
www.monroenc.org
704-282-4500
Spring/Summer Events
• Classic Cruise-In
• Music on Main

STALLINGS
www.stallingsnc.org
704-821-8557
Fall/Winter Events
• Stallings Fest
• Christmas in the Park

Fall/Winter Events
• Family Fall Festival
• Halloween Candy Crawl
• Pottery Scene on the Green
• It’s a Wonderful Life Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting

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WAXHAW
www.waxhaw.com
704-843-2195

Spring/Summer Events
• Easter Eggstravaganza
• Kaleidoscope Fest
• JAARS Day (Four Saturday events per year – jaars.org | 704-843-6130)
• Jammin’ by the Tracks Concert Series
• Independence Day Celebrations

Fall/Winter Events
• Autumn Treasures/Grill’n & Chill’n BBQ Cook-off
• Fright Night
• Gingersnap 5K Race
• Holiday Festival of Lights
• Christmas Parade

WINGATE
www.townofwingatenc.gov
704-233-4411

Spring/Summer Events
• Easter Egg Hunt
• Summer Fun Festival
• Summer Movies

Fall/Winter Events
• Halloween Trunk-or-Treat
• Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event

Wingate University
In the George A. Batte, Jr. Fine Arts Center, Wingate University presents guest lectures, art exhibits, theatrical performances and music concerts, as well as recitals by students and faculty. 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. Call 704-233-8300 for tickets. Next door to the Batte Center is the Hinson Art Museum, which offers an eclectic, thought-provoking mix of artworks, including many by North Carolina artists. 220 N Camden Rd., Wingate. 704-233-8000. www.wingate.edu.

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, Allegro Strings and Dorian Fiddles.

JAZZ
Union Symphony offers live jazz performances in community venues such as The Bottle Factory, Southern Range Brewing and John’s Place, Matthews. Learn more about Union Jazz at www.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.

WESLEY CHAPEL
www.wesleychapelnc.com
704-839-0182

Spring/Summer Events
• Easter Egg Hunt at Dogwood Park

Fall/Winter Events
• Fall Festival at Dogwood Park

Art continued
As the county continues to grow, so do options for fun right here in our community. Union County is home to vineyards, craft breweries, movie theatres, and much, much more to create the perfect family outing, date night, or outing with friends all within a short drive.

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. You can find parks and recreation areas run by the county and municipalities near your neighborhood.

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.

And, if you're looking for something more, you are only a short drive 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 other pro sports opportunities. Charlotte's NBA basketball team, the Charlotte Hornets, play 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 are members of the East Coast Hockey League. Each spring and summer, the Charlotte Eagles, Lady Eagles, and Charlotte Independence keep the adrenaline of soccer fans pumping. And 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.

Union County offers a host of private and publicly 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 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 barns, The Cotton Gin and Seed Mill Barn. They are the host for the annual Carolina Corn Fest, a high quality music and food festival every August celebrating the Sweet Corn of Union County! www.CarolinaCornFest.com 3718 Plyler Mill Rd., Monroe. 704-709-7000. www.AwShucksFarms.com.
Cane Creek Park
Cane Creek Park Day Use Area serves as a recreational facility to the citizens of Union County and surrounding areas. Activities provided include a swim area, pedal boats, miniature golf, trail access for hiking, biking, and horse riders, rentable boats, ranger led programs, playgrounds, shelter rentals & field trip opportunities. This facility also boasts a 350 acre lake that provides boating and fishing opportunities and a festival area for large special events.

Cane Creek Park Campground serves as a year-round recreational facility not only to the citizens of Union County but also visitors from other states. Marketed as a family based recreational opportunity, users can camp in a variety of settings to include tents, RV’s, cabins, group camping, and horse camping. There is also a small campstore in this area that provides convenience and necessities for our guests. Activities provided include a swim area, miniature golf, trails for hiking, biking, and horse riders, fishing, boating, and playgrounds.


Carousel Art Studios
Carousel Art Studios is a clever new painting studio for all ages. Owner Julia Pfeflerkorn teaches drawing and painting to children and adults at this pleasant venue with an inviting horse from a real carousel in the window. Beginners, intermediate and advanced artists make up our students in group or private lessons in watercolor, acrylics, drawing and mixed media. Julia also conducts camps and classes in the summer, holiday breaks and spring break. Special projects are made for holidays and “Paint and Sip” parties are once a month for adults or you can schedule your own group! Birthday parties and club events are a big hit here where each guest takes home an original painting they have created. Carousel also partners with the town to participate in First Fridays in downtown Waxhaw. Parents drop off kids (ages 5 – 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) and head into Waxhaw to enjoy bands, food, fun and to check out the local Waxhaw haunts. When you visit Carousel, also check out the original paintings and photographs by Julia, for sale.

Classes, parties and camps by appointment: check out our class schedule on Facebook or contact us at carouselartstudios@gmail.com. Located in Millview (across from the mill in downtown Waxhaw)
318 South East Main Street, Ste J, Waxhaw. 704-771-8129. Check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

The DreamChaser's Brewery
Union County’s first brewery! Located in the old Waxhaw Volunteer Firehouse across from the famous Waxhaw Footbridge, we are a production brewery for the beer we serve in our large tap room. We have won several national awards for our beers, and we always have something for everybody. Beer, Wine, Sangria, Kombucha, and Cider. Tuesday we have Mingo (Music Bingo), Wednesday is our Trivia night, and Thursday is our Open Mic Night. All start at 7. We also have rotating food trucks on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights! 115 E North Main St., Waxhaw. 704-843-7326. www.dreamchaserbrewery.com.

Ellen Fitzgerald Senior Center
The Ellen Fitzgerald Senior Center is part of the City of Monroe’s Parks and Recreation Department. It is a community focal point where seniors 55 and older come together for services and activities which enhance dignity, support independence and encourage community involvement. Come build new friendships while enjoying fitness classes, woodworking, dancing, ceramics, pottery, trips, sports, computer classes, support groups, cards and special programs! The Senior Center is located at 327 South Hayne Street in Monroe’s Historic Downtown District. Phone 704-282-4657. www.monroenc.org/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Senior-Services/Ellen-Fitzgerald-Senior-Center.
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.

Fox’s Alley Bowling, Bar, & Grill
Fox’s Alley Bowling, Bar, & Grill offers much more than bowling. They have a separate bar and dining area, outdoor covered patio with seating, volleyball, and cornhole boards! They also have bowling leagues, Pub Poker, karaoke, DJ dance nights, and live music every Saturday. Birthday parties and event hosting are also available. They have been winner of the best wings, best date night, and best service in Union County for 2 years in a row by Union County Weekly. 1901 Skyway Drive, Monroe. 704-776-9518. www.foxsalley.com.

Hilton Vineyard & Wine Bar
Family owned and operated since 2010, over 80% of all grapes, berries and other fruits are grown locally at their beautiful 3 acre vineyard. Their 25 flavors of wines are fermented, bottled and labeled right here in Union County. The Hilton Vineyard Wine Bar is located in Historic Downtown Monroe and open Tuesday-Sunday. It features live entertainment and wine specials. Outdoor seating is also available which makes them a favorite spot during street events and downtown occasions. 104 S. Main St., Monroe. 704-776-9656. www.hiltonvineyard.com.

Kate’s Skating Rinks
Kate’s Skating Rinks is a family owned and operated business that provides numerous avenues for fun. The updated facility offers not only the best birthday parties in town, but a large play area for the little ones, a new game room, a café, redemption area, full pro shop and of course SKATING! Kate’s provides skating lessons as well as a Kids Skate Free program that is available to sign up on through its website at katesonline.com. Book your next party, outing, group or fundraising activity with us and Let’s Roll! Located at 14500 E. Independence Blvd Indian Trail, NC 28079. 704-821-7465. www.katesonline.com.

Kefi Vineyards and Winery
Kefi Vineyard and Winery is a unique and exciting new venue that gives Union County a delicious opportunity to savor Greek and Italian wines. Dr. Bess Collins has painstakingly planted a vineyard with grape varieties beloved for centuries in the Mediterranean. The site is located on 58+ rolling acres with full sun and rocky, clay soil well suited to bring forth rich grapes. Come experience the aroma of wines new to the US and to North Carolina. Exquisite wines with soon to be familiar names like the white wines, Assytiko, Malvasia Bianca, Muschocilero and red wines, Negro Amaro, Syrah and Aglianico. Visitors can enjoy a lovely afternoon by the fireplace or on our large decks overlooking the vines and the pond.

Regional Recreational Options

Carolina Panthers
www.panthers.com

Charlotte Checkers
www.gocheckers.com

Charlotte Eagles
www.charlotteeagles.com

Charlotte Hornets
www.nba.com/hornets

Charlotte Independence
www.charlottelahan.com

Charlotte Knights
www.charlotteknights.com

Charlotte Motor Speedway
www.charlottemotorspeedway.com

NASCAR Hall of Fame
www.nascarhall.com
while sipping a cool glass of wine. The tasting room is ideal for private events and parties. Tours of the vineyard are free. Hours: Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday/Sunday 12pm-6pm. 3109 Plyler Mill Rd., Monroe, NC. www.kefiwinery.com.

Masterpiece Escapes
At Masterpiece Escapes, our primary goal is fun. If you have never experienced an escape room before, think of it as being part of a play or movie. Once you step into a room, you and your group will become a part of the story, discovering the solutions to puzzles, deciphering clues, and solving mysteries to complete your objective. These are excellent team-building activities and make for a great family outing, too. If you love puzzle games or creative problem solving, we hope to welcome you and your friends for a night of mystery and adventure soon. 14015 Independence Blvd, Suite F, Indian Trail. 704-628-7469. www.masterpieceescapes.com.

Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center
Fitness fun for everyone! The MAFC is proud to offer individuals and families an outstanding variety of fitness, aquatic, and wellness programs to meet your health and recreational needs. The Center’s goal is to provide members of all ages the right tools for building positive and long-lasting healthy lifestyles. With 88,000 square feet under one roof, you will find a full service health club offering a state-of-the art fitness room, an on-site wellness center sponsored by Novant Health, and an outdoor water park. The MAFC offers a variety of health and wellness programs that you and your family can enjoy together or individually. One of the most popular amenities at the MAFC is the outdoor water park. It is truly SPLASHTACULAR fun for the whole family. Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, this water park promises to be the coolest, hottest place around! Covering over 2.5 acres of wet and wild adventure for the entire family, there are two corkscrew water slides for adventurous souls, swim areas for the active ones, and plenty of water features for kids of all ages.

The MAFC invites you to join its growing fitness family where staying healthy is more than just exercising regularly and eating well. 2325 Hanover Dr, Monroe, NC 28110; 704-282-4680. www.monroenc.org/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Monroe-Aquatics-Fitness-Center.

Monroe Country Club and Golf Course
The City of Monroe’s 18-hole golf course bears the unique distinction of being created by two world-renowned course designers – Donald Ross and Tom Jackson. The front nine, designed by Donald Ross in 1936, provides golfers of all skill levels an opportunity to enjoy themselves and test their golfing skills. The subtle elevation changes and the typical Ross greens are just a few of the features that make Monroe Country Club a true gem. The back nine, a 1980’s edition by Tom Jackson, provides a free-flowing test that will keep you coming back for more. With tree-lined fairways, large greens, and tricky doglegs, the back nine will reward, punish and keep you coming back for more. The public course features 6,759 yards of golf measured from the longest tees. It has a slope rating of 118 and a 71.8 USGA rating. The greens are Champion Bermuda, and the course features four sets of tees for different skill levels. The pro shop’s snack bar includes an indoor dining area perfect for enjoying that after-round beverage. Once you play golf here, you will want to come back again and again. 1680 Pageland Hwy, Monroe, NC. 704-282-4661. www.monroecountryclubgolf.com.

NCG Cinemas
You can see all of the latest blockbuster releases, featuring Reel Deal Tuesday deals on tickets and snacks, and free refills on drinks and popcorn at NCG Cinemas. Relax in their luxury reclining seats while enjoying your movie. NCG Reward Program earns you points to redeem at the concession stand. They also offer sensory friendly movies at select times. Birthday parties or large group events available. 1911 Dickerson Boulevard, Monroe, NC. 980-313-8504. www.ncgmovies.com/monroe.

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Painting with a Twist®
Painting with a Twist® painting sessions are fun art, not fine art! Invite your friends, sip your favorite beverage and enjoy step-by-step instruction with our experienced and enthusiastic local artists. It’s a colorful, casual party atmosphere where you’ll leave your cares behind and go home with a one-of-a-kind painting created by you. We offer several different events including family days, paint your pet, and date nights! Birthday parties or larger group events are available in our party room! Register online at www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/indian-trail. We are located in the Sun Valley shopping center in Indian Trail at 6461 Old Monroe Rd. Indian Trail, NC 28079; 704-635-8352.

Rolling Hills Country Club
For over 50 years, Rolling Hills Country Club, located in Monroe, NC, has been the premier Private Country Club in Union County. Unpretentious and elegant, the founders established the Country Club as a “gathering place for friends”. Rolling Hills is a family-oriented, golf and country club with exceptional Club facilities for the whole family to enjoy. The Members of Rolling Hills are friendly and welcoming and enjoy personal service from an outstanding staff. The golf course is now featuring new TifEagle Greens and new forward tees as of September 2016. Proximity to Charlotte, NC is also an increasingly appealing feature of the Club. Members easily live or work in the Charlotte area and enjoy the amenities of a private country club. Rolling Hills Country Club, 2272 W. Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110. 704-289-4561. www.rollinghillscountryclub.org.

Sun Valley 14 Theatre
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 a variety of 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 tours offered daily or join us for scheduled events open to the public such as live music, trivia night, Latin dance night, murder mystery dinners, and so much more. Treehouse Vineyards is also a popular Union County Event Venue which hosts special events ranging from wedding ceremonies/receptions, showers, birthday celebrations to corporate events throughout the year.

This beautiful 36-acre property boasts three treehouses all of which can be rented overnight or hourly. Enjoy a unique experience in a gorgeous setting as you "unwind" with a glass of one of our award-winning wines. 301 Bay St., Monroe. 704-283-4208. www.treehousevineyards.com.

Wesley Chapel YMCA
Dedicated to the community since 2012, the YMCA of Greater Charlotte provides diverse and dynamic programs. They offer health & fitness programs, youth programs, camps, youth & adult swim programs, including safety and certifications, and much more. The Y is a great place to improve your health, try new activities, spend time with family and friends, and connect with your community. Onsite childcare available and access to over 100 YMCA locations. 5924 Weddington-Monroe Rd., Suite B1, Wesley Chapel. 704-716-8315. www.ymcacharlotte.org.

Wingate University Athletics
If you’re looking for college teams to cheer on, Wingate University has many nationally ranked squads to choose from. Wingate has had the top overall athletics program in the South Atlantic Conference for the past 12 years – including the 2016 NCAA Division II national champion men’s soccer team. The Bulldogs compete 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.
Blessed with open land, easy access to interstates, a CSX mainline, 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.

To continue the consecutive years of strong investment and job creation, both Union County and the City of Monroe offer competitive incentive programs. Union County is also implementing an infrastructure grant to help encourage existing and new companies to select the county for projects creating capital investment and jobs. This grant will help finance small infrastructure projects, such as turn lanes or sewer lines that may be necessary.

Union County’s labor force of over 122,000 is productive, competitive and highly skilled, especially in precision manufacturing. 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 the past 18 years, Union County has continually ranked among the lowest unemployment rates 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. To ensure industry needs are met, South Piedmont Community College partners with these existing and incoming companies to match education and training programs with future employment demands. In the last several years, SPCC has also implemented Apprenticeship 20/20 to provide direct, hands-on training in partnership with local manufacturers.

Wingate University, with its main campus as well as two satellite campuses in the Ballantyne area of Charlotte and Hendersonville, offers a traditional array of curriculum tracts as well as doctorate programs in pharmacy, education, and physical therapy, fulfilling higher education need throughout North and South Carolina. For the 2017-2018 commencement ceremonies, Wingate University conferred degrees to 387 undergraduates and 271 graduate and professional students.

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 and corporate 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, 3M-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 recently completed its 4th speculative building at 109,000 square feet with a 30-foot ceiling clearance. Like previous “spec” buildings, this building will hopefully entice a company to bring its capital investment and jobs to Union County.

Capitalizing on the tools and assets located in the county, Monroe-Union County Economic Development concentrates its recruitment and retention efforts in four areas of focus: precision manufacturing, agri-business, logistics and commercial. Manufacturers in the fields of aerospace, bio and life-sciences, pharmaceuticals and plastics all call Union County home and rely on the highly skilled workforce which can fulfill the requirements of
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 - 23 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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advanced manufacturing with high tolerances. In fact, with 24 companies and approximately 4,500 jobs, Union County has the highest concentration of aerospace in North Carolina. ATI Specialty Materials, UTC Aerospace Systems, Cyril Bath (Aries Alliance), IMET Alloys, Midway Aerospace and others thrive here. Union County also has a strong backbone of agri-business companies from Edwards Wood Products in the timber sector to Tyson Foods and Pilgrim’s in poultry. In the coming years, with the opening of the Monroe Expressway, the economic development offices anticipate growth in logistics along this new corridor and in commercial development around I-485.

Union County continues to enjoy significant growth which creates investment and jobs from both new and existing industries. Combined capital investments for 2016 and 2017 totaled $128,000,000, primarily with the announcement of Consolidated Metco’s $42 million new 254,000 square foot assembly and distribution facility in the Monroe Corporate Center. Also in early 2018, Charlotte Pipe & Foundry announced a $22 Million investment in new state-of-the art equipment at their Monroe plant. These and other industrial expansion projects accounted for the creation of 478 well-paying manufacturing jobs for Union County’s residents. Union County’s strong workforce and business focused environment continue to attract investment to our community.

The community has received national recognition for its accomplishments. Southern Business & Development named Monroe #3 in top 10 places for aerospace in the southeast. Other accolades include being recognized as a Top 10 Low-Cost Manufacturing location to re-shore near a major Southern airport and Top 5 location to supply Boeing. Monroe-Union County Economic Development looks forward to continuing to support our existing industries and welcoming new companies that choose Union County in the future, making it the great place that it is!
Agriculture, once the primary industry in Union County, remains a viable part of the economy. Pumping more than $467 million into the economy annually, agribusiness is spread among wheat, poultry, cattle, eggs, soybeans, corn 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 agribusinesses represent an annual value added production of $901 million or 15.9% of total economic production, placing it 3rd 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 8.6% 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 64 million birds marketed annually. Long a leader in turkey production, the county is currently 4th state-wide and 11th nationally with 3 million produced each year. Central to this growth has been the access to processing. Union County boasts major processors - Tyson Foods, Pilgrim’s Pride, Circle S Ranch and Simpson’s 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, #1 in soybean and #11 in corn production in NC with over 129,000 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.

Union County Farmer’s Market
Local vendors offer homegrown produce, plants, baked goods and more. The market hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8am - 2pm (Seasonal) Winter Market begins in January, Spring Season Market begins in April. Off Season Market begins in November. 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.
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 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.

Population Data
Population Change for Union County and its Municipalities
(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, N.C. Office of State Budget and Management)

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Union County Median Household Income (2012-2016): $67,194
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 outdoor movies, to name just a few, are held throughout the year. At times, the downtown 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.

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 is home to several international and local companies and has room for continued development.

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 Medical Center-Union, Novant Health Medical Plaza, and several medical offices and specialists to provide the highest level of medical care available.

Regarding 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. 704-282-4500. www.monroenc.org.

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Real Property Tax (per $100)
Assessed Value Rate
(Source: Union County Tax Assessor’s Office) As of July, 2018

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**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 were also used to fund a matching grant to build a park for the Fairview community. Fairview Park opened April of 2017.

Fairview is predominantly farmland and single-family homeowners. Fairview’s borders stretch from the county’s northernmost border to Unionville on the south with a land area of 37 square miles. 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 is a community dedicated to keeping its rural, small-town feel alive in the midst of big-city growth all around it. Farmers and residents of the community established the Town of Hemby Bridge on November 3, 1998 in an effort to preserve that simple way of life. Ways they have accomplished that goal are by keeping a zero percent tax rate and by hosting events to benefit the community.

Hemby Bridge loves to celebrate Christmas and is known for its Christmas lights display, the centerpiece of which is a 26-foot tree added in 2017. The community gathers every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to officially open the season with a tree-lighting ceremony and other festivities. The town invites everyone to come out and celebrate with us this Christmas!

Hemby Bridge really is a Small Town with a Big Heart! 704-882-3940. www.hembybridgenc.govoffice2.com.

**Indian Trail**

Welcome to Indian Trail – the largest town in Union County! Whether you are a long-time resident or have recently relocated to our town, everybody enjoys living, working, playing and learning in Indian Trail! We have 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 living, great neighborhoods, substantial green space, A-plus schools and one of the lowest tax rates for a town our size in North Carolina!

Indian Trail welcomes and promotes new businesses and entertainment venues to help better serve its 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 and the Monroe Expressway. We have two higher education institutions that border Indian Trail: South Piedmont Community College and Central Piedmont Community College.

But you don’t have to go far to enjoy the good life in Indian Trail. In addition to the bustling Sun Valley Entertainment District, Indian Trail is currently revitalizing its Downtown and working with regional partners to bring even more to the area. That’s in addition to the Carolina Courts basketball and
volleyball facility, and the Extreme Ice skating rink, which bring in thousands of tourists and visitors every year.

Indian Trail staff work in partnership with local civic organizations like the Union West Rotary and community businesses to foster smart growth and inspire community pride by offering a variety of activities including festivals, parades, 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, a splashpad with reservable waterproof-wheelchair and a healthy, safe environment to enjoy the outdoors. The Town also recently added a playground for children with special needs at Crooked Creek Park – a true destination park attended by thousands of visitors from across the region every year – and is working to add a baseball field for athletes with special needs. And the new Town Hall building near Chestnut Square Park includes community rooms and a Cultural Arts Center for residents and visitors to reserve for events and conferences.

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

Lake Park
The Village of Lake Park sponsors an Old-Fashioned 4th of July Picnic and Kid’s Parade, National Night Out in August, a Chili Cookoff in November, and the Christmas Tree Lighting in Mathisen Square. Recognized as a Purple Heart Community in 2012, Lake Park commemorates Memorial Day in Veterans Park. Lake Park residents host an Annual Family Kite Festival in Spring, an Annual Fall Festival in October, Spring and Fall Yard Sales, and Summer Evening events in Mathisen Square.

Lake Park was North Carolina’s first planned municipality and was incorporated July 1, 1994. The founding values, Courage, Honesty, Loyalty and Reverence, are inscribed on the Kite Girl Monument. Charlestonian row houses, estate homes, single family patio homes, townhomes and condominiums line quiet streets. Shaded sidewalks encircle neighborhoods, parks, and a chiming clocktower. Playgrounds, blooming planters, bubbling fountains and brick crosswalks all add to this home town charm.

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Town Center business district amid unique neighborhoods offer opportunities for small business enterprise and convenience to families and singles of all ages. Restaurants, medical and insurance offices flourish near local churches and child care centers. Largest employers include Lucas Landscaping and the Lake Park Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Only a mile from Hwy 74 and less than five miles from two I-485 exits, Lake Park features over 65 acres of outdoor public areas, parks, ponds, playgrounds, tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, and swimming pools. Lake Park is home to the Piranhas Swim Team. 704-882-8657. www.lakeparknc.gov.

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 an expressway 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 features a 13-acre park, complete with playground equipment for ages 2-5 & 5-12, 3 ball fields, a picnic shelter and tennis courts, a one acre mini park, 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 and classes.

Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The Planning Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The Randy Travis Music Festival is held each year on the third Saturday in September. The Parks and Recreation department sponsors various events throughout the year for all ages.

Marshville’s Town Hall, located 35 miles east of Charlotte at 118 E. Union St., is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. 704-624-2515. www.marshville.org.

Marvin
The beauty of its rural character and exquisite landscape is what has made Marvin become one of the fastest growing municipalities in the State since its incorporation in 1994. This charming Village is nestled in westernmost Union County just south of metropolitan Charlotte and east of Fort Mill, SC. Marvin’s unsurpassed scenery and allure provides a safe and welcoming environment ideal for raising families or simply enjoying retirement. From horseback riding to enjoying the scenic multi-use trails and playgrounds at the Marvin-Efird Park or playing golf in Marvin’s large golf-oriented upscale development, Firethorne, residents and visitors alike are sure to enjoy.
unsurpassed recreational opportunities within a moderate climate. Marvin prides itself as a signature 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.

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.

**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 & grown, we have preserved our independent spirit & 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, and 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 who 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.

**Unionville**

Unionville encompasses almost 19,000 acres north of Monroe and south of Fairview along U.S. 601, Ridge Road 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. Longtime traditions include the Unionville Lion’s Club’s Fourth of July celebration and parade, and Unionville Elementary School’s annual barbecue the first Friday in November, both of which have been celebrated for over 50 years. The barbecue is one of the area’s largest and most well-known fundraising events for an elementary school. The Unionville Lions Club also sponsors “Concerts in the Park” Thursday nights in July and August, featuring local bands. 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 now hosts the parade prior to the tree-lighting. In 2018, Unionville began recognizing a “Unionville Person of the Month” and welcomes nominations. 704-226-1989. www.unionvillenc.com.

Photo: Deidra Nava
Waxhaw

Buzzing with creative and performing arts, vibrant music, eclectic shops and restaurants surrounded by a natural backdrop of rolling hills, horse country, fishing ponds and outdoor recreation, Waxhaw is rich in heritage, bustling with activities and offers a sense of well-being for all who live, work or play here.

Conveniently located just 40 minutes from uptown Charlotte, Waxhaw is a family friendly retreat from the city yet still provides its own bustling downtown. Whether it’s farm to table cuisine or relaxed pubs and taverns, Waxhaw offers an eclectic mix of dining experiences. Shops range from rustic antique stores and American crafts, to clothing boutiques, and upscale home furnishings. This charming little town took its name from the Waxhaw Indians, a tribe that once inhabited the area. Waxhaw incorporated on March 7, 1889 and has since 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 with the area’s best fireworks celebration, and Autumn Treasures. The Holiday Celebrations begin the first Friday in December with the Festival of Lights and continues with weekend activities through the month of December.

Waxhaw continually pays homage to 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 of these events are held at the Military Wall of Honor located in historic 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 walkover 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 as a Preserve America community, Waxhaw boasts a downtown bustling with activity every day of the week.

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 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. We encourage visitors to come visit Waxhaw and discover that life happens here. 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. Only 27 of the 11,044 acres within Weddington are commercially zoned, and they are all located in what is considered the Town Center. This area is located at Weddington Corners Shopping Center at the corner of Providence and Weddington Roads. The Town Hall also is located in this area 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 fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Weddington holds several community events throughout the year. Food Truck Fridays are held every Friday in May. The town schedules a spring and fall Litter Sweep where residents are encouraged to volunteer to help clean up the roads. In the fall, the town is planning another fun, community event. Lastly, the Annual Tree Lighting is held in December. Residents are invited to participate in the lighting of the tree, enjoy performances by local groups, and partake in delicious refreshments provided by the Town. 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.

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Communities in Union County

Get in Touch with Local Governments
Union County: 704-283-3500 | www.co.union.nc.us

US Post Offices

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

Hemby Bridge Contract Postal Unit at Medcare Pharmacy
7892 Idlewild Rd., Indian Trail
704-821-6558

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

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

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

Monroe 28111 – PO Boxes
101 S. Charlotte Avenue I 704-289-4508

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

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

Wingate 28174 – 212 N. Main Street
704-233-0402

For general USPS information, call 800-275-8777 or visit www.usps.com.

Administrative Offices for Municipalities

Fairview: 704-753-1981
www.fairviewnc.gov

Hemby Bridge: 704-882-3940
www.hembybridgencc.govoffice2.com

Indian Trail: 704-821-5401
www.indiantrail.org

Lake Park: 704-882-8657
www.lakeparknc.gov

Hemby Bridge: 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: 704-839-0182
www.wesleychapelnc.com

Wingate: 704-233-4411
www.townofwingatenc.gov
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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 120th year. Growth is likely to come to both the town and the school within the next decade when the Monroe Expressway, 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, teaching, physician assistant studies and sport administration and doctorates in pharmacy, physical therapy and education. Most of the more than 3,600 students attend classes at the 400-acre main campus just off U.S. 74; others attend the university’s Ballantyne and Hendersonville campuses. The University is proud of its state-of-the-art George A. Batte, Jr. 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 retired US Senator Jesse Helms, R-N.C., a Union County native and Wingate College graduate (class of 1939). It displays exhibits and memorabilia and houses 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 government center, housing the town’s administrative office and the Wingate Volunteer Fire Department. 704-233-4411. www.townofwingatenc.gov.

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Ask the Expert – Choosing Cremation

Randall Hildreth, Location Manager, McEwen Funeral Home of Monroe

Q: I know I want to be cremated, but I’m not sure I want a memorial service. Any advice?

A: In my experience, a funeral or memorial service can be very important for two reasons. First of all, your life is unique! Why not celebrate all you are and how much you meant to others? Whether you opt for something simple or elaborate, it’s your special celebration and should reflect your life and your passions.

Secondly, many people may not realize that a ceremony can help your loved ones begin to accept your passing. Cremation is simply one way of preparing for remembrance. A meaningful gathering not only celebrates a special life but also assists survivors in the grieving and healing process.

Randall Hildreth is a funeral director and location manager at McEwen Funeral Home of Monroe, a member of the Dignity Memorial® network serving the Monroe community and families nationwide. Randall has been dedicated to serving families with professional, compassionate care for more than 16 years. He is active in his community, including his involvement with the Dignity Memorial® Homeless Veteran Program in the Charlotte area. For more information, contact Randall at 704-289-3173 or Randall.Hildreth@DignityMemorial.com, or visit www.McEwenMonroeChapel.com.
Utilities in Union County

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.

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.

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.pdelectric.com
Serves a small area in southeast Union County.

Union Power Cooperative
704-289-3145 - www.union-power.com
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.

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.

Telephone/Cable/Internet
AT&T
866-403-4861 Services some parts of Western Union County

Frontier Communications
www.frontier.com  (Monroe/Wingate/Central Union County)
Residential Service – 877-417-0312
Business Service – 855-325-1223

Spectrum
1490 Walkup Ave., Monroe NC 28110
www.spectrum.com - 866-874-2389

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

Windstream - www.windstream.com
Residential Service – 866-445-8084
Business Service – 855-439-2889

Trash/Recycling
Unincorporated residents may contact 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.

Helpful Contacts
Commercial Billing Questions
704-296-4218

Convenience Center Disposal Information - 704-512-9821

Solid Waste Management Facility (Landfill)
2125 Austin Chaney Rd.
Wingate NC 28174

Recycling Office – 704-296-4213  www.co.union.nc.us
YOUR source FOR STAYING connected

Union Power Cooperative
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative
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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

Registering a Vehicle

After obtaining a North Carolina driver license, new residents must also register their vehicle when they accept gainful employment or at the expiration of the time granted by their prior state of residence (usually 30 days), whichever occurs first.

If you are a new North Carolina resident, your valid out-of-state driver license, along with your North Carolina Temporary Driving Certificate (TDC), is required to title and register your vehicle. You also must present proof of vehicle liability insurance that meets state standards.

Although new residents can initially register vehicles without an inspection, North Carolina requires a vehicle inspection before they can renew their vehicle registration.

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.

Driver’s License Offices

Apply for a Driver License

Within 60 days of establishing a permanent residence in North Carolina, new residents who plan to operate a motor vehicle must get a North Carolina driver license and register their vehicles with the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles.

Because each state is different, new residents should also familiarize themselves with the North Carolina Driver’s Handbook, which outlines North Carolina’s laws and regulations regarding roadway safety.

Getting a License

New residents must visit an NCDMV driver license office to apply for a North Carolina REAL ID driver license and take any required tests. A new resident applying for a Class C License may be required to take a knowledge test, vision test, traffic signs recognition test, and driving skills test (if the examiner deems necessary).

Once North Carolina issues a driver license, out-of-state licenses are no longer valid and should be properly discarded or surrendered to:

N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles
Driver License Section
3120 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27697-3120

NOTE: A valid license issued by a government agency from a U.S. state or another country is required to drive legally in North Carolina. North Carolina law enforcement authorities do not recognize international driver licenses.

Police

Marshville, Monroe, Stallings, Waxhaw, and Wingate have their own police forces. Union County Sheriff’s Office covers all other areas and towns.

Union County Non-emergency
704-289-1591

State Highway Patrol Main Office:
919-733-7952
Monroe office: 704-283-8559
Motorists traveling through the state who need assistance may dial *47 which is *HP on a cellular phone.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911.

Fire To report fire county-wide call 911.
**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 you 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.unioncountync.gov/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. Persons who are not registered may register to vote during the one-stop early voting period, this process is called “Same-Day Registration.” Absentee Ballot by Mail is also an option, the request form and instructions are available at www.unioncountync.gov/elections. Contact the Board of Elections at 704-283-3809 for information concerning election dates, voting locations or if you have additional questions.

**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 all passengers. Children eight and younger and weighing less than 80 pounds must be restrained in a child safety seat in the back seat.
- 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 to use a cell phone for email or text messages while operating a vehicle.
- Drivers less than 18 years of age are not permitted to use a cell phone or any additional technology associated with a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle, except for calling 911 in an emergency.

*Please see the North Carolina Driver’s Handbook for a more information on traffic laws in N.C. It is available at DMV offices or can be downloaded from www.ncdot.gov/dmv.*
When it comes to a child’s education, every choice is important – but those choices are perhaps most important when a family is new to a community. That said, 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, giving you excellent choices when deciding what’s best for your child.

**Union County Public Schools (USPS)** is the sixth largest public school system in North Carolina. It serves approximately 41,500 students at 53 schools and has approximately 5,000 staff members.

UCPS is home to 20 honor schools of excellence and three national Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence. Additionally, 10 schools have an A+ distinction from the NC Department of Public Instruction.

With a four-year graduation rate of 92.5 percent, UCPS continues to top high school graduation rankings among the 10 largest school systems in North Carolina. The Class of 2018 earned scholarships totaling $135 million, the highest amount of scholarship offers to date for UCPS graduates.

UCPS students have access to a variety of educational options, including an arts magnet elementary school, an International Baccalaureate Program, an Early College high school, an arts and technology magnet school and more than 20 career academy pathways in programs that include aerospace, welding and engineering, culinary arts, pharmacy tech and more.

Additionally, UCPS leads the state in the number of dual language programs offered to students. Mandarin and Spanish immersion programs are offered at 14 schools: eight schools in Spanish (Antioch, Poplin, Shiloh, Sun Valley, Unionville, Western Union, and Weddington elementary schools as well as Sun Valley Middle), three schools in Mandarin Chinese (Marvin and Kensington elementary schools as well as Marvin Ridge Middle), and dual-language English-Spanish immersion programs at Walter Bickett, East and Marshville elementary schools.

Through a unique partnership with Atrium Health, middle school students also have the opportunity to take health sciences courses at the Health Sciences Academy at Monroe Middle. This program provides students with a challenging curriculum as well as hands-on experiences in the health and medical fields. In sixth grade, students explore neuroscience and medical Spanish courses. In seventh grade, students utilize investigative techniques used in healthcare in the medical investigators course. In eighth grade, students learn the fundamentals of biotechnology and its application in the healthcare industry. All students have opportunities to participate in field trips, interview current healthcare professionals and explore health and medical career pathways.
Social and Emotional Learning
Among UCPS’ priorities for the 2018-19 school year is a districtwide focus on social and emotional learning -- a move that positions the school system to be more proactive when students are in crisis or need emotional or mental support. Through a partnership with Union County, all UCPS students will have access to social and emotional learning services as well as the mental health resources they need to be more successful.

By the end of 2020-21, UCPS will be equipped with 30 social workers, one lead social worker, 16 mental health therapists, five school-based counselors as well as three lead counselors at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Additionally, personnel in these positions will receive training on topics that include anxiety and stress.
management, bullying prevention, cultural competency, mental health, school counseling/school counseling leadership and trauma.

College and Career Readiness
UCPS prepares all of its students for success in college, career and life through EmpowerED, a districtwide culture shift where teachers use highly engaging instruction to connect students to critical 21st century skills. In EmpowerED classrooms, teachers connect students to meaningful experiences through highly engaging instruction, students collaborate in a classroom environment that encourages risk taking and mutual respect, and natural curiosity is fostered as students are encouraged to create, innovate and solve relevant and meaningful problems.

All middle and high school students also have access to Naviance, a college and career readiness software that is provided at no cost to UCPS families. The software helps students identify their strengths, explore career interests and create education plans for high school and beyond.

Additionally, in a rare move for school districts across the state, UCPS covers the cost for eighth graders to take the PSAT 8, 10th and 11th graders to take the PSAT/NMSQT and 11th graders to take the SAT. The tests are administered during the school day at no charge to students.

Stay Connected
The school district uses several tools to stay connected with community members.

UCPS Snapshots is a monthly e-newsletter for parents and community members that includes information about district initiatives and upcoming district programs as well as highlights students and staff achievements. To sign up for UCPS Snapshots, text UCPSNEWS to 22828.

UCPS also regularly posts updates on social media via the Union County Public Schools Facebook page, Twitter (@UCPS_MonroeNC) and Instagram (UCPSNC) accounts.

Union Academy (UA) focuses on Challenge, Character and Community, preparing its students for success in college or a career of their choice. It has more than 18 years of success, serving about 1,900 students in grades K-12. Union Academy is a tuition-free public school, enrolling students through a public lottery each spring.

Whether students join the UA family in kindergarten or years later, they and their families can be confident they are graduating from an exceptional school which challenges and encourages all students to reach for their dreams.

Union Academy was named a 2016 National School of Character (one of just four schools in the state), and a Charlotte Observer Regional Top 10 Workplace. Just in the 2017-18 school year, Union Academy high school students performed 16,171 community-service hours.

Academic honors include a 99% graduation rate for the Class of 2018, with 93% of graduates accepted into college or career-education programs. In 2017, Union Academy’s ACT scores were above national and state averages, and their SAT scores were 53 points above the national average.

Thanks to incredible community and business support, a 100,000-square-foot school expansion means all of Union Academy’s students are together on one campus. Find out more about Union Academy at www.unionacademy.org.

Union Preparatory Academy at Indian Trail is home of the Polar Bears and we proudly educate students in grades K-8. We are a tuition free public school located in Indian Trail. Union Preparatory Academy has a dedicated, caring, and certified staff of teachers who offer personalized, data driven curriculum. Union Prep prides itself on its student diversity, enriched cultural, and extracurricular programs. UPA was ranked in the top 15% of all public schools by NCDPI for student growth. Union Prep students receive an all-around educational experience where the whole child is nurtured and loved. Learn more by visiting our website at www.indiantrailprep.org.
South Piedmont Community College (SPCC) serves Anson and Union counties with campuses in Monroe, Polkton, and Wadesboro. Committed to scheduling courses in a variety of lengths and times to accommodate students’ needs, South Piedmont offers on-campus courses as well as distance learning programs.

With campuses in Union and Anson counties, the college has prepared thousands of men and women for great careers, right here at home—conveniently and affordably. South Piedmont Community College, which is North Carolina’s newest community college, created in 1999, offers dozens of credit programs, including college transfer, as well as many short-term non-credit and 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 nearly 10,000 credit and non-credit 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. The college’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 also operates the Union County Early College in conjunction with 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. The college offers a similar program in Anson County as well.

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 the college makes Union and Anson counties better places to live and work. To learn more about the many opportunities available at SPCC, visit spcc.edu.

Founded in 1896, Wingate University is an independent university with more than 3,600 students on campuses in Wingate, Ballantyne (Charlotte) and Hendersonville, North Carolina. At the Union County campus, Wingate University offers bachelor’s degrees in 35 undergraduate majors, master’s degrees in accounting and physician assistant studies, and doctorates in pharmacy and physical therapy.

Evening and weekend classes are offered at the Ballantyne campus for adults who wish to complete a bachelor’s degree or get an MBA or a master’s in sport management, and for teachers and school administrators seeking to obtain special licensures or pursue master’s or doctoral degrees in education.

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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, children’s 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. In 2017 the library underwent another renovation to incorporate self-service options, add flexible spaces, and make patron engagement a priority. 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 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.unioncountync.gov/library or find them on Social Media @UCPLNC.
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 prestigious South Atlantic Conference Echols Athletic Excellence Award for a record 12 years in a row. Wingate has more Academic All-America honorees than any other university in North Carolina.

Wingate University welcomes Union County businesses and residents to take advantage of cultural events on campus. 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 state-of-the-art women’s and children’s center and several community-based physician practices.

The 252-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 cafe 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 2014, Carolinas HealthCare System (now Atrium Health) opened Carolinas HealthCare Children’s Urgent Care Union, a dedicated children’s urgent care center.
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, lifesaving care while remaining close to home. In 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 addition 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 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 hospital 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 Atrium Health, one of the leading healthcare providers in the Southeast. Atrium Health 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 services.
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centers, home health agencies, nursing homes and behavioral health centers, as well as hospice and palliative care services. Atrium Health works to enhance the overall health and well-being of its communities through high-quality patient care, education and research programs, and numerous collaborative partnerships and initiatives.

Carolinas HealthCare System 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.

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 3 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.

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

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, 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 convenient, comprehensive settings. The Novant Health medical plaza campus, located in Union County on Highway 74, across from Poplin Place Shopping Center, is a three-building medical plaza offering 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, orthopedics, ob-gyn and
more. Novant Health Waxhaw Family & Sports Medicine, located on Providence Road, offers the community family medicine, sports medicine, and physical therapy in one convenient location.

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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Indian Trail, NC 28079

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www.carolinashealthcare.org/urgent-care

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Union County is also home to a wide selection of licensed long-term care facilities providing a variety of services to residents. For a list of long term care facilities visit: www.unioncountycoc.com/list and enter search: Long-Term Care Facility.
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