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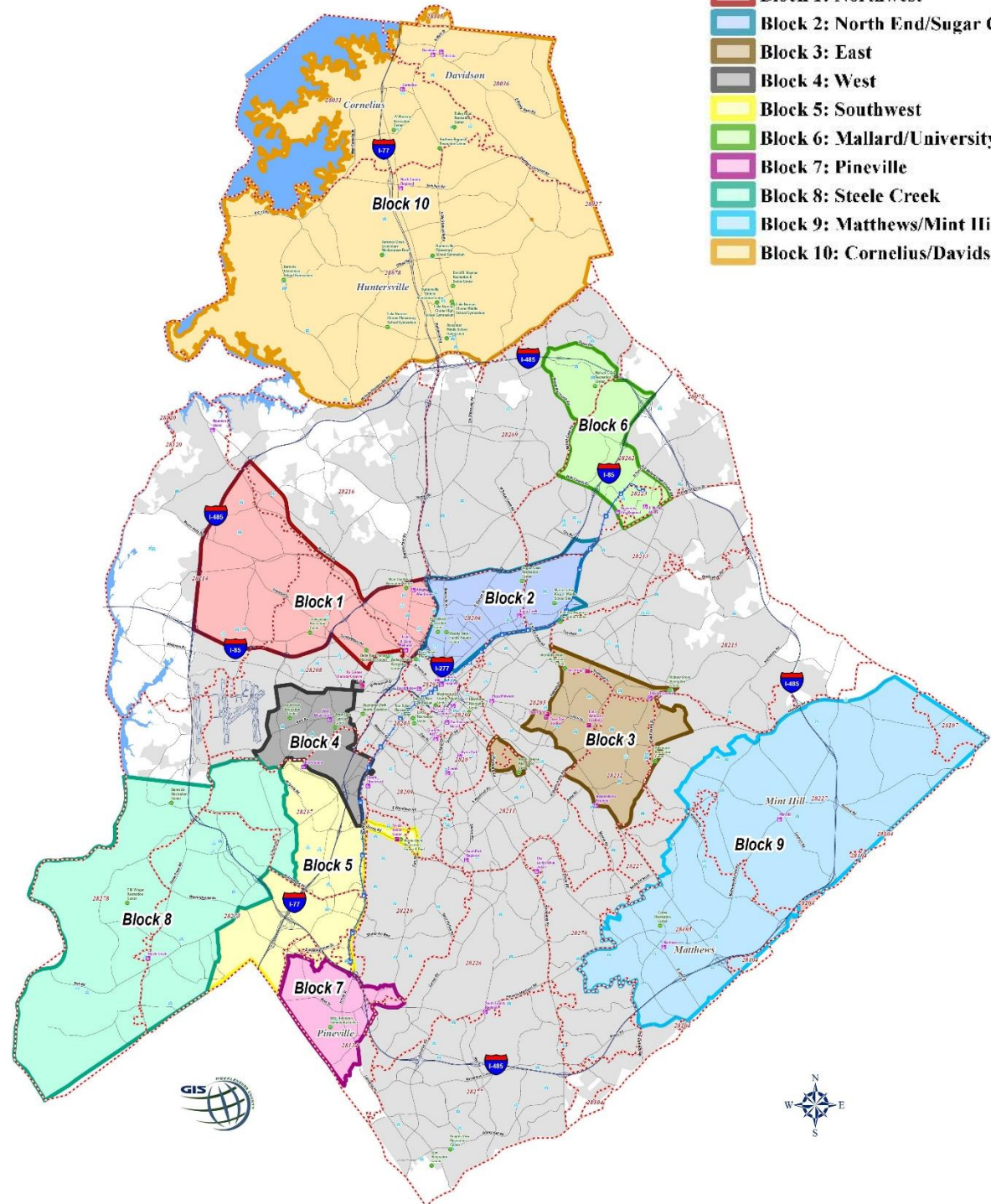
GEOGRAPHIC AREAS INFORMATION

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Mecklenburg County
Park and Recreation
LIBRARY



CONTACTS BELOW ARE BOTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY TOWNS AND CHARLOTTE AREAS

Culture Blocks, funded by Mecklenburg County, supports cultural experiences that are planned with resident involvement and/or take place at libraries, recreation centers, parks, and relevant community spaces. The libraries, parks, and recreation centers located in the Culture Blocks program areas offer space and support to cultural program providers at no cost.

For assistance in securing space for Culture Blocks programming, please contact the appropriate staff person listed below. There is one staff person at each location who serves as the point of contact for program providers. Program providers should include the appropriate Culture Blocks liaison on all email communication to library branch, park, and/or recreation center staff. If you are referred to a different staff person than the contact listed here, please contact the respective liaison directly.

CULTURE BLOCKS LIAISON FOR LIBRARY BRANCHES

Emily Nanney, Associate Director - Programs, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - [Email: ENanney@cmlibrary.org](mailto:ENanney@cmlibrary.org)

CULTURE BLOCKS LIAISON FOR RECREATION CENTERS & PARKS

- Jeff Carwile, Recreation Superintendent- Enterprise Recreation, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
Email: Jeff.Carwile@mecklenburgcountync.gov - Phone: 980-314-1039
- Jay Tryon, Recreation Superintendent- Community Recreation, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
Email: Jason.tryon@MecklenburgCountync.gov - Phone: 980-314-1018

Note: For parks, the Regional Manager oversees availability and logistics for programs and events. Visit www.parkandrec.com and click “Parks” to find the region in which the park of interest is located. Contact the appropriate Regional Manager to begin the reservation process.

PARK REGIONAL MANAGERS

- [Justin Jackson](#), Justin Jackson, Recreation Superintendent over Aquatic & Regional Centers. 704-840-0688 Justin.Jackson@Mecklenburgcountync.gov
- [Ariel Henderson](#), Park and Recreation Manager, Oversees North Region Recreation Centers: Mallard Creek, Sugaw Creek, Ivory/Baker, David B. Waymer, MLK Jr. Middle, Wallace Pruitt, West Charlotte. 980-314-1034
Ariel.Henderson@mecklenburgcountync.gov
- [Heidi Kitterman](#), Central Region Recreation Centers: Heidi.Kitterman@Mecklenburgcountync.gov - Tuckaseegee, Bette Rae Thomas, Arbor Glenn, Tom Sykes, Southview, Amay James. 980-314-1032
- Donald Johnson, Park and Recreation Manager - South Region Recreation Centers: Hickory Grove, Albemarle, Berewick, Elon, Naomi Drenan, Methodist Home, Tyvola Senior Center. 980-403-2380
- [Gabe Hackney](#), Park and Recreation Manager – South Region: Gabe.Hackney@mecklenburgcountync.gov, Oversees the following Recreation Centers: Methodist Homes, Albemarle Road, Hickory Grove, Naomi Drenan, Tyvola Senior Center, Berewick
- [Genni Reel](#), Park and Recreation Manager – Aquatics: Gennifer.Reel@Mecklenburgcountync.gov, Oversees the following Recreation Centers: Marion Diehl 980-314-1020
- [Gabe J. Hackney](#), Eastway Regional Recreation Center: Gabe.Hackney@mecklenburgcountync.gov 704-840-0686
- Olema Edwards, Recreation Superintendent over Community Centers & Athletics. 704-534-4944
- Dennis Crump, Park and Recreation Manager - Adult and Youth Sports & Revolution Park Sports Academy. 980-314-1351
- Kristina Cudney, Therapeutic Recreation Manager - Therapeutic & Inclusive Recreation Services. 980-314-1193
- Stephanie Stone, Park and Recreation Manager - Northern Regional Recreation Center. 980-314-6772

BLOCK 1: NORTHWEST

Charlotte bordered by Rozzelles Ferry and Beatties Ford roads and Freedom Drive and State Street

BLOCK 1 THEMES

- Music Programs (reading & playing music, African drumming, music therapy)
- Dance Programs (Multicultural, Hip- Hop & line dance)
- Performing Arts (comedy, outdoor concerts, music, dance, theatre, plays)
- Visual Arts (ceramics, origami, fashion, exhibits, photography, crafting such as sewing and knitting, street art)
- Multicultural Programs (Inter-sectional creative experiences)
- History/Heritage (historical story telling, African heritage, Native American heritage, Juneteenth, preservation & celebration, culinary history, Black history, history of Charlotte and surrounding towns)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, creative writing, storytelling)
- STEAM Programs (agriculture & computer literacy)
- Festivals/Block parties (neighborhood festivals, Jazz festivals)

CULTURE BLOCK 1 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - Allegra Westbrooks/Beatties Ford Road Regional

Contact: Cam-Tu Berg. Phone: (704) 416-3000 Email: CBerg@cmlibrary.org

Address: 2412 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte, NC 28216

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - Bette Rae Thomas Recreation Center

Contact: Terence McMurray. Phone: (980) 314-1111 - Email: Terence.McMurray@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 2921 Tuckaseegee Rd, Charlotte, NC 28208

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - Tuckaseegee Recreation Center

Contact: Al Cater - Phone: 980-314-1115 - Email: Alfred.Carter@mecklenburgcountync.gov and Sampson, Mary

<Mary.Sampson@mecklenburgcountync.gov>

Address: 4820 Tuckaseegee Rd Charlotte, NC 28208

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - West Charlotte Recreation Center

Contact: Miles Judson - Phone: 980-314-1120 - Email: Miles.Judson@mecknc.gov, and WCRC@MeckNC.gov

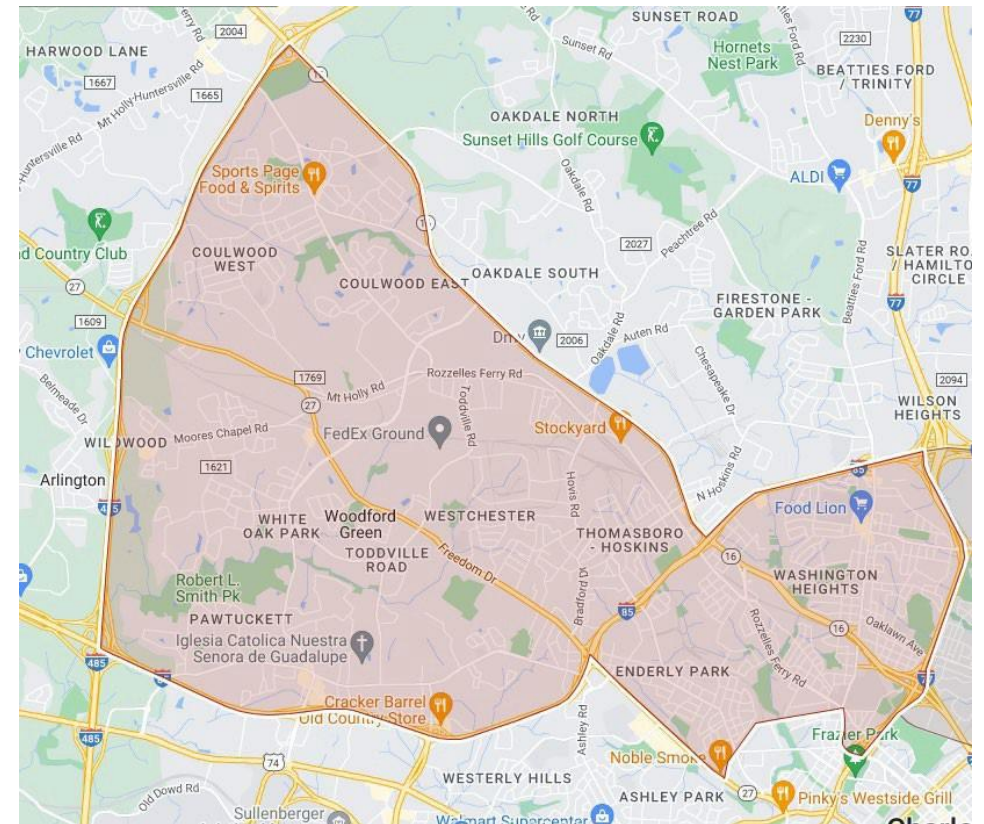
Address: 2401 Kendall Drive, Charlotte, NC 28216

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Wallace Pruitt Recreation Center

Contact: Anthony Buckson, Alyssa Love and Ariel Henderson - Phone: 980-314-1034 - Email:

Anthony.Buckson@MeckNC.gov, Alyssa.Love@MeckNC.gov, and Ariel.Henderson@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 440 Wesley Heights Way, Charlotte, NC 28208

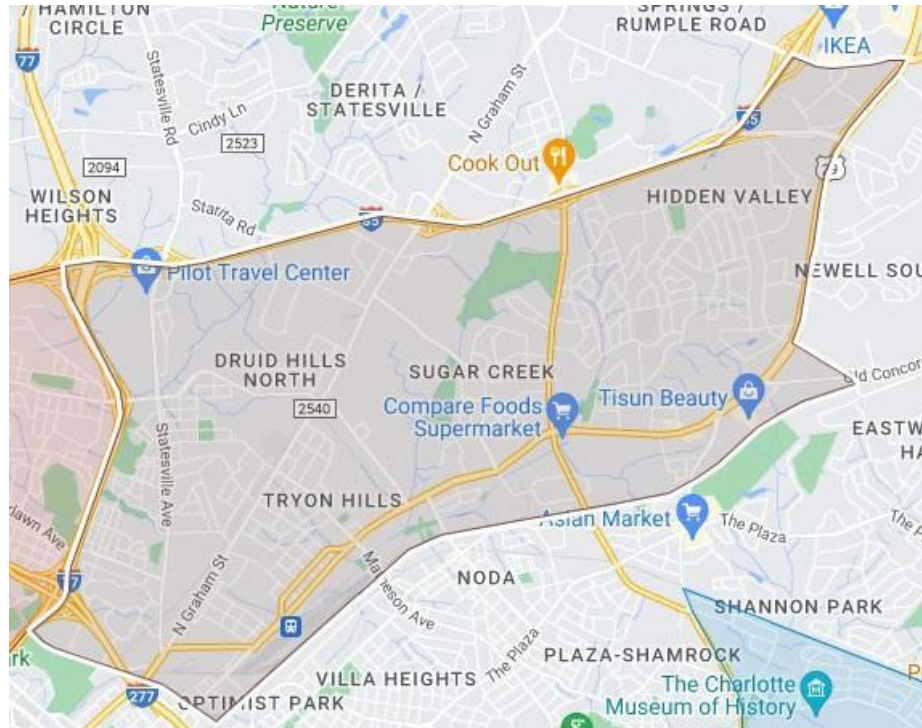


BLOCK 2: NORTH END/SUGAR CREEK/HIDDEN VALLEY

North of uptown Charlotte along North Graham and North Tryon streets, Statesville Avenue and Sugar Creek Road

BLOCK 2 THEMES

- Music Programs (jazz, gospel, symphony in the park, live shows, drumming, reading music & playing instruments)
- Dance Programs (trending choreography, African dance, inter cultural dance performances)
- Literary Arts Programs (international literature, poetry slam, creative writing, storytelling)
- Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, plays, fashion shows, improvisation, historical plays)
- Visual Arts (fashion design, fiber arts, art walks, photo editing, graphic design, collaging, ceramics, exhibitions)
- Multicultural Programs (multicultural programs that showcase a variety of cultures, language classes & dance workshops, talent showcases)
- Festivals/Block parties
- STEAM Programs (STEAM competitions, agriculture)
- History/Heritage (culinary experiences, African culture, programs highlighting the diversity of east Charlotte, heritage month programming)



CULTURE BLOCK 2 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - Sugar Creek

Contact: Rose Smith - Phone: (704) 416-7000 - Email: rsmith2@cmlibrary.org
Address: 4045 North Tryon Street, Suite A, Charlotte, NC 28206

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Eastway Regional Recreation Center

Contact: Tari Cottman – Phone: 980-314-1444 - Tari.Cottman@Mecknc.gov
Address: 3150 Eastway Park Drive, Charlotte, NC 28213

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Ivory Baker Recreation Center

Contact: Alyssa Love - Phone: 980-314-1112 - Email: Alyssa.Love@mecklenburgcountync.gov
Address: 1920 Stroud Park Court, Charlotte, NC 28206

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Sugaw Creek Recreation Center

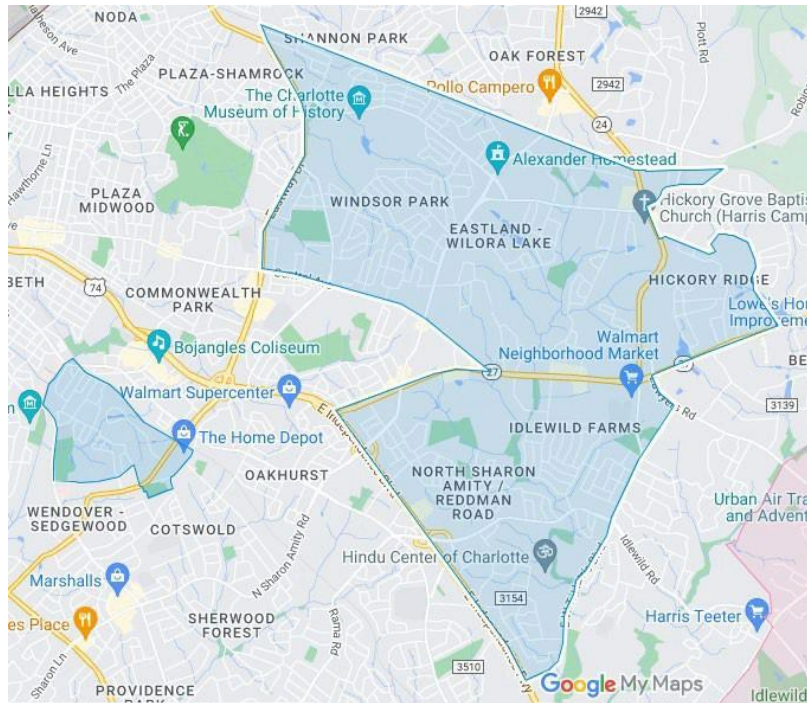
Contact: Alvis James - Phone: 980-314-1124 - Email: Alvis.James@mecklenburgcountync.gov
Address: 943 West Sugar Creek Road. Charlotte, NC 28213

BLOCK 3: EAST

East Charlotte along the Central Avenue corridor, Independence Boulevard and Hickory Grove Road

Block 3 Themes

- Multicultural Programs (learn about & celebrate the heritages of the different cultures in the community, including African, Asian, Irish, Latin American & Native American groups, music/dance/photography events, culinary education, language learning)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling, historical literature)
- Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, plays, Jazz concerts)
- Music Programs (music outdoors, symphony performances)
- Dance Programs (dance from various cultures)
- History (to include African American, Afro-diaspora & multicultural history, culinary traditions, genealogy)
- STEAM Programs
- Visual Art (African art, exhibitions to get to know and celebrate local artists, community created mural making, international film screenings, painting and pottery classes, pottery)



CULTURE BLOCK 3 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - Independence Regional Library

Contact: Mason Bissett - Phone:(704) 416-4800 - Email: MBissett@cmlibrary.org

Shawn Krizanik | Regional Library Manager – Phone: 704-416-4801 - skrizanik@cmlibrary.org

Address: 6000 Conference Dr, Charlotte, NC 28212

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - Hickory Grove Library

Contact: Letitia Cunningham-Jordan - Phone: (704) 416-4400- Email: LCunningham-Jordan@cmlibrary.org

Address: 5935 Hickory Grove Rd, Charlotte, NC 28215

Grier Heights Community Center

Contact: Stacey Price Brown, PHD, President - Phone: 202-271-8148 – Email: ghcioinc@gmail.com

Address: 3110 Leroy St., Charlotte, NC 28205

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Methodist Home Recreation

Contact: Dyrell Jackson - Phone: 980-314-1123 - Email: Dyrell.Jackson@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 3200 Shamrock Dr, Charlotte, NC 28215

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Albemarle Road Recreation Center

Contact: Darrius Harris - Phone: 980-314-1101 - Email: Darrius.Harris@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 5027 North Idlewild Road, Charlotte NC 28227

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Hickory Grove Recreation Center

Address: 6709 Pence Road, Charlotte NC 28215

Contact: (980-314-1101) - Phone: 980-314-1122 - Email: HGRC@MeckNC.gov

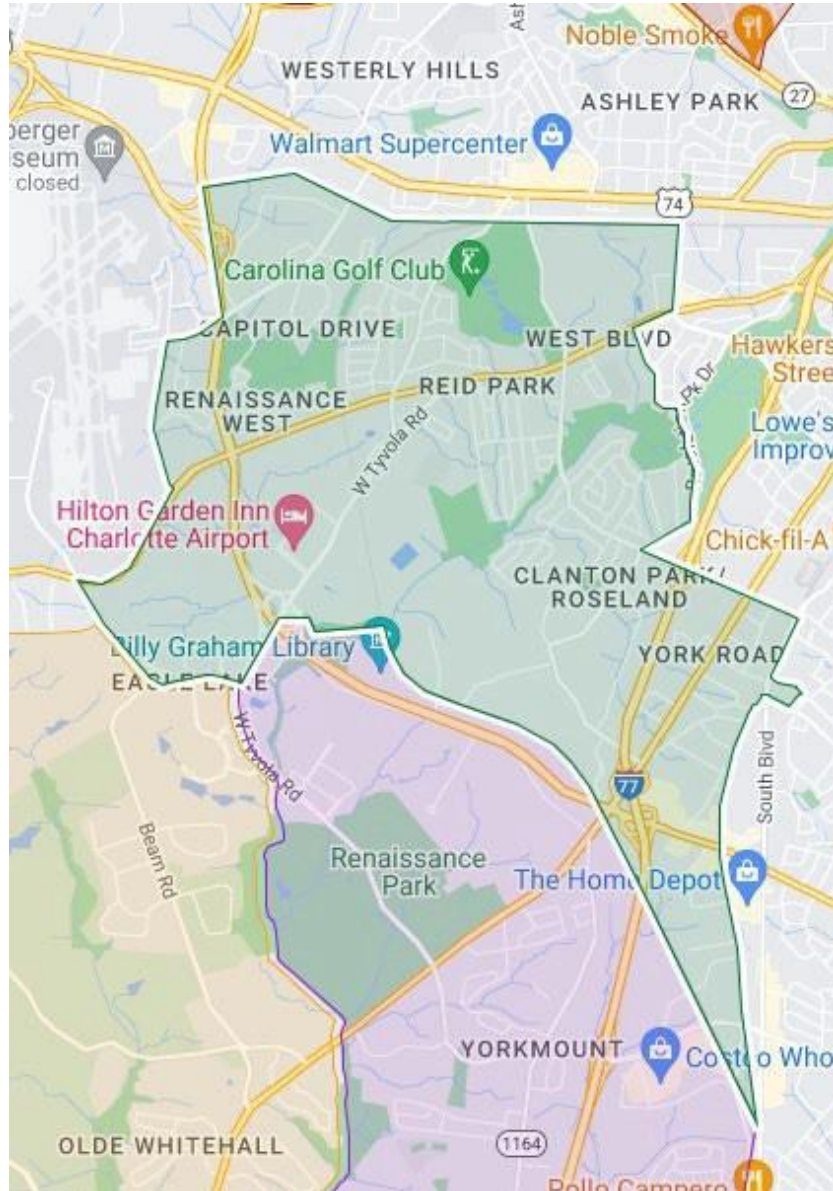
Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Naomi Drenan Recreation Center – **Closed until March 2025.**

Contact: Alpheia Smith - Phone: 980-314-1100 - Email: Alpheia.Smith@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 750 Beal Street, Charlotte NC 28205

BLOCK 4: WEST

West of uptown between South End and the airport



BLOCK 4 THEMES

- STEAM Programs (community beautification via agriculture)
- Music Programs
- Dance Programs (line dancing and ballroom)
- History/Heritage (African American heritage and history, cultural camps, music history & hymns, languages)
- Festivals and Block Parties
- Visual Arts (visual art and craft workshops, mural making classes)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)
- Multicultural Programs
- Performing Arts (music, theatre, plays)

CULTURE BLOCK 4 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - West Boulevard

Teresa Cain, tcain@cmlibrary.org, 704-416-7400

Cassie Chaney - Phone: (704) 416-7400 - Email: cchaney@cmlibrary.org

Address: 2157 West Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina 28208

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - South Boulevard (formerly Scaleybark)

Contact: Beatriz Guevara - Phone: 704-416-6400 - Email: BGuevara@cmlibrary.org

Address: 4429 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28209

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - Southview Recreation Center

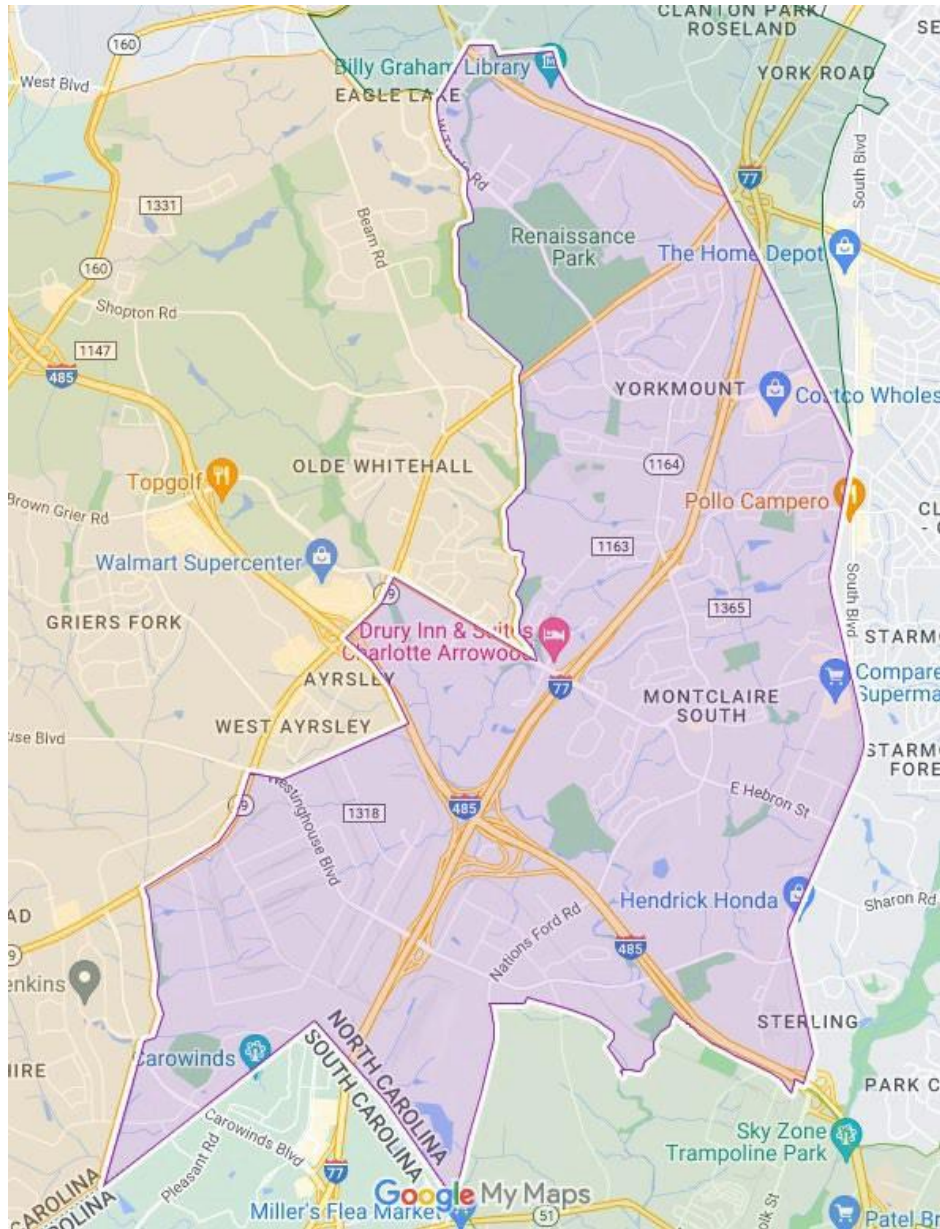
Contact: Phillip Gottlieb - Phone: 980-314-1105 - Email: Phillip.Gottlieb@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 1720 Vilma St, Charlotte, NC 28208

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - Arbor Glen Outreach Facility

Contact: Marquisha Clayburn - Phone: 980-314-1110 - Email: Marquisha.Clayburn@mecklenburgcountync.gov

BLOCK 5: SOUTHWEST Southwest Charlotte



Block 5 THEMES

- Cultural Education for Youth (to include talent shows, art, music and dance workshops, afterschool programs and summer camps)
- Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, plays, culturally diverse, drumming)
- Visual Arts Programs (painting)
- STEAM Programs (workshops, zoology)
- Music Programs
- Dance Programs (line dancing and Latin American dance)
- Multicultural Programs (to include festivals and bilingual programs in Spanish)
- History/Heritage (Cultural programming highlighting different cultures such as Ethiopian, Spanish, Greek, etc)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)

CULTURE BLOCK 5 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - Marion Diehl Recreation Center

Contact: Kimberly Herrera - Phone: 980-314-1300 - Email: Kimberly.Herrera@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 2219 Tyvola Road, Charlotte, NC 28210

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - Tyvola Senior Center

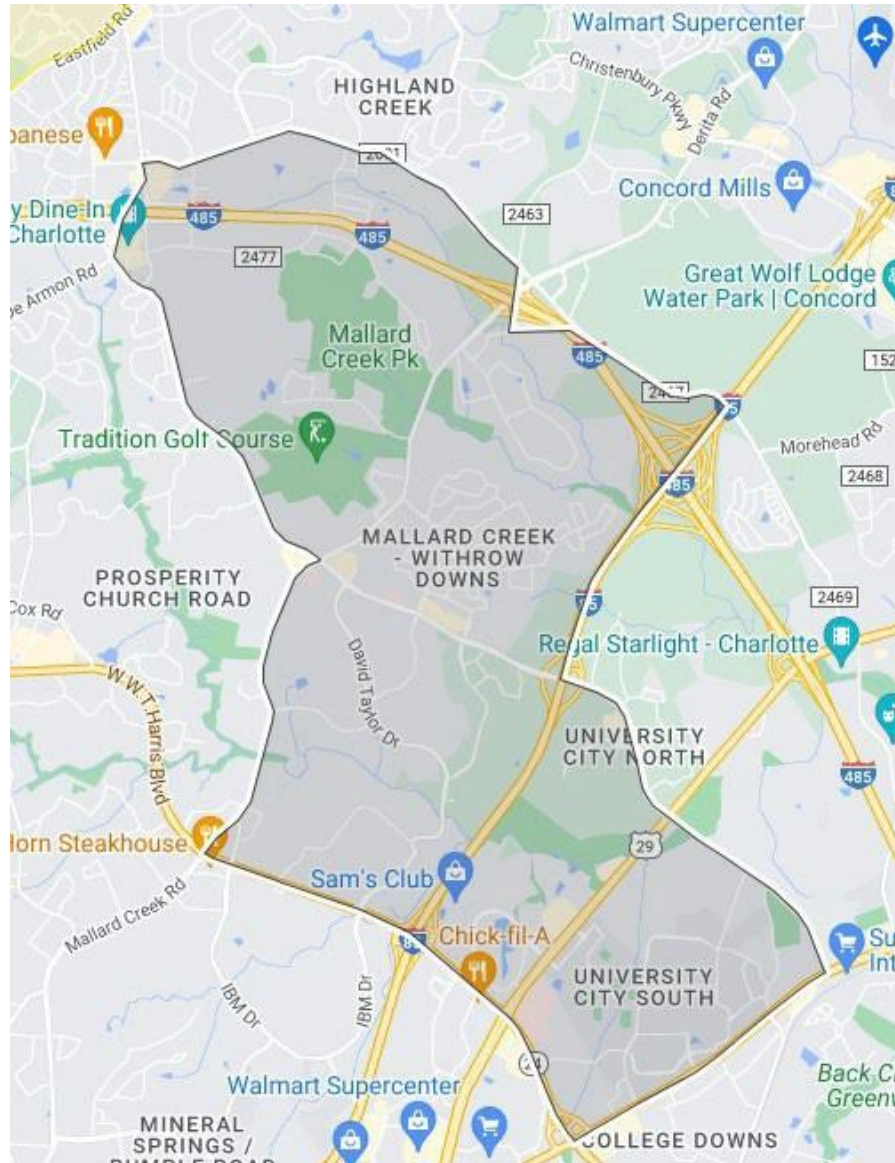
Contact: Candi Harper - Phone: 980-314-1320 - Email: Candi.Harper@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 2225 Tyvola Road, Charlotte, NC 28210

BLOCK 6 - MALLARD CREEK / UNIVERSITY CITY / PROSPERITY VILLAGE

Mallard Creek and University City area bordered by Ridge Road, I-85, W. Mallard Creek Church Road

N. Tryon St., W.T. Harris Boulevard and Mallard Creek and Prosperity Church Roads



BLOCK 6 THEMES

- Music Programs (jazz, concerts, hip hop, singing, learning to play instruments, African drumming)
- Multicultural Programs (performances, food history, Indian heritage, capoeira, language classes)
- Dance Programs (African, tap, hip hop, salsa, ballroom and ballet classes)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)
- Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, plays, step shows, acappella singing)
- Festivals/Exhibits (to include outdoor concerts, street festivals & film festivals)
- History/Heritage (Caribbean, tours of historical landmarks, Black history, ancestry research, intergenerational programming, cultural cooking, history of Charlotte specifically Native Americans and Civil Rights activist contributions)
- Visual Arts (showcasing local and new artists, ceramics, outdoor film viewings, painting, interior design, fiber arts)
- STEAM (computer literacy, senior nutrition, coding, astronomy, agriculture)

CULTURE BLOCK 6 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - University City Regional

Contact: Gina Petrie - Phone: (704) 416-7200 - Email: GPetrie@cmlibrary.org

Address: 5528 Waters Edge Village Dr., Charlotte, North Carolina 28262

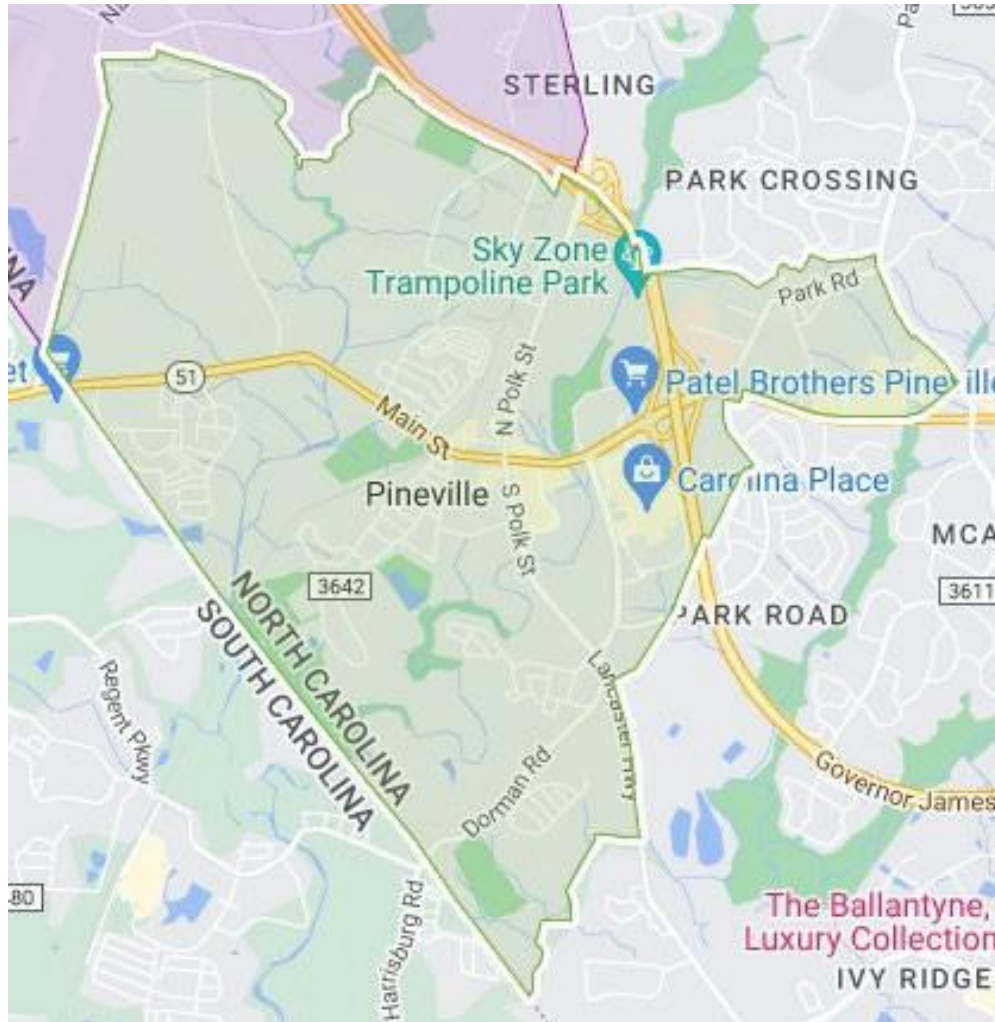
Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - Mallard Creek Recreation Center

Contact: Andrew Turner - Phone: 980-314-1121 - Email: Andrew.Turner@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 2530 Johnston-Oehler Road Charlotte, NC 28269

BLOCK 7: PINEVILLE

Town of Pineville



BLOCK 7 THEMES

- History/Heritage (including work with Polk State Historic Site)
- Dance Programs (line dancing, dances from different cultures, ballroom)
- STEAM (science in nature, programs along the greenway)
- Music Programs (jazz, classic rock, classical music)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)
- Multicultural Programs (celebrating Asia and Latin America, featuring food, music, and dance)
- Performing Arts (music, bilingual theatre, musicals and plays, R&B concerts)
- Visual Art (for children & families, painting, ceramics, art workshops)
- Exhibits/Festivals (exhibitions featuring local artists, traveling art exhibits, at the park or on Main Street)

CULTURE BLOCK 7 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Pineville Park & Recreation - Belle Johnston Community Center

Contact: Matthew Jakubowski - Phone: (704) 889-2400 - Email: mjakubowski@pinevillenc.gov

Address: 1000 Johnston Dr, Pineville, NC 28134

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - Pineville Branch

Contact: Kate Hill, MLS | Adult Services Librarian khill@cmlibrary.org – Phone: 704-416-3200

Amanda Goldson agoldson@cmlibrary.org

Address: 505 Main Street, Suite 100, Pineville, NC 28134

Belle Johnston Senior Group

contact: Shelia Douglas (Mecklenburg County Sr. Nutrition Program M-F)

Phone: (704) 889-7444 - Email: Shelia.Douglas@mecklenburgcountync.gov

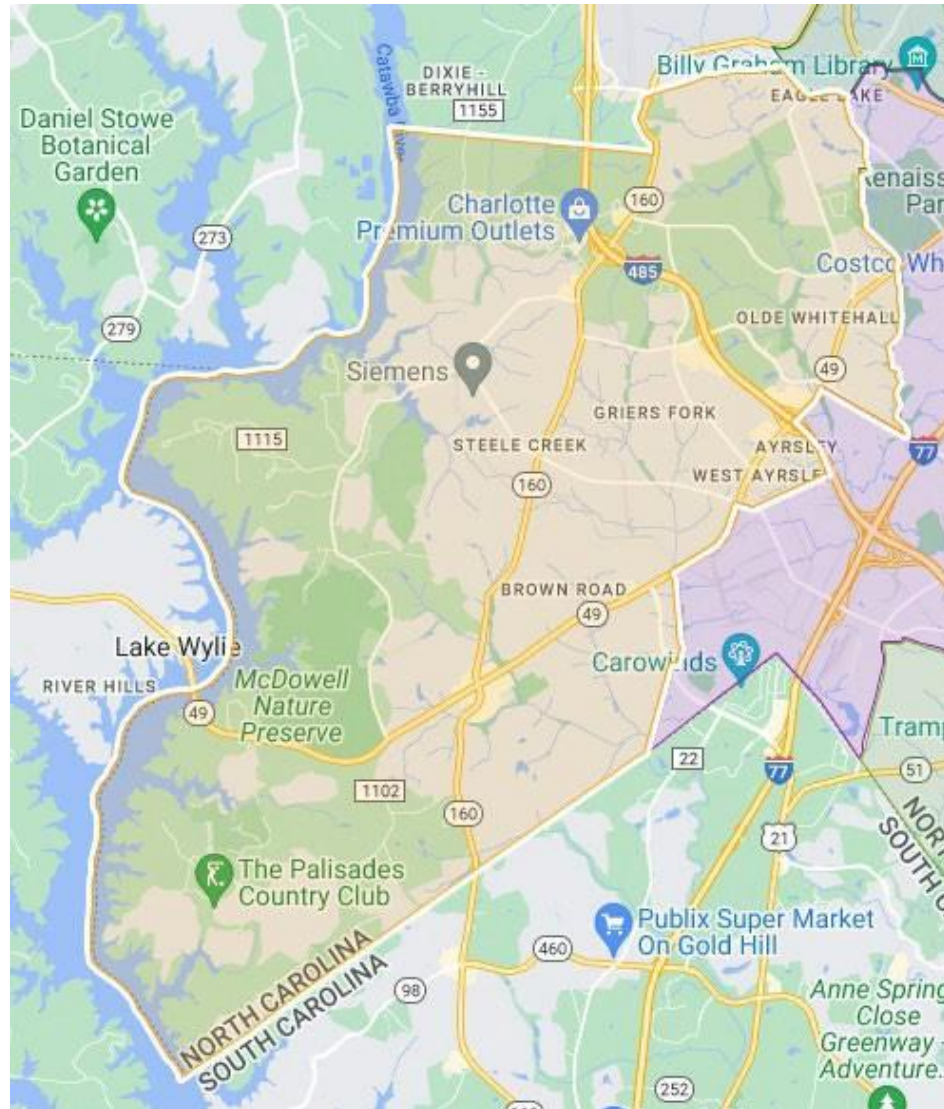
Pineville Park & Recreation - The Hut

Contact: Matthew Jakubowski - Phone: (704) 889-2400 - Email: mjakubowski@pinevillenc.gov

Address: 413 Johnston Dr, Pineville, NC 28134

BLOCK 8: STEELE CREEK

Steele Creek Area



BLOCK 8 THEMES

- Music Programs (bilingual music, instrument lessons, gospel music, Brazilian jazz)
- History Programs (history of Steele Creek, cultural cooking, history preservation)
- Multicultural Programs (Spanish language courses)
- Festivals/Block parties
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, creative writing, storytelling, novel/essay writing classes)
- STEAM Programs (bee keeping, native plant and garden workshops, Chess)
- Dance Programs (line dance, ballet, modern, ballroom, Latin American, Indian, African, Afro- Caribbean dance)
- Visual Art Programs (painting and ceramics, community beautification, fiber arts, painting, film screenings)
- Performing Arts (music, children's theatre, musicals and plays to include Shakespeare plays)

CULTURE BLOCK 8 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – Steele Creek

Contact: Monica Brown - Phone: (704) 416-6800 - Email: mbrown@cmlibrary.org

Address: 13620 Steele Creek Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28273

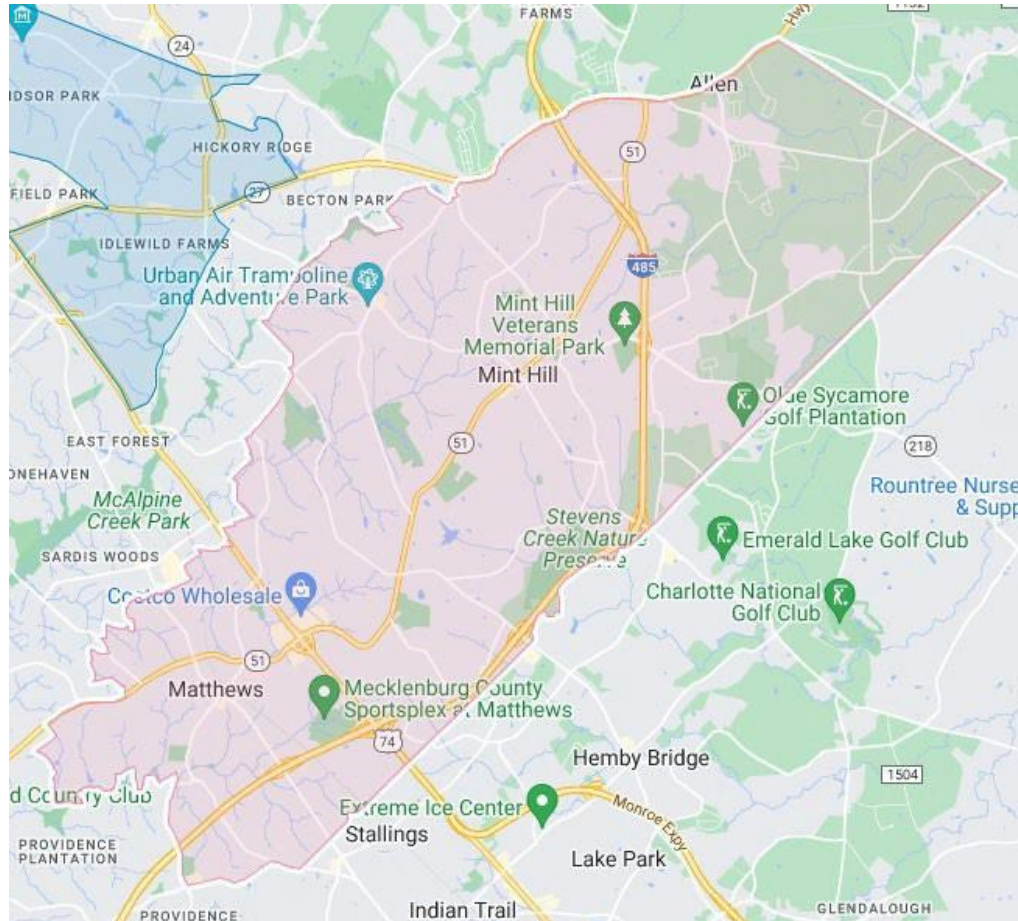
Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Berewick Recreation Center

Contact: Reginald Cummings - Phone: (980) 314-1102 - Email: Reginald.Cummings@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Address: 5910 Dixie River Road, Charlotte, NC 28278

Block 9: Matthews/Mint Hill

Towns of Matthews and Mint Hill



BLOCK 9 THEMES

- Dance Programs (square dance, cultural dances, ballroom, break dance)
- STEAM Programs
- Visual Art Programs (fiber arts, painting, ceramics, and woodworking)
- Music Programs (performances by local artists of jazz, bluegrass, blues, Motown; music lessons, Latin American)
- Performing Arts (bilingual theatre, musical theatre, jazz concerts, music, theatre, plays)
- Festivals (Juneteenth)
- History/Heritage (Black history, storytelling about Native Americans, bilingual lessons)
- Multicultural Programs (Latin American)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)

CULTURE BLOCK 9 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – Mint Hill

Contact: Sally Deason - Email: SDeason@cmlibrary.org - Phone: (704) 416-5200
Address 6840 Matthews - Mint Hill Road, Mint Hill, NC 28227

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – Matthews

Contact: Stephanie Lucas - Email: slucas@cmlibrary.org - Phone: 704-416-5000
Address: 230 Matthews Station St, Matthews, NC 28105

Town of Matthews - Matthews Community Center

Contact: Ashley Murdock - 704-708-1264 - amurdock@matthewsnc.gov
Address: 100 McDowell St East, Matthews, NC 28105

Town of Matthews - Crews Recreation Center

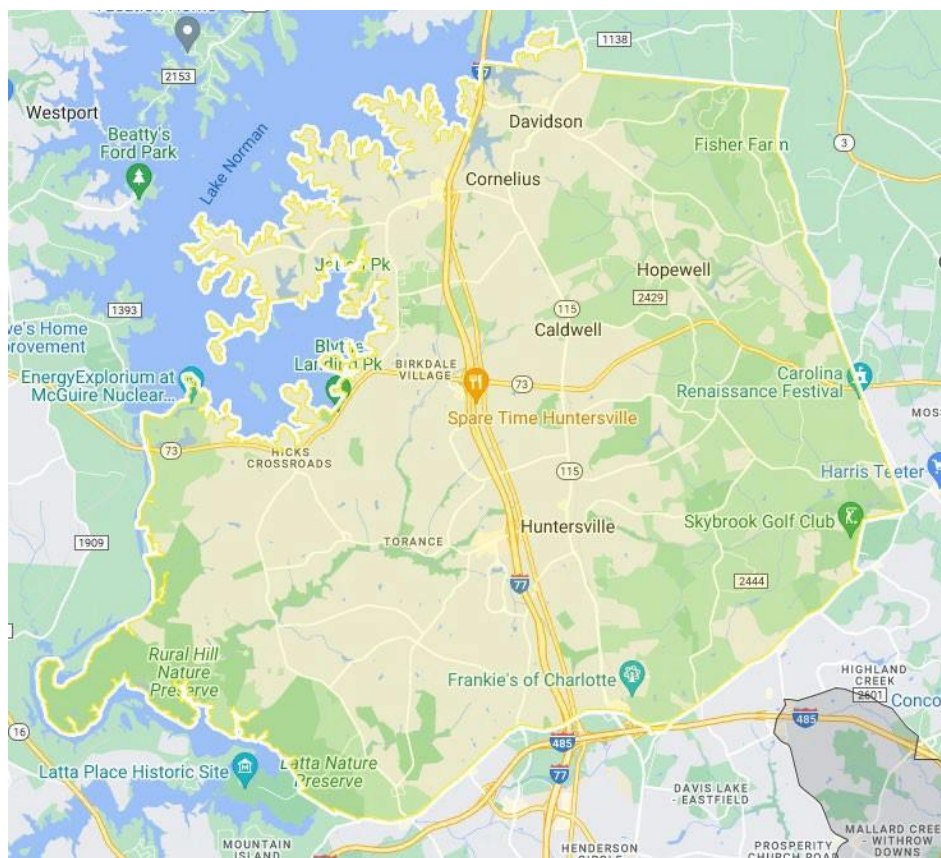
Contact: Charles A. Smith III Email: csmith@matthewsnc.gov - Phone: 704-708-1289
Address: 1201 Crews Road, Matthews, NC 28105

BLOCK 10: CORNELIUS/DAVIDSON/HUNTERSVILLE

Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville

BLOCK 10 THEMES

- Dance Programs (Latin American, Salsa, Arabic/Belly, Line dancing, Capoeira, ballet)
- STEAM (programs for adults and kids, coding, gardening, lectures on the environment, animal encounters)
- Visual Art Programs (ceramics, master classes taught by local artists, pop up art shows, art camps, acrylic painting, film screenings)
- Performing Arts (music, community theatre, plays that are culturally diverse)
- Multicultural Programs
- Festivals (Día de Muertos, Bon Odori, Chinese New Year, international food, art festival)
- History/Heritage (history of Davidson & Huntersville, African American history, walking tours, bilingual storytelling)
- Music Programs (pop-up choirs, Blue Grass/Folk music performances, music in the park, music classes, singing lessons, instrument lessons, concerts)
- Literacy/Bilingual programs



CULTURE BLOCK 10 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – Cornelius 21105 Catawba Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031
Contact: Tyler Wilmoth - 704.416.3800 - Email: twilmoth@cmlibrary.org

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – Davidson 119 S Main St, Davidson, NC 28036
Contact: Nancy Lingle - Phone: 704-416-4000 - Email: nlingle@cmlibrary.org

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – North County 16500 Holly Crest Ln, Huntersville, NC 28078
Contact: Darcey Mesaris - Phone: 704-416-6004 - Email: DMesaris@cmlibrary.org

David B. Waymer Recreation Center 14008 Holbrooks Road, Huntersville, NC 28078
Contact: Akwari Roberson - Phone: 980-314-1127 - Email: Akwari.Roberson@mecklenburgcountync.gov and Ariel.Henderson@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Northern Regional Recreation Center 18121 Old Statesville Rd, Cornelius, NC 28031
Contact: Justin Jackson - Email: Justin.Jackson@Mecknc.gov - Phone: 980-314-1034, and/or Stephanie Frisbee (980-314-6772) Stephanie.Frisbee@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Town of Huntersville Parks & Recreation

- Arts & Culture Center: 14614 South Old Statesville Rd. (NC 115), Huntersville, NC 28078
 - Dellwood Center: 508 Dellwood Dr., Huntersville, NC 28078
 - Multi-Purpose Room - Huntersville Recreation Center: 11836 Verhoeff Dr., Huntersville, NC 28078
 - Outdoor Facilities are also available: Shelters, open green spaces, or Veterans Park lawn/stage.
- Contact:** Lindsay Small, Recreation Superintendent – Phone: 704-766-2253 -Email: lsmall@huntersville.org