

CULTURE BLOCKS



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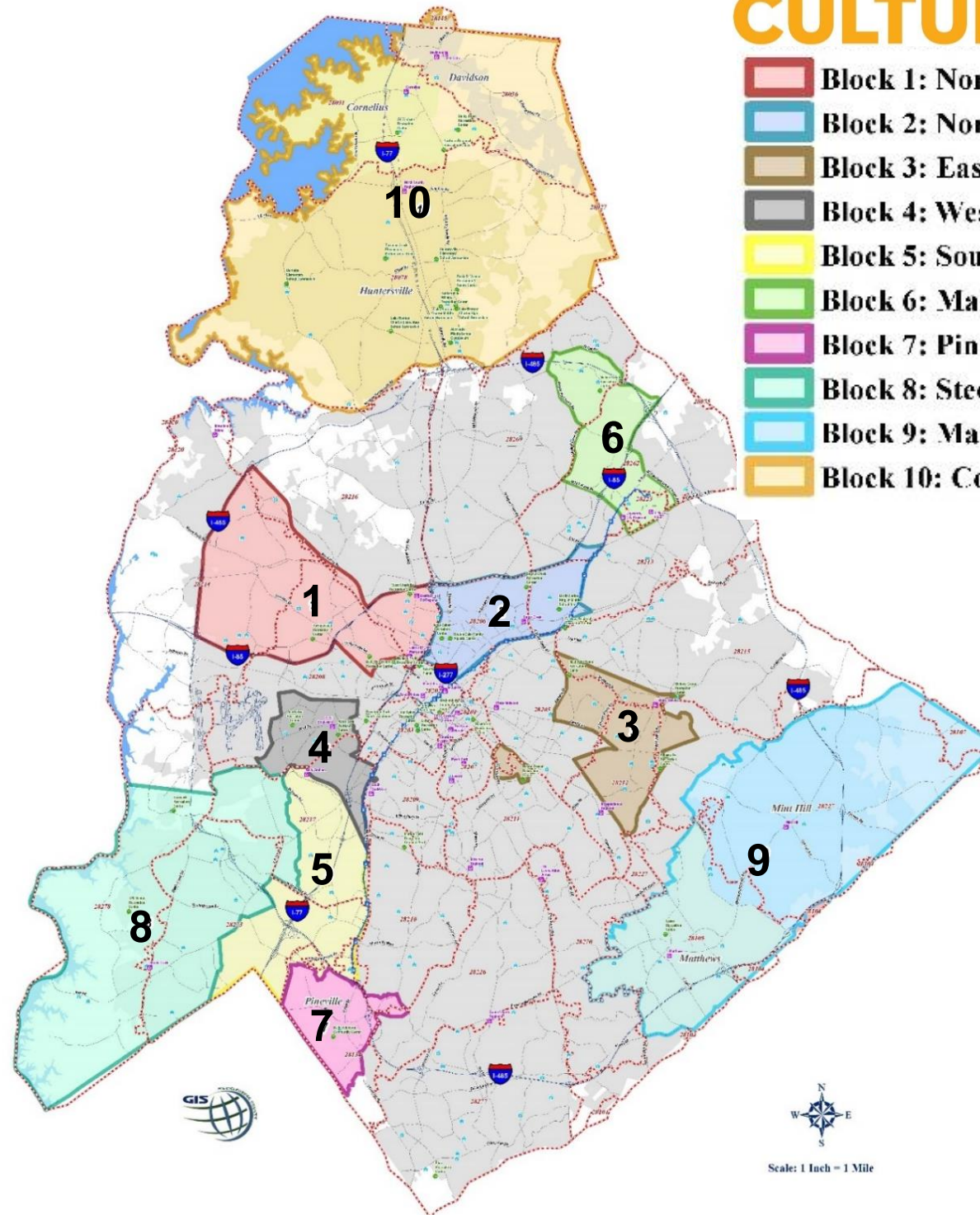
GEOGRAPHIC AREAS INFORMATION

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK BY BLOCK

CULTURE BLOCKS PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

CULTURE BLOCKS

-  Block 1: Northwest
-  Block 2: North End/Sugar Creek/Hidden Valley
-  Block 3: East
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-  Block 5: Southwest
-  Block 6: Mallard/University/Prosperity
-  Block 7: Pineville
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Scale: 1 Inch = 1 Mile



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
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- 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

- Ariel Henderson, Park and Recreation Manager – North Region: Ariel.Henderson@mecklenburgcountync.gov, Oversees the following Recreation Centers: Mallard Creek, West Charlotte, Ivory/Baker, Sugaw Creek, David B. Waymer
- Heidi Kitterman, Park and Recreation Manager – Central Region: Heidi.Kitterman@Mecklenburgcountync.gov, Oversees the following Recreation Centers: Bette Rae Thomas, Tuckaseegee, Southview, Arbor Glen Outreach
- 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
- Justin Jackson, Park and Recreation Manager – Northern Regional Recreation Center: Justin.Jackson@Mecklenburgcountync.gov
- Gabe J. Hackney, Park and Recreation Manager – Eastway Regional Recreation Center: Gabe.Hackney@mecklenburgcountync.gov

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, music history, music concerts in diverse languages, symphony performances, music in the park, jazz & Nina Simone Day)
- Dance Programs (for children and teens, to include African, Latin American, Multicultural, Hip- Hop, Ballet & Modern dance)
- Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, plays)
- Visual Arts (ceramics, art, photography, crafting such as sewing and knitting, street art)
- Multicultural Programs
- History (preservation & celebration, culinary history & local musicians paying homage to NC musicians)
- African American Heritage (to include documenting the contributions that local African Americans have made)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)
- STEAM Programs
- Festivals/Block parties

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: Leon.Kennon@MeckNC.gov and Ariel Henderson - Phone: 980-314-1034 - Email:

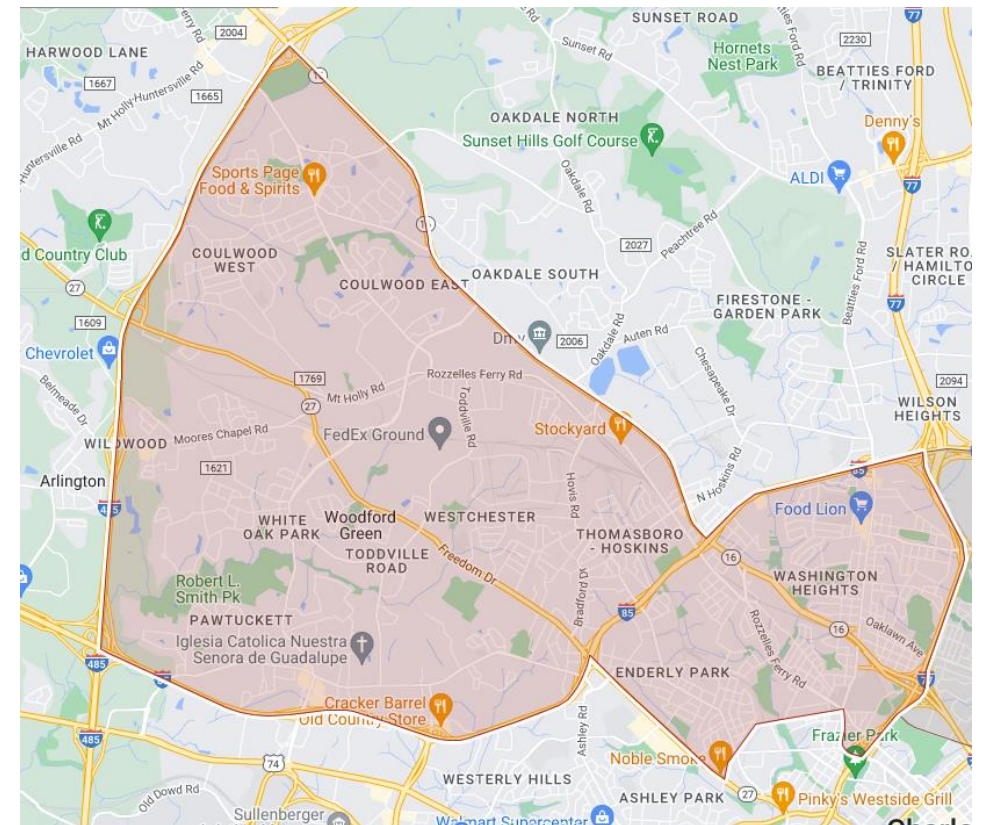
Ariel.Henderson@mecklenburgcountync.gov Address: 2401 Kendall Drive, Charlotte, NC 28216

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

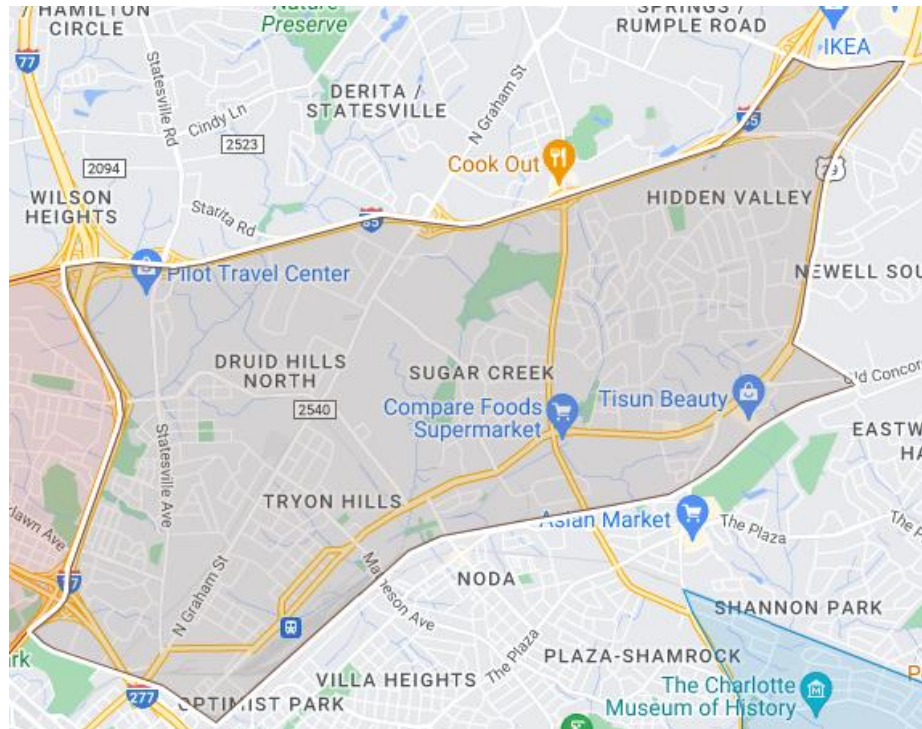


BLOCK 2: NORTH END/SUGAR CREEK/HIDDEN VALLEY

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, steel drum & music classes)
- Dance Programs
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)
- Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, plays)
- Visual Arts (ceramics, art and craft workshops, classes & exhibits, art for people with disabilities)
- Multicultural Programs (multicultural programs that showcase a variety of cultures, language classes & dance workshops)
- Festivals/Block parties
- STEAM Programs
- Public Art created by youth and teens in the community.
- History and Heritage Programs
- Programs for kids/teens



CULTURE BLOCK 2 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library - Sugar Creek

Contact: Teresa Clay - Phone: (704) 416-7000 - Email: TClay@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
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Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Sugaw Creek Recreation Center

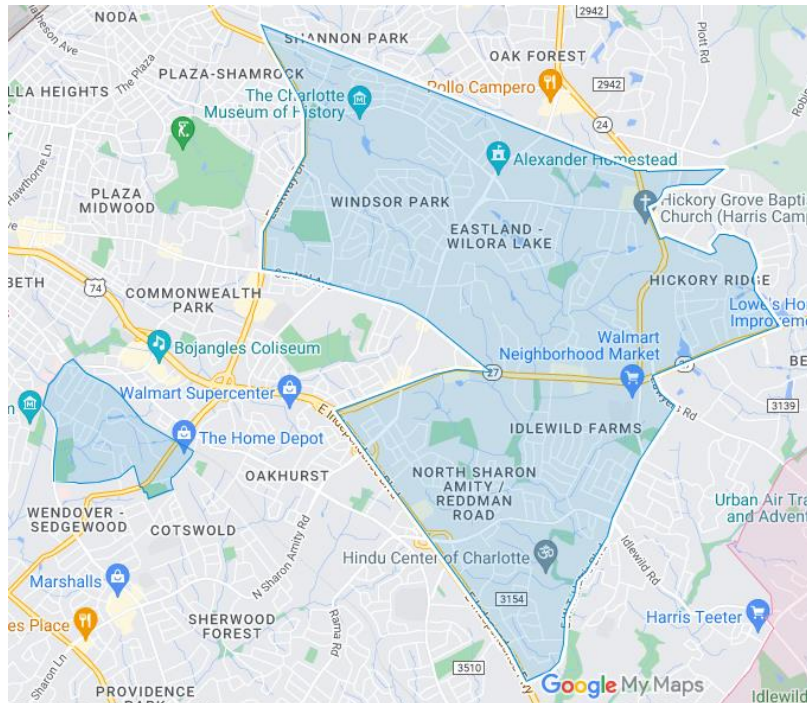
Contact: Alvis James - Phone: 980-314-1124 - Email: Alvis.James@mecklenburgcountync.gov
Address: 943 West Sugar Creek Road. Charlotte, NC 28213

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)
- Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, plays)
- Music Programs (music outdoors, symphony performances)
- Dance Programs
- History (to include African American, Afro-diaspora & multicultural history and culinary traditions)
- STEAM Programs
- Visual Art (exhibitions to get to know and celebrate local artists, community created mural making, international film screenings, painting and pottery classes, pottery)
- Multicultural and Art Festivals in Neighborhoods or Parks
- Family Friendly Programs



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

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

Address: 5027 North Idlewild Road, Charlotte NC 28227

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

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

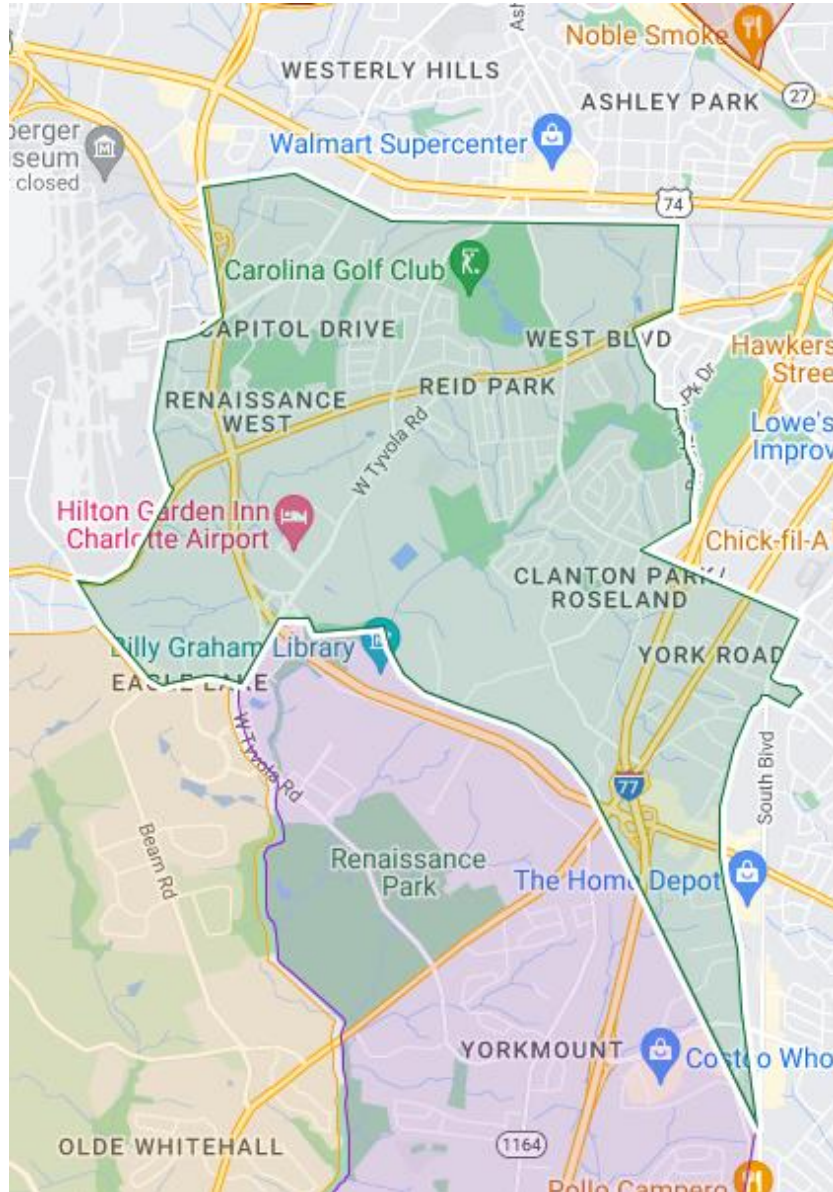
Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Naomi Drenan Recreation Center – It will be temporarily closed by the end of March 2023 for around a year.

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

- Public Art/Beautification Created by the Community
- STEAM Programs
- Music Programs
- Dance Programs (line dancing and ballroom)
- Cultural Education (for teens/youth to include life skills, cultural & art camps, art technique, music history & hymns, languages)
- Festivals and Block Parties
- Visual Arts (visual art and craft workshops, mural making classes)
- African American Heritage and History
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)
- Multicultural Programs
- Performing Arts (music, theatre, plays)
- Programs for Teens
- Programs for Individuals with Disabilities

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

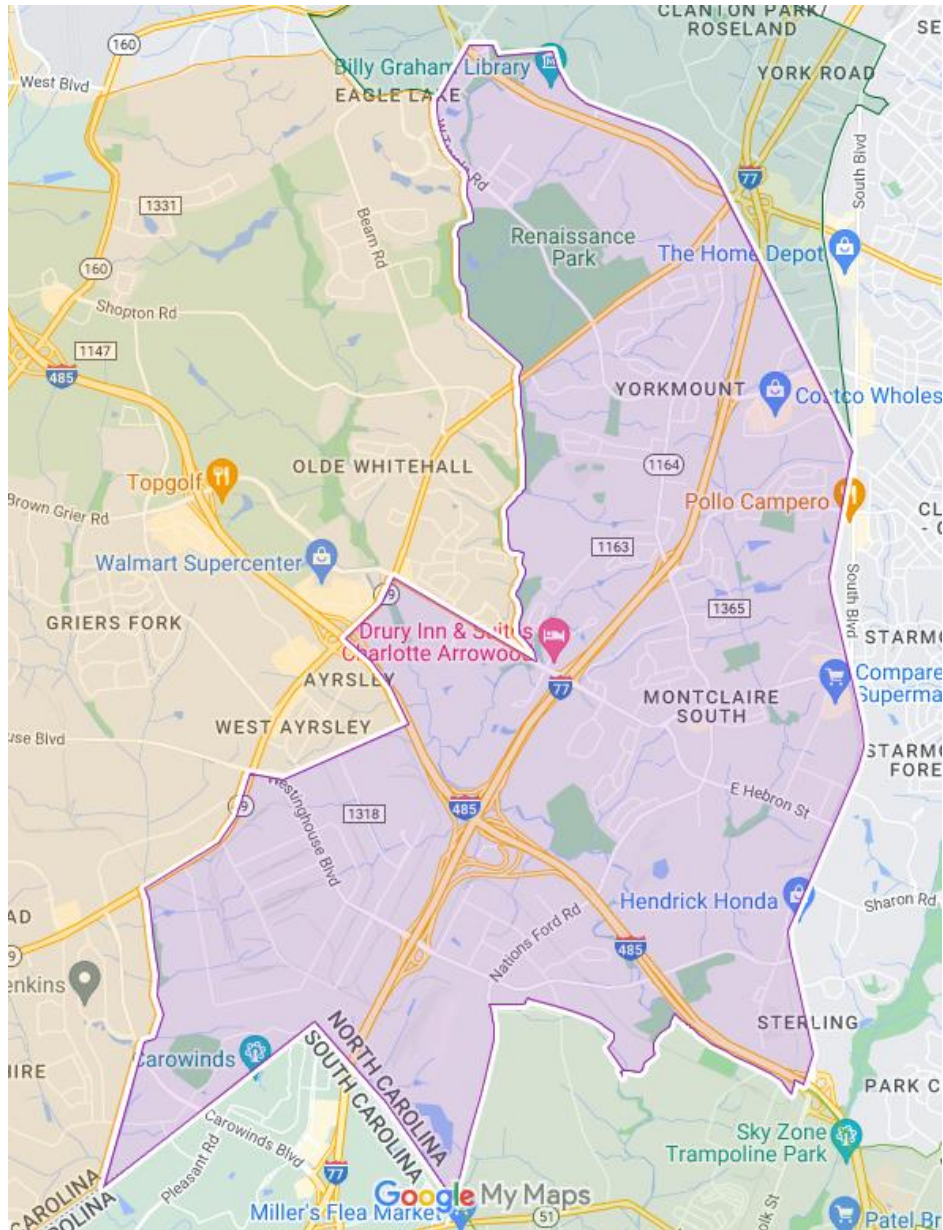
Contact: Phillip Gottlieb - Phone: 980-314-1105 - Email: Phillip.Gottlieb@mecklenburgcountync.gov

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
- STEAM Programs (to include hands-on STEAM nights)
- Music Programs
- Dance Programs (line dancing and Latin American dance)
- Multicultural Programs (to include festivals and bilingual programs in Spanish)
- History & Heritage (using music to tell history, interactive history)
- 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

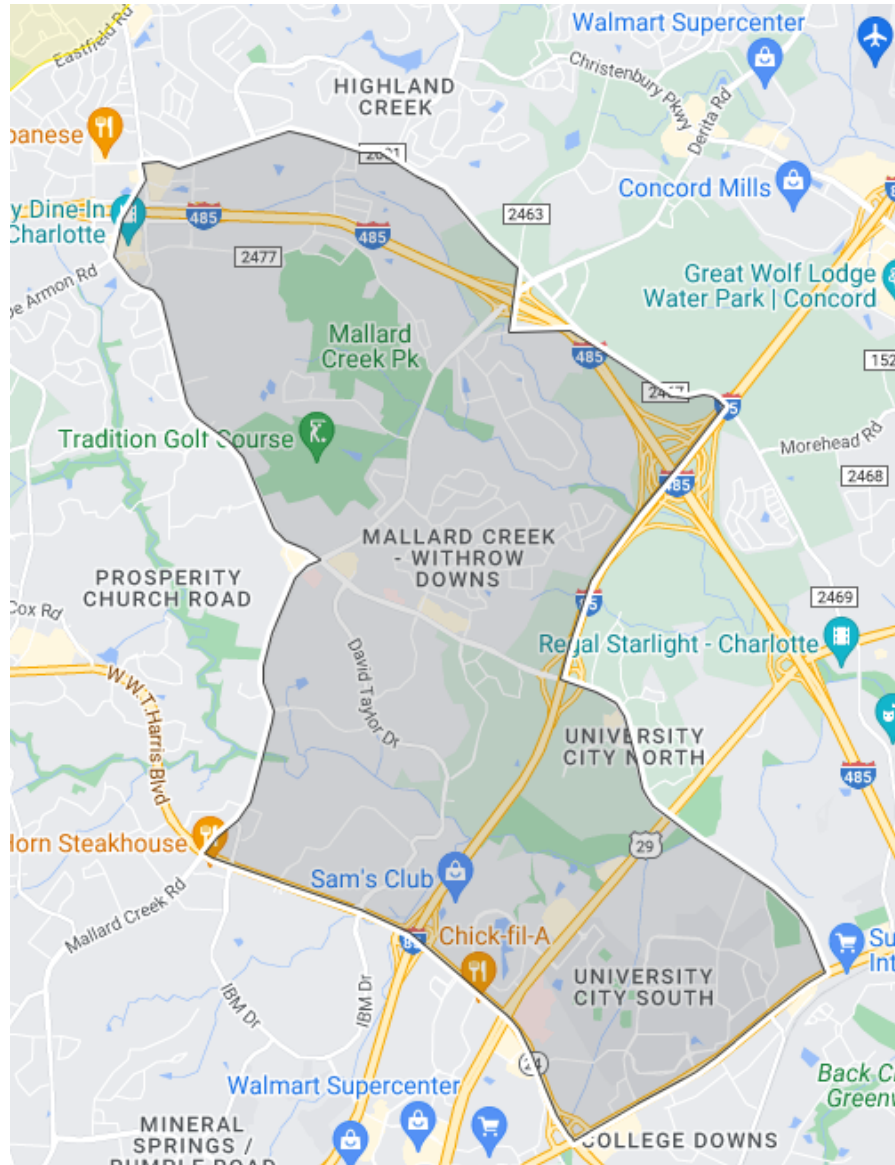
Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - Tyvola Senior Center

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, local bands, steel drum)
- Culturally Diverse Programs (multicultural performances, food history, African drumming, Indian heritage, capoeira, language classes)
- Dance Programs (to include salsa, ballroom and ballet classes for adults & children)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)
- Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, plays)
- Festivals/Exhibits (to include outdoor concerts, street festivals & film festivals)
- African American History & Celebrations (Black History Month & Juneteenth)
- Senior Programs (music, arts)

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: 301 East W.T. Harris Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262

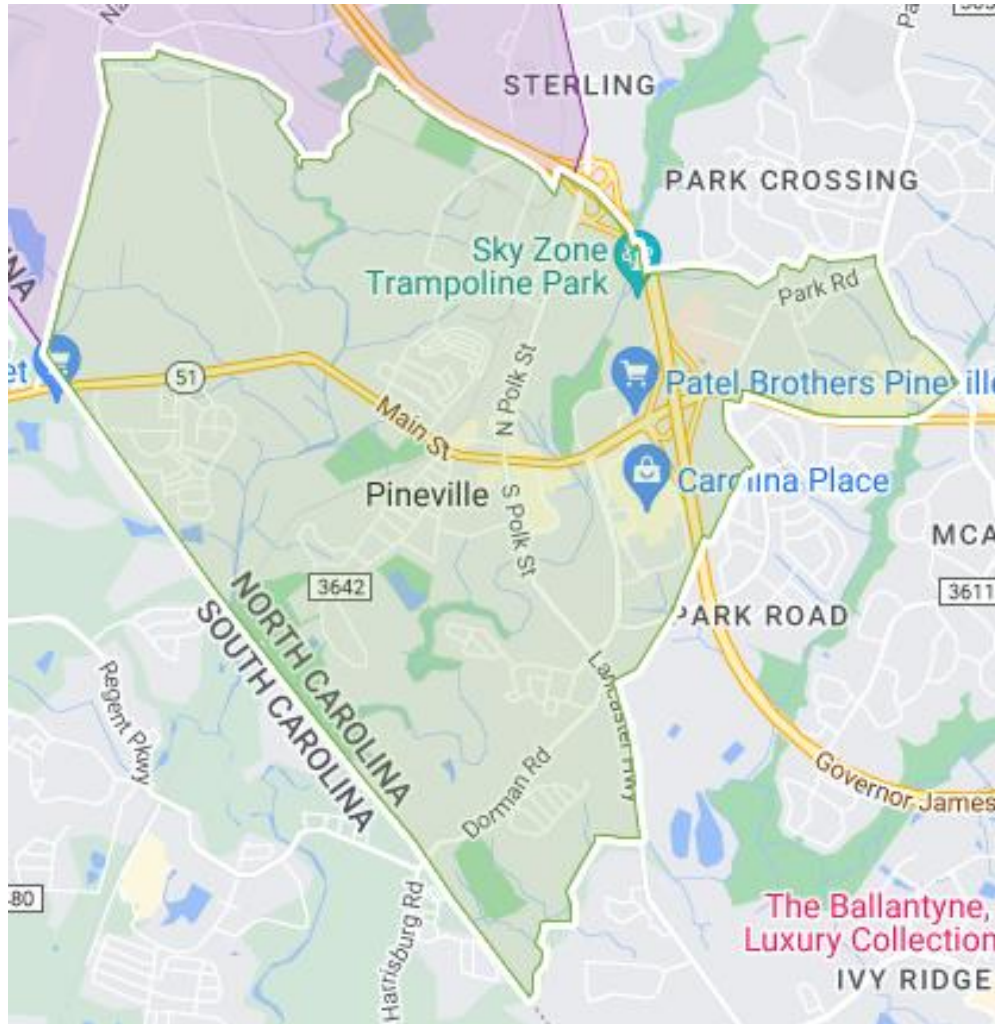
Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation - Mallard Creek Recreation Center – Temporary close for renovation.

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 Programs (including work with Polk State Historic Site)
- Dance Programs (multicultural & ballet)
- STEAM (Science & Nature (programs along greenway when it is completed))
- Music Programs
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)
- Programs for Teens
- Programs for Seniors
- Multicultural Programs (celebrating Asia and Latin America, featuring food, music, and dance)
- Performing Arts (music, theatre, musicals and plays)
- 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

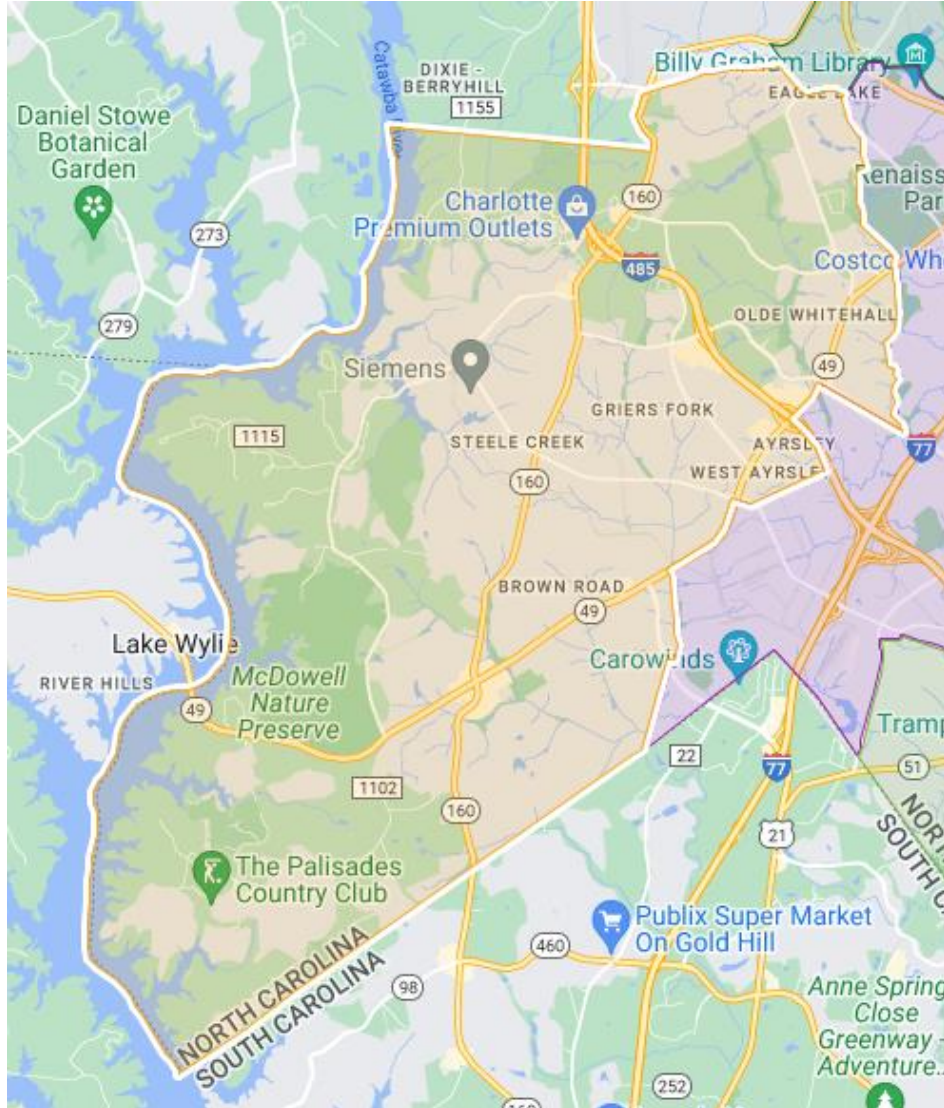
Pineville Park & Recreation - The Hut

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 (local bands, jazz, gospel, old school, concerts in the park, drum circles, symphony performances, Native American)
- History Programs (local and multicultural history, to include African American history)
- Multicultural Programs
- Festivals (to include film screenings)
- Literary Arts Programs (spoken word, poetry, writing, storytelling)
- STEAM Programs (science fairs for children or adults & programs for adults)
- Dance Programs (workshops and classes for adults including ballet, modern, ballroom, Latin American, Indian, African, Afro- Caribbean dance)
- Public Art/Beautification Created by the Community
- Visual Art Programs (painting and ceramics)
- Performing Arts (music, theatre, musicals and plays to include Shakespeare plays)
- Programs for Children

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

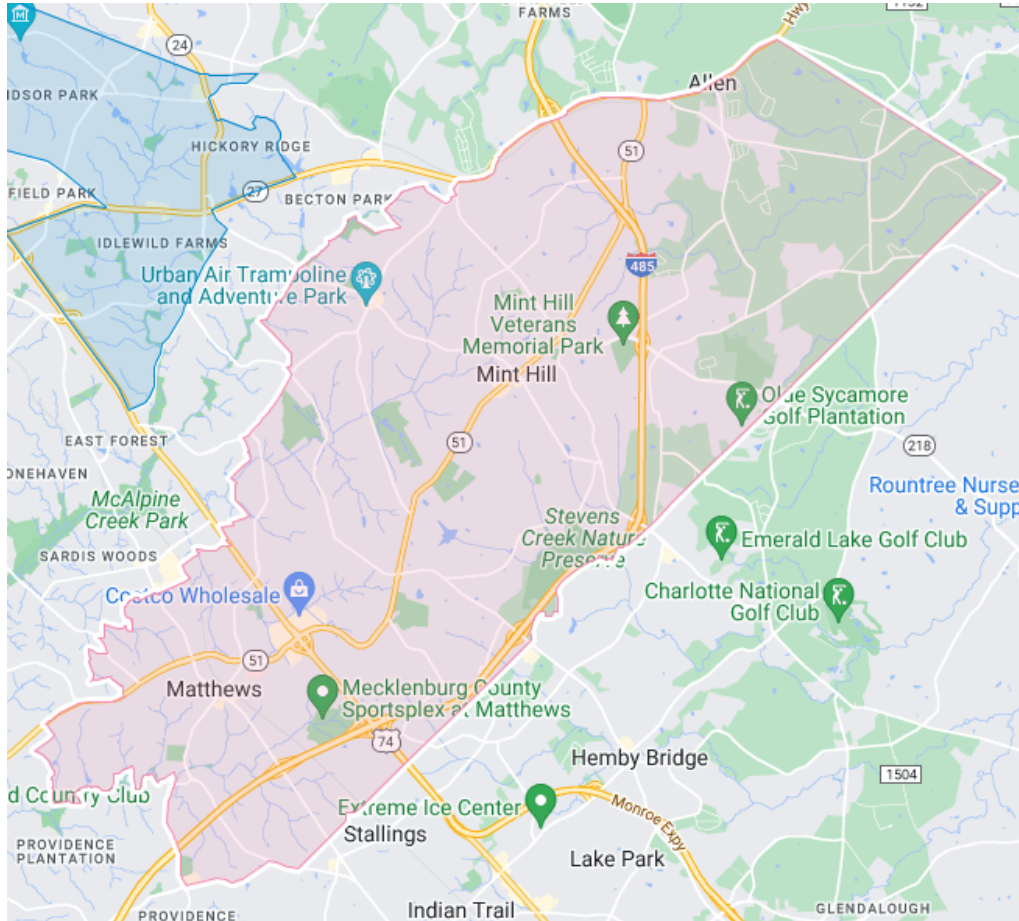
Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation – Berewick Recreation Center

Contact: Regee 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 (classes for children/youth and adults)
- STEAM Programs
- Visual Art Programs (painting, ceramics, and woodworking)
- Music Programs (performances by local artists of jazz, bluegrass, blues, Motown; music lessons, Latin American)
- Performing Arts (music, theatre, plays)
- Festivals
- History Programs
- 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: Sarah Clements - sclements@matthewsnc.gov - 980-214-4377
Address: 100 McDowell St East, Matthews, NC 28105

Town of Matthews - Crews Recreation Center

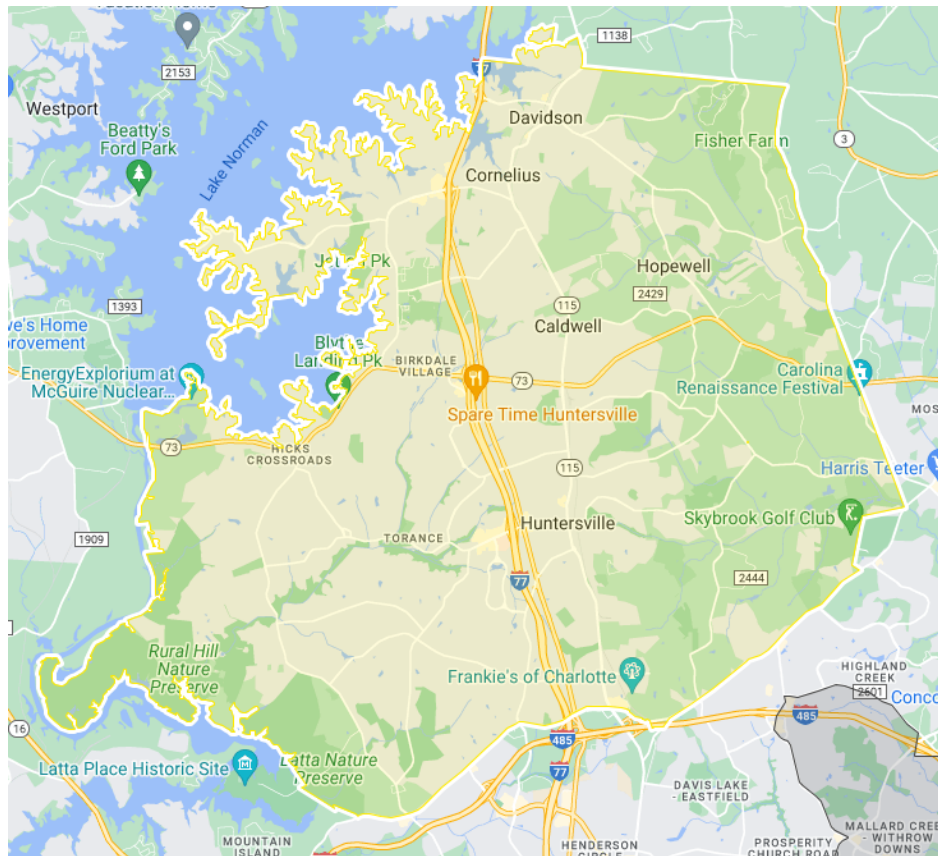
Contact: Charles A. Smith III Email: csmith@matthewsnc.gov - Phone: 704-708-1289
Address: 1201 Crews Road, Matthews, NC 28105

BLOCK 10: CORNELIUS/DAVIDSON/HUNTERSVILLE

Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville

BLOCK 10 THEMES

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



CULTURE BLOCK 10 - PARTNER FACILITIES CONTACT LIST

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – Cornelius 21105 Catawba Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031
Contact: Anselm Smith, asmith@cmlibrary.org - 704-416-3800

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