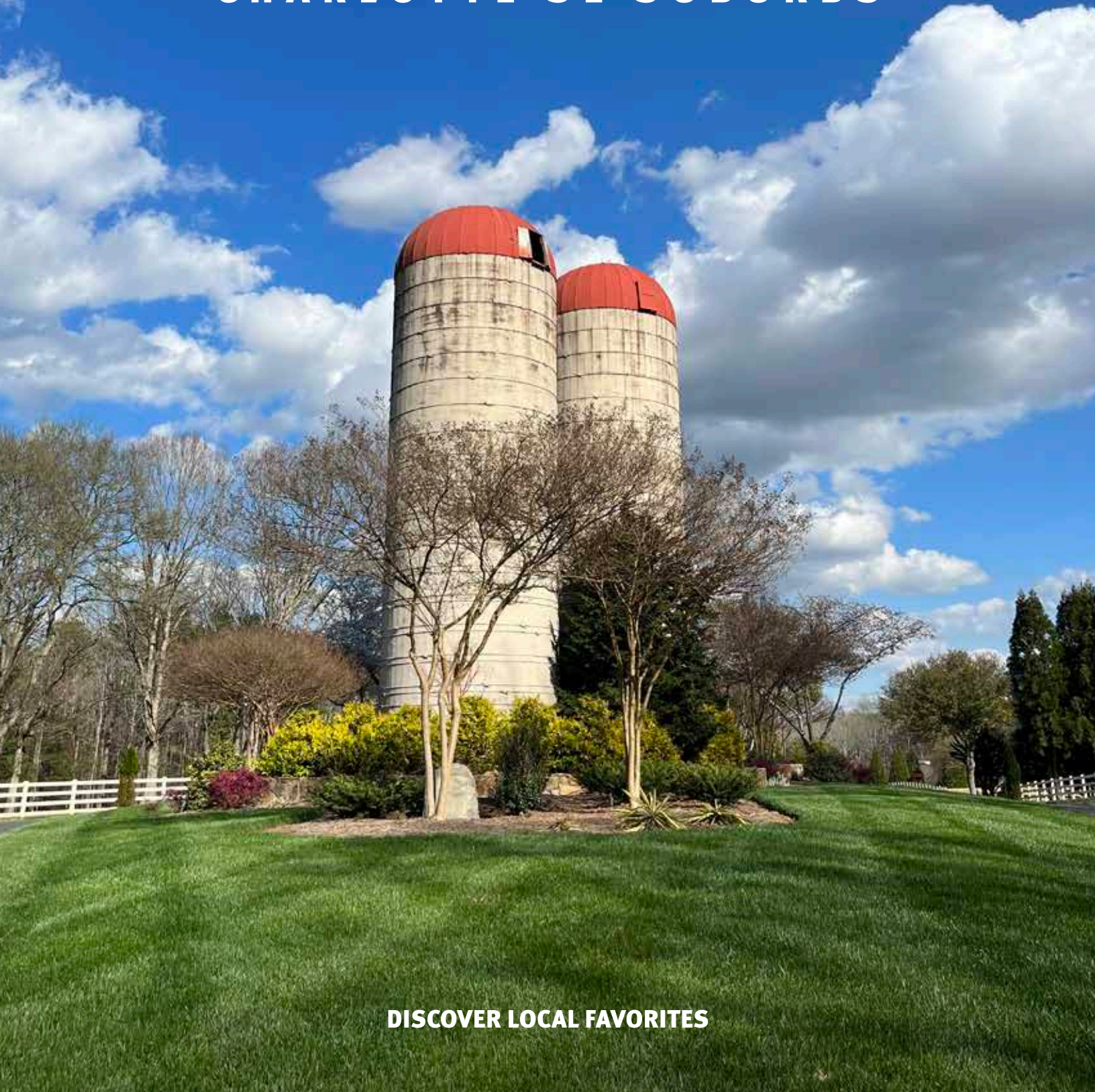


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The historic silos at the entrance of The Estates at the 424-acre Cheval equestrian community in the heart of Mint Hill.
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WELCOME!

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS...

Whether you just moved from across town or across the country, you have landed in a thriving community. Whatever your situation, moving is stressful and overwhelming. It's a challenge learning a new area, building new relationships and finding quality businesses to meet your many needs.



BeLocal Charlotte Southeast Suburbs is here to help. Within these pages, you will find local tips, information and resources about the community and introductions to some of the best businesses in the area. All from a local perspective. Everything in this magazine

is intended to help make your transition a little easier. The area is overflowing with delicious food, quality resources, a variety of fun outdoor activities, and great people.

I began this local magazine project two weeks before the global shutdown in 2020. Needless to say, that was not the best timing. Nevertheless, I was determined to make it happen and the first edition debuted in March 2021 with the support of many community partners who wanted to welcome new movers to our community. Initially, our distribution was only to new homeowners in Matthews. Within just a few months in print, we were able to expand into Mint Hill. In the Fall of 2024, we are excited to

expand yet again to now serve new residents moving to Mint Hill, Matthews, Stallings, Indian Trail, and Wesley Chapel.

Have fun exploring the community, getting plugged in and using this guide to help discover local favorites. Be sure to visit or call the businesses who have chosen to partner with us. They would love to meet you and help you in any way. It's because of them we can mail this magazine completely FREE to new homeowners each month.

Let me know how our *BeLocal* magazine has helped with the transition to your new hometown. Send me a note at the email address below. Welcome home!

Blessings!

John Robinson

Publisher

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COMMUNITY HISTORY & HIGHLIGHTS

 **MINT HILL**

Mint Hill Town Hall



Mint Hill Police Station (Former Town Hall)



Matthews Train Depot



Funderburk Building in Matthews



Matthews Heritage Museum

Mint Hill started out as a small farming town founded in 1750 by Scots-Irish pioneers, surprisingly making it the first official town in Mecklenburg County. Prior to those early settlers, Native Americans found the area perfect for camps as it provided rich soil supported by the numerous creeks and streams culminating with the Rocky River flowing through the land. The area was home to several signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence which declared independence from Great Britain. Once the cotton gin was developed, that industry grew in the local area which eventually attracted blacksmiths and local merchants. Today, a dedicated group of volunteers maintain the Carl J. McEwen Historic Village preserving the rich history of Mint Hill within its 2.6 acres in the heart of town. The community continues to grow with more modern retail space in recent years attracting new residents from across the country. The small town's location makes it an ideal spot for commuting to Uptown, South on I-485 to Ballantyne or North to Concord.

Town Hall: 704.545.9726
Police: 704.545.1085
Fire: 704-545-4866
Chamber of Commerce: 704-573-8282
Population: 27, 143
Founded: 1750
Incorporated: 1899, 1971
Zip Code: 28227
County: Mecklenburg, Union
Elevation: 768 ft.
Mayor: Brad Simmons
FB: @TownofMintHill
IG: @TownofMintHill
MintHill.com

MATTHEWS

An area rich for farming that at one time had so many tree stumps left behind from clearing the land for planting that the early settlement in the 1800s became known as "Stumptown." Once John Miles Fullwood was appointed as the first postmaster for the area, mail was often addressed to Fullwood which served as the unofficial name of the area until it was incorporated in 1879 as Matthews. Trains have always been a vital part of town with the first rolling through in December 1874. The stop was eventually named Matthews Station in honor of Edward Matthews. In 1907, a brick schoolhouse was built which now serves as the Matthews Community Center. To preserve the unique history of the town, the Matthews Historical Foundation was established in 1987 and later started the award-winning Matthews Heritage Museum which is open to visitors Thursday – Saturday. In 1996, ten buildings along Trade Street were listed on the National Register of Historic Places and are noted on a sign for easy discovery. Matthews continues to evolve and has become known for its annual Matthews Alive festival in August that attracts attendees from all around the region.

Town Hall: 704-847-4411
Police: 704-847-5555
Matthews Firehouse #1: 704-847-9400
Matthews Firehouse #2: 704-847-4468
Idlewild Fire Dept.: 704-545-5561
Chamber of Commerce: 704-847-3649
Population: 30,124
Incorporated: 1879
Zip Code: 28104, 28105
County: Mecklenburg
Elevation: 745 ft.
Mayor: John Higdon
FB: @MatthewsNC
IG: @TownofMatthews
MatthewsNC.gov



Stallings Town Hall

STALLINGS

The small town of Stallings is located between Matthews and Indian Trail situated in both Mecklenburg and Union counties. In 1902, the prominent farmer and merchant, Matthew Thomas Stallings, from up the road in Harrisburg bought 200 acres in the area. He later built a home and local business with a vision to build a settlement full of enter-prise. That industry started with Mark Conder’s sawmill which employed many local residents. Once Matthew Thomas’ brother, Martin moved to the area for farming, the community became known as Stallings. After incorporation, Martin’s son, Carl became the town’s first mayor.

Town Hall: 704-821-8557
Police: 704-821-0300
Fire: 704-821-7100
Union Co. Chamber of Commerce: 704.289.4567
Population: 16,768
Incorporated: 1975
Zip Code: 28104

The need for a larger town hall was met in 2005 with the completion of the current building just in time for the annexation of the Emerald Lake and Shannamara subdivisions in 2006 which added an additional 400 homes to the community. The latest edition is the Sunny in Stallings Farmers Market located in the lot across the street from the town hall and next to the Municipal Park.

FUN FACT

The Rock Store in Stallings was originally built for Funderburk Oil Co. during the Great Depression.

County: Mecklenburg, Union
Elevation: 676 ft.
Mayor: Wyatt Dunn
FB: @TownofStallings
IG: @TownofStallings
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StallingsNC.org



Stallings water tower



Indian Trail Town Hall



Chestnut Square Park

INDIAN TRAIL

Founded in 1861, the farming town of Indian Trail first served as a community serving the many travelers along the “Indian Trail” that ran between Petersburg, VA down to the Indians of Waxhaw. Eventually, the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad was built and became a vital fixture in the area like it was in Matthews and Stallings. In recent years, the Sun Valley Entertainment District has become the local hotspot with a 14-screen theater along with a variety of restaurants and local retail. The community has earned titles like one of the “Best Places to Live in America” and ranked in the Top Five for “Best North Carolina Towns for Young Families.” As future growth is expected, a master plan was developed by town officials in 2023 to manage the overall impact and expectations.

Town Hall: 704-821-5401	Population: 41,724
Union Co. Sheriff: 704-283-3791	Founded: 1861
Baker Vol. Fire: 704-289-2741	Incorporated: 1907
Hemby Bridge Vol. Fire: 704-882-2100	Zip Code: 28079
Stallings Vol. Fire: 704-821-7100	County: Union
Union Co. Chamber of Commerce: 704.289.4567	Elevation: 715 ft.
	Mayor: David Cohn
	FB: @IndianTrail
	IG: @IndianTrailNC
	X: @IndianTrailGOV
	IndianTrail.org

LOCAL TIP



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– Jen R.



Dogwood Park

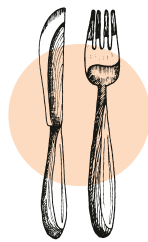
WESLEY CHAPEL

The official history pages for the Village of Wesley Chapel are not long. In historical terms, it is a very young community having been incorporated in 1998. Initially, the village contained 2,500 acres and today sits at just over 5,300 acres of land. In the late 1800s, the area was known as Price’s Mill, named after a local farmer and merchant, Joseph Price. The name Wesley Chapel dates back to 1832 when the United Methodist church was built on Potter Road. Today, the new homes tend to be built on at least one acre and limited commercial development offers the retail conveniences sought by local residents.

Town Hall: (704) 839-0182
Union Co. Sheriff: 704-283-3791
Fire: 704-843-3367
Union Co. Chamber of Commerce: 704.289.4567
Population: 9,040
Incorporated: 1998
Zip Code: 28104
County: Union
Elevation: 600 ft.
Mayor: Amanda Fuller
FB: @VillageofWesleyChapel
WesleyChapelNC.com

FUN FACT

Around 1800, farmers were drawn to this area for its rich land. As the trees were cleared for planting, many stumps remained and the settlement was unofficially known as "Stumptown."



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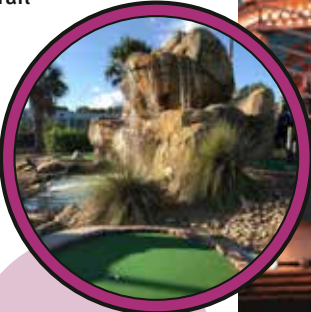
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Tasharra Kenion - wife of 19 years. Environmental Health Plans Examiner at Mecklenburg County Health Department, active member of Charlotte Metro Florida A&M Alumni Association, enjoys managing the household, book club, planning gatherings with friends and family, traveling, DIY projects, and paint-by-number. Favorite vacation is any beach with a cocktail bar.

Alexander Kenion 14. Independence High School, 9th grade, pitcher and 3rd baseman on the JV baseball team. Has played recreational and tournament baseball for 10 years. Lover of “Jordans” and hoodies.

Alana Kenion 11. Queens Grant Community School, 5th grade, cast member in the Broadway Jr. “Newsies” production. Plays 2nd base for Mint Hill Athletic Association 13U Softball.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN MINT HILL? WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE?
We have enjoyed living in Mint Hill since

2016. We have resided in the Charlotte Metro area since 2006 and Mint Hill has always been our favorite area because of its proximity and easy access to work and school and we have always loved the small-town vibe.

WHAT ARE A FEW OF YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN THE MATTHEWS/MINT HILL AREA?
Everything from shopping to entertainment is right here in the Mint Hill and Matthews area. We rarely need to leave the area outside of going into the office. There is a huge sense of community and neighborliness in Mint Hill.

WHAT LOCAL EVENTS DO YOU ENJOY OR RECOMMEND?
Some of our favorites are the Mint Hill Rodeo, Mint Hill Madness, Matthews Alive, Matthews Winter Wonder Lights. Mint Hill Veteran Park event series (Parents Night Out, Family Fun Night, Mint Hill Pop-up Market); Mint Hill Scarecrow Decorating Contest, Matthews Beach Fest, and the Mint Hill Music & Brews.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A FUN LOCAL DATE NIGHT?
There are many options, depending on what you like, from bowling at Bowlero

Matthews, catching a movie at Cinemark Movie Bistro, Painting with a Twist (Indian Trail), Splatter Charlotte, Friday night sports games at Independence High School, and a stroll along the paths at Veterans Park.

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FUN FACT

Model and actress Brooklyn Decker is a former resident of Matthews and graduate of David W. Butler High School. She is also the wife of tennis pro Andy Roddick.

LET'S RIDE!

trails, lessons, tack



By Brooke Robinson
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The Southeast Charlotte suburbs offer a variety of resources for local equestrians. There are areas for trail riding, 4-H clubs, hunter jumpers, show barns, western games, therapeutic riding centers and more. The area offers something for every type and level of rider. The benefits of getting plugged into the local equestrian community are numerous. Horses can be a great source for teaching kids responsibility, how to take care of an animal, build their confidence and an opportunity to make friends along the way.

If you and/or your family are looking to enjoy a trail ride, maybe for the very first time, checkout **Country Time Equestrian Events** in Indian Trail. In addition to trail riding, they also offer carriage rides. For regular horse-riding lessons or show preparation, **Cornerstone Farm** has a great new facility in Indian Trail for English riding, **Big Oak Stables** provides Western riding at their Indian Trail barn, **Hollow Oak Farm** specializes in English riding and 4-H shows. Another well-equipped facility specializing in training, lessons and boarding is **LH Equestrian** in Monroe.

A couple of unique and amazing facilities in the area offer therapeutic riding and equine assisted therapy. **Mending Strides Ranch** in the heart of Mint Hill provides riding for kids with disabilities, military veterans struggling with PTSD and others with a variety of trauma issues. **Wings of Eagles Ranch** in Concord provides riding lessons, camps, and outdoor adventures specifically for children and adults with special needs. Both facilities also offer a variety of opportunities for local residents to volunteer their time and talents.

When it comes to horse related tack and apparel, two of the best resources in the area are the new **Dover Saddlery** store located on the edge of Matthews and the locally owned **Tack Exchange** in Waxhaw. Their sales are the best!



LOCAL TIP



"We love the local farmers markets! So happy we have farmers markets that provide us with wholesome foods, excited to support them and the Matthews/Mint Hill businesses - always!"
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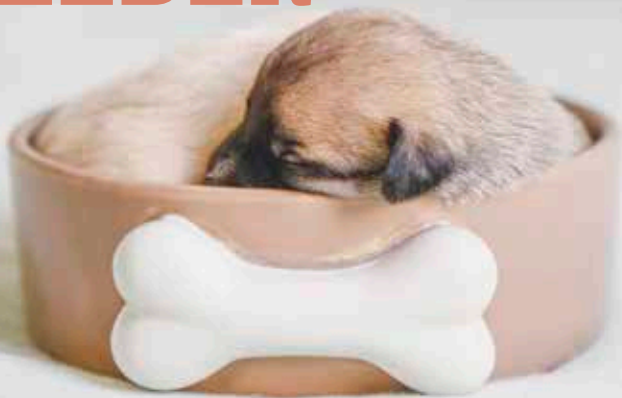


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The Importance of Working with a Responsible DOG BREEDER

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A popular first choice for many is adopting a dog from an animal shelter, however, not all families are equipped to handle the uncertainty of a dog's past. If you have made the decision to purchase a dog rather than adopt, determining the right option will increase the chances of finding a healthy, well-adjusted, correct temperament, and happy dog.



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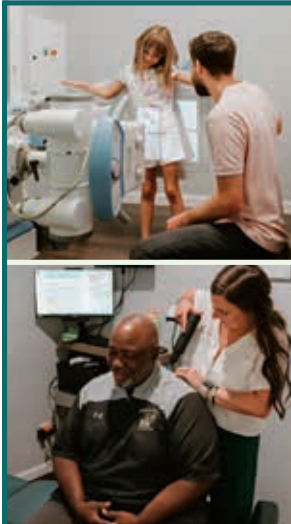


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When it comes to quality healthcare, Charlotte is home to a couple of industry-leading providers offering the latest in excellent care: Novant Health and Atrium Health. These two providers are well represented in our community with **Novant Health Matthews Medical Center**, **Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center** and the recently opened **Atrium Health Union West** in Matthews.

For additional health related service providers, some of the best are located right here in the area. **MCH Chiropractic and Nutrition of Matthews** offers some of the most beneficial techniques to improve spine movement and function. For boutique plastic surgery or Botox, it's an easy drive to the Waverly area off of I-485 and Providence Road for a visit with Dr. Gear at **Providence Plastic Surgery & Skin Care**. Be sure to schedule the family for regular teeth cleaning and check-ups with Dr. Natalie Nguyen at **Sapphire Dentistry** in Matthews. Check your vision and find new glasses at **Method Eye Care** in the Sun Valley retail area of Indian Trail.



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LOCAL TIP



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By Chris Beeman

About The B-Man

Chris Beeman runs **The B-Man's Guide to Golf in Charlotte** and has reviewed local golf courses in the area since 2002. You can follow him on Instagram, **@charlottegolfer**, to get his updates on golf clubs around Charlotte and throughout the Carolinas. To get information on all the public golf courses within an hour of Charlotte, visit his website at **golf.bman.com**.

EMERALD LAKE GOLF CLUB – MATTHEWS

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This semi-private club conveniently located off Lawyers Road and I-485 lives up to the “lake” in its name, with water coming into play on several holes, sometimes on two shots(!) like on both signature par-five 14th and 18th holes. This course remains one of the few public access tracks in the area with Bentgrass greens. In 2017, the course opened a new clubhouse and the Lakeview Tavern overlooking several holes and the name-sake lake. This course is very walkable and features a great practice area. The club also offers a wide variety of family and individual memberships to fit your schedule and budget.



THE DIVIDE GOLF CLUB – MATTHEWS

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This residential club situated between Idlewild Road and Lawyers Road off I-485 was built in 1995 and recently completed renovations (fall 2020) that included brand-new Diamond Zoysia greens. The course

winds through the Shannamara neighborhood bringing O.B. into play on most holes as well as creeks and ponds – pro tip: bring lots of golf balls! The club is now managed by Pinnacle Golf Properties and provides reciprocal play for members at six other local clubs (formerly The Carolina Trail). The grill overlooks the ninth hole and is a great spot for post-round food, drinks, and wager settling.

PINE LAKE COUNTRY CLUB – MINT HILL

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LOCAL TIP



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FUN FACT

NFL player, Sam Howell, grew up in Union Co. and attended Sun Valley High School. He has since played for the Washington Commanders and Seattle Seahawks.



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- » Pawsitively Matthews – Stumptown Park



WINTER

DECEMBER

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SUMMER

AUGUST

- » Matthews Alive



MINT HILL
RODEO



SPRING

APRIL

- » Tina Ross Afternoon in the Park (Mint Hill)
- » Mint Hill Rodeo

MAY

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HELP WITH YOUR HOME

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Depending on which project you want, or need, to tackle first; having the resources to know where to start can be very beneficial. One of the contacts you are inevitably going to need at some point is that of a great plumber. Keeping water where it is supposed to be is detrimental to the condition of your home. Sometimes, it helps to know more than one. When that need arises, Adam at **Winn's Plumbing** and Seth at **Wyatt Works Plumbing** are a couple of great options.

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