The Seaboard Air Line Railroad began rolling through Matthews in 1874. As Matthews grew, the railroad remained an important part of the town. A number of trains still roll through town several times a day. Get a closeup view of the trains from the historic Train Depot and Visitor’s Center. Learn more about the rich history of our town with a visit to the Matthews Heritage Museum and the Historic Reid House.

Nested between Charlotte and Union County, Matthews combines big city amenities with a small-town feel. Consistently ranked as one of the safest places to live, our town is also recognized as one of the best places to raise a family. Annual festivals, family-friendly entertainment and plenty of recreational opportunities have made it one of the most desirable locations in the region. The downtown area is a vibrant destination with exciting nightlife, outstanding restaurants and one-of-a-kind shopping.
Matthews Fun!

Matthews is known for its many outdoor events, first rate parks, and recreational facilities. Take in a soccer game at the Sportsplex or a play at Fullwood Theater. Visit the library or stroll the Greenway. From art exhibits at the McDowell Arts Center to Kids in Nature Day at Squirrel Lake Park, to annual gatherings like BeachFest at Stumptown Park, there is always something happening!

Downtown Matthews is home to Renfrow’s Hardware, a popular 120-year-old store located along Trade Street, and the Matthews Farmers Market, the largest producer-only farmers market in the Charlotte region. Enjoy live music and cooking demonstrations by top local chefs at the market, then check out an array of nearby hot spots where you can grab a coffee, savor a crepe or sample a craft beer.

Special Events
OFFERED BY THE TOWN OF MATTHEWS:

Food Truck Fridays & Concert Series
Charlotte Symphony Night
BeachFest Matthews
Fun Family 4th of July
Matthews Alive!
Pawsitively Matthews
Hometown Holiday & Tree Lighting

For more events, or for information regarding dates and locations, visit www.matthewsfun.com.