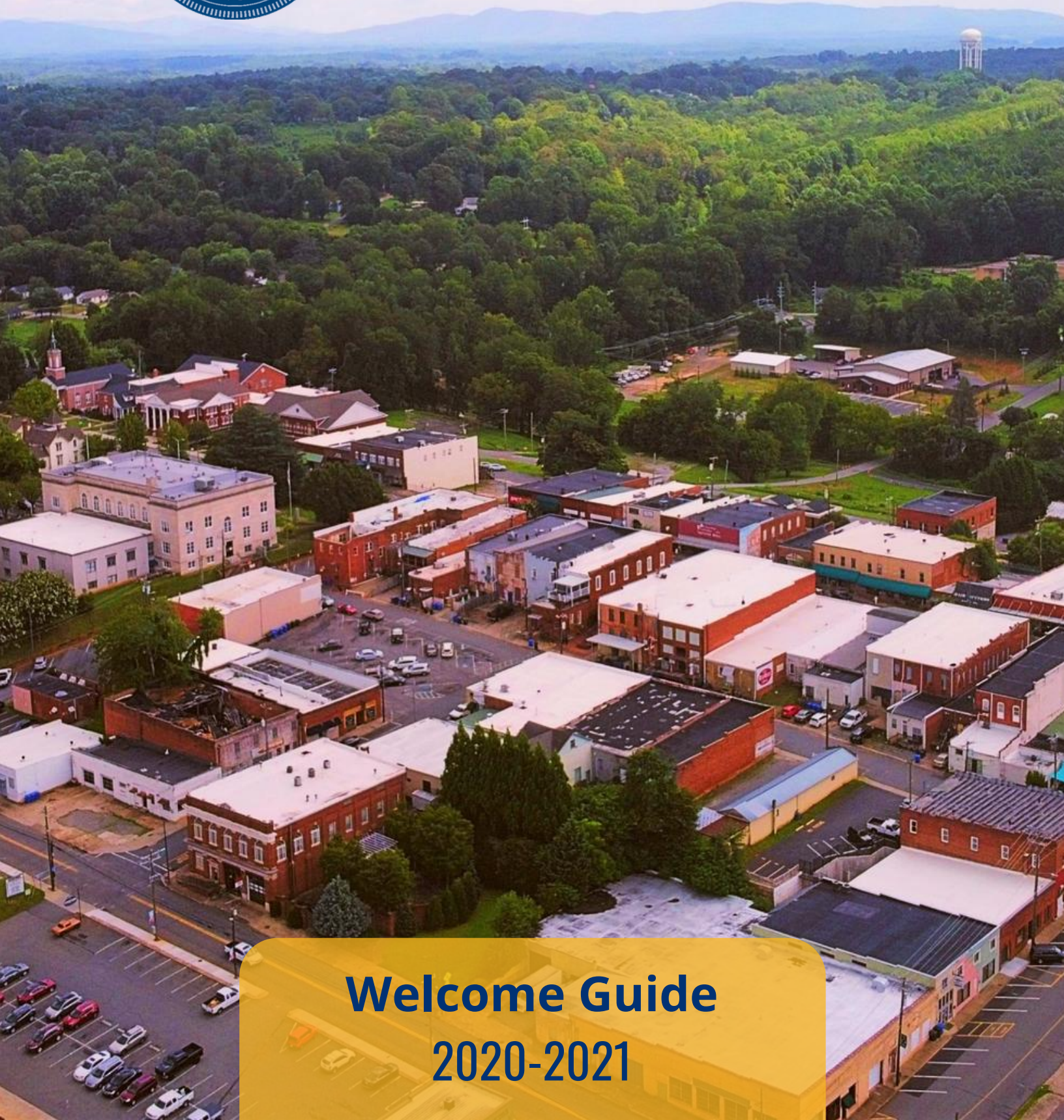




Rutherfordton

NORTH CAROLINA



Welcome Guide
2020-2021



1TOWN 1TEAM



Dear New Resident,

Welcome to Rutherfordton! We are so happy that you are here. As you're settling into your new home, we hope that you're finding your way around the community, meeting other residents, and enjoying what the town has to offer.

Your local government is here to help you get everything you need by providing this guide. The Town staff works hard to provide residents with high levels of service in all that we do, so you should expect excellence from each and every one of us. Since we don't directly provide all of the services you use in your daily life, we work hard to make sure that we partner with the organizations and agencies around us to provide you with seamless customer service.

Though our town is small, we believe that there is something for everyone. Our town staff has worked hard to create an inclusive environment to support our residents. Our goal is to ensure that residents experience the quality of life they deserve. Safe, livable neighborhoods; recreation and leisure activities; and a strong local economy are just a few key objectives we always keep in mind when serving you. We are truly here for you. Keeping these goals at the forefront, we strive to live up to our motto of being "A Minted Original."

Again, welcome to Rutherfordton, and we are pleased to have you join our community. Please don't hesitate to call upon your local government for any questions you may have. We hope you love Rutherfordton as much as we do.

No matter what you call it- Rutherfordton, Ruff'ton, Rolph-ton, Rudder4ton, Rullerfourton- we're glad you're home.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jimmy Dancy



Our Community

OUR TOWN

AT A GLANCE

Chartered in 1787, Rutherfordton is one of the oldest towns in Western North Carolina. Our founding along a ridge line offer vistas of a rolling countryside, leading to a backdrop of the great Blue Ridge Mountains. Our history runs deep here, and we are a community of firsts. You can still sense our past in the traditional historic brick buildings in downtown. Today, we are known within the region for our unrivaled quality of life, the beauty of our place, and our pride in our community. We provide a wealth of cultural and creative arts more commonly found in a large city, and an abundance of outdoor recreation activities found only in more rural places. Our downtown is the heart of activity and energy in our community, where new discoveries are made every day.



4,182
Population



100 +
Historic Buildings



4.2
Square miles



~3
Miles of trails

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Our Government

Government Structure

In Rutherfordton, the Mayor and Town Council serve part-time and are elected on a non-partisan basis. The Mayor is elected for a four-year term and serves as the presiding officer at Town Council meetings and as the official head of the Town for ceremonial purposes. The four Town Council Members are elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Under the council-manager form of government, the Town Council acts as the legislative body in establishing policy and law, while the Town Manager handles the day-to-day management of the Town organization. The Town Council appoints a professional Town Manager, who serves as the Council's chief adviser, and the Town Manager appoints the employees of the Town.

Town Council Members



Doug Sheets



Stan Clements



Terry Cobb



Henry Giles

Town Manager



Doug Barrick

Mayor



Jimmy Dancy

The Administration Department houses both the Town Manager and the Clerk. The Town Manager serves as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town, while also overseeing all other departments and functions.

Doug Barrick, our town manager

Mara Short, our Town Clerk



Boards and Committees

- ABC Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning and Zoning Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Recreation Trust Fund
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Appearance Commission

http://www.rutherfordton.net/town_government/boards_and_commissions.php

If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, visit the website above for more information.

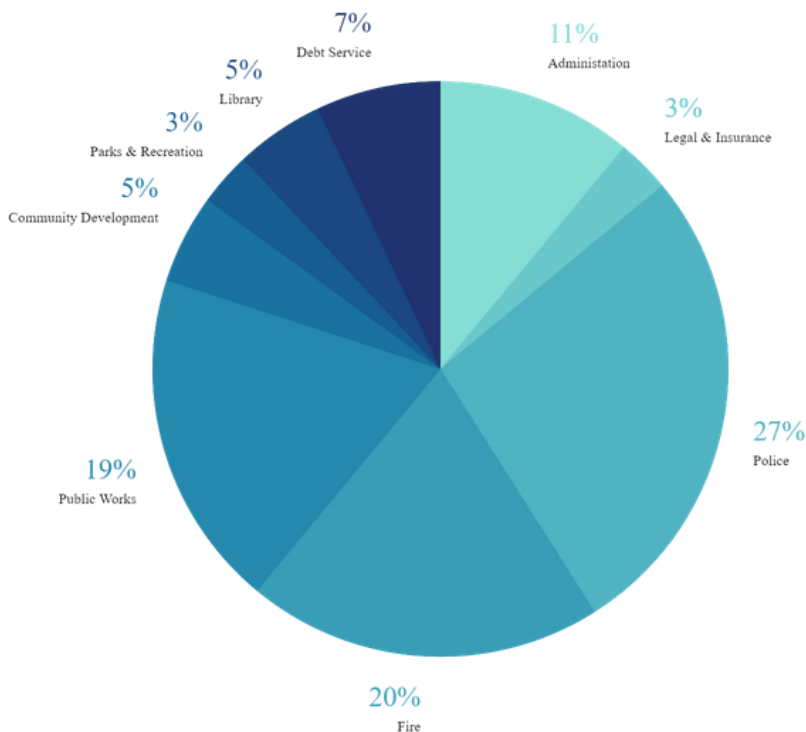
Finance

Our Department

The Town operating budget represents more than the allocation of funds to the Town's operations. It sets the tone for the goals, visions, and priorities of our community. Over the past few years, the Town has taken steps to invest in ways to improve our community.

Call or visit us in person or online if you have any questions about the budget!

General Fund Expenditure Highlights



Main Budget Goals



Strengthen our community

Grow our economy



Lead in Public Service



Build a sustainable town



Sonya Outling,
our finance
director

Schools & the PO Box

District 1 Schools

R-S Central High School	641 Hwy. 221 North, Rutherfordton, NC 28139 (828) 287-3304
R-S Middle	545 Charlotte Rd. Rutherfordton, NC 28139 (828) 286-4461
Mt. Vernon-Ruth Elementary	2785 Hudlow Road Forest City, NC 28034 (828) 287-4792
Pinnacle Elementary	Painters Gap Road Rutherfordton, NC 28139 (828) 287-3449
Rutherfordton Elementary	201 Bob Hardin Road Rutherfordton, NC 28139 (828) 287-3778
Spindale Elementary	161 North Oak Street Spindale, NC 28160 (828) 286-2861

If viewing online, click on "District 1" to be taken to the county school system's website.



The Pop Up Opportunity Box, or the PO Box meeting room, is available to the community as a space for quiet work, for meetings, and as the home for small business resources and reference guides. Conveniently located on the first floor of the Woodrow Jones Community building. This space offers WiFi, business books and resources, and more, to accommodate a range of users and needs.



Pop Up Opportunity Box (PO Box)

146 N Main Street. Rutherfordton, NC
Advance reservations required.



Norris Public Library

"Putting Information and People Together"

The motto of the Norris Public Library, "Putting Information and People Together," exemplifies the value of inclusivity it holds. Not only will you find a wide selection of tangible books for every age group, the library offers a large range of services to visually impaired individuals, homeschoolers, and everyone in between. Explore the Library's website to learn about more services they offer by age group or classification.

Even though the Library is celebrating its centennial in 2021, it has kept up with the times. While libraries traditionally have books, the devoted librarians have worked hard to provide information in other ways like offering access to online databases that contain a wealth of career development and college readiness resources, and offering high quality wireless internet that can be accessed throughout the library and even in the surrounding outdoor area.

With registering to be a part of the Norris community, you'll have access to the entire collection of the Foothills and NC Cardinal Consortiums - over 7.2 million books, audiobooks, movies, and more. Additionally, you'll have access to the North Carolina Digital Library - quality ebooks anywhere, anytime. Check out the expansive list of digital collections offered through Norris Public Library at www.norrispubliclibrary.org.

Contact us!

Location: 132 N Main Street,
Rutherfordton,
NC 28139

Phone Number: (828) 287-3520

www.norrispubliclibrary.org



Additional Information

Library Card

Get access to the Library by registering with a picture ID and proof of a Rutherford County address.

Hold, Please!

Place a hold on a specific item by calling ahead or requesting the hold online through your NC Cardinal account.

Printing Services

NPL offers printing, copying, and faxing services, as well as free scanning!

Voter Registration

Update your voter registration while you're searching for a new book!

Fabulous Friday Book Sale!

Check with the Library for the next Friday Book Sale to grow your own collection of books.

Weekly Story Time

Travel to deserted islands, fly with fairies, or transport yourself through time and space. This experience is something that your little ones will be sure to love!



@NorrisPublicLibrary

Our Events & Parks

Annual Events:

Casino Night
ANNUAL WINTER RTR FUNDRAISER

FAB Fest: Food, Arts, & Brews
1ST SATURDAY IN MAY

July 4th Freedom Fest
@ OWL'S STADIUM IN FOREST CITY

Hilltop Fall Festival
1ST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

Trick-or-Treat on Main Street
HALLOWEEN

Salute to Rutherford County Veterans
2ND SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER

Christmas Parade
1ST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

Our Local Parks:

Crestview Park

Park Street, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
This 26 acre multi-purpose park, has baseball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, walking trail, horseshoe pits, playground, a picnic shelter, bathrooms and drinking fountains.



Main Street Park

intersection of First Street and Main
Street in downtown
Decorated with planters, trellises,
archways, and benches.

Rutherfordton Clubhouse

241 Clubhouse Drive, Rutherfordton
Built in the 1930s, this log house
can be rented for weddings,
anniversaries, birthday parties,
reunions, and business luncheons.



Purple Martin Trail

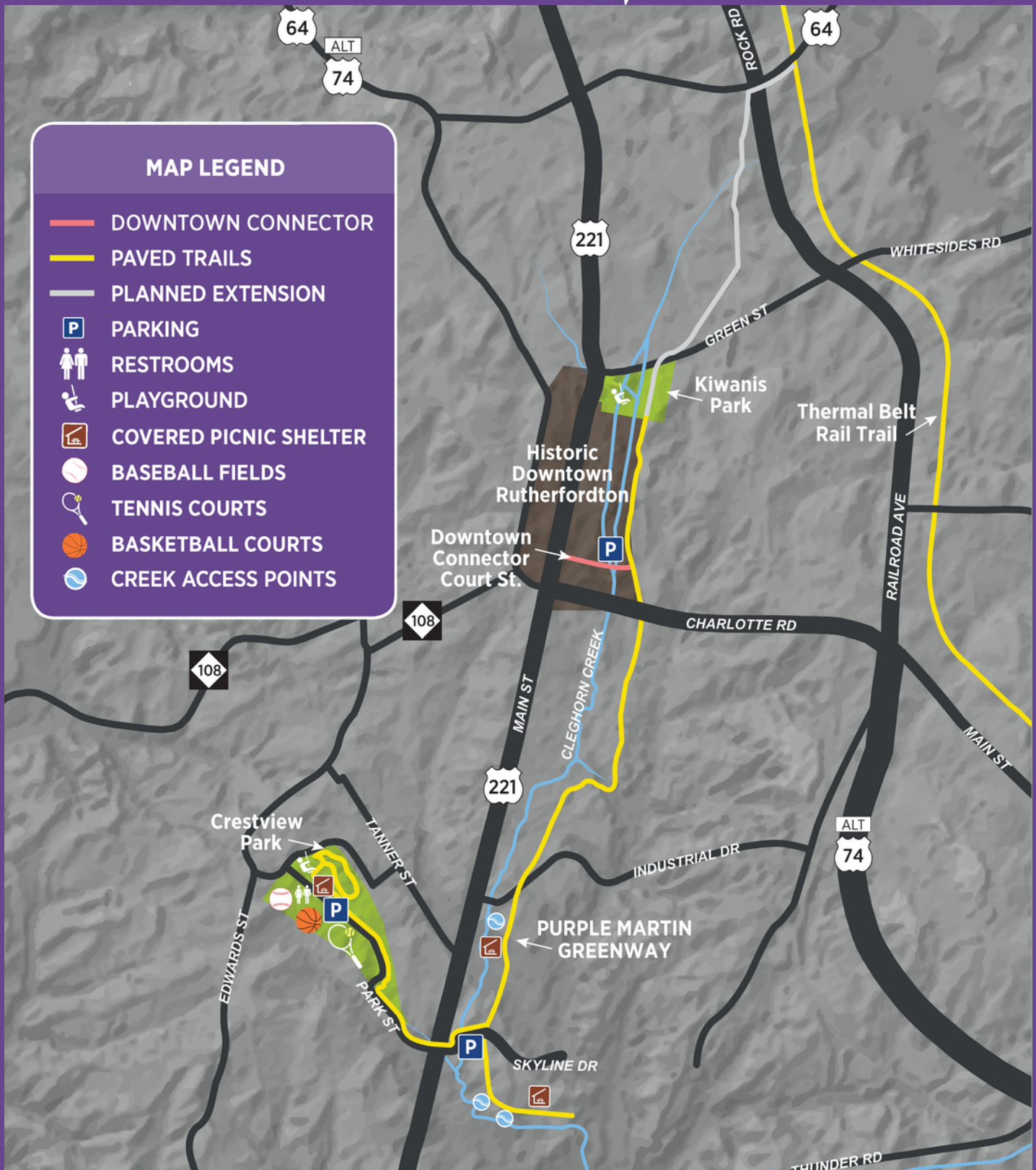
2.4 miles, Extends from Crestview Park
to Kiwanis Park. The trail has access
points to Cleghorn Creek and multiple
picnic shelters along the route. There is
parking at corner of Main Street and
Industrial Avenue, at Crestview Park,
and along Skyline Drive.

Kiwanis Park

Green Street, Rutherfordton, NC 28139
3.7 acres that is heavily shaded
amphitheater, off-leash dog park, play
area, and access to Cleghorn Creek

PURPLE MARTIN

greenway



Explore more

The Bechtler House

130 W. 6th Street, Rutherfordton
(828) 351-9575

Visit the home of Christopher Bechtler, the man who minted the first one-dollar gold coin in 1832. The Bechtler House serves as the headquarters for the NC Gold Trail and houses the original Bechtler Press, his Rifle, and some Coins!

Rutherford County Farmers Market

172 Park Square, Forest City
Saturdays from 8am-12pm

Farmer's Market provides an opportunity to support local Rutherford County Farms! Come shop for seasonal produce, homemade items, and much more.

Tryon International Equestrian Center

4066 Pea Ridge Rd, Mill Spring, NC (17 miles from Downtown Rutherfordton)

The Equestrian Center is an international destination for all who love horses, outdoor living, and an active lifestyle.



NC Gold Trail

This trail spans across the state to educate visitors about the NC Gold Rush and the significance it provides to US History.

Chimney Rock State Park

431 Main St, Chimney Rock, NC (21 miles from Downtown Rutherfordton)

Chimney Rock at Chimney Rock State Park is a nature lover's paradise with a collaboration of spectacular views and incredible hiking trails. They combine to create a mountain adventure experience that is postcard perfect.

Lake Lure Beach

2724 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure, NC (20 miles from Downtown Rutherfordton)

Enjoy the summer at Lake Lure Beach. Relax under the sun, float on the water, build sand castles, or picnic with family and friends!



Rutherfordton



Public Works

OUR DEPARTMENT

AT A GLANCE

Rutherfordton's Public Works Department strives to provide excellent service to the citizens of Rutherfordton. Services include street and sidewalk maintenance, waste removal for almost 1,700 houses, maintenance of Town buildings and structures, care for landscaping of public parks and the Rutherfordton Cemetery, beautification of the Town entrances, and operation of the sewer system (which equates to more than 30 miles!). While the list of services is extensive, the employees are constantly noting potential changes that could further improve the community.

The Town provides a curbside collection of yard debris, including brush, tree trimmings and larger tree limbs. All material needs to be cut into 5ft lengths, or about the amount that would fit into the back of a truck bed, and placed at the curb away from any obstructions or powerlines for removal. Policy allows for one large load per month without charge. Large piles and frequent piles will require an extra charge per pickup.

Public Works will also collect extra household garbage that will not fit in the trash can such as large debris, small appliances, yard trimmings, recyclable materials, and unwanted furniture for an extra charge. Extra material from a private contractor or construction material is included in this extra material pickup. Please call Town Hall at (828) 287-3530 to pay and schedule the collection.



For any questions , please call us at
(828) 287-5961



Place trash and recycling bins at the curb in front of your residence.



Make sure that bins are not blocking sidewalks, mailboxes, or powerlines.



The equipment used to pick up the bins needs a minimum of 3 feet on either side of the bin.



Public Works can pick up extra garbage that cannot fit into a bin for an extra charge.



Utilities



(877) 776-2427

<https://www.dominionenergy.com/north-carolina-electric>

Dominion Energy offers service to homes using natural gas. Dominion Energy provides natural gas to areas in Rutherford County with cost being at or below the national average. Pricing for this utility is negotiated directly with Dominion Energy and is dependent on a variety of factors.



(828) 286-0640

ncbrwa.com

Broad River Water Authority provides water to Rutherfordton residents, and is a constant winner of AWOP awards. The water system includes a modern water plant located on our water source, the Broad River, one of the cleanest and most dependable rivers in North Carolina.



(800) 777-9898

<https://www.duke-energy.com/home>

We are one of the largest electric power holding companies in the United States, providing electricity to 7.7 million retail customers in six states.



INTERNET



There is a wide selection of internet providers in Rutherfordton. Multiple service providers offer fiber internet, DSL, and more. Companies include AT&T, Earthlink, Viasat, and HughesNet. The Town of Rutherfordton also offers free wifi in the downtown areas. .

If viewing online, click logos to follow the link to their website.



Rutherfordton



Police

OUR DEPARTMENT

AT A GLANCE

The Rutherfordton Police Department is committed to fairness, professionalism, compassion and excellence while providing police services with the utmost integrity and in accordance with the law. The Rutherfordton Police Department is also devoted to meeting the needs of the community and responding to those needs in an effective and empathetic manner.

14 full-time officers **3** reserve officers **1** civilian employee

“Our officers truly understand the definition of service.”

-Police Chief Clint Ingle

Community Outreach

Keep Check On Program

RPD officers can check on your residence while you're out of town, and contact you if a need arises.

Party in the Park

A collaborative event hosted by Town departments to provide an interactive family fun experience to kick off the summer each year.

Annual Dodge Ball Tournament

This fun event raises money for the Shop with a Cop event!

Shop with a Cop

One of the ways the RPD strives to strengthen the community and reach out to families in true need.

Contact us!

Location: 129 N Main St,
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Phone Number: (828) 287-5062

[Sign up for Nixle to be alerted about relevant local information from the Rutherfordton Police Department](#)



@RutherfordtonPoliceDepartment



Rutherfordton

Fire/Rescue

Additional Information

Fire Inspections

RFD conducts fire inspections in the Town of Rutherfordton and the Town of Ruth

Party in the Park

A collaborative event hosted by Town departments to provide an interactive family fun experience to kick off the summer each year.

Blue Address Signs

RFD will make a blue address sign for free for each residence in our fire district to ensure clear visibility for first responders in case of an emergency.

Smoke Detectors

Call the Fire Department for assistance in installing smoke detectors in your home. These are available for free inside our fire district.

How to Join

Check the Fire Department page on our website or call to learn about the opportunities to serve your community by becoming a volunteer firefighter. We even have a junior program!

OUR DEPARTMENT

AT A GLANCE

The Rutherfordton Fire and Rescue Department is comprised of career and volunteer staff, and exists to serve the citizens of the Town and district by protecting lives and property within its service area from the destructive effects of fire, accident, and natural disaster. The RFD responds to a variety of emergencies consisting of fires, motor vehicle accidents, medical, technical rescue, hazardous materials, natural disasters, and many other calls for service. To maximize service and save money, the fire fighters have special skills that allow the department to remain self-sufficient. The Fire Department maintains the fire trucks, mow their lawn, and clean the facility.

10 Full-time
firefighters

4 Part-time
firefighters

13 Volunteer
firefighters



Contact us!

Location: 144 N Mitchell St,
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Phone Number: (828) 287-7367



@RutherfordtonFire&Rescue



Welcome Home.

NOW CONNECT WITH US!

rutherfordton-nc.proudcity.com



Watch our live stream on Facebook every Friday morning to learn about what's happening in the Town.



@myrutherfordton

Join our Annual Citizens Academy to learn about how the Town operates! Learn from each department in the fall.

