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RELOCATION GUIDE

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RELOCATING TO
Mount Airy
NORTH CAROLINA



**LIVE
WORK
& PLAY** *Local*

UNPLUG TO A SIMPLER LIFE

THE ESSENCE
OF MOUNT AIRY, NC
LIVES IN OUR DIVERSITY.

From our historic downtown,
unique festivals, live music
to our proximity to the Blue
Ridge Parkway, the distinctive
Yadkin Valley Wine Region +
our southern hospitality...

There's a warmth
that can only be found
in small towns with
BIG PERSONALITIES.

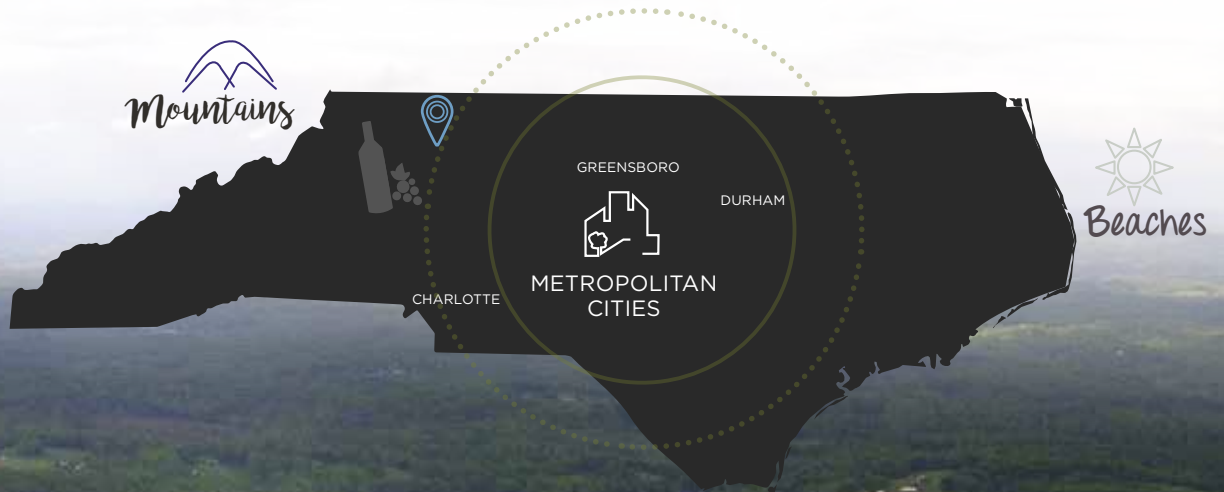
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AWAY FROM URBAN SPRAWL

Many newcomers love the idea of living in a place where getting to know your neighbors is a must and where living near the Blue Ridge Parkway is a slice of heaven. We are only minutes from the Virginia border and two hours from major metropolitan cities like Charlotte and Raleigh. Winston-Salem is only 30 minutes to our south east and the Piedmont Triad Airport in Greensboro can accommodate almost all desired flight travel. However, you will be surprised by the shopping opportunities in our area; from clothing to furniture and everything in between. Great dining experiences await you and our vibrant, historic downtown attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world. Don't worry about getting lost, we have the friendliest folks around and you will rarely get caught up in anything that feels like big city traffic. **With just over 10,000 residents Mount Airy is a SMALL TOWN WITH A BIG PERSONALITY!**





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Mount Airy, located in northwest North Carolina, has much to offer retirees, families, businesses and new residents. It's wonderfully situated for those looking to live in a small-town environment, away from the congestion and hustle of city life.



Mount Airy, nick named “The Granite City” is home to the largest open faced granite quarry in the world.



CULTURE. ART. **COMMUNITY.**

CULTURAL AMENITIES

There’s no lack of performing arts venues in Mount Airy. Mount Airy and surrounding Surry County are a source for bluegrass and old-time music, from the annual Mount Airy Fiddlers’ Convention to the weekly jam sessions in the downtown theatre. The Surry Arts Council hosts community theater productions with an outdoor concert series in the outdoor amphitheater each summer. The Merry-Go-Round, the nation’s second-longest running live radio show, broadcasts live bluegrass and old-time music every Saturday in the downtown theatre. In fact, there is always something going on! If you are looking for a place with tremendous community pride and ample opportunities to get involved, look no further than Mount Airy, NC!





RECREATION

Mount Airy is the North Carolina retirement and relocation destination for those looking for recreation. The town is less than 45 minutes from three state parks and a 15-minute drive from the Blue Ridge Parkway. The city is a walkable town that boasts more than 30 miles of sidewalks and 5 city parks. The Granite City Greenway totals just less than 7 miles of multi-purpose paved trails, along two scenic waterways. The Ararat River is accessible for fishing and is a stocked, delayed harvest waterway. The city's parks offer a variety of experiences, including 6 miles of mountain biking trails, 9 holes of disc golf, ball fields, soccer fields, 2 playgrounds and both reservoir and river fishing opportunities. In addition to private fitness facilities, Reeves Community Center, also city recreation headquarters (located one block from historic downtown), is a full-service 50,000 square foot fitness facility with an indoor pool, seasonal outdoor pool, gymnasium, racquetball courts, after-school/camp programs and more than 70 fitness class opportunities offered each week. Adult and youth athletics include a wide variety of sports for all ages.

Mount Airy is within a 30-minute drive from seven golf courses, including Primland Golf and Spa Resort, a mountain lodge and golf course that sits on 12,000 acres high in the Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains.



"I (Jenny) grew up in Mount Airy. We've lived other places but when it came time to purchase a home, we knew that Mount Airy was the perfect place for us to settle down and start a family. We love the small town feel, the beautiful streets and all of the great city amenities."

 -Jonathan & Jenny Smith

EDUCATION

Consistently a top-performing school system in North Carolina, Mount Airy school's SAT critical reading and math scores are above the state and national average. Mount Airy schools are in the top 5% of school districts in North Carolina with the highest number of students proficient in EOGs and EOCs. The school district is ranked number 9 among 115 districts in the state in the percentage of students graduating from high school in 4 years or less. Our class sizes are small yet our students have opportunities of a large school system.



"If you make good choices in life, Mount Airy is a great community that will connect you with the right people and opportunities to be successful!"

-Isaiah King



Surry Community College
Viticulture Building

Surry Community College's Viticulture and Enology curriculum is the only program of its kind in the Southeast with an on-site teaching vineyard and state-of-the-art, bonded winery. Additionally, SCC is the only wine making program on the Eastern side of the United States that teaches the production of sparkling wine. The college offers an associate degree in Viticulture and Enology along with three certificates in Viticulture, Enology and Wine Marketing.





SMALL CITY BIG LIVING.

In addition to the great vibe that is present in active, small towns, we have top-notch services to offer our residents.



Martha and Larry moved to retire to Mount Airy, NC from Atlanta 4 years ago. Two years ago they decided to open a business on Main Street. Martha says "We still love Mount Airy just as much as we did when we first arrived. It has everything that we need and much more for a community of its size. It's a friendly community that supports local businesses!"

-Martha & Larry Truskolaski

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

There are a variety of condominiums throughout the city available for those seeking community living, worry-free of maintenance issues.

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Ridgecrest has been providing resident care for the past 11 years and offers villa homes and assisted living options. Other services are offered and are completed with resident satisfaction in mind. The Renfro Lofts are in the heart of downtown and are home to a variety of people looking for amenities that are convenient and low in maintenance.

HEALTH CARE

Northern Hospital of Surry County, a 133-bed hospital, is an award winning acute care facility and surgery center, along with outpatient physician specialists, pharmacy, and fitness center. The hospital's network of primary care and specialty physicians deliver a comprehensive array of services. Northern is a certified Stroke Center of Excellence and is recognized with top honors in patient safety. Northern Hospital is located in Mount Airy and serves the northwest Piedmont region of NC and neighboring counties in Virginia. www.northernhospital.com

COST OF LIVING

As in many small North Carolina retirement towns, the cost of living in Mount Airy is very moderate. New home prices range from \$90 to \$125 a square foot.

WEATHER



Residents enjoy four distinct seasons, marked by warm summers and mild winters. Mount Airy is the essential North Carolina retirement, second-home, or relocation destination.



SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

We have over 20 millennial business owners/professionals with offices downtown in the district, with that number growing more each year. Doubling since 2013, new businesses and offices are opening downtown, and even more young people are working at established downtown businesses.

► **Facade Grant Program:** MAD, Inc. offers a 1/3 matching grant for up to \$2,000 to help preserve our historic buildings within the downtown district. In the last 4 years, 37 facades have been improved with either total rehabilitations, new awnings, paint, windows, or new signage. Plans are underway for several other buildings downtown. We are constantly working to breathe new life into our historic buildings, while preserving their beautiful architecture.

Surry Community College Small Business Center (SBC) is part of a statewide network designed to support the development and growth of small businesses. Our mission is to increase the success rate and the number of viable small businesses in Surry and Yadkin counties by providing high quality, readily accessible assistance to prospective and existing small business owners. Our services are available for free or very low cost.



PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department is open 7 days per week and is housed at Reeves Community Center. It is responsible for the operations of Reeves Community Center and pools (approximately 50,000 square feet), five park facilities and amenities, scheduling and maintenance of the greenway facilities), youth/adult/senior programming, Oakdale Cemetery and the maintenance of all city-owned property.

Westwood Industrial Business Park and Piedmont Triad West Corporate Park are located in the Piedmont Triad Foreign Trade Zone Number 230 with acreage and city services available.

FIBER OPTIC NETWORK

STMC offer's high speed fiber optic connections, up to 1 Gig, unlike no other within the business districts of Mount Airy, NC. STMC's fiber optic network is comparable to US leading providers such as Verizon and ATT located within larger metropolitan areas like Washington DC or Charlotte, NC. Their customer service satisfaction puts them one step ahead to make your business number one on their priority list.

WATER

Mount Airy's superior water is nurtured by our award-winning water treatment plants. Our water comes directly from the source, no other users before us, unless you count deer, bird and fish. The water starts out clean and natural, and is brought to a neutral ph between 7.0-7.2. Our water is also considered very "soft." We have the best water and plenty of it.

One of the greatest things about Mt Airy is how friendly, gracious and good-hearted the people are! We have been welcomed with open arms. We love that it's small enough to know people, but big enough to have a successful business!

► -Wilson Family

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ITS JUST FEELS **LIKE HOME.**

There's a warmth and richness here that can only be found in small towns with big personalities.



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ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Commissioners, the City Manager and support staff along with Finance and Personnel are located in City Hall. They coordinate all city meetings, boards, commissions, human resources and day to day city business. The Mayor's Office is also located there and you may call 336-786-3501 if you have questions or concerns.

PLANNING

The City's Planning Department is located at City Hall and is responsible for zoning and codes enforcement, reviewing plans, issuing permits, and offers economic development services to local and new businesses.

POLICE PROTECTION

The Mount Airy Police Department provides community policing services, criminal investigations, school resources program officers and the Citizen's Policing Academy. The department is staffed 24/7 and provides support to city-owned and operated facilities.

FIRE PROTECTION

Our Fire Department responds to routine fire calls as well as emergency medical situations. We have a Class "3" ISO rated department that provides 24/7 on duty staffing. The Fire Marshal's office provides fire inspections and new project permitting. Community education programs including smoke detector checks and home inspections are also a high priority for our firefighters.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department offers all city residents curbside trash pickup, curbside recycling, leaf collection and loose brush collection. Other duties performed include waste water treatment and water treatment. The department is also responsible for the maintenance of city water/sewer lines and sidewalks and streets. The engineering division assists with all city construction projects, stream work and greenway development.

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