

# Town of Matthews

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# The Town

★ Municipality = city, town, village

★ In Mecklenburg County

- One city - Charlotte
- Six towns - Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill and Pineville

★ No legal difference between a city, town or village – is preference of the residents

# Matthews

- ★ Residents and businesses settle in 1800s
- ★ Town incorporates in 1879
- ★ Population
  - 191 citizens in 1880
  - 30,000 citizens today
- ★ Area
  - 13 square miles

# Government

## ★ Town Council

- Mayor and Town Board of Commissioners
- Nonpartisan election every 2 years

## ★ Council-Manager Government

- Elected Town Council sets policies
- Professional Town Manager administers policies and manages town government

## ★ Town Ordinances (local laws/rules)

- <http://matthewsnc.gov/TownGovernment/TownOrdinances.aspx>

# Town services

## ★ Planning

- Zoning, planning and land use

## ★ Public Works

- Sidewalks, streets, garbage, recycling, stormwater

## ★ Parks & Recreation and Cultural Services

- Parks, athletics, arts programs, festivals

## ★ Public Safety

- Police, Animal Control
- EMS/Fire

## ★ Town Government

- Operations, Finance

# Who runs the town?

## The Mayor and Town Council



### **Elected, nonpartisan**

- Mayor and Town Council
- Establishes priorities on community needs, sets policy, establishes the budget, levies taxes, creates ordinances

## Town Manager

*and*



### **Hazen Blodgett**

- **Hired** by Town Council
- Responsible for daily operations of the town

# Town Council Meetings

## ★ Town Council Meetings

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month, 7PM at Town Hall
- Who can attend? Anyone
- At each meeting, you can speak for up to 4 minutes on a topic. Sign up in the lobby before the meeting.

## ★ Website: [www.matthewsnc.gov](http://www.matthewsnc.gov)

## ★ Follow town government meeting agendas, minutes and news

- [www.matthewsnc.gov/TownGovernment/TownBoard.aspx](http://www.matthewsnc.gov/TownGovernment/TownBoard.aspx)
- select Agendas and Minutes

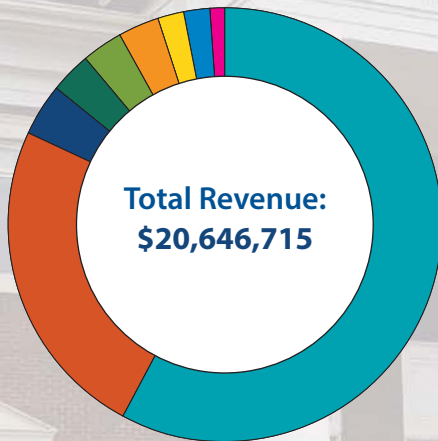
## FY 2015-2016 Town of Matthews County Budget Summary

### FY 2016 Town of Matthews

#### Tax Rate:

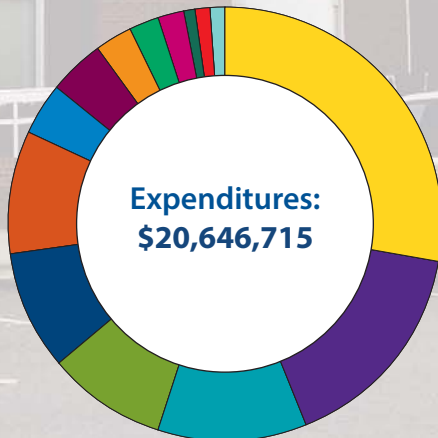
\$0.34 per \$100 of assessed value  
(\$1.1557 combined with Mecklenburg  
County rate)

### Where the Money Comes From:



- **58%** - Property Taxes - \$12,058,000
- **24%** - Shared Revenue - \$4,913,690
- **4%** - Powell Bill - \$760,000
- **3%** - Other Revenue - \$685,000
- **3%** - Storm Water - \$600,000
- **3%** - Grants and Loans - \$599,525
- **2%** - Charges for Services and Fees - \$483,500
- **2%** - Water and Sewer Bond - \$432,000
- **1%** - Fund Balance - \$115,000

### How the Money is Used:



- **28%** - Police and Public Safety - \$5,708,706
- **16%** - Administrative General Government - \$3,266,525
- **11%** - Public Works - \$2,272,414
- **9%** - Solid Waste and Sanitation - \$1,930,775
- **9%** - Fire and Rescue - \$1,909,223
- **9%** - Debt Service - \$1,776,296
- **4%** - Tourism and Culture - \$783,118
- **4%** - Powell Bill - \$760,000
- **3%** - Storm Water - \$665,417
- **2%** - Other - \$514,704
- **2%** - Planning - \$457,356
- **1%** - Parks and Recreation - \$362,025
- **1%** - Governing Body - \$215,156
- **1%** - Economic Development - \$25,000