



# Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Relocation Information

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## FACTS AT A GLANCE

**AREA:** County, 563 sq. miles; Rutherfordton, 2.6 sq. miles; Spindale, 4.62 sq. miles; Forest City, 10.6 sq. miles. The county is composed of eight municipalities: Bostic, Chimney Rock, Ellenboro, Forest City, Rutherfordton, Ruth, Spindale and Lake Lure. Connected by US Hwy 74-Business, Rutherfordton, Spindale, and Forest City form the Tri- City area. The towns of Lake Lure and Chimney Rock are located approximately 20 miles west of Rutherfordton. Lake Lure is a private lake with public access.

**ELEVATION:** Rutherfordton, 1075 ft.; Spindale, 960 ft.; Forest City, 860 ft. County's lowest elevation - Caroleen, 806. County's highest elevation - Sugar Loaf, 3,967 ft.

**CLIMATE:** Average annual temperature, 59.9 F; average rainfall, 49.91 inches. Rainfall is concentrated in Spring and Fall. Average humidity, approximately 65%. Located in the Isothermal Belt, there are 200 frost-free days in the growing season. Average snowfall, 2.74 inches.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Rutherford county workforce totals 22,790 (2006 report). It breaks down as follows: manufacturing, 18.2 %; construction, 5.5%; transportation and utilities, 21.4%; education and health services, 24%; professional and business services, 9.3%; leisure and hospitality, 8.4%; information, 4%; financial activities, 2%; public administration, 5.3% and all other, 2.08%.

**RELIGION:** Most major religions are active in the county or in nearby communities.

**SCHOOLS:** North Carolina requires all children ages 7 to 16 to attend school. Students must present a vaccination certificate, birth certificate, and medical examination form upon entering kindergarten or first grade. In addition to the public schools, Rutherford County has five private schools (K-8) and one charter school. For more information on the public school system call (828) 245-0252. Isothermal Community College offers a variety of courses and activities to county residents. Whether you are looking to obtain a two or four-year degree, ICC can meet your educational needs. For more information call (828) 286-3636.

## Points of Interest



**Chimney Rock Park** - A state park that encompasses 1,000 acres. The park is open year-round and offers hiking trails, waterfalls, and a 75 mile view. Chimney Rock Park was host to various scenes in the film “The Last of the Mohicans.”

**Lake Lure** - A 1,500 acre private lake with 27 miles of shoreline, a public beach access, and a magnificent view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Boat tours are available April through November. Scenes from the film “Dirty Dancing” and “My Fellow American” were shot on and around the lake.

**Green River Plantation** - Public tours are available. The mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**St. John’s Church** - Built in 1846, this Trinity Lutheran Church is now the home of the Rutherford County Historical Society. It is also the oldest original church structure in Rutherford County.

**Bechtler’s Mint** - In operation from 1810 to 1849, it produced \$750,000 of gold per year and the nation’s first gold dollar.

**Farm Museum** - Learn about equipment that was used on Rutherford County farms and in the home decades ago.

**KidSenses**—A Children’s interactive museum. “The Sense of Wonder”, Children and adults are given a unique opportunity to play, learn and create together.

**Art Museum** - Displays of ancient and modern art.

**MaimyEtta Black Fine Arts Museum** - Displays art and historical records of Afro-Americans.

**Genealogical Library** - Houses and preserves genealogical and historical records of Old Tryon County and the surrounding area.

**Globe Theater** - Come to the visitor’s center and learn about the only replica of Shakespeare’s Globe Theater in North Carolina.

**Tanner Factory Outlet Stores** - Three stores offer a broad selection of classic women’s clothing and fabric.

**Brittain Church** - The oldest church west of the Catawba River in North Carolina.

**Pumpkin Center** - Offers a variety of pumpkins for the holidays, September through November.

## Geography

Rutherford County is situated in the foothills of Western North Carolina centered between Asheville and Charlotte. The new US Hwy 74 connector between I-26 and I-85 serves as a corridor to and from these regional centers of commerce. US Highways 64 and 221 provide easy access to I-40 and I-85.

### *MILEAGE TO SURROUNDING AREAS:*

**Asheville** - 55 miles northwest via Hwy 221N to I-40W or Hwy 74W to I-26W.

**Charlotte** - 70 miles southeast via Hwy 74E to I-85N.

**Greenville, SC** - 55 miles south via Hwy 221S to I-85S or Hwy 74W to I-26E.

**Hickory** - 60 miles northeast via Hwy 64E to I-40 east

**Spartanburg, SC** - 35 miles southeast via Hwy 221S to I-85S or Hwy 74W to I-26E.

## Government

The government of Rutherford County is made up of five elected county commissioners and a hired county manager. Each town elects its own mayor and city council. Forest City, Lake Lure, Rutherfordton, and Spindale employ administrators to manage the town affairs.

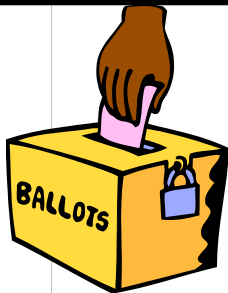
### Commissioners:

Charles Hill	District 2
Paul McIntosh	District 1
Chivous Bradley	District 3
Margaret Helton	District 4
Brent Washburn	District 5

Area Code is 828

Town of Bostic.....	245-5108
Town of Chimney Rock.....	625-4456
Town of Ellenboro.....	453-8611
Town of Forest City.....	248-5202
Town of Lake Lure .....	625-9983
Town of Rutherfordton.....	287-3520
Town of Spindale.....	286-3466

## Board of Elections



You may join the ranks of 37,000 other registered voters in Rutherford County by visiting the county Board of Elections or calling to receive a mail-in voter registration form.

The forms will require you to attest to your citizenship, full name, date of birth, address, and that you do not have any felony convictions that would keep you from being eligible to vote

The Board of Elections is located at 298 Fairgrounds Road, Spindale. The phone number is 287-6030.

## Area Media

**Cable Television** - Northland Cable serves all of the county. It has a channel that airs local news and advertisements 24 hours a day.



**Newspapers** - Rutherford County has one daily paper, *The Daily Courier*, and a weekly paper, *The County Courier*. Circulation is over 20,000. Regional papers serving the area include *The Charlotte Observer*, *Asheville Citizen-Times*, and *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*. *The Wallstreet Journal* is also available

**Newspaper Shoppers** - There are several free shoppers offered and these can be acquired at the Chamber office. Chamber member shoppers include: *Rutherford Weekly*.

**Radio Stations** - Five local AM stations along with one FM station serve the listening area of Rutherford County and beyond. Chamber member radio station is WCAB.



## Health Care



Rutherford County has a variety of quality health care services, public and private. Rutherford County Health Department, (828) 287-6100, and the Rutherford/Polk Mental Health Department (828) 287-6108.

**Rutherford Hospital, Inc.** is the only hospital in Rutherford County. It is a 145 bed facility which offers its patient services through the following departments: Cardiac & Pulmonary Rehab, ICU & PCU, Labor & Delivery,

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Physical, Speech & Occupational Therapy, Psychiatric, Radiology, and state-of-the-art Outpatient and Surgery Center. Periodically, other modern conveniences are brought to the hospital such as a mobile MRI, Lithotripsy, and Cardiac Catheterization.

Specialists are available in the following fields:

Allergist	Anesthesiology
Cardiovascular Disease	Chiropractors
Dermatology	Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine	Gastroenterology
Internal Medicine	
Gynecology/Mid-Wife	Obstetrics
Nephrology	Neurology
Oncology	Optometry/Ophthalmology
Orthopedics	Otolaryngology
Pathology	Pediatrics
Podiatry	Psychiatry
Psychology	
Pulmonology/Critical Care	Radiology
General & Vascular Surgery	Urology

With the constant evolution of health care management, several facilities in Rutherford County participate in managed care programs, including the hospital. We recommend that you contact the physician's office personally and ask them your specific questions. You will also find that there are a number of rest homes and skilled nursing facilities available, plus Home Health Services and Adult Day Care.

## First Call For Help

Call for information on these topics and more! Child Care-Children Services-Clubs & Support Groups-Organizations-Financial Assistance-Counseling-Transportation-Child or Spouse Abuse-Health Care-Food or Clothing *Linking People with Services*  
**286-3916**

## Demographics

### 2007 Projected Population Figure County 63,847

Bostic	328
Chimney Rock Village	175
Ellenboro	479
Forest City	7,549
Lake Lure	1,027
Ruth	329
Rutherfordton	4,131
Spindale	4,022

### County Distribution of Population by Race, 2000 Census

<b>White</b>	86.8%	<b>Black</b>	11.2%
<b>Indian</b>	.2%	<b>Asian</b>	.3%
<b>Hispanic</b>	1.8%		

### Income

In 2004, the per capita personal income in Rutherford County was \$23,486; in North Carolina, \$29,322 and in the United States \$33,050.

### Median Household Income 2003

Rutherford County	\$32,290
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### Average weekly wage, 2005

Rutherford County	\$529.00
North Carolina	\$690.00

### Employment

#### November 2006- Rutherford County

Labor Force	29,267
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### Gross Retail Sales

2004 - 2005	\$572,788,670
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### Jobs and Investments

2005 total investment	\$18,775.00
New Jobs Announced 2005	299

**Residential Housing Information**

The average price of a home in 2006 was \$111,316, according to the Rutherford County Multiple Listing Service.

**General Information**

**Auto Registration** - Within twenty days of establishing permanent residence in North Carolina, motor vehicles must be registered. Vehicles must be state inspected within ten days following registration and must display a valid inspection sticker. Many service stations will perform this inspection. For more information contact (828) 248-1121 (you will get an answering machine, indicate you have a question and hold on).

**Driver's License** - A North Carolina driver's license is required within thirty days after residence has been established. Applicants under age eighteen are required to complete a driver's education course before securing a driver's permit or license. If a driver's education course was completed in another state, this may be accepted. Handbooks, driver's permits, and licenses may be obtained Monday through Friday at the Driver's License Examiner's office on Withrow Road, Spindale, NC between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For more information contact (828) 286-2973.

**Electricity** - If living within city limits of Forest City, contact City Hall at (828) 245-0148 or visit their office at 128 North Powell Street, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All other areas in Rutherford County, call Duke Power(800) 777-9898. Some areas may be serviced by Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation (828)245-1621 or (800)521-0920

**Telephone**—Phone service may be obtained by calling:

**AT&T (BellSouth) -**

Residential.....1-888-757-6500  
Business .....1-866-620-6000

**Cellular Phones**

US Cellular.....828-286-2505  
AT&T.....888-757-6500

**Sanitation Collection** - Each town collects garbage at least one time per week within city limits. Some towns also collect recyclable materials. For more information about garbage collection, call your local town hall. County residents may call GDS at 245-1641 for information about private collectors. Several convenience centers are also located throughout the county and accept recyclables as well as a wide variety of items for disposal.



- Avondale Convenience Ctr 657-6952  
*Ellenboro-Henrietta Rd. Ellenboro*
- Bills Creek Convenience Ctr. 625-8516  
*Bill's Creek Rd.*
- Colfax Convenience Ctr 248-1268  
*1676 US Hwy 74 Bus - Forest City*
- Danieltown Convenience Ctr 245-6524  
*1381 Bethany Church Road - Forest City*
- Gilkey Convenience Ctr 286-8829  
*US Hwy 221 North, Rftn*
- Golden Valley Conv. Ctr. 245-1328  
*Bostic Sunshine Hwy*
- Hollis Convenience Center 453-1021  
*448 Hollis Road*
- Pea Ridge Convenience Ctr 287-1358  
*Pea Ridge Rd., Bostic*
- Green Hill Center 286-8458  
*Rainbow Rapids Road, Rfdt*

Shiloh Center 245-6108

152 Richland Drive, FC

Administration Office 287-6125

Transfer Station - Laurel Hill Dr. Rftn.,

**Water -**

Water services may be obtained by calling Broad River Water Authority (BRWA 828-286-0640) if you reside in Rutherfordton or Spindale

BRWA Emergency Number: 828-287-7776

Forest City: 828- 245-0148

Lake Lure: 828-625-9983 ext. 129

Ellenboro: 828-453-8141

**Internet Services**

AT&T Dialup.....1-800-436-8638

AT&T DSL.....1-800-263-0241

Northland Cable.....828-245-1633

Sky Catcher

Communications.....(828)-288-8899

**Libraries -**

**Rutherford County Library** 287-6115

255 Callahan-Koon Road - Spindale

**Haynes Branch Library** 657-9110

141 N Main Street - Henrietta

**Mooneyham Public Library** 248-5224

418 E Main Street - Forest City

**Mountains Branch Library** 625-0456

150 Bills Creek Road - Lake Lure

**Norris Public Library** 287-4981

132 N Main Street - Rutherfordton

**Spindale Library** 286-3879

101 Tanner Street - Spindale

**ICC Library** 286-4636

Isothermal Community College -  
Spindale

**Tax Rates**

**Rutherford County Tax Rate**

Rutherford County	\$0.53
Bostic	\$0.25
Chimney Rock Village	\$0.075
Ellenboro	\$0.22
Forest City	\$0.29
Lake Lure	\$0.21
Ruth	\$0.26
Rutherfordton	\$0.52
Spindale	\$0.51

**Special Districts**

County Contracted	\$0.020
Bills Creek Fire	\$0.080
Bostic Fire	\$0.050
Cherry Mountain Fire	\$0.090
Chimney Rock Fire	\$0.040
Cliffside Fire	\$0.070
Cliffside Sanitary	\$0.080
Ellenboro Fire	\$0.060
Green Hill Fire	\$0.070
Hollis Fire	\$0.030
Hudlow Fire	\$0.080
Sandy Mush Fire	\$0.040
SDO Fire	\$0.050
Shingle Hollow	\$0.100
Rutherfordton Fire	\$0.080
Union Mills Fire	\$0.050

**Fees**

Solid Waste Fee (SWW)	\$100.00
Solid Waste Fee (SWH)	\$25.00
Ellenboro Sewage Tax (WF3)	\$50.00
Ruth Waste Fee (WF6)	\$25.00
Chimney Rock (WF9)	\$100.00

All real and personal property is taxed in Rutherford County and must be listed in January. Contact the Rutherford County Tax Administrator at 287-6176 for more information.

## POST OFFICES & ZIP CODES

Bostic	28018
1521 Bostic-Sunshine Hwy Ph. 245-6901	
Caroleen	28019
2201 Highway 221A Ph. 657-6413	
Chimney Rock	28720
366 Main Street Ph. 625-4847	
Cliffside	28024
244 North Main Street Ph. 657-5876	
Ellenboro	28040
131 Depot Street Ph. 453-8584	
Forest City	28043
133 South Powell Street Ph. 245-2815	
Harris	28074
173 Hogan Road Ph. 245-3591	
Henrietta	28076
2946 Harris Henrietta Road Ph. 657-5996	
Lake Lure	28746
2432 Memorial Highway Ph. 625-4711	
Rutherfordton	28139
130 East Court Street Ph. 287-3750	
Spindale	28160
202 Tanner Street Ph. 286-3826	
Union Mills	28167
6269 Hudlow Road Ph. 287-5780	



## Who Do I Call :

**Your identity is stolen** Contact the fraud departments of each of the three major credit bureaus.

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian: 1-888-397-3742

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289

Report the identity theft to the FTC's toll free

**ID Theft Hotline:** 1-877-438-4338

*Ask for a free copy of ID Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name.*

### **Social Security**

800-772-1213 General information  
and Services Office Location:

707 Schenck St., Shelby, 28150

Ph. (704) 480-6202

TTY: (704) 480-6543

### **Business License Information**

North Carolina Business License Information  
Office (BLIO) Call BLIO at 919 715-2864,  
toll-free ( in NC ) at 1 800-228-8443, or fax us  
at 919 715-2855.

### **Small Business Center (ICC)**

Services are FREE

**Kim Alexander 286-3636 ext. 390**

Fax: 286-0257

**SCORE:** Service Corps of Retired Execu-  
tives Association

Connie Butler, Counselor

828-894-3283 P

**Web:** [www.score.org](http://www.score.org)

Federal Building – Room 108

W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Church St.

Hendersonville, NC 28792

Ph: 828-693-8702

**Web:** [www.scorewnc.org](http://www.scorewnc.org)

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**Rutherford County Home Builders Assoc.**

Jean Carpenter, Ex. Secretary

Ph. 828-287-5927

## **BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU**

BBB of the Southern Piedmont  
WWW: <http://www.charlotte.bbb.org>  
Email: [info@charlotte.bbb.org](mailto:info@charlotte.bbb.org)  
Phone: (704)927-8611 Tollfree: (877)317-7236  
13860 Ballantyne Corporate Pl  
Chandler Bldg., Ste. 225  
Charlotte, NC 28277 -3167

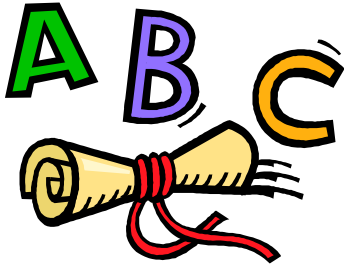
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**Building Inspectors Office 287-6035**  
**Tax Assessor 287-6184**  
**Tax Appraisal 287-6177**  
**Tax Collections 287-6180**  
**Soil & Water 287-4220 ext 3**  
**Register of Deeds 287-6155**  
**Addressing Dept. 287-6320**  
**County Manager's office 287-6060**

**Economic Development 248-1716**

### **Rutherford County Sheriff's Dept.:**

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 828-287-6247  
Fax: 828-287-6196



## **Rutherford County Schools**

382 West Main Street  
Forest City, North Carolina 28043  
Telephone: (828) 245-0252  
Fax: (828) 245-4151  
**Web Site: [www.rutherford.k12.nc.us](http://www.rutherford.k12.nc.us)**  
**Superintendent - Dr. John Kinlaw**

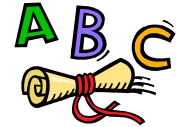
### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

John Mark Bennett	Sherry Bright
Scott Morrow	Ronald H. Holland
Rick Henson	Gail Parton

## **Private & Charter Schools**

### **The Masters Academy**

Phone: 828-245-7203  
Established: 2001  
Administrator: Tami Schultz  
120 School Drive  
Forest City, NC 28043



Enrollment: 118  
Mission: To cultivate wisdom and virtue in the lives of students.  
Tuition: Call School for tuition  
E-mail: [classical@tmaschool.org](mailto:classical@tmaschool.org)  
Web: [www.tmaschool.org](http://www.tmaschool.org)

### **Trinity School**

Phone: 828-286-3900  
Established: 1974  
Administrator: Pat Keeter  
299 Deter Street  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139  
Enrollment: 170

Mission: To educate and develop the whole person for the glory of God by providing an atmosphere of academic excellence while serving the student within a Christian, interdenominational, family-centered framework.

Tuition: Annual Tuition  
E-mail: [trinity@rfci.net](mailto:trinity@rfci.net)  
Web: [www.trinityschoolnc.com](http://www.trinityschoolnc.com)

### **Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy**

**Phone: 828-657-9998**  
Established: 1999  
Headmaster: Joe Maimone  
2527 Hwy. US 221A  
Mooresboro, NC 28114-7698  
Enrollment: Approximately 475  
Tuition: Free  
Web site: [www.tjca.org](http://www.tjca.org)



The academy is a public charter school serving students sixth thru twelfth grades.

There is no tuition for students. Any child in Rutherford, Polk and Cleveland counties entering 6-9th grades is eligible to apply. Students are required to wear uniforms, which must be purchased by parents.

## College

**Isothermal Community College** is located on 142 acres in Spindale.

President: Dr. Myra Johnson

Tuition: \$42 per hr of credit— College Curriculum classes; subject to change without notice.

Phone: 828-286-3636

Web: [www.isothermal.edu](http://www.isothermal.edu)

## Recreation

Rutherford County has a wide range of athletic and arts & crafts programs for adults and children year around. In addition, the city recreation departments maintain several public parks, golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts, bike trails, and baseball fields. There are T-ball and Little league teams, basketball, football, bowling, scouting, and other organizations, volunteer activities and youth groups. For more information about these activities, call the recreation department for each city. You may also contact the Chamber office to receive a listing of local civic clubs and organizations.

If your interests tend toward golf, baseball, softball, basketball or martial arts, chances are you can find it in Rutherford County. At Callison Recreation Center the public can use a weight room, play afternoon basketball in the winter months, and participate in a variety of senior games.

### Town of Forest City

Callison Recreation Center

217 Clay Street

Forest City, NC 28043

Ph. 828-248-5220

**Youth Basketball** - Register in November boys 5-18, girls 5-12. Children 5-8 play co-ed leagues.

**Men's Civic League** - For men 21 and over.

**F.C. Little League Baseball:** Registration begins in early Spring

**Basketball Camp** - ages 7-15, Held at Callison Rec Center, conducted by local high school coaches.

**Youth Football** - ages 7-12, register late summer

**Golf Camp** - Held each summer at Forest City Municipal Golf Course for ages 7-15.

### Town of Spindale

Spindale House

100 Tanner Street

Spindale, NC 28160

Ph. 828-286-3716

**Youth Football & Cheerleading** - August to November, ages 8-12.

**Youth Basketball:** Dec - Feb, ages 5-16

**Adult Basketball** - Church & Industrial teams, December to March

**Police Club Softball:** (co-ed) May 1 thru summer

**Basketball Camp**—Last week of July

**Swimming pool** open Memorial Day through Labor Day

### Little League Baseball

#### **Harris Shiloh Youth Baseball**

221 Hogan Rd., F.C. Ph. 828-245-1142

#### **Rutherfordton Little League**

101 Park Street, Rutherfordton, NC

Ph. 828-286-8260

#### **Forest City Little League**

Early spring registration

292 Crowe Park Rd.

Forest City, NC

828-248-5220

#### **Tri-Community Little League**

NC 120, Mooresboro, NC Ph. 828-657-4184

#### **Randy Ingle's Winter Ball Camp**

Held in Jan. or early Feb. at Cool Springs School.

Ph. 828- 245-5655

#### **Youth Basketball of America**

F.C. Heat: Larry Ross 828-657-6133

Five boys' teams and several girls' teams ages 11-17

**Adult Football:** Tri-City Raiders: adult minor

league football. For more information visit

[www.tcraiders.net](http://www.tcraiders.net)

#### **Soccer**

Recreation, challenge, and classic league teams in a variety of age groups. **Rutherford County Soccer Association Hotline:** 286-0073

#### **Forest City Swim Team:**

LeAnn Summey Ph. 828-245-9009

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**Harris Motor Speedway:** Phone 828-247-4171

**Hiking:** Chimney Rock Park Ph. 800-277-9611

**Ray Rice Martial Arts Center:** Ph. 828-245-5792

**Outdoor Recreation**

**Rutherford Outdoor Coalition**

PO Box 1349  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139  
Phone: 828-429-3900

**Golf Courses**



Apple Valley Country Club  
828-625-2888

Bald Mountain Country Club  
625-3042

Cleghorn Plantation Golf and Country Club  
286-9117

Dogwood Valley Golf Course  
657-6214

Forest City Municipal Golf Course  
248-5222

Lake Lure Municipal Golf Course  
625-4472

Meadowbrook Golf Course  
866-863-2690

Piney Ridge Par 3  
245-6561

Rutherfordton Golf Course [9]  
287-3406

**Festivals**

**Rutherfordton:**

Mayfest/Main Street Auto Show—  
First Saturday in May  
Mardi Gras First week of March  
Hilltop Fall Festival  
First Sat. in October  
Festival of Lights/Christmas Parade  
First Sat in December

**Forest City:**

Hot Nights & Cool Rides a Cruise-In Car Show  
Third Sat. in August  
Oktoberfest Street festival  
Lighting Ceremony -  
Thanksgiving evening  
Christmas Parade:-  
Sunday after Thanksgiving

**Spindale:**

National Night Out First Fri. in August

**Hickory Nut Gorge:**

Memorial Day Festival  
July Fourth Fireworks Show, Lake Lure  
Halloween Festival  
Last weekend in October  
Boat Parade December  
Luminaries in Chimney Rock Park  
First two weekends of Dec.

**Cliffside School:**

Community May Day—First two weekends in  
May  
Cliffside Christmas Celebration: Third Thurs-

**Tourist Assistance**

**Tourism Development Authority** is located at  
Hwy 221 South and Hwy 74. Stop in to see  
them on your way here. They can plan your  
entire vacation, or your wedding, 245-1492.  
Web site:

**[www.rutherfordtourism.com](http://www.rutherfordtourism.com)**

## Camping & Cabins

**Hickory Nut Falls Family Camp.**  
Chimney Rock - 828-625-4014

**West Point Farms**  
Rutherfordton - 828-625-2535  
[www.westpointfarms.com](http://www.westpointfarms.com)

**Rocky Bottom Cabin**  
Bostic, NC 28018 - 828-247-0404  
[www.rockybottomcabin.com](http://www.rockybottomcabin.com)

**Stoney Creek Farms**  
Lake Lure, NC 28746 - 828-625-9253  
[www.cabinlakelure.com](http://www.cabinlakelure.com)

**Four Seasons Cottages**  
Lake Lure, NC 28746 - 828-625-8714  
[www.fourseasonscottages.com](http://www.fourseasonscottages.com)

**Mountain Village Chalets**  
Chimney Rock, NC 28720 - 828-625-9783  
[www.mtnvillagechalets.com](http://www.mtnvillagechalets.com)

## "VISION"



"VISION" is the Chamber's quarterly publication, 20,000 circulation. Check our ad rates.

## Chamber Location & Web Site

Please check our web page for updates on events, links to other organizations and our members.

**Http://www.rutherfordcoc.com**

*The Rutherford County  
Chamber of Commerce  
Co-Sponsors the following  
programs*

### Leadership Rutherford

Leadership Rutherford is an effort by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce and the Forest City Lions Club to identify and train community leaders.

Class members receive leadership training and extensive community knowledge.

Need more information? Contact Jim Brown, 245-6431 or Bill Hall, 287-3090

### Foothills Forum Toastmasters Club

Meets every Monday morning at The County Annex Building, in the Commissioners' Room, 7:30 - 8:30 am., open to the public.

At meetings, members rotate their roles. You can deliver a prepared speech, evaluate a talk, present an impromptu speech, improve your grammar, expand your vocabulary, give evaluations, or lead the program.

The best part is our friendly, supportive environment. It allows you to overcome your nervousness and improve your public speaking skills.

For more information contact Paula McIntosh, 286-8533

We are located downtown Rutherfordton, 162 North Main street. Stop by to pick up informational brochures from our member businesses and vacation places. County maps and phone books are available.

**E-mail: [info@rutherfordcoc.com](mailto:info@rutherfordcoc.com)**

# Chamber Benefits & Chamber Services

**Integrity**—The Chamber lives by it and the Chamber promotes it.



**Growth**—Over 12,000 residents and newcomers contact the Chamber yearly; lots of business prospects. Grow your business with our membership referral system and benefits. Display your membership decal and certificate. Participate in the area's business expo. Be listed on our web site with your link, FREE

**Opportunity**—Attend Chamber events: Hot Topics, Business After Hours, Reverse Raffle, Spring Golf Tournament. Get plugged in to the business environment, work side-by-side with business leaders.

**Success**—From seminars to business counseling, the Chamber can help you succeed.

## Small Business Services

The Small Business Center at Isothermal Community College and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce co-sponsor numerous business seminars and programs each year.

Seminars offered:

- ★How to start a business
- ★How to write a business plan
- ★Financing your small business
- ★Marketing for success
- ★Record keeping and taxes
- ★Customer service
- ★OSHA workshops
- ★Microenterprise loan program

The SBC offers business assistance from start to finish. An extensive library is also available. The services are free. Contact SBC Director, Kim Alexander, 828-286-3636 ext. 390

**The key to success is a good business plan, and the SBC can help.**

Additional services are available at The Foothills Connect Business and Technology Center. (828) 288-1650 or [www.foothillsconnect.com](http://www.foothillsconnect.com)

## Hot Topics:

An information meeting produced monthly for Chamber members and their guests.

Topics cover issues of community concern. The program is designed to create debate and discussion.



**“Meet The Candidates”** a forum to present candidates and their positions during elections.

## Business After Hours:

Networking is the word. Business After Hours is a monthly social gathering of members, usually held from 5:30 to 7:00

p.m. Refreshments, door prizes and conversation. Member businesses and organizations serve as hosts.

**BUSINESS  
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HOURS**

## Ribbon Cuttings:

New business joining the Chamber or old business expanding, a ribbon cutting might be in order. The Chamber takes over this exclusive membership service and handles all arrangements, including publicity.



## Annual Fund Raisers

### Annual Spring Golf Tournament:

Join us for an afternoon of golf.

Contribute as a Tee sponsor, prizes for drawings, Boodle Bag stuff or be a Premier Sponsor, and get special price and treatment.



### Reverse Raffle:

A coat and tie affair, always held the first Friday of December. An evening of Prizes {Grand Prize \$10,000}, food and fun.

Tickets go on sale in September.

Only 500 tickets sold. Odds are very good that your ticket will be the grand prize winner: A \$100 ticket admits 2 adults and covers everything.

