

Regional Information

Climate- Cleveland County's climate, from a standpoint of both rainfall and temperature, is excellent. The growing season extends for more than 7 months of the year and frost seldom appears before November or after March. Prevailing winds are from the southwest and north easterlies running a close second in some autumn months, with an average surface wind speed of approximately eight miles per hour. Relative humidity averages less than 70 percent at mid- afternoon to 85 percent at sunrise on a typical day.

Population- Cleveland County, 96,287; Shelby. 19,477; Kings Mountain, 9,693; and Boiling Springs, 3,866.

History- Cleveland County became a separate county from Rutherford and Lincoln in 1841, and Shelby was established the county seat in 1842. Cleveland County was named after Col. Benjamin Cleveland; and Shelby was named after Col. Isaac Shelby-both heroes at the crucial Battle of Kings Mountain. The Kings Mountain Battleground, turning point of the Revolutionary War, is located sixteen miles from Shelby and is a National Park. Shelby was the home of such illustrious sons as O. Max Gardner, Governor (1929-1933) and Ambassador to Great Britain; Clyde R. Hoey, Governor (1937-1941) and U.S. Senator (1946-1955); E. Y. Webb. Congressman and Federal Judge; Hatcher Hughes, Pulitzer Prize Winner (1924); and Thomas Dixon, author of "The Clansman" and other historic novels.

Airport

- Shelby Regional Airport, 830 College Avenue, Shelby. 704-471-0026
- Charlotte Douglas International Airport, 45 minutes via I-85. 704-359-4013
- Greenville/Spartanburg Airport, 1½ hours via US-74 & I-26. 864-877-7426

Auto Registration- North Carolina law requires that liability insurance be carried on every car. Registration and purchase of North Carolina plates are handled through a License Plates Contracting Agent, 201 W. Marion St., Shelby. 704-487-4551.

Better Business Bureau- Southern Piedmont, Inc., 202 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202. 877-317-7236.

City-County Government-

Cleveland County is governed by a Board of Commissioners of five citizens. A county Manager is employed by the Commissioners. Shelby and Kings Mountain both have a six-member City Council and mayor who serves as chairman of Council. Boiling Springs has a five-member Council and a mayor. All three cities employ city managers.

Colleges

- Gardner-Webb University, 110 S. Main Street, Boiling Springs, NC 28017. 704-406-4000
- Cleveland Community College 137 S. Post Road, Shelby, NC 28152. 704-484-4000
- Ambassador Bible College, 101 Stockton St., Lattimore, NC 28089. 704- 434-0303.

Consumer Protection- Consumer Protection Division, N.C. Attorney General's Office, PO Box 629, Raleigh, N.C. 27602. 919-716-6000.

Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) - serves children from birth to five years who have special needs as a result of developmental problems. This program is a North Carolina Division of Early Intervention and Education, N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services and serves Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford, and Polk Counties. 1429 E. Marion St., Ste. 5, Shelby, 704-480-5440.

Day Care Centers for Children- Child Care Connections, 704-482-5308. www.cckidsbiz.org

Dogs- Dogs must be vaccinated for rabies by four months of age, a booster at one year and vaccinations every three years to follow. Each dog must have a collar with an active rabies vaccination and a name plate with owner's name and address. Leash laws are in effect in the City of Shelby and in the City of Kings Mountain. Cleveland County Humane Society, 704-487-4041

Drivers License- State Highway Patrol Station, Drivers License Division, on Highway 74 By-Pass East, Shelby, 704-480-5408. All new residents of North Carolina are required to obtain a driver's license upon establishing residence in the state. Applicant for license must take oral and written examinations and is subject to a driving road test. Once a North Carolina license is obtained, out of state licenses are picked up and returned to the state in which they were obtained.

Elections- To vote in any local, state, or national election, a person must be registered at least 21 working days prior to the election. You can register to vote or transfer your address to make other changes year-round at the following locations: Elections Office, 215 Patton Dr., Shelby, Cleveland County Memorial Library, 104 Howie Dr., Shelby; and Mauney Memorial Library, 100 S. Piedmont Ave. For further information regarding voter registration, elections, and voting, call the Elections Office at 704-484- 4858.

Electric Service-

- Shelby Water, Light and Gas Department-704-484-6866
- Kings Mountain-704-730-2125
- Duke Energy- 704-482-3434

Emergency Calls- Ambulance, Fire, Sheriff, Rescue.....911.

Employment Agency- Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, 404 E. Marion St., Shelby, 704-480-5414 and 208 N. Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain, 704-739-0191.

Gas Service-

- Shelby Gas Department-704-484-6866
- Kings Mountain-704-734-4516

Golf Courses:

Private

- Cleveland Country Club, Shelby (18 holes) 704-487-4643

Public

- Royster Golf Course, Shelby City Park, Shelby (9 holes) 704-484-6823
- Deer Brook Golf Club, 201 Deer Brook Dr., Shelby (18 holes) 704-482-4653
- Kings Mountain Country Club, Kings Mountain (18 holes) 704-739-5871
- Pine Grove Golf Course, Hwy 18 North. Shelby (18 holes) 704-487-0455
- River Bend Golf Course, Hwy 150 West, Shelby (18 holes) 704-482-4286
- Woodbridge Golf Links, Rt. 2.,Box 809, Kings Mtn. (18 holes) 704-482-0353
- Challenger Three Golf Course and Driving Range, Hwy. 180 North, Shelby (Par 3) 704-482-5061

Hospice- Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby is a service set up to help care for and supports terminally ill patients and their families. 704-487-4677 www.hospicecares.cc

Hospitals-

- Cleveland Regional Medical Center, 201 Grover St., Shelby, 704-487-3000 www.clevelandregional.org
- Crawley Memorial Hospital, 315 W. College Ave. (P.O. Box 996), Boiling Springs, 704-434,9466
- Kings Mountain Hospital, 706 W. King St., Kings Mountain, 704-739-3601

Law Enforcement

- Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, Cleveland County Law Enforcement Center, Shelby- 704-484-4888.
- Boiling Springs Police Department, Town Hall, 704-434-9691
- Kings Mountain Police Department,-101 Gold St., 704-734-0444.
- Shelby Police Department, 311 S. Lafayette St., 704-484-6845
- NC Highway Patrol, 1914 E. Dixon Blvd., Shelby, 704-480-5409.

Libraries-

- Cleveland County Memorial Library, 104 Howie Drive, Shelby, 704-487-9069 www.ccml.org
- Mauney Memorial Library, 100 S. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, 704-739-2371
- Spangler Branch Library, 112 Piedmont Dr., Lawndale, 704-538-7005.

Life Enrichment Center- provides adult day care to adults 18 years of age or older at two locations: 103 T.R. Harris Drive, Shelby, 704-484-0405 and 222 Kings Mountain Blvd., Kings Mountain, 704-739-4858

www.LifeEnrichmentCenter.org

Marriage License- There is no waiting period. Written consent of parent is necessary if couple is under 18 years of age. Driver's license or birth certificate required. Cost of license is \$50.00. License is purchased at Register of Deeds Office, County Administrative Building, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. 704-484-4834.

Mental Health- Pathways provides comprehensive services for problems arising at all stages of human development. 901 S. New Hope Road, Gastonia, NC. 704-884-2501

Newcomer Hostess Service- For information on Welcome Wagon, 704-482-8011.

Newspapers-

- **Shelby Shopper and Info-** published weekly (Thurs.), 503 N. Lafayette St., Shelby, 704-484-1047.
- **The Star-** published daily, 315 E. Graham St., Shelby, 704-484-7000 www.ShelbyStar.com
- **The Kings Mountain Herald-** published weekly (Thurs.), Box 769, Kings Mountain, 704-739-7496.

Nursing Homes- Cleveland County Social Services Dept., Hwy 180 South. 704-487-0661.

Public Health Services- The Cleveland County Health Department, 315 Grover Street. Shelby, 704-484-5100. Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The Kings Mountain Health Center is located at 823 E. King Street in Kings Mountain, 704-739-2867.

Recreation-

- Shelby City Park, 850 West Sumter St., Shelby. 704-484-6839
- Boiling Springs YMCA, 112 East College Avenue, Boiling Springs, 704-434-0441
- Dover Foundation YMCA in Shelby, 411 Cherryville Road, Shelby, 704-484-9622
- Kings Mountain YMCA, 211 N. Cleveland Avenue, Kings Mountain, 704-739-9631

Scouting- Boy Scouts-704-864-2694 Girl Scouts, Pioneer Girl Scout Council, Inc. in Gastonia, 800-627-6031.

Schools- Cleveland County Schools- 130 South Post Road, Suite 2. 704-476-8000. www.ClevelandCountySchools.org North Carolina Immunization Law requires all children to be immunized against polio, red measles, rubella, whooping cough, diphtheria, and tetanus before entering any school or licensed day care center. Proof in the form of valid immunization record must be presented to school authorities. One private school is located in the Shelby area: Twelve Oaks Academy (grades k-12), 701 W. Oak Street, Shelby, 704-482-2033

Senior Centers- The Cleveland County Council on Aging. Senior Center, 100 T.R. Harris Drive, Shelby, 704-482-

3488. Kings Mountain Senior Center, 909 E. King Street, Kings Mountain, 704-734-0447.

State Parks

- Crowders Mountain State Park, 522 Park Office Lane, Kings Mountain, NC. 704-853-5375
- Kings Mountain State Park, Exit 8 on I-85, Kings Mountain to Highway 161. 803-222-3209
- South Mountain State Park, Highway 226 from Shelby. 828-433-4722

Tax Listing- All residents of North Carolina are required to list both personal (with exception of tagged vehicles) and real property for taxes, according to ownership as of January 1. The listing time is from January 1 through January 31. There is a 10 percent penalty if taxes are not listed during the listing period. (In Cleveland County, real property is automatically listed.) For information on listing your taxes, call the Tax Listing Office, County Administrative Building, Shelby, 704-484-4846. The Shelby City tax rate is \$0.42 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The Kings Mountain city tax rate is \$0.36. The Boiling Springs city tax rate is \$0.30. The county tax rate is \$0.58. School tax \$0.16 throughout the county. For tax purposes, the value is listed at 100 percent of the assessed value. Cleveland County Tax Supervisor, 704-484-4847.

Telephone Service- AT&T at 1-888-757-6500

Television Cable-Time Warner Cable

- Shelby-704-482-5603
- Kings Mountain-704-739-0164.

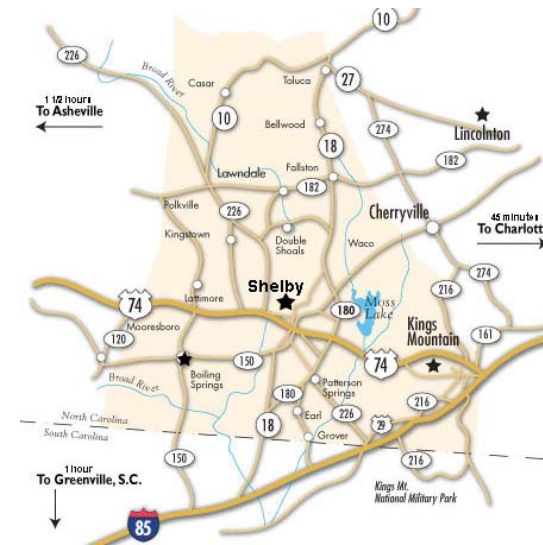
Trash Collections

- Shelby provides garbage and trash collection service to residents and businesses on a weekly schedule-704-484-6837
- Kings Mountain-704-734-0735
- Private haulers and manned collection recycling centers-704-484-5130.

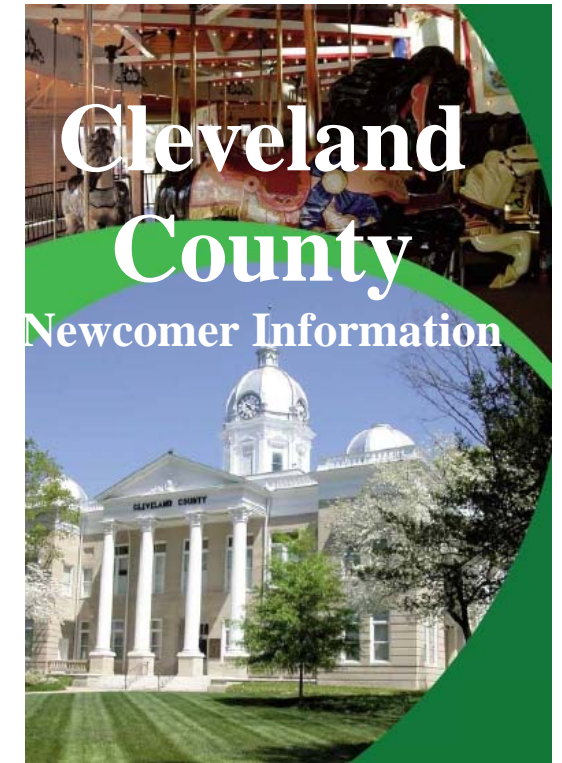
Water Service-

- Shelby Water, Light and Gas Department, City Hall, Shelby, 704-484-6866
- Cleveland County Sanitary District-704-538-9033
- Kings Mountain-704-734-0735
- Boiling Springs 704-434-2357

Western Union- 800-325-6000. For counter service and other purposes, in Shelby call 704-482-1818, 704-482-6004 or 704-484-8023.



704-482-7882 or 1-866-305-9973
2001-76 East Dixon Blvd, Shelby, NC 28152



Welcome!

We are delighted to have you as a newcomer or guest to our county, and feel sure you will like the area for it has many advantages to offer. We are very proud of the variety of educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

Community event, recreational and cultural information can be obtained at the **Visitor Information Center:** 2001 East Dixon Boulevard, Suite 6, at the Cleveland Mall, Shelby, NC 28152. 704-482-7882
www.TourClevelandCounty.com

The **Chamber's Membership Directory** is a guide of goods and services provided by reputable businesses that support the growth and development of our county.

Chamber of Commerce: 200 S. Lafayette St., P.O. Box 879, Shelby, NC 28150. 704-487-8521
www.ClevelandChamber.org

Chamber Branch Office: 150 W. Mountain Street, P.O. Box 794, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. 704-739-4755.