

A Study of Union County, North Carolina, Local Town/Government Websites (as of Aug 5, 2005)

What Information is Available Online?

	Overall Rating*	Agendas	Minutes	Resolutions	Budget/Finance Reports	Ordinances	Contacts	Other
Fairview	F	No website found						
Hemby Bridge	F	No website found						
Indian Trail	C	June 2005 – Present	Apr 2005 – Present Summaries ONLY. Citizens Must Have the full text.	None	None	Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances online.	Names, phones, emails and addresses of all elected and appointed officials (Aug. 2005)	A wealth of public information
Lake Park	A	Feb. 2000 – Present	Dec. 1999 – Present	Yes	2005-2006 Budget	Yes	Names, phones, email for all officials.	A wealth of community and other public information
Marshville	F	No website found						
Marvin	C-	Only one Month (and was 21 days old). No History.	Only one month. No History.	None	None	Zoning, subdivision, outdoor lighting and firearms ordinances and zoning map online.	Names, phones, addresses and email for all elected and most appointed officials.	Many online forms, fee schedule.
Mineral Springs	A+	Aug. 1999 – Present	Sept. 1999 – Present	Full text of every Res. Jan. 1999 – Present	Actuals by month Sept. 1999 – Present	Subdivision, zoning, Full text of every ordinance change since Jan. 1999	Names, email addresses for all elected officials	
Monroe	A	Aug. 1993 – Present. Action Agendas Oct. 2002 – Present.	Aug. 2002 – Present. Looks to be nearly “word for word” of everything spoken at the meeting. Includes recording of all Aye and Nye votes.	Full text contained in minutes.	2003 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Online.	Full text of new/proposed ordinances contained in minutes. Code of Ordinances online.	Names, pictures, address, phone, email for all elected officials. Names and phone numbers of all appointed officials.	Citizens Newsletters
Stallings	B-	Only most recent Month. No History.	Jan. 2004 – Present (newly added since 10/30/04 study)	Looks like resolutions are contained within minutes.	2004-2005 Budget with adequate level of detail.	Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances. Land Use, Zoning Map.	Names of all elected officials. Emails for Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem only. No addresses or phone numbers of officials.	Extensive set of online forms and applications. Resident Info. Page. List of Subdivisions.
Union County	C+	Jan. 2003 – Present. Agendas have hyper-text links to scanned images of all Resolutions, Proposed Ordinance changes and other documents.	Minutes for Board of Commissioners Not Found. Planning Board – Feb. 2003 – Present.	Links in Agendas	2002 and 2003 CAFR Online. 2004 Budget and 2005 Recommended Budget Online.	Ordinances – Links in Agendas.	Names, pictures, address, phone, email and brief bio. For all elected officials.	Great Site overall but sadly does NOT have the minutes to Commissioners' Meetings.

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Waxhaw	B-	3 months online with a note indicating that "past" agendas will be coming soon	3 months online with a note indicating that "past" minutes will be coming soon. Looks to be <u>nearly "word for word" of everything spoken</u> at the meeting.	None	None	Unified Development Ordinance, Zoning and Historical Overlay Maps.	Name, phone and email of mayor. Names only for other elected officials.	Many forms and other documents online. Information for "new residents".
Weddington	B	Previous 6 months both TC and PB	Previous 6 months both TC and PB	None	None	Subdivision, planning, zoning, false alarm, outdoor lighting	Names, pictures, address, phone, email for all elected officials. Names only for appointed officials.	Town calendar,
Wesley Chapel	A+	TC Aug. 1998 – Present, PB Jul. 2000 – Present.	TC Aug. 1998 – Present. PB Jul. 2000 - Present. Looks to be <u>nearly "word for word" of everything spoken</u> at the meeting.	Full text of nearly every resolution 1998-present.	Budgets 1998-2005	Full text of nearly every ordinance change including every adjustment to the budget. 1998-present. Subdivision and Zoning Ordinance, Land Use Plan.	Names, pictures, address, phone, email for all elected officials. Names and phone numbers of all appointed officials.	Links to all recent town related newspaper articles. Calendar of Events.
Wingate	C-	There was a page for agendas but none where found.	Jan. 2004 – Jan 2005 (Where are the new minutes?)	Found in the text of the minutes	None	Land Use Ordinance.	Names, pictures, address, phone, email and <u>brief bio</u> . For all elected officials.	Very Professional looking website. Many forms, permits, applications online.
10/31/04 – original study								
01/07/05 – updates to Stallings, Marvin and LakePark								
07/07/05 – Indian Trail updated from "F-" to "D+" with their "new" website that finally went into service 7/2005.								
07/07/05 – LakePark Updated from "?" to "A", Wingate Updated from "D+" to "C-" as I found all minutes from 2004 but 2005 minutes are missing.								
08/05/05 – Indian Trail updated from "D+" to "C" as they added contact information for all town officials.								
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