

100 McDowell Street — For more information, call (704) 321-7275

OCTOBER 2020

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
NEWSLETTER



For more info on classes & events OR to REGISTER ONLINE go to

WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM

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October Classes, Programs and Events

In the upcoming pages, we list out all of our programs, classes and events coming up in October.

If you would like more information, please visit our website or reach out to us via phone or email!

COVID-19 Update

Precautions are in place for all programs. This includes daily health screenings, constant cleaning throughout the day, and all staff and participants are required to wear masks. Expect a health screening when you enter the facilities for programs or facility rentals.



Check out all of our Fall programs at
WWW.MATTHEWSFUN.COM

Crews Recreation Center

1201 Crews Road—Behind the Matthews Police Department

For more information on Crews Center activities, call (704) 708-1287

FACILITY RENTALS

Now booking for Fall & Winter 2020! Book your next event with us! Our space is a great place to host your birthday party, baby and wedding showers, anniversary parties, family reunions and meetings. Availability will not last long! Contact Charles Smith at 704-708-1289 or via email at csmith@matthewsnc.gov for facility pricing and availability.

DANCE IT UP

Scheduled to resume on
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21!

Join us for a dance-inspired fitness class that will leave you sweating and smiling. Every class is different, from the toning and cardio moves to the anything-goes playlist, you'll never go to the same class twice!
Mondays 7pm-8pm. Visit www.danceitupcft.com for more information.

TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

RETURNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 12!
\$2.00 PER SESSION

A slow meditation in motion, Tai Chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements. The ultimate purpose is cultivating the Qi, or life force, within us to flow smoothly and powerfully throughout the body.
In an effort to promote a healthy environment, health screenings will be conducted at the check-in desk.

OPEN GYM SPORTS

PICKLEBALL

Saturdays, 8:30am-12:30pm
Tuesdays, 5:30pm-8:30pm
\$2/person

Advance registration **required** via signup genius (<https://qr.go.page.link/skXdx>).

BADMINTON

Sundays, 10:30am-4:30pm; \$2/person.

Advance registration via signup genius (<https://qr.go.page.link/CYTjW>) **required** to guarantee court time.

Beginner (Adults): 10:30am-12:30pm

Advanced (Adults): 12:30pm-2:30pm

Family Time (Youth and Adults): 2:30pm-4:30pm

Due to basketball season, the open play Pickleball & Badminton schedule will be modified from November through February.

In an effort to promote a healthy environment, health screenings will be conducted at the check-in desk.



Town of
Matthews
Parks, Recreation &
Cultural Resource

"BACK TO CREWS" REMOTE LEARNING PROGRAM

"School's out... We're in!"

AGES 5 - 12

SEPTEMBER 21 - DECEMBER 18
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00AM-3:30PM
Closed on Holidays and Teacher Workdays



THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- ✓ SOCIAL RECREATION
- ✓ PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- ✓ SPORT DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ FITNESS/CONDITIONING
- ✓ RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
- ✓ DEDICATED TIME FOR REMOTE LEARNING

\$95
PER WEEK

*Discounts provided to siblings and students that qualify for free/reduced lunch

HURRY!
SPACE IS LIMITED

CALL FOR MORE INFO:
(704) 708-1289

REGISTER AT:
www.matthewsfun.com

PRIVATE VOLLEYBALL LESSONS

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER FROM 6:30PM TO 7:30PM

Crews Recreation Center in partnership with Got Next Foundation will offer small group (2-4 athletes) private volleyball lessons. Skill development activities will be based on the athletes' request.

A minimum of 2 athletes is required per session.

To register please visit matthewsfun.com.



COVID-19 NOTICE



For programs offered at the Matthews Community Center & McDowell Arts Center

Due to Covid-19, we require that everyone wears a mask while inside our facilities, including children.

We enforce social distancing, offer small class sizes, encourage handwashing frequently, and offer hand sanitizing stations in every room. We require pre-registration of activities and do not have drop-in classes at this time. We also ask health screening questions of everyone who enters the buildings, and we also scan each individual's temperature. Our facilities are currently open for paid programming or meetings only.

CLASSES TAUGHT BY EILEEN SCHWARTZ

Art with Eileen

Tuesdays | 9am-12pm | October 6-27

Art classes for adults with disabilities

Matthews Residents \$60 Non-Residents \$65



Art for Veterans

Tuesdays | 12:30pm-3:30pm | October 6-27

FREE for Veterans as a thank you for your service

No art experience required!



LET'S PAINT WITH CYNTHIA OIL PAINTING FOR ADULTS

Beginner

Mondays

October 12, 19 & 26

9:30am-12:30pm

\$75

Intermediate

Thursdays

October 8, 15 & 22

9:30am-12:30pm

\$75

Advanced

Mondays

October 12, 19 & 26

1:00pm-4:00pm

\$60

New students will need to contact Cynthia prior to signing up for class – cynhow@bellsouth.net.

Pre-registration for this class is required.



CLASSES WITH ARTS DELIVERED

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR CLASS DETAILS

Wednesday Homeschool Clay Classes

Ages 7+ | Sept. 30-Oct. 21

10am-11:30am

Matthews Resident: \$70

Non-Resident: \$75

Sibling Discount Available

Pottery Play Class

Ages 8+ | October 23 & 30

3pm-4:30pm

Matthews Resident: \$30

Non-Resident: \$35

Multi-Class Discount Available

Kids & Parent Clay Workshop

Ages 6+ | October 10

10:45am-12pm

Wednesday Pre-K Clay

October 14

Ages 3-6 | 9am-9:45am

2nd Wednesday of each month

\$10 per platter

Guardian supervision required

Clay Kits To-Go!

October 17 | 9am-10am

Take & Make Scary Face Pots!

\$10 per kit

Instructions given upon registration

Make It - Glaze It - Seasonal Class

Ages 7+ | October 9 & 16

3pm-4:30pm

Matthews Resident: \$25

Non-Resident: \$30

Multiple Discounts Available

Wednesday Adult Clay

October 28-December 16

6:30pm-8:15pm

8-week session

Matthews Resident: \$190

Non-Resident: \$200

Girl Scout Pottery Class

Ages 5+ | October 10

9am-10:15am

\$10 per person

NEW! Afterschool Clay Club

Ages 6-12 | Wednesdays

October 14-28 | 3pm-4:30pm

3-week session

MATTHEWS BALLET PRESENTS *The Nutcracker*

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 production and performance of The Nutcracker.

We had to make the decision early because auditions and rehearsals start in early September.

We hope to see you next year in 2021!

BASKET WEAVING

Saturday, September 26 | 9:30am-11:30am

Come create a basket! This is a no-contact activity, and everyone will have their own kit containing everything they need. Perfect for beginners! The oak frame and reed will be pre-stained making it a beautiful addition to your table. We are offering a special WELCOME BACK price of only \$15!! Space is limited and will SELL OUT!



Next Class

Saturday, October 24 | 9:30am
Holiday Gift Basket!

Beginners are welcome and encouraged to make this fun gift basket with your choice of design. Give a special gift this year - a hand-woven basket!

Matthews Residents: \$30

Non-Residents: \$35.

Price includes material fee.



MUSIC MAKERS

Big Kids Make Music

Thursdays | 11am-11:45am
September 17-November 19
10-week session



A supportive environment to learn music! Kids will get to sing and dance along to beautiful, diverse songs, play instruments and enjoy creative movement. Registration includes a personal instrument kit, and downloads of songs.

Matthews Residents: \$219

Join at anytime!

Non-Residents: \$224

Prorating available.

YOGA CLASSES



Due to Covid-19, our yoga classes have been put on hold. We hope to resume classes soon! Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for when classes will start again.

CARD KITS TO-GO SEND SOME KINDNESS!

Pick Up Times: Thursday, October 1, between 5pm-7pm

Friday, October 2, between 9am-11am or 3pm-4:30pm

In honor of National Card Making Day on October 3, we're offering 5 specialty craft cards in a complete kit containing everything you'll need and ready for creative (or non-creative!) hands to assemble and mail to friends, family, neighbors, or teachers! Postage and envelopes are included, as well as all of the supplies needed to assemble cards, all card materials, and pre-stamped envelopes. Cards are blank inside. Colors, text and images will vary in each kit. \$5 per kit. Pre-registration is REQUIRED.



NEW STEAM CLASSES WITH CHALLENGE ISLAND

STEAM AFTERSCHOOL

Matthews Residents: \$70 | Non-Matthews Residents: \$75

MONDAYS | September 28-October 19 | 4pm-5pm | Ages 6-12

Calling all trailblazers, groundbreakers and universe-shakers to Challenge Island's SUPER STAR ISLAND! You and your tribe will take a STEAMtastic journey through our Challenge Island Hall of Fame from Amelia Earhart to Walt Disney to Jackie Robinson to Steve Jobs to a galaxy of other game-changers. Super Star Island shines as bright as a Challenge Island kid, so grab onto your inner star and join us for this stellarly cross-curricular engineering adventure!

WEDNESDAYS | September 30-October 21 | 4pm-5pm | Ages 6-12

What do you want to be when you grow up? Challenge Island's all new Cool Careers Island will give you a taste of some of the world's most exciting jobs from veterinarian to marine biologist to professional basketball player! Start engineering your future today with this STEAMtastic Challenge Island adventure!

FRIGHT NIGHT KIDS' NIGHT OUT WITH CHALLENGE ISLAND

Matthews Residents: \$45 | Non-Matthews Residents: \$50

October 23 | 6pm-9pm | Ages 6-12

October is all about Halloween! Join us as we construct a spooky neighborhood and then go trick-or-treating around that neighborhood! Parents, you deserve a break. So pop those kids in their Halloween costumes, drop them off with us, and go have a spook-tacular time on your own!

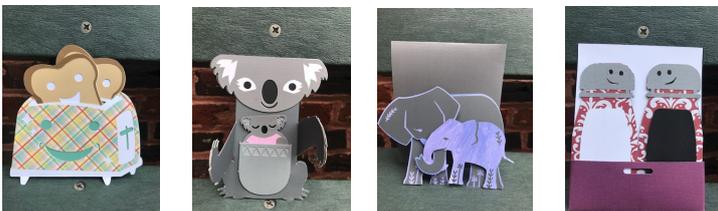
CARD MAKING WORKSHOP

FREE!

Monday, October 5 | 3pm-5pm
(30-minute sessions)

Celebrate National Be Nice Day and make a card for someone! We have all the supplies that you need in order to make these adorable cards! Take them with you, but leave one card to donate to Cards for Kindness. All supplies will be pre-cut and ready to assemble; supplies will be individually packaged so there won't be sharing between groups.

Space is limited, and you must reserve your time slot!



PARTNERSHIP WITH

ARTWALK MUSICFEST 2020 VIRTUAL FESTIVAL

Free craft activities pick up

Saturday, October 10 | 10am-11am

Pre-registration is required!

As part of our partnership with the Matthews Chamber, the Town of Matthews Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resource Department is offering FREE crafts to the first 100 people who register. There are multiple Fall-themed crafts per bag, so only one registration per family.

Pick up will be at the Matthews Chamber Depot (next to the caboose by the library in downtown Matthews) on Saturday, October 10 between 10am and 11am. These

crafts are best suited for ages 4-10. Make sure you check out the other fun offerings and features of this

VIRTUAL 2020 ArtWalk MusicFest at

<https://matthewschamber.org/events/artfest/>.

Registration for these crafts opens online

September 28 at 9am.

MISSING



Halloween WITCHES have stolen our baby jack-o-lanterns! The 12 jack-o-lanterns have been hidden all over Matthews, and can be found over three weeks in October. Clues will be posted on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page on Oct 16, Oct 23, and Oct 30.

REWARD

If you find a jack-o-lantern, bring it to the Matthews Community Center to redeem for a \$50 gift card!
Call before you come, as building hours are varied: 704-321-7275.

Limit one jack-o-lantern per family. Please use care around businesses, buildings, plants, wildlife, or private property.



Available Dates

- Thursday 9/24
- Thursday 10/1
- Thursday 10/8
- Thursday 10/15
- Additional dates TBD

Questions

Scott Rawls
srawls@matthewsnc.gov
www.matthewsnc.gov

Great Outdoors University Weekday Programs

Great Outdoors University Weekday Programs give kids a chance to connect with nature and make discoveries about the natural world in ways that will encourage continued learning and stewardship. During this 2-hour weekday program, kids will participate in different outdoor education activities focused around STEAM principles. Great Outdoors University is a program of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Squirrel Lake Park

Ages 7-11

\$25/resident \$30/non-resident

Get down (ward) with us at

DOGA

in Stumptown Park

Presented by



Instructor will lead a **deep stretch class** for you & your canine BFF!

Held on the grass, socially distanced.

Bring a mat, a short leash, and your poop bags!

\$10 per person/dog pair
Hooman age 18+ only, please



Saturday
Oct. 10th
3PM-4PM

120 South Trade St.

Register at
totalbeingyoga.com

Also on Saturday, October 10th!

FREE Fall Photos with your dog

Located on the stage in Stumptown Park. Decorative autumn backdrop. Bring your own camera. Staff will be on hand to take your picture!

12NOON UNTIL 3PM

Slots are limited. You must **pre-register**.
Registration link at matthewsfun.com



PRESENTS

Finest Fido Photo Contest!

- Sept. 1-30**
Entries Submitted
- Oct. 1-19**
Entries Narrowed
- Oct. 23-30**
Vote on Facebook!
- Nov. 2-6**
Winner Announced!

DETAILS AT MATTHEWSFUN.COM