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This comprehensive guide is designed to ease the anxieties often accompanying a move to a new location. Our objective is to furnish you with a comprehensive resource on crucial services and familiarize you with The Triangle area. We appreciate your choice to trust The Sherry Riano Team.

FIND OUT WHY ALMOST 100 PEOPLE PER DAY ARE MOVING TO THE RALEIGH AREA.

Introduction to the Triangle

The Triangle area, encompassing the cities of Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, has a rich history dating back to the early settlement by Joel Lane and his brothers in 1741. Thirty years later, Wake County was established with the construction of a courthouse and jail on the hillside facing Lane's residence, and Raleigh was chosen as the capital of North Carolina due to its central location within the state. The Triangle is surrounded by Wake, Johnston, Harnett, Durham, Franklin, Nash, and Chatham counties. Today, the Triangle is home to over 1.45 million people and continues to grow, attracting residents with its stable career opportunities, affordable cost of living, and vibrant culture, according to Statista.

Passport Professionals

Our presence in the market has allowed us to connect with a diverse range of reputable professionals and businesses. This directory serves to familiarize you with The Triangle and its surrounding areas. As a token of our gratitude for choosing The Sherry Riano Team, you will receive money-saving discounts in the mail following your initial application process. Whenever you need it, you can request a copy of our directory of professional services partners.

Triangle Entertainment

Let us guide you to the latest arts, local fare, fine and casual dining, shopping, history, and more. Checkout our Facebook page for a guide to what is happening in and around The Triangle.



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ALL ABOUT THE TRIANGLE

General Data

The Triangle area, according to city data from 2021, is home to over 2,144,608 residents. The population has seen a steady increase, with a 1.4% growth between 2020 and 2021. The demographic breakdown shows that 48.7% of the population is male, while 51.3% are female. The age distribution indicates that 22.2% are aged 0-17, 63.5% fall between 18-64, and the remaining 14.2% are 65 or older. The median household income in the Triangle area stands at \$80,185, which is approximately 20% higher than the national average of \$69,717.

Weather

The Triangle area, boasts a diverse climate with temperate summers and mild winters. According to recent data, the average high temperature in July is around 85°F, while the average low in January is around 38°F. Precipitation in the Triangle is fairly consistent throughout the year, with an average of around 4 inches of rain each month. The area also experiences an average of 3 snowfall days per year. However, the trend shows that the Triangle is becoming increasingly warmer over the years, with higher average temperatures and fewer snowfall days observed in recent times.

Schools

The Raleigh Durham Chapel Hill area, also known as the Triangle, is home to a thriving and diverse educational landscape. With over 40 public school districts and numerous private and charter schools, families have a wide range of options to choose from. According to recent data, the area has an overall graduation rate of 85%, with a significant portion of graduates going on to pursue higher education. The area is also home to several highly ranked institutions of higher education, including Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State University. Additionally, the Triangle is known for its strong commitment to diversity and inclusion in its educational institutions, with numerous schools offering programs and initiatives aimed at promoting diversity, equity, and access for all students.

Utilities

The Triangle area is serviced by several major utility providers, including electric, gas, and water. Here is some information and contact information for some of the major providers in the area:

Electricity:

- Duke Energy Progress: 1-800-452-2777
- City of Raleigh Utilities: 919-996-3245

Gas:

- Piedmont Natural Gas: 1-800-752-7504
- PSNC Energy: 1-877-776-2427

Water:

- City of Raleigh Utilities: 919-996-3245
- Durham Water Management: 919-560-4331

It's important to note that the specific utility providers available to you may depend on your location within the Triangle area. You can check with your local government or contact the providers directly to confirm which services are available in your area.



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General Information

Driver's License and Auto Registration:

For a list of DMV office locations and general information visit www.ncdot.gov/dmv

Voters Registration:

To register to vote and other information visit www.ncsbe.gov

Postal Services:

For change of address information please visit [The Official USPS Change of Address Form](#)

Medical Facilities

The Triangle area of North Carolina is home to several top-rated medical facilities and hospitals. Here is a list of some of the most well-regarded medical institutions in the area:

- [Duke University Hospital](#)
- [UNC Hospitals](#)
- [WakeMed Health & Hospitals](#)
- [Rex Healthcare](#)
- [Duke Raleigh Hospital](#)
- [Wake Forest Baptist Health - Raleigh Campus](#)
- [Durham VA Health Care System](#)
- [Central Carolina Hospital](#)
- [Novant Health Thomasville Medical Center](#)



This list is not exhaustive, and there are many other quality medical facilities and hospitals in the Triangle area. It's always a good idea to check with your insurance provider and do some research to determine the best healthcare options for your specific needs.



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Popular Neighborhoods

The Triangle area of North Carolina is made up of several cities and towns, each with its own unique neighborhoods. Here is a list of some of the most popular neighborhoods in the area, along with a short description of each:

- North Raleigh: A sprawling, affluent neighborhood known for its spacious homes, high-end shopping, and excellent schools.
- Durham: A bustling, diverse city with a thriving arts and culture scene, world-class restaurants, and a growing tech industry.
- Chapel Hill: A charming college town known for its walkable downtown, tree-lined streets, and vibrant university community.
- Cary: A suburban neighborhood known for its low crime rate, top-rated schools, and high quality of life.
- Morrisville: A growing, affluent suburb with a strong tech industry, excellent schools, and a diverse range of housing options.
- Apex: A small, historic town with a charming downtown, low crime rate, and high quality of life.
- Holly Springs: A growing, suburban neighborhood known for its affordable housing, excellent schools, and strong sense of community.
- Clayton: A small, suburban city known for its affordable housing, strong sense of community, and easy access to Raleigh.
- Garner: A growing, suburban city known for its low crime rate, excellent schools, and close proximity to Raleigh.
- Fuquay Varina: A charming, historic town with a thriving downtown, excellent schools, and a strong sense of community.
- Smithfield: A small, rural town known for its historic downtown, picturesque parks, and strong agricultural heritage.



This list is not exhaustive, and there are many other great neighborhoods in the Triangle area. It's always a good idea to research different areas and visit in person to determine the best fit for your specific needs and lifestyle.

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SEATING CHARTS

The Triangle area of North Carolina is home to several major amphitheaters, sports arenas, and concert venues. Here is a list of some of the most well-known facilities in the area, along with their name, address, and a brief description:

PNC Arena

1400 Edwards Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607

For tickets and events: www.pncarena.com

A multi-purpose arena that serves as the home of the Carolina Hurricanes NHL team and hosts concerts and other popular events.

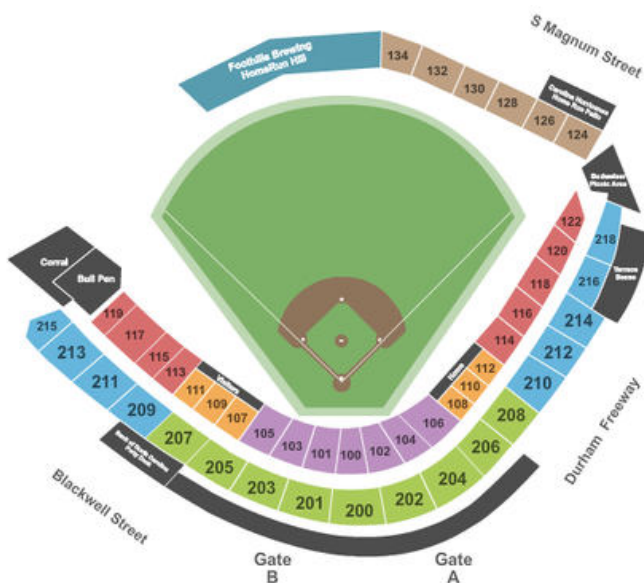


Durham Bulls Athletic Park

409 Blackwell St, Durham, NC 27701

For tickets and events: www.milb.com/durham

A minor league baseball stadium that also hosts concerts and other events.



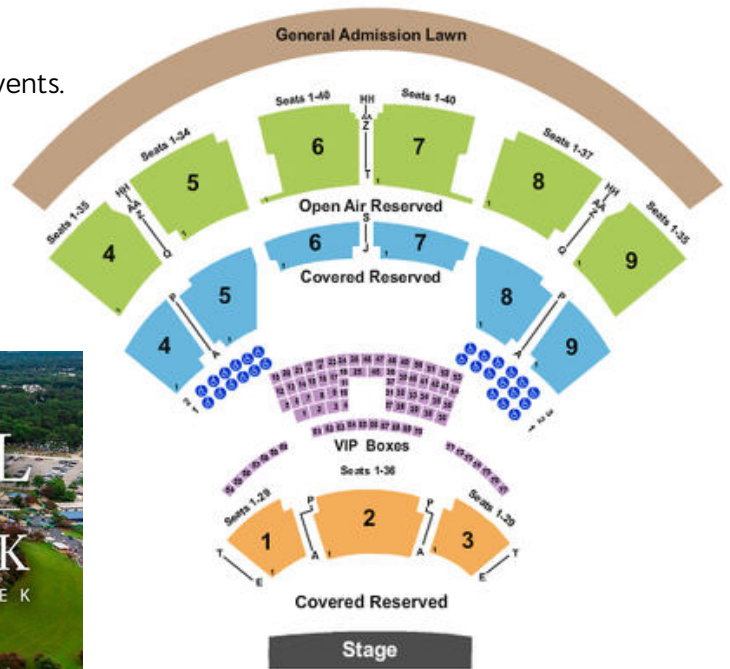
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Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

3801 Rock Quarry Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610

For tickets and events: [Click here to visit their website](#)

An outdoor amphitheater that hosts concerts and other events.

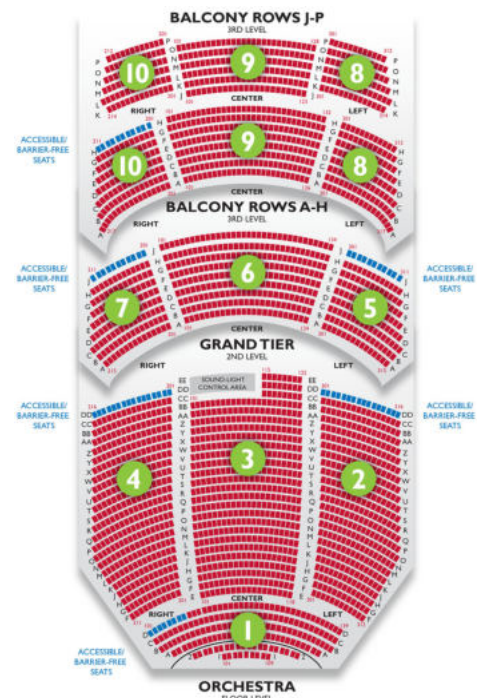
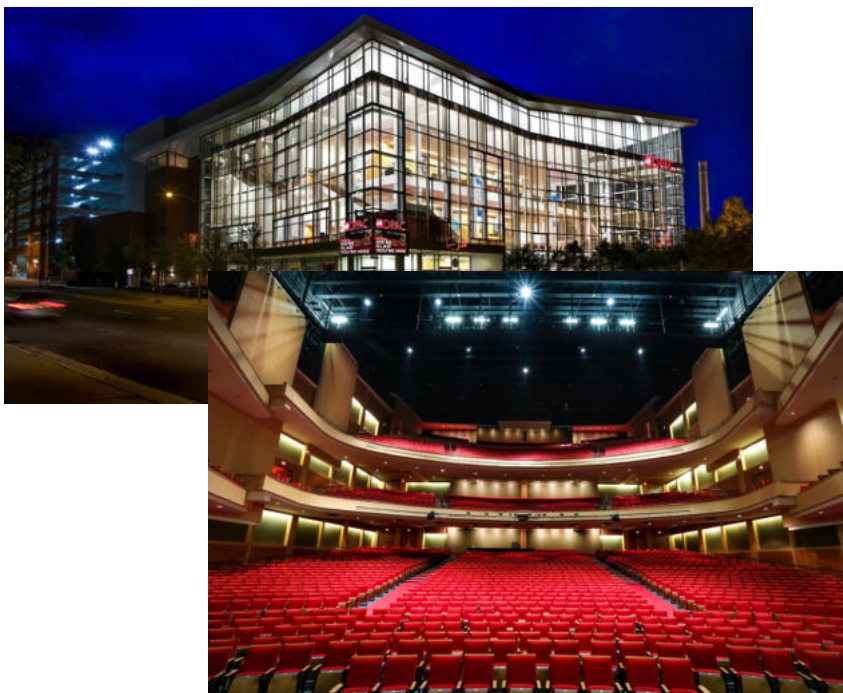


DPAC- Durham Performing Arts Center

123 Vivian St, Durham, NC 27701

For tickets and events: www.dpacnc.com

DPAC is a state-of-the-art theater that hosts Broadway shows, concerts, and other events.



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Koka Booth Amphitheater

8003 Regency Pkwy, Cary, NC 27518

For tickets and events: www.boothamphitheatre.com

An outdoor amphitheater that hosts concerts and other events.

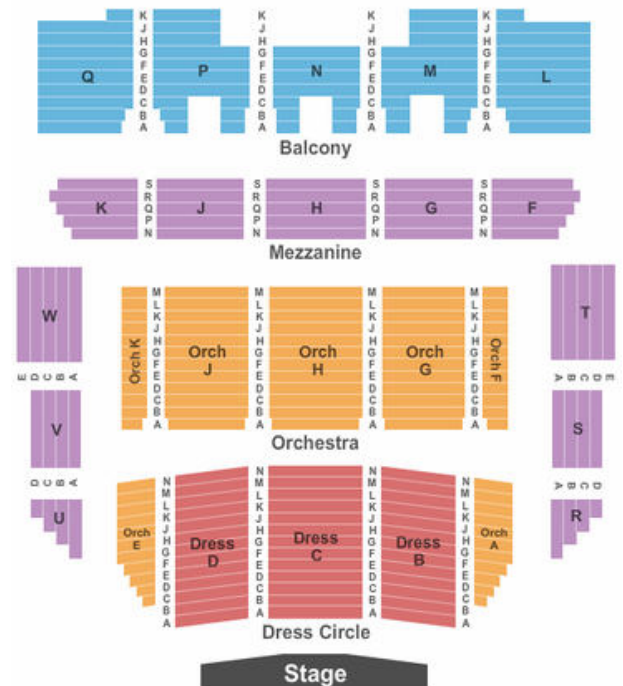


Raleigh Memorial Auditorium/Duke Energy Center for Performing Arts

2 E South St, Raleigh, NC 27601

For tickets and events: www.dukeenergycenterraleigh.com

A historic theater that hosts concerts, shows, and other events.



YOUR MORTGAGE MATCHMAKERS

Whether you are a first-time homebuyer, looking to refinance, purchase a second home or investment property, The Sherry Riano Team at First Heritage Mortgage has the expertise and resources to help you navigate the mortgage process and find the loan that best fits your financial goals and needs. They offer a wide range of loan products, including conventional, FHA, VA, USDA, and Jumbo loans, as well as specialized programs for self-employed borrowers, veterans, and those with less-than-perfect credit.

Led by Sherry Riano, a seasoned industry veteran with over 25 years of experience, her team specializes in providing customized mortgage solutions to meet the unique needs of each client. They have a track record of success and a reputation for excellence in the mortgage industry. They have also received hundreds of five-star reviews from satisfied clients, and have been recognized with multiple awards and accolades for their outstanding performance. Want to see for yourself? Take a look at a few of their latest reviews.

TESTIMONIALS:



"I recently closed on my first house with The Sherry Riano Team as my lender. They did a wonderful job of walking me through the process and meeting the 30 day closing time frame that the seller wanted. Everything was done promptly and they were very responsive with any questions I had. The system for signing and uploading documents was easy to use. They also easily worked with my insurance agent and the legal firm I used for the official closing."



"One of the best start to finish mortgage processes I have experienced. Highly professional team, expert knowledge, that ended with a great outcome during a highly volatile interest rate environment. Thank you Chris Brazell, Sherry Riano, and the entire team at First Heritage Mortgage!"



LOCAL WINERIES & BREWERIES

This list showcases the diverse and thriving craft beverage scene in the Triangle area of North Carolina, offering a range of options from wineries and cideries to breweries and taprooms. Whether you're a local or just visiting, these establishments are a must-visit for any craft beverage lover in the area.

Chapel Hill Wine Company:

[Chapel Hill, North Carolina](#)

Chapel Hill Wine Company is a winery and wine bar that offers a variety of locally made wines, as well as a selection of food and snacks. Their website is www.chapelhillwine.com.



Botanist & Barrel:

[Cedar Grove, North Carolina](#)

Botanist & Barrel is a cidery and winery that specializes in unique, hand-crafted ciders and wines made from locally sourced ingredients. Visit their website at www.botanistandbarrel.com.



Fair Game Beverage Company:

[Pittsboro, North Carolina](#)

Game Beverage Company is a winery and distillery that produces a range of hand-crafted wines and spirits, including brandy, whiskey, and gin. Check out their website at www.fairgamebeverage.com.



Starpoint Brewing:

[Cary, North Carolina](#)

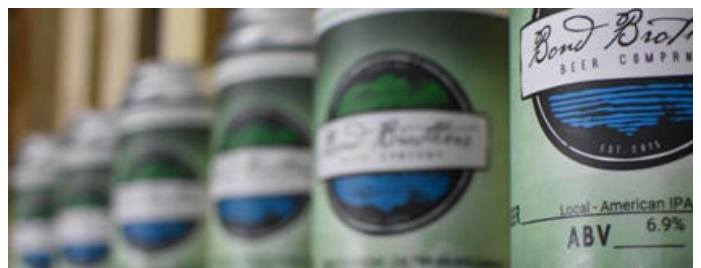
Starpoint Brewing is a brewery that offers a range of hand-crafted beers, including IPAs, stouts, and sours. Visit their website at www.starpointbrewing.com.



Bond Brothers Beer Company:

[Cary, North Carolina](#) *Located right next to our office!!

Bond Brothers Beer Company is a brewery that offers a variety of hand-crafted beers, including IPAs, stouts, and sours. Their website is www.bondbrothersbeer.com.



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Raleigh Brewing Company:

Raleigh, North Carolina

Raleigh Brewing Company is a brewery that offers a range of hand-crafted beers, including IPAs, stouts, and sours. Check out their website at www.raleighbrewing.com.



D9 Brewing Company:

Cornelius, North Carolina

D9 Brewing Company is a brewery that offers a range of hand-crafted beers, including IPAs, stouts, and sours. Visit their website at www.d9brewing.com.



Mason Jar Lager Company:

Holly Springs, North Carolina

Mason Jar Lager Company is a brewery that specializes in hand-crafted lagers, including pilsners, lagers, and bocks. Their website is www.masonjarlager.com.



Neuse River Brewing Company:

Clayton, North Carolina

Neuse River Brewing Company is a brewery that offers a range of hand-crafted beers, including IPAs, stouts, and sours. Visit their website at www.neuseriverbrewing.com.



Oak & Dagger Public House:

Raleigh, North Carolina

Oak & Dagger Public House is a brewery and pub that offers a range of hand-crafted beers, including IPAs, stouts, and sours, as well as a menu of pub-style food. Check out their website at www.oakanddagger.beer.



SECOND HOME DESTINATIONS

These destinations offer a range of options for second homes, from coastal towns to mountain cities. Whether you're looking for a beach retreat, a golf getaway, or a mountain escape, North Carolina has something for everyone.

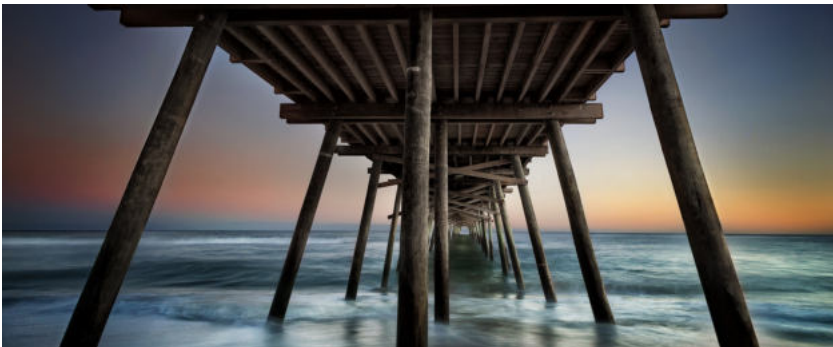


Asheville, North Carolina

Asheville is a city with a population of approximately 93,000 located in the western part of the state. The average home price in Asheville is around \$400,000. Asheville is approximately 2 hours west of Raleigh.

Boone, North Carolina

Boone is a city with a population of approximately 20,000 located in the northwestern part of the state. The average home price in Boone is around \$300,000. Boone is approximately 2 hours northwest of Raleigh.

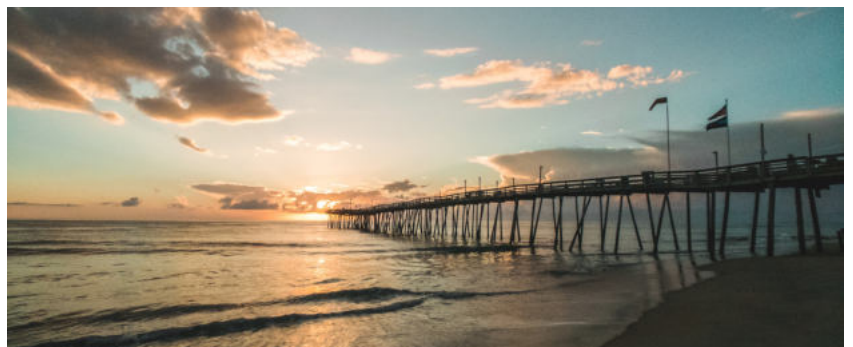


Emerald Isle, North Carolina

Emerald Isle is a town with a population of approximately 4,000 located on the coast of North Carolina. The average home price in Emerald Isle is around \$450,000. Emerald Isle is approximately 3 hours east of Raleigh.

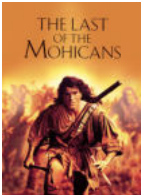
Pinehurst, North Carolina

Pinehurst is a village with a population of approximately 13,000 located in the southern part of the state. The average home price in Pinehurst is around \$350,000. Pinehurst is approximately 2 hours south of Raleigh.



FILMED IN THE CAROLINAS

North Carolina has a rich film and TV history, and has been the backdrop for many well-known movies and TV shows over the years. From the mountains to the coast, North Carolina offers a diverse range of locations for film and TV production, making it a popular destination for filmmakers.



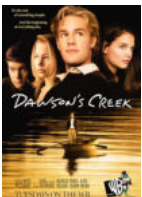
The Last of the Mohicans | 1992

Filmed in western North Carolina, including the Great Smoky Mountains and the Nantahala National Forest.



The Hunger Games | 2012

Filmed in the cities of Asheville and Charlotte.



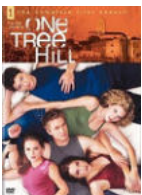
Dawson's Creek | 1998-2003

Filmed in Wilmington.



Bull Durham | 1988

Filmed in Durham.



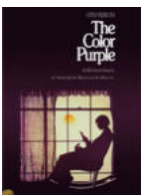
One Tree Hill | 2003-2012

Filmed in Wilmington.



The Green Mile | 1999

Filmed in various locations in North Carolina, including the city of Wilmington.



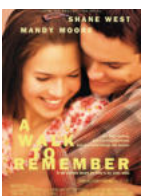
The Color Purple | 1985

Filmed in various locations in North Carolina, including the cities of Anson County and Charlotte.



The Notebook | 2004

Filmed in various locations in North Carolina, including the city of Wilmington.



A Walk to Remember | 2002

Filmed in various locations in North Carolina, including the city of Wilmington.



The Conjuring | 2013

Filmed in various locations in North Carolina, including the city of Wilmington.

CAROLINA COLLEGES

North Carolina is home to a diverse range of colleges and universities, offering a wealth of educational opportunities for students of all ages and interests. The state is home to some of the country's most prestigious public universities, including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, and East Carolina University, as well as a range of smaller, liberal arts colleges, such as Wake Forest University and Davidson College. In addition to these traditional four-year institutions, North Carolina is also home to a range of community colleges and technical schools, offering vocational and technical education to students who are looking to enter the workforce immediately after graduation. Whether you're interested in pursuing a degree in the arts, sciences, or engineering, or looking to gain practical skills in a specific trade, North Carolina has a college or university that can meet your needs. With its strong commitment to education, North Carolina is an excellent place to pursue your academic and professional goals.



South Carolina boasts a diverse range of colleges and universities, from large research universities to small liberal arts colleges. Some of the state's most well-known institutions include the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and the College of Charleston. These universities offer a wide range of academic programs, from business and engineering to arts and humanities. In addition, South Carolina is home to several technical colleges, offering students hands-on training and certification in a variety of fields. With its commitment to providing access to quality education, South Carolina offers something for everyone, whether you're looking to start your career or continue your studies at the graduate level.



POPULAR ANNUAL EVENTS

These events showcase the rich cultural heritage and vibrant community spirit of the Triangle area, offering residents and visitors a chance to experience the best of what the area has to offer. Whether you're looking for family-friendly fun, cultural enrichment, or a taste of local flavors, these events are a must-visit for anyone in the Triangle area.

North Carolina State Fair:

Held in Raleigh every October, the North Carolina State Fair is a traditional agricultural fair that features exhibits, competitions, food, and live entertainment.



Raleigh International Festival:

Held in Raleigh in May, the Raleigh International Festival is a celebration of the city's diverse cultural heritage, featuring music, dance, food, and more from around the world.



Holly Springs Farmers Market:

Held in Holly Springs from May to October, the Holly Springs Farmers Market is a weekly event that features local farmers, artisans, and food vendors, offering fresh produce, baked goods, and handmade crafts.



Triangle Oktoberfest:

Held in Raleigh in September, the Triangle Oktoberfest is a celebration of German culture, featuring live music, authentic food, and traditional beer.



Durham Farmers Market:

Held in Durham from April to November, the Durham Farmers Market is a weekly event that features local farmers, artisans, and food vendors, offering fresh produce, baked goods, and handmade crafts.



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US

At The Sherry Riano Team, we take pride in our team of mortgage experts who are licensed to serve all of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, and Virginia. Our commitment to providing top-notch service has helped us consistently rank in the top 1% of lenders nationwide. We understand that securing a mortgage can be a confusing and overwhelming process, which is why we believe that it should be the easiest part of buying a home.

Our team is dedicated to ensuring that each and every client we serve is informed and understands all of their options, making the entire experience as smooth as possible. We believe that the key to a successful home buying experience is education and communication. Our mortgage experts are always available to answer any questions you may have and provide guidance throughout the entire process.

At The Sherry Riano Team, we are committed to providing our clients with the best possible experience. Whether you are in the market to purchase a new home or refinance an existing one, our team is here to help. We would love the opportunity to connect with you and learn about your financing or refinancing needs. With our extensive experience and commitment to customer service, you can trust that you are in good hands with our team.

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