

September 27, 2021

Mayor and Board of Commissioners
Town of Matthews
232 Matthews Station Street
Matthews, NC 28105

Dear Mayor and Board:

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing my retirement effective March 31, 2022. I have spent the last eighteen years managing one of the best towns in North Carolina. I have enjoyed my time immensely.

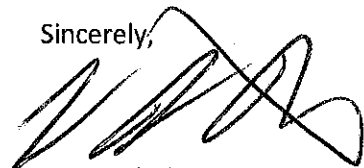
The commitment each of you have displayed in trying to make Matthews the best it can be makes the job significantly easier. Myself and staff know each day, as we come to work, the elected Board is doing all it can to make our community great. Thanks for your vision and commitment to the community.

I will miss town staff very much. I cannot tell you how many times I have listened to our staff in meetings and thought these people have to be the most talented public servants in the country. The generosity they display to you, each other and the community is remarkable. For example, Mike Ortlieb has demonstrated all that is good and generous in us as human beings, and he works for us. Boy, are we lucky!

I can't tell you how many times I have told folks one of the things that make Matthews great is our citizenry. In some towns people live there because their grandparents live there. In Matthews our citizens make a conscious decision to live here. They can live anywhere in the Charlotte region or even the U.S. This makes all the difference. As further proof, we have ten advisory committee. I have seen some of the applications of folks interested in serving. I am continually amazed at the skills, abilities and knowledge of our residents.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this great community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hazen Blodgett', written over a white background.

Hazen Blodgett