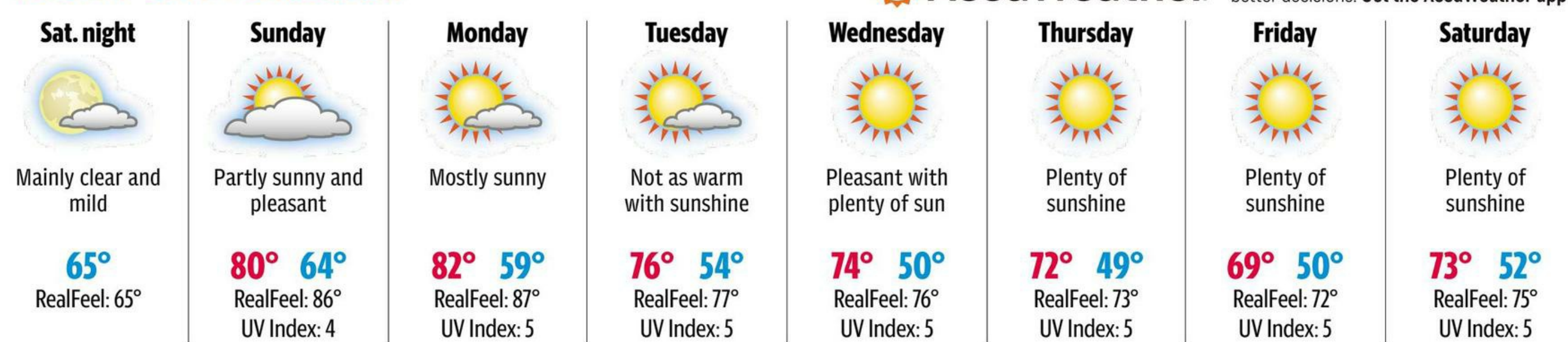


YOUR 7-DAY FORECAST



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Charlotte on Thursday

TEMPERATURE	
High/low	85°/64°
Normal high/low	78°/56°
Last year high/low	84°/59°
Record high	98° (2019)
Record low	36° (1974)
PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date (normal)	0.01" (0.36")
Year to date (normal)	45.55" (34.04")
Last year to date	36.39"
COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Degree days are an indicator of energy needs. The more the total degree days, the more energy is necessary to cool.	
Thursday	10
Month to date (normal)	32 (12)
Year to date (normal)	2055 (1720)
Last year to date	1781
SUN & MOON	
Sunset tonight	7:02 PM
Sunrise Sun.	7:23 AM
Moonrise today	9:59 AM
Moonset today	8:20 PM

First

Full

Last

New

Oct 10

Oct 17

Oct 24

Nov 1

POLLEN INDEX

AS OF 10/3

Grass:	Low
Trees:	Low
Weeds:	Moderate
Mold:	High
Source: National Allergy Bureau	

RIVER LEVELS

	Flood Stage (ft.)	7 a.m. Friday	24-hour change
CATAWBA RIVER			
near Pleasant Gardens	11	2.24	-0.15
above Rock Hill	15	7.24	-1.26
above Catawba	58	11.48	-1.79
STEWART CREEK			
at West Morehead Street	14	1.35	+0.01
at State Street	10	0.96	none
LITTLE SUGAR CREEK			
at Medical Center Drive	13.5	2.21	+0.26

LAKE LEVELS

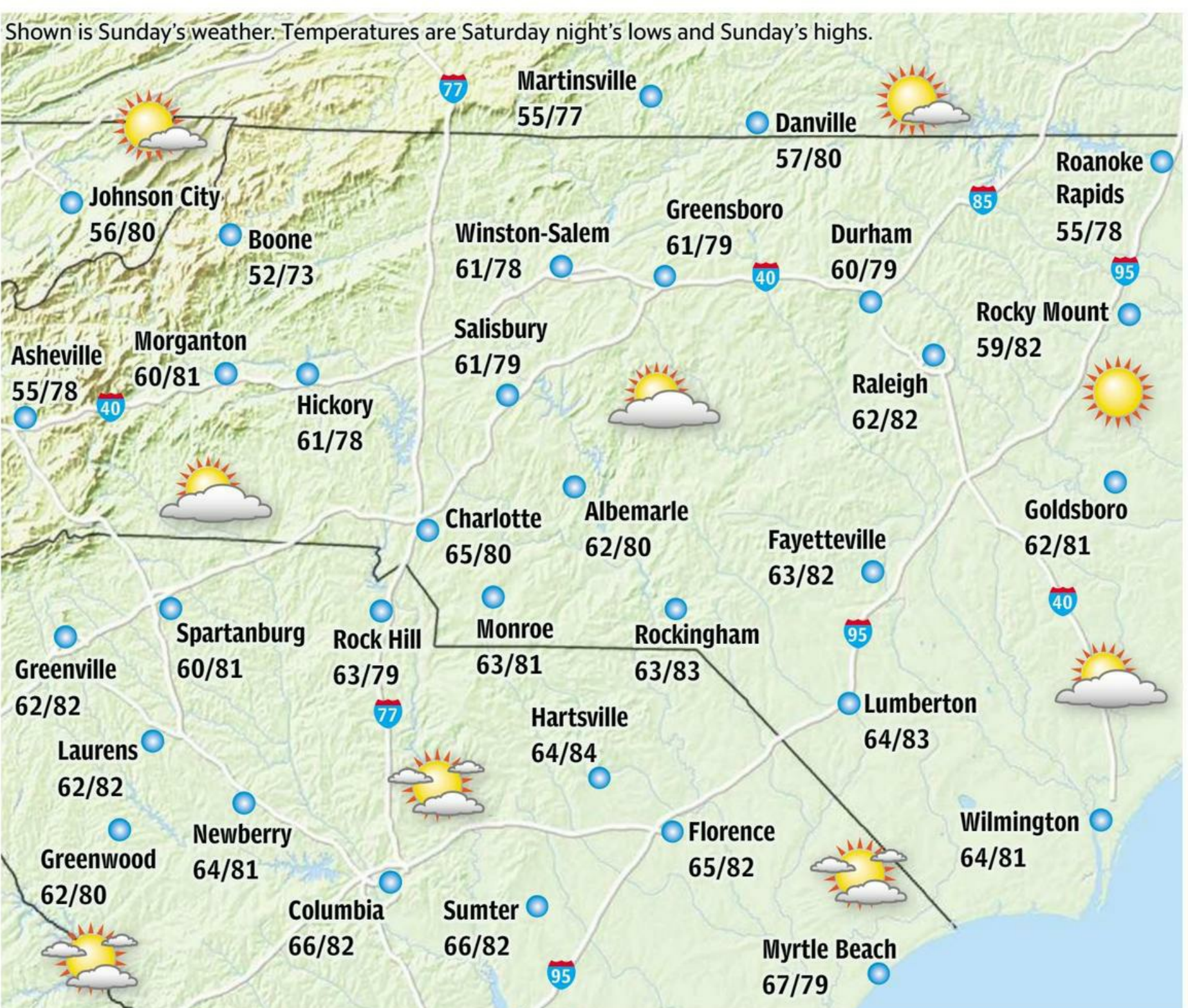
	Normal Pool (ft.)	Elevation Friday	24-hour change
Lake Wylie	100	96.99	-0.69
Lake Norman	100	97.56	-0.33
High Rock Lake	655	N.A.	N.A.

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YOUR ACTIVITIES FORECAST

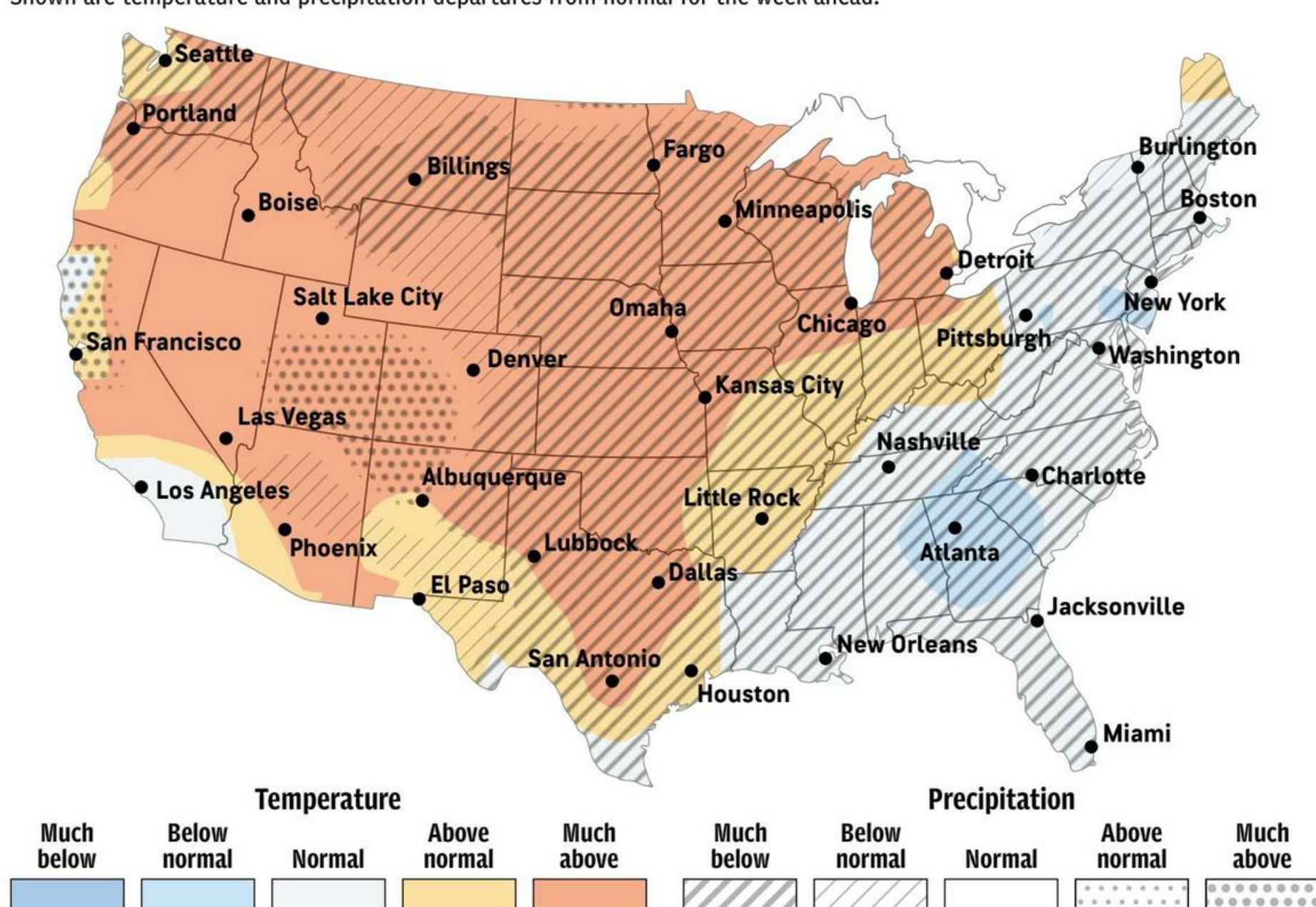
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
FISHING INDEX						
4	6	6	7	7	8	8
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES INDEX						
9	9	9	9	9	9	9
HIKING INDEX						
9	9	10	9	10	10	10
GOLFING INDEX						
10	10	10	10	10	10	10

0-2: Poor; 3-4: Fair; 5-6: Good; 7-8: Very Good; 9-10: Excellent.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Shown are temperature and precipitation departures from normal for the week ahead.



AROUND THE NATION

	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
City						
Anchorage	49	40	pc	48	39	c
Atlanta	83	64	pc	84	60	s
Boston	64	55	pc	65	50	sh
Chicago	73	49	s	70	50	s
Dallas	93	69	s	93	67	s
Denver	80	51	s	82	49	s
Detroit	75	48	pc	65	46	s
Honolulu	86	73	sh	87	75	sh
Indianapolis	79	49	s	67	45	s
Kansas City	80	47	s	77	50	s
Las Vegas	100	73	s	101	72	c
Los Angeles	94	65	s	94	62	pc
Miami	85	77	r	82	75	r
Nashville	89	59	s	76	50	s
New Orleans	86	74	c	88	70	pc
New York City	70	61	s	70	54	pc
Orlando	83	74	t	84	73	r
Philadelphia	76	63	s	74	54	s
Phoenix	109	79	pc	109	79	s
St. Louis	83	52	s	72	52	s
Salt Lake City	82	57	s	82	60	s
San Francisco	88	63	s	78	56	s
Seattle	68	48	s	69	52	pc
Washington, DC	78	64	s	76	56	s

AROUND THE WORLD

	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
City						
Acapulco	86	75	t	86	76	sh
Amsterdam	60	55	c	65	52	pc
Baghdad	102	68	s	104	66	s
Berlin	58	42	pc	64	53	pc
Bogota	66	51	r	67	51	r
Cairo	86	70	s	88	72	s
Calgary	60	40	c	72	47	c
Dublin	63	50	pc	61	52	pc
Geneva	59	53	r	69	57	sh
Havana	89	73	t	85	73	sh
Hong Kong	88	79	s	90	78	s
Jerusalem	84	63	s	81	64	pc
Johannesburg	79	53	s	83	51	pc
Lisbon	74	63	c	72	61	sh
London	64	52	r	63	55	sh
Madrid	76	60	pc	73	56	sh
Mexico City	73	57	r	69	56	sh
Moscow	55	48	r	63	49	c
New Delhi	95	77	s	94	76	s
Paris	64	56	r	68	55	sh
Rome	70	55	s	74	62	s
Stockholm	55	37	s	53	43	pc
Sydney	83	60	pc	85	58	s
Tokyo	79	70	c	80	73	pc

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice



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This image taken by a drone shows homes along the Catawba River submerged in floodwaters from Helene. A number of homes saw roof-high flooding as water moved through the Catawba River system.

FEMA aid possible for Helene-damaged Mountain Island homes

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There may be hope for owners of dozens of homes along the Catawba River near Mountain Island Lake as Mecklenburg County officials work toward a federal disaster declaration.

County staff estimate more than \$26 million in

Helene-cased damage, a preliminary figure likely to increase, said Commissioner Elaine Powell. People from around 100 residents near Mountain Island Lake were displaced as a result of the storm, The Charlotte Observer previously reported. But Mecklenburg wasn't among 25 counties in the federal disaster declaration from President Joe

Biden. The omission means the federal government won't help with home repairs, temporary housing or property damage or other expenses in the same way as communities to the west.

Gaston, Lincoln and Catawba counties, which also border the Catawba River, were included in the federal disaster declaration. Iredell, Rowan,

Stanly and Union were among other Charlotte-area counties left out.

"I met with a lot of folks who lost everything, all their personal possessions. And they're in shock," Powell said of residents near Mountain Island Lake. "I felt the pain of what these people were going through, the pain, the fear, the shock ... And they wanted help, wanted a magic fairy to appear and make everything better."

Parts of the area were under a mandatory evacuation order last week as Duke Energy pushed Helene's floodwater from Lake Norman through the Catawba River and into Lake Wylie in South Carolina. The rush of water as floodgates opened led to four houses being completely swept away, Powell said. One home was found on Tuesday in Lake Wylie, she said.

"All the water from the mountains makes its way here, or a significant amount," Powell said. "I feel like a lot of people forgot, and it makes sense, there's so much trauma in Western North Carolina ... but this neighborhood was underwater, and four houses went down the Catawba River."

But there's hope. Powell said the county is working to be added to the declaration, which requires 25 impacted residences and over \$5 mil-

lion worth of damages, and the request is currently under review. The county staff estimate of 89 impacted structures and \$26 million in damage tops the requirements. In the meantime, FEMA recommends residents contact local services for aid.

"Residents and businesses should continue to clean up, contact their insurance company and document damage," Brian Haines, a spokesperson for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, said in an email to The Charlotte Observer. "They should also please report any damage from the storm to their local emergency management agency."

Paige Grande, a spokesperson for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management, said residents should take advantage of city and county resources and support from nonprofits while the county works to get a FEMA declaration.

Resources include a donation drive at Calvary Baptist Church, a monetary donation fund set up by group FORCLT, and the Mecklenburg Department of Community Resources. A complete list of resources can be found on the CharMeck Responds Coalition's website.

Despite the lack of FEMA aid, Powell said it's been beautiful watching

North Carolinians work together in the wake of Helene.

"I just love the beauty of that," she said. "It's just like, 'how can we help each other?' And I wish there was more of that in the world than the opposite... Mr. Rogers would be proud."

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