

Election 2013 Candidates – Town of Mint Hill

Office	Candidates	# seats in election
Mayor	Ted Biggers	1 candidate will be elected
Council	Lloyd D. Austin Dale Dalton * Carl Mickey Ellington * Rich Ferretti Harry Marsh Brenda McRae Richard (Fig) Newton * Eric Random Katrina (Tina) Weaver Ross	4 candidates will be elected

*High school students surveyed all candidates for office in Election 2013. Candidates who completed the questionnaire are included in this guide. * = The candidate did not provide the requested information.*

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Mint Hill Town Council	Lloyd D. Austin
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Occupation	Barber at Mint Hill Barber Shop, Mayor Pro-tem
Education	Charlotte Barber College, CPCC
Political viewpoint	Conservative for the citizens of Mint Hill. Protecting their taxes and quality of life.
Favorite news source	WBT, Fox News
Community involvement and leadership experience	Past President of MH Lions club, Lion of the year twice, Organized MH Lion/Madness 5K for 14 years, Member of MH Masonic Lodge, Shriner, Life member of Historical Society. Member of Boppers Shag club, Served as a deacon of my church, Member of VFW, Volunteer at schools in MH. Past President of Barber Association,

First issue I will tackle	We are working to bring business in our downtown, with new sidewalks. The mall is still in progress We are working with the schools to make sure MH is treated equal..
How I will impact...	
Young people	I work with the students at Ind. HS in the 5K run and they help us. I will continue to do so.
Economy	As I have said we are working for more business downtown and the mall. We just approved a rail service at MH business park.
Community growth and/or transportation	We have changed the way builders can build new subdivisions by allowing conservation subdivision in MH. We just approved Publix grocery with more stores coming.
Community safety	We started MH Police Dept. making sure we had good safety in MH. If we need more police we will add them as needed.
Housing and neighborhoods	We want to make sure MH has housing that is good for us.
Budget	We have never had a tax increase as long as I have been on the board. We lowered the tax rate twice.
Most important ...	

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Role of local government	Providing Police, Fire, and trash pick-up with the lowest possible tax rate.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	I have worked with CMS to make sure MH students go to the same schools. I will continue to work with CMS and the state. I have make good contacts CMS, and state legislatures.
Biggest accomplishment will be	No tax increase, working with business and the citizens of MH to keep MH a great place to live and work. We have great neighborhoods with very little crime.
Other comments	MH is a great town. We need to make sure we keep it this way. Low taxes

Mint Hill Town Council	Rich Ferretti
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Occupation	Real Estate Broker
Education	UMD
Political viewpoint	
Favorite news source	
Community involvement and leadership experience	President Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce President BOD Lion Services Past president Mint Hill Lions Club

First issue I will tackle	Did not complete
How I will impact...	
Young people	
Economy	
Community growth and/or transportation	
Community safety	
Housing and neighborhoods	
Budget	
Most important ...	
Role of local government	
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	
Biggest accomplishment will be	
Other comments	

Mint Hill Town Council	Harry Marsh
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Occupation	Attorney
Education	BS Economics, Juris Doctorate
Political viewpoint	Many
Favorite news source	My own analysis of many
Community involvement and leadership experience	Served in the Ohio Legislative Service Commission Local Charlotte Attorney

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Mint Hill Town Council	Brenda McRae
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Occupation	Relationship Manager
Education	Associates Degree in Business
Political viewpoint	Moderate
Favorite news source	NPR, Mint Hill Times and Matthews-Mint Hill Weekly
Community involvement and leadership experience	Four term Commissioner Town of Mint Hill, Founding Member/Treasurer Mint Hill Scottish Society

First issue I will tackle	I will continue to focus on growth. Growth is inevitable in Mint Hill and should be guided so that it benefits the town, providing opportunities for jobs, shopping and living in a community that retains the "small town feel" that we all love about Mint Hill.
How I will impact...	
Young people	I would like to see us continue to work on connecting neighborhoods with businesses. Sidewalks and multimodal paths will make Mint Hill a more pedestrian and bike friendly community.
Economy	I would like to continue encouraging development in our downtown area. I think that it is important to support the businesses we have so that they in turn will provide more jobs for Mint Hill residents.
Community growth and/or transportation	It is important to link our residential areas to our businesses. Mint Hill has a comprehensive transportation plan that sets out goals for building sidewalks and pathways as well as future road improvements. We need to continue to work with other municipalities, state and federal agencies to ensure that our roads meet our town's needs.
Community safety	I will continue to support our Police and Fire & Rescue Departments. Proper funding ensures that our first responders have the tools they need to keep Mint Hill citizens safe.
Housing and neighborhoods	After several years of very slow growth, development of neighborhoods is beginning to pick up again. It is imperative that

	we maintain high building standards.
Budget	It is important to spend taxes wisely to provide the maximum service to our community at the least cost. We must continue to work with state and federal governments to ensure that Mint Hill receives additional funding for roads, sidewalks and special projects.
Most important ...	
Role of local government	The most important role of local government is to listen to its citizens. Decisions made at the local level impact everyday life. It is important to look at every side of an issue and to make decisions based on what is best for all, not one group or speci
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	Mint Hill has a long history of collaboration with CMS, the Library area municipalities and our officials in Raleigh. By working together we can provide a quality education for our children. I think that maintaining open channels of communication is key.
Biggest accomplishment will be	My biggest accomplishment will be to know that I have served Mint Hill to the best of my ability. I am proud of what has been accomplished in the eight years I have served so far and I look forward to serving another term.
Other comments	It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Mint Hill, a duty that I do not take for granted. I wish to continue to serve and if elected, I pledge to continue to listen carefully to all sides of each issue.

Mint Hill Town Council	Eric Random
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Occupation	Business Process Consultant
Education	
Political viewpoint	Republican
Favorite news source	Google / Twitter
Community involvement and leadership experience	

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Other comments	

Mint Hill Town Council	Katrina "Tina" Weaver Ross
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Occupation	Retired educator
Education	retired educator
Political viewpoint	moderate
Favorite news source	multiple sources
Community involvement and leadership experience	My community involvement and leadership experience includes: 10 years experience as a Town commissioner; leadership positions in numerous civic and professional organizations, including Arts and Science Council, Kiwanis Club of Mint Hill, Levine Senior Center, Mint Hill Business Association (forerunner to the Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce), Mint Hill Historical Society, and PTSA; small business owner.

First issue I will tackle	I will work towards establishing consensus among Board members to tackle major issues facing Mint Hill. Cooperation is imperative for problem-solving.
How I will impact...	
Young people	I support increased recreational programs and cultural opportunities for young and old alike. A review of our current parks should be made to ensure adequate facilities are provided for our youth.
Economy	I will push for increased economic development in order to expand our tax base so that our citizens can continue to receive the services and amenities they deserve and desire.
Community growth and/or transportation	I will continue to advocate for smart growth, which includes implementation of our multi-modal transportation plan calling for sidewalk expansion, greenways, bikeways and crosswalks.
Community safety	I will continue to support community policing efforts by the Mint Hill Police Department, as well as adequate funding for Mint Hill VFD.
Housing and neighborhoods	Continuing to support high quality building standards is essential for maintaining desirable neighborhoods which are the

	foundation of Mint Hill's esteemed reputation. I support the expansion of water and sewer to all our residents, which is critical for healthy neighborhoods.
Budget	As a Town commissioner, I will advocate for fiscal integrity and judicious financial planning in order to maintain our low tax rate.
Most important ...	
Role of local government	The most important role of local government is to provide for the safety, health and welfare of our residents.
Collaboration between CMS, local and state government	I will work towards a more collaborative spirit and open lines of communication with our CMS colleagues. In order to foster positive relationships between CMS and the communities served, I would host joint meetings of CMS officials and local elected officials in the community schools.
Biggest accomplishment will be	My biggest accomplishment will be that I will have represented the people of Mint Hill with integrity, fairness, and dedication, because that is what they deserve.
Other comments	I think independently, value public input, and am willing to evaluate positions other than my own. I have the willingness and desire to devote the time necessary to serve as a Mint Hill Commissioner.