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UPCOMING EVENTS

Arts and Science Council Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

March 20, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Town Hall
7151 Matthews-Mint Hill Road

A Day in the Park

March 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at the Mint Hill Park on Fairview
8850 Fairview Road

Discover Mint Hill

April 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Carl J. McEwen Historical Village
Intersection of Matthews-Mint Hill and Bain School Roads

Mint Hill Highland Games (Scottish Festival)

May 4- 5
Mint Hill Park on Fairview
8850 Fairview Road

Community Shred Event

Saturday, April 14th - 9 am to 12 noon
McEwen Shopping Center (Hwy 51 & Lawyers Road)
Sponsored by: The Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce & The Mint Hill Police Department - **Free to the Public!**

Child Seat Installation

Every third Thursday of the month from 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Mint Hill Volunteer Fire Department
8313 Fairview Road, Mint Hill, NC 28227



Mint Hill POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Citizens Making a Difference



Left to right Al Shuford, Captain Scott Hall, Tom Faulkner

The Mint Hill Police Department implemented a Volunteer Services Program on January 1, 2012. Al Shuford is the Volunteer Services Coordinator overseeing seven members. The purpose of the program is to increase police responsiveness, service delivery, information input, and provide new program opportunities. Volunteers are intended to supplement and support, rather than supplant sworn and civilian personnel.

The volunteers are citizens who wish to give of their time and skills to a law enforcement agency without promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation for services rendered. However, the position of volunteer is a serious one. An application is submitted, background checks are performed, and interviews with Mr. Shuford and Chief Tim Ledford are conducted. Volunteers are required to undergo training and work at least 16 hours per month.

Duties include entering data into the computer, assisting the

public at the front counter, answering the telephone, working with fleet maintenance, housekeeping and sometimes even painting. Recently the volunteers painted the interior of the police department, transforming the once drab gray walls and dull chair railing into a fresh and updated taupe. Mr. Shuford says, "We do whatever needs to be done."

Mr. Shuford has an undergraduate degree in education and health from Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C. and a master's in secondary administration in education from The Citadel.

The Volunteer Services Program is seeing success in the services they are performing and the relationships being built with the officers, staff, and citizens. Mr. Shuford called the volunteers a "people driven volunteer team." He is excited about his role with the Mint Hill Police Department and has a vision for more volunteers as the department and the Town's needs grow.

The Mayor, Commissioners and Staff contributed articles to this newsletter. The Mint Hill News is published by the Town of Mint Hill and mailed to each household in Town.

Have Questions?
Call Town Hall at 704-545-9726



Mayor's Message

Mayor Ted Biggers, Jr.

There is a fever in the air that some call "March Madness." Regardless of your college allegiance, the excitement is building towards the NCAA basketball championship game scheduled April 2. Although the semi-final tournaments played throughout this month will be exciting events, there is also a lot of excitement going on in Mint Hill.

The Arts and Science Council Chili Cook-off Fundraiser is scheduled Tuesday, March 20, at Town Hall. The annual event continues to grow in popularity and provides a wonderful opportunity to support the arts in our community, socialize with fellow citizens, and enjoy bowls of homemade chili with names like "Bambi's Revenge" and "Old San Antonio." You may want to enter your special recipe for one of several prize categories. Visit our website www.minthill.com or contact Robin Edwards at 704-545-9726 for more information.

Spring is around the corner and Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is "Day in the Park" at the Park on Fairview. Bring the family for a fun-filled day of interactive demonstrations to include disc golf, tennis, volleyball, yoga, rugby and martial arts. More information is included in this newsletter and on the Town's website.

Come "Discover Mint Hill" on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Discovery Square located at the intersection of

Matthews-Mint Hill and Bain School Roads. Take a tour of the Town on the double-decker bus, pan for gold, see Civil War reenactors and displays, and shop at the herb and flower festival. For more details, visit www.discoverminthill.org.

To experience a taste of Scotland, the Mint Hill Highland Games are scheduled for May 4 and 5 at the Mint Hill Park on Fairview, 8850 Fairview Road. On Friday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., experience a Celtic concert, torchlight ceremony, and calling of the clans. On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., enjoy food, music, dancing, and games for all ages. Visit www.minthillchamberofcommerce.com for more information.

Regardless of the team that wins the NCAA championship basketball tournament, there is much action, camaraderie and community spirit to be found in Mint Hill. Hope to see you around Town.

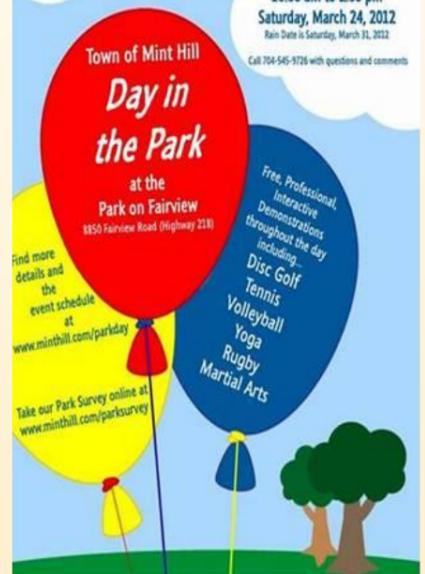
Ted Biggers



A Day in the Park

10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Saturday, March 24, 2012
Rain Date is Saturday, March 31, 2012

Call 704-545-9726 with questions and comments



Hosted by
the Town of Mint Hill!

Day in the Park will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm to promote Mint Hill parks and offer Mint Hill citizens an opportunity to try some demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Demonstrations for martial arts, dance, tennis, disc golf, volleyball and yoga will be held at the Fairview Park (8850 Fairview Road, Mint Hill, NC 28227).

See our website www.minthill.com/parkday for a complete schedule of activities, and while you are there, please complete our Park Survey at www.minthill.com/parksurvey.

The rain date for this event is Saturday, March 31, 2012.

SIXTH ANNUAL

Mint Hill

Chili Cook-Off

March 20, 2012
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

John M. McEwen Assembly Room, Mint Hill Town Hall

The Town of Mint Hill will be sponsoring its sixth annual Chili Cook-Off on March 20 to support the Arts & Science Council's Annual Fund Drive. The ASC provides direct investments and services to arts, science and history/heritage organizations in Mint Hill and throughout Mecklenburg County.

Each chili entry will be judged by a special guest chef, and participants may cast their ballot in the Crowd Pleaser category to vote for their favorite chili. Take out bowls may be purchased for \$3.00 each.

There is no fee to enter your chili, but please complete the participant registration form found on the Town's website www.minthill.com under **Calendar** or contact Robin Edwards at 704-545-9726.

Entries: Chili entries may be by an individual or an organization. Each entry should include a pot/crock pot of chili, large serving spoon, cheese (or appropriate topping), and the crackers or chips that best compliment the dish. Cooks may create a descriptive name for their chili entry.

The judging categories are as follows:

- Judges Choice First prize over all
- Muy Caliente The hottest/spiciest
- Most Original Perhaps your secret recipe
- Local Flavor Award Town of Mint Hill restaurant participants
- Most D'electable Best chili submitted by Mint Hill's Mayor and Commissioners
- Exceptional by Mint Hill Department Town departments
- Crowd Pleaser Chili with the most votes

The chili cook (or an appropriate designee) must be present for the duration of the event. This individual should bring the chili in a crock pot along with a large dipping spoon, cheese (or appropriate topping), and crackers or chips to the John M. McEwen Assembly Room (Town Hall) no later than 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 20. We will have tables set up and extension cords and multi plugs available for plugging in the crock pots.

Please come and support this worthwhile endeavor to promote the arts in our community. Individual donations may be made to the Arts and Science Council. For more information, visit www.artsandscience.org or contact 704.333.2272.



Come Discover Mint Hill!!!

It's all about your community!

Saturday, April 21, 2012

9 am until 3 pm

(rain date Sunday, April 22 1 pm—5 pm)

at

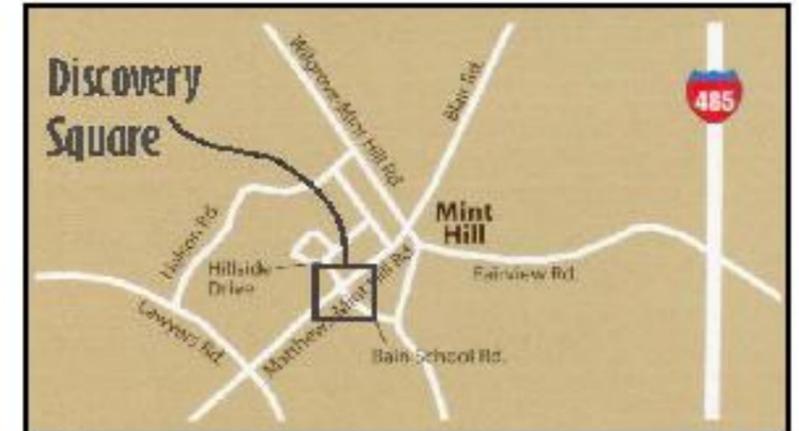
"Discovery Square"

Matthews - Mint Hill Road and Bain School Road

Join the Treasure Hunt and win CASH PRIZES



www.discoverminthill.org



What's happening?

- Get acquainted with the civic groups that work and support Mint Hill
- Tour Mint Hill on the Double-decker bus
- Participate in the Mint Hill Treasure Hunt!
- Shop at the Herb and Flower Festival
- Celebrate the 100th birthday of Girl Scouts
- Strike it rich at the gold panning shelter
- Meet Mint Hill's public safety providers from the police and fire department
- 'Step into History' at the Historic Village
- See Civil War re-enactors and displays
- Attend story time at the MH Library booth

Discover Mint Hill is proud to recognize the sponsor!



Monarch Mortgage

4520 Mint Hill Village Lane Ste. 205
Mint Hill, NC 28227
704.573.4288 704.545.5930 Fax

Celebrate Scotland at the 8th Annual

Mint Hill Highland Games

May 4 & 5

Mint Hill Park on Fairview

FREE Admission - Family Fun!

RAIN OR SHINE - NO PETS

MintHillHighlandGames.com

