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# Mint Hill News

## Tree Lighting

Please join us for the Town's Annual Tree Lighting this year on December 3rd at 7:00 pm. Santa will be present to hear how wonderful the childern have been and make notes of their Christmas lists. We will also have hot chocolate, cider and delicious cookies for all to enjoy! We look forward to seeing everyone at this cherished event.

## Storm Water

If you have a storm water request/problem, please call 311 from a landline or 704-336-7600. You can also submit your request at www.charmeck.org/services.

## Agendas and Minutes

You can find the most recent agendas and minutes on our website. On our homepage, www.minthill.com, you can navigate to the Agenda and Minutes tab.

Fall has arrived in Mint Hill and we are finally starting to feel it in the air. I hope you had a relaxing summer with your family and are settling into your back to school routines.

Fall in Mint Hill means different things to folks around town. To some it means football and everything it entails; school spirit, tailgates, and friendly rivalry with family and friends. To others it celebrates a time of fall festivals at our many local churches. Liz and I are looking forward to enjoying the cooler temperatures and the change of colors. I hope you take the time to enjoy all that Mint Hill has to offer.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. Don't forget to vote. The election process is one of the hallmarks of our country. It's how you choose who will make important decisions about economic development, health and safety issues and the financial condition of the town, just to name a few things. The decision impacts everyone in your family and the community. The most important part of the election process is your right to vote. You may not realize it, but there is more to that right than pulling a lever or punching a card. Do your part. Be an educated voter. Learn about the candidates and what they stand for and exercise your right to VOTE.

In November we will pay tribute to our men and women who have served in the armed services at our 16th annual Veterans Day Breakfast - another Mint Hill tradition that continues to grow in popularity each year. The breakfast will take place on Saturday, November 14th at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. Town employees, citizens, and young people from the area scout troops volunteer to cook and serve a healthy, country style breakfast. If you are a veteran and are not currently on our mailing list, please contact Town Hall.

Don't forget about the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Town Hall on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. I don't think any town can boast of a more beautiful Christmas tree. Be sure to join us as we usher in the holidays with beautiful music, hot chocolate, cider and an assortment of cookies. Santa will be visiting as well so don't forget your camera.

Once again, have a wonderful fall and I hope to see you around Town.

Best Wishes,

*Ted Biggers*

**November 3rd, 2015**

**your VOTE is your VOICE**

# Welcome To Town Hall!

**Chris Breedlove: Town Planner**

A native of Charlotte, Chris was hired as Planner in March 2015.

He received his B.A. in American Studies and Geography, with a minor in Urban Planning, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Prior to joining the Mint Hill Planning Department, Chris worked for a private engineering firm on their geospatial team.

He and his wife reside in Charlotte.

**Steve Frey: Town Engineer**

As the Town Engineer, Steve is responsible for planning, designing, managing, and providing construction oversight of Town projects such as buildings and facilities, roads, parks, sidewalks, and stormwater projects.

Steve has a B.S. in Civil Engineering with a focus on Construction Engineering from the University of Central Florida and is a registered Professional Engineer in North Carolina. After moving to Charlotte from Florida in 2007, he worked for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services as well as a private consulting firm prior to joining the Town of Mint Hill. Steve resides in Charlotte with his wife and two sons.

# Trash Collection Reminders

RCS will collect all properly prepared yard waste on your regular trash service day. Yard waste should be placed at the curb - not in the road - by 7:00 a.m. Limbs and brush should be separate from other waste and not more than 5' in length nor over 6" in diameter. Never place more than one (1) pile of limbs or brush, approximately 4' high by 4' wide and 5' in length, at the curb each week. Grass clippings and leaves must be bagged (10 bag limit). **DO NOT BLOW LEAVES OR DEBRIS INTO THE ROAD.** If yard debris exceeds these specifications, no service will be provided. **No building materials, wood blocks, tree stumps, trunks or logs will be picked up.** Thank you for your cooperation.

## Holiday Garbage Schedule

Thursday households will receive trash and recycling services one day delayed.

**Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26**

Note: Yard debris pickup will vary during the week of a holiday. Please have your yard debris to the curb by 7:00 am on Monday. No yard debris pick up December 29 - January 2.

# Mint Hill Police Department Volunteers

The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program provides support and resources for agencies interested in developing or enhancing a volunteer program and for citizens who wish to volunteer their time and skills with a community law enforcement agency. The Mint Hill Police Department is fortunate to currently have eight volunteers. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Robyn Imirie at 704-545-1085.

Pictured Left to Right:
Robyn Imirie, Jon Hampton, Linda McCrodden, Dave Marcinko, Elaine Long, Tim McLaughlin

## Upcoming Events

**Election Day**

November 3rd, 2015

**Veterans Breakfast**

November 14th, 2015 at 8:00 am in the Kerr Building at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. Invitation only.

**Christmas Tree Lighting**

Thursday, December 3rd, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

**Town Hall Closed**

November 11 - Veterans Day
November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25 - Christmas
January 1 - New Year's Day

## Stay Informed

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter. Sign up for event reminders on our website: www.minthill.com

## Keeping Your Family and Home Safe

**DOORS:** Since most intruders enter a residence by physically compromising a door or frame, strong doors and frames are essential to your security. Lock your doors at all times, even if you are at home.

**WINDOWS:** Don't make it easy for a burglar by leaving your windows unlocked. Locks that come with the windows are not effective. Purchase a sturdy lock and keep it locked.

**GARAGE DOORS:** Keep it closed and locked. This helps protect valuable property stored in your garage and prevents access to interior doors in the house. An open garage is an invitation for a burglar.

**STORAGE SHEDS:** Storage sheds or outside buildings should be securely locked. Any tools or equipment, which could help a burglar break into your house, should be locked in the shed or locked in the garage.

**CARS:** Do not leave your valuables in your car. Lock your car at all times.