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CALENDAR

(Meetings will be conducted in person at Democratic HQ, 114 Sunset Ave, Asheboro, NC, unless otherwise noted.)

☑ **Knock Doors for Asheboro Municipal Candidates**, Friday, October 3, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/event/849833/

☑ **Last Day of Early Voting, Asheboro Municipal Primary Election Day** Saturday, October 4, 2025, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Early voting at Board of Elections office only.

☑ **Asheboro Fall Festival Booth and Bake Sale**, Saturday, October 4, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Sign up for the Voter Registration Booth, Bake Sale Booth, or to donate baked goods: tinyurl.com/SignUpsFallFest

☑ **Asheboro Municipal Primary Election Day** Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6:30 am - 7:30 pm. Vote at your assigned voting location on Election Day.

☑ **Monthly Breakfast and Executive Committee Meeting** at HQ Saturday, October 11, 9:30 am; Bring a breakfast item to share. mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/event/850250/

☑ **GWCCEC Municipal Candidate Forum**, Wednesday, October 15, 6:00 pm; 950 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Asheboro; facebook.com/events/1099338815735685

☑ **Municipal Early Voting Begins** Thursday, October 16, 2025, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Vote at your assigned voting location on Election Day.

☑ **RCC Municipal Candidate Forum**, Tuesday, October 21, 5:30 pm; R. Alton Cox Learning Resources Center Auditorium, facebook.com/events/1056308753071021

☑ **Municipal Election Day** Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 6:30 am - 7:30 pm. Find your Election Day voting location at: vt.ncsbe.gov/PPLkup/

☑ **Monthly Breakfast and Executive Committee Meeting** at HQ Saturday, November 8, 9:30 am; Bring a breakfast item to share. mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/event/850250/

☑ **Asheboro Christmas Parade** Friday, December 5, 7:00 pm, Downtown Asheboro; facebook.com/events/744362805268367

☑ **Monthly Breakfast and Executive Committee Meeting** at HQ Saturday, December 13, 9:30 am; Bring a breakfast item to share. mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/event/850250/



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When the Numbers Don't Add Up: Moving Forward Together

By Kim Nelson-Edwards, Chair, Randolph County Democratic Party

Recently, I received an email from the Randolph County Board of Elections detailing early voting numbers. I was shocked to learn that as of September 26, 2025, only 655 people had voted early in our county. This led me to dig deeper into the voter registration data (vt.ncsbe.gov).

Here's what I found: Randolph County currently has 97,555 registered voters. Of those, 13,911 are Democrats, 51,395 are Republicans, and 31,683 are unaffiliated. These numbers raise some serious concerns.

One key fact stands out: more than 51% of voters ages 18-25 are registered unaffiliated. That means our young people are participating, but they're not being reached by traditional parties. And while being unaffiliated gives voters the flexibility to choose a Democratic, Republican, or Libertarian ballot in the general election, it also signals that we have work to do in connecting with the next generation of leaders.

This fall, Asheboro will hold a municipal primary election with 14 candidates running for just four seats on City Council - one of the largest candidate fields in recent history. Several longtime council members and the mayor are stepping down, creating a historic opportunity for new voices. But history will only be made if residents show up. Sitting at home and being frustrated will not move us forward - showing up to vote will.

We also must take seriously the threats facing our democracy. Across the nation, we are seeing trends that echo the traits of fascism: ultranationalism, authoritarianism, militarism, suppression of opposition, contempt for democratic processes, propaganda, and scapegoating. These are not abstract concepts - they are real dangers to our freedom and future.

Democrats have been raising alarms since January 6, 2021, about the fragility of our democracy. Concerns include election subversion, judicial appointments that could reshape rights, and dangerous proposals like Project 2025, which would significantly restructure the federal government. Meanwhile, voter disengagement threatens to weaken our collective voice, especially if frustration keeps people at home instead of going to the polls.

The truth is this: we must protect our country, our communities, and our future. This means standing up, staying engaged, and voting - not just as Democrats, Republicans, or unaffiliated voters, but as people who believe in democracy.

We cannot afford to wait for someone else to make the change. We must stand for something, or we will fall for anything. The numbers may not add up today, but together, if we show up, speak out, and vote, we can move them in the correct direction - for all of us.

2025 Municipal Election - November 4, 2025

EARLY VOTING

October-November 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			16 8 am - 5 pm	17 8 am - 5 pm	18 closed	19 closed
20 8 am - 5 pm	21 8 am - 5 pm	22 8 am - 5 pm	23 8 am - 5 pm	24 8 am - 5 pm	25 closed	26 closed
27 8 am - 6 pm	28 8 am - 6 pm	29 8 am - 6 pm	30 8 am - 6 pm	31 8 am - 6 pm	1 8 am - 3 pm Ends Today	Voting continues Election Day: November 4

EARLY VOTING LOCATION:

Randolph County Board of Elections
1457 N. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro

Questions? Call 336-318-6900
or email elections@randolphcountync.gov

ELECTION DAY *

November 4, 2025 - 6:30 am-7:30 pm

* You must vote at your assigned voting precinct site on Election Day.

2025 Municipal Elections

In July, the Randolph County Board of Elections announced the names of candidates running for municipal offices in 2025. The election will take place on November 4. We encourage you to learn about the candidates running for office in the elections that affect you. For more information on voting, call the Board of Elections office at 336-318-6900 or contact them by email at

Elections@RandolphCountyNC.gov



Asheboro Mayor (1 seat): No endorsement	Franklinville Mayor (1 seat): No endorsement	Ramseur Town Commissioners (2 seats): Diana Brower	Seagrove Mayor (1 seat): No endorsement
Asheboro City Council (4 seats): Jimmy T. Efird Katie L. Snuggs Bill McCaskill Kevin Garcia	Franklinville Board of Commissioners (3 seats): No endorsement	Randleman Mayor (1 seat): No endorsement	Seagrove Town Commissioners (2 seats): Jeremy Steinhart
Asheboro City Board of Education (2 seats): Hilda DeCortez Mikayla Cassidy	Liberty Mayor (1 seat): No endorsement	Randleman Aldermen: (Ward 2) Melissa Allred Blalock	Staley Mayor (1 seat): No endorsement
	Liberty Town Commissioners (3 Seats): Larry Coble	(Ward 3) No endorsement	Staley Board of Commissioners (5 seats): No endorsement

November 4 Municipal Election Asheboro City Schools Candidates



Mikayla Cassidy, Asheboro City School Board

As a proud 2015 graduate of AHS, Asheboro City Schools holds a special place in my heart and it would be an honor to serve the district that poured so much into me.

Those who know me, know how deeply I care about public education and cultivating the next generation of leaders.

I'm grounded by the following pillars in my approach to public education:

Opportunity for All – Every student deserves meaningful access to the support, resources, and experiences that help them succeed regardless of their background.

Student Readiness – Public education should empower students to explore multiple paths forward, such as college, career, or military. This allows students to make confident and informed post-secondary decisions.

Community Partnership – Schools and communities thrive when there is deep, mutual connection.

Whole-Student Care – Students learn best when their basic needs are met physically, emotionally, and socially. No child should go hungry or feel unseen in the classroom.

Innovation with Purpose – Classrooms should continue to evolve to reflect the world students are entering; engaging them with relevant tools, ideas, and learning experiences that prepare them for the future.

I'm committed to being a thoughtful advocate and bridge-builder for our schools, students, and families. Let's keep pushing Asheboro City Schools forward, together.

Mikayla Cassidy is registered unaffiliated, but RCDP wholeheartedly endorses her campaign. Learn more about Mikayla at asheborocityvoting.com/cassidy.



Hilda DeCortez, Asheboro City School Board, Incumbent

Hello everyone, I'm Hilda DeCortez, and I'm honored to serve on the Asheboro City Schools Board of Education, a position I was appointed to back in November 2024. Seeing

the work our teachers and administrators do day in and day out has been truly eye-opening. The Asheboro Schools are fortunate to have dedicated educators with the qualifications, heart, and readiness to teach our children.

I am a product of public schools from California. During high school, participated in color guard for all four years, joined the cheerleading team during the senior year, and served as treasurer for the student council. In 2004, I graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a degree in Business Administration.

I moved to Asheboro, North Carolina, in 2009, and been proud to own and operate K&V Pallets, located in the north of town, for nearly 18 years. Being a self-employed business owner has given a deep appreciation for hard work and building something from the ground up.

My core beliefs revolve around faith, family, and community. I firmly believe that every child deserves the same quality education, attention, and support, regardless of their background. The journey has taught the importance of starting from zero and building a future for yourself. I decided to run for a seat on the school board not just to fill a seat, but because I want to continue to contribute, participate, learn, get parents more engaged, volunteer my time, and most importantly, be present for all of our students.

Hilda DeCortez is registered unaffiliated, but RCDP wholeheartedly endorses her campaign. Learn more about Hilda at facebook.com/hilda.decortez.2025

Democratic Endorsements for Asheboro City Council Primary



Bill McCaskill, Asheboro City Council, Incumbent

Bill McCaskill is currently a sitting member of the Asheboro City Council. He is running to retain his seat because there are projects that would benefit Asheboro residents that he'd like to continue to work on. Bill is a graduate of East Carolina University. He is retired from Child Protective Services. He spent 32 years in service to abused and neglected children and families in Randolph County. He has served as a member of the state committee charged with drawing up new child welfare laws for the Legislature and has been a past volunteer with the Guardian ad Litem program.

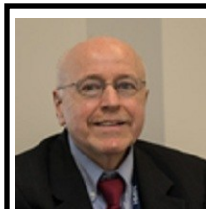
Bill supports gradually reducing Asheboro's high tax rate back to levels before the 23-24 rate increase. **He was the only councilmember who voted against the tax increase.**

He will continue working to improve Asheboro's infrastructure including, water and sewer facilities, city streets, and maintenance of city recreation facilities.

He is committed to working with Randolph County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to recruit new industry and jobs to Asheboro, emphasizing the establishment of additional industrial sites around Asheboro.

Councilmember McCaskill will also continue to work on addressing issues related to Asheboro's increasing number of homeless people.

Learn more at asheborocityvoting.com/mccaskill or facebook.com/relectmccaskill



Dr. Jimmy Efird, Asheboro City Council

Dr. Jimmy Efird is a candidate for the Asheboro City Council. He is interested in seeing Asheboro flourish as a business friendly city, with a vibrant arts community. As Asheboro grows, it will be important to attract investors who will help to sustain the quality of life of residents, provide well-paying jobs, and contribute to community programs.

Building a top-tier education system also is an important priority, providing opportunities for the youth of Asheboro.

Importantly, Dr. Efird advocates for home and personal safety through a well-funded policing force and neighborhood engagement.

He also would like to make Asheboro a key destination for Veterans seeking to settle in a family-orientated, multi-ethnic community, with a rich array of restaurants, outdoor activities, and music/arts/religion options.

Learn more at asheborocityvoting.com/efird

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Kevin Garcia, Asheboro City Council

I represent God first and foremost and I say WE are running since I represent the people of our loved city of Asheboro, NC!

As a citizen of Asheboro for 30 years, I have been honored to be a part of the growth in our cherished heart of Asheboro! I've studied the ins and outs of our community leading me to understand the challenges and opportunities our city faces. For over a decade, being a local small business owner, local hospital health care provider, Latino small business counselor, local community college instructor, and faith-based community leader has adequately prepared me for this position.

Asheboro needs a leader who truly reflects and embodies the hardworking residents of our city. Someone whose background and values align with our growing diverse population. Building a relationship with you, listening to your concerns, and being your voice to address our city issues will be my focus.

A campaign focus you can count on:

- Citizen Engagement -- bridging the gap between communities in both English and Spanish.
- Planning for continued city improvements.
- Allocation and growth of city funds and budgets.
- Infrastructure -- keeping our city foundation strong and working to improve public safety.
- Reviewing and creating laws and policies appropriate to our community needs.

Learn more at asheborocityvoting.com/cordova



Katie Snuggs, Asheboro City Council

Katie Snuggs was appointed to the Asheboro City Council in 2015, then went on to win a four-year term outright in 2017.

Ms. Snuggs is a retired administrative assistant. She worked in the Asheboro Water and Sewer Department for decades.

A trailblazer, Ms. Snuggs participated in the civil rights movement, and was arrested during the sit-ins in Asheboro in the 1960s. She was the first African-American woman to be elected to the City Council.

Knock Doors with the Randolph County Democrats!

Calling all Randolph County Democrats! Friday, October 3, join Kevin Garcia's campaign for Asheboro City Council for an afternoon of knocking doors and talking with your friendly Democratic neighbors about electing Kevin and our three other Asheboro City Council candidates this fall.

RSVP Canvassing: mobilize.us/randolphcountyncdems/