

Main Street Advisory Board Member Bios

Ed Blackburn
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Ed Blackburn is originally from Cherryville, NC and is a graduate of Appalachian State University. Ed moved to Kings Mountain in 1998 where he and his wife, Sherrod, have raised their three children. Ed has spent his professional career in the banking industry and is presently the Retail Branch Leader at SunTrust Bank in Kings Mountain. His wife Sherrod is an educator at Kings Mountain High School.

Ed was involved in the Main Street program in Cherryville, NC from its inception through the developmental stages of the work plan. He brings four years of experience from his involvement in Cherryville Main Street to the Kings Mountain Main Street Advisory Board where he has served since 2017.

Ed has also been a member of local Rotary Clubs for the past 16 years and presently serves as the President of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club. He also has worked with the Piedmont Council of the Boy Scouts of America as District Commissioner of the Heartland District.

Jim Champion
Kings Mountain Little Theater, GM



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A native of Kings Mountain, Jim grew up in the Oak Grove community and graduated from KMHS in 1969. Following a year at UNC-CH, he returned to KM and began a 39-year career at Kings Mountain Mica in the Quality Control Lab, moving into management and technical sales during his career.

Jim also began a “second career” as a member of Kings Mountain Little Theatre in 1971. Through the years he has served in all areas of the organization and is now the consulting manager of the Joy Performance Center and the Liberty Mountain Garden. He is one of the founders of “Liberty Mountain, The Revolutionary Drama” and the LM General Manager.

Jim is married to Susan, who he met during KMLT’s production of “Nonsense” in 1996. They have daughters, Blair and Sara, and are blessed with granddaughters, Reina, Robin, and Olivia.

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Jackie Falls

J. Houston Properties, Owner



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Jackie Houston Falls is a native of Kings Mountain and is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School. Jackie was very active in sports and won 7 state titles for Kings Mountain High School. Jackie is also a graduate of Wake Forest University.

Jackie returned to Kings Mountain in 2009 and started the business, J. Houston Properties. Jackie is very active in the Kings Mountain community. She has helped with many projects in the Main Street program and has served on the Main Street Advisory Board for six years.

Jackie is married to Tyler Falls and they have 2 children, Meile and Finn.

David Faunce

Faunce Properties & Faunce Realty



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David Faunce grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to NC where he attended UNC-Chapel Hill where he completed a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's in Business Administration. David is married to his wife Sarah and they moved to Kings Mountain in 1973.

He spent most of his career at Mauney Hosiery where he was the General Operations Manager. After leaving Mauney Hosiery he focused on real estate development in the Kings Mountain area with Faunce Properties and Faunce Realty. David is active in the community and has served as Chairman on the Cleveland County Chamber Board of Directors and is the current Chairman of the Kings Mountain ABC Board. He also served as a member on the Kings Mountain Planning and Zoning Board and the Main Street Program Economic Vitality Committee.

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Iris Camille Hubbard

133 West, Owner



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Iris was born in Shelby NC where she graduated from Shelby High School in 1989 after which she moved to Wilmington NC to pursue her college degree at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington where she completed her studies and graduated with a BS in Communications.

Her most recent position was Vice President at Meridien Marketing & Logistics, a company specializing in interior design & decorating, equipment & furniture procurement to a wide range of businesses. Iris spent 6 years in Dubai UAE managing their international office.

In December of 2018 Iris decided to start a new chapter in her life and returned “home” to North Carolina. Iris currently resides in King Mountain, NC where she will be launching her first restaurant in early 2020 “**133 West**” located at 133 West Mountain St., Kings Mountain, NC. The restaurant will feature an eclectic mix of “modern” southern food with an atmosphere encouraging a comfortable social environment.

Iris looks forward to serving the City of Kings Mountain and its surrounding areas.

Erin Jolly

Jolly Realty Group, Owner



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Erin was raised here in Kings Mountain and is glad to call it home. Erin feels that Kings Mountain is a great place to raise a family and feels lucky enough to be able to raise her children in the same place where both she and her husband grew up. Having been raised in a place like Kings Mountain forwards deep roots in the community.

Erin and her husband own Jolly Realty Group, a real estate company here in Kings Mountain. The office is now located in Downtown Kings Mountain where they we are excited to be a part of the downtown scene. Erin is excited to see the changes unfold in the city which she loves to call home.

“I am excited about the future of Kings Mountain, and honored to be a part of the growth.”

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Ken Pflieger

Kenneth J. Pflieger, AIA Architect PLLC



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Ken grew up in Bethesda, MD and was accepted to the Architecture program at Clemson University in 1970. He graduated with a B.A. in Pre-Architecture in 1975, going on to attain an M. Arch. degree with a Healthcare Facilities concentration in 1977, while being named to Tau Sigma Delta National Honorary that same year. Ken enjoyed the area so much, he decided to not return to the DC suburbs after college. The early years of his career were spent in the Anderson/Greenville, SC area, serving as EVP and Director of Design at Greene & Associates Architects, Inc., and later President and Founder of Interpretive Design/Architecture, PC. During that time, Ken served as President of the AIA/Greenville Section, and a member of the AIA/South Carolina State Board. Ken also served on the Adjunct Faculty in the College of Architecture at Clemson and enjoyed teaching Under-graduate Design while being a practicing Architect. Following a relocation in 1999 to become a Sr. Project Manager at FreemanWhite, Inc. in Charlotte, Ken managed a Design team for large Regional Medical Centers throughout the SE, including CMC-Charlotte, CMC-Union, VA-Biloxi, MCGG-Macon, and Roper/St. Francis in Charleston.

Ken was blessed to meet and marry Elizabeth (Liz) in 2007 and moved to Kings Mountain. With the recession in 2008, he began a commercial and residential/renovation Architectural practice starting in October that year, which remains very active and vibrant. He is licensed as a Reg. Architect in NC and SC and holds national accreditation through NCARB. Ken serves on several City and Community Boards including Design Chair on KMMS. He is also active in Choir and Worship Vocal Team at Parkwood in Gastonia and is an Adult Growth Group leader. Ken has four grown children, an adult step-child, and two growing grandchildren.

Ken is grateful for privilege of serving the KM community.

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Applicant David H. Stone
StoneWright Realty, Inc., Owner



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David and his wife Jan, who owns StoneWright Realty, Inc., have been long time residents of Gaston County, however, they recently moved to Kings Mountain with 2 of their 4 children. With a passion for preserving historic properties, they were drawn to Kings Mountain by the opportunity to restore and reside in the F. R. Summers House on N Piedmont Ave. They also have plans to restore the W.A. Mauney/ J.E. Herndon home on N Battleground Ave in the coming year.

David has built a career in helping companies in the financial services industry, utility industry, telecommunication industry, and technology industry look forward, while either renovating or building various aspects of their operations, technology or products/services. His work experience spans more than 25 years either in small business working with startup companies or working with large companies like Duke Energy, Verizon Wireless, and Wells Fargo.

David also has previous experience in redeveloping historic properties both residential and commercial. He currently serves as a board member of the Historic Shelby Foundation.

“In the coming years we are excited by the opportunity to assist Kings Mountain in restoring the vibrancy of its main street assets, much like other towns have begun to do in our area, especially as the growth of the Charlotte region continues to expand.”

Vicki Fraley Thompson
VMax Corporation, Owner



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Vicki grew up in a small town during a time when it was the place to go to meet friends, hang out at the soda shop, buy something at the store, or attend an event. She is ready to work hard to help implement the Kings Mountain Main Street revitalization project, so our community can have those same memorable experiences. Even prior to moving to Kings Mountain in 2012, VMax was already invested in the community through ownership of commercial and residential property.

Vicki received her Business Management degree at Belmont Abbey College, Masters in Leadership & Change Management at Pfeiffer University, and her Change Management Certification from Prosci. During her 23 year career at Duke Energy, she held leadership roles in change & project management, training, technology, and process development in areas of power delivery, customer service, and real estate.

Vicki’s husband, Jim, grew up in Kings Mountain. Their son is a student and athlete in the Kings Mountain school system.