

# Northside News

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A print-link for neighborhoods of change

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## Neighborhood Night Out

By Diane Li



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The Good Neighbor Initiative (GNI) was created nine years ago to help foster relationships between the students and the residents in Northside. As part of a newly established yearly tradition in the beginning of the school year, the GNI partners with the community and the town to host a block party event to allow for neighbors to come together to celebrate community. Leading up to this event, students, the town and community members all teamed up to do initial door-to-door outreach to let everyone in Northside know about the event.

The Neighborhood Night Out Block Party was September 9<sup>th</sup> on perfect sunny evening. People excitedly gathered on the baseball field of Hargraves Community Center. Kids were playing on the bouncy house and many other community members were socializing with their fellow neighbors. Neighbors and community members were visiting the information tables, and people were socializing over Buns and Ben & Jerry's. The overall environment was blissful. What really marked the stance of solidarity was when Ms. Bailey of EmPowerment announced that everyone should take to the streets and march! It was amazing to see, as a Jackson Center intern and UNC student, everyone gathered and marching together. It was quite a symbolic event, especially when I looked behind me and saw a sea of different faces. Being a good neighbor does not have to be a dramatic change, all you have to do is take the first step. So in the spirit of the Good Neighbor Initiative, I encourage you to take the time to say hi and introduce yourself to the people living around you. The Block Party is an important reminder to every one of how important community is and how special it is to live in one that is so historic and welcoming of new friends.



### FRANGELISM

"Fun! Fabulous! Family! Fellowship!"

On Sunday September 14, members of St. Joseph C.M.E., community residents, and UNC students gathered in Carrboro Town Commons for Frangelism in the Park. With performances by UNC Gospel Choir, St. Joseph's Choir, and a line-up of dynamic soloists; there was no shortage of talent and collective worship. Toddlers created masterful chalk drawings, active youth tossed the pig skin, and adults enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of fellowship and food. Frangelism in the park was truly blessed.

"It was a good outing, fellowship, and outreach outside the walls of St. Joseph" - Gladys Pendergraph

"What a way to take us back to our roots. A church without walls."  
—Brentton Harrison.

"There were a lot of community interactions. The games were a big plus and it went out with a bang with Zumba! Really great. Best one yet!" - Regina Merritt.



Mentors Rashidah, Blanche, and Brentton share what home means to them at our Inaugural Fusion Youth Radio meeting September 18. Tune in for our first broadcast October 19 on WXYZ 89.3!

## The Struggle Continues

By: Jemeia Kollie

The Jackson Center is excited to announce that The Chapel Hill Public Library will be hosting the Jackson Center's exhibition called "The Struggle Continues: Weaving Histories Stories Lives". The rich culture and history of the Northside, Pine Knolls, Tin Top, Lloyd- Broad, and Windy Hill neighborhoods will be show cased. The exhibition features Jim Wallace's photos from the civil rights movement in Chapel Hill, as well as student artwork inspired by oral histories and community stories. We are thrilled to share the rich history of city with the community!