

# The Northside News

A printlink for neighborhoods of change



Ms. Lillian Alston, Ms. Estelle Mabry, and Ms. Marian Cheek Jackson at the 2015 Jackson Center Holiday Party.

It is with great sadness that we share that community activist Estelle “Stelle” Mabry died on Sunday May 21, 2017. For this issue, we have shared a memoriam written by Ms. Kathy Atwater and Ms. Keith Edwards on behalf of the Northside Community.

## A TRIBUTE TO MS. ESTELLE MABRY

Ms. Estelle was a strong supporter of the Northside Community. A long time resident of Pritchard Avenue, she and Ms. Velma Perry often joined together to remind the Chapel Hill Town Council that generations of Northside community members are still here. They made sure that our concerns were heard. Ms. Estelle and Ms. Velma were instrumental in developing the Town Noise Ordinance, specifically in response to the loud parties the neighborhood held by student renters. When Ms. Velma’s health started to decline and she was no longer able to attend community meetings, Ms. Estelle, although legally blind and needing assistance from a cane, continued the fight for her beloved neighborhood.

Ms. Estelle was also instrumental in helping to create the Northside Conservation District and was an active participant in Northside community outreach meetings, Chapel Hill 20/20, Rosemary & Downtown Imagine Groups, and other organizations aimed at Chapel Hill livable for widely diverse populations. Her knowledge of town rules and regulations was very important to our community and she made sure these were enforced. When it came to noise and trash complaints due to student renters, she would always say – “if I could just have the phone

numbers of the parents...!” Even though Ms. Estelle did not have any children of her own, she knew the importance of young adults learning to be responsible neighbors.

Local activist, Juli McIntock, had this to say about her dear friend:

I think of Estelle as one of the “go-to” persons in Northside as she willingly gave tours to any candidate running for office who wanted to learn more about the neighborhood. The entire community trusted her, both black and white. . . .She worked tirelessly to improve our Easy Rider service and helped to educate me about this service that so many seniors and disabled persons depend on. Estelle spoke out with strength, candor and wit when she saw something amiss. I miss my friend Estelle, all around great Chapel Hill citizen!

The Northside Community is blessed to have had Ms. Estelle as a neighbor, advocate, and friend. We will miss her wisdom, wit and loyalty. Her motto was “one for all because we are all in this together”. Amen.

– Loving Members of the Northside Community

## FOOD FOR THE SUMMER!

**JUNE 12 – AUGUST 25, 2017**  
**JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN! WEEKDAYS 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

Healthy Lunch  
Fun Bucket Activities like sidewalk chalk, jump roping, frisbees, games, and much more!  
Pop-In Visitors  
Pop-Up Library, Arts & Crafts, Sports, and more!  
Free Book Wednesdays

**NO REGISTRATION OR ID NEEDED! NO CHARGE!**  
**OCCURS RAIN OR SHINE!**

Lunch is served at all of the following locations (rain or shine!), but please note, you don’t have to live in these areas to come for lunch!

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| Trinity Court        | Rainbow Heights        |
| Eastwood             | Prichard Park          |
| Airport Gardens      | S. Estes Apartment     |
| Carolina Apartments* | Kingwood Apartments*   |
| Royal Park*          | Estes Park Apartments* |
| Pine Gate Apartments | Dobbins Hill           |
| Chase Park           | Hargraves              |
| Elliot Woods         |                        |

\* - food will be served at a nearby location!  
For any questions, please call or text (413) 320-8044

## B1 NAVY BAND STATE HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILED

On the morning of May 27, 2017, members of the B1 U.S. Navy Band were recognized for their significant contributions to local, state, and national history. Despite the heat, around 100 people from near and far gathered to watch the unveiling of a permanent state historical marker at the corner of South Roberson and West Franklin Streets in Chapel Hill.

The marker honors forty-four musicians who were the first African Americans to enlist in the U.S. Navy at general rank. Members of the B1 Navy Band formally enlisted at Raleigh seventy-five years ago, and spent two years headquartered at Hargraves Community Center in Chapel Hill. Because of racial segregation, the band was not allowed to stay on UNC’s campus. The Hargraves Center had actually been left unfinished in the wake of the Great Depression; it was completed specifically to provide barracks for band members. For decades, the B1 Band went unrecognized for their role as pioneers of military integration.

There are four surviving members of the band;

two members – Calvin F. Morrow and Huey L. Lawrence – were able to attend the ceremony along with family. Morrow told the audience that “as a result of the experiences we had in B1, we were able to move and be successful.” He said that because of his military experience and the GI Bill, he was able to go on to earn a master’s degree in school administration and to enjoy a long career as an educator. The band members were “like brothers” and began having annual reunions in 1956. Marian Brower, widow of band member Robert E. Brower, recalled that “The ladies felt just as much a part of this group as if we had been in all of these places playing and enjoying everything, and they treated us like that: we were highly respected.”

Many people contributed to the unveiling program, including family members of the band, local and state officials, trumpet player Ivan Massenburg, our neighbor Prince Taylor, who sang the national anthem, and members of the Greater NC Chapter of the 9th and 10th Cavalry of the Buffalo Soldiers. As Calvin F. Morrow proclaimed, “This is a great day.”



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A WARM WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE

We want to welcome just a few of our newest neighbors and families: Joyce Powell and her children Madupe and Rahsheen and Tiffany Watson and her children Malik, Jordan, and Maya both moved into two homes on Craig St; Barbara Whitmore moved onto Whitaker Street; Danny Moore, Barbara Moore, and grandchildren Gabby, Amaiya, and Marquise Jones moved onto Rosemary Street. We are so honored to have these new neighbors in our community. Please join us in showing these wonderful new neighbors a Northside welcome!

We also want to extend our dearest sympathies to Odessa Wilson, who returned to her home neighborhood this past spring with her daughter, Jocelyn "Josie" Wilson. Josie passed on Friday, June 23. Her bright spirit will be missed.



ASK KEITH

Ms. Keith Edwards is a lifetime resident of McDade St. and a lifelong advocate for the community. Keith is widely known as a fighter for justice and receives calls from neighbors asking her about programs and referrals for help with household and community issues. To submit questions for "Ask Keith," call us at (919) 960-1670 or email at [contact@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:contact@jacksoncenter.info)

I have noticed on several streets some speed bumps in Northside. Can you explain why these speed bumps were installed and will these speed bumps extend to other streets?

The Northside area is a walkable community with many school aged children, senior citizens, college students, employees, bicyclists, and people walking their pets. So we wanted to make sure of their safety, which is why these speed bumps were installed.

Cars were driving way too fast down residential streets and it became a concern for everyone walking in this area. Any way we could get people to slow down was and still is a priority. Streets that received new speed bumps went through a multi-step process through the Town of Chapel Hill Public Works Department.

If you want to get speed bumps or any other traffic safety measures on your street you must complete a "Request for Traffic Measures" form available at the Town of Chapel Hill Public Works Department located at 6850 Millhouse Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516 or on the town website, [www.townofchapelhill.org](http://www.townofchapelhill.org).

Remember, for any traffic measure to be approved, at least two-thirds of the property owners within the service area surrounding the requested traffic calming site(s) must sign a petition.

For more information you can call the Town of Chapel Hill Public Works department at (919) 969-5100 or the Jackson Center at (919)-960-1670.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO BENEFIT FROM EXPANDED FOOD PROGRAM

Food Bank is seeking to expand program benefits to Seniors in need

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina announced on May 25, 2017 that it has expanded the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), a Federal benefits program administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

Originally operating in Halifax county only, the Food Bank has expanded the program to Wake, Onslow, Durham, and Orange counties, working to serve approximately 4,000 seniors in need. CSFP provides a monthly package of food designed to supplement the nutritional needs of low-income senior citizens. Each box includes vegetables, fruits, whole grains, protein, and dairy.

"Senior citizens are often the most in need of nutritious food options, and the least likely to ask for assistance", said Vanessa Staton, Federal Program Coordinator at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina.

"That's why it's so important to get the word out about programs like CSFP to make sure our parents, grandparents, and neighbors are aware of nutritious options available to them."

In the Food Bank's 34 county service area, more than 45,000 seniors live at or below the poverty level, and 76% of those senior citizens must choose between buying food and paying for their prescription medications.

"The North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services has worked in partnership with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina for many years and we are looking forward to working with them on the CSFP Program," said Director of Food Distribution Gary Gay. "We know they will do a great job in providing this program to the seniors in these counties."

In order to be eligible for CSFP, seniors must be at least 60 years old, and meet income guidelines at or below 130% of the Federal poverty level. Spouses are eligible individually, and they must reside in one of the 5 counties being served.

"We know that reaching seniors with nutritious, dependable sources of food leads to amazing outcomes for families and communities", said Food Bank President/CEO Peter Werbicki. "Older Americans who are healthy and active help build the foundations of their families and communities."

Seniors, who wish to participate in the program, or organizations that serve seniors in Durham, Orange, Onslow and Wake counties can call 1-800-358-8189, Press 2, to determine if they are eligible for the program.

COMMUNITY BOARD

6/9 Louise Felix  
Diane Li

6/15 Isabel Atwater  
6/24 Loretta Perry



june birthdays

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"Yesterday: A Simpler Time" Art Exhibit**  
Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 - 7:30 pm at Hayti Heritage Center  
(804 Old Fayetteville St | Durham, NC)

Chapel Hill native, Earl Bynum, will be exhibiting photography in his exhibit titled "Yesterday: A Simpler Time." A mix of black & white and colored photographs taken from the 1800 to present day will be displayed. All pictures feature Durham, Chapel Hill, and Alamance, NC. The event is free to the public and refreshments will be served afterwards. Your attendance and support is greatly appreciated.

**Vacation Bible School at St. Joseph's**  
July 10-14<sup>th</sup> | 5:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Joseph CME Church  
(510 W. Rosemary St | Chapel Hill, NC 27516)

Please join St. Joseph's CME Church for our annual Vacation Bible School themed "Superhero, Super Me!" The registration fee for children ages 4-17 is \$5.00; for adults 18 and up, the fee is \$10.00. Dinner is included each night.

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ARCHIVE TRIVIA

At what corner in Northside did Mildred Council of Mama Dips start her cooking career?

Think you know the answer to this month's archive trivia? Call the Jackson Center anytime after 9am to win a prize!

Last Month's Trivia:

Q: Who was the proud librarian for the original Northside School that taught everyone the Dewey Decimal System?

A: Ms. Ruffin