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Northside News

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2015 May Day Celebration: A Look at Beloved Community



Community celebrates May Day under balloon archway made by volunteer Leslie Flores.



Lifetime Northside resident Lillian Alston and CCF director Maggie West share a lovely moment in the sun.



"State of Our Home" conversation around movement building with Rob Stephens, Marie Garlock, Rev. Curtis Gatewood, Gene Nichols, Manju Rajendran, Bob Zellner, Phil Fonville, Michelle Laws, and Vimala Rajendran.

"Man, it was exciting. It was fun! We got to see a lot of community come out and fellowship with each other, plus we were able to mix the younger generation with the older generation and get history of the neighborhood and Chapel Hill. I can't wait until next year to see what all will be happening at the next May Day!" Community member and Heavenly Groceries volunteer Corey Edwards

"May Day was an awesome experience! While walking around, you could really feel the sense of community that Northside has, and as a UNC student it was eye-opening to be part of a celebration like that in the Chapel Hill community outside of campus." - UNC student volunteer Andres Tomey.

"The May Day celebration was a faith-restoring reminder of the true power of community. Gathered at St. Joseph's that day was all the joy, tradition, and strength of the past, and a compelling vision of the future: united, hopeful, and strong. The struggle continues....." - UNC Law professor and UNC Center for Civil Rights worker Mark Dorosin.

"May Day was awesome. It was everything I imagined it to be. With community coming together, people connecting, and feeling free, to just have fun and enjoy the day!" - Jackson Center Administrative Associate Yvonne Cleveland.

that have been forged over the years play out in creative performances, games, and conversation". UNC graduate student and volunteer Andreina Malki

Many thanks to our local businesses for their generous donations!

- ◆ Bread and Butter: Best cinnamon rolls EVER! You must drop by to get a great cup of coffee and the best blueberry scones out there!
- ◆ All's Burger Shack: Jackson Center Favorite! Shrimp burger with Cheewine BBQ sauce--don't dis it until you've tried it!
- ◆ Mama Dip's Kitchen: Mama Dip (Mildred Council) loves families; bring yours for classic Sunday lunch!
- ◆ Rumors: Did you know that just around the corner is one of the best clothing thrift shops in town?
- ◆ Vinyl Perk: For those of you who KNOW jazz has to be heard on vinyl, stop by--and have a cup of coffee while browsing!
- ◆ Delaine's House of Beauty: Get a great cut and style--with bonus conversation with our neighbor, Delaine
- ◆ Jesse's Bar and Coffee Shop: Get breakfast all day from this family owned and operated hot spot!
- ◆ Vimala's Curryblossom Cafe: Come sit down to the best authentic Indian soul cooking Chapel Hill has to offer!

Promise of Home: Critical Home Repair Program for Elderly Neighbors
The Promise of Home Fund was established with an initial gift from the Jackson Family in honor of Mrs. Marian Cheek Jackson's 90th birthday. You can make your contribution in person at 512 W. Rosemary Street or at www.jacksoncenter.info

Visit us at www.jacksoncenter.info or drop by 512 W. Rosemary Street or call us at (919) 960-1670!



Over 300 people fill the lawn of St. Joseph C.M.E. church at the 5th Annual May Day Celebration



Brothaz Unique cheer on Jamar Lee in a thrilling open mic throw down of the "Alphabet Song".



Young people of all ages create chalk art on the sidewalk.

Interview about Northside Conservation District: with Delores Bailey

Executive Director of Empowerment Inc. and Graham St. resident.

G: Going back to the history of the NCD from 2003 until now. Why was the NCD created and what problems did it address?

D: In 2003 a long time resident Ed Caldwell, who has since passed, came before the council, recognizing that developers were moving into the neighborhood in a rapid way. They were buying up properties, smaller properties, and making large homes out of them. Most of those homes were going for student rental. He came to the Council one night and said very passionately, "You have got to do something to help us save our neighborhood!". And what they told him was that they completely understood but there was no tool in place for preservation of any specific neighborhood. Just after that, maybe four or five months they [Town of Chapel Hill] started thinking about creating a conservation district. So we, and when I say we I am talking about Empowerment and the Northside Community, pursued the action of the NCD until finally the council decided that we could create a zoning tool that would help... Council was very sympathetic to what was going on and at least wanted to figure out a way to preserve Northside, its character, the history that was there. Just after the Conservation district, building slowed off.

G: What prompted the changes to the NCD in 2012?

D: We looked at the NCD of 2004 and realized all the loopholes the developers had chosen to go through and take advantage of. They [developers] had figured out ways around them [rules]. For instance... square footage. They were building what they wanted to build but were not calling them bedrooms or bathrooms. They were calling them studios and music rooms... That is how a property on Lindsay St. ended up with eight bedrooms and almost as many bathrooms to go along with it. That is what the 2012 and 2012 sessions were about, preservation of the neighborhood. Stop making it so easy for land to be purchased and cranked out to just make student rentals.

see?

D: We wanted developers to stop taking advantage of loopholes and give the rest of us a chance at an affordable community. We wanted a family friendly community and the time to make it happen.

G: Now going into the 2015 provisions that were just released, how do you believe that these changes [to the NCD] will affect the neighborhood if these were put into place?

D: The bed and bathroom provisions and square footage are going to be major issue. We go right back to "I got my own bedroom, I got my own bath", I think we make folly of ourselves when we think that the examples that they gave of why you need a bigger house. I think all of that is not true. I think it feeds into developers' reproduction of what they're trying to do... When new houses for student rentals are being rebuilt, they are rebuilt as single family homes. So when they are taxed, they are taxed just like the house that was built in 1940, that has never changed and compared to the taxes on that brand new single family home. That person, single, elderly, living off social security person, shouldn't pay those same taxes, but they do. These are the realities of what is happening and what the NCD is used for. The tragedy will be if developers pull together to say that we need to do away with the conservation district. That is why we put a zoning protection over this neighborhood in 2003 so that it could be protected in 2015.

VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITY!



Heavenly Groceries/Comida Celestial is a food justice ministry dedicated to providing fresh produce and groceries to communities in and surrounding Chapel Hill. We are urgently seeking volunteers to keep Heavenly Groceries/Comida Celestial blooming through summer.

Commitments:

- ◆ Picking up food from community partners
- ◆ Loading and unloading boxes of food from the van
- ◆ Aiding in the set-up and clean-up

Available shifts: Monday-Friday 9:30-10:30am; 2:30-3:30pm; 3:00-5:00pm. Contact heavenlygroceries@gmail.com to help out now!

ARCHIVE TRIVIA

What 1968 movie was shot at the log cabin on Carver St. and the old Syd's

Submitted this

month by:

Robert

Campbell

What non-profit currently occupies the Rosemary St. location?

Call in by Friday, June 12th, by 10am (919) 960-1670 with your answers

Community Board

Birthdays in May: If we missed yours or someone else's, please call us at 919-960-1670, to submit birthdays so we can make sure to remember them for the future.

- The Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention is partnering with Orange County Farmers Markets that have EBT machines, including Chapel Hill Farmers Market, to give SNAP (Food Stamp) recipients access to fresher and better quality food. Join interest sessions June 27th, July 25th, and August 29th. For more information contact Jemela Kollie at 919-966-9521.
- Eric and Valine Zeigler's Zumba Classes—Just \$5 a class! Ephesus Elementary School Gymnasium, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm. Zumba. Chapel Hill Community Center, Saturdays, 9:00-10:00 am. Zumba Toning, Saturdays, 10:00-11:00am. Zumba.
- Community Outreach Meeting Tuesday June 9th from 6:30-7:30pm at Hargraves Community Center.
- Come to Street Scene Teen Center for Brothaz Unique's free dance classes from 7-9pm on Thursdays and Fridays. Including talented Northside youth Taz Shaw.
- May 24- Josh Davis
- May 22- Jasmine Farmer
- May 19- Ms. Willie Mae Patterson
- May 14- Yvonne Cleveland
- May 6- Jacob Lerner
- May 3- Ms. Janie Alston
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- The state legislature is considering bills that would make it possible for everyone to access renewable energy, like solar! For more info, contact Laura Wenzel at Clean Air Carolina, now at the Midway Business Center at laura@cleanairwater.org or 919-428-6296. Ebone' Dancers Concert! Friday June 19, 7:00 p.m. at Hargraves Community Center.

Fusion Youth Radio Hot Dog Cookout & Listening Party
 Friday June 26th 6-8 p.m. at the Jackson Center.
 Free and open to the public.
 Cash or check donations to support youth and education work warmly welcomed!

Local Help Wanted!

- Mama Dip's: 919-942-5837
- 408 W. Rosemary St. Chapel Hill
- Vimala's Curryblossom Cafe: 919-929-3833
- 431 W. Franklin St. Chapel Hill
- Midway Barber Shop: 919-323-2903
- 707 W Rosemary St, Carboro, NC. Apprentice Barber
- Carburritos: 919-933-8226
- 711 W. Rosemary St. Carboro
- Wings Over Chapel Hill: 919-537-8271
- 313 E. Main St. Carboro
- Tom+Chee: 919-869-7228
- 300 East Main Carboro

Best of luck, if you're searching. We believe in you.

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In the meantime, we need your presence at the Town Council meeting on June 22nd in regards to the Northside Conservation District and the proposed nine story student housing development on Rosemary St. Your presence is greatly needed!

Many people in the community are still asking questions about the \$3 million loan from UNC for the Northside community. Who do I talk to about this and when will the next community meeting be?

Ever since the first announcement by the Chancellor of UNC about \$3 million Northside Neighborhood Initiative, the Jackson Center, in partnership with Self Help, has been meeting with Empowerment Inc, Habitat, Community Home Trust, CASA, the Town of Chapel Hill and many others and will continue to do so until we come up with the best sustainable plan.

We will be having several meetings open to the community and others to explain our sustainability plan. We will be meeting very soon with more neighbors across Northside and others interested in the near future. We are working tirelessly to make this happen. If you have any other questions please contact the Jackson Center at 919-960-1670 or contact@jacksoncenter.info



ASK KEITH

Ms. Keith
 Edwards is a life-time resident of McDade Street and 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 the Jackson Center at 919-960-1670.