

Day 2016 Reflections

I've never forgotten the song we learned for May Day in 3rd grade ...

I came upon a big brown bear as big as he could be, his eyes were warm and friendly, he wore a great big smile, before long I was smiling too to see a friendly bear.

- Sherdena Weaver



This year the Jackson Center hosted its 7th annual May Day festival, but this tradition stretches back over 100 years as a celebration of Summer, Orange County Training School, Northside School, and Lincoln High graduation, and unity between all neighbors!

These images are just a glimpse of the remarkable celebration and the bright future in store for our communty. (Top left of page: Nervous friends watch the sack race contest heat up! **Top right**: Buddy Baldwin represents the Male Chorus.)

Starting at the bottom left and moving clockwise: I) Graduates of the Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) advocate program offer thanks in St. Joseph; 2) A UNC student receives a history lesson on uptown businesses; 3) Lilian Austin, Tonya Barrett, Becky Schieble, and Gracie "Polly" Webb enjoy dessert; 4) young people plant petunias and peppers (they'll be ready to eat soon!); 5) UNC Student Alekhya Mallavarpu shares stories and lessons from her conversations with neighbors about family history; children learn to wrap the May Pole; 7) and Chosen Kings teach kids a new dance too!



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#### In Memoriam

'One ship sailed in, one ship sailed out, God needs angels to help Him out"

Thank you very much to friends and family who continue to share memories of their loved ones. If someone in your life has passed and you would like to celebrate their life in the Northside News, please contact us at (919) 960-1670 or contact@jacksoncenter.info



Ms. Shirley Foushee passed on May 7, 2016. Funeral Services were held at Jones Funeral Home. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mrs. Avery Thompson Brewer and a foster brother, Mr. Walter Cates. She is survived by her children, Mr. Gregory Foushee; Ms. Beryl Foushee; Ms. Karen Foushee Lee (Dr. Kevin Lee); Mr. Edward Leon Foushee; Ms. Edith Foushee and six grandchildren; two great grandsons; two sisters, Ms. Willie Jean Scott and Ms. Mary Ann Emerson, and many other loving and kind friends and relatives.

Another neighbor, whose passing was shared with this newsletter through friends of First Baptist Church, is David Minor. We send our deepest condolences to all who knew and loved David.

# Morthside Mews



#### Kathy Atwater Recognized in Chapel Hill Magazine

Congratulations to lifetime Lindsay Street resident Kathy Atwater for being featured in the May/June Women's Issue of Chapel Hill Magazine for her leadership as a neighborhood advocate! You can find the magazine in downtown news stands and online at chapelhillmagazine.com. Below are a few of her remarks on the importance of her neighborhood:

"I grew up in this neighborhood. I learned the value of family and relationships here. The strength of the neighborhood is dependent on the people who live in it -Northside has been, for me, a valued part of my upbringing.

At its core, the neighborhood is made up of families. I was raised by those families, by people who were supportive of everyone, young and old alike. We never had to worry about

feeling unsafe because everyone looked out for each other. The people in this neighborhood work for the university, for The Carolina Inn, for the school system, at the hospital. There is a lot of input into what makes up Chapel Hill from this neighborhood.

I want that same sense of coming together and community for the neighborhood now. I want for families to still have an environment they can raise their kids in ...

I've considered moving many times. But I felt like this is where God wanted me to be."

### New Chapel Hill Community Health Center Opens

Piedmont Health Services has opened its 10th community health center, the Chapel Hill Community Health, at 1828 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Chapel Hill to provide primary care medical services.

This newest facility was badly needed, according to Piedmont Health CEO Brian Toomey. It was able to be opened thanks in large part to new funding from the Affordable Care Act. "We're excited because we haven't been able to see all of the people in our community who needed care at our Carrboro site," Toomey said.



The health center is located in the same area as Harris Teeter just past Weaver Dairy Rd on Hwy 86

The center opened in December 2015 and is already seeing about 100 patients a month. Once it is at capacity, it will see 1,000 patients a month and will add two or three more doctors to the two already employed there. It also will add two to three medical assistants.

"Now all we need is to see more patients," said Lead Provider Sarah Woodruff, FNP, who shares medical responsibilities with Dr. Jessica Barnhill, both trained at UNC-Chapel Hill. The Chapel Hill Community Health Center accepts most forms of insurance including Medicaid, Medicare, and Blue Cross. To schedule an appointment, call (919) 951-7600. The center's hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm with medical staff on call 24 hours/day.

**Regional Updates** - North Carolina has scheduled a special primary election on June 7 for voters to select U.S. House of Reps candidates and an NC Supreme Court judge. Check NCSBE.gov/elections/election-information for updates.

# Community Board This mont submitted

#### Happy Birthdays!

- May 3 Janie Alston May 9 Willie Mae Patterson
- May 17 Garland Foushee May 19 Richelle Watson
- May 24 Josh Davis May 30 Donny "Hollywood" Riggsbee

**Elder Law 101 Workshop** - For people of all ages. Discuss wills, trusts, medical directives, and more. May 28th, 1-2:30 pm @ Hargraves

**First Baptist Women's Ministry** - Distributed used clothes donations to men, women, and children during the May Day festival. They are currently accepting gently used clothing at the church office every weekday after 3 pm to give to people in need in June.

**EmPOWERment Community Watch Meeting** - Tuesday, June 14th, 6:30-7:30 pm @ Hargraves.

"Amity Station" Focus Group Meetings - In response to serious concerns expressed by neighbors and Town Council members, the architects of the proposed development at the current location of Breadman's will hold five meetings to talk about specific details such as how to attract families and local workers . Stay posted for dates!

#### ARCHIVE TRIVIA

Last month's answers:
Ms. Ruffin, Intimate Bookstore

This month's question was submitted by: Esphur Foster



# ASK KEITH

Ms. Keith Edwards is a lifetime 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 about household and community issues. To submit questions for "Ask Keith", call the Jackson Center at (919) 960-1670, email us at contact@jacksoncenter.info.

## Q: I heard rumors about the closing of the Lincoln Center. Is this true?

A: This building and surrounding property mean so much to the African-American community, so we spoke directly to Jeff Nash, the Executive Director of Community Relations for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

Nash responded that the school system is currently working with the Orange County Board of Commissioners on a building plan for Lincoln Center. If voters approve a new education bond in November, the current plan would double the size of Phoenix Academy and add a second story to Lincoln Center's main building. All the pre-K programs at city elementary schools would be consolidated into one program housed on the main building's first floor, and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' central office would be located on the second floor. The history of Lincoln Center would be preserved in exhibits similar to those at Northside Elementary.

The Lincoln Alumni Association has been providing feedback on the plans. We want to make sure that the entire community has a say-so in what happens to this great institution, so we will report on any important changes and opportunities for comment.

Which religious leader organized Black folks to oppose the government's decision to condemn their houses in the 70's?

Call (919) 960-1670 on May 30 with your answer to win a prize!

### Home Repair Application Assistance

This Thursday, May 26th from 1 to 4 pm at the Jackson Center

In order to reach neighbors quickly regarding critical home repair needs, Zach Kopkin will be available to answer questions and help neighbors complete home repair applications for multiple time-sensitive programs including Habitat for Humanity. Please bring proof of income for your household if possible to have your application processed quickly.

If you are unable to come at the above times, call the Jackson Center at (919) 960-1670 to schedule a home visit or go to http://www.jacksoncenter.info/community-action/housing-justice/home-repairs/ and fill out the form.

### Heavenly Groceries Needs You!

St. Joseph's food ministry is looking for new volunteers to address hunger in our community and continue the tradition of serving friends in need with dignity.

Shifts available Monday through Friday 2:30-3:45 and 3:45-5:15

Go to http://www.jacksoncenter.info/get-involved/volunteer/ or call (919) 960-1670 to sign up!

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