

Happy 90th, Ms. Isabel Atwater !

We want to extend special Happy Birthday wishes to Isabelle Atwater, who turned 90 on June 15th! Ms. Atwater has lived in the Chapel Hill area her entire life and has been a resident of Northside for over 15 years. Many neighbors may know Ms. Atwater from the incredible welcome she extends from her porch each afternoon and her contagious laughter, especially when she is visited by the friends she calls "Golden Girls". Ms. Atwater was one of the first African American cashiers on Franklin St, and has been known to regale visitors with histories that illustrate the change she has seen in Chapel Hill. She has been a long term member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and has a wonderful web of connections to neighbors throughout the area. If you have a chance, stop by and wish her a happy birthday. Ms. Atwater joins over a dozen neighbors who are in their 90s, Drop by the Jackson Center to hear more of Ms. Atwater's history, which is part of our Oral History Trust!

Have a special birthday coming up or want to extend a special wish to somebody in the neighborhood? Contact us at 919-960-1670 or contact@jacksoncenter.info



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 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.



A Community Remembers

On Friday June 19th, the community of Chapel Hill and Carrboro gathered at St. Paul's A.M.E church for a prayer vigil to remember and celebrate the lives of the nine innocent victims who were murdered during a racially motivated act of violence at Emmanuel A.M.E. church in Charleston, South Carolina. Chapel Hill/Carrboro residents, local church leadership, Town of Chapel Hill staff, and UNC representatives including Chancellor Carol Folt filled the sanctuary. The vigil was presided over by Reverend Thomas O. Nixon of St. Paul A.M.E. Prayer for Hope, Prayer for Peace, Prayer for the Families, and a Prayer for Healing were given by church leadership across denominations and faiths.



Deborah Woodward played piano for the service. Photo Credit: Leoneda Inge.

"My heart was with those who gathered at St. Paul A.M.E. church on June 19th to mourn for the nine who lost their lives in Charleston. We are still recovering from the tragedy that took the lives of three Muslim students in February. It is more clear than ever that racism and hate violence are persistent challenges that communities here and across America must work to meet head on."—Town of Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt.

"This was not just a tragedy for the Emmanuel A.M.E. Church, or the city of Charleston, South Carolina. This was a tragedy for the nation, an unfortunate reminder of how much work we still need to do"—Town of Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle.

Due to the recent tragic event in Charleston, South Carolina involving nine members of Emmanuel A.M.E Church and the perpetrator, we ask everyone to please take this time to pray for the Emmanuel nine and perpetrator. We also ask for prayers for anyone who has been affected by gun violence.

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch, like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now, I see." - Amazing Grace

Please direct your attention to the article "A Community Remembers" to the left.



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!

Audio Immersion Listening Party

On Friday June 26th, eight high school students debuted their audio pieces after participating in a two week audio immersion summer camp that included the Allied Media Youth Conference in Detroit! Over 50 people flooded the Jackson Center to listen and donate to Youth and Education programs as well as support Fusion Youth Radio, Beat Making Lab, and Sacrificial Poets.

Youth Artists:

- Alicia Garcia: "Through the Eyes of Muslims"
 - Aliya Suayah: "Art, Queerness, and Islam"
 - Andrea Moore: "Women in Hip-Hop"
 - Coleman Davis: "Twins Side of View"
 - DeShawn Alston: "Newborn Beats: Hip Hop Journey"
 - Kalil Davis: "Detroit Remix: Many Voices Making Detroit Better"
 - Katie Caruso: Personal Healing and Spirituality: Stories from Healers"
 - Vincent Jacobs: "Vincent's Story: Autobiography with Drums"
- Listen at: jacksoncenter.info/civic-media/fyr/



ARCHIVE TRIVIA

Submitted this month by:
Thomas Bell

Who was the first black policeman in Chapel Hill/Carrboro?

Call in by 10am
Friday July 10
(919) 960-1670
with your answers

Do you have minor exterior house work, yard work, and need help?

Volunteers for youth and F3 are teaming up with the Jackson Center to help families in need the first Saturday of each month starting August 1st.

F3 is a working group of adult males from Chapel Hill looking to assist community, while Volunteers for Youth has provided youth programming in Orange County for over 30 years. This group is not experienced with major construction work but can lend a hand with yard and shed clean up, and physical labor where needed. If interested or you know someone who needs assistance contact George Barrett at george@jacksoncenter.info or call 919-960-1670 with details of your project!

Community Board

Birthdays in June/July. 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 everyone for the future.

- Louise Felix— June 9th
- Malic Kincaid— June 9th
- Kevin Watson— July 5th
- Robert Edwards— July 10th
- Yvonne Cleveland— July 17th
- Fred Weaver— July 18th

- 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 July 25th, and August 29th. For more information contact Jemeia 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 August 11th 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.
- Family Success Alliance. Working to dramatically improve academic success and health for low-income children in Orange County! Learn more and become part of the solution. <http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/health/FSA.php>. Give us a call at 919-245-2071

Submit your community posts to the Jackson Center at contact@jacksoncenter.info or 919-960-1670. 1-2 Sentences recognizing individuals or significant events in the life of our community.

Northside News is produced by the Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History with support from EmPOWERment, Inc. as a vehicle for communication among Northsiders, Midway business owners, and friends across the towns and county. Do you have a special photo or recipe to share? A local event to report or concern to raise? Please contact the Center at contact@jacksoncenter.info or (919) 960-1670 or come by 512 W. Rosemary St. to visit us. We look forward to your contributions!



Northside News



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A print-link for neighborhoods of change

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Learning Across Generations: 2014-2015 Review of Northside Civil Rights History

"Some kids struggled with understanding that these events happened nearly 100 years after slavery had ended. I think the tour brings the Civil Rights era to life by showing how segregation of schools and businesses, and then integration played out here in Chapel Hill and in Northside"-
Smith Middle School teacher.

During the 2014-2015 school year, the Marian C. Jackson Center for Saving and Making History brought interactive Chapel Hill Civil Rights history workshops into the classroom once again. This year we focused on grades 1-5 engaging them in learning "history under our feet" through in-class workshops, neighborhood tours, and interviews with Northside residents. These workshops reached over 450 students and resulted in a wide array of illustrations, audio recordings, graphic novels, and inspirational speeches.

Facilitated by Jackson Center staff and Northside community leaders, students learned about such various civil rights actions as sit-ins, picketing, marches, and freedom songs. They saw the photos of African American youth being pulled away from a protest and refusing to move from the streets even when cars revved their engines a foot from their faces. Some students were even able to identify houses, streets, and photographs of friends and family they know today.

If you wish to get involved as a teacher, mentor, guide, or host of our "Learning Across Generations" curriculum please contact the Jackson Center at contact@jacksoncenter.info or call 919-960-1670.

"I was completely stunned by the way he responded to the workshop. He is usually so unengaged. I have never seen him participate more in the class than he did today!"
-Northside Elementary 5th grade teacher.



First graders learn about Orange County Training School at the home of lifelong resident Janie Alston.



Thomas Bell talks with a group of students in front of historic St. Joseph's C.M.E church.



Community champion Esphur Foster educates a group of students on a Northside Neighborhood tour.



First graders walk down the over-100 year old steps of Northside Elementary at the start of their tour.

"The knowledge gained by walking through the neighborhood and listening to the stories of the residents is invaluable, especially since it's where many of our kids call home, as have their parents and their parents before them."-
Bobbie Mimmack, Smith Middle School teacher and parent.

2014-2015 By the Numbers

- 1 video produced by 4th graders sharing their "Dreams for Northside"!
- 3 major venues hosted "The Struggle Continues" civil rights history exhibit, including artwork by elementary and high school students produced during workshops!
- 15 long term resident's involved in classroom workshops and tours!
- 458 students at Northside Elementary participated in intensive civil rights, oral history, and local history workshops and tours!
- 1,000 + people viewed the interactive exhibit "The Struggle Continues"!
- 2,000 + K-12 students were reached over the last three years with workshops and field trips to Northside!

"Never have I seen my daughter so involved and committed to a project than I saw her with this one. She wanted to make sure that she honored, really honored, Mrs. Morrow."
Parent of Chapel Hill High School student.

Fun Programs for People of All Ages Being Offered in Our Community this Summer!

Hargraves Center Teen Night
Ages 13-18, Free!
Meet friends and participate in recreation and educational activities including dances, basketball, movies, field trips, video games, and a computer lab. At Hargraves Community Center. June 3-Sept. 23: Wednesday 7-9 p.m. June 6-26: Saturday 6-10 p.m.

Family Time!
Ages 18 and younger with parent(s). Free for registered Residents of Orange County; \$2 NR Youth; \$3 NR Adults
Families are invited to play together on Sunday afternoons. The Chapel Hill Community Center Gym will be set aside for parents to spend quality time with their children playing basketball, jumping rope, hula hooping, etc. Parents must accompany their children who are 18 years and younger. This program supports First Lady Michelle Obama's Lets Move Initiative! June 7- Sept 27, Sunday's, 3:15-6:30 p.m.

Hargraves Spring/Summer Basketball League. Ages 10-18. Free
Have fun, make friends and build confidence. April 20-Aug 7: Mondays, Fridays: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Beginning June 12, Friday games: 7-11 p.m.

Adult Game Night! Ages 21 and older. Free.
Come to Hargraves Community Center to enjoy billiards, table tennis, bid whist, pinochle, and meet new friends! June 1-Sept 21. Mondays 6-9 p.m.

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