

Northside News

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Welcome to the Neighborhood!

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Dear friends and neighbors,

We have many new Northside neighbors this August: students, parents, faculty, and staff of Northside Elementary School; UNC students new to the neighborhood or returning from summers away; new homeowners and families moving into this historic place for the first time. To all of you, WELCOME to a neighborhood that has changed my life and a place that we are lucky to call the home of the Jackson Center for Saving and Making History.

This neighborhood is filled with history and legacy. You may walk or drive by the rock wall on McDade where the Chapel Hill Civil Rights sit-ins were planned by neighborhood youth, some of whom still live here. You may play ball, go swimming, or hang out at the beautiful Hargraves Recreation Center: the community center that was completed to house the first Black Navy Band in the country, hosted Martin Luther King in 1960, and has served as the safe-haven for youth throughout the decades. You may attend one of the five historic African American churches, most of which were founded in the 1800's and all of which hosted civil rights and freedom struggle events.

You may also pass by the headquarters where Howard Lee was elected as the first black mayor in North Carolina. You may live in and will at least see homes built by and lived in by the same masons who built the walls around UNC and created its historic structures. And most importantly, you will hopefully meet many of the families who still live here and have for generations sustained this community, town, and university. Indeed, the ground you walk on here has generations of history—struggle, pride, education, family, faith, and community.

We want to extend a warm welcome to the many new neighbors of Northside this fall, and we want to extend a challenge to all of you. One of the lifetime residents Keith Edwards always says that there is a difference between a house and a home. Structures here are called houses. But houses—of residence, of education, of business, and of worship—that we enrich with our time, energy, love, generosity, and history: these places become our homes. We hope you will make Northside a home. I can promise you that it's worth it.

Come by and visit us at the Jackson Center anytime to find out more about the history here and how you can be involved in making history.

Welcome to the neighborhood,

Hudson Vaughan

Are you a student writer?

Do you have opinions or reflections to share with a welcome community?

How about a column in your newspaper?

Northside News is looking to incorporate reoccurring articles written by students in the neighborhood. Students are a part of this dynamic community, and can contribute with their writing. If you are interested email contact@jacksoncenter.info and get plugged in!

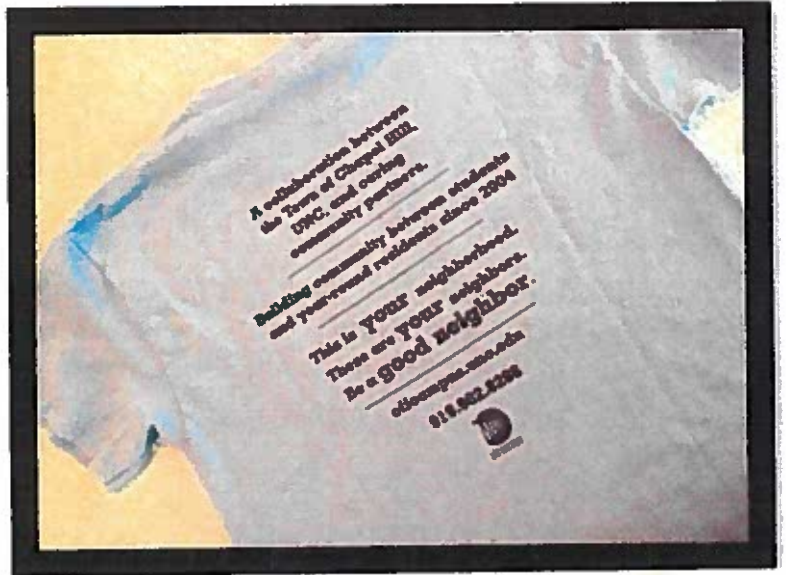


Photo by Linda Convissor

Good Neighbor Initiative

For the last 11 years, members of the Chapel Hill and UNC community have engaged student and non-student residents of downtown Chapel Hill residential neighborhoods in a proactive initiative aimed at improving relationships and quality of life in these areas under the banner of Good Neighbor Initiative.

Led by Aaron Bachenheimer, the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life and Community Involvement at UNC-Chapel Hill, fifty-five volunteers went door-to-door in groups of five to pass out helpful neighborhood resources, guidelines, policies, and a friendly welcome to the neighborhood. Teams were dispersed through Northside, Pine Knolls, Cameron-McCauley, southern MLK, North St, Columbia St, and Davie Circle.

By: George Barrett

Neighbor Narrative

Long term resident and Community Leader Kathy Atwater recounts, her experience with Good Neighbor Initiative.

My experiences with the Good Neighbor Initiative have varied. The idea to bring residents and students together to be good neighbors is well worth the effort, if only everyone would see it as such.

I've met some students who were very much interested in being a part of the neighborhood, while others only want to be here to have their parties out from under the watchful eyes of their parents. What they don't realize is there are "parents" who live in the neighborhood who, very much like their own parents, don't want to hear the noise, the loud music, the car doors slamming, the screaming and yelling all into the wee hours of the morning. These "parents" don't want to have to pick up trash from their yards or dodge broken glass on their streets.

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If their parents or their grandparents had to live beside the "party house," how would they feel?

The GNI efforts to educate new and permanent residents on how to be good neighbors to me is like re-introducing the "golden rule" -- do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Kindness never goes out of style; acknowledging someone else's existence by a wave of the hand, nod of the head, friendly hello, can change the course of someone's day for the good. A "good neighbor" can bring good rewards - fresh brownies, watching out for your property while you're away, having someone to call on when you need help, helping get your car started, raking your leaves, shoveling snow from your walk, being invited to a neighborhood event - there are a lot of perks from just being "neighborly".

GNI - it's been good - let's make it better.

Kathy Atwater

WANTED: Youth Reporters



Do you know any teens looking for an opportunity to develop professional media skills and share their ideas and opinions on the airwaves?

Fusion Youth Radio (FYR) seeks hosts and reporters for its fourth season. FYR cultivates youth in civic dialogue on their own terms. The radio show is driven entirely by talented and passionate youth. In past years, the monthly live radio show has featured stories about the school-to-prison pipeline, challenges of high school relationships, and the origin of hip hop.

High school students meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-6:30 pm at the Jackson Center to learn audio editing skills, meet guest journalists, activists, historians, and plan their monthly show. The show airs every 3rd Sunday on WXYC 89.3. On the show, teens discuss current events, interview guest poets and musicians, and air stories they produced that month.

Interested in applying? Email fusionyouthradio@gmail.com for more info, or call 919 960 1670. Applications due September 5.

ARCHIVE TRIVIA

What school did the identical twin brother of Lincoln High School's principal Mr. McDougle coach at? And what sport did he Coach?

Submitted this month by:
Anonymous

Call in on Thursday September 4th (919) 960-1670 with your answers

Community Board

- Birthdays in August/September: If we missed yours or someone else, call us to submit birthdays so we can make sure to remember them for the future.
 - Sheila Alston- August 2nd
 - Kathy Atwater- August 5th
 - Steven Pendergraft- August 5th
 - Kathy Wilson- August 8th
 - Tiffany Watson- August 22nd

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 or email us at contact@jacksoncenter.info.

Dear Keith,

What do you do if a student moves onto your street?

Extend courtesy. Because that's what we do. The first thing is just to say, "Hello." That's how I start out because a lot of the students who move in, most of them are younger than my grandchildren, and we're living in a different society now.

This generation is different from the ones before it. Neighborhood courtesy doesn't exist in the same way anymore. We've always taken for granted that people would be courteous, especially if you live next door to them. We can take baby steps with this generation though.

Introduce yourself over the hedge when you see them, and if they're friendly they'll come up to say, "Hi." And then a new relationship can grow. Since they're new in the neighborhood, you can