

The Northside News

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING PEE WEE HOMES ARE HERE!

The new tiny-home duplex on the corner of Craig and Sykes Street will soon welcome its first two residents! This 650 square foot duplex developed in partnership with Pee Wee Homes, Self-Help, the Jackson Center, and Habitat for Humanity will provide quality, sustainable housing for individuals transitioning out of homelessness for just \$250-\$350/month. These units are intended to provide supportive community and to fit into the shared vision for preserving Northside's future as a vital, family-friendly, multi-generational community. A site committee, made up of nearby Northside neighbors, will provide ongoing connections for the residents to the broader community. We hope you will join us in welcoming our newest neighbors at 601 Craig Street in early February!

Background

When the Northside landbank began, a Northside neighbor connected the Jackson Center to the heirs of 601 Craig Street. The Jackson Center and Self-Help met with the heirs over the course of several months, learning the history of the property and the historic owners' desire to see their family legacy continued. They held onto the property for years to keep it out of the hands of investors. When they learned about the landbank, they were excited to discuss the possibilities of having this property rebuilt within its historic character (it was one of the neighborhood's "shotgun" houses) and for folks who otherwise would not be able to afford to live in Chapel Hill. They decided to sell this particular home to help ensure the realization of this vision.

Because of the size of the lot and the existing structure, any replacement could not be larger than 650 square feet. The Town of Chapel Hill has a special provision allowing duplexes in Northside if they are explicitly for affordable housing. At the same time, Pee Wee Homes had designed models for tiny homes that were ~300 square feet. In partnership with Self-Help and the Jackson Center, Pee Wee Homes was able to adapt their concept for this tiny duplex that could fit within the existing footprint. Self-Help and the Jackson Center brought this option to the Northside Compass Group, who decided to move forward with the partnership and further design of the duplex.

At our monthly meeting with partner affordable housing partners, we shared this concept. Habitat for Humanity, one of the primary partners of the NNI, generously offered to help construct the duplex because they already had a high volume of interested volunteers in Northside and their existing build schedule was open. Habitat, in partnership with Dustin Rawlings (Self-Help), led the construction process from there! This has allowed significant cost savings and increased community participation in the project.

Before



After



PEEWEEHOMES 🙌



Send a gift of love and appreciation for Valentine's Day

Order a Singing Telegram for a neighbor, friend, family member, group, or any other significant person in your life from the Jackson Center's in house Soloist or Quartet. Don't forget your mother!

LIVE performance: Order an in-person delivery of singing telegram with a chocolate or rose to Chapel Hill-Carrboro and Durham only on the 11th-14th!

\$45 Chapel Hill-Carrboro deliveries	\$55 Durham deliveries
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Youtube telegram: Let us make a personalized video of your chosen song and message sent by email on Valentine's Day (sent to you to deliver or directly to the person of your choosing) **\$25**

Share the love: Sponsor a special song delivery for an elderly Northside/Pine Knolls resident by donating here! **\$25**



Deliveries made from Sunday Feb 11th - Wednesday, Feb 14th. Call the Jackson Center at (919) 960-1670 to coordinate your singing telegram delivery!

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\$25: YouTube Telegram
\$25: Share the Love

NEW HABITAT HOMES IN NORTHSIDE

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County has been very active in the Northside Community. Since 2016, they have constructed 52 new homes that are now owner occupied; one more home is underway on McMasters Street. They have also completed 54 home repairs for long time residents, which has allowed historic neighbors to stay in their homes in comfort and safety. What does all this building and repair mean for the neighborhood?

Speaking as a Habitat Board Member, Jackson Center Staff Member, and lifelong resident of Northside, this means success! Success for a community that has worked hard to maintain its character as a family-friendly neighborhood. Success for an organization such as the Jackson Center to know that all the work they have done alongside residents has provided valuable resources that they may have never known were available to them. Success for Habitat to fulfill its mission that everyone deserves a decent place to live. Success for residents, such as myself, to know that we are blessed to live in this wonderful community called Northside!

- Kathy Atwater

As a neighbor who has lived in Northside/Pine Knolls for more than three years and Jackson Center Staff Member, these new Habitat homes mean a sustainable future! A new generation of children and young adults are able to call Northside their home. In my short three years in this community, I have been nurtured and challenged to grow into the person I am today. I am excited that a younger generation will be able to experience and carry on the power of these close, connected, proud, historic, and dynamic neighborhoods.

- George Barrett

UNC-CHAPEL HILL AND THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
LAUNCH PARTY REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Effort will strengthen community relations and empower students

(Chapel Hill, N.C. – Jan. 10, 2018) – The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Town of Chapel Hill today announced a new joint initiative, “Party, Police Free”. Modeled after programs at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Colorado State University and the University of Colorado Boulder, “Party, Police Free” is designed to strengthen neighborhood relations, to help students party responsibly and to empower them to be accountable to their community.

“This initiative has the potential to be a win-win for everyone,” said Aaron Bachenheimer, UNC-Chapel Hill’s Executive Director of Off-Campus Student Life and Community Partnerships. “Students who register and party responsibly can have a great time, while giving neighbors and police greater peace of mind and a more efficient response option should things get out of control.”

Students can register their Friday or Saturday night parties online and then complete the registration in person at the Office of Community Involvement, Granville Towers South, Suite 2100. If the Chapel Hill Police Department receives a noise complaint about a registered gathering, the host will then receive one courtesy phone call or text message, giving them 20 minutes to quiet or disband the event. Police will only visit the party if a second complaint is received after the 20-minute grace period, helping the police to avoid unnecessary visits and to provide students the opportunity to avoid a fine.

“Our goal is always to keep everyone safe,” said Chapel Hill Police Chief and Executive Director for Community Safety Chris Blue. “This program provides us with another opportunity to partner with the University to improve the quality of life in our community. An added benefit is that this program will allow us to use our police patrol resources more effectively.”

Students who register their parties will also receive “party smart” tips on how to party safely and responsibly. These tips include: letting their neighbors know about the party beforehand, knowing who is on the guest list, designating party monitors and making sure guests have a safe way to get home.

- The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill



THANK YOU 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

For our first Northside News issue for 2018, our “Ask Keith” column will have a slightly different focus. The past few months have been challenging for Keith and her family but she continues to be that strong advocate for her community we all treasure. To express our gratitude for all Keith has done and continues to do for Northside and surrounding neighborhoods, we have included words of appreciation from a few of our neighbors - just to say “Thank you, Keith!”

Dear Keith,
I know things have been hard for you lately. Nobody knows your heartache like God. Stay encouraged through the word of God which says “Weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.” You are never alone. Please let me know if there is any time you want to stop for prayer—Prayer is God’s way of healing!
I love you,
Delores Bailey

Dear Keith,
I’m always asking you questions like “Do you know this person? Do you know who is singing this song? Will you make me a list of their songs? What’s going on in the neighborhood? Are you having a Super Bowl Party this year? Are we having a block party?” You know I’m thankful for you being a voice for others; a person you can ask anything of. No question is too small or trivial. If you don’t know the answer, you will find it out. You are one who always looks out for seniors, your community (Northside) and friends.
Thank you, Keith!
Anita Booth

Thank you Ms. Keith Edwards for being who you are! Your capacity to listen, especially to a younger generation, while simultaneously imparting your wisdom and experience is brilliant and inspiring. I am so blessed that you are my friend and neighbor. You have given your life to support others and move our people—black people—forward. With leaders like you who possess unwavering strength and courage we push through the struggle and keep marching to victory!
Love,
George Barrett

Thank you, Keith, for all you do, not only for this community but for everyone who knows you! Your love for our neighborhood is only surpassed by your love for God! May 2018 bring you your heart’s desire!
Love you!
Kathy (one of your Musketeers!)

ARCHIVE TRIVIA

What is the origin of “watch night?”

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

COMMUNITY BOARD

12/4	Corey Edwards	1/7	Hudson Vaughan	1/21	Clarence Farrar
12/16	Jarrett Dawson	1/9	Deidre Farrar		Dennis Farrington
12/18	Addie Wilson Jones	1/14	Lilian Alston	1/23	George Barrett
12/27	Paris Miller	1/17	Alvater Burnette	1/25	Lula Bell Norwood
1/1	Ronnie Bynum	1/18	Norma Alston	1/30	Willis Farrington
1/6	Vimala Rajendran				

 december & january birthdays

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS!

Monday, February 12th | 8:30 am for Orange County Residents
Monday, February 19th | 8:30 am for Non-Residents
The summer day camps offered through Chapel Hill’s Department of Parks & Recreation provide a safe, fun, and active environment in which children can develop new skills, self-esteem, and friendships. Activities include: outside hikes, arts & crafts, competitions, board games, swimming, special guests, field trips, and community projects. Camps begin with organized activities beginning at 9:00 am, with optional early drop-off at 7:30 am for supervised open play. For more information refer to chapelhillparks.org or pick up a brochure at any Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation facility.

BLACK HISTORY EVENTS AT HARGRAVES CENTER

Black History Movies
Saturday, February 9th | 6:00 pm - Underground Railroad
Saturday, February 24th | 6:00 pm - History of Slavery
Hargraves is hosting two community movie screenings for Black History Month. The “Underground Railroad” will show on February 9, 2018 and the “History of Slavery” will show on February 24, 2018. All showings are free and start at 6:00 pm.

Children’s Play on the Life of Frederick Douglass
Sunday, February 11th | 4:00 pm
Bright Star Theater, an established and well regarded Children’s Theatre, will present a free play about the life of Frederick Douglass. It’s available for all ages to enjoy!

Senior Citizen Black History Breakfast
Thursday, February 15th | 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
The Sheraton Hotel | 1 Europa Dr, Chapel Hill, NC
Hargraves Center will host a special program, with guest speaker James Williams, and breakfast for senior citizens during Black History Month. The program is free and available to those aged 55+. Registration is required. Call the Seymour Center at (919) 968-2070 to register.