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NORTHSIDE: SAY IT LOUD, SAY IT PROUD!



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On Saturday April 28th, we celebrated our annual Northside Festival to renew community and uplift all who live, worship, play, serve, and work in the historic Northside, Pine Knolls, and Tin Top! For all who wobbled alongside their neighbors, painted their own plant pots to make an ample marigold a part of their home, collectively reminisced on traditions from Orange County Training School, and couldn't make the Festival but are already planning to attend the festivities in 2019 – this collage of photos is for you! We hope you enjoy this beautiful recap of a day filled with fellowship and joy.

1) An intergenerational wrapping of the **May Pole** helped sustain a historic OCTS tradition. 2) The **Orange County Jammers** said it loud and said it proud by bringing their spirit and cheer to the crowds. 3) **Bubba Norwood and Harvey Dalton Arnold** were one of many musical acts who filled the street with rhythmic melodies. 4) Community members helped spray paint the new logo for **Heavenly Groceries** on distribution bags. 5) With hands of magic, **Marvin Chambers** provided life-giving massages. You can find his company at Contact High Massage in Chapel Hill (1717 Legion Rd #201). 6) Folks of all ages eagerly painted **flower pots** which served as warm keepsakes and tokens from the Festival. 7) The Jackson Center's **Oral History Trust** went live! You can listen to over 100 life histories from community members by visiting archives.jacksoncenter.info. Shoutout also to **Prince Taylor** (pictured) who also filled the space with soul through his musical set. 8) The **Community Empowerment Fund (CEF)** hosted their annual graduation and closed out the Festival with a performance from the CEF Advocacy Choir. 9) We filled the street with continuous **line dancing and fellowship**. Much appreciation to DJ's Avon Lassiter and Brentton Harrison!

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HEALTHY HABITS, HEALTHY FAMILIES WITH WIC

Now offering electronic benefits and FREE multivitamins!

More families than ever are finding it hard to put healthy food on their tables. For young children, a lack of good nutrition can put them at risk for health problems and challenges in school. North Carolina's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program helps low-income families meet the nutritional needs of pregnant and post-partum women, infants and children up to age 5.

While adding more fruits and vegetables to families' diets is an important part of the program, participants get more than food from WIC. WIC offers families nutrition education and counseling, breastfeeding promotion, supplies, and support, supplemental foods, and even healthcare and other community referrals. The nutrition education and healthy foods that WIC provides really give children a healthy start in life, which is so important.

A new system in which WIC participants will be issued electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards instead of paper vouchers, is now available! The cards function similarly to credit, debit, and food stamp cards. Rather than dealing with multiple paper vouchers at the supermarket checkout line, participants can instead use their eWIC cards, and no longer need to separate their WIC food purchase from other non-WIC items. WIC participants are able to easily check their eWIC balance, purchase history, access the shopping guide, and more by using the Bnft phone app or by visiting www.mybnft.com.

The Piedmont Health WIC Program is committed to ensuring women of childbearing age are receiving the recommended intake of folic acid daily to help prevent neural tube defects, therefore, WIC is now offering FREE multivitamins for all women receiving WIC services for themselves or their family.

The WIC Program is available at the Carrboro Community Health Center: 301 Lloyd Street, Carrboro 27510. You may apply for WIC on Monday-Friday. For more information about WIC please visit www.piedmonthealth.org/WIC or call the WIC office at 919-913- 1698. Bilingual services available daily.

Hours of Operation

Monday	8:00am-8:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am-5:00pm
Thursday	8:00am-6:30pm
Friday	8:00am-1:00pm

Do You Qualify?

Pregnant women, women who have had a baby in the past year, children under 5
Live in North Carolina
Receive Medicaid, SNAP, Work First, or meet the income guidelines (see table)



WIC Income Guidelines (effective July 1, 2017)		
Family Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	\$22,311	\$1,860
2	\$30,044	\$2,504
3	\$37,777	\$3,149
4	\$45,510	\$3,793
5	\$53,243	\$4,437

ASK KEITH

Ms. Keith Edwards is a lifetime resident of McDade St. and a life-long 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

Now that we are nearing the end of school for UNC and Chapel Hill-Carrboro students, will the Jackson Center hold any event(s) to show their appreciation for the students who have actively volunteered in the Northside/Pine Knolls community?

In the past, the Jackson Center has always thanked our student volunteers on the spot for each volunteer opportunity in which they participated. Next year, we hope to incorporate a volunteer celebration, alongside our Northside Festival, to honor not only our UNC and Chapel Hill-Carrboro student volunteers but all volunteers who will participate in our march towards preserving the future of Northside/Pine Knolls.

We are truly looking forward to honoring our volunteers, especially our young volunteers, because the work of the Jackson Center would be impossible to get done without them.

If you or anyone would like to volunteer, you are always needed and welcome! Contact George Barrett at george@jacksoncenter.info or call 919-960-1670 to volunteer in our community. Congratulations to all of the students who are graduating this year!

ARCHIVE TRIVIA

How did Mama Dip get her name?

Last month's answer: The Freedom Fighter's Gateway.

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

NORTHSIDE TAUGHT ME: A LOOK AT BEAUTIFUL GARDEN WORK



For Mother's Day, I surprised my mom with potted plants lining our front steps. The potting of rich African marigolds, orange daisies, and delicate, white impatiens followed my attempt to transform our once-barren flower beds in the front yard. Observing my new affinity for gardening and green spaces, she asked me where my green thumb had come from.

My response was immediate. "Northside."

In that moment, I thought of Ms. Caroline Stroud¹ whom I met at a neighborhood cookout on Broad

Street last September. In addition to having a stylish and warm spirit, Ms. Caroline has one of the most beautiful gardens I have ever seen and is a neighbor who I now look to as family. Blooms of every hue are meticulously placed throughout her front and back yard and bring me immediate joy anytime I see her fertile haven. In talking with her about gardening, the key takeaway I have received is to garden with love. The amount of care and genuine attentiveness you provide your space will not only help them flourish but fill your own spirit as well.

If you haven't already noticed, there are many beautiful and inspiring green spaces sprinkled throughout the neighborhood. When I view them, I can see the love and attention provided that boasts the beauty of already wondrous flowers and herbs. Mr. Billy Hemingway and Ms. Claudia McLain², Mr. Clarence and Mrs. Janie Farrar³, and Mr. Paul and Mrs. Belinda Caldwell⁴ (whose yards are featured above) are just some of many neighbors within our community who have inspiring gardens sewn with love.

— Megan Stanley, MCJC Director of Education

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BIRTHDAYS



June 9th
Louise Felix
Malic Kincaid



June 15th
Isabel Atwater



June 19th
Mark McDaniel



June 24th
Loretta Perry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Estate Planning Workshop
Wednesday, May 30 | 5:30-7:30 pm
Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, NC Office
88 Vilcom Center Dr, Suite L-110, Chapel Hill, 27514

Do you have questions about wills, living wills, powers of attorney? Habitat for Humanity is hosting a free **ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP** to get answers to questions like: What is Medicare? What is Medicaid? Who will take care of my children? What happens to my home if something happens to me?

This free workshop will address questions about creating a Will, aspects of your current Will, and so much more. Interpretation services available upon request by registering 1 week before workshop. To register or for more information, please contact: Steve Drake, Family Service Director at (919) 932-7077 x 213 or sdrake@orangehabitat.org

Food for the Summer Kick-Off
Tuesday, June 5th | 4:00-5:00 pm
Northside Elementary School

The event will be held at Northside Elementary and will include dinner, a Farmer's Market, a bouncy house, games, and more. Please let us know through www.foodforthesummer.org/contact if you'd like to attend!

Just Another Lynching: An American Horror Story
Friday, June 8 & Saturday, June 9 | 8:00 pm
The Carrboro ArtsCenter
300-G East Main St. Carrboro NC 27510

Award-winning puppeteer Jeghetto presents Just Another Lynching, a contemporary examination of a troubled chapter in America's history, including a dramatic puppetry show and post-performance conversation on race relations in the local community. This production confronts the deep rooted institution of racism and injustice that has plagued this nation from its foundation. The show is followed by an open discussion between the cast and the audience. A conversation that is long overdue. **Tickets are \$10.**

IN MEMORIAM



It is with sorrow that we share that Mildred "Mama Dip" Council passed away on Sunday, May 20th. She was a Chapel Hill icon who created a historic legacy and was a valuable part of Northside. While next month's issue will feature a profile on Mama Dip's legacy and impact, we wanted to provide service details for the community. **A funeral service will be held at the Chapel Hill Bible Church on Sunday, May 27th at 3:00 pm. Location is 260 Erwin Road.**