

The Northside News

A printlink for neighborhoods of change



NORTHSIDE WELCOME

To Incoming Student Residents:
Welcome to Northside!

If you're anything like we were when we moved into our house on Church St., you might be balancing your usual commitments with new things like buying futons off Craigslist and playing the "how long can I function without unpacking that?" game. As you're settling in, our best advice is to put some serious time into getting to know Northside's streets and people. We hope you'll soon discover everything and everyone in Northside that will give you a sense of home here.

Good Girl, our aptly named dog and unofficial tour guide, has spent many hours walking us all over Northside, and it's been a great way to get acquainted with everything. When we're in the mood for greenery, we head to Tanyard Branch Trail and enjoy the sound of children's laughter from Northside Elementary on the way, or we wave at the folks porch-sitting on Pritchard as we head down to Bolin Creek Trail. If we're

okay with being hungry, we head through the Midway Business District on Rosemary and think about the cookies/scones/pound cakes we aren't currently eating but should be. Sometimes we just wander. Wherever we go, we love to admire the homes of Northside-- purple and yellow house paint, painstakingly planted gardens, and lawn decor in abundance. They're beautiful on their own and only get better in context: most have significant histories, some of which you can learn about through the Jackson Center's Soundwalk at <https://jacksoncenter.info/northside-stories/>. Incredible people live inside these homes and the only barrier between you and them is saying hello! Don't be afraid to introduce yourself, and look out in the Northside News for events like Porch Parties every month where you can start connecting with everyone. We can't wait to meet you.

All the best,
Aly Peeler and Magnus Schulz

“ I’m going to be frank with you, honestly, I have really-- if I was to pass away tonight-- I would tell anybody ‘I had a good life, I really had a good life, all my life.’ I have had a lot of ups and downs, now don't get me wrong. I had a lot of ups and downs but in spite of all of it, it's never been really a hard life. It's really been a good life. And I went through a lot but it was still-- I think it was a good life because I've always been happy and I've never been a person to walk around sad or worry about things. I don't know why but I don't. And just like I said, even when I lost my house it wasn't a thing that drove me crazy. It was hurt. It hurt and it hurts sometimes when I think about it now, but I've never been a person where things would bother me that much. Now my sister used to worry about me more than I'd worry about myself. She did. She was so concerned with me. My mama used to tell me I was just like my daddy. He was just happy-go-lucky and I think that's the way I've always been.”

Spoken by Mama Kat(Katherine Council): Mama Kat has volunteered at St. Joseph's Food ministry for over 15 years and is the mother of former youth leaders of Chapel Hill's Civil Rights Movement. To hear more Northside stories, check out our online Oral History Trust at <https://archives.jacksoncenter.info/>

THE PORCH REVIVAL TOUR: TAKING BACK TOGETHERNESS -Kalyn Wilson

Fresh air, the sounds of nature, and a view like none other: your neighborhood. It's a sight many miss out on nowadays. The times have granted us "more" to partake in—more opportunities, more technology, more events, more of almost everything—but this "more" often causes "less" of what really matters: in-person connection.

The Jackson Center knows how pivotal connection is to not only the mobility and sustainability of a community, but also to the soul. So, we have launched the Porch Revival Tour, a series of neighbor-hosted events designed to create intimate space for the community to reconnect, relax, and reawaken the togetherness that sometimes dissipates with the busyness of today's world.

Why the Porch?

The porch was originally a staple in pre-air conditioned southern homes to provide an escape from the fierce summer heat, but it quickly evolved to be so much more. In a recent public radio special, the hosts described it as a transition from the privateness of a home to the publicness of the community, symbolizing an intentional space for connecting the self to others. However, with so many things drawing people inside, both literally and metaphorically, the porch has become more of an accessory. But not in Northside! Here, residents continue to watch the world and watch out for their neighbors from their place on the porch. And they are seeking to revive the porch's tie to togetherness, which serves to evoke and sustain the togetherness in our own community.

How?

On the last Friday of each month, neighbors will host you and yours on their front porch or lawn. Events may be as different as each host. For instance, in June, N. Roberson neighbors, Abbie Novar and Von Wise, hosted a literary-themed party: guests created a collective poem--a verbal quilt of community!

At the end of July, George Barrett invited everybody over for a "Find Your Peace" cookout that encouraged guests to create a fun and carefree vibe. The event brought out over 25 neighbors and connected hearts over hot dogs, sparked chats over chili, and caused laughter over lemonade.

What's Next?

More Porch Revival Events! Keep your eye on the Northside News for details about upcoming Fridays on the porch. The porch is on the rise in Northside/ Pine Knolls, gathering up one block at a time with food in fellowship. Want to host your own? The Jackson Center and Northside's Student Leadership Group will help with planning, supplies, and invitations. Call George at 919-960-1670.



CELEBRATING TRADITION AS THE FACE OF CHANGE
The Porch Revival Tour will be a series of resident-hosted celebrations that will take place on a porch, lawn, and/or favorite outdoor area. The goal is to create space for continued connection in our transformative community.

Sign up to host your own!
Call George at 919-960-1670 | Email: george@jacksoncenter.info



NORTHSIDERESIDENTIALFELLOWSHIP

There's a new kind of house in town! Three graduate students who are especially interested in serving Northside will soon take up residence on North Graham Street. The house is part of a new effort to attract student tenants who genuinely want to be part of a neighborhood where history is honored and people of every age are celebrated. The first "Northside Residential Fellows" were chosen because they know how much they'll benefit from whatever service they can provide. The fellows are looking forward to getting to know their neighbors, to participating in front porch/backyard events, and to serving their community. More news soon. For now, be sure to wave when you pass!



PROPERTY TAX MITIGATION GRANT

Over the last ten to fifteen years Northside and Pine Knolls neighbors, many of whom have lived here for decades, have faced rapidly increasing property taxes. For the third year, the Jackson Center has received funds to offset the cost of property taxes for aging, long-term, low-moderate income households in Nothside, Pine Knolls, and Tin Top (if this paper was delivered to your home, you are in this area!). Small amounts (about \$300-1000) will go directly to selected applicants. The goal of this program is to help neighbors stay rooted in this community. These limited funds will prioritize our elderly (62+) and/or disabled neighbors. Call the Jackson Center (919-960-1670) or come by 512 W. Rosemary for an application or for more information.

ASK 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

Q I have two unusable mattresses that I need to dispose of. Can you tell me what to do? What can I do with these two mattresses or any other item I need to discard?

A People do not know that when you put stuff out on the curb the town is not obligated to pick it up. You have to call the town, make them aware, and pay for each item. Years ago people were allowed to discard things on the curb, and the town would pick the items up. So we contacted the Public Works of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and this is their response. In Chapel Hill to request pick-up of large household items, including electronic equipment, you must pre-pay for this service. The pickup service fee is \$15 for up to three items, and \$5 for each additional item. Once you pay, immediately put your items on the curb for collection. Your items are usually collected within 3-5 business days. In Carrboro, the town will pick up 1-2 pieces for \$7 and 3-4 pieces for \$14. Items will be collected curbside within 2 business days of receipt of payment at Town Hall reception. Please pay before placing at the curb. If you live in a rental property and the previous tenants have moved and discarded items on the curb, it is the property owner's responsibility to pay for the discarded items. This service is offered throughout the entire year. For more information contact Chapel Hill Solid Waste Customer Service Monday-Friday between 8:00 am – 5 pm at 919-969-5100 and Carrboro Public Works between 7:30 am – 3:30 pm at 919-918-7425.

NORTHSIDE TRIVIA

Where can you find the best Sweet Potato Fries in Chapel Hill?

Last month's answer: The Chapel Hill Civil Rights Movement was unique in that it was led by youth.

Think you know the answer to this month's archive trivia? Call the Jackson Center anytime after 9am to be our Winner of the month!

Will **YOU** be the 2018 Northside News Trivia Champion? Just like the question found above, we publish community-based trivia questions in our monthly newsletter. Starting in July, we have begun our Northside News Trivia Championship. If you think you know the answer, call the Jackson Center (919)960-1670 and see if you are correct! How many times you win is up to you. Collect as many buttons as you can and become the Northside News Trivia Champion of the year!

How It Works:

1. Anyone who calls in with the correct answer to the monthly trivia question will receive a Northside button.
2. In the month of November, we will tally-up the buttons. Whoever has the most buttons will receive the Northside Trivia of the Year trophy at the Jackson Center Christmas/holiday party. In case of a tie, there will be a final trivia question to answer at the party!

COMMUNITY BOARD

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paperhand

Forest Theatre Chapel Hill
Aug 3- Sept 3 & Sept 14-23
With one weekend at

The North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh

Masks, Shadow Puppets, live music and Cardboard Trickery. For more information check out paperhand.org

Food Distribution Center at St. John | FREE

On the first Saturday of every month throughout December 2018, St. John Church will be distributing pre-bagged food. Please call the church at (919) 967-2318 for further details. It is located at 607 Pine Acres Rd, Chapel Hill.

Movies Under the Stars | FREE

Wallace Parking Deck - 150 East Rosemary St
All films show at 8:30 pm

This year, come out for action-packed themed movies during our rooftop film series. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and get ready to revisit family favorites, play games and activities, and enjoy free popcorn!

August 16 - Beauty and the Beast (2017)

Back to School Backpack Giveaway 2018 | FREE

Hargraves Community Center
Saturday, August 11 | 10:00am

Come out to receive a backpack for the upcoming school year! Child must be present with Parent.

Family Fun Day | FREE

Hargraves Community Center
Saturday, August 11 | 5:00-9:00 pm

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music, food, swimming, and a variety of games and activities for youth and adults.

9/5	Loryn Clark	9/17	Charles Booth
9/14	Joe Alston	9/23	Kai Schwartz
9/15	Stan Foushee	9/26	Katherine Council (Mama Kat)
9/16	Nissie Rigsbee	9/29	Jane Farrar

september birthdays

In Memoriam

Mr. Russell Van Edwards (February 19, 1921- June 26, 2018)

Mr. Shelton Sidney Burnette (June 6, 1955- July 18, 2018)

Dr. Lida Ruth Dickerson Malloy (Sept 18, 2926- July 1, 2018)



Good Neighbor Initiative

DOOR-TO-DOOR WALK-AROUND

August 20th
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Hargraves Rec Center

WELCOME



GNI BLOCK PARTY

September 6th
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Hargraves Rec Center

Visit tinyurl.com/2018GNI to volunteer
Contact aly@jacksoncenter.info with any questions

