

# NORTHSIDE NEWS

## JULY: Yielding Joy & Family

*These past sixteen months have taken a toll on humans. Our way of life has been in a way stripped away, and we have not fully taken stock of what we have. We've been given mask, in place of hugs and joyful clubs, traded cookouts and weddings for nasal swabs. Covid-19 has siloed us into the bubbles we've created for ourselves long before the pandemic started, we are all now just running out of air. These bubbles held us and kept us, now are they killing us? I know I felt loss as an extroverted introvert, but one thing that keeps me going has been abundant thinking and taking inventory of what I have access to. Here is a short poetiec reflection on this pandemic. "Abundance is a state of being, it is to be fecund (fertile) and is a reckoning of despair. We have all witnessed abundance in one way or another, whether it is in the physical or the spiritual. It is only through an abundance of luck or love that we who are able to even understand this writing have experienced the abundance of something. You are not here just because of your actions or determination, you are here because you were meant to be, but as was I and others who remain and came before the second I wrote this. I say this to say people and planet matter, despair is a vacuum, grounded in the sockets of our psyche and society. The fear of despair yielded rarity, reasoning and rationales. Greed only feeds greed and there will never be enough to keep your mounds. Life as we know it is finite; so why can't we be steady in what is right? Why do we have no faith in what is left? We can manifest dreams with our breath, and inspire connections to new depths."*

-B.L. Harrison

## New Jackson Center Family

We are excited to welcome **Christine Abernathy** as our new Director of Housing Justice! Christine will lead the Jackson Center's housing justice initiatives, stewarding the land bank and the 45+ partnerships that are a part of the Northside Neighborhood Initiative. Christine's addition comes at a critical moment where long-term residents are once again facing steep challenges of property valuations and other factors that influence displacement. Christine will bring her experience and enthusiasm to lead housing justice in Northside- enabling elders to age in community, create affordable housing opportunities for diverse families, and preserve the future of the neighborhood- passing the baton of community justice to the next generation of Northside, Pine Knolls and Tin Top residents.



While new to this role, Christine is no stranger to the Jackson Center! Christine first got involved when she was a student at UNC-Chapel Hill. She shares, "As you can probably guess, supporting the Jackson Center with oral history work changed my whole understanding of who lived in Chapel Hill and what community looked like." Since then, she has remained connected through her work at Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, leading youth empowerment initiatives, and volunteering with Orange County Rape Crisis Center. She is passionate about ensuring everyone has a decent place to live, and energized to work alongside neighborhood leaders to bend the housing market towards justice! If you would like to say hello and extend a welcome, you can reach her at [christine@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:christine@jacksoncenter.info).

My name is **Karis Price** and I'm a rising senior at UNC. I am majoring in Public Relations and minoring in Social and Economic Justice. After graduation, I hope to pursue a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling to become a therapist. I was born in New Jersey and raised in Northern Kentucky and Asheville, North Carolina. Growing up, I attended predominantly white institutions my whole life. Throughout the years, I experienced my fair share of encounters with racism and prejudice, but it wasn't until I was in high school that I felt I was truly able to understand and identify my experiences. I began educating myself on race and systemic oppression and developed a passion for social justice. This directly influenced my interest in the Jackson Center. I was first introduced to the Jackson Center at the beginning of my sophomore year when I took a communications course taught by Della Pollock. Part of the course entailed listening to oral histories from the Jackson Center. Additionally, we were able to complete service hours with partners across the neighborhood, attend service at St. Joseph's and hear from Northside neighbors. This was my first introduction to the Jackson Center and afterwards I knew I wanted to stay connected. This was because the work of the Jackson Center and the people in Northside reminded me so much of the people who I grew up looking up to at church, in my family, and in other communities. Following this experience, in the summer of 2020 I was able to continue my work with the Jackson Center as a Mellon Research Fellow. As a fellow I processed materials for oral history interviews and the Teachers, Artisans and Entrepreneurs, project. I also lead as point person for team communications, oral history research, and curriculum development through team-building and collaborative efforts for all fellows to engage in. This summer, I was thrilled to continue my work with the Jackson Center.



**Erin Lee** is a rising senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill studying Global Studies and Peace, War, & Defense. She was first introduced to the Jackson Center through Good Neighbor Initiative events, and is now excited to continue exploring the bond between campus and community. At UNC, Erin is active in Alpha Kappa Delta Phi, the Multicultural Greek Council, and the Carolina International Relations Association.

This summer, she will be collaborating with our community partners to plan the Good Neighbor Initiative and managing the collection of demographic information from 150 Northside households with a team of service partners. Erin considers working at the Jackson Center an illuminating experience: "As a UNC student, I didn't think much about the local neighborhoods next to the University. My work as a summer fellow has not only allowed me to think critically about local community and student engagement, but also build on a tradition of sisterhood and service."



*"Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare." -Audre Lorde*

**"We are nothing without our history."**  
- Esphur Foster

**Success is the sum of small efforts - repeated day in and day out.**  
-Robert Collier

### From the Rock Wall: Living Histories of Black Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Southern Orange County ([www.fromtherockwall.org](http://www.fromtherockwall.org))

History is calling! From the Rock Wall lifts up long traditions of local Black activism and leadership and eight generations of people who built homes and made community here. Want to explore some of its gems? Wondering where to start or how to "get in"? Would you like to know how to use a smartphone to record a story (audio or video) or upload a photo and share it with your neighbors? Send an email to [rockwall@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:rockwall@jacksoncenter.info) or give the Jackson Center a call at 919-960-1670 and Kathryn Wall or Anna Spencer (the Jackson Center's Co-Directors of Public History) will be in touch to set up a time to walk you through it! They can also set up an introduction to From the Rock Wall over Zoom for your classroom, church, organization, or community group.

**HOW CAN ONE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING, WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF FROM WHICH THEY CAME?**

### The Northside Census is Coming Around!

Over the next several weeks, the Jackson Center will be conducting the Northside Census. The information from the census helps us track the success of our housing initiatives and informs our strategies as we plan for the future!

#### What to expect?

We will not survey every house in Northside; but if your address is chosen, we will knock on your door and chat with you for a little bit. Overall, it should take approximately 1-2 minutes to complete. If no one comes to the door, **we will leave a note at your door letting you know we came by and our contact information will be included!**

#### Why should I participate?

The responses will help the Jackson Center better serve the community.

\* Information you provide will be 100% confidential and will not be shared.

#### What if I have a question about the census/want to fill it out over email or the phone?

For questions or to fill out the survey, email [erin@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:erin@jacksoncenter.info) OR call the Jackson Center at (919) 960-1670.



# The Community Board

## Property Valuations Advocacy

### Residents are Starting to Receive Revaluations

After organizing to file property valuation appeals in April, long-term residents are starting to receive their revaluations. We are still waiting for all the revaluations to come in, but so far we have seen approximately \$5.5 million total in reductions of property valuations throughout the Northside neighborhood. If you are still unhappy with the outcome of the revaluation you receive, you are able to file a formal appeal. Please notify the Jackson Center if you would like assistance with the formal appeal process. The Jackson Center has volunteers at the ready to assist with anyone who would like to file a formal appeal to the county.

## The Furniture Project of Orange County

**Your donations of gently used furniture are needed to help families in transition.**



**This is a community wide effort of volunteers that provide free furniture to help the homeless, working poor, school children sleeping on floors, and disabled vets.**

Provided below is a list of our most needed basic household items:

- ✓ Beds & Frames .....Queen , Full , Twin
- ✓ Newer mattresses and box springs ... Queen, Full, Twin
- ✓ Bedding.....Sheets , Blankets, Comforters, Spreads, Mattress covers
- ✓ Dressers, Night stands
- ✓ Couches, Loveseats, arm chairs, recliners
- ✓ End Tables, Coffee Tables
- ✓ Kitchen Tables and Chairs
- ✓ TV Stands
- ✓ Small Appliances – Microwaves

\*PLEASE NOTE: OVERSIZED FURNISHINGS ARE NOT USABLE AS APARTMENTS ARE VERY SMALL.

**THE COVID-19  
VACCINE IS  
NOT A CURE!!  
THE CDC SAYS THAT EVEN  
IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED  
YOUR VACCINATION YOU  
SHOULD STILL WEAR YOUR  
MASK INDOORS WITH  
FOLKS WHO ARE NOT IN  
YOUR SOCIAL DISTANCING  
POD WITH WHOM YOU  
CAN TRUST TO BE SAFE.**

**Wearing a face mask CORRECTLY  
can help prevent the spread of  
#COVID19 to others**

Take action to slow the spread of #COVID19 by wearing a face mask in public, CORRECTLY.



**DO** make sure the mask covers your nose and mouth completely



**DO NOT** wear the face mask on your neck.



**DO NOT** wear the face mask under your nose.



**DO NOT** let children under 2 years old wear face masks.

In order to slow the spread we must continue to wear masks correctly, keep at least 6 feet away from people and wash our hands frequently.

## August Birthdays

8/1	Jason James
8/2	Sheila Alston
8/4	Gracie "Polly" Bynum Webb
8/5	Steven Pendergraft
8/5	Kathy Atwater
8/6	Mae McLendon
8/10	Elizabeth McCain
8/10	David Lyles
8/10	Karis Price
8/11	Seth Murray
8/13	Doris Wilson
8/16	Rev. Kevin Brown
8/17	Esphur Foster
8/18	Anna Spencer
8/19	Jesse Chavis
8/20	Kari Lee
8/22	Tiffany Watson
8/25	Tonya Barrett
8/28	Sherdena Weaver
8/29	Keith Edwards
8/31	Freda Andrews

## September Birthdays

9/5	Loryn Clark
9/11	Emma Thompson
9/15	Stan Foushee
9/16	Neesey Riggsbee
9/17	Charles Booth
9/19	Erin Lee
9/22	Lula Alston
9/24	Stephanie Barnes-Simms
9/24	Sherdenia Dunn
9/29	Jane Farrar

## In Memoriam

**Ms. Martrina Morrow**

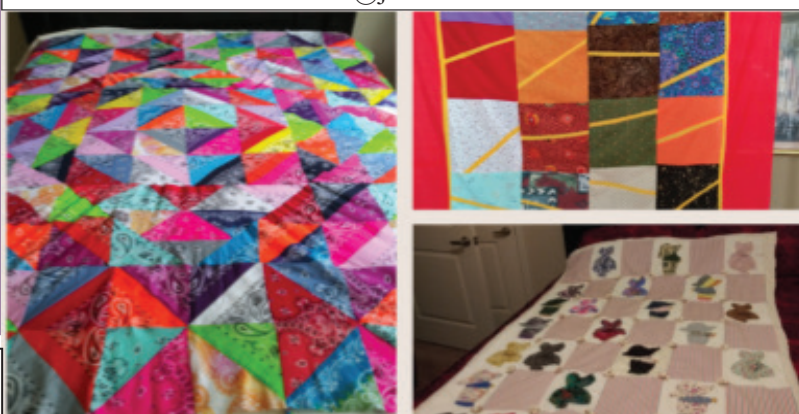
**Nov. 24, 1939 - June 26, 2021**



**Mr. Alton Purefoy, Jr.**

**Aug. 17, 1940 - July 5, 2021**

The Good Neighbor Initiative (GNI) is a collaboration between the Jackson Center, the University, and other community partners to promote positive living experiences in neighborhoods where students and non-students live in close proximity. GNI is recruiting volunteers to help us with our traditional door to door community walk. Each year we take almost 100 volunteers (including Carolina students, town staff, University faculty and staff, local residents) out into our near campus and downtown neighborhoods to meet and talk with students about being good neighbors and the expectations and responsibilities that come along with living in a residential community. Volunteers do not need previous experience (we'll provide some coaching). You just need to have a commitment to helping students think intentionally about ways they can be a positive contributor to their neighborhood. We have three volunteer shifts, and you can select one, two, or all three shifts. Sign up at [www.unc.live/3wKAHFO](http://www.unc.live/3wKAHFO) or email [erin@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:erin@jacksoncenter.info)!



## OLD FASHIONED QUILTING MADE FUN!

Starting July 8, 2021 - June 2022  
Thursdays from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

At Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) 208  
North Columbia St. Chapel Hill, NC 27514

- No quilting experience is needed!
- Open to anyone who wants to have fun and learn quilting.
- Work towards making your own personal quilt!

Call (919) 200-0233 for questions, leave message for David!

Donations of fabric and crafting supplies are welcomed! Please drop off at CEF.

**COVID-19 Guidelines:** Please wear a mask and abide by social distancing protocol.

## On a Roll Bingo Champion

**Ms. Deloris Bynum**

**has done it again!**

**Congratulations Ms. Deloris!!**

If you would like to be a part of our monthly BINGO game please call the Jackson Center at 919-960-1670



BACH, CBC & THE CLEAN MACHINE PRESENT

**BICYCLE CHAIN**  
The Clean Machine  
We Know Bikes

**BIKE FIXIT NIGHT**

GET YOUR BIKE CHECKED OUT BEFORE  
LET'S RIDE! NORTHSIDE!  
COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

\*\*\* AUGUST 27 \*\*\*  
5PM - 8PM

MASKS AND HELMETS REQUIRED  
HARGRAVES COMMUNITY CENTER

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## JW Organizer

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