

Beloved Community

A thriving, multigenerational community is rooted in abundance. An abundant community is empowering: everyone has lessons to share, gifts to contribute. An abundant community is accountable: everyone has the ability and responsibility to care for themselves and for others. An abundant community is inclusive: everyone is welcome, supported, and valued. An abundant community is connected: it fosters relationships and the sense of a “collective.” An abundant community is not devoid of hardship, but these attributes make it powerfully resilient. - Diana Koo

Diving into the History of the A.D. Clark Pool

On Friday, August 12, a multigenerational crowd of neighbors celebrated the histories of Hargraves Community Center and A.D. Clark pool with a pool party and cookout. Community members from near and far gathered to share their memories of swimming at the pool and the magical moments they had at Hargraves, including members of the Hargraves and Clark families. Those in attendance reminisced about mentors like Lucille Caldwell, the first paid director of Hargraves, and William Hargraves, the first lifeguard of A.D. Clark Pool. They also shared stories of the local creeks and swimming holes before the pool was built. It was an evening of intergenerational storytelling, placemaking, and visioning of a just future for the Black community who claim Hargraves as the “heartbeat of Northside”.

The vision for a public pool in Chapel Hill for Black residents began over 70 years ago, when Black high school students challenged the University about why only white Chapel Hill High School students were allowed to swim in UNC’s pool. An unknown white man offered to pay for a swimming pool for Black people rather than see the pool on campus integrate, but he withdrew his support because he opposed the civil rights activism by the Black community. UNC librarian Cornelia Spencer Love donated \$40,000 to go towards the pool, and Black community members and businesses rallied to fundraise the remaining amount. The pool opened in 1961 and was named after Adolphus Clark, the first president of the local NAACP. A.D. Clark Pool provided a safe space for young people to swim (no more snakes or getting sick from contaminated water!), jobs for teens who worked as lifeguards and at the snack bar, and an opportunity for community members to learn how to swim. Below is a collage of photos from the event!

Listen to neighbors talk about how the pool was built and its significance at <https://fromtherockwall.org/places/ad-clark-pool>.



This is How We Celebrate in Northside

In August, Northside neighbors hosted two porch parties that collectively brought together over 120 long-term residents, student neighbors, and Jackson Center student service partners. These events showcased a longstanding tradition of “neighboring,” where everyone is invited and welcomed with open arms!



4th generation Northside resident and MCJC Community Advocacy Specialist Ms. Kathy Atwater hosted a birthday cookout in her backyard to celebrate those born in August. “August babies”, as Ms. Kathy called them, ranging in ages from their early 20’s to mid 80’s, celebrated together. The guests of honor wore colorful necklaces and took turns trying to open the piñata. Ms. Kathy’s sister Ms. Quintella Hanks managed the behind-the-scenes work with UNC students on the grill, and neighbors contributed a variety of desserts. The party was such a success that other neighbors left inspired to host their own birthday porch parties throughout the year.

N Graham St neighbors Whitney Robinson and Louie organized an ice cream social for Northside families with young children. Guests of all ages enjoyed tie-dyeing bandanas, showing off basketball handling skills, and creating chalk art together. The water balloons were a huge hit! With over two dozen children under the age of 12 in attendance, the celebration was a beautiful illustration of how the Northside Neighborhood initiative has brought in new and diverse families since 2015.



Introducing Aging in Community Specialist Ryan Lavalley

The Jackson Center is excited to welcome Dr. Ryan Lavalley to our team! You may have seen Ryan working the grill at the A.D. Clark Pool Party in August. Ryan is a local leader in aging initiatives and will be working on all things related to older adults, aging in community, and honoring those with a few more years in our neighborhood. Ryan has nearly a decade of experience working alongside older adults in Orange County as they manage the exciting and sometimes challenging aspects of getting older, from making your home more accessible as your body changes to talking with family about respecting your independence. He has experience with home safety assessments, assistive equipment, advanced directives, supporting your loved one with dementia, and more! He will mostly be working with the Northside Residential Fellows and Linking Generations in Northside programs where students engage with older adult residents. He has strong ties to the Orange County Department on Aging and can help navigate their services. He will be at the Jackson Center most Wednesdays and Thursdays, so you can stop by and say hello! He can also visit you at your home, just give the Jackson Center a call! ¡Además, él habla español, si sea mejor para la comunicación!



Free Medical Equipment at the OCDOA

Do you need a walker? A wheelchair? One of those chairs you put in the shower to make it a little more comfortable while you are bathing? Well, there is a place to get them for FREE!

The Orange County Department on Aging has an equipment “loan” program where you can get canes, walkers, bed-side commodes, wheelchairs, and many other things for free. You can keep it for however long you want! They just ask that you return items that you no longer need. You can also donate any unused equipment to them! Call 919-245-4279 for more information.

- Items accepted & loaned include:
- Mobility Devices: Walkers, Canes, Rollators, Wheelchairs, Slide Boards
 - Bathroom Devices: Shower Chairs, Tub Benches, Toilet Risers, Bedside Commodes, Toilet Rails
 - Dressing Devices: Leg Lifters, Sock Aids, Stocking Donners, Button Hooks, Reachers, Long Handled Shoe Horns
 - Other: Car Canes, Bedrails, Weighted Utensils

- Items not accepted include:
- Bedside (3-in-1) Commodes (due to significant recent donations)
 - Blood Pressure Monitoring Systems
 - Braces, including wrist braces, knee braces, supportive bandages, and walking boots
 - Diabetes Testing Equipment
 - Folding Walkers (due to significant recent donations)
 - Hospital Gowns or other fabrics
 - Wound Care Supplies
 - Large DME (hospital beds, lifts, scooters, etc.)

If you are looking to get or get rid of larger equipment, they can connect you with someone who may want to give or take it!

Longtime Homeowner Assistance Program

The Longtime Homeowner Assistance (LHA) program provides property tax assistance to eligible Orange County homeowners. Homeowners can submit their applications to the Orange County Housing Department from now until December 1, 2022.

Apply online at <https://orangecountynchousing.submittable.com/submit>

- Paper applications and drop-off boxes are available at the Orange County Housing offices:
- Chapel Hill: Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Rd.
 - Hillsborough: Whitted Building, 300 W Tryon St.

- Need Help?** Contact the Housing Helpline for assistance in completing your LHA application.
- 919-245-2655
 - housinghelp@orangecountync.gov

Call for Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocates

The Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate program is seeking mentors to support Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools scholars to reach their full potential. The program provides students of color with culturally enriching experiences, academic support, and leadership development.

- Mentor Commitment:
- 25 years or older
 - Volunteer 2 hours/week
 - 2 years of commitment
 - Put your heart into your work

If interested, email Lorie Clark lclarck@chccs.k12.nc.us or TEXT her at 919-260-2449

PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE

ATTENTION Northside, Pine Knolls, and Tin Top Neighbors!

As you know, property taxes continue to increase, and last year, our neighborhoods experienced extremely high revaluations of our properties. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers and neighbors, we were able to file appeals to the tax office and saw a collective \$9 million reduction in valuations. However, property taxes still remain a challenge for those on a fixed income.

The Jackson Center is accepting applications for our Property Tax Relief Program for **residents in the Northside, Pine Knolls, and Tin Top neighborhoods of Chapel Hill and Carrboro**. If you did not receive a letter in the mail and would like to apply, please contact the Jackson Center at 919-960-1670 or stop by our office to pick up an application. Please return completed applications with all supporting documentation to Kathy Atwater at the Jackson Center by **Friday, September 30th, 2022**.

In Memoriam



Mrs. Neller Lee (Nickerson) Carver
February 1, 1928 ~ August 31, 2022



Mr. Charles Douglas Sanford
January 21, 1958 ~ August 26, 2022

*Our apologies to the families for the incorrect photos of Mrs. Mikell and Mrs. Atwater in last month's issue of the Northside News. Please see corrected information.



Mrs. Hazel (Milliken) Atwater
December 15, 1926 ~ July 31, 2022



Mrs. Hazel (Laney) Mikell
March 7, 1946 ~ August 11, 2022

HOUSE US NOW!

Rally in Chapel Hill-Carrboro

Sunday September 25 from 2pm to 5pm

Meet at Weaver Street Market, 101 East Weaver Street.

March to the Lincoln Center, 750 S Merritt Mill Rd

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Our Focus

| Fixed Income | Low Income | No Income |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Supplemental Security Income | Fast Food Workers | Unsheltered |
| Social Security Disability Insurance | Cashiers | Unemployed |
| Retired | Bus Drivers | Financial Instability |
| Worker's Comp | Teacher Assistants | Life Transitions |
| Veteran's Disability | Servers | |
| | Caretakers | |

Food

Speak Out!

DJ O'Dizzle

Free Haircuts

For transportation info call CEF at 919-200-0233

EmPOWERment

COMMUNITY JUSTICE

Community Empowerment Fund

Good Neighbor Initiative

COMMUNITY COOKOUT

SEPTEMBER 28TH

AT HARGRAVES COMMUNITY CENTER

5:30-7:30 PM

FREE FOOD AND PERFORMANCES

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Happy 100th Birthday to Northside's newest centenarian, Ms. Emma Thompson!

October Birthdays

- October 3 - Roxy Farrington
- October 5 - Michelle Brown
- October 13 - Deborah Burnette
- October 23 - James Burnette
- October 23 - Destiny Burnette
- October 24 - Teresa Shaw
- October 31 - Charley Norwood