

Northside News

Welcome to Northside!

Greetings new and returning student residents,

It is a pleasure to make your acquaintance. Whether your introduction to the Northside community is Roberson St., Caldwell St., McMasters St., or Lindsay St. (the list goes on), you are part of the homey, peaceful, and vibrant community known as Northside. We also cannot forget Tin-Top (nestled in between Chapel Hill and Carrboro, past the Carolina Car Wash) or Pine Knolls. another historically Black neighborhood off N. Merritt Mill Rd. These communities are resilient and alive, despite the impacts of gentrification. The space you have set foot in is abundant with change-makers, entrepreneurs, blue-collar workers, students, and now you.

When you encounter long-time residents, greet them--a wave or hello makes a difference. Engage in strange-making (exploring the wonder and meanings of Northside without your assumptions or bias). Seize the initiative to be a good neighbor through your goodwill and strange-making!

I once was unaware of the wonder that is Northside until my introduction to this world began at the Neville Open House in the Lloyd/Broad neighborhood. Here, I learned the Marian Cheek Jackson Center is a great place to experience firsts. I experienced my first open house, wellness walk, conducted my first interview, and worked with digital metadata. As a public history fellow, *From the Rock Wall* (fromtherockwall.org) became my refuge when I was lost, it encouraged me to listen: I estimate that I listened to 30+ hours of oral histories this summer. At times, I felt my role was static since I engaged with history, but I realized I was actively bringing the past into conversation with the present. I simply was entrusted with reinforcing the bridge between these modes of time to celebrate and commemorate history in an awesome community! I am grateful to be part of a team that engages so intentionally with its neighbors. Time and time again, my colleagues showed me how to be a good neighbor through their actions. It's been an honor to serve Northside, Tin-Top, and Pine Knolls and learn how their needs push us and Black Chapel Hill and Carrboro residents towards a harmonious future.

If you seek community engagement, the Marian Cheek Jackson Center (MCJC) is here. Find us at 512 W. Rosemary Street adjoining St. Joseph's CME Church. For many, the MCJC's Northside Soundwalk (jacksoncenter.info/soundwalk) introduced them to the area through the memories of the residents. Take a listen and invite your roommates for a walk; reflect and share your thoughts with the JC or your new neighbors.

Our late namesake Mrs. Marian Cheek Jackson sparked our mission, which is guided by her statement: "Without the past, we have no future." Today, we honor, rebuild, and renew Northside, Pine Knolls, and Tin-Top, three historically Black neighborhoods near UNC's campus. Under communal guidance, we uplift the legacies that Black Chapel Hill and Carrboro residents left behind. Northside is a delightful place to work, worship, play, serve, and live in, so while you are here, join us on the sublime calling to save and make history! For more information about the MCJC's housing justice, public history, K-12 black history education, or student engagement work (and how you can get involved!), visit jacksoncenter.info.

We hope you hear us loud and clear as we say: "Welcome or welcome back to Northside!"

Jackson Center 2023 Summer Fellow & UNC Senior Nya E. Smythe

Touching the Lives of Generations, Ms. Doris Wilson

Etta Doris Humphrey Wilson was born in St. Pauls, N.C., graduated from St. Pauls High School. She came to Chapel Hill in 1953 to stay with her Aunt Helena Thompson (a registered nurse). Her aunt opened her doors to teachers that taught in the school system. So Church St. was the place for many, and the atmosphere was pleasant for all. Doris is a graduate of Fort Valley College in Fort Valley, G.A. She received a B.S. in Elementary Education with a minor in Library Science. Additionally, she received graduate credit in Library Science from North Carolina Central University.

Doris began her career as a librarian in the St. Pauls school system. She worked as a librarian in the Chatham County School System, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School System, and the Chapel Hill Head Start program.

Doris decided to go into business operating a childcare facility, serving children of Chapel Hill and Carrboro communities. Also, Doris has touched many lives in other child-care programs. She has given so much to better the lives of families and young children by her commitment to providing quality child care. She received many honors of excellence by the Childcare Association of Orange County and the National Childcare Association for Young Children.

Doris is a former member of the Chapel Hill Board of Trustees, the Library Association, the North Carolina Teacher Association, and Who's Who in America. Presently, she is a member of the Eastern Star Chapter and was honored for outstanding service. Doris is a member of First Baptist Church, where she served many years in the youth department. She was recognized by the Christian Board of Education for dedicated service.

Doris ended her 50-year chapter as an educator on March 31, 2023. She will continue to have a passion for children, for they are our future. She is proud to say that she has touched the lives of many. Luke 1:38, "Behold I am a servant of THE LORD: Let it be to me according to YOUR WORD."



Mary Bridgers (left) presenting Doris Wilson (right) with the Mary Y. Bridgers Award from the Child Care Services Association in 2001



Weaver Family Reunion

The Weaver-Battle-Weaver Family Reunion was held July 21-23, 2023 in Chapel Hill with over 100 family members and friends in attendance! Family came together from all across the nation for a time of reuniting, remembering and renewing the family ties that have held us together for generations. The last family reunion was prior to the pandemic in 2018 so everyone was excited about the opportunity to reunite! Friday night was the kickoff with a Meet & Greet at Hickory Tavern in Carrboro. Over 40 family members attended. Saturday was the main event at Hargraves Community Center. This was very special for the family as William Hargraves, who the Center is named after, and Fred Battle, who the basketball court was recently named



after, are both part of the family and were cousins! Food, fun, and fellowship, recognizing the oldest member present, Cousin Margaret Peggy Battle Miller; the ones who traveled the farthest, Ron and Sonya Weaver from Florida; and the youngest member, Ray Weaver's 2-week old granddaughter! A time of remembering those who had passed on since the last reunion and a time of recognizing the younger family members from ages 2-42! The family met for worship service on Sunday at St. Paul AME Church, which was the family church, and dinner Sunday afternoon at Nantucket's in Chapel Hill. It was "the best reunion ever" as stated by a number of family members, and plans will be soon underway for the next one! We also had a time of reciting the family pledge in which we pledged to continue to pray for, support, encourage, and love one another because - We Are Family!

Ms. Kathy Atwater

Hargraves Community Center Traffic Calming Updates

Over the summer of 2023, the Town of Chapel Hill has been working with Hargraves Community Center to address concerns about speeding and school bus drop-off safety on North Roberson Street between West Rosemary Street and Mitchell Lane.

Overview

- Town Staff & Community:** Town staff and community leaders discussed potential traffic calming improvements in front of the Hargraves Community Center in Spring 2023.
- Town Council Approval:** Town Council responded to a petition for traffic calming improvements on N. Roberson Street and approved the use of traffic calming installations at their June 21st council meeting.
- Traffic-Calming Improvements:** New Street Structures (Summer 2023): The Town has installed a pilot project of plastic bollard chicanes (street narrowing structures) on both sides of the school bus drop-off area at Hargraves Community Center to calm traffic. ***These structures are Town-approved alternatives to speed humps/tables, due to Town fire regulations.*

New Signs/Markings: The Town has upgraded several signs and markings at Hargraves Community Center: 1) Pavement markings at Hargraves parking lots have been repainted to improve afterschool program pick-up. 2) School bus loading zone signs will be installed this summer.

Next Steps: Summer/Fall 2023

- Bollard Chicane Installations/Speed Study:** A speed study is evaluating the effectiveness of the installations and the Town will adjust the design as needed.
- “Neighborhood Slow Zone”:** Town staff plan to create Chapel Hill’s first zone at Hargraves Community Center and later expand the zone throughout the Northside neighborhood. This is a pilot project that is part of the Town’s Vision Zero effort, lowering speeds to 20 mph and increasing fines for speeding (Ordinance 21-11.9).

For additional information, or to share feedback, contact Dylan Horne, Assistant Transportation Engineer, at 919-969-5098 or dhorne@townofchapelhill.org.

Aging in Community Column

The Orange County Department on Aging has released its 2023 Senior Housing Guide. This Guide offers a broad overview of senior housing options, services, and supports in Orange County, NC. Its purpose is to provide basic information about amenities and costs for each type of housing, empowering older adults and their families to make well-informed decisions about their living arrangements. It includes senior rental apartments with and without services, HUD subsidized senior apartments for rent, senior homes to own, continuing care retirement communities, adult care homes, nursing homes, and home and companion care agencies. **Visit bit.ly/OCSeniorHousing to view the guide.**

Here is a list of HUD subsidized senior apartments for rent provided in the guide:

Orange County has three venues for subsidized senior apartments. Eligibility for these complexes is based on income.

Apartment Complex	Units	Notes	Cost & Category
First Baptist and Manley Estates 805 S Merritt Mill Rd, Chapel Hill (919) 968-9778	41	40 1-bed-room units; 1 2-bed-room unit	Rents are 30% of one's adjusted income and take social security, pensions, and personal assets into account
Covenant Place 103 Culbreth Rd, Chapel Hill (919) 929-0061	40	1-bedroom units	HUD 202, serving 62+
Adelaide Walters Apartments 603 M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill (919) 968-8018	24	1 and 2-bedroom units	HUD 202, serving 62+



Availability:

For HUD-funded senior housing, people can expect wait lists to last well over 1 year. For example, in December of 2020 Adelaide Walters had a 44-person waiting list (+10 since 2018), with only one apartment being turned over in the past year. First Baptist and Manley Estates has an active waitlist with the approximate wait time lasting around 2 years.

Hargraves Backpack Distribution Volunteering

Volunteer Sign-up link: bit.ly/hargravesbackpacks

Time: August 19th 2023 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM
Address: 216 North Roberson St. Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Questions? Contact 919-968-2794 or hargraves1939@gmail.com

In Memoriam



Mr. James Henry Byrd Sr.
April 21, 1940 ~ July 30, 2023



Mr. David Stanley Lyons
Passed August 7, 2023

New North Carolina Civil Rights Trail Marker Coming to Chapel Hill

On Saturday, September 23, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, located out on Highway 15/501 where the former Watts Restaurant and Motel used to be, will be unveiling a new NCCRT marker to commemorate the sit-in protests that took place in January 1964 at the Watts Restaurant. The marker will honor the Black and White high school students, college students, and professors from Duke and UNC who were verbally and physically abused by the restaurant owners and patrons during their peaceful protests over several days. Community members are invited to attend the ceremony and luncheon to follow. To receive an invitation to this historic commemoration, please send an email to Dianne Martin at dmartin@gwu.edu or call 202-725-7260.

This will be the second NCCRT marker installed in Chapel Hill this year. The first one was unveiled on Juneteenth Day at the Hargraves Center.

David Bussell, Crest Dr. neighbor & member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church

2023 Northside Census

The Marian Cheek Jackson Center conducts the Northside Census every 2 years to collect accurate demographic information to assess the impact of our housing work. Please fill out the info for your household at **bit.ly/northsidecensus**.

This information will be kept confidential and all responses will be aggregated and non-identifiable in the report.

September Birthdays

- 9/5 Loryn Clark
- 9/6 Corey Jones
- 9/11 Emma Thompson
- 9/14 Joe Alston
- 9/15 Stanley Foushee
- 9/16 Nissie Riggsbee
- 9/17 Charles Booth
- 9/19 Aashna Singh
- 9/22 Lula Alston
- 9/24 Sherdenia Dunn
- 9/24 Stephanie Barnes-Simms
- 9/29 Jane Farrar
- 9/29 Andrea Wuerth



The Good Neighbor Initiative is seeking volunteers to assist us in our annual community walk, where we go door to door in our near campus neighborhoods. Your involvement has the power to transform lives, fostering a community of compassion and understanding. Extend your hand in friendship today because a kinder neighborhood starts with you.

MONDAY
21 AUGUST, 2023
Hargraves Center @3PM

REGISTER TODAY



JOIN OUR DOOR-TO-DOOR WALK