

The Northside News

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Promise of Home Repair Partnerships

Ms. Louise Felix has lived in Chapel Hill all of her life and in her home in Northside for over 30 years. She has dedicated herself to making sure people across Chapel Hill are housed, fed, and cared for. On any given day, she can be found visiting rest homes, helping folks without homes on Franklin Street, or waving at kids as they arrive to school across the street from her home. Like so many Northside residents, Ms. Felix takes great pride in her beautiful home. With the increased age of the home and the rising cost of living on a fixed income, Ms Felix sought out help to fix broken windows, add railings to help her age in place, and replace rotting floors and siding. For ten years, she applied to programs, only to be added to long waiting lists or sent to another program.

Last winter, the Jackson Center partnered with Self Help and Rebuilding Together to pilot the “Promise of Home” Repair Program to serve five seniors’ households in Northside & Pine Knolls. Through Promise of Home, we were able to complete the critical repairs for Ms. Felix within months of her application. This program was able to honor her legacy in Chapel Hill by helping her stay safe and rooted in our community. We are so thankful for her presence in Northside.



Ms. Felix in front of her beautiful home

The Promise of Home Program assists our neighbors in Northside & Pine Knolls stay safe and rooted in our communities by providing quality home rehabilitations by local contractors and committed community organizations. The Promise of Home program will continue this year in collaboration with Rebuilding Together and Habitat for Humanity. Please contact the Jackson Center for more information about how to apply or volunteer!

- Here are a few examples of repairs covered:
- Critical safety repairs: fixing plumbing leaks, fixing electrical wiring, repairing/replacing leaking roofs, repairing damaged floors, etc.
 - Accessibility work: handicap ramps, bathroom renovations for accessibility
 - Weatherization: windows, insulation, doors, etc.

Habitat for Humanity’s Paint Blitz



Above: Volunteers paint homes on Lindsay Street and Crest Street as a part of Habitat for Humanity’s Paint Blitz in September. Five homes in Northside & Pine Knolls were painted in a single week.

Rebuilding Together’s Capacity Corps Repairs



To Left & Right: Rebuilding Together volunteers repair homes on Lindsay & Grant Street. R-T completed 4 extensive home repairs in Northside/Pine Knolls in August, utilizing their Capacity Corps volunteers!



Habitat for Humanity & Rebuilding Together of the Triangle partnered to complete repairs on 8 homes in August! The Jackson Center has a common application coordinated with both organizations to help ensure neighbors are connected with these and other critical repair programs.

Interested in volunteering your trade skills? Please visit www.jacksoncenter.info/volunteer or call the Jackson Center to find out about home repair and other volunteer opportunities.

Medical care access is easier than you think

There’s no shortage of doctors in the Chapel Hill area, but accessing high quality medical care at an affordable price can often be a challenge. However, there are more medical resources available to Northside residents than you may think. That became clear to Misty Drake at a neighborhood meeting this past summer at the Hargraves Community Center. As Chief Operating Officer of Piedmont Health Services, which operates 10 community health centers in central North Carolina, Drake knows that care is readily available.

“Many residents had questions at that meeting about health care, and it was clear that they were not fully aware of primary medical and dental care available in the area,” Drake said.

Northside residents can use two health centers operated by Piedmont Health Services, Drake pointed out – the Carrboro Community Health Center at 301 Lloyd Street (right around the corner!), and the Chapel Hill Community Health Center, at 1828 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Both centers accept all forms of health insurance and have a sliding-fee scale based on income.

Carrboro Community Health Center services include:

Primary Care: Piedmont Health provides comprehensive, personalized supprt for Women’s and Men’s Health, Wellness, Prenatal Care and Family Planning.



WIC Services: Piedmont Health includes the Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program, a federally funded health and nutrition program for women, infants, and children. WIC educates families about nutrition and helps them find healthy foods, health care and other community services.

Child Medical Services: The center provides annual well child exams (which aim to ensure that problems are identified at the outset of the school year) and KIDS CARE NOW for sick children.

Dental services: The services are offered at convenient hours and include a variety of services such as cleanings, screenings, X-Rays, extractions, teeth whitening and root canals.

Medical care: Care is provided on a sliding scale basis – fees are based on a patient’s income and no patient is refused care.

Pharmacy: Carrboro has an on-site pharmacy that includes pharmacists available to counsel patients on their medication.

Senior Services: Northside residents can benefit from Piedmont’s “Age Well Services,” which includes services such as full comprehensive team based care, Medicare Annual Wellness Visits and easy to use senior bubble medication packaging when requested.

SeniorCare (PACE): Piedmont Health also has a special program for seniors, called Piedmont Health SeniorCare program which has locations in Pittsboro and Burlington. SeniorCare is a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a program that aims to promote and sustain the independence of seniors wishing to remain in the community by providing them with comprehensive long-term health, social, medical and dietary care. PACE is a safe alternative to nursing home care.

Chapel Hill Community Health Center services include:

Primary and Acute care for women, men and children, Senior Services, Prenatal Care, Physical Exams (school, employment, sports, nursing home, etc.), Chronic Illness, Minor Trauma, Immunizations, Flu Shots, and Laboratory Services On-Site.

All services are designed to be convenient to patients. For instance, in both locations, established patients can get same-day services. Medical providers are available at the Chapel Hill location from 8:00-5:00 M-F and at the Carrboro Community Health Center until 8 p.m. on Monday, Thursday and on Saturday until 1 p.m. At both centers, medical staff is on call 24 hours a day.

For more information, visit piedmonthealth.org or call (919) 942-8741 for Carrboro or (919) 951-7600 for Chapel Hill Community Health Center. Piedmont Health SeniorCare’s Pittsboro location is (919) 545-7337 and Burlington’s location is (336) 532-0000.

What is the Jackson Center?

The Jackson Center’s mission is to honor, renew, and build community in Northside & Pine Knolls, historically Black neighborhoods in Chapel Hill & Carrboro. We were founded on Mrs. Jackson’s guiding motto, “Without the past, you have no future” and strive to be a place where saving history is making history. Our primary aim is to listen well: to hear and to carry forward histories shaped by values and visions for vibrant community. This is the work of legacy-making. It is multigenerational, community-first work.

The Jackson Center is a hub of creative action dedicated to preserving the future of these historic neighborhoods. We pursue this aim through the following primary strategies:

- We educate youth leaders through intergenerational Civil Rights & Oral History workshops and our Fusion Youth Radio program.
- We organize & advocate through community partnerships for equitable housing & food access.
- We celebrate & connect all aspects of our community through the Northside News, festivals, forums, exhibits, and public witness.

Who works at the Jackson Center? Hundreds of volunteers, 6 university interns, 2 Americorps members, our graduate MSW intern, an MDiv housing specialist, 5 permanent staff members, and a partridge in a pear tree (a volunteer Executive Director, Della Pollock). We also have a terrific, local board of directors, many of whom live and worship in Northside and Pine Knolls.

Photograph of our staff:

Upper row (left to right):
Brentton Harrison, Della Pollock,
William Page, Yvonne Cleveland,
Hudson Vaughan

Bottom row (left to right):
Gabrielle Middlebrooks, Megan Stanley,
Alissa Ellis, and George Barrett



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: What is the Jackson Center Organization? What does it do for the community? Who are its employees?

A: I’d first like to thank you for your inquiry. To answer this, I will turn it over to the Hudson Vaughan, the Senior Director of the Jackson Center.

Hudson: First, the Jackson Center is around the corner in the former parsonage of St. Joseph CME Church. It is one of several community non-profit organizations dedicated to the vitality of Northside/Pine Knolls. We partner closely with dozens of other organizations that play an essential role in this neighborhood. What makes the Jackson Center unique and what is it that we do?

<-- See answer in the article to your left, and please visit us Monday-Friday (9-5) to find out more. You can volunteer to help prepare for neighborhood celebrations, assist the Heavenly Groceries food ministry at St. Joseph CME, prepare and deliver the Northside News, and many other exciting opportunities. You can sign up at our website or visit the Jackson Center office:

<http://www.jacksoncenter.info/volunteer/>

GNI Block Party a huge success!

This year’s University and Community walk-around, picnic, and festival for the Good Neighbor Initiative was one of the best ever.



Everyone joined in the line dancing



The Orange County Jammers pumped up the jams



Rameses came to visit!



Dozens of neighbors walked around the neighborhood to invite to others to the Block Party.

Archive Trivia

Which Northside neighbor has lived in the same home for 95 years?

Call the Jackson Center anytime after 9 am on 9/23 to win a prize!

- Last month’s answers:
- 1) Hargraves Community Center
 - 2) Rev. Willis Fearington

Welcome, Northside Neighbors!

This last month, we welcomed the Alston brothers (left) to Gomains and the Atwaters (right) to Sunset. We are thrilled to have Mike & Julius Alston in the neighborhood for the first time, and to welcome the Atwaters from Knolls Street as new homeowners on Sunset.



Community Board

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Loryn Clark - Sept. 5th
- Joe Alston - Sept. 14th
- Janeria “Nissie” Riggsbee - Sept. 16th
- Charles Booth - Sept. 17th
- Kai Schwartz - Sept. 23rd
- Stephanie Barnes-Simms - Sept. 24th
- Jane Farrar - Sept. 29th

Northside Initiative Celebration:
Honoring Northside Neighbors

You’re Invited!

Save the date: September 29th
When: 11 am - 12:30 pm
Where: Hargraves Community Center

The Jackson Center is joining with neighbors and partners to honor our neighbors as we celebrate a year of housing successes. Just over one year into our landbanking initiative, we’ll cheer on neighbors who have been here for decades, new neighbors, returning neighbors, and the families who will be making their homes in the 10 Habitat houses going up this fall. We’ll end with a wall-raising at one of the Habitat sites on Craig St.