

The Northside News

A printlink for neighborhoods of change

Neighborhood Senator

Senator Valerie “Peanut” Foushee grew up in a duplex on Creel Street in Pine Knolls, moved to a home at the current site of Greenbridge, and then settled with her family at the corner of Johnson and Wentworth. As a student attending the newly integrated Philips Middle School, Sen. Foushee faced down persistent hostility in part because her parents, Melvin and Anne Trice Paige, wouldn’t let up.



“You’re going to get this, and you’re going to keep making A’s, because . . . we don’t accept C’s and D’s,” they’d insist.¹ Recognizing even at that early age that relationships were the ground of change, she found ways to work with teachers and to make friendships that would sustain her for life. She was elected president of her ninth grade class at Culbreth Junior High and then senior class president at Chapel Hill High School.

A graduate of UNC Chapel Hill in Political Science and African-American Studies, Val went on to serve the Chapel Hill Police Department for 21 years and the Board of Education for 7. In 2004, she became the first African-American female elected to the Orange County Board of Commissioners. Today she is one of 11 African-Americans on the floor of the NC Senate, where she is still working across the aisle to advocate for voting rights, investment in public education, and equality for all North Carolinians.

Val is married to Stan Foushee, a retired Carrboro fire marshal and Deacon at First Baptist. They are duly proud of their remarkable sons, Stanley II and Terrence, and thrilled at the arrival of their beautiful grandbaby, Stanley III. All (you too, Stan III!) are dedicated Northside neighbors.

¹ Oral history interview, Tracy Barrett, 2012, held in the UNC Southern Historical Collection.

2016 Voting Information

You may vote at a One-Stop Early Voting site during the Early Voting period (see info to the right) **even if you are not registered.** You must bring a HAVA ID (bank statement, drivers license, or utility bill) with your name and current address to register. If you have already registered, you may also vote on the regular general election day (Tues, Nov. 8th) at your precinct. Call 888-OUR-VOTE to find your polling place.

Orange County also offers absentee voting by mail to all Orange County registered voters who want to vote by mail rather than in person. Absentee ballots are due by Tues, Nov. 1st.

Forms can be found here:
www.orangecountync.gov/elect

Changes

- Photo ID is not required.
- Same day registration is still available.
- No more Straight-ticket voting. (Straight-ticket voting allows voters to choose all candidates from one party by checking a single box.) You must vote separately for each candidate.



Early Voting Locations

Chapel of the Cross: 304 E. Franklin St, CH
Carrboro Town Hall: 301 W. Main St, Carrboro
**Call 919-245-2350 for 3 additional locations*



Dates & Times

Early Voting Times	CH Cross	Carrboro
Thurs - Fri, Oct. 20, 21	12:00p-7:00p	9:00a-6:00p
Sat, Oct. 22	9:00a-4:00p	9:00a-4:00p
Mon - Fri, Oct. 24-28	12:00p-7:00p	9:00a-7:00p
Sat, Oct. 28	9:00a-4:00p	9:00a-4:00p
Mon, Oct. 31	12:00p-5:00p	9:00a-5:00p
Tues, Nov. 1	12:00p-7:00p	9:00a-7:00p
Wed - Fri, Nov. 2-4	12:00p-7:30p	9:00a-7:30p
Sat, Nov. 5	8:00a-1:00p	8:00a-1:00p
Regular Election Day		
Tues, Nov. 8 from 6:30a-7:30p		

VOTE NC

- V** An unregistered **Voter** may use Same-Day registration during Early Voting (see times & locations above), but not Election Day (you must be registered ahead of time to vote on Election Day).
- O** **Out of Precinct Voting:** If you go to the wrong poll in your county on Election Day, you can still vote there by using a provisional ballot -- *but to avoid this, call 888-OUR-VOTE to identify your polling place!*
- T** **Tell** people with felony convictions that they can register & vote after finishing their sentence.
- E** **Election Day Polls** open from 6:30am to 7:30 pm. If you are in line by closing time, you can vote!
- N** **Notice** that the ballot is multiple pages. Vote the whole ballot, start to finish!
- C** **Carry** a list with you of people you want to remember to vote for. You can take your lists into the voting booth with you.

Questions? Want to know your Election Day Polling location? Call Orange County Board of Elections: 919- 245-2350 or the Voter Hotline: 888-OUR-VOTE or visit ncsbe.gov

SUPPORT THE 2016 BONDS!

A \$0.0467 CENT TAX INCREASE

would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home:
\$3.74 towards Affordable Housing
\$89.66 towards Schools

WILL RAISE

\$5 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
\$120 MILLION FOR SCHOOLS

\$5 MILLION could build 160 UNITS

That's just over \$30,000 per new home!

PLEASE VOTE

to keep our seniors and working families in the place they call home!

HOUSING ORANGE 2016
Good Schools + Good Homes = Great Communities



Compiled with support from the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition. www.housingorange.org/

Vote Yes for the Bonds!

By: OC Affordable Housing Coalition

This November, Orange County voters will have the opportunity to change the lives of 160 local families. By voting “yes” on the \$5 million dollar bond for affordable housing, voters can help families achieve residential stability. The bond will have positive effects for many individuals and their families.

Affordable housing is one of the primary issues in Orange County, with 35% of Orange County renters paying more than 50% of their income on rent. Housing is considered affordable when it costs 30% or less of residents’ monthly income. This disparity demonstrates that Orange County is not meeting the needs of our most vulnerable populations. With housing costs so high, families must choose between basic needs such as quality food, education, and healthcare. Research shows that when housing needs are met, overall human health and children’s school performance significantly improve.

A nominal property tax increase for homeowners in Orange County will raise an unprecedented \$5 million in county funds for affordable housing projects, including as many as 160 new affordable homes and rentals units.

The \$5 million dollar bond for affordable housing accompanies a \$120 million bond referendum for the county’s local school districts. Housing coalition members believe that housing and education are inherently linked.

“Federal and State funding for building and maintaining affordable housing for working families has been cut by **more than half** over the last decade, leaving counties and towns to fend for themselves.”


-- Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition

Visit us at www.jacksoncenter.info or 512 W. Rosemary Street or call us at (919) 960-1670!


For endorsements by these organizations, see their websites below!
*Please note: the Jackson Center does not endorse any candidates.



Equality NC
equalitync.org/pac/
voterguide2016/



NC Association of Educators
ncaevotes.org



State Employees Assoc. of NC
www.seanc.org/endorsements



NC Advocates for Justice
ncaj.com



Sierra Club
nc.sierraclub.org/
2016Endorsements



NC Police Benevolent Association
www.sspba.org



National Organization for Women
nowpac.org



NC State AFL-CIO
aflcionc.org

The Legacy of Rebecca Clark

Northside and Pine Knolls have been home to many local pioneers and community leaders. Often the impact of these leaders has transcended their local context. Rebecca Clark was one such resident.

Ms. Clark had an enormous impact locally, despite the fact that jobs for black women in Chapel Hill during Jim Crow were very limited. Clark grew up 5 miles from Chapel Hill in a log cabin near University Lake. While she moved to Greensboro for a few years after her parents passed, Clark returned to the area where she became renowned for labor organizing and voter advocacy.

Clark started organizing while working at the UNC laundry plant. Not only was she successful in securing pay increases, but she also managed to make an ally of UNC-CH president Frank Porter Graham. This was just the first of many successes for Clark. When Clark became a practical nurse at the university's hospital, she helped ensure

that the African-American nurses received the state-mandated raise that the primarily white registered nurses had already received. This was despite significant resistance from some of her supervisors.

The impact of Clark's work wasn't limited to labor action. She played a pivotal role in helping Howard Lee become the first black mayor of a predominantly white city. In fact, she was so dedicated to the work of voter turnout that, when Lee thanked her in his acceptance speech, she was still at the Lincoln Precinct counting ballots.

Her dedication to voter turnout stayed strong throughout her lifetime. Clark became a necessary endorsement for local politicians and was known to drive people who needed help getting to the polls. Her last few months were spent campaigning for President Obama in 2008. She missed the inauguration, but lived just long enough to see the first black president elected.

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

Is it true that Chapel Hill, along with Durham, is recognized as having the highest inequity in the fifth district of the Federal Reserve, making it one of the sites of greatest wealth disparity in the US?

Unfortunately, there's an article in the Herald Sun from September 30th with this information. Please refer to the chart below for the information in question:

Fifth District Income Inequality Metropolitan Areas	Gini Index	Gini Index Rank	Lowest Quintile Share of Income (%)	Highest Quintile Share of Income (%)
Lowest degree of inequality:				
New Bern, NC	0.412	18	4.7	45.9
California-Lexington Park, MD	0.414	20	3.6	45.2
Staunton-Waynesboro, VA	0.416	25	3.9	45.4
Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV	0.423	36	4.1	46.4
Harrisonburg, VA	0.427	48	3.8	46.7
Greatest degree of inequality:				
Wilmington, NC	0.487	342	3.0	51.9
Morgantown, WV	0.493	356	2.3	52.1
Charlottesville, VA	0.496	361	2.6	52.7
Greenville, NC	0.501	366	2.6	52.8
Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	0.502	367	2.9	53.7

Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey, 2014 1-yr

If this is true, I think it is a shame and a disgrace. Maybe this explains why so many African Americans find it so difficult to live in Chapel Hill. Please note: the Jackson Center would like your feedback, comments, and thoughts on these findings. Please call (919) 960-1670!

Archive Trivia:
What year was Northside Elementary first opened?

Think you know the answer to this month's archive trivia?
Call the Jackson Center anytime after 9am to win a prize!
Last month's answer: Velma Perry

Honoring Our Neighbors

1. An Abundance of Joy. On September 29, 2016, over 200 people gathered in Hargraves to enjoy the Northside Neighborhood Initiative (NNI) celebration, which honored our neighbors and highlighted the success of our affordable housing accomplishments. **2 & 3. Northside's Past, Present, and Future.** Both our youngest and oldest residents were in attendance at this year's NNI -- baby Samorai at 4 months old and Ms. Velma at 95 years old! **4. Generational Ribbons.** Representing a familial legacy, residents of Northside and Pine Knolls each received ribbons to proudly display how long each family has contributed to the vitality of Northside. **5. A Homey Addition.** After signing the stud for a new Habitat home, attendees marched, in song, to 605 Craig St to assist with the wall raising.



“
Paul Caldwell
My home is my rock and I shall not be moved. If someone offered me one million dollars for my home -- I would think about it -- but it ultimately holds too much sentimental value.
”

Community Board

October Birthdays

8th
Kathy Wilson

9th
Megan Stanley

21st
Velma Perry

24th
Teresa Shaw

13th
Deborah Burnette

23rd
James and Destiny Burnette

31st
Lilian Edwards
Charley Norwood

Saturday, October 22nd
CH Public Library | 1:00-2:30pm
The Chronicles of Northside: A Celebration of Local History and Storytelling
Through this celebration, we will honor the lives and memories of neighbors featured in oral history based storybooks produced by Northside first graders and share history of Chapel Hill's Northside neighborhood with children of all ages.

Thursday, October 27th
Hargraves Center | 9:00-3:00pm
Project Connect
Free services like flu shots, dental care, haircuts, and job opportunities offered through Orange County's Partnership to End Homelessness. For more information, call (919) 245-2596 or email tmay@orangecountync.gov.

Friday, October 28th **St. Joseph CME | 10:00am**
St. Joseph CME Male Chorus Plate Sale
Fish and chicken plate is \$8 and delivery available for 5+ orders; Call Bruce Washington: (919) 906-2335 or St. Joseph's CME: (919) 929-1116

In memory of Dennis Hinch

Dennis Hinch was born on June 25, 1942 and passed away on Sunday, September 25, 2016. Dennis was a resident of Chapel Hill, North Carolina at the time of his passing.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Hawaii. He was married to Dollie.

