

# The Northside News

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"WITHOUT THE PAST, YOU HAVE NO FUTURE"  
– MRS. MARIAN CHEEK JACKSON

*It is with sorrow that we share that our Beloved Namesake and inspiration, Mrs. Marian Cheek Jackson, passed away Saturday, March 4 at the age of 92. A beautiful homegoing service was held last Saturday at St. Joseph CME Church. For this issue, we wanted to share her full obituary, which can be found to the right.*

*A recording of the memorial service and the reflections on her legacy can be found at [www.jacksoncenter.info](http://www.jacksoncenter.info).*

IN LOVING MEMORY AND HONOR OF

*Mrs. Marian Lovette Cheek Jackson*

A TIME TO BE BORN

Marian Lovette Cheek Jackson was born February 12, 1925, in Chapel Hill, NC, one of three daughters to the late Pearl Cotton and Kennon Cheek.

A TIME TO PLANT & TO PLUCK THAT WHICH HAS BEEN PLANTED

Marian professed her love for the Lord at an early age at Cotton Chapel CME Church, now known as St. Joseph CME Church, where she served faithfully in various ministries: Sunday School, Board of Christian Education, Church Secretary, Church Historian, Recording Steward, Stewardess, Lay Council, Missionary Society locally and on the district level. She loved her church and community. Marian received numerous awards and certificates in recognition of her leadership in the church and community. She shared during interviews and private conversations that two of her proudest moments were the establishment and naming of The Marian Cheek Jackson Center for Saving and Making History (2009) and her induction as a Town Treasure by the Chapel Hill Historical Society (2015). She remarked, "Me, wow, what have I done?"

A TIME TO BUILD UP

Marian was educated in the Chapel Hill Carrboro School System and pursued higher education at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, NC. She leveraged that training in a career that spanned more than 35 years. Marian began her employment history at North Carolina Memorial Hospital's Blood Bank, Chapel Hill, NC, and continued on to provide administrative support to North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, NC; Bynum Weaver Funeral Home Chapel Hill, NC; Granville Towers Dining Services UNC-Chapel Hill, and Knotts Funeral Home, Chapel Hill, NC. Throughout all of her posts, she was known for offering a quiet, unassuming disposition along with individual care and positive regard for everyone she met.

A TIME TO LOVE

Marian was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Boyd Jackson, Sr. for more than sixty years.

A TIME TO DIE

Marian departed this life on Saturday, March 4, 2017 peacefully and in her sleep, answering the call of her heavenly father at her home.

A TIME TO WEEP & MOURN

Marian leaves to cherish and continue her legacy a host of loved ones, consisting of family and friends.



Save the Date!

### THE NORTHSIDE FESTIVAL 2017

Celebrate the great past, present, and future of Northside and Pine Knolls communities on **Saturday, April 29**. We're taking to the streets (Roberson to Graham) from **11:30-3:30!** Be there!

**FEATURING DEDICATION OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS GATEWAY**

More news soon. For now, we need you!

**DESSERT DRIVE**  
Get your church, organization, neighborhood block, or friends to make treats to share. Let us know you're IN by calling 919-960-1670.

**COMMUNITY VEGGIE/SALAD COOK-OFF**  
Share your favorite cook-out sides. Bring a big dish marked with contents and your name; add a story if you like (your famous recipe? family tradition?) Everybody's a winner.

*For more information, please email [contact@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:contact@jacksoncenter.info)*

## DELICIOUS ABUNDANCE

We gather around food. We grow food, we cook it, tend it, harvest and share it. We are what we eat, they say. And in Northside that means we are a proud, tight community. It is no coincidence that the freedom movement in Chapel Hill began with protests for the right to sit down at the same lunch counter as white folks. Historically, even at the height of Jim Crow, black and white small farmers to the north shared their crops. Kids ran from one house to the next to pick plums or apples and even grapes.

Today, Heavenly Groceries/Comida Celestial distributes perishable food with warmth and dignity to anyone who needs it, every day. At pancake breakfasts and reunion suppers, we enjoy fellowship and remember the food traditions that draw families together across kinship lines. Our neighbor, Kathy Atwater, recalls how central food was and is to Northside\*:

Where this house is right now, that was a garden. It was like that: a garden, at almost every other house. Yeah, where Miss Velma Perry lives, there was a garden behind her house. So you got fresh vegetables, you got tomatoes, you got string beans, you got okra, collards, cabbage, onions, strawberries, you got cucumbers--just all different kinds of vegetables. People were growing all those things. Mmm hmmm. It was great.

Memories . . . I know for me--with my grandparents growing things and remembering how fresh and good that food is: I'm like, yah, we should go back to that. It's the best kind of food.

I think that's the best kind of love: when you know someone is a really good cook and everyone talks about your food.

Weavers Store. Over on Brooks Street. They had everything in there. I know they had meats and things like that, but at the age I was, I wasn't interested in any meats: I was interested in the candy, the cookies, the sodas, the big huge dill pickles, sour pickles, those big ones. And the cookies were big--baseball cookies! We had ice cream--the popsicles, the fudge sticks, things like that. So that was always a good, a good treat, 'cause we would walk to school and had to walk right by the store: had to get something!

The Jackson Center is currently collecting histories of foodways in Northside/Pine Knolls. If you'd like to share your recollections of food work, farming, gardens, segregation of food services, or family food traditions, please write [contact@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:contact@jacksoncenter.info).

*\*Oral history held in the Jackson Center Oral History Trust, reprinted with permission.*



THE ANGELS OF HEAVENLY GROCERIES

**WHAT IS HEAVENLY GROCERIES?** A certified food bank and ministry of St. Joseph C.M.E in Chapel Hill, Heavenly Groceries/Comida Celestial is all about providing fresh produce, meats, cheeses, breads, and processed foods to anyone who comes through the door. It provides perishable food daily to people across four counties facing increasing food scarcity.

**WHAT IS IT TO THE HEART?** It's about so much more than the food. It's about dignity—and the warm comfort and care that is expressed to everyone by the community partners that make this ministry possible.

**WHO MAKES THIS POSSIBLE?** Let us introduce you to the beautiful stewards who make Heavenly Groceries possible. Their dedication, warm and compassionate spirits, and good humor make Heavenly Groceries/Comida Celestial a great place to visit and to serve. If you would like to volunteer to make food pick-ups or to help with distribution, contact the Jackson Center at [contact@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:contact@jacksoncenter.info) or (919) 960-1670.

MS. PAM REVELS

Ms. Pam is a Chapel Hill resident who has regularly volunteered at Heavenly Groceries for more than 6 years.

MS. BILLUE BALDWIN

Ms. Billue is a Chapel Hill resident who volunteers at Heavenly Groceries on a daily basis. She retired a few years ago after a long career at UNC hospitals.

MS. CHARLEY NORWOOD

Ms. Charley is a Chapel Hill resident who volunteers with Heavenly Groceries. She enjoys participating in all types of craft activities in her spare time.

MS. LILLIE G. EDWARDS

Ms. Lillie G. Edwards is a Chapel Hill resident who has worked with Heavenly Groceries since it began. She dedicates several afternoons a week to the ministry.

MR. DONNIE "HOLLYWOOD" RIGGSBEE

Hollywood is a Carrboro resident who volunteers at Heavenly Groceries. He is a great cook and grew up in what used to be called Tin Top, off of Merritt Mill Road.

MS. GRACIE "POLLY" WEBB

Ms. Polly has volunteered with Heavenly Groceries since it began. She and Ms. Lil are good friends and Ronnie is her son. She grew up in Orange County across University Lake and, after living elsewhere for some time, moved back.

MS. LILIAN ALSTON

Ms. Lil is a long-term Chapel Hill resident who has volunteered with Heavenly Groceries for about 7 years. She really enjoys talking about her grandson and always has a shoulder to lean on. She says that she is especially proud of all of the young people who work with the ministry.

MS. KATHERINE "MAMA KAT" COUNCIL

Mama Kat lives in her Carrboro home and has been a regular Heavenly Groceries volunteer since the ministry began. She spent much of her career working as a cafeteria supervisor in CHCCS and still sometimes runs across the now-grown children that she once served.

MS. GLADYS PENDERGRAPH-BRANDON

Ms. Gladys, a Chapel Hill resident, has volunteered with Heavenly Groceries since it began. One of her many mottos is "when life hands you lemons, make lemonade!" She also says that "when you meet people as you walk through life, you never know that you may be entertaining one of God's angels."

MR. RONNIE BYNUM

Ronnie is a Chapel Hill native who has volunteered at Heavenly Groceries for about one year and is always willing to lend a hand. He also reminds us of a time when food scarcity was not such an issue in Chapel Hill, recalling that--when he was growing up--the only food he remembers his family buying at the store was sugar, flour, and coffee.



From left to right: Ms. Polly (red shirt), Ms. Charley, Ms. Lil, Mr. Ronnie, Mama Kat, Ms. Pam (black shirt), Ms. Lillie G. Edwards, Ms. Gladys, Ms. Billue

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](mailto:contact@jacksoncenter.info)

Now that we have a new President, with so many executive orders coming out, things are confusing. I'm concerned about our rights under our new administration. Can you please give us some understanding of our basic rights?

Ask Keith and the Jackson Center appreciate you asking this very important question because there have been many calls with concern about this particular issue. We consulted with several people and here are their responses.

"People have to realize that in the U.S. everybody is protected; you can not be stopped or searched by anyone coming to your house without permission or without a signed court order from a judge. Even immigration: if a warrant is not signed by a judge, it is not a legal warrant. Folks can say "you don't have a right to come into my home" and can request a warrant from a legal judge. Folks do not have to open the door. In Orange County, the police and the sheriff will not ask you for your legal status, they will deal with the issue at hand. They are not interested in your legal status, they are interested in protecting and defending the community. If somebody needs the help of the police they should not hesitate to call. If people have more questions they can contact me at [mpalmer@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:mpalmer@townofchapelhill.org)"

Maria Palmer | Chapel Hill Town Council Member  
[mpalmer@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:mpalmer@townofchapelhill.org)

"I have been asked by many about what the recent executive orders mean for people in our community and if the orders will lead our local police officers to behave differently. The short answer to the second part of the question is a resounding 'No!'. Your local officers will continue to provide thoughtful, compassionate, and professional police services for you. But we also know that many questions have arisen since immigration status and enhanced law and order rhetoric has increased. You have the right to remain silent and, if you are not a U.S. citizen, you have the right to call the consulate of your home country. You have the right to speak to an attorney before answering any questions and you do not have to sign anything that you do not understand. You may certainly contact me or any member of my staff if you have questions about these or other matters."

Chris Blue | Chief of Police - Chapel Hill Police Department  
919-968-2760

"The great thing about the Constitution is that it protects rights and liberties for all people of this county, even an executive order from the President can't take that away. We saw this when Federal courts ruled that Trumps travel ban was unconstitutional. But the Constitution does not protect itself. In this crucial time in history, the ACLU and other civil rights groups are going to need the support of the public more than ever."

Mike Meno | Communications Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina. [www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)

ARCHIVE TRIVIA

WHEN DID CHAPEL HILL PASS ORDINANCES DESEGREGATING PUBLIC PLACES?

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

COMMUNITY BOARD

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Community Input Meetings for Rosemary St**  
Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> | 12:00 pm at Hargraves Gymnasium Meeting Room

Review the Town Council's third draft for the W Rosemary Street Development project.

**Container Garden Workshop & Giveaway**  
Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> | 4:00 pm at Hargraves

Come to the Hargraves picnic shelter on April 1st at 4 pm to build your own free portable container garden! Take one home to grow in your house or on your porch. Then you can harvest, replant, and repeat! Gardeners of all ages and all experiences are welcome!

**Habitat for Humanity Paint Blitz**  
Paint Dates: April 4-8

It's our annual Paint Blitz Week! There will be paint. There will be brushes. There will be BUCKETS. We'll be painting homes in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods, and we need volunteers for morning and afternoon shifts. Volunteers age 14+ can paint, so it's a great activity for youth! If interested, please visit: <http://abrushwithkindness.orangehabitat.volunteerhub.com/> or contact Adwoa Asare at (919) 932-7077 ext 233 or [asare@orangehabitat.org](mailto:asare@orangehabitat.org).

SAT. 4.8.2017 @ LOCAL 506. 4PM-'TIL. CHAPEL HILL

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promoting UNITY in the COMMUNITY through HIP-HOP

**SAMPLING OF PERFORMERS:**  
CAMPLO  
KAZE  
DEFACTO THEZPIAN  
J. ROWDY & THE NIGHTSHIFT  
LIVE MC BATTLE  
FEATURING:  
PIERCE FREELON  
"SPINOKIO"  
HIP-HOP PUPPET SHOW

Hillmatic targets a diverse and multicultural group ranging from 16-60, interested hip-hop culture and positive community programs.

Event to benefit the Hargraves Community Center and the Jackson Center!

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| 3/12 Maggie West Vaughan | 3/18 Alissa Ellis    |
| 3/14 Billy Hemmingway    | 3/23 Delores Bynum   |
| 3/17 Claudia McLain      | Anita Wilson         |
| 3/18 Nate Davis          | 3/24 Regina Merritt  |
| Stella Farrar            | 3/28 Dustin Rawlings |

**march birthdays**

HOUSING NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UPS

Help clean up and beautify the Town's public housing neighborhoods! Enjoy free food and community service while getting to know your neighbors in the Northside neighborhood!

Neighborhood Clean Up Dates and Locations

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| <b>Trinity Court</b><br>North Pritchard Ave at<br>intersection with Trinity Court<br>Sat, Mar 18   9-11 am<br>Meet in the parking lot at<br>Trinity Court | <b>Northside Neighborhood</b><br>Various locations<br>throughout Northside<br>Sat, May 6   9-11 am<br>Meet at the Housing Office<br>(317 Caldwell St) |
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