

TOWN week

Public Notices and News from the Town of Chapel Hill

Schedule may change. View updates at www.townofchapelhill.org/events.

Friday

(May 3)

Cycle de Mayo

4–6 p.m., 133 W. Franklin St.

Sunday

(May 5)

Poetry Reading: Beth Copeland, Cheryl Whitehead and Cammie Zehner

2:30–3:30 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/events

Tuesday

(May 7)

Flooding Workshop (Stormwater Advisory Board)

5:30–7:30 p.m., Eastgate Crossing Shopping Center, 1800 E. Franklin St.

Human Services Advisory Board

6 p.m., Town Hall

Planning Commission

7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday

(May 8)

EZ Rider Advisory Committee

4 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

Council Public Hearing

7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday

(May 9)

Council Subcommittee: Amity Station Development Agreement Negotiation

9 a.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

Council Subcommittee: UNC Health Care/ Eastowne Development Agreement Negotiation

1 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library



Flooding Workshop

Are you prepared for the next big flood? A workshop for residents and businesses will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at Eastgate Crossing Shopping Center (near Great Outdoor Provision Co.), 1800 E. Franklin St. Learn how to prepare now, what to do during a flood, and how to recover.

Information: bit.ly/2vCfAZ6

Summer Parks and Rec Programs

Summer Parks and Recreation programs begin soon. Residents of Chapel Hill or Orange County may register starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 6. Non-residents may register starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 13. Summer camp registration is currently open.

Browse programs and register at chapelhillparks.org or pick up a printed copy at recreation facilities, Chapel Hill Public Library, public housing offices or Town Hall.

Special programs are planned to celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month in July. This year's theme is Game On! Activities include Hip Hop Dance 101 at The Corner Teen Center; The Glow Series; Hanging Rock; Sliding Rock Adventure Day Trip; Family Make and Take Art Activities; and an evening of watercolors in Strowd Rose Garden.

Launched in 2011, and organized by the National Park Trust ...Kids to Parks is designed to connect kids and families with their local, state, and national parks. Here are four fun activities that foster future outdoor enthusiasts and create the next generation of park champions.

Because kids need parks – and parks need kids! (See facebook.com/chparksrecreation to register.)

- Friday, May 17, Community Pop Up with Public Housing at Carrboro's Oakwood Neighborhood
- Saturday, May 18, SibShop Specialized Recreation for those with special needs and their siblings.
- Sunday, May 19, Bigfoot Tracking Hike & River Float on NC's Mountains to Sea Trail and Eno River State Park
- Saturday, June 1, explore Hanging Rock State Park! Hike, take in the sights, and relax around waterfalls.

Information: chapelhillparks.org

Lewis & Clark Circus

One of America's great family circuses is coming to town! The Lewis & Clark Great American Circus, brought to you in part by the Town of Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department, will offer shows on May 3–5. High flying fun for the whole family!

Purchase tickets at lewis-clarkcircus.com/tour-dates.

The Inspiring Story of Mayor Howard N. Lee



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In the early 1960s, a coalition of white and black Chapel Hillians decided that enough was enough. Citizens of protesters created a traffic jam when they held their bodies down in the middle of Franklin Street. Owners of segregated restaurants and retail stores were appalled to find protesters holding all-in in the doors of their establishments. A restaurant owner abandoned Chapel Hill by allowing one of the sit-in participants to burn down his own car.



Howard Nathaniel Lee was one of seven children in a family that had fled the inhumane Jim Crow laws in Alabama, Georgia. As a teenager, he was surprised to find a white town and traditions that he thought he would find in a group of white people. He escaped racism only because he could run faster than his tormentors.

"Having finished school and then while in the U.S. Army, he was a personal officer. Then he spent several years in the military before moving to Chapel Hill.

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Council Honors Howard Lee

The Chapel Hill Town Council proclaimed May 1 as Howard Lee Day in Chapel Hill, on the 50th anniversary of his election to the position of mayor of Chapel Hill. He was the first African American elected in a predominantly white town since Reconstruction. Among other achievements, he was instrumental in establishing the Town's bus system.

Howard and his wife Lillian were trailblazers, helping move Chapel Hill toward being an integrated community by choosing to live and raise their three children in the Ephesus Church-Tinkerbell neighborhood, outside what was considered black neighborhoods of the time. After a cross was burned on his front lawn, Lee decided to enter local politics.

Read more: bit.ly/2VLL4dC

May Is Bike Month

The Town of Chapel Hill and Go Chapel Hill-UNC-Carrboro support special events during the month of May to celebrate Bike Month.

Friday, May 3: Cycle De Mayo
4–6 p.m., Carolina Square, 133 W. Franklin St.

Spring is here and it's a great time for a bike ride! Go for a community bike ride, learn salsa dancing, enjoy good food and music (and giveaways!), and more. More info at gochapelhill.org.

Saturday, May 4: Bike on Bus Workshop
9 a.m.–Noon, Chapel Hill Farmers Market

Monday, May 6: BACH's Coffee on the Corner
8–10 a.m., Corner of Rosemary and Church streets

Wednesday, May 8: National Bike to School Day

Tuesday, May 14: Bike Breakfast
7–10 a.m., Libba Cotten Bikeway

Information: gochapelhill.org