

TOWNweek

A Weekly Update from the Town of Chapel Hill

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

Friday

(June 14)

Summer Blast Kickoff

5-8 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

Monday

(June 17)

Monday Night Book Group:

The Children Act
by Ian McEwan

6:30-7:30 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

Tuesday

(June 18)

Community Tree Committee

5:45-7 p.m., Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road

Planning Commission

7 p.m., Town Hall

Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission

7 p.m., Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road

Wednesday

(June 19)

Council Committee on Boards and Commissions

2:30 p.m., Town Hall

Council Public Hearing

7 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday

(June 20)

Movies Under the Stars: Frozen

Activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies start around 8 p.m. UNC's McCorkle Place <http://bit.ly/31BLoft>



Summer Blast Kickoff

Don't miss the Summer Blast kickoff party at its new time! Come to the library at 100 Library Drive from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 14.

Plans for this year include food trucks (Maple View Ice Cream, Holy Moly Cannoli, Bandidos, and Soul Fresh Spring Rolls), live music (Baron Von Rumblebuss and Secret Monkey Weekend!), and some low key games. Feel free to bring some chairs or a blanket, and a bite to eat if you don't want to try the food trucks.

Get the whole family signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge and get a free friendship bracelet! With the later start time, the temperatures will be milder and there will be no need to rush.

Information: chapelhillpubliclibrary.org

Battery-Electric Buses Are Coming!

Chapel Hill Transit is planning to purchase three new electric buses that run on batteries to reduce emissions and improve local air quality. Thanks to \$380,000 from a student-run group at UNC-Chapel Hill named the Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee (RESPEC), the transit system will be able to acquire a third electric bus as part of its plan to pilot the battery electric buses. The committee manages funds allocated by a student fee to plan and implement renewable energy projects.

Additional funds for the \$3 million project to pilot the battery-electric buses are from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Chapel Hill Transit funding partners (Town of Chapel Hill, Town of Carrboro and UNC-Chapel Hill).

Battery-electric buses offer zero vehicle emissions, quiet operation and better acceleration compared to traditional buses. They are expected to be in service 12 to 18 months after the order is placed in September 2019.

Serving over 60 square miles, Chapel Hill Transit is the public transportation provider for Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC-Chapel Hill, and is the second largest transit system in North Carolina in terms of ridership. Chapel Hill Transit provides fixed-route bus services (30 weekday and weekend routes) and EZ Rider (ADA) services. Chapel Hill Transit provides more than 6.6 million annual rides and covers more than 2.5 million annual miles.

Chapel Hill Transit has a 93 bus fleet that includes 29 diesel-electric hybrid buses.

More than half the fleet has post-2012 emissions technology that uses selective catalytic reduction (SCR) technology to scrub nitrogen oxides and particulates from exhaust.

MOVIES

UNDER THE STARS

New Location for Summer Movie Series

Enjoy a family-friendly outdoor movie in a new location. The "Movies Under the Stars" series is moving to UNC's McCorkle Place (next to Morehead Planetarium). Each movie will start around 8 p.m., with fun, pre-show activities at 7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, June 20, the popular animated movie Frozen will be featured, along with frozen treats for sale. On Thursday, July 18, School of Rock will be on the big screen. Before the movie, the Chapel Hill School of Rock will be on stage. On Thursday, Aug. 8, the series will close with the acclaimed animated film Coco, shown in Spanish with English subtitles, and a local Mariachi band playing beforehand. The movies and activities will take place on the edge of UNC-Chapel Hill's McCorkle Place, on the grass lawn on the west side of Morehead Planetarium. Bring chairs or blankets.

For more information about parking, visit parkonthehill.com. On-street parking is free after 6 p.m. and after 8 p.m. in public decks and lots, including Wallace Deck, closest to McCorkle Place.

New Community Tree Committee

Join Mayor Pam Hemminger and Parks & Recreation Department staff for an inaugural meeting of the Chapel Hill Community Tree Committee. The meeting is set for 5:45 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, at the Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road.

This new committee is being formed to help engage the entire Chapel Hill community in increasing and protecting the tree canopy in our town.

The first meeting will introduce ways to be involved and begin planning for Arbor Week in November 2019.

For more information, contact Mayoral Aide Jeanne Brown at jbrown2@townofchapelhill.org

Everyone is welcome!