

TOWNweek

A Weekly Update from the Town of Chapel Hill

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

Saturday

(July 20)

Explore More Volunteer Day

9–11 a.m., Chapel Hill Public Library (meet outside library entrance)

Sunday

(July 21)

Apollo 11: North Carolina Skies

4:30–5:30 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

Monday

(July 22)

Council Committee on Eastowne Development Agreement

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

Tuesday

(July 23)

Community Design Commission

6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday

(July 24)

Public Information Meeting: Weaver's Grove

5:15–6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Thursday

(July 25)

Public Information Meeting: Park Apartments

5:15–7 p.m., Town Hall



Park Free Downtown on Saturdays

#MeetDowntown and park for free on Saturdays in July! Come downtown to eat, shop and enjoy all that Chapel Hill businesses have to offer in the summertime.

Information: parkonthehill.com

Composting Program at Town Hall

Waste reduction and composting are part of the Town of Chapel Hill's larger efforts to strengthen community sustainability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Internally, the Town has started a new waste reduction initiative, Greening Up Our Act.

To launch Greening Up Our Act, a trash audit was recently performed at Chapel Hill Town Hall to find out how much of the current waste stream can be diverted from the landfill through recycling, composting, or reuse. Around 55 percent of the waste at Town Hall is compostable. Only 20 to 25 percent of the waste was trash that needed to go to the landfill.

Composting programs are being launched at Chapel Hill Town Hall and the adjacent Fire Department. Efforts will also be made to improve education, awareness and ease of recycling in both locations.

At the end of six months, the Town will evaluate the pilot program and consider options for expanding into other public facilities.

Information: <http://bit.ly/32t6SeC>

Explore More Volunteer Day

You can help promote greater diversity of native plants and animals and create a healthier ecosystem in Pritchard Park. From 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 20, volunteers will work in teams to remove invasive plants and seedlings. Meet outside the library entrance.

Coffee, water and snacks will be provided. Please bring sturdy shoes, long pants, cap or hat, work gloves, sunscreen, and your favorite weeding or pruning tools. Some tools will be provided.

Information: chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/events

What goes DOWN here...



Help keep our water clean!

This summer, you can help prevent water pollution and keep drinking water sources clean.

Cleaning your pool? Pool chemicals, chlorinated water, filter backwash and saltwater pool discharges are prohibited in storm drains and drainage channels leading to streams. To drain pool or spa water, remove solids and allow pH to reach 6.5–8.0; bromide <1 ppm, then discharge at least 50 feet away from creeks to landscaped areas, lawns or woods. Drain slowly to prevent erosion and to allow water to infiltrate the ground. Contact OWASA at 919-986-4421 for approval to pipe backwash, pool, or spa water into the sanitary sewer system. No saltwater is allowed.

Fertilizers and grass clippings will lead to rapid growth of algae, low oxygen and poor water quality if washed into creeks or lakes from lawns and storm drains. Do not pile yard waste in or by drainage channels or creeks. Blow grass clippings off the street and back onto the lawn.

Never apply fertilizer immediately before or during a heavy rain. Sweep up fertilizer that gets on the sidewalk or road.

Herbicides and pesticides affect the quality of drinking water and can travel up the food chain to someone's dinner plate. Never apply before or during a rain and use sparingly if at all. Consider safer alternatives by using Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

Information: townofchapelhill.org/Stormwater

Apollo 11: North Carolina Skies

Did you know that from 1960 to 1975, NASA sent 62 astronauts to Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill to learn celestial navigation? Learn more at "Apollo 11: North Carolina Skies" from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21, in Meeting Room B at Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive. Learn how the techniques and knowledge the astronauts gained saved their lives on every mission, from Mercury through early space shuttle missions.

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