

TOWNweek

A Weekly Update from the Town of Chapel Hill

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

Saturday

(Aug. 24)

Chapel Hill 1819: Reconstruction, Redemption and the Ongoing Struggle for Freedom

10 a.m.–4 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

Tuesday

(Aug. 27)

Eastowne Site Visit

9 a.m., northern Eastowne Drive

Public Transportation Committee

11 a.m., Transit Building, 6900 Millhouse Road

Affordable Housing Collaborative Meeting

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

Planning Commission Subcommittee: Charting Our Future

5:30 p.m., Town Hall

Stormwater Advisory Board

6 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

Community Design Commission

6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

7 p.m., Town Hall

Wednesday

(Aug. 28)

Council Special Meeting

7 p.m., Town Hall

Saturday

(Aug. 31)

Last day to apply for Peoples Academy

townofchapelhill.org/peoplesacademy



Chapel Hill 1819/2019: 200 Years of Getting Better, Together

On Nov. 20, 1819, the General Assembly of North Carolina established government in the Town of Chapel Hill. The Town of Chapel Hill will celebrate “200 Hundred Years of Getting Better, Together” with a series of programs, projects, commemorations, and celebrations this fall. Multiple Town and community partners will host events from late August through the end of the year to celebrate the 200th birthday of our Town government. Events will happen at different venues and are designed for diverse audiences and interests, from lectures and panel discussions to arts installations and trivia contests.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, Chapel Hill 1819: Reconstruction, Redemption and the Ongoing Struggle for Freedom, a symposium featuring scholars and historians, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chapel Hill Public Library Meeting Room B. Please bring a lunch; light refreshments will be provided.

Information: www.chapelhill1819.org

Last Call for Art Contest

Celebrate your freedom to read! Monday, Aug. 26, is the last day to submit your artwork for the Banned Books trading card contest. Seven pieces will win a cash prize and be made into collectible trading cards. All entries will be displayed in an exhibit at Chapel Hill Public Library.

Banned Books Week is an annual national event that celebrates the freedom to read and the importance of intellectual freedom. It is held during the last week of September.

Information: chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/banned-books

Traffic Survey

What’s your experience with traffic in Chapel Hill? What should the Town do to improve traffic?

The Town Council is working to improve traffic in Chapel Hill. To learn more from residents, a series of surveys and focus groups are planned. Complete a five-minute survey at chapelhilltraffic.metroquest.com or sign up for a focus group at bit.ly/2NqYreL.

The Town will use the ideas and feedback from the focus groups and surveys, in addition to best practices from other cities, to address traffic concerns. The initiative is part of the Town’s efforts to build a Connected Community, one of the Town’s Strategic Goals: townofchapelhill.org/councilgoals



Town Manager Marks One-Year Anniversary

Congratulations to Maurice Jones for marking his one-year anniversary this August as Town Manager of the Town of Chapel Hill.

When Jones began in Chapel Hill, he immediately faced several large scale events including large crowd demonstrations (August and September 2018), Hurricane Florence (September 2018), Hurricane Michael (October 2018), OWASA water main break emergency (November 2018) and Winter Storm Diego (December 2018).

“It has been an exciting and productive year for our organization,” said Jones. “I was overwhelmed by the welcome I received from the Mayor and Council, our staff and this wonderful community. I’m looking forward with great anticipation to moving Chapel Hill forward, together.”

Maurice Jones is our Hometown Hero! Catch WCHL’s story at <http://bit.ly/2Zm5V9d>.

Learn more about Town Manager Maurice Jones at <https://bit.ly/2ZbuTsa>

Fall is Chapel Hill’s New Year

Welcome back, Tar Heels! It’s going to be an amazing year. View our video: youtu.be/VsrIFpDq8mw

“In the rhythm of the seasons, Fall is true beginning of the year in a college town. In the South, in particular, the cooler, crisper breezes of September dispel the lethargy of the long, muggy summer months, and the bustle of returning students jolts the sleepy downtown streets back to life. Just as the song of the scarlet cardinals heralds the renewal of Spring, the influx of students pouring into campus heralds a new academic year.”

—Samia Serageldin, an excerpt from *27 Views of Chapel Hill*, Eno Publishers