

# TOWNweek

A Weekly Update from the Town of Chapel Hill

Schedule may change. View updates at [www.townofchapelhill.org/events](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/events).

## Saturday

(Sept. 21)

### Magical Hill

3–7 p.m., Community Center Park

## Sunday

(Sept. 22)

### Panel: The Campus at Chapel Hill

3–4 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

### Charting Our Future Drop-in Studio

3:30–5 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

## Monday

(Sept. 23)

### Council Committee on Boards and Commissions

11 a.m., Town Hall

### Council and Staff Visit to Duke Medical Campus

2 p.m., Duke Medical Campus

### Short Term Rental Open House

5:30–7:30 p.m., Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Road

### Charting Our Future Meetings for Boards/Commissions

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

## Tuesday

(Sept. 24)

### Public Transit Committee

11 a.m., Transit Building

### Charting Our Future Drop-in Studio

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Carolina Coworking, 206 W. Franklin St.

### 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

(Sept. 25)

### Planning Commission

### Subcommittee: Charting Our Future

5:30 p.m., Town Hall

### Council Regular Meeting

7 p.m., Town Hall

## Thursday

(Sept. 26)

### Life and Death in the Jim Crow South

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

## Friday

(Sept. 27)

### Transit 45th Birthday Party

10 a.m.–noon, Bus Stop at Carolina Coffee Shop, 138 E. Franklin St.

## Short Term Rentals: Get Involved

Interested in Short Term Rentals? Opportunities to learn more and get involved include an open house on Monday, Sept. 23, and serving on the Short Term Rental Task Force.

Short Term Rentals (STRs) are rentals of housing units for 30 days or less, often offered through web hosting platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO. STRs can be a room or rooms in a dwelling unit or a whole unit that is rented for a specified period of time.

An open house on Short Term Rentals will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at the Seymour Senior Center (Ashe and Birch Rooms), 2551 Homestead Road. Learn about short term rentals and the Town's next steps to regulate them.

The Town of Chapel Hill is accepting applications through Sept. 24 for a Short Term Rental Task Force to make recommendations to the Town Council on local regulations. Apply at [townofchapelhill.org/boards](http://townofchapelhill.org/boards).

Information: [bit.ly/2lQ1K3F](http://bit.ly/2lQ1K3F), [agrahn@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:agrahn@townofchapelhill.org) or 919-969-5059

## Improving Emergency Communications

The Town of Chapel Hill received a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to improve multilingual emergency communications. Grant funds will be used to produce critical safety messages in Chapel Hill's most common languages other than English, including Spanish, Burmese, Karen and Mandarin Chinese.

Chapel Hill is becoming increasingly diverse. According to the latest Census, 16 percent of Chapel Hill's population is born outside of the U.S. Many immigrant and refugee residents identified language as a key strategy for the Town to more effectively reach them.

The grant funds will be used to develop a cache of emergency messages – including “do not drink the water,” “hurricane warning,” and “flood warning.”

<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/bic>



## Magical Hill Festival

The inaugural Magical Hill Festival and Fairy House Competition comes to the Chapel Hill Community Center Park (120 S. Estes Drive) from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

This festival embraces everything whimsical and magical! Come dressed as your best fairy or gnome and celebrate the Autumnal Equinox! Costumes encouraged but not required.

Featuring food trucks, vendors, arts, crafts, and more! There will be a wishing tree where the community will be invited to tie a ribbon onto the branches while they make a wish.

Information: <http://bit.ly/2kCwgxq>

## Town Receives National Award for Emergency Communications

The City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) announced the 2019 winners of its national Savvy Awards Competition during a ceremony at the Hilton Denver City Center on Thursday, Sept. 5. The Town of Chapel Hill earned an Award of Excellence in the category Communication or Marketing Plans for Hurricane Florence Communication.

**Happy 45th Birthday!**  
Chapel Hill Transit invites you to a 45th Birthday Celebration

Friday, Sept. 27  
10 a.m.–noon  
Bus stop in front of Carolina Coffee Shop

Cake for everyone!  
Mystery birthday gifts for all!

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