

# 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).

**Nov. 28 - 29**

## Town Holiday

Most municipal offices will be closed.

## Saturday

(Nov. 30)

## Kudzu Removal

9 a.m.–noon, UNC Sheps Center, 725 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

## Sunday

(Dec. 1)

## Downtown Tree Lighting

6 p.m., University Baptist Church

## Monday

(Dec. 2)

## Council Committee: Eastowne Development Agreement

1 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

## Tuesday

(Dec. 3)

## Planning Commission Subcommittee: Charting Our Future

5:30 p.m., Town Hall

## Stormwater Advisory Board

6 p.m., Public Works Building

## Human Services Advisory Board

6:30 p.m., Town Hall

## Planning Commission

7 p.m., Town Hall

## Wednesday

(Dec. 4)

## Books Sandwiched In

11:30 a.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

## Public Information Meeting: Cedar Fork Subwatershed Study

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. and 5–7 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

## Council Organizational Meeting

7 p.m., Town Hall

## Thursday

(Dec. 5)

## Board of Adjustment

6:30 p.m., Town Hall

## Friday

(Dec. 6)

## Big Book Sale

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

## Sip & Shop

7–9 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

## Big Book Sale

The Big Book Sale is coming to Chapel Hill Public Library Dec. 6–8! More than 20,000 books, CDs, DVDs, and vinyl records will be for sale with prices starting at 50¢. Proceeds benefit the programs, collections and services of the Library.

### Friday, Dec. 6

3–5:30 p.m. Friends of the Library only - join at the door or at [www.friendschpl.org](http://www.friendschpl.org)

7–9 p.m. Sip & Shop: Two for \$25 (free if you're a member of the Friends of the Library)

### Saturday, Dec. 7

10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Dec. 8

11 a.m.–3 p.m.: \$7 bag sale - bring your own bag

Information: [chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/events](http://chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/events)

## Chapel Hill scores highly for support of LGBTQ communities

The Town of Chapel Hill received its highest-ever Municipal Equality Index score. This year, Chapel Hill scored 78 out of 100 points, an improvement of six points from 2018.

The Human Rights Campaign rates cities across the United States each year based on their initiatives to support LGBTQ communities. Cities are given points for inclusive programs and policies, such as non-discrimination laws and inclusive workplaces.

Information: <http://bit.ly/37hdpLU> (p 65)

## Town Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Most municipal offices will be closed Nov. 28–29. Chapel Hill Transit will not operate Nov. 28 and will operate on a Saturday schedule (no U or NU routes) on Nov. 29. Chapel Hill Public Library will be closed.

Residential trash collection will not be affected. Yard waste will not be collected this week. Curbside recycling will not be collected Nov. 28 (make-up day Saturday, Nov. 30).

Information: [townofchapelhill.org/holiday](http://townofchapelhill.org/holiday)

## Kudzu Removal

Help clean up that big kudzu patch on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard! The cleanup will happen between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, Nov. 30. Meet at the UNC Sheps Center parking lot, 725 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Bring work gloves and a small hand clipper (some will be available if needed).

Information: <http://bit.ly/34jYgaS>



## Town advances language access in the community

Did you know?

- 20 percent of Chapel Hill's residents speak a language other than English at home
- Six percent of residents have limited ability to speak, understand, read, or write in English

We want our community to be a place where everyone can participate in Town services and have their voice heard in local decision making. The Town Council approved the Town's first-ever Language Access Plan on Nov. 13 and Town staff will begin implementing the plan immediately.

Some of the key Language Access Plan policies are:

- Offering free interpretation and translation services for Town services and programs.
- Translating emergency communications and vital documents in the Town's primary languages (Burmese, Karen, Mandarin Chinese, and Spanish).
- Educating Town staff about the diverse cultures in Chapel Hill and how to interact and serve residents who speak languages other than English.

The Town has free interpretation equipment for Town and community use. It's already being used at Council and community engagement meetings, reducing barriers to participation in Town government.

Information: [townofchapelhill.org/languageaccess](http://townofchapelhill.org/languageaccess).

## Celebrate the Season

The Town of Chapel Hill and Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership present Chapel Hill-idays. Head downtown to enjoy free, festive events for all ages.

### Downtown Chapel Hill Tree Lighting

Sunday, Dec. 1, 6 p.m. University Baptist Church, 100 S. Columbia St. Includes a visit from Santa and Ms. Claus and caroling.

### Menorah Lighting at The Pit

Monday, Dec. 2, 12–3 p.m. UNC-Chapel Hill Campus Pit. All are welcome to light up The Pit and enjoy music, latkes, and donuts.

Information: [chapelhillarts.org](http://chapelhillarts.org)