

# 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).

## Friday

(Dec. 13)

### Holiday Art Walk

6–9 p.m., Franklin Street

## Saturday

(Dec. 14)

### Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade

10 a.m.–noon, Franklin Street to Carrboro Town Hall

### Climb with Santa

Chapel Hill Community Center, 120 S. Estes Drive

Register at [chapelhillparks.org](http://chapelhillparks.org)

## Monday

(Dec. 16)

### Human Services Outside Agency Application Q&A Session

9–11 a.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

## Tuesday

(Dec. 17)

### Community Design Commission Sub Committee

6:30 p.m., Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Road

### Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

7 p.m., Town Hall

## Wednesday

(Dec. 18)

### Cultural Arts Commission

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

## Friday

(Dec. 20)

### Santa Rooftop Rescue

5:30–7:30 pm., 140 West Franklin St.

### Free Parking Downtown on Saturdays!

On Saturdays in December, public parking is free (on and off street) downtown. This means that parking is free all weekend! Visit [downtownchapelhill.com](http://downtownchapelhill.com) to see what's happening downtown.

Information: [parkonthehill.com](http://parkonthehill.com)

## 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.

### Carolina Inn Holiday Gift Market

Dec. 15 and 22, 12–4 p.m., Carolina Inn Lawn

Shop an abundance of hand-crafted yuletide gifts from vendors across N.C.

### 2nd Friday Holiday Art Walk

Friday, Dec. 13, 6–9 p.m. Franklin Street

Stroll down Franklin Street and enjoy local art, beverages, food and more.

### Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Downtown Chapel Hill & Carrboro

Celebrate our community with the annual parade from the Old Post Office in Chapel Hill to Carrboro Town Hall, featuring festively decorated floats, marching bands, youth groups, and Santa riding his sleigh.

### Santa Rooftop Rescue

Friday, Dec. 20, 5:30–7:30 p.m., 140 W. Franklin St.

Santa will appear on a nearby rooftop and attendees will witness a thrilling “rescue” as the Chapel Hill Fire Department brings him down to safety.

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

## Climb with Santa

Help Santa get ready to shimmy down some chimneys! Children ages 4 to 12 can get their photos taken with Santa on the climbing wall on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Chapel Hill Community Center, 120 S. Estes Drive.

Join the North Pole crew for fun on the climbing wall, cookie decorating, and other activities. Admission fee is \$5 for residents of Chapel Hill and Orange County, \$6 for non-residents. Register at [chapelhillparks.org](http://chapelhillparks.org).

## Altered Chapel Hill Pop-Up Exhibit

In celebration of Chapel Hill's 200th anniversary celebration, artist Wendy Spitzer (a.k.a Felix Obelix) has created altered vintage postcards from unusual images and elements of Chapel Hill's recent and distant past. These pieces will be on display from Dec. 5 to Jan 5, in addition to community creations made at art workshops in the fall. The gallery will be open from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Contribute to an Altered Chapel Hill postcard by visiting the Gallery and leaving your mark on an unaltered image on display!



## Holiday Parade

Kick off your holidays with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade! The annual parade on East Franklin Street showcases the rich diversity of our community. From marching bands to business leaders, youth groups, and creatively decorated floats, this event puts everyone in a festive mood.

Beginning at the old Post Office on E. Franklin Street at 10 a.m., the parade will progress through Chapel Hill, ending around noon at Carrboro Town Hall.

Music, live interviews, and commentators will be broadcast on television and by live public address on the street. Don't miss the elves, reindeer, candy canes and Santa Claus riding his sleigh!

Information: <http://bit.ly/2R8G5kJ>

## Holiday Safety in Chapel Hill

The Chapel Hill Police Department is encouraging everyone to “Think Safety” around the holidays. Steps are being taken to assist members of the community to remain as safe as possible.

Property crimes typical increase around the holidays when many people are traveling. Additional police officers are working around town conducting high visibility patrols and property checks in residential areas.

Residents are encouraged to follow these safety tips:

- Never leave any packages or personal items in your vehicle in plain sight. .
- Always lock and secure all doors and windows on your home and vehicles.
- Leave a radio or TV on to give the impression that someone is home. Another good idea is to place lights on a timer and utilize motion activated lights on the outside of your home.
- If you are traveling over during the holidays, request a house check from CHPD at <http://bit.ly/2rqzM1z>

Information: <http://bit.ly/2R0Krh0>