

# 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

(Jan. 31)

### Council Retreat

3:30 p.m., Center for School Leadership Development, 140 Friday Center Drive

## Saturday

(Feb. 1)

### Council Retreat

8:30 a.m., Center for School Leadership Development, 140 Friday Center Drive

### Explore More: Earth Friendly Landscaping

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library  
[bit.ly/2W7D3QK](http://bit.ly/2W7D3QK)

## Tuesday

(Feb. 4)

### Human Services Advisory Board

6:30 p.m., Town Hall

### Planning Commission

7 p.m., Town Hall

## Wednesday

(Feb. 5)

### Council Special Meeting

8:30 a.m., Town Hall

### Short Term Rental Task Force

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

## Thursday

(Feb. 6)

### Board of Adjustment

6:30 p.m., Town Hall

## Friday

(Feb. 7)

### Council Committee on Economic Sustainability

8 a.m., Chapel Hill Public Library



## Town to Assist with Unpaid Court Fees

The Town of Chapel Hill is starting a pilot program to cover court costs and fees for people unable to afford them. Failure to pay court costs harms low-income people when penalties, including suspended driver's licenses, and user fees lead to lost jobs and other hardships.

The Criminal Justice Debt Relief Program aims to address some of the inequities that social research has identified in the criminal justice system, where people of color are disproportionately impacted.

The Town of Chapel Hill will announce when the program is ready to receive applications.

Information: [bit.ly/2TTVkiU](http://bit.ly/2TTVkiU)

## Get Ready for the End of Leaf Collection

Loose leaves are currently not being collected while leaf crews do maintenance and prepare for the final round of leaf collection. The final collection of loose leaves for this season will begin on Monday, Feb. 17. Place loose leaves, free of limbs and debris, behind the curb or drainage ditch for collection no later than 6 a.m. on Feb. 17 to ensure leaves are collected.

View an interactive map of the collection cycle at [http://gis.townofchapelhill.org/leaf\\_collection](http://gis.townofchapelhill.org/leaf_collection). Leaves that are left after your route has been completed will not be collected.

Information: [townofchapelhill.org/leaves](http://townofchapelhill.org/leaves) or 919-969-5100.



## Bolin Creek Trail Update

Construction at the Bolin Creek Trail is progressing to complete a trail link underneath Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. With good weather, the contractor is estimating completion in three to four months.

Construction of the trail section has been delayed due to several unusually wet years and the discovery of coal ash on the nearby Police Department property. Trail construction was able to resume once environmental remediation began last summer.

Remediation includes removal of soils with erosional coal combustion products, the installation of super silt fencing to control for erosion, and hydroseeding for bank stabilization. In an effort to save as many large trees as possible and minimize root disturbance, the Town is using a technique called vacuum excavation. The process removes contaminated soils around the base of large trees.

Information: [bit.ly/37xiQ9I](http://bit.ly/37xiQ9I)



## You Count!

By April 1, 2020, every home in Orange County will receive an invitation in the mail to participate in the Census. One person in each household answers the census questions for everyone who lives in that household. You can do this online, by phone, or by mail.

Keep your census invitation. It includes your verification information needed to complete the census online or by phone.

Don't have a computer at home? Get assistance and access to a computer at locations around Orange County such as libraries and community centers.

Information: [orangecountync.gov/2020census](http://orangecountync.gov/2020census)