



# TOWNweek

## Coming Up

Please note that the following schedule is subject to change. Call for updates.

### Monday

(Feb. 22)

**Council Business Meeting**  
7 p.m., Town Hall

### Tuesday

(Feb. 23)

**Council Committee on Affordable Housing**  
Noon, Town Hall

**Stormwater Management Advisory Board**

6 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

**Public Housing Program Advisory Board**

6:30 p.m., Housing Dept., 317 Caldwell St. Ext.

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board**

7 p.m., Town Hall

### Wednesday

(Feb. 24)

**Greenways Commission**  
7 p.m., Chapel Hill Public Library

### Thursday

(Feb. 25)

**NC54/140 Corridor Study Public Workshop**

5-8 p.m., Friday Center, 100 Friday Center Drive

**Transportation Board**

7 p.m., Town Hall

## Contact Us

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## Public Notices

The below referenced items are on file with the Town Clerk at Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Written comments may be submitted to the Mayor and Town Council (see "Contact Us"). Residents are invited to give input at public hearings and forums. Those with difficulty hearing or speaking may arrange assistance from an interpreter by calling 919-968-2757 a week prior to the meeting.

### Feb. 22

The Chapel Hill Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., to consider an agenda that includes the following:

#### Public Forum on Cell Phone Use by Motor Vehicle Drivers

The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold a public forum to receive comment from citizens regarding the use of cell phones by operators of motor vehicles within the public rights of way in Chapel Hill and the possible regulation of such use.

Persons interested in commenting are invited to attend. The forum is scheduled for the beginning of the Town Council's regular business meeting beginning at 7 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

### March 8

The Chapel Hill Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 8, in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., to consider an agenda that includes the following:

#### Public Hearing on Towing Ordinance

The Chapel Hill Town Council will hold a public hearing concerning the fees which towing companies may charge for towing vehicles from downtown private lots and the fees they may charge for storage of such vehicles. Town Code sections 11-301 through 11-307 regulate towing from private lots in zoning districts TC-1, TC-2 and TC-3, and establish maximum allowable fees. A public hearing must be held each year at the first Council meeting in March to review these fees.

## Notice of Intent

The General Statutes of North Carolina allow local governments to enter into contracts with vendors who have in the past 12 months been awarded a contract by any arm of state or local government that was bid under North Carolina G.S. 143-129, if the vendor is willing to extend the same or more favorable price to the state of local government. This is commonly referred to as the "piggyback" statute.

It is the intent of the Town of Chapel Hill to "piggyback" the bid of the City of Raleigh, N.C., that was awarded on June 26, 2009 for a Street Sweeper from Public Works Equipment and Supply, Inc. and the bid of City of Statesville, N.C. that was awarded on Dec. 8, 2009 for a Front Loader from Tran Source.

The Town of Chapel Hill intends to award the bids at the March 8, 2010, Council meeting scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill, N.C.

For more information, contact Coco Hall, Purchasing & Contracts Manager, at 919-969-5025.

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## Public Input Sought on Tree Protection

The Town Council will consider new rules for tree protection in Chapel Hill at a public hearing set for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The proposed tree protection ordinance

seeks to prevent the largest negative impacts to the Town's tree canopy coverage without unreasonable regulation of smaller lots and homeowners.

Growth and development often necessitates the removal of trees, contributing to the depletion of canopy cover. Protection and management of these valuable assets promotes and provides for the health, safety, and welfare of Chapel Hill residents.

Chapel Hill residents have had a long love affair with trees dating back to 1889, when cutting down a tree in town was punishable as a misdemeanor and carried a \$20 fine. Trees are of value to the Town and make it a desirable place for both residents and visitors. Trees and other landscape elements help to naturally control flooding and erosion, moderate noise and dust and feed wildlife.

Information: [www.townofchapelhill.org/trees](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/trees) or 919-968-2728

## Library Book Sale

The Chapel Hill Public Library will hold a book sale from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26 (Friends only - new members can join at the door), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library. In case of bad weather, the sale will be held March 5-7. Information: 919-968-2780

## Make It Happen! Participate!

Are you interested in how Chapel Hill is developing? Consider an opportunity to make recommendations on planning and zoning issues by joining the Community Design Commission, Historic District Commission, Board of Adjustment, Sustainable Community Visioning Task Force or Planning Board.

Are you interested in social issues? Consider an opportunity to make recommendations for public housing or human services by joining the Human Services Advisory Board, Personnel Appeals Committee, Public Housing Program Advisory Board or Justice in Action Committee.

Most advisory boards will have positions available July 1. Residents are invited to participate in the spring recruitment process by submitting their applications by April 1 for assured consideration. To learn more, contact the Communications and Public Affairs Department at 919-968-2757 or [publicaffairs@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:publicaffairs@townofchapelhill.org) or visit [www.townofchapelhill.org/boards](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/boards).