

## Tar Heel Citizen Times – August & September 2013

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# The Tar Heel Citizen Times

*Brought to you by The Town of Chapel Hill & The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
August/September 2013 Issue*



**Have questions? Reach out to us here:**  
[goodneighbor@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:goodneighbor@townofchapelhill.org)

**Find out more about living off campus here:**  
<http://offcampus.unc.edu>  
<http://www.townofchapelhill.org/offcampus>

Don't know when to take your trash out? Need a residential parking permit? If you need answers to questions like these, you are living off campus. Whether you are a new or long term resident of a Chapel Hill neighborhood, you will find helpful information in the Tar Heel Citizen Times newsletter!

The Tar Heel Citizen Times provides news and information, and Town and University rules, all especially geared to students who are residents of neighborhoods. The newsletter also provides job and volunteer opportunities, so be sure to check out this month's edition and past issues at:  
[www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=2021](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=2021)

### Living Logistics

As a reminder, **no more than four unrelated people can reside in a dwelling unit** (for example, in a single family house or on one side of a duplex).

Violators could be fined up to \$100 per day for the first offense, \$200 per day for the second offense within 180 days, and \$500 per day for a third offense within 365 days. Having more than six unrelated persons in a dwelling unit is a violation of the NC Fire Code and could result in a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 per

### Dear Students,

Congratulations on becoming a Tar Heel Citizen of the Chapel Hill community! I am so glad to have you here; your energy, enthusiasm, and creativity add enormous value to our Town and make this community a vibrant and unique place to live.

When I was a UNC undergrad making the transition from on-campus housing to life in the community, I found so much to love that I made this my permanent home and ran for public office. I hope you enjoy your time here as much as I have. Best of luck!

Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt

### Dear Fellow Tar Heels,

Like many of you, I'm getting comfortable in a new home and a new community - it is exciting but it's also challenging. I'm learning the history of campus and how UNC and the town of Chapel Hill grew up together. Like you, I'm meeting new neighbors, figuring out which stores sell what, and generally learning the rules and responsibilities of my new home.

Being part of an off-campus neighborhood is a

violation for everyday the violation continues.

Have questions? Contact the Chapel Hill Planning Department at 919-968-2728, the Fire Department at 919-968-2781, or email [goodneighbor@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:goodneighbor@townofchapelhill.org)

If you are a University student and have questions about your lease, you can contact Student Legal Services for assistance. For more information, visit: [www.unc.edu/student/orgs/sls/legal](http://www.unc.edu/student/orgs/sls/legal)



#### Noise Regulations

The Town of Chapel Hill Code of Ordinances states that any "unreasonably loud noise, particularly during nighttime" which may interfere with neighboring residents may be charged with a violation.

This may include: yelling; loud parties; sound amplification equipment; television; musical instruments; horns and signaling devices; vehicles not operating with original manufacturer-provided muffler, or equivalent, in good working order; exterior and mobile loud speakers; and other loud noises

#### How can you tell if you are being too loud?

To give yourself a sense of how loud is too loud, stand at the property line outside your house. If you can hear noise from your house as loud as someone speaking to your normally from three feet away, the noise level is likely too high.

**Unpacking Tip:** Did you bring a new computer or TV to your off-campus home? Though cardboard can be recycled on the curb, displaying what new items you have in your home can be an invitation for a break-in. Take boxes for these items directly to a cardboard dumpster at University Mall or Carrboro Plaza.



little different than residence hall living. As you settle in for the fall semester, I hope you'll think about what it means to be a good neighbor. Notice the homes you walk past as you travel back and forth to campus. Consider the people who live there. Pay attention to what is special about your neighborhood and why you were attracted to live there, and think about what you can do to keep it that way.

Your neighbors may be families rather than students. They may have children that go to sleep early or they may be senior citizens. They probably take great pride in their neighborhood and work hard to keep their yards and streets well-tended and clean. Try to meet your new neighbors and be mindful of how your behavior affects them.

The best neighborhoods are places where neighbors know and look after each other. Be a good neighbor!

Chancellor Carol Folt

#### Recycling Right

**All together now! Recycle in a SINGLE STREAM!** Mix together all of your paper, magazines, newspaper, phonebooks, flat-topped and gable topped cartons, cereal boxes, clean pizza boxes, junk mail and love notes along with plastic bottles, metal cans, aluminum foil, glass bottles and jars at the curb, in carts, and at drop-off sites! The Orange County Landfill closed June 30 of this year so it is more important than ever to recycle all you can.

**It is unlawful in Orange County to throw away corrugated cardboard - it must be recycled!** Curbside, boxes MUST be empty and flattened, 3'x3' or less, and 10 pieces or less, unless they all fit inside your bins. Look for separate cardboard dumpsters at apartments and drop off sites.

Contact us for more information at [recycling@orangecountync.gov](mailto:recycling@orangecountync.gov) or this QR for Curbside recycling:



#### Trash Talk

1. Don't forget to roll your garbage bin out to the curb by 6am on trash collection days (which is Mondays or Tuesdays - be sure to check with your

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### Need a ride? Hop on the bus!

The Chapel Hill Transit System is free for all users and has many stops on campus. Check out the real time bus schedules at [townofchapelhill.org/transit](http://townofchapelhill.org/transit)

landlord about this).

2. Then, after the trash is picked up, be sure to remove your bin from the curb and take it back to your house by 7pm on trash day.

**Remember:** Put all garbage and household refuse in watertight bags before placing it in trash bins.

Violators could be fined \$25 per day.

For more information, visit:

[www.townofchapelhill.org/trash](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/trash)



### Residential Parking Permits

Residential parking permits are needed in order to park in Chapel Hill's special parking zones. These zones are designated by parking signs as shown here.

Residential parking permits cost \$25 per year, and guest and temporary permits are available.

For more information, visit:

[www.townofchapelhill.org/parking](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/parking)



### Front Yard Parking

**For residents in the Northside and Pine Knolls neighborhoods:** A maximum of four cars are allowed on a lot (includes parking in the side and back yard). Parking is only permitted in designated areas on a property (not on front-

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yards/grass). Violators could receive an immediate \$100 fine and could be fined \$100 per day if the violation is not addressed.

Unsure if you live in Northside or Pine Knolls? Then visit [www.townofchapelhill.org/communityplan](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/communityplan) for a map of the neighborhoods.

**For residents in other neighborhoods:** Make sure your parking areas are clearly defined by an all-weather surface or gravel, and that the parking area only takes up 40% of your front yard.

### Internship/Volunteer Opportunities

**The Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership** ([www.downtownchapelhill.com](http://www.downtownchapelhill.com)) is seeking interns that are interested in working on economic development projects for the downtown business district. Projects involve a variety of interests including but not limited to: economic development, marketing & communications, architectural design, historic preservation, blog writing, database management, special events coordination and governmental affairs. We are open to working with anyone that has an interest and desire to make downtown an even greater place! Internships are not office-based; interns must be very self-motivated and self-directed. Please send resumes to Meg McGurk at [meg@downtownchapelhill.com](mailto:meg@downtownchapelhill.com). Subject line should be INTERNSHIP.

### Preservation Chapel Hill

For more information about these volunteer opportunities, contact Brenda Heindl, Program Coordinator, by e-mail at [brenda@preservationchapelhill.org](mailto:brenda@preservationchapelhill.org) or by phone at 919-942-7818.

**Voices from the Grave Cemetery Tour Guide**  
Do you like to plan events? How about a Candlelight Cemetery Tour? Be a part of the team that organizes and plans of the Annual Candlelight Cemetery Tour scheduled for October 25th and 26th. Help with promotional materials, ticket sales, rehearsals, and guide training.

### Researcher

Are you a local history buff? Help by doing research about local history! Research architecture, family records, deeds, and archival materials for projects related to historic houses in and around Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Help Preservation Chapel Hill by assisting in reports, educational tours, and outreach.

### Marketing and Communications Assistant

Help Preservation Chapel Hill prepare and distribute mailings and flyers connected to membership, marketing, and fundraising efforts. Assist by entering data of the membership and e-mail communication.