

Tar Heel Citizen Times – September 2014

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Have questions? Reach out to us here:
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

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 violation for everyday the violation

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 Tar Heels,
It is exciting to move into a new home and new community, but it's also a challenge. There are new neighbors to meet, figuring out which stores sell what, and generally learning the rules and responsibilities of a new home.

Being part of an off-campus neighborhood is a little different than residence hall living. As you settle in for the fall semester, I hope you'll also 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

continues.

Have questions? Contact the Chapel Hill Planning Department at 919-968-2728, the Fire Department at 919-968-2781, or email:

<http://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



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

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.



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

behavior affects them.

The best neighborhoods are places where neighbors know and look after each other. So mark your calendar for the Good Neighbor Block Party on September 9 at 5 pm at the Hargraves Center on Roberson Street. This is a great chance for off-campus students to meet each other and their neighbors. Join Carolina staff, Chapel Hill police, and community and student government leaders for a chance to mix, mingle and eat good food. I hope you'll be there.

Chancellor Carol L. Folt



Rollout your recycling!

Aside from Tarheel Pride, what is BIG and BLUE and waiting for you? Your curbside recycling cart!

In June of 2014, Orange County Solid Waste Management delivered a big blue cart to every household in Chapel Hill receiving weekly curbside recycling. If your household does not have a blue cart, please let us know so we can deliver one, as recycling will be collected at the curb from CARTS only. You can keep the old recycling bins for household use, or recycle them in your new cart.

Got moving boxes? Place EMPTY, FLATTENED, CUT or FOLDED corrugated cardboard boxes inside the cart, so that they fit loosely with the lid closed.

You can also recycle plastic and glass bottles, jugs and jars, steel and aluminum cans, and ALL paper including class notes, cereal boxes, milk



Learn more about Campus Health and Student Wellness!

Do you know where Campus Health and Student Wellness are located?

We're right between the football stadium and the hospital. We do have limited parking available off of Emergency Room Drive (just take the road as close to the stadium as you can and look for the CHS signs over the parking spots). Look for the "dancing man" on top of our roof and check out this map for details.



Only pay for the insurance you need.

It is a requirement at all North Carolina System Schools for students to have health insurance. If you meet the eligibility requirements you have \$802.00 on your University account for health insurance.

• **Waive:** If you have your own active health insurance, you can WAIVE out of the student insurance and remove the semester's charges by going to www.bcbnsnc.com/unc and completing the online waiver. An approved waiver is required each semester. Fall waive deadline is September 10 and

cartons and more PLUS non-bottle plastic containers such as cups, tubs and buckets, so long as they have the number 2, 4 or 5 on them. Have your cart is at the curb with the lid opening facing the street by 7AM on your recycling day, at least 3 feet from mailboxes, parked cars, or other obstruction-- and be sure roll it back to the house when it is empty!

Questions, concerns, comments? Call (919) 968-2788 or email recycling@orangecountync.gov or visit www.orangecountync.gov/recycling/curbside.asp

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-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 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.

Important Safety Tips!

Once you have selected a place to live off-campus, take a few minutes to review the following suggestions that will help you keep your home secure. Safety is based on awareness and personal responsibility. If you are living with other people, it is important that everyone play an equal role in creating a consistent safe and secure environment. Here are some personal safety tips:

- Leave a light on when you are gone, or purchase a utility timer that can turn lights off and on automatically.
- Test smoke detectors every month.
- Purchase renter's insurance, it's generally inexpensive and may save you money if there is an accident or a burglary.
- If you have boxes and/or packaging from flat screen TVs, stereo systems, computers and other valuable items that needs to be recycled/disposed of, do not just leave it out on the curb...this is an invitation to potential thieves that you have something worth stealing. Break down boxes and take them to the local recycling center and take trash to a dumpster.
- Keep emergency numbers in an accessible location for all of the tenants.
- Know your roommates' security habits. You are only as safe as your roommates allow you to be.
- Don't advertise your class and work schedules.
- Always keep doors and windows locked. Pay particular attention to this if you live on the ground floor.

Stay tuned for more safety tips in the October issue!

Party Smart

Be sure to remember the following tips for hosting a successful social

spring waiver deadline is January 30.

• **Enroll:** If you want to participate in the student insurance you should go to www.bcbsnc.com/unc and activate your insurance. The insurance needs to be activated each semester. Learn more at: <http://ow.ly/Azw6G>.

HEALTH INSURANCE IS MANDATORY

THE WAIVE OUT OR ENROLL PROCESS:

- VISIT bcbsnc.com/unc
- REGISTER for an account
- CHOOSE Request Waiver or Enrollment

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Campus Health Services

Must be completed every semester
Fall semester: September 15
Spring semester: January 30

QUESTIONS?
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Join us for the International Student Healthy Hour at Campus Health Services

Weds, Oct 1st from 6pm-8pm in James A. Taylor Student Health building

Join us for free food and refreshments while you gather the information you need to stay healthy while at UNC.

Take a tour of Campus Health Services. Interact with medical providers. Learn how U.S. health insurance works. Have your healthcare questions answered. Sponsored by Campus Health Services and International Student and Scholar Services.

If you have questions about this event, please contact mgibson@email.unc.edu.



event off-campus:

- Respect your neighbors and landlord. Remember that you live in a residential community comprised of young children, working adults, and the elderly.
- Familiarize yourself with North Carolina law and Town of Chapel Hill ordinances, and your lease agreement to keep you and your party goers safe. For more information, visit www.townofchapelhill.org/offcampus
- Contact your neighbors to let them know you'll be having guests over and ask if there is anything you can do as a host to make it easier for them. But keep in mind that informing your neighbors does not give you license to be a nuisance.
- Have at least two people at the event who are not drinking.
- Limit alcohol consumption (avoid kegs, "pj", and other common source containers), and serve non-alcoholic beverages to supplement any alcohol that your guests may bring. Additionally, provide food and use cans or clear plastic cups rather than glass bottles.
- Never promote or sponsor a function where you or your housemates may be interpreted as selling alcohol by selling drink tickets, selling empty cups, charging for "all you can drink," or hosting an event in conjunction with a local bar or alcohol distributor.
- Plan how people will be getting home. Remember Social Host Liability: you are liable for the actions of people who leave your party intoxicated. Take care of your guests!
- Ask your guests to respect your neighborhood as they leave - no yelling, vandalism, open containers, littering, etc. Clean up any mess your event creates, both inside and outside of your house. Take a moment to make sure your neighbors' property was unaffected by your party.

Internship Opportunities

Internship Opportunity - Campus Health and Student Wellness

Paid Internship Available: Campus Health and Student Wellness are seeking a smart, web savvy student who wants to help document and promote health on campus - both when it happens and during large-scale initiatives. The intern will be responsible for production, coordination, shooting and editing needs for videography and photography projects. Learn more at: <http://ow.ly/AztRl>



HEALTH HAPPENS EVERYWHERE. ALL THE TIME.

that's why WE NEED YOU.

Volunteer Opportunities

Festifall Volunteers Needed!

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Fall is right around the corner and that means the 42nd annual Festifall Arts Festival, in Downtown Chapel Hill, is almost here again!! This is an extraordinary opportunity for the community, art enthusiasts and artists to interact. For more information, visit www.chapelhillfestifall.com

Volunteers are needed for this great festival! The event will take place on Sunday October 5, 2014, noon to 6p.m. Early shift begins at 7:30 am and late shift ends at 9pm.

Staff will serve in several different areas, including, assisting with vendor set-up, event monitoring, stage assistance, and shut down. Please contact afletcher@townofchapelhill.org to sign up.

Kidzu Children's Museum Seeking Volunteers!

Kidzu Children's Museum (www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org) is seeking volunteers to help with STEM classes, arts & crafts programs, special events, and to help on our exhibit floor working with visiting families. Kidzu is a hands-on museum for children up to 10 years of age that aims to inspire young children and their adults to learn through creative play. Please contact Tina Clossick at clossick@kidzuchildrensmuseum.org

Volunteer with the Community Empowerment Fund!

The **Community Empowerment Fund** is a student-led non-profit that delivers micro-savings services alongside personal financial coaching to Chapel Hill's and Durham's homeless and unemployed communities. The opportunities for financial security that CEF advances motivate members to build assets, gain higher income, engage in a healthy community, and sustain transitions out of poverty. Students who choose to volunteer will work with members on tasks such as creating resumes, finding employment & independent housing, and saving towards significant assets. The volunteers that makes CEF's work happen are Advocates, and we'll be training advocates beginning on September 7th. To register, visit www.communityef.org/register or contact Matt Kauffmann at mattk@communityef.org.