



**Chatham County Democratic Party Weekly News Digest
April 29, 2024**

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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Canvasses

[West Williams Precinct Canvass](#), May 5, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

[Siler City Canvass](#), May 11, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

[West Chapel Precinct Canvass](#), May 18, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

[Pittsboro Canvass](#), May 25, 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Chatham Young Democrats Launch Party

[Chatham Young Democrats Launch Party](#), May 4, 2 - 4 p.m., The Plant, 192 Lorax Ln, Pittsboro

First Sunday

Volunteer for a Shift at [Pittsboro First Sunday](#), May 5, Downtown Pittsboro

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#), May 1, 8, May 22, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), May 3 & 31, @Zoom

[Join Our Office Crew](#), April 30 & May 14, Community Engagement Center, 628 East St., Pittsboro

[Staffing Tent Events](#), May 11 & 28, Community Engagement Center, 628 East St., Pittsboro

[Introduction to Voter Registration & Voter Education](#), May 11, Community Engagement Center, 628 East St., Pittsboro

Event hosts are needed for those trainings held at the CEC. To sign up, go to: [CEC Event Host](#) .

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Other Upcoming Events

Board of Elections Absentee Business Meeting, April 30, 5 p.m., Board of Elections Office, 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro

The public may also view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/978218213>.

Democracy NC Monthly Phone Banking Party, April 29, 6 - 7:30 p.m. (Virtual Event)

For more information and to sign up, go to: [Monthly Phone Banking Party](#)

Chatham Climate Action Network Kickoff Gathering, May 8, 6 - 8 p.m., Holmes Reading Room Chatham Library, Pittsboro

You are invited to the launch of a new initiative in Chatham County, the **Chatham Climate Action Network**. The purpose of the network is to identify and connect groups

and individuals in Chatham who are working on climate issues and also those who would like to become involved. We aim to foster community connection, creativity and resilience in the face of climate change. After the kickoff we plan to continue to grow and strengthen the network through quarterly meetings and newsletters. For more information email ChathamClimateAction@gmail.com.

County-to-County Event: An Evening with Anderson Clayton and Mo Green, May 17, 6 p.m. (Location provided upon registration)

Hear from NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton about NC Dems' and C2C's winning strategies for 2024. Then, Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board member Rani Dasi will moderate a discussion with Democratic Candidate for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction Mo Green about the state of our public schools and why his Republican opponent is a threat to the entire system. Get tickets at: [Orange County Democratic Party](#)

For other County-to-County events and volunteer opportunities, go to: [Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me](#). [Sign up here](#) for C-2-C news and updates. [On the Issues](#) articles provide a deep and thoughtful dive into North Carolina and national politics and policy.

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Events, Trainings, and Actions Sponsored by Red, Wine & Blue

This week's events:

Abortion Rights, IVF and Contraception: What You Need to Know in NC, April 29, 7 p.m.

How Parents Can Use Books to Address Tough Topics, April 30, 7:30 p.m.

Disinformation 101: How to Identify and Fight It, May 2, 7:30 p.m.

For more information and to sign up, go to: <https://redwine.blue/events/>

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Press Release, April 23, 2024

NCDP Kicks Off Statewide Rural Tour in Pasquotank County

The North Carolina Democratic Party kicked off their statewide Rural Tour in Pasquotank County on Monday night with a listening session hosted by NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton. North Carolina has the second largest rural population in the country and under the leadership of Chair Clayton and Second Vice Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy, the Democratic Party has prioritized outreach and resources to our rural communities. The Rural Tour will take the Democratic platform to rural counties to highlight the results and investments by the Biden Administration, Governor Cooper, and Democrats into every corner of our state.

The Biden Administration oversaw the creation of 443,800 new jobs in North Carolina, including 12,400 manufacturing jobs. Under Trump, North Carolina lost 8,800 manufacturing jobs.

Thanks to President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, \$9.1 billion is headed to North Carolina to fund 435 projects, creating good union jobs. This spurred a small business boom and has encouraged Black entrepreneurship, with over 492,000 new business applications filed in North Carolina since the start of the administration. Black business ownership has grown at the fastest pace in three decades.

Monday night's kickoff event was in Pasquotank County, which was the only county in the Northeastern corridor of North Carolina that Joe Biden carried in 2020.

President Biden, Governor Cooper, and Democrats secured the following results in Pasquotank County:

- Elizabeth City State University received \$15 Million in investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.
- Thanks to Governor Cooper and Democrats in North Carolina fighting for years to bring Medicaid Expansion to fruition, 2,382 residents in Pasquotank County gained access to lifesaving health coverage in December.
- Due to Republicans using taxpayer money for private schools, Pasquotank County could see a 5% decline (-\$1,708,640) in total state funding for K-12 public education under the expanded voucher program.

Press Release, April 24, 2024

NCDP Chair Statement on Governor Cooper's Budget

Following the release of Governor Cooper's budget proposal, North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Anderson Clayton released the following statement:

"Governor Cooper's budget makes the kind of investments we need to set up North Carolina for a bright future for years to come. It invests over \$1 billion in public

education instead of wasting more money on taxpayer-funded private school vouchers and supports strong economic development to continue our historic growth. Under Governor Cooper’s leadership, our state has been the best in the nation for business for two years in a row and this budget sets out a roadmap for how we can continue to lead the nation in clean energy, economic development and investing in our public schools.”

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News from Neighbors on Call

NoC Spring Happy Hours With Special Guests

We’re looking to grow our circle of committed activists who can help us break the supermajority, and we need your help. Please bring your friends. For more information, go to: [Upcoming Events](#)

Be sure not to miss this one: **May 23, 5:30 p.m. in Pittsboro** with NC House Dem Leader Robert Reives, NC Sen. Lisa Grafstein (SD 13), NC Sen. Natalie Murdock, and Safiyah Jackson (HD 37)

NoC Canvasses

Knocking doors is the most effective form of outreach! Help us FLIP HD 32 and HD 37 *and* HOLD SD 18, SD 13 and HD 35.

A little nervous? Sign up as a “silent canvasser.” Your mentor will do all the talking!

Sign up at: [Canvasses](#)

NC Policy Update, April 22, 2024

Governance

- [In advance of the start of the legislative session on April 24, multiple committees in the NCGA have held hearings with various state agencies.](#) Personnel shortages were a common theme: the health care system and courts system have both struggled to fill positions, and while enough teachers are being hired, the Department for Public Instruction points out that public teaching jobs in North Carolina have an 11.5% attrition rate. Karen Brinson Bell, executive director of the State Board of Elections, mentioned in a hearing that more funding is needed to modernize the State Election Information Management System.

Education Policy

- [On Wednesday a committee of the UNC System Board of Governors \(BOG\) voted to approve a policy that would replace the UNC system’s current Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) policy.](#) The new policy would remove language about diversity, equity, and inclusion, instead emphasizing “equality” and “commitment to institutional neutrality and nondiscrimination.” [UNC-Chapel](#)

[Hill students who tried to attend the meeting were not allowed in the building, in potential violation of open meetings law.](#) If the policy is approved by the full BOG in its May 23 meeting, many DEI initiatives and job roles across the system may be changed or eliminated by September 1. All current members of the BOG were appointed by Republicans in the state legislature.

Health Care Policy

- [On Tuesday the NC House Substance Abuse Committee unanimously voted to add the drug tianeptine to the list of controlled substances.](#) The highly addictive drug, known as “gas station heroin,” is currently available in convenience stores and vape shops but would be removed from shelves if the NCGA votes to reclassify it. The FDA recently issued warnings about the drug, leading to voluntary manufacturer recalls, but because it isn’t illegal some stores have chosen to continue selling it.

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News from Representative Robert Reives, April 23, 2024

Latest update: [Reives Report | Short Session Starts](#)

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News from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson, April 26, 2024

Latest update: [Going against your political interests](#)

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Selected News and Opinion Stories

ABC News: [Judge strikes down North Carolina law on prosecuting ex-felons who voted before 2024](#)

Axios Raleigh: [Cooper's North Carolina budget proposal calls for teacher raises, private school voucher pause](#)

Axios Raleigh: [North Carolina ranks fourth in solar power capacity in the country](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Cooper’s budget proposal calls for more education, childcare funding](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [How North Carolina’s legislative session could affect you](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Mark Robinson and Michele Morrow pose a threat to women and kids, warns Anderson Clayton](#)

Carolina Forward: [The Looming Childcare Cliff](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Chatham County, NC, chosen for home builder manufacturing plant](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Disability Rights NC, DHHS compromise in lengthy litigation](#)

Chapelboro: [North Carolina Legislature Reconvenes To Address Budget, Vouchers as Big Elections Approach](#)

Chapelboro: [Chatham County Roundup: Pittsboro Mayor Kyle Shipp Talks PFAS, Utilities, and Town Events](#)

Chatham News + Record: [REIVES: Educators are superheroes](#)

CNN: [CNN Poll: Trump Maintains Lead Over Biden in 2024 Matchup as Views on Their Presidencies Diverge](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [A Big, Bold Clean Up Washington Agenda, Trump's Terrible April, Do More And Worry Less](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Lots Of Hopium On The Bulwark Pod, Trump's 6 Big Problems, GOP=Raging Dumpster Fire](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Biden Signs Ukraine Funding Bill, Trump's Terrible April Keeps Getting More Terrible](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Ukraine Funding Passes Senate, Fighting Trump Abortion Bans, The Orange Guy's Terrible April](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [It's A New, Bluer Election, Winning AZ and NC, Keep Making Calls for Ukraine](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Keep Making Calls for Ukraine, More Good Biden Polling, Fighting Anti-Semitism](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [New CBS Poll Finds Biden Gaining, Erasing Trump Leads in Key Battlegrounds](#)

Hunterbrook: [What's Going On With VinFast?](#)

INDY Week: [Examining the Impact of Legalized Sports Betting on College Athletes, Gamblers, and North Carolina](#)

Letters from an American: [\(2\) April 25, 2024 - by Heather Cox Richardson](#)

Lucid: [\(2\) Will Trump's Trial Deflate his Personality Cult? \(substack.com\)](#)

NC Health News: [Cooper's health care budget helps NC's most vulnerable](#)

NC Newsline: [Advocates rally for gun safety measures at the General Assembly](#)

NC Newsline: [NC Gov. Cooper presents his budget as the legislative "short session" begins](#)

NC Newsline: [NC General Assembly's "short session" convenes today](#)

NC Newsline: [New poll shows AG Josh Stein widening gap over Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson in NC's governor's race](#)

News & Observer: [Immigration: NC Republicans schedule ICE cooperation bill](#)

News & Observer: [Under the Dome: Cooper budget, gun rights request, elections](#)

News & Observer: [NC could target DEI in state government, Senate leader says](#)

News & Observer: [NC governor budget proposal: How much in teacher raises, bonuses?](#)

News & Observer: [Trump ally Mark Meadows indicted in Arizona over 2020 election](#)

News & Observer: [General Assembly back for 2024 legislative short session](#)

News & Observer: [NC senator to file citizen voting constitutional amendment](#)

NPR: [UAW strike at Daimler Truck averted at 11th hour](#)

NPR: [Supreme Court appears skeptical of blanket immunity for a former president](#)

NPR: [Supreme Court conservatives' experience may influence view of Trump's immunity](#)

NPR: [Meadows, Giuliani, 11 'fake electors' face charges in Arizona](#)

NPR: [FTC bans most noncompete agreements between employers and workers](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [How Trump's Rhetoric at Rallies Has Escalated](#)

NY Times (Gift article): [Opinion | The Constitution Won't Save Us From Trump](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Three questions about politics and the campus protests](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Election Updates: Biden says he is 'happy to' debate Trump, a notable shift](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Opinion | Trump's Immunity Case Was Settled More Than 200 Years Ago](#)

NY Times: [Trump on Trial: The Supreme Court hints at a break for Trump](#)

NY Times (Gift article): [Justices Seem Ready to Limit the 2020 Election Case Against Trump](#)

NY Times: [Trump's criminal trial: 5 takeaways from today's session](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Democrats Try to Navigate a Looming Strike in North Carolina](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Opinion | Being Stuck in a Courtroom Is Just What Trump Needed](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Opinion | How a Loss in the Emergency Abortion Case Could Become a Win for Biden](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Trump respects women, most men say](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Arizona House Votes to Repeal 1864 Abortion Ban](#)

NY Times (Gift article): [Opinion | The Supreme Court Should Not Come Between Trump and Voters](#)

NY Times (Gift article): [How the Israel-Gaza Protests Could Hurt the Democratic Party](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): [Stormy Daniels and Trump's Trail of Hush-Money Deals: What We Know](#)

NY Times: [Trump on Trial: His 'eyes and ears' for scandal](#)

NY Times: [Trump on Trial: Two clashing visions](#)

NY Times (May require subscription): ['Criminal Conspiracy' Alleged as Jury Starts Hearing Trump Trial](#)

Politico: [The Petty Feud Between the NYT and the White House](#)

The Assembly NC: [Are Casinos the Solution to NC's Looming Budget Shortfall?](#)

The Bulwark: [Conservative Legal Philosophy Was All a Lie, Too](#)

The Bulwark: [Trump Melts Institutions, SCOTUS Edition](#)

The Dispatch: [After RNC Shakeup, Trump Ground Game Could Be Compromised](#)

WLOS: [North Carolina secures \\$220 million from settlements for opioid-related programs](#)

WRAL: [Cooper: GOP is 'trying to choke' public schools, calls for higher teacher pay, end to vouchers](#)

WRAL: [North Carolina's Solar for All initiative receives \\$156 million grant from EPA](#)

WUNC: [North Carolina politics: Legislature to address budget, vouchers as big elections approach](#)