

Want Early Voting on Sundays? Submit Your Comments to NCSBE Now!

The Chatham County Board of Elections voted 3-2 last week to approve Sunday afternoon Early Voting hours in the upcoming General Election. Because the plan was not approved unanimously, the final decision will be made by the State Board of Elections in early September. Chatham voters who support diverse voting hours to make voting as accessible as possible should send your comments now to elections.sboe@ncsbe.gov.

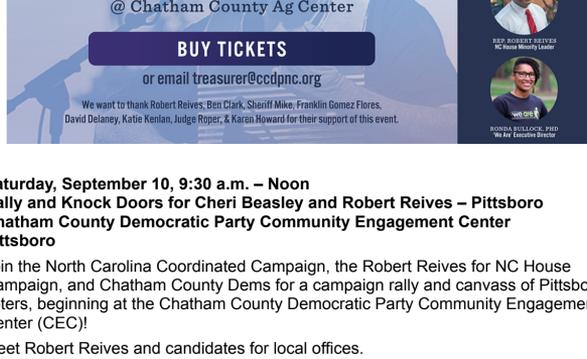
Events

Friday, September 9, 6 – 10 p.m.
Chatham Dems Together Fundraiser
Chatham County Agricultural Center, Pittsboro

It's finally here! Our Chatham Dems Together fundraiser is **this Friday**. Event tickets are still available, **but if you plan to eat at the event, the deadline to purchase a food ticket is September 5**.

A 50/50 Raffle will be drawn at the event. Half of the proceeds will go to the winner, while half will go toward our Get Out the Vote activities. You do not need to be present to win. [Here is the link to the form](#) to purchase your raffle tickets. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the event.

Purchase event tickets [here](#).



Saturday, September 10, 9:30 a.m. – Noon
Rally and Knock Doors for Cheri Beasley and Robert Reives – Pittsboro
Chatham County Democratic Party Community Engagement Center
Pittsboro

Join the North Carolina Coordinated Campaign, the Robert Reives for NC House Campaign, and Chatham County Dems for a campaign rally and canvass of Pittsboro voters, beginning at the Chatham County Democratic Party Community Engagement Center (CEC).

Meet Robert Reives and candidates for local offices.
Registration for canvassers begins at 9:30am. Everyone will canvass with a partner. Bring a friend or family member and you can canvass together. Or, just bring yourself and we will match you up with another canvasser.
Canvass teams will be assigned areas around Pittsboro that morning. No experience required! Please share with your friends, family and network.

To expedite training, follow the instructions in the confirmation email you'll receive for downloading the MiniVan app to your phone and setting up your Action ID. If you already have an Action ID - dig up your login and password!

Sign up [here](#).

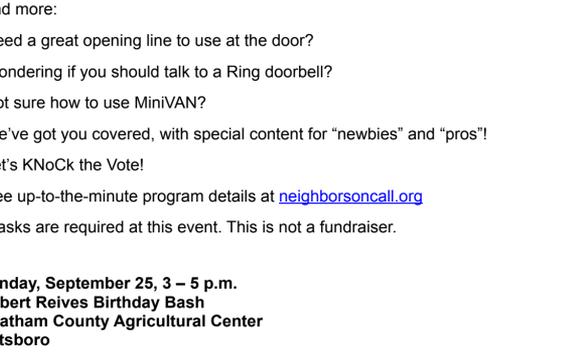
Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m.

9/11 Memorial Ceremony
129 First Responders' Memorial
129 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro

This year marks the 21st anniversary of 9/11. A special program with guest speaker Joe Dittmar, survivor of 9/11, will take place Saturday, September 10, at 10 a.m. at the Chatham County 9/11 First Responders' Memorial, located adjacent to the Chatham County Justice Center at 129 Sanford Rd., Pittsboro. This ceremony will be a time to remember and honor those lives lost on September 11, 2011 during the terrorist attacks that killed 2,996 people, including 343 firefighters, 23 police officers and 37 Port Authority officers who lost their lives responding to the emergency. This is a time to honor the unselfish actions and courage of first responders. The sacrifice is played out daily in our communities and throughout the country, of first responders helping and responding to assist citizens in time of need. Join us as we remember and honor those who sacrificed their lives.

Sunday, September 11, 3:30 p.m.

Neighbors on Call Election Skills Fair With Honored Guests
East Chapel Hill High School



[RSVP now](#) for quicker check-in. Please plan to arrive at 3pm.

Join Neighbors on Call for a fun, free, action-packed afternoon with Sen. Jeff Jackson and NC House Dem Leader Robert Reives; the Neighbors on Call Slate (Sen. Sydney Batch, Rep. Terence Everitt, Rep. Ricky Hurtado, and candidate for NC Senate Mary Willis Bode); and other honored guests.

You'll hear from these legislators about how you can help protect the governor's veto - and more:

- Need a great opening line to use at the door?
- Wondering if you should talk to a Ring doorbell?
- Not sure how to use MiniVAN?

We've got you covered, with special content for "newbies" and "pros"!

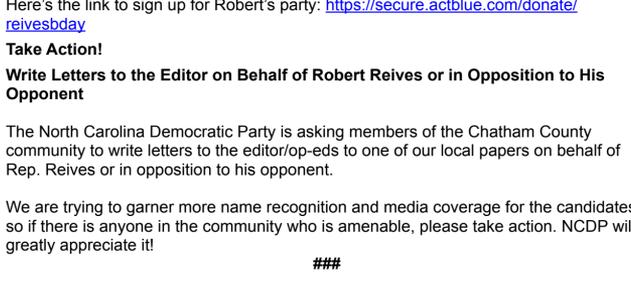
Let's KNOck the Vote!

See up-to-the-minute program details at [neighborsoncall.org](#)

Masks are required at this event. This is not a fundraiser.

Sunday, September 25, 3 – 5 p.m.

Robert Reives Birthday Bash
Chatham County Agricultural Center
Pittsboro



NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives' annual birthday bash is Sunday, September 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Chatham County Agricultural Center in Pittsboro. Robert is celebrating with Governor Roy Cooper and Senator Valerie Foushee. This is our chance to give a huge THANK YOU to Senator Foushee for representing us and give her a Chatham County send off. We have confidence she'll win her U.S. Congressional race.

Here's the link to sign up for Robert's party: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/reivesbdy>

Take Action!

Write Letters to the Editor on Behalf of Robert Reives or in Opposition to His Opponent

The North Carolina Democratic Party is asking members of the Chatham County community to write letters to the editor/op-eds to one of our local papers on behalf of Rep. Reives or in opposition to his opponent.

We are trying to garner more name recognition and media coverage for the candidates, so if there is anyone in the community who is amenable, please take action. NCDP will greatly appreciate it!

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

NCDP Statement Honoring Labor Day

North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson and NCDP Labor Caucus President Herb Harton have released the following joint statement honoring hardworking North Carolinians in recognition of Labor Day:

"On this Labor Day, it is critical that we once again recognize that working families serve as the backbone of our nation's economy. As you reflect upon the history of labor in our nation, it is crucial to remember that it is only over the past several years that society at-large has begun to truly appreciate North Carolina's working families as the essential members of our economy that they always have been.

"Our elected leaders must continue to take action to bolster the middle class and protect the dignity of work by providing a livable wage, enforcing strong workforce protections, and investing in health care and economic programs that will support working families, especially those who are sick or disabled. As Republicans continue to prioritize the interests of corporations and their profits over North Carolinians, it is critical that we elect Democrats up and down the ballot who will put working families first."

As Budd Fundraises in Charlotte, 5 Ways He Has Voted Against Their Interests

As Ted Budd travels the state hosting private fundraisers instead of meeting with voters, we're continuing to highlight the ways in which he's failed communities across the Tar Heel State – today in Charlotte, North Carolina.

As Budd fundraises in Charlotte this evening, take a look at five ways he's voted against their best interests:

- He voted against [\\$59 million](#) in American Rescue Plan Act funding that was invested in Mecklenburg County to help those hardest hit by the pandemic, including helping to close the county's EMT and paramedic shortage.
- No thanks to Ted Budd, good-paying jobs are coming to Charlotte through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's investment in infrastructure projects like improving the [Charlotte-Douglas airport](#).
- Despite wide support from both Republicans and Democrats, Budd voted against the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that will provide at least [\\$100 million](#) in funding to lower Internet costs for Charlotte residents like Tiffany White who says it's allowed her to "[pay my bills, go to school, online bank and to have video conferencing with family and friends](#)."
- Charlotte was able to invest in [workforce development](#) and training programs thanks to the American Rescue Plan – but Ted Budd voted against it.
- Budd has "[agreed with the major points](#)" of the Republican plan that Charlotte resident [Tina Marshall](#) said would [raise medical bills](#) for seniors like her. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, Medicare currently makes over [\\$12 billion](#) in payments for North Carolina recipients each year, which would be more than [\\$9,000](#) per enrollee in North Carolina.

As Budd Fundraises in Burlington and Concord, 5 Ways He Has Voted Against Their Interests

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As Budd fundraises in Burlington and Concord today, take a look at five ways he's voted against their best interests:

- Ted Budd voted against the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which allowed Burlington to receive over [\\$1 million](#) through the Small Transit Intensive Cities fund that will invest in transit projects, bring good-paying jobs to the state, and help provide reliable transportation for North Carolinians.
- The bill, widely supported by both Democrats and Republicans, sent over [\\$3.2 million](#) to Concord to improve public transit – but Budd voted against it.
- No thanks to Ted Budd, good-paying jobs are coming to Concord through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's [\\$1.8 million](#) investment in improvements to the Concord-Pagett airport.
- Budd voted legislation that has brought the City of Burlington [\\$11 million](#) to make improvements to public health and infrastructure.
- Budd voted against [grant funding](#) to expand access to high-speed internet in the county surrounding Concord that will allow the community to connect with the world, apply for jobs, access telehealth, run a small business, and more.

As Budd Fundraises in Linville, 5 Ways He Has Voted Against Their Interests

As Ted Budd travels the state hosting private fundraisers instead of meeting with voters, we're continuing to highlight the ways in which he's failed communities across the Tar Heel State – today in Linville, North Carolina.

As Budd fundraises in Linville today, take a look at five ways he's voted against their best interests:

- Ted Budd voted against the American Rescue Plan which allowed Avery County to invest [\\$3 million](#) to provide stable internet access.
- That funding led to Avery County being officially awarded funding last month through North Carolina's GREAT Grant program, expanding internet access to nearly [2,000](#) homes.
- Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Avery County is receiving funding to [reconstruct low-water bridges](#) to improve the impact of flooding and extreme weather.
- Avery County has the [highest uninsured rate](#) for non-elderly workers in the state, but when given the chance Ted Budd has voted time and time again against expanding access to health care.
- Even as the Avery County hospital [struggles](#) to meet the needs of patients struggling with mental health, Congressman Budd voted against a [spending bill](#) that provided funding for [key health initiatives](#) like mental health, opioid abuse, suicide prevention.

NC Republicans Are Hiding Their Extreme Abortion Records

In the aftermath of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, North Carolina Republicans are rushing to hide their unpopular, extremist stances on abortion. Multiple GOP congressional candidates in North Carolina, including NC-06 candidate Chris Castelli and NC-13 candidate Bo Hines, have even gone as far as to delete anti-abortion views from their campaign websites.

Read more on North Carolina Republicans hiding their extreme views on abortion:

CBS17: GOP candidates change messaging on abortion

- Being pro-life has historically been a safe platform for Republicans because there was little chance any new restrictive laws could be enacted. But that's now changed. Democrats are gaining ground in the polls, winning special elections and voters in Kansas overwhelmingly said no to new abortion laws.
- As access to abortion is rallying voters, some of that 'prudence' George Will refers to includes the removal of abortion references from campaign websites. We're seeing that across the country including the front page of Bo Hines' website. The Republican is running for North Carolina's 13th congressional district.
- When CBS 17's Russ Bowen asked Hines about his stance on abortion during the May primary Hines said, "I believe abortion is murder, unequivocally."
- "So why would Republicans not clarify their position while campaigning? [...] Will, who is pro-life, said that's because the majority of Americans, although at varying degrees, believe in abortion access."

WGHP: 4 North Carolina Republican nominees leave abortion off of campaign websites

- Four Republicans seeking congressional seats from North Carolina say nothing about abortion on their campaign websites even though some have been staunchly anti-abortion in the past – and as abortion has become a pivotal national issue.
- And at least one of them, Christian Castelli, a political newcomer challenging Democratic incumbent Kathy Manning in the 6th District, has changed his page since he was nominated during a crowded primary in May and no longer includes a pro-life position.
- Castelli's website for that race professed strong and consistently GOP-focused positions on several key issues, but since May 17, his website migrated from [castelliforcongress2022.com](#) to [www.castelliforc.com](#) and dropped the words that showed he clearly was invested in fighting against abortion.
- In response to a query from WGHP, Monica Robinson, the Sunbelt press secretary for the national Democratic Party, said that "Christian Castelli is trying to hide his agenda to ban abortion from North Carolinians because he knows his extreme positions will doom him in November. Unfortunately for him, the internet never forgets."

Will Budd Debate?

Last week, Congressman Budd's campaign refused to say if they would participate in any U.S. Senate campaign debates. The campaign has been MIA through the summer – [even worrying some Republicans](#), including former Governor Pat McCrory who accused Budd of "[hiding](#)." During the primary, Budd declined to attend [four](#) separate debates with his Republican opponents.

North Carolinians deserve to hear from Ted Budd. Will he continue to hide from them or will he finally show up and debate?

Read more recent coverage about his "[quiet](#)" campaign:

[News & Observer](#): Where's Ted? The Budd Senate campaign quietly rides his Trump endorsement

[FOX8](#): Democrat Beasley announces North Carolina Senate debate, but Republican Budd bides time

Budd Fundraises With Big Oil

Corrupt Congressman Ted Budd continues to show North Carolina voters exactly where his priorities stand – putting the interests of his corporate backers ahead of working families. Tonight, he's hosting a [private fundraiser with Continental Resources PAC](#), the major fossil fuel company's political action committee that contributed to Budd's campaign just [ONE day](#) before he voted against legislation that would hold big oil companies accountable for price gouging and help to lower prices at the pump for consumers.

"Congressman Budd is fundraising with Big Oil while opposing every effort to bring down gas prices for North Carolinians," said NCDP spokesperson Kate Frauenfelder. "It's yet another example of Ted Budd rewriting the rules to help himself and the corporate donors backing his campaign at the expense of North Carolinians."

Budd has repeatedly "[sided with oil and gas industry donors over the interests of his constituents](#)."

[American Independent](#): Ted Budd took oil company donation one day before voting against gas price-gouging ban.

New Toyota EV Investment Highlights President Biden's Work to Bring Back Manufacturing Jobs

Following President Biden signing the Inflation Reduction Act into law earlier this month, Toyota is doubling its investment in their Triad-based battery plant to boost electric vehicle (EV) production. Governor Cooper [announced](#) that the company would build its first North American battery plant in Randolph County, creating at least 1,750 jobs, last December.

This new investment is made possible by [tax credits up to \\$7,500](#) included in the Inflation Reduction Act to help build EVs and will create an additional 350 jobs for North Carolinians. The legislation, which every Republican from North Carolina voted against, is a key part of President Biden's agenda to bring manufacturing jobs back to the United States.

[WRAL TechWire](#): Toyota doubles investment for NC battery plant to \$2.5B adding hundreds of jobs

Rep. Hanig Changes Chambers With Senate Appointment, But His Failings in Currituck Remain the Same

This week, Representative Bobby Hanig, who is currently running against Democratic candidate Valerie Jordan to serve as the state senator for District 3, switched chambers as he was [appointed to fill the seat of Senator Bill Steinburg](#) until the expiration of his term in 2023.

But as he moves chambers, his record of failing his constituents remains the same. Today, a [letter to the editor calls out Hanig](#) for his abandonment of Currituck County's public schools – showing that for Currituck families, Hanig's appointment is not cause for celebration.

Daily Advance: [Letter: Hanig ignored school, bus needs in Currituck](#)

Ted Budd Will Say Anything to Get Elected

New York Times [reports](#) attempts to "downplay" Trump ties

After glomming onto former President Trump's endorsement to escape from his primary, the [New York Times](#) is now reporting that Budd is disingenuously trying to

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News from NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives

Chatham Receives GREAT Grant for Broadband

To check your eligibility, click [here](#).



Office of House Democratic Leader Robert Reives

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 31st, 2022

NCDIT Approves GREAT Grant for Chatham County

Today, Governor Cooper announced another round of Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) grants. The announcement was made in Alamance County at the Mebane Public Library. This funding will help ensure that more residents in Nash County have access to affordable, high-speed internet. Internet service providers must be participants in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). That program allows eligible households to receive a \$30 per month discount on high-speed internet.

Residents should check [GetInternet.gov](#) to see if they qualify for the \$30 per month discount. Many people still remain who could benefit from this program and save hundreds of dollars a year.

The local grant approved is for Connect Holding II LLC.

"I understand the need for affordable, high-speed internet in Chatham County because I have experienced first-hand how poor internet can be a challenge here," **Rep. Robert Reives** said. "As Chatham County continues to grow, we have to ensure that reliable and affordable, high-speed internet is available. It is essential for small businesses, students and families."

You can find more information about the funding [here](#).

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News from Neighbors on Call

Voting Rights

"The North Carolina Rules Review Commission on Thursday voted to **prevent the state's elections board from going forward with tightened rules** for poll watchers ahead of the November election." - [Bryan Anderson WRAL](#)

"Claiming to have already **trained over 1,000 people** to volunteer to help run this November's elections, conservative activists in North Carolina are **opposing new rules** that would more strictly regulate those volunteers' behavior at polling places." - [Will Doran, News and Observer](#)

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News from Attorney General Josh Stein

CONSUMER ALERT

Don't Fall for Student Loan Debt Relief Scams

Last week, the federal government announced big changes to student loan repayment and relief, and scammers are looking to take advantage. The government plans to cancel up to \$20,000 in federal student loans per borrower and extend the payment pause on federal student loan repayments through the end of the year. It also recently announced important changes to public service loan forgiveness ([PSLF](#)) and [income-driven repayment](#) plans.

These changes will make a real difference in the financial futures for millions of Americans with student loan debt. But as always, scammers will seize on this good news to steal your money and personal information. Follow these tips to avoid getting scammed:

- If an unknown caller or email sender asks for your personal information, including your Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID), don't respond. Your loan servicer and the Department of Education (DOE) will not ask you for personal information over the phone or in an email.
- Be patient. Anyone promising instant debt relief is a scammer. The DOE will need time to implement the new programs and get relief to borrowers. No company can help you speed up the process. You can subscribe for updates from the DOE [here](#).
- Never pay upfront for assistance with your student loan debt. Under North Carolina law, it's illegal for companies to charge a fee to modify debts.
- Contact your [loan servicer](#) directly with any questions. Your loan servicer can help you get access to qualifying programs, like debt relief or repayment options. Make sure you ask if you qualify for PSLF or income-driven repayment.

To find out whether you're eligible for loan forgiveness or payment plan changes through the federal government's actions, click [here](#). To find out if you're eligible for PSLF, click [here](#), and know that the deadline to apply for PSLF is October 31, 2022.

By steering clear of scammers, student loan borrowers can ensure they get their qualifying relief safely. If you believe that you have been the victim of a scam, contact our office's Consumer Protection Division at <https://ncdoj.gov/file-a-complaint> or 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

[Chapelboro.com](#): Democrats: Abortion Rulings May Be 'A Blessing in Disguise'

[WUNC.org](#): North Carolina's Leandro Case: Everything You Need to Know

[Winston-Salem Journal](#): Our View: Public Education: Don't Complain – Support

[Chatham News + Record](#): Chatham's Getting \$14 Million in ARPA Money. Where's It All Going?

[Chatham News + Record](#): Hispanic Heritage Fiesta Returns Sept. 17

[Chatham News + Record](#): Chatham's Elections Season Has Begun. Here's How We'll Cover It.

[Carolina Public Press](#): What Happens in NC Now That the COVID State of Emergency Has Expired?

[Vanity Fair](#): "The 'Let's Come Together' Stuff? That's Over": Joe Biden Hits the Campaign Trail Ready to Take on Trump

[The Assembly NC](#): Paper Elephant

[Politico](#): These Way-Down-Ballot Races Will Decide Whether Abortion is Legal for Millions

[Chatham Journal](#): Chatham County Schools Mandates Critical Race Theory Training