



**Chatham County Democratic Party
News You Can Use
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Upcoming Events

Canvass Continuation, November 18, 1 – 5 p.m., Board of Elections Office, 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its Canvass Continuation meeting on November 18, 2024, 1 p.m.

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/957421053>.

Board of Elections Regular Meeting, November 19, 2 p.m., Board of Elections Office, 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its regular meeting on November 19, 2024, 2 p.m.

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/766227701>.

CORE November Community Dinner, November 19, 5:30 p.m., Mt. Sinai AME Church, 176 Chatham St., Pittsboro

Community Dinner is a year event where we come together to share a warm meal, exchange stories, and enjoy the company of our community before the holiday rush. Register [here](#)

Post-Election Debrief with Rep. Robert Reives, November 19, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom Event), Sponsored by Neighbors on Call and County-to-County

There's no one we'd rather process this election with than NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives.

Please join Neighbors on Call and C2C to hear his take on what just happened - the good, the bad, and the ugly - and where we go from here.

We look forward to being with you in the Zoom.

Sign up [here](#).

Notice of Recount, November 20, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Board of Elections Office, 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its regular meeting on November 20, 2024, 9 a.m.

The public may view the meeting online at <https://meet.goto.com/840361013>.

Volunteer to Staff Our Tent at Pittsboro First Sunday, December 1, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Downtown Pittsboro

We all need each other right now as we try to move forward after this painful and gut-wrenching loss! You can be there to support other Democratic Voters who need a safe place to vent, grieve, try to understand why, and band together to make a plan as we move forward.

They also need to know about our successes in the election this year. We have a lot of victories to celebrate!

Sign up [here](#).

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

I'm sure all of you, as are we, are feeling a range of emotions after the election. While we didn't win every race, we put up one hell of a fight and won very important races. We did what felt to be impossible, and broke the GOP's supermajority here in North Carolina to secure Josh Stein's veto power! None of this would have been possible without the support and dedication of each and every one of you!

Our digital messages this week are:

- **Build Together** - While the election results didn't land in our favor in every race, **Vice President Kamala Harris's** words remind us of the importance of resilience: *'This is not a time to throw up our hands. This is a time to roll up our sleeves.'* Her call to keep fighting is an inspiration to us all. Now is the time to organize, mobilize, and stay engaged to build a future grounded in freedom and justice. Let's honor her message by pushing forward together for the values we believe in.
- **Thank You Madam V.P.** - Today, we take a moment to thank **Madam Vice President Kamala Harris** for her historic leadership and her unwavering commitment to progress. Her journey to break barriers and her resilience inspires us all to keep fighting for the values we hold dear. As we work together to build a brighter future for North Carolina and our country, let's carry forward the energy and hope that her campaign has ignited.
- **Birthday Celebrations** - Join us in wishing happy birthday to **TWO** incredible leaders! Happy Birthday to **President Joe Biden** and North Carolina's very own **Secretary of State, Elaine Marshall!** Both of these leaders have dedicated their lives to serving the people, and we are grateful for their tireless commitment to progress, justice and opportunity for all!
- **The Fight Continues** - While we didn't win every race, we achieved important victories across North Carolina, electing dedicated leaders ready to fight for our values. From local to statewide offices, these newly elected Democrats will champion the issues that matter most: education, economic opportunity, and justice for all. Together, we're building a stronger North Carolina. This is a New South and the fight continues!
- **Run for Office** - North Carolina needs leaders like YOU! Running for office is one of the most impactful ways to bring positive change to your community! Whether you're passionate about education, healthcare, or building a fairer economy, your voice has power. If this sounds like you or someone you know,

now is the time to step up, speak out and be the change our state needs! Please fill out our form [here](#) to submit your interest in running for office!

See y'all on the Internet,
NCDP digital

Despite National Trends, NC Democrats Buck the Trend and Elect Democrats Down Ballot NEW

NC Democrats defied the odds and gave Democrats nationwide a glimmer of hope in the midst of bad news coming out of the presidential election. Folks are calling what we were able to accomplish a success story with all the down ballot wins, despite the headwinds of the presidential election.

That is because of the work that you all did this year.

Because of your hard work and the work of our volunteers, we saved our state from extremists like Mark Robinson and Michele Morrow and we gave Governor-elect Josh Stein veto power that could save lives and prevent more bans on abortion and other potentially harmful pieces of legislation that could target minority groups and the future of public education in our state.

With year-round organizing, door knocking, fundraising, and media coverage, North Carolinians got to learn what NCDP was fighting for and we got to showcase our candidates in a way that truly allowed voters to know who was fighting for them and why they should vote for them.

Statement from Chair Anderson Clayton:

“Last night, the country did not go the way we wanted. We all wanted to see this country choose a new way forward. Vice President Harris ran a bold, hopeful, joyful campaign and I remain thankful for her service to our country and our values. Our role as Democrats just got that much more important. Our neighbors - the world - are looking to us to hold Donald Trump accountable during his presidency and advocate for better.

Here's what gives me hope: despite the national trends, North Carolina Democrats were able to fend off the red wave here at home and reject the most extreme candidates our state has ever seen.

North Carolinians turned the page on Mark Robinson and elected Josh Stein as our next Governor.

North Carolinians chose Jeff Jackson as our next Attorney General over Dan Bishop, who lost our state millions with his harmful HB2 bill.

North Carolinians flipped the Lieutenant Governor seat to Democrats by electing Rachel Hunt.

North Carolinians sent Michele Morrow a message that our public schools are worth fighting for and protecting by electing Mo Green.

Don Davis will stay in congress thanks to folks on the ground in NC-01 choosing experience over extremism.

And in spite of the GOP's best effort to draw the most aggressive gerrymander in the country, Democrats, Independents, and Republicans came together to break the supermajority through competitive races like Lindsey Prather, Dante Pittman, Beth Helfrich, and Bryan Cohn to hand the veto pen to Governor-elect Stein.

While Tuesday's results were not all we wanted, this is also not the time to panic. This is the time to plan. Democrats in our state should be proud of what we were able to accomplish. We defied the odds and we showed that when there's pushback, there's always progress. We all helped move our state forward, together."

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Consumer Alert from NC Attorney General Josh Stein

Buying a Car After Helene? Watch Out for Flood-Damaged Used Cars

The people of western North Carolina experienced unprecedented rain and flooding because of Hurricane Helene, and as a result, cars were damaged. A natural storm like Hurricane Helene opens the door for dishonest car dealers to prey on unsuspecting customers by selling them flood-damaged cars. Dealers try hard to put effort into cosmetic fixes, which may make it hard for customers to identify underlying water damage.

North Carolinians should look out for the following signs of flooding when thinking about buying a used car:

Water stains, mildew, or sand and silt under the carpets, headliner, and behind the dashboard

Electronic damage, rust in any parts of the vehicle, fogging inside headlights or taillights

Signs of oxidation on wires or under the hood

A musty interior odor that has been covered up by air freshener

Dampness in the seats and carpets

New items in the car that don't match the original design

Make sure to take your time and do your research before you make a used car purchase – and know that you can take it to a mechanic you trust for a pre-purchase inspection. These inspections cost around \$100 and can save you a lot of time and money if the car is damaged. You can also look up the title history on vehiclehistory.gov to look for any indication the vehicle was damaged or came from an area that recently flooded.

Remember, if the offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is. You can learn more tips to consider when buying a used car [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns about a car dealer or think you may have been a victim of a scam, file a complaint with our office at ncdoj.gov/complaint or 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

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North Carolina Department of Justice Newsletter from Attorney General Josh Stein

[October Highlights](#)

Message from NC Attorney General-Elect Jeff Jackson

[Our Election Night](#)

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District 20 Updates from NC State Senator Natalie Murdock

Visiting the Eagles Nest

I am honored to represent THE North Carolina Central University as a State Senator.

I had a powerful and productive meeting with Chancellor Karrie G. Dixon as we begin to prepare for the legislative long session.

We are incredibly lucky to have her at the helm, and I'm looking forward to supporting the students, faculty, and staff at NCCU as I continue my work in the General Assembly.

Eagle Pride!!

Oak View at Siler City Grand Opening

Yesterday, I along with my colleague from the House, Rep. Donna White, joined Commissioner Beth Pugh Farrell, and Capitol Grange President, Barden Culbreth, to announce The Rural Life Initiative.

The Rural Life Initiative is a national project undertaken by a number of Granges in seven pilot states, including North Carolina. This partnership between Pfizer and the Grange is to bring resources to rural communities that are already struggling with addressing healthcare needs, whether its access to care or access to accurate information, local granges are taking this money and investing in grassroots community needs.

North Carolina was the largest recipient of grants funding. The Capitol Grange, the local Raleigh chapter, has reached out and directed its grant money to the [Carolina Cancer Foundation](#).

For a video with more information about this partnership [watch here!](#)

Governor Cooper Signs Disaster Recovery Act, Part II

Governor Roy Cooper signed the following bill into law:

- Senate Bill 743: [The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 - Part II](#).

Governor Cooper issued the following statement on his signing of SB 743:

“Western North Carolina needs significant investments to recover fully from the worst storm our state has ever seen. Legislators have taken a small step here and should follow it with a more comprehensive package to help families, businesses and communities build back stronger.”

Funding included in the Disaster Recovery Act - Part II:

- \$16.7 million for the North Carolina Community College System
- \$65 million for the Department of Public Instruction
- \$20 million for the University of North Carolina
- \$71.4 million to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services
- \$56 million to the Department of Commerce
- \$139 million to the Department of Environmental Quality
- \$130 million to the Department of Public Safety
- \$106 million to general government, including the Office of State Budget and Management and the Treasurer.

[Read the full legislation here.](#)

Hurricane Helene Updates

For individuals who want to help, the best way to help right now is to donate money. We recommend the NC Disaster Relief Fund (nc.gov/donate). It will go to local groups who know what is needed on the ground in their communities.

If people have already gathered items to donate, urge them to work through one of the established VOADs organizations: <https://www.ncvoad.org/members/>.

We strongly discourage people from delivering supplies to Western NC themselves right now for their own safety and so they don't get in the way of ongoing rescue and relief operations

People who wish to volunteer can indicate their interest at nc.gov/volunteernc.

Businesses that want to donate goods or services should reach out to the Business Emergency Operations Center at NCEM. BEOC@ncdps.gov

For information on road closures, accidents, and other details. <https://drivenc.gov/>

Energy Funds for All-Resource Library

EnergyFundsforAll.org is a mobile-accessible website created for residents across the Carolinas to learn more about ways to save money on energy bills, improve energy efficiency of homes and apartments, and install solar.

Through the Energy Funds for All website, NC and SC residents can use the guide to access support for home and community energy projects that are funded by the Inflation Reduction Act.

The resource guide can direct you to funding opportunities available to individuals, businesses, and government entities. There are funding opportunities on their website available to all of the following:

- Renters
- Homeowners
- Landlords
- Nonprofits
- Local Government
- Tribal Government
- Workforce Development & Labor
- Businesses

[Check out the Energy Funds for All Resource Library Here!](https://EnergyFundsforAll.org)

Local Events

Chatham County

- [Growers & Makers Market](#)
 - Location: [202 West 3rd Street](#)
 - Date: Tuesday November 19, 4 pm - 7 pm
 - Admission: Free

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Links to Events, Trainings, and Actions by Affiliate Organizations

[Common Cause North Carolina](#) and [Common Cause](#)

[Community Organizing for Racial Equity \(CORE\)](#)

[County-to-County](#); [Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me](#)

[Democracy North Carolina](#); [Non-Partisan Voter Guides](#)

[MegaphoneNC](#)

[NC Counts Coalition](#)

[Neighbors on Call](#); [Upcoming Events](#), [Canvasses](#), [NC Policy Update](#).

[New North Carolina Project](#)

[Red, Wine, and Blue](#); <https://redwine.blue/events/>

[Swing Left Durham/Chapel Hill/Chatham](#)

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Selected News and Opinion Stories

America, America: [Let Us Not Be Surprised](#)

Axios: [Anatomy of a Swing State](#)

Ballotpedia: [Looking Ahead to 2026 U.S. Senate Elections](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Here's Who Trump Has Nominated to His Administration So Far](#)

Carolina Forward: [Time To Get the Lead Out](#)

Carolina Public Press: [How NC Turnout Affected Election Outcomes in 2024](#)

Carolina Public Press: [What's With All the Still Uncounted Provisional Ballots in NC in 2024?](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Why Legal Challenge to NC Medical Provider Regulation Matters](#)

Carolina Public Press: [The Count Goes On. NC Counties Not Finished Tallying Provisional Ballots.](#)

FWIW: [The Post-Election Fog of War](#)

Heather Cox Richardson: [Letters from an American: November 12; November 13; November 14; November 15; November 16](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Gallego and Whitesides Win, Walking the Mall, More Thoughts on Modernizing Our Comms and Getting Louder; On the Power of Networks with Joe Trippi \(Video\), Thune Becomes Senate Majority Leader, Behold the Senate Dem Freshman Class!!!!; On the Day He Visits President Biden, Trump Drops Dangerous Cabinet Picks – We, the Opposition, Have Work To Do Now; Fighting Trump's Dangerous 4, Getting Loud, Hopium in Los Angeles Tonight; John Della Volpe On the Youth Vote \(Video\), Fighting Trump's Unacceptable 4, With Dems Tomorrow at 1 p.m. ET](#)

IndyWeek: [All Triangle Incumbents Retain Current NC House and Senate Seats, But GOP Looks to Have Picked Up Two Seats in Wake County](#)

Lucid: [As Threats to Our Democracy Become More Tangible, Stay Grounded in the Present](#)

Lucid: [Trump's Cabinet Nominations: Welcome to the Upside-Down World of Authoritarianism](#)

NC Health News: [The Love/Hate Debate Over Fluoride in Water is Bubbling in NC](#)

NC Newsline: [Meet the North Carolina Members of the U.S. House](#)

NC Newsline: [Josh Stein's Transition Team Grows, As Local Officials and Business Leaders Come Aboard](#)

NC Newsline: [Riggs Inches Ahead of Griffin in the Race for NC Supreme Court, With More Votes To Count](#)

NCSBE: [Several Counties To Certify Election Early Next Week](#)

New Branchhead: [Thom Tillis Doesn't Stand a Chance in a Primary](#)

NPR: [Trump is Creating Team of Loyalists After Conflicts With Cabinet Members in 1st Term](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Democrats Draw Up An Entirely New Anti-Trump Battle Plan](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [The Interview: Nancy Pelosi Insists the Election Was Not a Rebuke of the Democrats](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Trump Transition Updates: House Speaker Doesn't Want Gaetz Ethics Report Released](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: A Republican Trifecta](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: Wishful Thinking on Abortion Politics](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: A Loyalist](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: Trump's Tax Plans](#)

NY Times: [The Morning: Musk and Trump](#)

NY Times: [The Evening: Trump Begins to Fill Top Posts](#)

NY Times: [The Evening: Trump Meets With Biden](#)

NY Times: [The Evening: A Clash Over Gaetz Ethics Report](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: A Project 2025 Leader, Back in the Fold](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: Government By Bro](#)

Politico: [GOP Holds Onto House Majority – Clinching the Trifecta](#)

PoliticsNC: [Hey Thom Tillis, Joke's On You!](#)

PoliticsNC: [Now is Not the Time To Start the 2026 Campaign](#)

Public Notice: [Blue State Govs Gear Up To Protect Their People](#)

Public Notice: [How a Right-Coded Media Environment Boosts Trump](#)

Public Notice: [Trump Moves To Burn Down the Rule of Law](#)

Public Notice: [Kamala Harris's Hidden Barrier](#)

The Assembly NC: [Ticket-Splitting Is Part of Our DNA](#)

The Assembly NC: [Moms for Liberty's Local Election Scorecard](#)

The Atlantic: [Democrats Actually Had Quite a Good Night in North Carolina](#)

The Bulwark: [Donald Trump is Dead Serious About Getting Matt Gaetz to DOJ](#)

The Bulwark: [Gaetz Begins Lobbying Lawmakers, Hoping He Hasn't Burned All the Bridges](#)

The Carolina Journal: [Libertarians Played Spoiler in Key NC Elections, Prompting Dialogue With Major Parties](#)

The Guardian: ['Mass Deportations Would Disrupt the Food Chain': Californians Warn of Ripple Effect of Trump Threat](#)

The Message Box: [How Dems Can Start Staging a Comeback](#)

The Message Box: [A Plan To Fight Back Against Trump](#)

Time: [Matt Gaetz Nomination Confirms Trump's Revenge Talk Wasn't Bluster](#)

USC Price: [Understanding Rural Voters \(Video\)](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Inside the Republican False-Flag Effort to Turn Off Kamala Harris Voters](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Trump Promised Mass Deportations. Mexico Isn't Ready.](#)

Washington Post (Gift Article): [Democrats, Reeling from Election Losses, Cast Blame Upon Each Other](#)

Washington Post: [Opinion: Trump 'Resistance' Didn't Work. What Will? \(Podcast\)](#)

WFAE: [Democrat Riggs Now Has a 24-Vote Lead Over Republican Griffin for a Seat on the NC Supreme Court](#)

WRAL: [Josh Dobson Named President & CEO of the North Carolina Healthcare Association After Resigning as Labor Commissioner](#)

WRAL: [Trump's Nominations Put NC's Tillis Under the Microscope. Why He's the Nation's 'Most Vulnerable' GOP Senator.](#)

WRAL: [CNN Wants Federal Court to Take Up Robinson Defamation Case](#)

WUNC: [Campaign To Elect Democrats Didn't Give Money to Three of Party's Statewide Candidates](#)

WXII: [North Carolina's Michele Morrow Wants Trump To Put Her in Charge of Education](#)

#FYP: [The TikTok Election](#)