

Chatham County Democratic Party Weekly News Digest

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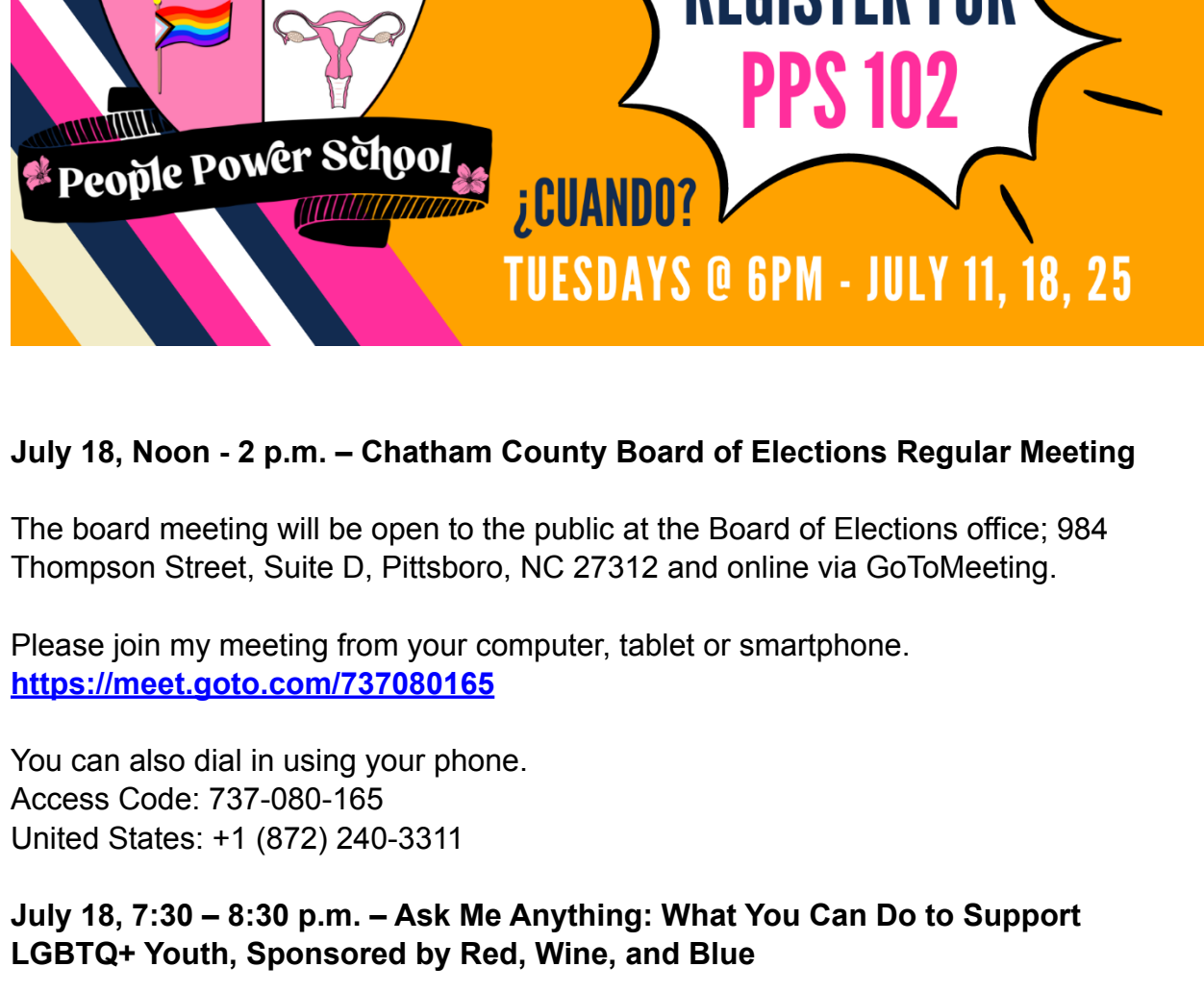
Upcoming Events

July 18, and 25, 6 p.m. – People Power School 102, Sponsored by Poder NC

We had a blast at PPS 101 and heard from great NC leaders like Rep. Zack Hawkins from Durham and Wake County Register of Deeds Tammy Brunner! Our goal is to provide *nuestra gente* with political education on the civic process and how we can organize for meaningful wins. We can do that by building a relationship directly with elected officials in shared spaces like People Power School.

Missed our last section? Join us for 102 and get to meet a new slate of NC and national leaders that are defining how we win. PPS 102 will be hosted **online through Zoom**.

Nos vemos pronto! Sign up and bring a friend. Sign up at: [People Power School 102](#)



July 18, Noon - 2 p.m. – Chatham County Board of Elections Regular Meeting

The board meeting will be open to the public at the Board of Elections office; 984 Thompson Street, Suite D, Pittsboro, NC 27312 and online via GoToMeeting.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://meet.goto.com/737080165>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code: 737-080-165

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July 18, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Ask Me Anything: What You Can Do to Support LGBTQ+ Youth, Sponsored by Red, Wine, and Blue

Mainstream moms want all kids to feel supported and loved by their communities. But as legislatures pass anti-LGBTQ+ laws and extremist school boards implement harmful policies, we know that LGBTQ+ youth need more support than ever. Are you ready to be a resource but not sure what to say or do? Want to learn what issues these kids are facing and how you can create a safe and supportive space? Join Red Wine & Blue at this **virtual event** to hear from Alexander Stefanini of Arrive Therapy, a mental health professional who specializes in the care of trans, non-binary and gender-questioning individuals as well as their families. We will discuss the internal and external factors that impact this community and provide guidance on how you can support LGBTQ+ youth and educate others in your network.

Sign up at: [AMA: What You Can Do To Support LGBTQ+ Youth - Red Wine & Blue](#)

July 19, 7 - 8:15 p.m. – Chop It Up NC, Hosted by North Carolina Democrats

The “Chop It Up NC” **virtual event series** is a Men of Color focused discussion on state and national policy and politics and how it affects black and brown communities across North Carolina! Join us for a dialogue with Rev. Dr. Paul McAllister, Chair of InterFaith Caucus-NCDDP and guest panelists to address the important issues and concerns we face.

Men of Color are critical to the Democratic coalition in North Carolina, and we must do all we can to engage their diverse concerns in an authentic way, year-round, in order to turn North Carolina blue.

To sign up, go to: [Chop It Up-NC](#)

July 19, 7 – 8 p.m. – Conversations with Clayton!, Hosted by North Carolina Democrats

Join Arizona Secretary Adrian Fontes and North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Anderson Clayton for a conversation on the importance of winning our critical battleground states in 2024 and electing Democrats up and down the ballot! Save your spot for this **virtual event** at: [Conversations with Clayton! - Blue Unity in 2022](#)

July 20, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Troublemaker Training – Book Ban Edition, Sponsored by Red, Wine, and Blue

Ready to stand up to right-extremists causing chaos at school board meetings? Want to defeat calls for book bans in your schools? Learn how to effectively get people to join together and the tactics needed to impact issues in your community. Join Red Wine & Blue at this **virtual event** to discuss – and make your voices heard in your community! Sign up at: [Troublemaker Training: Book Ban Edition - Red Wine & Blue](#)

July 24 – July 28, 6 – 8 p.m. – Municipals Matter, Sponsored by North Carolina Democrats

Remember, the candidate filing period for the upcoming municipal elections is still open! If you or someone you know is running for local office, join the North Carolina Democratic Party's **virtual training sessions for registered Democrats running for municipal office**. The trainings cover everything you need to know about how to run a successful municipal campaign. PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH SHIFT/TRAINING SESSION COVERS A DIFFERENT TOPIC!

July 24th, 6 - 8 p.m. | Telling Your Story, Messaging, & Press

July 25th, 6 - 8 p.m. | Win #s & Field

July 26th, 6 - 8 p.m. | Budgets, Fundraising & Call Time

July 27th, 6 - 8 p.m. | VoteBuilder for Campaigns

July 28th, 6 - 8 p.m. | GOTV for Municipals

To RSVP, go to: [Building Blue: Municipals Matter! - North Carolina Democrats](#)

August 10-11 and October 2-3

REI Phase I “In-Person” Workshops, Sponsored by Organizing Against Racism

Here are two opportunities for personal growth and understanding in the area of race and racism. Many have described these in-person workshops as “life changing.”

Thursday & Friday, August 10-11, 2023
8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m.

REI Phase I Workshop
Durham Location TBA
“IN-PERSON”

[REGISTER For August 10-11](#)

Monday & Tuesday, October 2-3, 2023
8:45a.m. - 5 p.m.

REI Phase I Workshop
Durham Location TBA
“IN-PERSON”

[REGISTER for October 2-3](#)

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High-Speed Broadband Coming to Many New Households in NC. Find Out if you are Eligible.

The Biden-Harris Administration is investing in high-speed broadband internet for all! Nearly 782,000 households in NC are saving up to \$75 a month on internet costs with President Biden’s Affordable Connectivity Program – but many more are eligible! Find out if you qualify here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/getinternet/>

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News from Neighbors on Call

July 19, 7:30 – 8 p.m. – Training for GOP Accountability Canvassing: What is it? How do we do it?

At this virtual training, find out what you need to know about accountability canvassing and how it’s different from incumbent protection canvassing we’re doing for our current legislators. To sign up, go to: [Training for GOP Accountability Canvassing: What is it? How do we do it?](#)

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Politics doesn’t get better until better people get involved in politics. The candidate filing period for 2023 municipal elections is from July 7, 2023 - July 21, 2023. We have included content to encourage folks to run for office. We have included a link to our form (ncdp.org/runforoffice). When filled out, someone will contact them and get them plugged in to the resources we have to offer at the NCDP.

This week’s news releases:

NCDP Second Vice-Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy Launches Thirty-County Black Voter Engagement Listening Tour

On July 13, the North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) announced a thirty-county Black voter engagement listening tour throughout Eastern North Carolina. The tour, led by Second Vice-Chair Dr. Kimberly Hardy, will target the areas of North Carolina most likely to be impacted by the NCGOP’s discriminatory Voter ID and voter suppression bills with an aim to revitalize and mobilize voters over the next six months.

“With the NCGOP constantly adding barriers to voter participation, NC Democrats are hitting the road to make sure every community feels heard and every voter has the tools they need to ensure that they are able to participate fully in our democracy,” said Dr. Kimberly Hardy. “We’re committed to showing up in every community across North Carolina. When the GOP works to divide us, we know that the way to overcome that is by standing together.”

This tour begins with the first event in Fayetteville on July 26th.

Background:

- On April 28th, the North Carolina Supreme Court, in an unprecedented action, reversed their decision regarding a Voter ID bill ([SB824](#)) that was ruled unconstitutional just a year prior. The Court’s new Republican majority is effectively raising barriers to the ballot box, especially for African American voters in Eastern North Carolina.
- On the same day, the NC Supreme Court also [overturned a 2021 Superior Court decision](#), taking voting rights away from 56,000 North Carolina women and men with felony records who had already served their sentences or received probation but no prison time.
- Not done yet, that day the Republican majority on the NC Supreme Court also reversed that court’s own year-old decision that partisan gerrymandering violates our State constitution – signaling to their GOP allies in the legislature to draw maps to their liking, reducing the power we have to choose our elected officials and hold them accountable.
- Then, on June 21st, the State Senate passed two voter suppression bills. The bills, [SB747](#) & [SB749](#), add several barriers to One Stop and mail-in voting. The bills also once again endeavor to eliminate the Governor’s power to name people to a county’s board of elections, a power grab which the GOP majority attempted in 2016 and which was also struck down as unconstitutional by the NC Supreme Court.
- It is imperative that Black voters most likely to be impacted by these actions have their voices heard and have the information they need to ensure that their ballots will be counted, this year and every year.
- To that end, Dr. Kimberly Hardy, Second Vice-Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party, is launching a thirty-county listening tour of Eastern North Carolina to engage Black voters, county party leaders, caucus officers, super-volunteers, local organization heads, pastors, school principals, union organizers, and local elected officials. The tour will target the thirty counties in three phases over the next six months and will lay the foundation for continued community engagement to revitalize existing networks, invigorate relationships, and mobilize voters for genuine neighbor-to-neighbor organizing.

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Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

Axios: [The latest on NC’s state budget negotiations](#)

Carolina Forward: [How Gerrymandering Drives Extremism](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Proposed changes to NC’s Judicial Standards Commission raise concerns about judicial integrity and oversight, Part One](#)

Chapelboro: [Anger and Shame as North Carolina’s Legislation Fails Women Once Again](#)

Chapelboro: [North Carolina Medical Marijuana Bill Likely Dead for This Year, House Speaker Says](#)

Chapelboro: [The Filing Period for 2023 Local Elections Is Underway. Who Is Running?](#)

Chatham News + Record: [The long road home](#)

CNBC: [North Carolina is Top State for Business, led by workforce, economy](#)

Fox8 WGHP: [First you see North Carolina House create a controversial educational bill, then you see it vanish](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [No, There Wasn’t a Red Wave in 2022](#)

Indy Week: [A New Book Reexamines the Myths Around America’s Working Class –And Recognizes the Long Struggle of the Black Community for Fair Working Conditions](#)

Lucid: [American Crisis, Ep. 4: Ruth Ben-Ghiat on creeping autocracy in the U.S.](#)

Lucid: [From Fascism to Hungary and the U.S., Authoritarians Target Universities](#)

NC Health News: [Few treatment resources force kids into NC’s troubled child welfare system](#)

NC Health News: [Medicaid tailored plans delayed again by state](#)

NC Health News: [Naturopaths say licensure would increase health access in NC](#)

NC Newslines: [NC school vouchers: a decade of failure ... and now this?](#)

NC Newslines: [July surprise: GOP lawmakers unveil sweeping bill to remake public education in NC](#)

News& Observer: [Farrington Village developer sells land for conservation](#)

NY Times: [Opinion | A Federal Judge Asks Whether the Supreme Court Understands How Bad It Looks to the Public](#)

NY Times: [Biden’s Campaign Fund-Raising Filing Shows Sluggish Small Donations](#)

NY Times: [Inflation Drops to 3% in June](#)

Pepperspectives: [Are We “A Republic, NOT a Democracy”?](#)

Politico: [Thom Tillis’ campaign to get Republicans to stop worrying and love NATO](#)

Rock Hill Herald: [NC pipeline project raises economic, environmental questions](#)

USA Today: [Biden campaign eyes North Carolina to reshape 2024 electoral map](#)

WRAL: [GOP-backed bill would give NC parents more power to challenge school leaders](#)

WRAL: [No North Carolina budget vote until August, top House member says](#)