



Chatham County Democratic Party
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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Meet NC Court of Appeals Judge Carolyn Thompson! July 13, 3 - 4:30 p.m., Ferrington Village, 32 McDowell, Pittsboro; and 5 - 6:30 p.m., 307 Old Piedmont, Chapel Hill

Summertime hospitality, Chatham County Democrats (and friendly Unaffiliateds), and the opportunity to meet Judge Carolyn Thompson, incumbent and candidate for the NC Court of Appeals - what an enticing package! It is very important to elect Democratic judges this year. Come meet Judge Thompson, learn about her extensive legal and judicial experience and have the opportunity to ask her your questions in an informal setting. Space is limited so sign up early!

For 3 p.m. event, sign up [here](#). For 5 p.m. event, sign up [here](#).

Meet Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs, July 15, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Chapel Hill. Introductions from NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives and Rep. Wesley Harris, Candidate for NC State Treasurer

You are invited to meet Justice Allison Riggs, who is running to keep her seat on the NC Supreme Court and win back our courts for justice. Justice Riggs is an experienced judge, appointed to the NC Supreme Court by Gov. Cooper in 2023. Prior to this, she served on the NC Court of Appeals and, prior to that, she was Co-Executive Director for Programs and Chief Counsel for Voting Rights at the Southern Coalition for Justice in Durham. She is an accomplished attorney who has argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in several landmark redistricting cases. She's spent her entire career "fighting for equal justice under the law for every person, regardless of wealth or skin color."

Join us at the home of Lily Brabble, 352 Rolling Meadows Lane, Chapel Hill, to hear from Justice Riggs and ask your questions in a relaxed, informal setting. Wine and refreshments, too! Bring your friends.

Please RSVP as soon as possible at:

<https://www.mobilize.us/chathamcountydems/event/640419/>

Chatham Dems Are Fired Up! An Evening With Jeff Jackson, Mo Green, and Robert Reives, Benefitting CCDP, August 6, 6:30 p.m., Chapel Hill

Join Chatham County Democratic Party and Rep. Robert Reives for Chatham Dems Are Fired Up!, an evening with Rep. Jeff Jackson, candidate for NC Attorney General; and Mo Green, candidate for NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, August 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (remarks at 7 p.m.), Governors Club, 11000 Governors Club Drive, Chapel Hill.

Enjoy elegant nibbles, dessert, and wine and hear the candidates seeking to lead North Carolina into a bright, fair, safe, and prosperous future. All proceeds fuel dynamic voter education and vital get-out-the-vote efforts. [Tickets](#) start at \$125.

Upcoming Canvasses

Six canvasses are currently planned throughout Chatham County before the end of July! For more information and to sign up, go to: [Volunteer Opportunities, Events, and Petitions Near Me](#).

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#), July 3, July 24, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), July 5, July 12, July 19, more dates @Zoom

[Join Our Office Crew](#), July 13, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

[Introduction to Voter Registration and Voter Education](#), July 27, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

[Staffing Tent Events](#), July 27, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

Volunteers Needed to Staff CCDP Tent at Pittsboro Summer Fest 2024, July 7, 3:30 – 9 p.m., Downtown Pittsboro

Food, Drink, Music, BBQ contest, Decorated Bike parade and so much more! We need volunteers to staff our tent at this fun event! Sign up at: [Summer Fest Pittsboro](#) .

Donate to the CCDP School Supply and Book Drive!

We're sparking some love for our children in Siler City with a school supply and book give-away on August 10. Click a link to go to one of the gift list registries: [Book Drive Registry](#) or [School Supply Registry](#) , or [Self-Shopper](#). Sign up here to [Volunteer](#).

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Other Upcoming Events

North Carolina Democratic Party Unity Dinner, July 20, VIP Reception 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 7 p.m., Raleigh Convention Center

Join Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Governor Roy Cooper, Attorney General Josh Stein, and NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton for our main event! Sign up [here](#).

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

- Biden's choice of North Carolina as the location of his first post-debate rally was no accident. The Chair of President Biden's Reelection Campaign, Jen O'Malley Dillon made news this week by saying "I am bullish on North Carolina, and I don't fuck around in saying that—because I was bullish on Arizona [four years ago] and that's because we looked at it very closely."
- When asked in a follow up question why North Carolina is a battleground state, Jen stated, "because we lost it by just 1.3 percentage points in 2020 and we did

not play there, number one. Number two, obviously, there's some element of demographics, but I don't believe that's enough. But what's happening in North Carolina—the extreme laws that are moving through [the state legislature], a restrictive abortion law there that's worse than most other places in the country, a [beyond-extreme candidate](#) running for governor in [Mark] Robinson—if you put all those pieces together... we really see that [the state] is in play.”

- The Biden campaign has 16 offices and hired more than 60 staff members in the Tar Heel State.
- Trump's campaign has only recently started opening offices in our state and Donald Trump hasn't held a rally this cycle in North Carolina (his Wilmington event got canceled due to severe weather).

ICYMI: NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Newby Flies Controversial January 6th Flag at His Beach House

NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul Newby's [beach house was spotted](#) with the “Appeal to Heaven” flag, which has become notorious for its presence in fringe circles, especially among the rioters at the Jan. 6 insurrection.

The flag came under increased scrutiny earlier this year when reports of Justice Alito flying it prompted calls for him to recuse himself from cases involving January 6th. Earlier this year, Mark Robinson also [flew the controversial flag](#) outside of the Lieutenant Governor's office in Raleigh.

“North Carolinians already knew Paul Newby was extreme but this marks a new low even for him. How can anyone expect the Justice to show impartiality when he's flying his extremism on a flagpole loud and proud embracing the same fringe ideologies as Mark Robinson and the January 6th insurrectionists?” said NCDP Communications Director Tommy Mattocks

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District 20 Updates from NC State Senator Natalie Murdock (Highlights), June 28

CAB Award Chatham County

I am happy to announce that Chatham County was selected to be a recipient of the Completing Access to Broadband program project award. This award will allow programs in Chatham County to expand high-speed internet infrastructure and allow them to service 40.15% of the underserved locations in the county. I am looking forward to seeing how this award will allow Chatham County to grow and support underserved locations in our community.

Adjournment Resolution

Yesterday June 27th, the adjournment resolution for the 2023 regular session of the General Assembly was filed. The adjournment resolution signifies the end of most legislative activities for this session. With the passage of the adjournment resolution only the following matters can be taken up by the senate until the next session: bills vetoed by the Governor; bills required for the selection, appointment, or confirmation of an individual for a government position; bills providing for action on the governor's nominations or appointments; bills responding to actions related to legal challenges of laws enacted; any bill related to election laws containing no other matters; bills providing for impeachment in accordance with article IV of the North Carolina Constitution or Chapter 123 of the General Statutes; simple resolutions addressing organizational matters of each respective house; adoption of conference reports; a joint resolution further adjourning the 2023 regular session, amending a joint resolution adjourning the 2023 regular session, or adjourning the 2023 regular session sine die.

Chatham County Community Events

National Parks and Recreation Month: Chatham Co. Park Passport, July 1 - 31, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., all 5 Chatham County Parks. Free Admission. Register at: [Log in](#)

Bill Action Snapshot 6/24-6/28

Filed

- SB 915 - General Assembly Appointments
- SJR 916 - Adjournment Resolutions
- SR 914- BOG Vacancy

Veto Overridden

- HB 198 - DOT Legislative Changes
- HB 237 - Various Criminal & Election Law Changes
- HB 834 - Juvenile Justice Modifications

Pres. To Gov.

- SB 332 - 2023 Appropriations Act Changes
- SB 357 - Adjustments to the 2023 Appropriations Act
- SB 559 - Charter Schools/Pension/ESOP
- SB 607 - Regulatory Reform Act of 2024
- SB 355 North Carolina Farm Act of 2024

Don't see the bill you're looking for? [Search for it here!](#)

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NC Department of Justice Consumer Alert

[Attorney General Josh Stein Alert: Protect Yourself from Health Insurance Scams](#)

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Links to Events, Trainings, and Actions Sponsored by Affiliate Organizations

[Common Cause North Carolina](#)

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

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

[Democracy North Carolina](#)

[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

ABC News: [Biden Addresses Poor Debate Performance, Attacks Trump at Raleigh Rally](#)

America, America: [Can Biden Still Save America?](#)

Ballotpedia: [Artificial Intelligence Deepfake Legislation Tracker](#)

BBC: [Trump Biden debate fact checked](#)

Bloomberg: [Biden's IRA Sends Green Energy Investments to Republican Districts](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [A stream of lies: 5 of Trump's biggest lies in the presidential debate](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Abortion bans are only the beginning if Trump wins, doctors and Democrats warn](#)

Carolina Public Press: [What does ruling on domestic violence and guns mean for NC?](#)

Chapelboro: [Citizens-Only Voting, Photo ID and Income Tax Changes Could Become NC Amendments on 2024 Ballots](#)

County-to-County On the Issues: [Democrats Stand for Freedom and Fairness](#)

County-to-County On the Issues: [How NC Republicans Wage War on the Working Class: An Interview With Gene Nichol](#)

County-to-County On the Issues: [Could Immigrants Save Social Security?](#)

County-to-County On the Issues: [Air and Water Pollution? Republicans Just Don't Care](#)

EdNC: [NC House passes stopgap child care funding while budget waits](#)

FWIW: [Double haters drive debate content](#)

Hopium Chronicles: [Hopium Chronicles by Simon Rosenberg](#)

Letters from an American (Heather Cox Richardson): [June 23](#) , [June 24](#) , [June 26](#) , [June 28](#)

Lucid: [A "Debate" That Reveals our Surreal Situation. Performance Matters More than Being a Criminal](#)

Lucid: [What New FBI Photos of Classified Documents at Mar-a-Lago Tell Us About Trump](#)

Lucid: [The "Debate," and the "Firehose of Falsehood"; Video of June 28 Q&A](#)

NC Newslines: [NC legislature passes laws on masks, protests, and campaign money over the governor's objections](#)

New Branchhead: [How the Abortion Issue Could Play in North Carolina](#)

NJ: [First post-debate poll reveals startling results in Trump-Biden battle: Who would've predicted this?](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Supreme Court's Chevron Ruling Limits Power of Federal Agencies](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Opinion | The Governor's Race You Cannot Ignore](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: How Trump used the debate to mainstream Jan. 6 falsehoods](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The mess in Atlanta](#)

NY Times: [Trump on Trial: Ready to debate](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Where Trump and Biden Stand on the Issues, From Abortion to Immigration](#)

Politico: [In tossing Chevron, the Supreme Court handcuffs Biden and every future president](#)

Politico: [Supreme Court limits scope of obstruction law used in Jan. 6 prosecutions](#)

Politico: [Playbook: The pundits vs. the politicians](#)

Politico: [Playbook PM: SCOTUS strikes amid Dems' debate distress](#)

Politico: [Trump has sowed doubt in elections for more than a decade. The debate was the latest.](#)

Politico: [Inside the \\$100 million plan to restore abortion rights in America](#)

Puck: [Biden Campaign Chair: 'We Are Going to Win'](#)

The Assembly NC: [PFAS and The Wrong Side of Forever](#)

The Bulwark: [Correcting Trump's Unanswered Debate Lies](#)

The Liberal Patriot: [Roll of the Dice: Will November Deliver a Trifecta or Divided Government?](#)

The Message Box: [How Dems Move Past the Bad Debate - by Dan Pfeiffer](#)

The Message Box: [Thoughts on a Very Scary Debate - by Dan Pfeiffer](#)

Washington Post: [The 2024 Deciders: Who are they and what makes them tick?](#)

Washington Post: [The Campaign Moment from The Washington Post](#)

WUNC: [NC Legislature ends session with child care funding, noncitizen voting amendment](#)

WUNC: [Four ways the NC legislature limits transparency](#)

WRAL: [New NC laws on masks, billboards, juvenile justice, campaign finance pass over Cooper vetoes](#)

WRAL: [Lawmakers propose new NC constitutional amendments on voting laws, governor's power](#)

WRAL: [New version of NC medical marijuana bill would ban recreational marijuana in the future](#)

Yale Program on Climate Change Communication: [Understanding pro-climate voters in the United States](#)