

CCDP Weekly News Digest

December 5, 2022

Events

This Week's Featured Event

Sunday, December 11, 1 – 5 p.m.
Pittsboro Christmas Parade
CCDP Community Engagement Center

Happy Holidays, Team Chatham Democrats!

We hope you'll join us for some holiday cheer and parade watching this coming **Sunday, December 11 from 1 to 5 p.m.**

Our CCDP Community Engagement Center has a front-row seat for the parade's staging, line up, and kick off, and we're excited to share that with all of you. The parade stages in the Food Lion parking lot and starts at 3 p.m., so we'll go outside and watch. We'll have freshly popped popcorn, yummy baked goods, hot apple cider, cocoa, and other snacks and drinks ready to share, and of course we'll toast the ahhhhh-mazing success Chatham had in the election.

(You've probably heard that Chatham County had the highest voter turnout in the state, but you might not be aware it's because 70% of Democrats voted. We're getting calls from all over the state asking, "how did you DO that?" What can we say? You are an awesome team who delivered awesome results!)

We hope you'll join us. Make sure to arrive before the streets get closed (2-ish). If you can't make it before the parade begins, stop by after to warm up with cider and cheer.

Wishing you a safe, blessed, and joyous season,

Your CCDP Officer Team: Liz, Bill, Michelle, Sarah, Angela, and Cindy

P.S. Stay tuned for information on our upcoming Volunteer Recognition event tentatively planned for February. We just might have some special guests who want to thank you personally for your incredible election results. Hmmm..

Monday, December 5, 6 p.m.
Chatham County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Historic Courthouse, Pittsboro

The Board of Commissioners will meet today at 6 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro. Our newly elected commissioners will be sworn in.

Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.
"Fast-Growing North Carolina Faces an Identity Crisis"
Zoom Event

Sponsored by the Fearrington Democratic Club

Join Fearrington Democratic Club for a special Zoom event on Tuesday, December 6. The intriguing and timely topic of their December meeting is '*Fast-growing North Carolina Faces an Identity Crisis*'. The speaker is Jim Buie, Fearrington resident, journalist, educator, and writer on varied topics, including history, global culture, politics, and the sociology of religion. He grew up in Scotland County, currently the county with the highest unemployment in the state, and now lives just 75 miles away in Chatham County, which currently has the lowest unemployment in the state.

To request the Zoom registration link, please use the contact form on the Club's website: FearringtonDems.org > Our Club > Contact Us ([Contact Us](#) ([fearringtondems.org](#)))

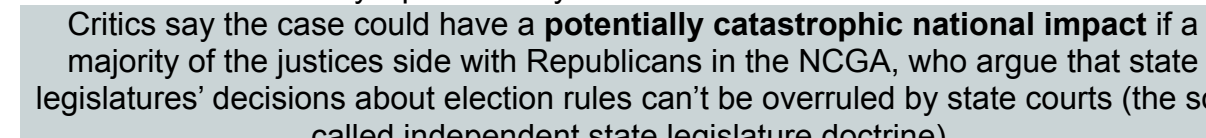
Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.
NCDP Volunteer Appreciation Event
Zoom Event

This year North Carolina Democrats knocked over 922K doors, made 2.1 million calls, and sent 6.9 million texts. None of that would've been possible without you.

Maybe you knocked doors, or made calls, or served as a staging location leader. Maybe you were a poll observer, or a tech captain, or helped us send texts. Regardless of how you helped, we want to say thank you for all the shifts you completed and invite you to join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Event on Tuesday, December 6th, from 7 – 8:15 p.m.

There will be music, special guests, discounts for merchandise, and we'll even raffle off some gift cards. Although the results of the U.S. Senate race were not what we had hoped for, I am proud of the work we accomplished, happy we preserved the Governor's veto, and grateful to each and every one of you for every way you participated in our get out the vote efforts.

Join us on December 6th as we honor our organizers and super volunteers who made this possible and say:



See you there!

Julia Buckner
Organizing Director
North Carolina Democratic Party

Take Action!

(Courtesy of Neighbors on Call)

On Wednesday, December 7, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear *Moore v. Harper*, the so-called "independent state legislature" case.

From the NoC NC Policy Update today:

Critics say the case could have a **potentially catastrophic national impact** if a majority of the justices side with Republicans in the NCGA, who argue that state legislatures' decisions about election rules can't be overruled by state courts (the so-called independent state legislature doctrine).

In a quote to the *News & Observer*, Kathay Feng of Common Cause describes *Moore v. Harper* as **"the case of the century."**

Please see the call to action below from Common Cause and All on the Line NC regarding *Moore v. Harper*. We, the citizens, need to show that we're paying attention.

Attend a rally with Common Cause to call attention to Moore v. Harper's dangerous implications

From All on the Line NC:

North Carolina Republicans are asking the Supreme Court to hand state legislators the power to manipulate our elections and undermine our vote.

Attend a rally, and spread the word! Seeing great turnout at these events sends a strong message that people are paying attention and care about preserving our system of checks and balances.

Rallies with Common Cause:

Raleigh - Tues 12/6 @ 11am-12pm
Asheville - Wed 12/7 @ 10-10:30am
Greensboro - Wed 12/7 @ 10-10:30am
Greenville -Wed 12/7 @ 10-10:30am
Charlotte - Wed 12/7 @ 11-11:30am
Washington, DC - [12/6-7](#) (with hotel and transportation) OR [12/7](#) @ 9am-12pm

News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

This week's news releases:

NC GOP Silent On Trump's Call To "Terminate" The U.S. Constitution

As Donald Trump suggested [terminating](#) the United States Constitution over the weekend, the silence from North Carolina Republicans proves just how tight a grasp the defeated former president has on his MAGA party.

"Mark Robinson, Phil Berger, Tim Moore, and every elected official took an oath to protect the constitution," said NCDP spokesperson Kate Frauenfelder. "This antidemocratic statement and direct attack on our constitution from their party leader should be condemned without question."

NCDP Statement Celebrating Thanksgiving

Today, North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson released the following statement celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday and offering thanks to North Carolina Democrats statewide for their hard work throughout this election cycle:

"This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for all of our North Carolina Democrats statewide that remain committed to working tirelessly toward building a better future for our state and for our communities. We remain agents of progress here in North Carolina – advocates for fully funded public schools, for Medicaid expansion, for living wages for our working families, for safer communities, and for equal rights under the law – and it is through our efforts that we will continue to push North Carolina forward.

"This year, we have experienced some victories and losses in our fight, but I know that as long as we raise our voices and refuse to back down in the face of Republican extremism and regressive policies, North Carolina will always be the better for our strength and conviction. I want every one of us – from volunteers to candidates to our staff – to feel proud of all of the work that they have done and will continue to do for their fellow North Carolinians and to know that we are thankful for them every day. I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed holiday season."

ICYMI: N&O: "Battle Brewing" Among NC GOP Over Marriage Equality Vote

Following the U.S. Senate's vote to protect marriage equality in America, the *News & Observer* editorial board notes a "[battle brewing](#)" in the North Carolina Republican Party: Rep. Mark Brody has called to sanction Senator Thom Tillis for his "yes" vote. It's fitting for a party bridled by the far-right MAGA fringe that's growing "[more influential than ever](#)" to penalize a sitting Senator for upholding the right to marry who you love. As the editorial writes, it's also a warning sign for 2024 as the GOP "[won't be able to escape the reckoning much longer](#)."

Read more:

[News & Observer](#): NC battle brewing? Republican wants Thom Tillis sanctioned for same-sex marriage vote

- One North Carolina lawmaker has gone so far as to call for Tillis to be sanctioned by the NCGOP for breaking with the state and national Republican Party's official platforms, which clearly recognize marriage as between one man and one woman.
- The clash — one-sided as it might be at the moment — highlights the budding questions North Carolina Republicans are facing about their party's identity. Specifically, who is the North Carolina Republican Party, and who does it want to be? Is it represented by Tillis, a staunch conservative who has also shown a willingness to work across the aisle? Is it represented by people like Brody, who think their beliefs are an excuse to discriminate? Or is it someone like Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, who takes those beliefs even further with vitriolic rhetoric that embarrasses our state on a regular basis?
- But with Donald Trump determined to return to the White House, Robinson eyeing the governor's mansion and the MAGA wing of the party more influential than ever, North Carolina Republicans won't be able to escape the reckoning much longer. 2024 will almost certainly be a test for North Carolina Republicans, who will have to decide whether to support Trump in a state he only narrowly won in 2020.
- With Robinson, North Carolina Republicans seem to be repeating the cycle national Republicans had with Trump in 2016 and 2020 — seeing him dominate in polls and therefore fearing what would happen if they criticized abhorrent comments. National Republicans, many of whom are distancing themselves from Trump, finally seem like they may have learned their lesson. In North Carolina, the GOP seems unaware of — or unwilling to realize — the long-term damage Robinson might do to their party.

ICYMI: Editorial: Who will Ted Budd really be working for in the U.S. Senate?

In Congress, Ted Budd consistently worked to put the corporate special interests that fund his campaigns ahead of delivering for North Carolinians. This morning, a [new editorial](#) reminded Tar Heels that they can expect the same from him in the U.S. Senate, highlighting the \$70 million in outside funding that dragged Budd to victory coming from organizations that have "[little connection to North Carolina or the needs of the state](#)."

Read more:

[WRAL](#): Editorial: Who will Ted Budd really be working for in the U.S. Senate?

- When Republican Ted Budd takes his seat in the United States Senate next month who will he be representing?
- If you say North Carolina, don't bet on it. The people who will really get his attention will be the handful of billionaires who, through dark money campaign operations and super political action committees (super PACs) , [accounted for](#) 85% of the \$83.2 million raised and spent to get him elected.
- Just four outside operations – the Senate Leadership Fund Super Pac, the Club for Growth, Americans for Prosperity and the National Republican Senatorial Committee accounted for \$65.3 million of the \$70.7 million spent by outside groups to get Budd elected.
- The folks behind these organizations have little connection to North Carolina or the needs of the state.
- In politics, it's a truism that: "You got to dance with them what brung you." That means, as the great commentator [Molly Ivins says](#): "When you get to public office, you vote with the folks who put you there. And that used to mean your constituents, the people who voted for you. But more and more what it means is you vote with the special interests who put up the money to get you to public office."
- In the Senate, don't look for Budd to be tripping the light fantastic with many partners who have tar on their heels – \$70 million is a very exclusive dance ticket.

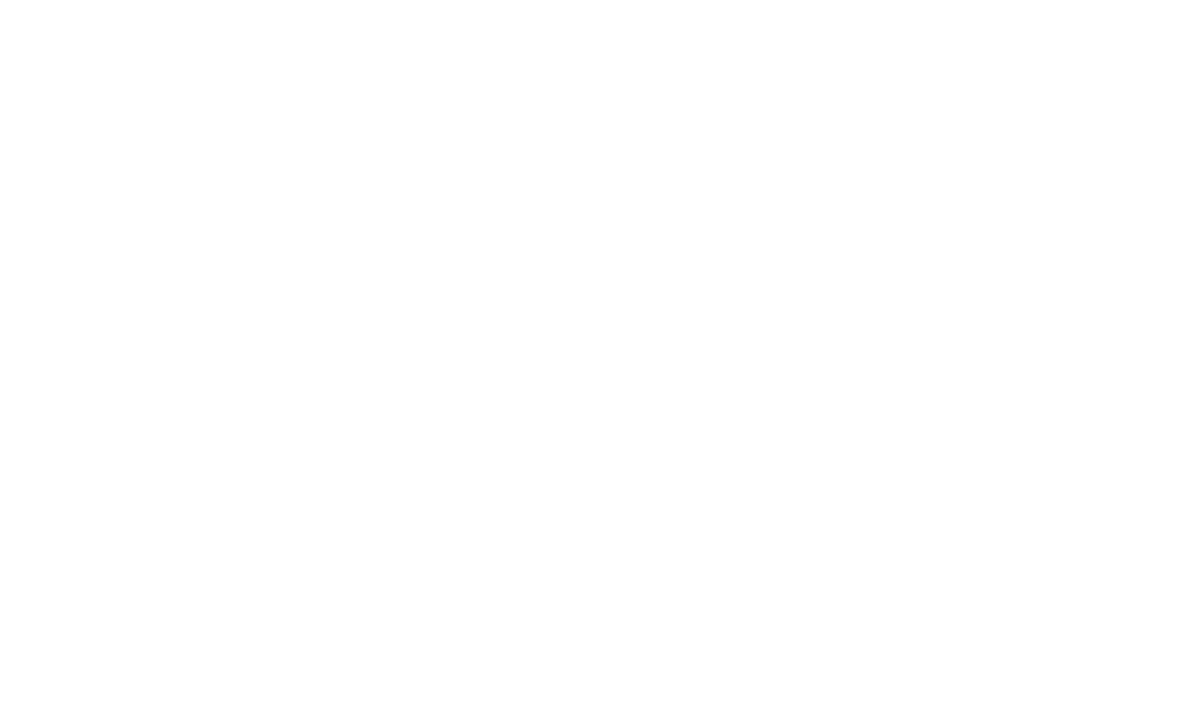
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News from Neighbors on Call

Party with a Purpose

Thursday, December 8 @ 6:30 p.m. (program with special guests starts at 7 p.m.)
IN PERSON (Pittsboro and Chapel Hill) OR VIA ZOOM

Join Neighbors on Call and special guests NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives, NC Senator Sydney Batch, and NC Senator-elect Mary Wills Bode for our annual Party with a Purpose!



PICK YOUR PARTY

In person: downtown Pittsboro location
In person: Chapel Hill (Seymour Center)
Virtually: on Zoom

HERE'S OUR PURPOSE

Write thank-you notes to the wonderful NC elected officials and candidates who connected with NoC volunteers this year -- and advocate for justice every day despite all obstacles.

Have fun together - it's truly *important to our mission* to stay engaged in the long fight for democracy.

RSVP [here](#).

Criminal Justice

- [Multiple new North Carolina laws went into effect on December 1](#). These laws include:
- [HB 674](#), which requires DNA sample collection from those convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity in domestic violence and assault cases, and
- [HB 615](#), which allows judges to temporarily renew domestic violence protection orders.

Fair Representation

[Oral arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court case Moore v. Harper, an appeal of a gerrymandering ruling in North Carolina, will take place on Wednesday, December 7.](#)

Governance

- [On Friday, November 18, local elections boards certified two close NC House races, confirming that Republicans will hold 71 of 120 seats in the NC House – exactly one short of a supermajority.](#) Democrat Diamond Staton-Williams won by 629 votes (2.28%) in House District 73 in Cabarrus County, while Republican Timothy Reeder beat Brian Farkas, the Democratic incumbent for House District 9 in Pitt County, by only 354 votes (1.18%).

Voting Rights

- After months of delay, the [NC Court of Appeals followed NC Supreme Court instructions to send back the case governing the voter ID constitutional amendment to the Wake County Superior Court in order to answer some questions about the case.](#) The Court of Appeals finally moved on sending the case to the trial court after [lawyers for the NAACP petitioned the NC Supreme Court to ask the Court of Appeals to take action.](#)

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Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

[Carolina Public Press](#): Study Finds Latino Workers Die of Occupational Injuries at Higher Rates Than Other Groups

[Chapelboro.com](#): North Carolina Governor Pushes Gun Safety in Keynote Speech

[Chatham News + Record](#): Moms for Liberty Leader Questions School Board

[Carolina Public Press](#): Where is the State's 5.4 Million in ARPA Funding Going?

[Chatham News + Record](#): District Touts Test Score Growth Above State Averages

[Chapelboro.com](#): 2022 Midterm Suggests Future Turnout Edge for Democrats – With Key Exceptions

[Chapelboro.com](#): NC Democrats' Parity in Congress Delegation May Be Fleeting

[Chatham News + Record](#): Pittsboro Closer to New Land Use Plan

[Chatham News + Record](#): Chatham County Schools Requests Parental Permission for Distribution of Pocket Constitutions

[Chatham News + Record](#): Siler City Manager Urges Residents To Be Aware of Bird Flu

[Ballotpedia.org](#): Polling Indexes

[The Charlotte Observer/Raleigh News & Observer](#): Big Poultry: How a Secretive Industry Rules the Roost in North Carolina

[The Assembly NC.com](#): A Radical Way to Think About Health