



TOWNweek

Coming Up

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MONDAY

(April 30)

Human Services Advisory Board Funding Hearings

6 p.m., Carrboro Town Hall
301 W. Main St.

TUESDAY

(May 1)

Planning Board

7 p.m., Town Hall

WEDNESDAY

(May 2)

Books Sandwiched In Reading Group

11:30 a.m., Chapel Hill Public Library
(*The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini)

Council Committee on

Affordable Housing

5 p.m., Town Hall

THURSDAY

(May 3)

Justice in Action Committee

5:30 p.m., Town Hall

APPLY TODAY

Orange County is seeking a Chapel Hill resident to serve on the Rogers Road Community Task Force.

Apply by May 2.

Information: 245-2125 or
mevans@co.orange.nc.us.

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May 7

The Town Council of Chapel Hill will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, May 7, in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., to consider the following:

University Village — Zoning Atlas Amendment

The Town will consider rezoning the property between I-40 and Weaver Dairy Road identified as Orange County Parcel Identifier Number (PIN) 9880-56-2680 and known as University Station; that is currently zoned part Mixed-Use Office/Institutional-1 and Residential-3 to Residential-1.

Northern Area — Zoning Atlas Amendment (Moratorium)

The Town will consider a moratorium on development in the northern area of Town that is, the area north of Homestead Road, east of the NC railroad, south of I-40, and west of Carol Woods.

May 14

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Mason Farm Neighborhood Conservation District

Citizens are invited to express their views on a proposed Zoning Atlas Amendment to create a Neighborhood Conservation District for the Mason Farm/Whitehead Circle neighborhood (see map below). The area within the boundaries of the proposed Neighborhood Conservation District is currently zoned Residential-Low Density 1 (R-LD1). If adopted by the Council, the Neighborhood Conservation District would amend the Zoning Atlas and would be an overlay district to the regular zoning district.

Recommended guidelines for the Neighborhood Conservation District for the Mason Farm neighborhood are on file in the Planning Department and are also available on the Town's website (www.townofchapelhill.org/neighborhood_conservation).

Information on protest petitions is available from the Planning Department or the Town Clerk. Protest petitions must be filed with the Town Clerk by 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2007.

Concept Plan: Belvedere Multi-Family Development

The Town has received a request for review of a Concept Plan Proposal for a multi-family development located at 2100 NC 54 East. The site is located on the north side of NC 54 East, approximately 1,200 feet east of East Barbee Chapel Road. The proposed project includes 84 dwelling units, comprising 145,000 square feet of floor area and approximately 144 parking spaces. Access to the site is proposed from NC 54 East. The 5.83-acre site is located in the Residential-1 (R-1) zoning district and the Resource Conservation District. The site is located in Durham County and is identified as Durham County Parcel Identifier Number 9798-04-94-5193.

Land Use Management Ordinance Text Amendments

Text amendments are proposed to Section 5.7 and Appendix A of the Land Use Management Ordinance to consider changes to the tree protection ordinance regarding removal of trees and changes to lower the threshold of trees that must be surveyed.

Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance

A text amendment is proposed to the Land Use Management Ordinance to consider adding an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance. The proposed ordinance would apply to all develop that creates five or more new dwelling units including subdivisions of five or more new lots, new multifamily developments of five or more dwelling units, and redevelopments that add five or more new dwelling units. Units would be developed for households earning less than 80 percent of the area median income.



Bolin Creek Watershed Study – The towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill have contracted with EarthTech, an environmental firm, to conduct field work along the Bolin Creek and its tributaries. The survey will identify problem areas of erosion, scour and polluted discharges, which will guide the towns in developing plans to enhance water quality and restore stream integrity. Pictured above, Dave Almond of the Town of Chapel Hill's Stormwater Division maps stormwater drain outlets in the creek using Global Positioning System equipment. For additional information, go to townofcarrboro.org/pzi/bcwrt.htm, or contact the Carrboro Planning Department at 918-7327 or the Chapel Hill Stormwater Management Division at 969-7246.

Public Notices

May 16

The Town Council of Chapel Hill will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., to consider the following:

Public Hearing on Town Budget

The Council invites citizens to express their views on:

- Town services and projects for the budget for July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008;
- Capital improvement needs for 2007-2022;
- How to use the 2007-2008 federal and State transit grants for capital projects, operating costs, and transportation planning; and
- The Downtown Service District services in the year beginning on July 1, 2007.

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An initial report by the Town Manager regarding the 2007-2008 budget is available for review in the Town Manager's and Clerk's offices in Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., and at the reference desk at the Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Drive.

May 21

The Town Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, May 21, in the Council Chamber of Town Hall to consider the following:

(Note change in meeting date for this item.)

Text amendments are proposed to Section 5.9 and Appendix A of the Land Use Management Ordinance to consider changes to vehicular and bicycle parking regulations.

Council To Consider Changes To Tree Protection Ordinance

Proposed changes to the Tree Protection Ordinance would establish a new vision statement that calls for no net loss of trees/canopy cover and an increase in trees proportional to population growth. Regulations could include a permitting process for tree removal with financial disincentives for unauthorized tree removal. One suggested change to the ordinance would require residents to receive permits to remove trees in a cumulative area more than 5,000 square feet (even if a building permit is not involved). A public hearing on these proposed changes is scheduled for 7 p.m. May 14 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.



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Million Solar Roofs Initiative

7 p.m., Town Hall

WEDNESDAY

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Youth Council Steering Committee

1 p.m., Parks and Recreation Dept., 200 Plant Road

Public Arts Commission

5 p.m., Town Hall

Budget Work Session

5:30 p.m., Town Hall

THURSDAY

(May 10)

Active Living By Design Advisory Comm.

6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Historic District Commission

7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Transportation Board

7 p.m., Town Hall

Rogers Road Small Area Task Force

7:30 p.m., Faith Tabernacle
8005 Rogers Road

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Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance

This item has been rescheduled for consideration on June 11.



Making It Safer to Walk to School – In an effort to improve pedestrian safety, the Town Council approved new solar-powered school zone flashing lights outside schools in Chapel Hill, including Estes Hills Elementary and Phillips Middle School, pictured above. Turning on the light was made ceremonial by Mayor Kevin Foy, at far left, with principals Eileen Tully (Phillips) and Dale Minge (Estes Hills), teachers and students. The improvements were funded with sidewalk and street improvements bonds approved by voters in 2003 and earmarked for traffic calming and neighborhood pedestrian safety improvements. Many schools are working with Go! Chapel Hill Active Living By Design to encourage more students to walk to school.

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Protecting Trees in Chapel Hill

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The first step of the phased proposal would require a permit to remove trees in a cumulative area of more than 5,000 square feet. Changes are also proposed to lower the threshold size of trees that must be surveyed. The ordinance revision is linked to a commitment to sustainability with the potential to reduce carbon emissions and decrease the urban "heat island" effect. Information: 968-2728.