



**Chatham County Democratic Party
News You Can Use
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Upcoming CCDP-Sponsored Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer at the 75th Annual Chatham County Fair, September 21, 4 - 7 p.m. or 7 - 9:30 p.m., Chatham County Agricultural & Industrial Fair Association, 191 Fairgrounds Rd, Pittsboro

Join some of your fellow democrats to spread the word about our great democratic ticket up and down the ballot this year AND have a great time doing it! The Fair is taking place September 19 to 22, but volunteers are needed for the two shifts above.

To volunteer, go to: [Chatham County Fair: Volunteers Needed](#)

Meet Ed Eldred, NC Appeals Court Judicial Candidate, September 25, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Sponsored by West Williams, Fearington Village (Location To Be Provided)

Over the past decade, Democrat Ed Eldred has been one of the most well-respected appellate attorneys in North Carolina. He has stood up for people from all over our state. His commitment to justice is rock-solid, as evidenced by his passionate advocacy for his clients who had no one else to fight for them. Ed's successful and extensive work in front of both the North Carolina Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals ensures he is ready to serve on the bench as a judge on day one!

Electing Ed is pivotal to restoring balance to the Court of Appeals. With his strong and thoughtful dedication to fair, equitable rulings and extensive legal experience, Ed stands as a beacon for safeguarding the rights and liberties of all North Carolinians.

Meet Ed in a relaxed and informal setting where you can listen to his plans for the office and ask your questions. Wine and refreshments as well!

Sign up at: [Meet Ed Eldred, Candidate for NC Court of Appeals](#)

Volunteer at PEPPERFEST at the Plant, September 29, 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., 192 Lorax Lane, Pittsboro

We need volunteers to staff the Chatham County Democratic Party's Tent at the 17th Annual Peppercorn Festival at the Plant in Pittsboro. This fun event features music, food and beverages, a pop-up market, and of course peppers! There will be a pepper condiment competition, a pepper patch and a chili cook off!

Volunteer at: [PEPPERFEST at the Plant](#)

Meet Justice Allison Riggs, NC Supreme Court and NC Representative Robert Reives, Democratic Leader, October 7, 6 - 7:30 p.m., CORA Food Pantry

Join us for this exciting event to meet NC Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs and NC House Democratic Leader Robert Reives, two of NC finest, running to keep their seats.

Justice Riggs was appointed to the NC Supreme Court in 2023 by Governor Roy Cooper. She has spent her entire career fighting for equal justice under the law for every person, regardless of wealth or skin color. Justice Riggs is an accomplished litigator, having argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in several landmark redistricting cases. Prior to her current position on the NC Supreme Court, she served on the NC Court of Appeals, and beforehand, served as Co-Executive Director for Programs and Chief Counsel for Voting Rights at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham. She's a strong advocate for our constitutional and voting rights.

Minority Leader Reives has served in the North Carolina House of Representatives since 2014. He represents House District 54, which includes all of Chatham County and

portions of Randolph County. Rep. Reives is known for his skills working across party lines and has sponsored legislation to strengthen public schools and to help protect children, the disabled, the environment, and property rights. He listens to the needs of the constituents and has championed specific legislation to help Chatham County meet its vision of tomorrow.

At this event you can hear more from both of them (they are great speakers!) and ask questions in a relaxed informal setting. There will be refreshments too!

Sign up at: [Meet NC Supreme Court Justice Allison Riggs and Rep. Robert Reives](#)

Join Our Phone Banking Team

Now is the time to ramp up enthusiasm and engagement! Early voting for the November election begins on October 17th. The Chatham County Democratic Party has set a goal of delivering 28,000 votes for all of the 28 Democratic candidates on the ballot in November. To reach that goal, we are calling registered Democrats and left-leaning Unaffiliated Voters to make sure they know that their vote matters. As Larry Sabato has said: "Every election is determined by the people who show up."

Please volunteer TODAY - By talking to voters on our call lists, you will help make sure that our side shows up in November.

Sign up at: [Join Our Phone Banking Team](#)

Become an Election Influencer

We all influence the results of elections when we vote.

Our Election Influencers kick it up a notch. They make a commitment to educate themselves about the upcoming election (for example, when Early Voting starts and where folks can vote) and the candidates running for office. They also make a commitment to help spread the word -- making sure other people they know:

- Are registered to vote (if eligible),
- Know how to vote,
- Are able to either get to the polls or vote by mail, and
- Have accurate information about all the candidates on the ballot so that they can make informed choices too.

We make it easy for Chatham County residents to become Election Influencers. We will send you information about: important election rules (for example, Photo ID); days, times, and places people can vote; and candidates we endorse. Your job is to share the info with family and friends, and encourage them to become Election Influencers too!

Sign up at: [Become an Election Influencer](#)

Upcoming Canvasses

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

CCDP Volunteer Trainings

[Canvassing Orientation and Training](#), September 4, 18 and 24, @Zoom

[Volunteer Orientation](#), September 6, 13 @Zoom

[Join Our Office Crew](#), September 4, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

[Staffing Tent Events](#), September 7, Community Engagement Center, Pittsboro

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Other Upcoming Events

NCDP and County-to-County Reception with Congressman Jamie Raskin in Raleigh, September 4, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-MD) to benefit the North Carolina Democratic Party and County-to-County! Hear from NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton and learn about innovative programs to knock doors and engage young voters in 2024. Doors open to ticket holders at 7:15 pm for a 7:30pm start. Address will be provided to attendees.

Donors who contribute at the Host level are invited to a VIP reception at 6:45 pm. There will be a photo line in the VIP reception.

Register at: [Reception with Congressman Jamie Raskin in Raleigh](#)

NOTE: If you purchased a ticket for this event for the original October, 2023 date, your ticket is still valid for the September 4, 2024 event.

Knock Out the Vote, September 8, 4 - 6 p.m., In person and Zoom, Sponsored by County-to-County and Neighbors on Call

We'll celebrate the opening of the GOTV season at [SEVEN in-person parties](#) (or join by Zoom) in Carrboro, Durham, Fuquay-Varina, Hillsborough, Pittsboro, Wake Forest, and Wilson (come on down!), or on Zoom! All the venues are open and airy. You'll meet our wonderful candidates, meet fellow volunteers, enjoy a drink, and learn how we're going to break the NC GOP supermajority! Let's Democratic Party Hearty (and Hardy)! Location and Zoom information will be provided upon registration, using link above.

Taking Back the Courts 101: A Crash Course for Volunteers and Voters, September 11, 7 p.m. (Zoom Event)

Join Anderson Clayton and our statewide judicial candidates for the civics lesson you wish you'd had in high school!

Judges are the backstop to protect democracy and our freedoms, but Republican-led courts are trampling our rights and rubber-stamping the right-wing legislature's unconstitutional policies. We CAN have nice things -- IF we take back the courts.

Meet our fantastic statewide judicial candidates, Justice Allison Riggs, Judge Carolyn Thompson, Commissioner Martin Moore, and Ed Eldred. And find out how to help get them elected!

Sign up at: mobilize.us/ncdems/event/671978/

2024 NC Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidate's Forum, September 14, 10 a.m. (Virtual Event)

Democratic candidate Mo Green and Republican Candidate Michele Morrow will participate in a candidate's forum sponsored by Public Schools First NC and moderated by Jeff Tiberii, co-host of WUNC's "Due South."

Please [register](#) and we'll send a link to the livestream the morning of September 14th.

Download a [promotional flyer](#) and share with your friends!

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Team Harris-Walz Turns Convention Momentum Into Action. North Carolina Given a Huge Platform in Chicago

The DNC provided yet another example of all eyes being on the Tar Heel state and the true belief across the country that we will flip North Carolina blue in November.

NC DNC Convention Highlights:

- Governor Cooper was given the primetime slot of introducing VP Harris before her historic acceptance speech. As Governor Cooper said, he gave "the closing argument" to the country on why Kamala will be a great President, providing examples of their time working together as state AGs.

- Durham Mayor Leo Williams also gave a speech on stage at the United Center to the delegates and the folks watching at home.
- North Carolina's delegation was placed right next to the stage and Chair Clayton's roll call speech went viral and had the entire arena energized.
- The DNC convention told the story of how Kamala Harris and Tim Walz are fighting for the people, for our freedoms, and for our future — while Donald Trump is only fighting for himself.
- Now, Democrats are turning the historic energy that was on display throughout the convention into real action to reach voters in the states that will decide this election.
- Convention week was the biggest organizing week of the campaign, with volunteers signing up for nearly 200,000 new shifts.
- Team Harris-Walz raised \$82 million during the convention – with one-third coming from first-time donors. And in just over a month since launch, Team Harris-Walz has raised \$540 million – a record for any campaign in history.
- On Friday, Team Harris-Walz launched a new ad, "Opportunity," amplifying Vice President Harris' vision for an opportunity economy that was on display in Chicago.
- This week, Vice President Harris and Governor Walz will kick off a bus tour across Georgia to speak directly to voters in their communities and harness the energy surrounding the Harris-Walz ticket into volunteer power.
- Team Harris-Walz is ready to use the momentum from the historic week to send Vice President Harris and Governor Walz into the final stretch of the campaign, ready to win.

NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton Statement on Republicans' Latest Efforts to Disenfranchise Voters, August 27, 2024

"These Republican lawsuits are the latest in a series of disingenuous attempts to sow doubts about the integrity of the election system, and to suppress voter turnout in the 2024 election. Despite being well aware of the procedures the State Board of Elections maintains to keep our elections secure, the Republican Party waited until just days before voting begins in North Carolina to file yet another frivolous lawsuit attempting to burden North Carolinians' right to vote. North Carolina Democrats will remain relentless in our efforts to ensure that every eligible voter has the information they need to access the ballot box during the 2024 voting period and beyond."

NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton Press Conference on Justice Phil Berger Jr. Refusing to Recuse Himself from Critical Case Involving His Father, Phil Berger Sr.

On August 29, NCDP Chair Anderson Clayton held a press conference calling out North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Phil Berger Jr.'s refusal to recuse himself from two high-profile cases involving his father, Phil Berger Sr., the Republican Senate leader.

The court's Republican justices denied Governor Roy Cooper's motion requesting Phil Berger Jr.'s recusal on Friday paving the way for him to decide on giving Phil Berger Sr. more power in his position.

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District 20 Updates from State Senator Natalie Murdock (Highlights)

Siler City Among Local Governments Receiving Grant Funding for Park Projects

On Thursday, August 29th, Governor Cooper announced that the Parks and Recreation Authority would be awarding \$17.9 Million in grant funds to local communities for park projects across the state. Siler City was awarded \$500,000 and is one of 46 localities across North Carolina that is receiving this funding.

Funding for these projects came from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) and the Accessible Parks Grant Program. A second round of funding for the Accessible Parks Grant will open in September. To read the full announcement, [click here!](#)

Black Women's Equal Pay Day Brunch

Black women throughout the region gathered in Durham on August 11th to discuss pay inequality at the Black Women's Equal Pay Day Brunch. [1000 Women Strong](#) was the host organization for the event. They focus their advocacy on educating, mobilizing, and empowering voters across the country.

The brunch was held to bring attention to the pay inequality experienced by Black women, who are paid less than their white counterparts. The brunch became a space for women to have conversations about how to close the pay gap and support each other so they can have confidence to advocate for themselves when asking for fair pay.

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Update from NC Congressman Jeff Jackson, August 28, 2024

[The Power of Wheel of Fortune](#)

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Consumer Alert from Attorney General Josh Stein, August 30, 2024

Act Swiftly Against Ticket Scams

We all enjoy going to live shows and games to see our favorite artists or sports teams, but unfortunately scammers prey on our excitement. One North Carolinian was scammed out of \$1,200 after thinking they were buying tickets to a [Taylor Swift concert](#). Social media gives bad actors new ways to trick people. Sometimes scammers will spoof or hack the account of a real person, who is not involved. They use a real person's account on social media to appear legitimate and trustworthy and try to

sell you tickets, and people fall for it because they know or have shared connections with the person. There are also good old-fashioned scam postings across the internet, including in online ticket sales groups.

If you are trying to get tickets to an event, make sure you are taking the following precautions to prevent ticket sale scams.

- Buy tickets through reputable ticket sale sites and double-check the URL on the web browser by looking for a lock icon and making sure it starts with “https:”.
- Look for and read the refund policy carefully. Reputable sellers should have this information clearly displayed, and they should be able to answer any questions you have about your tickets.
- Do your research to ensure that the ticket you want to purchase is comparable to prices from other sites. If the price seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Use a credit card when buying tickets so you can dispute the charge.
- If tickets are being resold in person, remember that state law prohibits charging anything more than \$3 over the face value of the ticket.
- If you do decide to purchase a ticket secondhand from someone on a social media site, make sure you are sending your money through a secure channel and the names of the seller and social profile account match.

Don't fall victim to the scamming era. If you think you or someone you know has been the victim of a scam, file a complaint with our office's Consumer Protection Division at <https://ncdoj.gov/file-a-complaint/> or by phone at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

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 ; 2024 Voter Education Resource Order Form \(Free\)](#)

[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

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Axios: [North Carolina now Harris-Trump "toss up," Cook Political Report says](#)

Axios: [North Carolina governor's race 2024: Republican Mark Robinson's poor polling numbers can be traced to one ad about abortion](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Opinion: The frightening truth about what Project 2025 would do to education in NC](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [More than 200 former Bush, McCain, and Romney staffers endorse Kamala Harris for president](#)

Cardinal & Pine: [Army criticizes Trump campaign for inappropriate conduct at Arlington National Cemetery](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Digital ID decision for UNC student voting may see GOP pushback](#)

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NC Newslines: [NC Republicans seek a voter purge that would violate federal law](#)

NC Newslines: [Supermajority of U.S. women ages 18-49 support legal abortion](#)

NC Newslines: [More than 200 former Bush, McCain, and Romney staffers endorse Kamala Harris for president](#)

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NY Times: [On Politics: The big border change Harris isn't talking about](#)

NY Times: [On Politics: The challenge of interviewing Kamala Harris](#)

NY Times: [Prosecutors revise election indictment to address immunity ruling](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Conversations and insights about the moment](#)

NY Times: [China dominates the Situation Room but not the campaign trail](#)

NY Times: [7 takeaways from Kamala Harris's first major interview](#)

NY Times (Gift Article): [Can Democrats Win Back Latino Voters by Treating Them Like Everyone Else?](#)

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WRAL: [NC Democratic leaders call on GOP Supreme Court justice to recuse himself from case](#)