



**Chatham County Democratic Party
News You Can Use
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CCDP Events

Training – Join Our Office Crew, March 22, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Community Engagement Center, 628 East St. Suite A, Pittsboro

Volunteer at CCDP's Community Engagement Center! This training covers everything you need to know to feel comfortable and competent staffing the office along with an experienced volunteer. After this one-time training session, you will be a CEC Associate Office Staff Member and you will be paired with a Senior Office Staff Member. We will work with your availability and preferences and get you on the Staffing Calendar.

Sign up at: [Training - Join Our Office Crew](#)

Training – Voter Education, March 22, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; April 12, May 10, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Community Engagement Center, 628 East St. Suite A, Pittsboro

Get ready to help voters understand and participate successfully in the election process! This ninety-minute training will cover the Voter Registration form, Photo ID and Exceptions, how to vote in person and by mail, and Provisional ballots.

This is a great way to prepare for volunteering in the CCDP Community Engagement Center, educating voters at CCDP events around the county, and sharing election information with friends and family.

Sign up at: [Training – Voter Education](#)

Letter and Postcard Writing Event, March 23, 2 – 4 p.m., Community Engagement Center, 628 East St. Suite A, Pittsboro

Want a Way to Turn your Anger into Action?

Come join your fellow democrats at a postcard/letter writing event at the CEC. We'll be working together to write the legislator of our choice to let them know just how we feel about what's happening to our government. And we'll be doing it together! We'll have some suggestions about what/who to write but come and write to whoever you'd like about what you're most passionate about. We'll bring the paper and postcards and you bring the stamps!

The event will include a short instruction on how to write compelling letters and postcards, and a brief 5-min presentation about 5calls.org, a simple tool you can use to easily make calls to your legislators.

[RSVP](#)

We hope to see you there!

Training – Staffing Tent Events, March 30, 3 - 4 p.m. (Virtual Event)

Volunteer at a CCDP Tent at one of the many community events we participate in during the year. We cover everything you need to know to feel comfortable and competent staffing our tent at one of the many fun community events we participate in each year. This is a one-hour training on Zoom. Even if you've been a tent event volunteer in the past, come see what's new this year.

Sign up at: [Training - Staffing Tent Events](#)

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Other Upcoming Local Events

Risk and Resilience: Weathering the Climate Crisis in Chatham County, March 18, 6 - 8 p.m., Habitat for Humanity Main Office, 467 West St, Pittsboro, Sponsored by Chatham Climate Action Network (CAN)

An ongoing discussion about impacts in our communities and how we can address them together with panelists: Robbie Cox (Chatham County Climate Advisory Committee); Anayancy Estacio (Chatham Department of Environmental Quality); Anne Lowry (Chatham Environmental Health); Tandy Jones (Chatham farmer). For more information, email: chathamclimateaction@gmail.com .

Town Hall: Invited Guest -- Rep. Richard Hudson, 9th Congressional District of NC, March 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., West Southern Pines Center Auditorium, 1250 W New York Ave., Southern Pines, Sponsored by Indivisible, NAACP, Democracy Out Loud

Congress isn't listening, and it's time to make them feel the pressure. We're showing up to demand they:

Vote NO on any budget that hands power to Elon Musk and Donald Trump. Fight back against the Trump-Musk coup and extremist budget cuts. Hold public town halls—because they work for US, not billionaires.

Sign up [here](#).

“Democracy North Carolina: Protecting Our Democracy in 2025 and Beyond,” March 25, 7 p.m. (Zoom Event), Sponsored by Ferrington Democratic Club

The Ferrington Democratic Club's March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. and will be available via Zoom. The speaker will be Katelin Kaiser on the topic **“Democracy North Carolina: Protecting Our Democracy in 2025 and Beyond.”** Katelin is an attorney with extensive voting-rights litigation experience, and she is the Policy Director for Democracy North Carolina, a nonpartisan organization that uses research, organizing, and advocacy to strengthen democratic structures, build power among disenfranchised communities, and inspire confidence in a transformed political process that works for all.

To request the Zoom link, please use the form on the Club's website: ferringtondems.org>Our Club>Contact Us by 5 p.m. on the day of the event (sooner is better).

Celebrate Our Newly Re-elected NCDP Officers, Raleigh, March 25, 5:30 p.m.

You're invited to the 2025 New Officers' Reception. Sign up [here](#). This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow Democrats, hear from our leadership, and rally together as we continue the work for a stronger North Carolina.

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News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

Join North Carolina Democrats on **Wednesday March 19th from 12pm - 2pm** as we head back to the NCGA and [pack the gallery](#)! Let's show our legislators that their constituents are engaged, informed, and ready to hold them accountable.


The 2025 NCGA session has officially begun! It's time to make sure you and your friends know who their elected officials are! Visit [NCLEG.GOV/FINDYOURLEGISLATORS](https://ncleg.gov/findyourlegislators) and search for *your address*! Be sure to get acquainted and **save their contact info** so you are always prepared to reach out!

Our digital messages this week are:

N.C. National Forests - The impact of Hurricane Helene is still being felt across North Carolina. Recovery efforts are underway and while a lot of progress has been made, we still have a long road ahead. [Hurricane Helene devastated 20% of the state's National Forest](#), and now, with wildfires raging in Western North Carolina, the path to recovery has become even more difficult. We need support now more than ever, yet the Trump/Musk administration is making things worse by cutting our forest service jobs through DOGE. DOGE has led to the loss of many essential workers, and now, NCGA Speaker Destin Hall is launching his own DOGE committee right here in North Carolina. This is a critical moment when we need our leaders focused on helping North Carolinians, not boosting their own wealth. We are pissed, and it's time for us to take action and keep DOGE outta North Carolina.

Donald's Golden Age - Donald's campaign promised we would see "numbers like never before" and this week, those numbers are emerging in a way you would expect from somebody who has filed for bankruptcy six times. The [stock market is in a steep decline](#), prices continue to soar, and inflation is squeezing families across the country. Meanwhile Donald "*isn't even looking at the market*" but instead focusing on cutting jobs, firing veterans, and trying to cut Medicaid to give his billionaire friends a historical tax break. This isn't the "golden age" for the American people, just the billionaires in power.

St. Patrick's Day - On **March 17th** grab your shamrocks and join in the fun as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day! It's clear over the next four years, Republicans are not interested in leading us to a pot of gold, but instead into courtrooms fighting battles we already won. This St. Patrick's Day, [donate](#) \$17 to help elect Democrats who will right

these wrongs in 2025! 

See y'all on the Internet,
NCDP digital

Republicans are coming after North Carolinians' health care

- Donald Trump and the Congressional Republicans' sweeping rules changes are damaging access to healthcare in North Carolina, leaving many in flux.
- **Dig deeper:**
 - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services issued a sweeping list of changes to eligibility for the Affordable Care Act, including slashing the length of the eligibility window, raising premiums, and making it more difficult to re-enroll in the program.
 - Up to 750,000 people nationwide could lose coverage, and CMM specifically mentioned North Carolina among the states that would see the largest impacts.
 - Congressional Republicans' plans to cut over \$1.5 trillion in federal spending over the next 10 years can't be achieved without cutting into Medicare and Medicaid.
 - They can't afford expensive mass deportation campaigns, increases to border enforcement, and tax cuts for billionaires, and the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office says healthcare would have to go.

> State of the State Address

- Governor Stein delivers the State of the State address tonight. His remarks will focus on four main topics:
 - **Helene relief:** successes of initial state-level recovery investments, urging Congress for additional relief support
 - **Economy and affordability:** expanding apprenticeships, building more housing, expanding access to child care, lowering taxes for working families
 - **Schools:** raising teacher pay, addressing student hunger, updating school buildings
 - **Public safety:** filling law enforcement vacancies, addressing fentanyl and the opioid crisis

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Congresswoman Valerie Foushee Newsletter

[Why I Oppose Trump's Joint Address and the House GOP Budget](#)

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[Gov. Stein Delivers State of the State Address](#)

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Consumer Alert From NC Attorney General Jeff Jackson

[Don't Fall for Toll Text Scams](#)

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Links to Events, Trainings, and Actions by Affiliate Organizations

[ACLU of North Carolina](#)

[Chatham Voices for Justice](#)

[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](#)

[Democracy Out Loud](#)

[Indivisible](#)

[MegaphoneNC](#)

[NC Counts Coalition](#)

[Neighbors on Call; Upcoming Events, Canvasses, NC Policy Update.](#)

[New North Carolina Project](#)

[North Carolina Poor Peoples Campaign](#)

[Poder NC](#)

[Red, Wine, and Blue; https://redwine.blue/events/](https://redwine.blue/events/)

[Swing Left Durham/Chapel Hill/Chatham](#)

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Associated Press: [Tens of Billions in Hurricane Helene Aid To Start By March 21](#)

Axios Raleigh: [What's Top of Mind for Top North Carolina Republicans This Year](#)

Axios Raleigh: [N.C. Lawmakers Look To Crack Down on Psychoactive Hemp Products](#)

C2C+NOC: [What's Next? Undoing Operation Red Map](#)

C2C+NOC: [Dismantling and Weaponizing of Justice](#)

C2C+NOC: [Trump's Anti-Democratic Actions Masquerade as Reforms](#)

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Cardinal & Pine: [North Carolina Gov. Josh Stein's 'State of the State': Faster Helene Relief, Better Teacher Pay](#)

Carolina Forward: (1) [Will Food Prices Lose to Immigration?](#), (2) [Welcoming "Sunshine Week" to North Carolina](#)

Carolina Public Press: [If GOP Legislators Have Their Way, NC's Already Weak Governor Could Have Very Little Power](#)

Carolina Public Press: [As NC Wildfires Rage, Many Can Be Blamed on One Thing: People. 'We're Our Own Worst Enemy,' Official Says.](#)

Carolina Public Press: [Deserts for Women's Health Care Services Expand in Rural NC Counties](#)

Chop Wood, Carry North Carolina: [3/10](#)

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Fox 8: [Bill To Raise North Carolina Minimum Wage Filed By House Democrats](#)

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Fox 8: [DOGE Closing 4 Social Security Offices in North Carolina](#)

Governor Josh Stein: [2025 State of the State Address](#)

Governor Josh Stein: [Strengthening NC Families: Governor Stein Visits Durham Child Care Center To Announce Task Force for Child Care and Early Education](#)

NC Health News: [NC Prisons Struggle To Meet Health Care Demands Amid Rising Costs, Staff Shortages](#)

NC Health News: [Trump's Proposed Budget Cuts to EPA and NIH Spark Alarm in NC](#)

NC Newslines: [NC Senate Passes Bill Barring AG Jeff Jackson from Challenging Trump's Executive Orders](#)

NC Newslines: [Griffin Says Colleague Who Contributed to His Legal Fund Should Not Be Barred from Hearing His Case](#)

NC Newslines: [More Than 20 Government Facilities in North Carolina On the Chopping Block Amid DOGE Cuts](#)

NC Newslines: [Federal Funding Freeze Creates Chaos for North Carolina Nonprofits Combatting Homelessness](#)

NC Newslines: [North Carolina Signs Contract With Musk's SpaceX To Buy Starlink Products, Fill Internet Gaps](#)

NC Newslines: [With Double-Digit Vacancy Rates, NC State Government Looks To Revamp Its Hiring Process](#)

NC Newslines: [The Judge Who Contributed to Justice Griffin's Legal Fund Won't Hear His Election Case](#)

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WUNC: [50 Days In, How President Trump's Agenda Impacts North Carolina](#)

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WUNC: [Families of Immigrants Detailed by ICE Speak Out as Republican Immigration Bills Advance](#)

WUNC: [USDA Cancels \\$11 Million in Federal Funding for North Carolina Food Banks](#)

WUNC: [Migration Growth Has Surged in North Carolina, and Part of That Is Because of the Triangle](#)

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