



September 2024

**New meeting date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

**Pittsboro Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Hello ChathamCAN Community.

We had to change the date for our quarterly meeting and we're grateful to our partners at Pittsboro Presbyterian Church, 95 East Street for providing space for the meeting.

We're adding a new feature to the newsletter that we hope you'll check out: **WHAT WE'RE READING/WATCHING/LISTENING TO** (scroll to the bottom). We'll feature a book, video or podcast related to climate solutions that someone has found helpful and others might find interesting. Please share your favorites (reply to this email)!

### **UPDATES AND FOLLOW UP**

ChathamCAN had a booth at the Hispanic Fiesta. A grant from Central Pines Regional Council allowed us to donate money to El Vincula and have teenagers ask the "One Question Survey" of 150 participants. People are worried about extreme heat, deteriorating weather, trees falling, animals dying out and much more as the climate crisis deepens.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, CALLS FOR ACTION AND RESOURCES**

#### **Inaugural NC Climate Week**

**September 30 – October 4, 2024** EarthShare NC is hosting their inaugural [NC Climate Week](#) Described as "an incredible collection of free training, resources, and events to help [individuals and businesses] better understand climate change, what actions you can take, and how you can get involved to make a difference."

#### **Firescaping: Managing Your Landscape to Reduce Vulnerability to Wildfire**

**10/3/24 6:00-7:30 p.m. WORKSHOP-** Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center. Every year, hundreds of wildfires occur across North Carolina, threatening lives and structures. NC communities and residents can reduce their risk. Firescaping is a specific type of landscape design and maintenance that occurs around structures to reduce wildfire risk. With the increased chances of more frequent wildfires associated with climate change, this is a topic all landowners in fire-risk areas should be aware of! See: [Firescaping Workshop](#) for more information and to register

#### **Pittsboro Street Fair**

**Saturday, October 26, 2024 10:00 am - 6:00 pm** *Together We Can* and *ChathamCAN* will have a tent where we will ask people to participate in a *One Question Survey* (with follow up). We'd love to have your help with a shift. As climate scientist, Katharine Hayhoe says: **It's a great way to take important action on climate change - Talk About It.** **Reply to this email if you can help.**

## UPCOMING (Quarterly Meeting)

### **The Climate Food Puzzle: Why We Must Care About Food Waste & Food Insecurity**

Project Drawdown has found that reducing food loss and waste is one of the largest climate solutions across all sectors, not just in the food system. Plus, it could provide additional benefits to land, water, and biodiversity while also improving food availability and food security. Join us as we look at solutions underway in Chatham County and discuss what more we need to do.

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**If you're interested in helping plan this event, reply to this email!**

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The Creation Justice Team at Pittsboro Presbyterian Church seeks to "make creation care and justice a central concern of the church." One tool is the Creation Justice Blog written by Gary Simpson for the Creation Justice Team at PPC. Another effort has been a multi-year project to help the Church lead in the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources (such as solar power). It is their belief that at this critical moment in history, caring for Creation means becoming wise and vocal energy evangelists. To learn more, go to

<https://pittsboropres.org/creation-justice/>

## WHAT WE'RE READING/WATCHING/LISTENING TO

- The book that sparked ChathamCAN was **All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis** edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson & Katharine K. Wilkinson 2020. <https://www.allwecansave.earth/anthology> Highly recommended.
- Ask Code Switch: **Do bike lanes cause gentrification?** 12 minute [Podcast](#)
- NPR 8 episodes **How climate change affects our food**  
<https://www.npr.org/2024/09/09/g-s1-20267/best-podcasts-food-climate>

With appreciation,

Betsy, Carmen, Lenore, Maura, Meredith and Vickie - organizing for ChathamCAN

*P.S. Feel free to forward this email to others who might be interested in being a part of ChathamCAN. Let us know if you'd like for us to remove you from our mailing list.*