



November 2025

Hello ChathamCAN Community,

Early newsletter this month because of the urgent call for action below (and because we have great things to share with you!).

### **CALLS FOR ACTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Urgent action alert: MONDAY NIGHT IS THE NIGHT!!! PLEASE HELP US PACK THE ROOM!!!**

Chatham Park Investors' huge Small Area Plan is back on the Board of Commissioners' agenda for their meeting **Monday night (November 10th)** - as always at 6pm **at the Ag Center**.

Despite the Planning Board's unanimous recommendation that the Board vote down the proposal, Town Staff are recommending that they pass it. There is a very high probability that they will get the votes to do that despite all the problems of the proposal and overwhelming public concern. And despite the fact that the 2 candidates most concerned about development issues in Pittsboro won the election by huge margins!

Please show up Monday night and spread the word as broadly as you can to get others to join us!

We want to pack the room. If you've been following the issue, please consider making a brief public comment.

To learn more about the discussion around Chatham Park's Small Area Plan, check out the following from the Chatham Journal: [Pittsboro Planning Board Rejects Small Area Plan](#) (article from 10/30) and [Pittsboro Town Board Probes South Village Small Area Plans Moving Parts](#) (10/14) .

And a 3 part video interview with Pittsboro Town Commissioner John Bonitz filmed on 11/2.

Part 1 (22 min) [https://youtu.be/FX\\_OA2pAzH0](https://youtu.be/FX_OA2pAzH0)

Part 2 (31 min) <https://youtu.be/L96Discussion with Pittsboro Town Commissioner John Bonitz @ Chatham Park South Village SAP - 11.2.25VgEY3mJg>

Q&A (10 min) <https://youtu.be/zj1iI0sEK5A>

**Bike, bus, train, walk, drive...**what transportation options do you want to have in Chatham County? Move Chatham wants to know what you find easy and hard about transportation in Chatham, and what options for travel you would like to see—both within the county and connecting to neighboring counties. This initiative will help guide planning efforts to ensure transportation systems are accessible, efficient, and aligned with community priorities. Please

visit the webpage **Move Chatham** and take the survey! <https://arcg.is/1PL0Cv2>. The survey will close on Nov 28th.

**Climate action:** Right now, Duke Energy's plan is to slash solar and wind development, increase natural gas (a fossil fuel), and build more nuclear plants. These practices have the potential to TRIPLE our electric bills and will accelerate global warming. Tell Governor Stein that we need him to take bold action now to Stop Duke Energy's Climate Deception. In partnership with NC WARN and CORE, ChathamCAN hosted a showing of the documentary, *The True Cost of Power: Duke Energy's Climate Deception*. A large gathering watched the film and took action on the campaign that night. If you were unable to attend, go to [Stop Duke Energy's Climate Deception](#) for more information and to take action. If you belong to a group that would like to show the documentary with NC WARN, you can contact them at [ncwarn@ncwarn.org](mailto:ncwarn@ncwarn.org),

**Native American Gathering** November 8th Deep River Park Camelback Bridge. Deep River Park will host a Native American Gathering on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, featuring Native dancing, music, storytelling, food, and more to honor the first Americans and explore indigenous culture. The event is held at the Camelback Bridge in Deep River Park and requires an admission fee of \$10 for adults, with children 12 and under admitted free; all proceeds go to the upkeep of the park.

## UPDATES and FOLLOW UP

**Election results:** Great news in Pittsboro! Both **Candace Hunziger** and **Tiana Thurber** won seats on the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners. Thanks to everyone who voted, volunteered, donated or talked with friends about voting for them.

**The Pittsboro Board of Commissioners** will vote on Monday, November 10th to adopt their draft [Climate Action Plan](#)!

**The Chatham County Board of Commissioners**, joined by members of the Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC), held the second day of their retreat focused on climate change. Topics included solid waste's contributions to greenhouse gases, financing climate action, community engagement and work on framing the vision and goals for a county climate action plan.. Next steps will be for the CCAC to propose the sectors in the overall framework and for Kevin Lindley, Sustainability Director, to gather information to draft a request for proposal to present to the BOC. The plan is to have information available to create a Climate Action Plan for Chatham County before the budgeting process begins. Many opportunities for community input will be forthcoming and we'll be sure you know about them..

## NEXT QUARTERLY GATHERING

More information after the holidays!

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

### NC WARN

<https://www.ncwarn.org/>

NC WARN is a 37-year-old 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization tackling the accelerating crisis posed by climate change by **building people power** for a swift North Carolina transition to clean power, and by promoting energy and climate justice.

This work must become everybody's movement in order to be successful – lifting up and engaging people across the racial and socio-economic spectrum.



## WHAT WE'RE READING/WATCHING/LISTENING TO (send us your favorites!)

Have you seen this? Great communications tool from Chatham County about what's going on with local government <https://informationhub-chathamncgis.hub.arcgis.com/>

An excellent episode on Ayana Elizabeth Johnson's podcast, *What if we get it right?*: [Climate hushing, fart jokes, and love.](#) 😊 [John Marshall on how to market climate action.](#) Also see [Don't Chicken Out on Climate Potential Energy](#)

Climate Central just released a brilliant new [tool](#) for exploring how climate change is affecting your community. Click on Explore your climate story, type in a big city near where you live (or your state), and instantly see information about how your corner of the world has changed. Depending on your location, the tool will tell you about impacts on rainfall, sea level rise, heat waves, crop stress, fall color, and more.

Yale Program on Climate Change Communication - [A Reminder Before COP30: The World Supports Climate Action](#)

## A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It is bittersweet to announce that Carmen Gonzalez will be stepping away from her role as an organizer for ChathamCAN though she will continue as an active member. Carmen has accepted a position teaching English at Northwood High School. We will miss her warmth, humor and wisdom at our organizing meetings. But we look forward to her insights about students and how we can involve them in climate action. Thank you, Carmen, for all you've given to ChathamCAN and will do in the future.

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

*P.S. Please 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.*