



TOWN OF CARRBORO • NC

# 2023 Year In Review



January



January 5

# Libba Cotten Day

Carrboro celebrates Elizabeth "Libba" Cotten on her birthday anniversary.



January



# Town Calendars

A staff team distributes bilingual calendars at apartment complexes and mobile home communities.

January 16

# Celebrating Dr. King

A special event honoring  
Dr. King features remarks from  
Congresswoman Valerie  
Foushee and local leaders.



February



February 6

# The Black Resistance

For Black History Month, the Town hosts a history lecture led by NCCU History Professor Emeritus Dr. Freddie Parker and James Williams Jr. to focus on The Freedmen's Conventions.



February



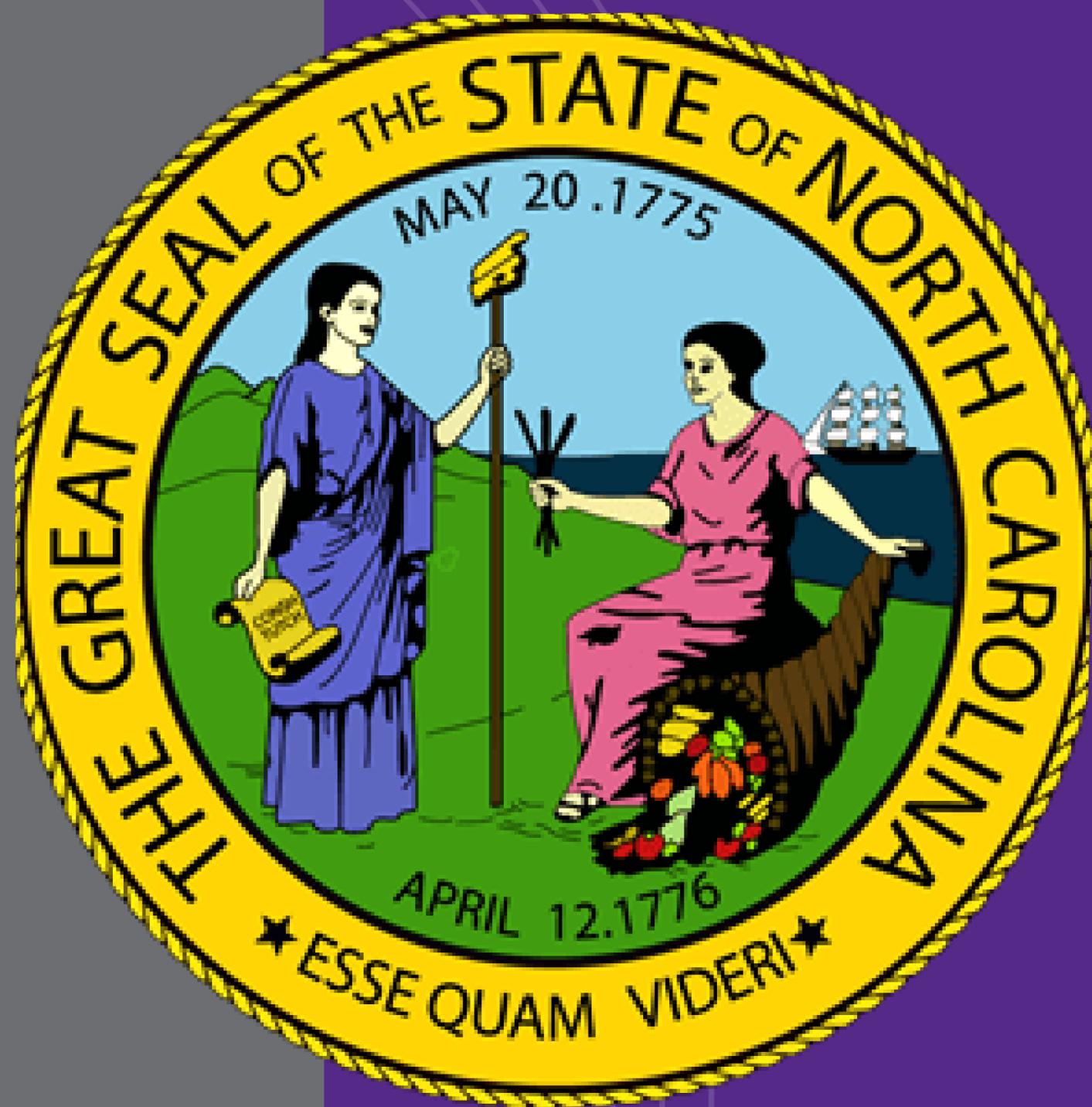
# Tree Plantings

Public Works plants trees and shrubs at Dr. Martin Luther King Park to replace declining trees and enhance the natural habitat of the park.



**March**

March 7



# Social Worker Grant

The Council accepts a grant to hire a social worker in the Carrboro Police Department.

March

# Bike Boxes

New bike boxes come to Main Street to improve the safety and convenience of travel by bicycle.



March 14

**We have a floor!**

Crews pour the concrete floor for The 203 Project, the new library and civic building under construction on S. Greensboro Street.



March 25



# Carrboro in Motion

The Town brings a traveling block party with Zumba, a Chapel Hill Transit bus, bike fix-it stations, a Latin dance performance and games to apartment communities.





April



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# Stormwater Maintenance

A contract crew performs video assessment of stormwater infrastructure around the Barred Owl Creek neighborhood and other locations.



April 16

# Open Streets

People come out to play when Weaver Street is closed to motor vehicles.



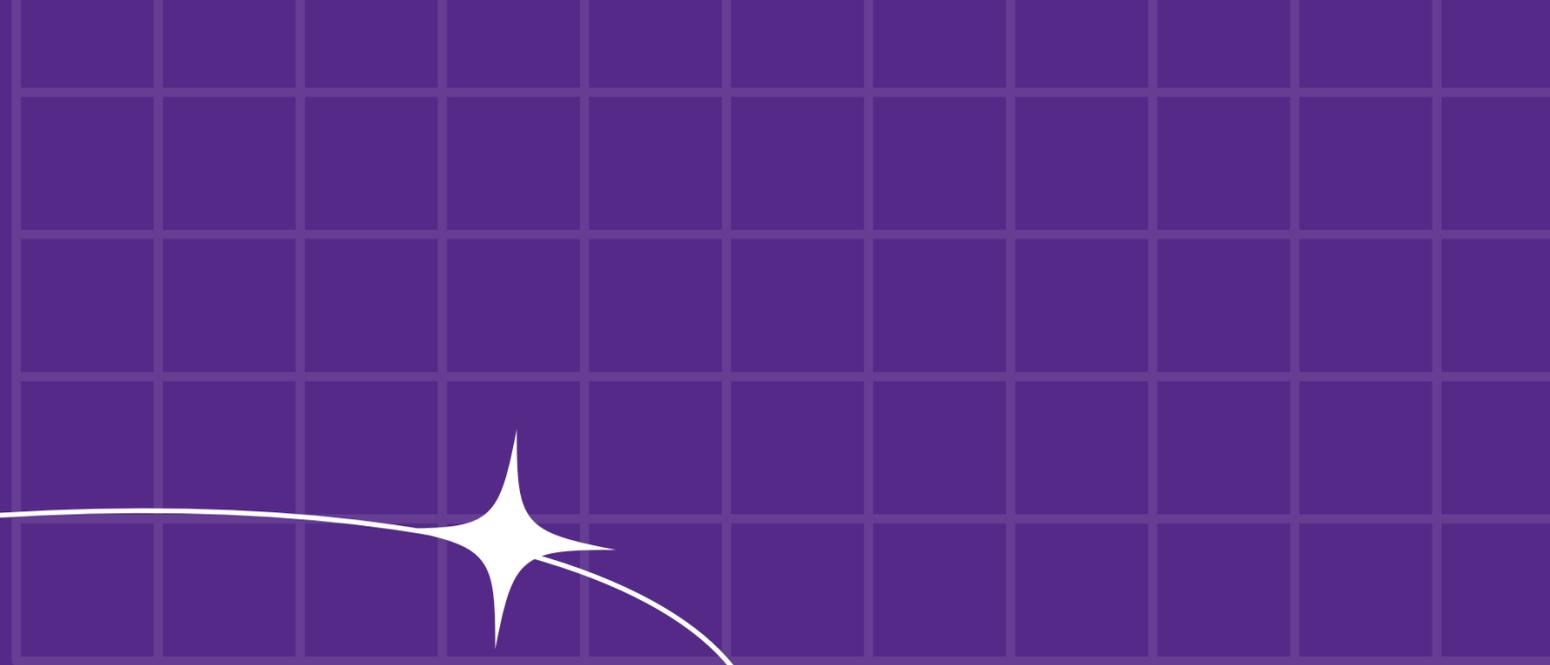
April 18



## Support for Immigrants of Guatemala

The Council supports a resolution in support of immigrants from Guatemala.

**May**



May

# Language Access Grant

Carrboro receives grant to improve communication with immigrant and refugee residents from UNC-Chapel Hill's Building Integrated Communities.



May 1

# Carrboro Day

Neighbors learn about Carrboro history, services and programs to celebrate hometown pride.





# Communications Awards

The Town of Carrboro earns recognition in the North Carolina City & County Communicators Excellence in Communications Awards.

May

# Employee Picnic

Employees gather for a picnic and a bit of fun!





# GREEN NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT PROGRAM

**Information Session and Q&A  
Town Hall Board Room (Room 110)**

**Tuesday, May 23  
4:00-5:00 pm**

To attend virtually, use the Zoom link found on the Town  
Meetings Calendar:  
<https://www.townofcarrboro.org/calendar.aspx?EID=7054>



May

## Green Neighborhoods Grants

Carrboro awards grants for neighborhood projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or contribute to climate actions awareness.



Spring/Summer

# Help to Solarize in Carrboro

Carrboro helps residents connect with a group purchasing program for solar energy, battery storage and clean-energy technologies.

**SOLARIZE  
CARRBORO**

A COMMUNITY PARTNER OF **SOLARIZE THE TRIANGLE**

**Solarize the Triangle  
has reached Tier 7  
pricing!**

Contact Yes Solar Solutions by March 31,  
2023 to complete your contract and help  
decarbonize Carrboro!  
Tier 8 is within reach!

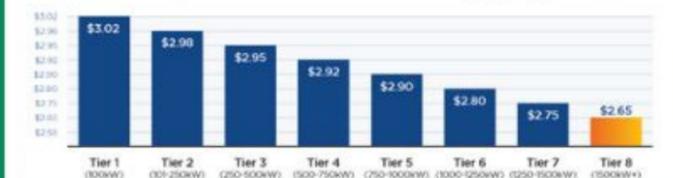


Did you miss out? The second round of  
Solarize the Triangle is coming soon.  
Learn more at:

[SolarizetheTriangle.com](https://SolarizetheTriangle.com)

## Residential Pricing

Solarize the Triangle Residential Solar Tiered Pricing (aggregate kW)



May

# New Logos Rollout

The Council adopts a refresh of the Carrboro Brand Guidelines, introducing a new gov logo and values logos.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



May & June



# Freight Train Blues Concert Series

In partnership with Music  
Maker Foundation,  
Carrboro puts on free  
summer concert series.

May

# Bike Month

Carrboro celebrates bicycling with community rides, education and outreach.





June



June

# Downtown Banners

New banners are designed and hung in downtown to spotlight events and observances special to Carrboro.



June 30

# Carrboro Pride

Led by Mayor Damon Seils, community gathers to roll the Rainbow Ram down Weaver Street to Town Commons for the Carrboro Pride Festival.



June 19

# Chapel Hill-Carrboro Juneteenth Celebration

Community comes out for live performances by local Black artists, a Black-owned small business fair, kids activities and food trucks.

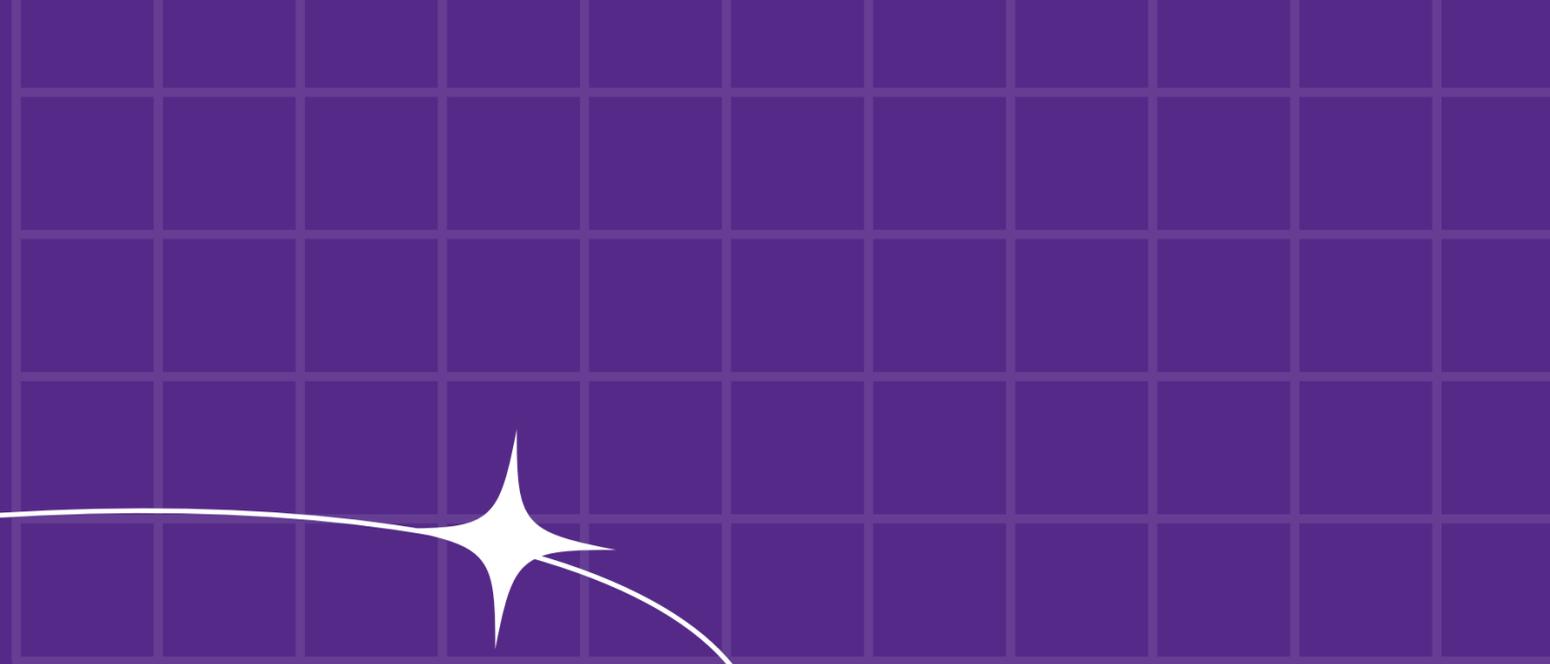


	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Proportion of households who own their home	75.20	49.20	53.10	68.30
Costs for single-family home	6.10	22.08	8.43	6.67

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Proportion of enrolled 6, 7, and 8th grade students who had at least one out-of-school suspension?	2.42	12.86	8.71	0.71
Percentage of students with ACT score 17 or higher?	87.52	32.26	46.11	83.53

July



July 4



# July 4th and Frederick Douglass

In observance of Independence Day, community celebrates with a daylong festival and joins to read famous essay by Frederick Douglass .





August



August 1

# National Night Out

National Night Out is hosted by the Carrboro Police Department.



August

# Installing Solar

The Public Works Facility and Fire Station 1 are outfitted with new solar installations to support Town climate action goals.



August 15

# Town Hall Selfie Day

Town Manager gathers staff  
from Town Hall to join national  
day to expand awareness of  
local government.



August 28



# The Arts Center Celebrates

The Arts Center celebrates new home at 400 Roberson St. The new center features a theater, painting studio, youth center and artist spaces.

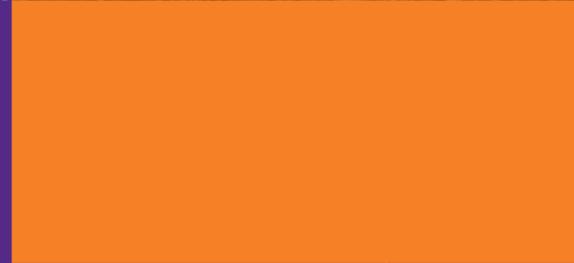
A decorative white graphic on a purple background. It features a thin white line that forms a wide, shallow oval shape. At the top right and bottom left of this oval are four-pointed starburst shapes. The word "September" is written in a white, elegant serif font across the center of the oval. In the top right corner of the image, there is a faint, light purple grid pattern.

September

September 1

# Truth Plaque

Carrboro unveils its latest Truth Plaque for the Strayhorn House, built around 1879 by Toney and Nellie Strayhorn.



September 6

# Welcome to Carrboro Campaign

Social media campaign  
*Welcome to Carrboro* is  
recognized with an National  
Award from 3CMA.



September 9

# Bicycle and pedestrian bridge repaired

Public Works crews repair a greenway bridge that crosses Bolin Creek near Chapel Hill High School.



September 16

# Clean Up Day in Carrboro

Volunteers meet at the Century Center and walk through town, removing trash and recycling debris along the way.



September 19



# Pavement Improvements

Repairs across town include a resurfacing of the Shetley Bikeway and patching of the Libba Cotten Bikeway.

**ONEORANGE**  
Racial Equity Index  
Dashboard

Project Public Health Education Economic Opportunity Neighborhood and Government Data Sources

Explore the Racial Equity Index themes using the menu buttons above. Each section displays Racial Equity Index thematic data via an interactive dashboard. View the Racial Equity Index Indicators, Rationale for including the indicator, and the Disparity Ratio that is used as a metric to compare degrees of inequality across population segments. Mouse-over indicators, charts and maps, and click the icon that appears in the top right corner of the section to go fullscreen.

### PROJECT INFORMATION

**ONEORANGE**  
CARRBORO - CHAPEL HILL - HILLSBOROUGH - ORANGE COUNTY

In August 2020, the municipalities of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and Orange County formed a multi-jurisdictional team to implement the **Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)** methodology and co-design a process moving our community towards increased equity. GARE is a national network of government agencies working to advance racial equity.

In early 2022, **The One Orange Countywide Racial Equity Framework: Catalyst for Moving Forward** was presented and approved as a commitment to uncovering and addressing implicit biases in our jurisdictions to ensure that race no longer can be used to predict life outcomes in the Orange County community.

The plan centers five major pillars of:

- Training
- Community Engagement
- Racial Equity Index
- Racial Equity Assessment Lens
- Evaluation/Accountability

Each jurisdiction will use this framework as guidance to take action on a county and jurisdictional level. Information can be used to track disparity, inform strategies, grant applications, service provision, or just for awareness.

Our data, much like other jurisdictions, shows that people of color are having different experiences across systems.

# Racial Equity Index

A dashboard showing at-a-glance views of racial equity is announced to move the community toward increased equity.

Summer/Fall

# Classy Discussions

Town employees participate in a weekly podcast discussion group to continue the conversation about race and equity.

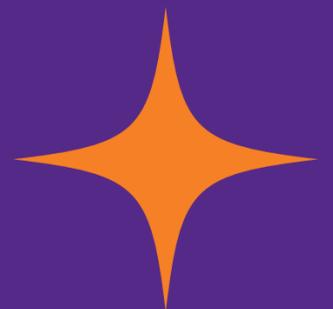


October 17



# Westwood Cemetery

After considerable public input, the Council approves a master plan for the town's public cemetery.



# PLANNING OPEN HOUSE



- PARKING & TRANSPORTATION
- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
- CLIMATE ACTION

**Saturday September 16**  
7AM-12PM | Farmers' Market  
**Wednesday September 20**  
8AM-10AM | Town Hall



summer/fall

## Planning Department Community Outreach



The Carrboro Planning, Zoning & Inspections Department hosts outreach events at the Farmers Market, Town Hall and apartment complexes.



October



October 1



# Carrboro Music Festival

The festival marks its 26th year, featuring more than 100 acts on stages all over Carrboro, all for free.

October

# Parking Rules

The Council updates Land Use Ordinance to allow residential developments to proceed with fewer residential parking requirements.



October 16



# Fire Engine Dedication

The Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department holds a dedication ceremony for their new engine.



October 12

# Happy Birthday, Fitch Lumber

Founded in 1923, Fitch Lumber Company celebrates its 100th anniversary.



October 17



# Bolin Creek Greenway

The Council approves the  
creekside alignment and  
reaffirms its support for  
greenway development  
throughout the community.

October 19–21

# West End Poetry Festival

Carrboro Poet laureate Liza Wolff-Francis leads a successful festival that illustrates the power of poetry.



Fall

# Construction Progress

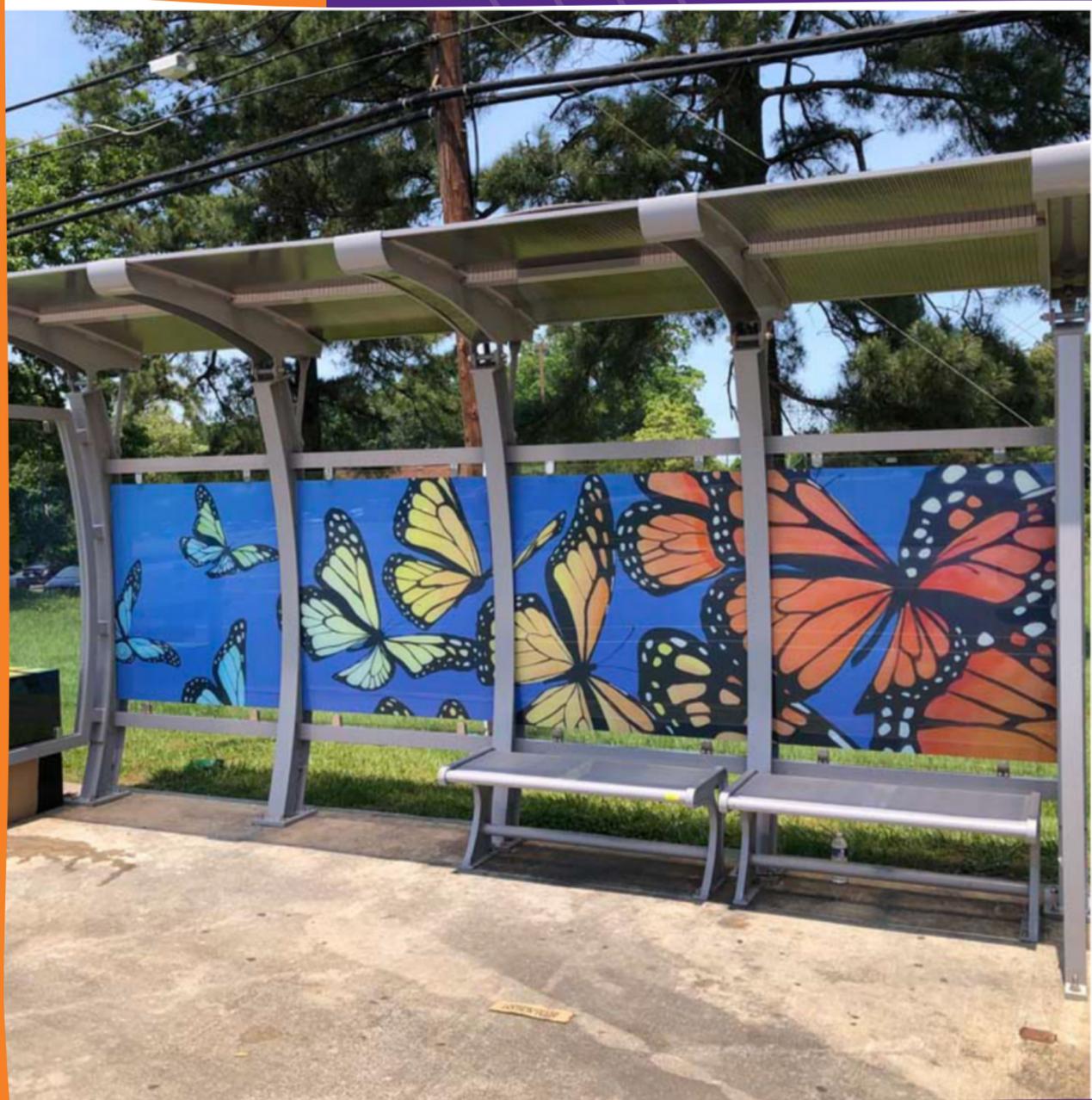
The 203 Project –  
Carrboro's new library  
and civic building – on  
track for 2024 summer  
opening.





November

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# Bus stop improvements

Chapel Hill Transit completes improvements to bus stops at locations around town.

November 17-19

# Carrboro Film Fest

The Carrboro Film Fest brings a distinct combination of award-winning and NC-based films.



November

# Municipal Quality Index

The Town of Carrboro receives score of 95 in a review of how inclusive municipal laws, policies, and services are for LGBTQ+ people.



November 14

# Community Safety Report

Community Safety Task Force submits recommendations to promote racial equity in law enforcement and the criminal legal system.



# Stormwater Project

Carrboro Stormwater Division collaborates with residents to reduce and manage stormwater runoff in the Bolin Forest neighborhood.





December



December 2

# Pee Wee Homes

Pee Wee Homes breaks ground on tiny, affordable homes for people to rent. The project received the land and a \$100,000 grant from the Town.



December 5



# Newly Electeds

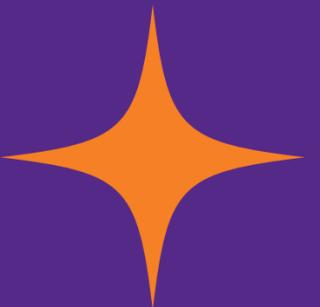
Sworn into office are Mayor Barbara Foushee and new council members Catherine Fray, Jason Merrill and Eliazar Posada.



December 8

# Holiday Tree Lighting

A holiday tradition of song and lights!



December 9

# Community Holiday Parade

*Walkin' in a winter wonderland is the parade theme!*



December 13

# Braxton Dunkin Foushee Day of Service

Carrboro celebrates Braxton Foushee, who has dedicated over 54 years as an elected official and community leader.



December 15

# Happy Holidays!

Town of Carrboro employees gather for a holiday luncheon at the Century Center.





Thanks for  
a great year!



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