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2018 MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS PLUS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

January

January 14-18. Martin Luther King Jr Day Weeklong Celebration, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill. Sponsor: UNC Diversity and Inclusion at <https://diversity.unc.edu/programs/mlk/> (919) 962-6962.

January 25. Community Kickoff Celebrating 200th Birthday of Frederick Douglass. Several organizations and community groups are planning events in 2018 to commemorate the 200th birthday of Frederick Douglass through music, readings from his autobiography and several visionary art performances. The series kicks off Jan. 25 with a community celebration at the United Church of Chapel Hill. Visionary artist Tarish Pipkins, aka Jeghetto, will unveil his newest creation, a Frederick Douglass puppet and multi-media performance. Mary D. Williams, acclaimed gospel singer and scholar, will celebrate Douglass by singing the story of the African-American experience - from slavery to abolition and beyond. 7 pm United Church of Chapel Hill, 1321 MKL Jr Blvd, Chapel Hill. For more events, click link http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/public_affairs/frederick_douglass_200th.php

February

February 15, 23-24. 41st Annual Carolina Jazz Festival, Locations on the UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; Sponsor UNC Department of Music (919) 962-1039 <http://music.unc.edu/jazzfest>

February 17. Revolutionary War Living History Day, Revolutionary War Reenactment at the historic Alexander Dickson House. Sponsored by the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough, 8 am – 4 pm. (919) 732-7741. www.visithillsboroughnc.com

February 18. 2018 LIGHT UP Festival, The Friday Center, 100 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, 11 am – 6 pm. The Second Annual Festival is hosted by the Chinese School at Chapel Hill to celebrate cultural diversity and the Chinese New Year with all communities in Chapel Hill and the surrounding areas. The Festival features lantern decorating with local artists, highly interactive art and craft creations, a dragon dance workshop, drumming and dragon dance performances, Peking Opera, games and prizes, exhibitions and workshop, silent auction, Asian food stands and trucks. New this year, panel discussions on technology, education and economic development. When the twilight sets in, join your family, neighbors and friends in a thousand-lantern parade to usher in the New Year of Dog. Free Admission, however donations accepted. chlightupfestival@gmail.com, www.chlightup.org

March

March 10. North Carolina High School Basketball Championships, Dean Smith Center Chapel Hill; North Carolina High School Athletic Association (919) 240-7401. NCHSAA state championship basketball games (both men and women 2A and 4A). \$10, \$9 in advance <http://www.nchsaa.org/>
Games at Smith Center: 12:00 pm – 2A Women; 2:30 pm - 2A Men; 5:00 pm - 4A Women; 7:30 pm - 4A Men. Opponents to be announced.

March 24. Community Egg Hunt Chapel Hill, 10 AM – 1 PM. Rain date is Sunday, **March 25.** This free event is packed full of live entertainment, games, prizes, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny! The hunt includes over 25,000 eggs containing prizes and candy hidden throughout three locations for age groups:

2-4, 5-7, and 8-10. Come ready to hunt with your baskets in hand. Special prizes will be awarded to those who find special numbered and golden eggs! Concessions will be available for purchase. Southern Community Park in Southern Village. (919) 968-2784. www.townofchapelhill.org/festivalsandevents

March 24. Free Historic Roads Hike with Tom Magnuson of TPA. Join us for a hike in the woods surrounding Moorefields to see the traces of roadbeds from times gone by from 10 am – Noon. Our leader will be Tom Magnuson, of the [Trading Path Association](http://www.tradingpath.org). The TPA is a non-profit located in Hillsborough, North Carolina, USA. Its purpose is to find, map, and protect landscape remnants of the contact and colonial era in southeastern North America, on England's first American frontier. At the hike, a \$5 donation is suggested. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or write to barryj@earthlink.net or visit <https://moorefields.org/>

March 24. Carrboro Community Egg Hunt Celebration. Recreation & Parks Department sponsors a spring celebration for children ages 2-10. Free activities including a Gitan Egg Hunt for three age groups and fun for the whole family. Hank Anderson Community Park off of Hwy 54 West. Noon – 2 pm.
<http://carrbororec.org>

March 24. Community Egg Hunt at River Park in Hillsborough. This giant egg hunt has three separate age group hunt areas: 2-4-years-old, 5-7-years-old, and 8-10-years-old. There will be plenty of eggs for everyone so please bring a basket to collect your eggs! The event also includes free crafts and a visit from the Bunny. Inflatables, face painting, and concessions will be available for a small fee. Noon – 3 pm. No pre-registration required. River Park off of E. Margaret Lane, Downtown Hillsborough.
http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/deapr/community_egg_hunt.php

April

April is NC Beer Month. Visit www.ncbeermonth.com or www.visitchapelhill.org for details and upcoming events.

April 8. Near & Far: A Local Celebration of Global Cultures! The event will be held on Sunday, April 8th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm on the plaza at 140 West Franklin Street. Celebrate the global culture within Chapel Hill at this fun and funky street party! Homegrown cultural groups will offer activities for all ages. Plus, celebrate our vibrant community with heritage music, dance troupes, and spontaneous art performances that will make this afternoon unforgettable. Taste international food offerings from our Tasting Tent.
<http://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/departments-services/parks-recreation/festivals-events>

April 8. Carrboro Open Streets. Noon – 4 pm. The event is held annually in April on Weaver Street. The community is invited to dance, do yoga, ride their bikes, climb a rock wall, make smoothies on a bike blender, and participate in many other activities in a public space that not many ever thought of as a place to partake in recreation. (919) 918-7392 <http://www.ci.carrboro.nc.us/745/Carrboro-Open-Streets>

April 14. Moorefields Seventh Annual Spring Wildflower Hike, 10 am - Noon at Moorefields. The hike will explore the ridges and bottomlands near Seven Mile Creek, one of Orange County's most significant and undisturbed natural areas. We will be led by Milo Pyne, an N.C. State-trained botanist, senior regional ecologist for NatureServe, and an expert on Piedmont wildflowers. At the hike, a \$5 donation is suggested. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or write to barryj@earthlink.net or visit <https://moorefields.org/>

April 14. UNC Science Expo, UNC Campus, Cameron Ave near Old Well. Chapel Hill, 11am - 4pm. Explore laboratories and try your hand at various activities. The UNC Science Expo will include demonstrations, hands-on activities, lab tours, exhibits, and science talks from professors and students at UNC Chapel Hill. Bring your family, your friends, and your classmates to check out science on campus! Appropriate for all

ages. The "Small Science" area provides a safe and interactive space for children ages 2 – 8 to explore, play, and build. Food Trucks. www.ncsciencefestival.org (919) 843-7959. Town of Chapel Hill is an event sponsor of the Expo in Chapel Hill. www.townofchapelhill.org www.moreheadplanetarium.org

April 17. Ladies Night Out. 6 pm – 9:30 pm. Hillsborough Merchants present: Ladies Night Out: Hats & Wraps! Gather your friends, neighbors and co-workers, wear your favorite spring hat & wrap, and come to Downtown and West Hillsborough to enjoy a night out with shopping and restaurant deals, specials and prizes. Check-in when you first arrive in Downtown at K's Closet at 200 North Churton Street for a flyer listing all participating businesses and the special they are offering for Ladies Night Out, as well as a raffle ticket that you must get signed while visiting at least 5 businesses participating in Ladies Night Out. Also, the first 250 women to check-in will receive a free "sparkling" gift to wear. Around 9 p.m., head over to Hot Tin Roof at 115 West Margaret Lane in Downtown to turn in your raffle ticket, and prepare for a Hat Judging Contest and the raffle drawing for a gift basket full of Hillsborough Merchants gifts at 9:15 p.m. <http://www.hillsboroughchamber.com>

April 21. The 11th Annual Tar Heel 10 Miler and Fleet Feet 4 Mile Run. Run takes you on a beautiful tour of Chapel Hill. Event starts at 7:15 AM on the UNC campus The Tar Heel 10 Miler benefits the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA's We Build People Campaign. <https://www.motivrunning.com/tar-heel-10-miler/>

April 21. Art in the Heart of Hillsborough Arts Show. Alexander Dickson House Lawn, Hillsborough, (919) 643-2500. This juried arts show is free and open to the public. Guests will enjoy over 40 art vendors, music, food, and drink. 10am - 4pm. Rain date April 22. www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/

April 22. Rodeo on Rosemary. 15 of the areas best food trucks coming to Rosemary Street on. Lots of family fun with games, music, mini golf and the Raleigh Rockers! Don't miss your chance for a fun family Sunday from 12 pm – 4 pm. www.downtownchapelhill.com

April 22. Arts on the Market. 2 pm – 5 pm. Arts on Market is a bi-annual celebration and shopping event featuring local and regional artists, artisans, bakers, and makers. Come to the Southern Village Green and enjoy an afternoon of art, entertainment, and shopping. Our vendors create Jewelry, Pottery, Paintings, Textiles, Accessories, Food, Home Accessories. Market Street, Chapel Hill. <http://www.southernvillage.com/events/arts-on-market-2-5-pm-date-subject-to-change/422>

April 22. Farm Fare 2018: Food & Farm Expo, 4-7 p.m., Come celebrate and experience our local farms, farm to fork restaurants, food artisans and farm related businesses at The Barn at Lloyd's Dairy, 226 North Lloyd's Dairy Road, Efland. Proceeds to benefit Orange County Schools [Virtual Enterprise International](http://www.virtualenterpriseinternational.org) programs. \$35 per person until 4 p.m., April 16th, then price will be \$45 per person. Children 12 and under \$10. <http://business.hillsboroughchamber.com/events/details/farm-fare-2018-food-farm-expo-2350>

April 28-29. Piedmont Farm Tour. Orange, Chatham, Person and Alamance counties; Tour various farms throughout the area from 2 pm – 6 pm, both days. Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (919) 542-2402. Cost: \$30 per car for ALL FARMS if purchased in advance, \$35 per car for ALL FARMS if purchased during the tour, and \$10 per car per farm the day of the tour. (All proceeds benefit CFSA) <http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/>

April 28-29. Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour. Theme is Town & Gown Gardens ~ Synergy in Bloom. Saturday 10 am – 4 pm, Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm. Tour nine gardens – rain or shine. Tickets are on sale through April 29 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chapel-hill-garden-tour-april-28-1000-am-400-pm-and->

[april-29-2018-1100-am-400-pm-tickets-39619181037](#). Can purchase in person from April 1, 2018 to noon on April 27, 2018 (cash/check) at these locations : [NC Botanical Garden](#), (919) 962-0522; [Southern Season](#), (919) 929-7133 and [Southern States Carrboro](#), (919) 942-3857. Advance tickets: \$25 per ticket; On tour days: \$35 per ticket. Youth 16 and under: FREE with ticketed adult. Presented by: The Chapel Hill Garden Club, a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization

May

May 5. Annual Pops in the Park Concert, Cameron Park, downtown Hillsborough. Sponsor: Durham Symphony. William Henry Curry, Conductor leads the popular Spring 'Pops in the Park' concert series celebrating our enduring tradition of bringing classical, Broadway, and Hollywood themed music to our communities. We share our love of music with this entertaining program of selections that represent "a bit of Americana". (919) 491-6576. Free. 3 pm. <http://www.durhamsymphony.org/>. Free.

May 5,6 & 12 The [24th Annual Art in the Garden Sculpture Exhibition](#) is a unique once yearly event and one of the finest outdoor sculpture exhibitions in the triangle region of North Carolina. The event is held at the private residence of artists Tinka Jordy and Mark Donley just six miles away from downtown Hillsborough. Opening reception is May 5. Saturday hours 10 am – 6 pm; Sunday 12 pm – 6 pm.

May 5. 17th Annual Burwell School Fundraising Party and Auction. The Burwell School's Spring Fling will feature food, live music and great auction items. *Event is 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm.* Join auctioneers who'll lead the bidding on vacation retreats, jewelry, dinner parties, art, and some surprises. There will be many "silent auction" items sure to include a treasure you'll want to carry home with you. Ticket details to come. Call (919)732-7451 or email director@burwellschool.org. Burwell School, 319 N. Churton Street, Hillsborough, www.burwellschool.org

May 3 & 5-7. VIETRI's Spring Warehouse Sale is Thursday, May 3 from 3 pm – 6 pm and Saturday, May 5 through Monday, May 7 from 8 am - 4 pm daily. Closeout prices on a vast selection of discontinued, slightly flawed, and unique sample products handcrafted in Italy are up to 80% off retail. There is new product daily and daily specials. No tickets needed. Located at 343 Elizabeth Brady Road in Hillsborough, NC, the VIETRI Outlet Store can be reached by telephone at (919) 245-4181. Warehouse Sale Details: <http://www.vietri.com/warehouse-sale/>

May 6. Carrboro Day, 1-5 pm. Carrboro Town Commons. A day of music, art, games, poetry, food, and celebration! Enjoy old Carrboro stories and photos, poetry readings, music and dancing, interactive field games, crafts, family activities and more! Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department (919) 918-7364, www.carrboroday.com

May 13. UNC Spring Commencement, 9:30 am in Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill. Rye Barcott, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and co-founder of Carolina for Kibera will give the keynote address. [UNC Office of Special Projects](#), (919) 962-0045. <http://commencement.unc.edu/>

May 19. 2018 Wild Bird Walk with Helen Kalevas. This fun hike from 8 am to 10 am of introductory Bird Identification for all ages will explore both woods and open fields, so bring binoculars and wear shoes appropriate to cover uneven terrain. Guided by Helen Kalevas, who has a Master of Science Degree in Biology with emphasis on Avian Ecology. She has over 20 years of experience in university level teaching and research in ornithology and bird ecology, including bird diet and endangered species, from Arizona to North Carolina. At the hike, a \$5 donation is suggested. Moorefields is located at 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For more information, call (919) 732-4384 or write to barryj@earthlink.net or visit <https://moorefields.org/>

May 26-27. 2018 JawsFest. The annual Chapel Hill [JawsFest](https://www.facebook.com/JAWSFestNC/) features Music Festival, Food Trucks, Vendors, Beer, Burlesque Show, Art and more Memorial Day Weekend off of West Franklin and Graham streets. Al's Burger Shack, Rumors, Beer Study, Local 506, The Baxter, Syd's Hair Shop and IP3 are all participating. <https://www.facebook.com/JAWSFestNC/>

June

June 2. Youth Fishing Rodeo (ages 3-15), NEW LOCATION - Blackwood Farm Park 4215 NC 86, Hillsborough; Sponsored by the area's Parks & Recreation Departments and the Orange County 4-H; (919) 245-2660. 9am – Noon. The Fishing Rodeo is an annual community event intended to expose children to the joy of fishing. Bring your own pole or borrow one of ours (limited availability). Bait worms will be provided. Live bait only. Prizes will be awarded and free hot dog lunch. http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/deapr/fishing_rodeo.php

June 2. Carolina Moonlight Garden Party. 6 pm – 9 pm. Join us for a fun-filled evening at the Garden highlighting the North Carolina mountains. Dance the night away to the bluegrass tunes of Jackson Flats, and enjoy a wonderful buffet of regional North Carolina delights. \$100 a ticket. 100 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 <http://ncbg.unc.edu/gardenparty/>

June 3. Gala Brunch at Moorefields, Noon – 3 pm. Buffet brunch catered by LaPlace Restaurant of Hillsborough; champagne, wine & spirits, music by The JazzTones; House Tours & Grounds Tours, and Classic Lawn Games. \$50 per person. Moorefields, 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough, Visit <https://moorefields.org/> for tickets. Call (919) 732-4941.

July

July 1. Picnic in the Park in Downtown Hillsborough (11 am – 3 pm). Celebrate the birth of our nation with a community picnic and live music at this year's annual Picnic in the Park event at the Eno River Farmers' Market Pavilion in downtown Hillsborough. Food Trucks, Yard Games and Crafts, Live Music, Community Reading of Declaration of Independence, Nonprofit booths. This is a FREE event and is open to the public! The Farmers' Market Pavilion at 144 E. Margaret Ln. For more information, contact the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough at (919) 732-7741 or visit www.visithillsboroughnc.com/

Carrboro July 4th Celebration, Weaver Street Lawn (9:30 am – 11 am) and Carrboro Town Commons (10:30am – 3 pm); Carrboro Recreation & Parks Department, (919) 918-7364. People's Parade at 10:50 am. www.townofcarrboro.org

July 4th Efland Parade Lineup at 9:00 starts at 10:00. Starts at Lloyds Carwash and ends at Ruritan club. www.eflandruritanclub.com

July 4th Caldwell Parade. 11 am. At about 10 a.m. we join the town marchers at the Caldwell Fire House. The parade starts moving at 10:50 with veterans leading the parade. We will stop at the NC 57 and Guess Rd. intersection to wait for the 11 a.m. official start. <http://myvfw.org/nc/post9100/postnews/july-4th-parade-caldwell/>.

Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration. From 1pm – 3pm on the lawns at the Horace Williams House, 610 E Rosemary St, Chapel Hill enjoy FREE ice cream, lemonade, flags and patriotic music performed by the Village Band (1:30-2:15). Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, family and friends. www.preservationchapelhill.org

July 4th Fireworks. Entertainment and fireworks in Kenan Stadium on the UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department (919) 968-2784. 7 p.m. www.townofchapelhill.org

August

August 3-September 23, plus Labor Day in Chapel Hill, NC. (Weekend of Sept 7-9 is at NC Museum of Art in Raleigh). 19th Annual Forest Theater Summer Giant Puppet Pageant Festival. Theme is "In the Heart of the Fire." Paperhand Puppet Intervention <http://paperhand.org/> Shows Fri-Sun and Labor Day, Forest Theatre on the UNC Campus, 123 S. Boundary Street (919) 923-1857.

TBA August. Meet the Heels. Get ready for 2018 UNC Football Season, get autographs, etc. 4 pm – 6 pm. GoHeels website. Kids activities, face painting, free Carolina football posters and schedule cards; autograph session featuring the 2017 Carolina football team and head coach Larry Fedora will run from 4:30-6 p.m.

August 11. BikeFest 2018: The 22nd Annual Rural Heritage Tour. The Tour with 850 riders begins at the Superior Courthouse in downtown Hillsborough, and offers a choice of several rides in rural Orange County: a 35-mile half metric, a 62-mile metric century, and a 100-mile English century. Rides split into age 17 and under and 18 and older). Also enjoy a 7-mile Family-oriented Historic District Fun Ride. Check-in opens at 6:30am and first ride at 7:30 am. Sponsor: Carolina Tarwheels Bicycle Club. (919) 383-9722.

www.ncbikefest.org

September

September 8. Bluegrass at Moorefields. 2 pm – 7 pm will take place on the lawn at Moorefields, an idyllic homestead on 70 beautiful acres in Hillsborough. Rain Date is Sunday Sept 9. Bring your chairs and blankets. Proceeds benefit Historic Moorefields. The event features five bands, food trucks, beer & wine. Moorefields Estate, 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough, Visit www.moorefields.org for tickets. Call (919) 732-4941.

September 14 - Tar Heel Downtown. Friday 6 pm – 9 pm on the Friday night before the first home football game. A family-friendly event, centered around 140 West Plaza on West Franklin Street, highlighting the University and downtown business district. Tar Heel Town will still take place in Polk Place on UNC Campus on gameday. Food, face painting, UNC band and cheerleaders, other live music.

<http://tarheeldowntown.com/>

September 14-15. Hog Day. Friday 6 pm – 10 pm and Saturday 10 am – 6 pm. River Park, Downtown Hillborough, W. Margaret Lane. Music, crafts, kids events, contests, and barbecue. 5K Run and Pigs on Parade Art Project. www.hogday.org.

September 16. Curds & Crafts Festival. 1 pm – 6 pm. An artisanal cheese and beer festival with a focus on southern cheese-makers and NC breweries, featuring 16 cheese-makers, over 12 breweries, and other artisan food producers. Ticket includes a souvenir tasting glass, unlimited samples of cheese and beer, insulated bag to store cheese purchases, live music, and tasty treats from local artisans including charcuterie, handmade bread, crackers, and small-batch jellies and pickles. Advance tickets only. Organized by Weaver Street Market. Event is at The Cloth Mill at Eno River. For information and tickets, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1732116563511453/>

September 16-December 9. Sculpture in the Garden. Preview party September 15. Exhibit on display up to two months. North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. Annual display of nearly 50 one-of-a kind sculptures placed amid the native wildflowers and shrubs to delight garden visitors. (919) 962-0522. 100 Old Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 <http://ncbg.unc.edu/>

September 20. Harvest Dinner. Chefs, market farmers and community enjoys a delicious locally sourced meal in Town Commons. Local beer and music. www.carrborofarmersmarket.com

September 29. LocalFest Orange County (Blackwood Farms). Daylong county festival. More details to come.

September 29-30. 21st Carrboro Music Festival. On Saturday, music begins at 2 pm at the Carrboro Town Commons with evening performance at Cat's Cradle from 7 pm – 10 pm. On Sunday, September 23 there is free music beginning at 1:00 PM until midnight. All types of music! Event features two dozen venues throughout downtown Carrboro with over 180 musical acts as well as food, craft and non-profit vendors. Free shuttle bus from Carrboro Plaza Park & Ride from noon -9:00 PM. Sponsor, Carrboro Arts Commission; (919) 918-7367. www.carrboromusicfestival.com.

TBA Weekends September – October. Fall Corn Mazes at McKee Farms in Rougemont. \$11 corn maze admission. Age 2 and Under Free. Fridays 3-8pm, Saturday 10-8pm, Sunday 1-7pm. 2 mazes – 12 acre cornfield maze and 2 acre fun, interactive adventurous maze for children. Haunted Maze (\$12) from 6 pm – 10 pm. Regular maze closes at 6 pm on Haunted Nights. Cedar Creek Farm, 5011 Kiger Rd, Rougemont, (919) 732-8065. <http://www.mckeecornfieldmaze.com/>

October

October 5-6. 24th Annual Efland Ruritan Rodeo. Gates opens 6 pm, rodeo starts at 8 pm both nights. Efland Ruritan Club, Efland; Featuring all the classic events of rodeo such as Ranch Style Bronc Riding, Team Roping, Cowgirls Break-Away Roping, Calf Roping, Cowgirl Barrel Racing and of course Bull Riding, clowns, special entertainment, good food and more. (919) 971-1129. Hwy 70, I-40/85 Exit 160. Adults \$12, children 5-12 \$7, age 4 and under free. Military members in uniform are admitted for \$7 and those showing a military ID (active, reserve or retired receive a \$1 discount). Parking is free. No pets, coolers or smoking allowed inside the gate. www.eflandruritanclub.com

October 7. Festifall Street fair with music, arts and crafts, children's area and food. West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department (919) 968-2784. Noon-6 pm. Free. www.chapelhillfestifall.com

October 12. University Day. Celebrate the 225th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the oldest public university in the country. UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; UNC Office of Special Projects (919) 962-0045. www.unc.edu

October 17-20 West End Poetry Festival. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings and all day Saturday. Detailed schedule to come. Event will feature receptions, Poetry readings, Panel sessions, workshops, an open mic and more. Sponsored by the Town of Carrboro and planned by the Carrboro Poets Council. Free. <http://www.westendpoetryfestival.org/schedule-of-events/> (919) 918-7364.

October 17-20. 9th Annual TerraVITA Food & Drink Festival Chapel Hill. 4-day festival (Wed – Sat) dedicated to excellence and sustainability in the South, showcasing the very best in food and beverage. Multiple events and tastings and dinners leading up to the finale, The Grand Tasting on

the Green on the lawn at Southern Village on Saturday from 1 pm – 4:30 pm. The Grand Tasting offers edibles from more than 40 exceptional chefs & artisans from across the state and features more than 80 sustainably-produced beverages from around the globe, including microbrews and spirits, craft sodas, organic coffees, and biodynamic, organically-grown and natural wines. This event should not be missed by any serious foodie! Visit website for event calendar and ticket information.

www.terravitafest.com

October 26-27 "Spirits of Hillsborough" Join the Alliance for Historic Hillsborough's annual Haunted Tour through the historic district to encounter these ghostly residents! This fun and dramatic tour will bring you face-to-face with Hillsborough's past. With help from the Orange Community Players, the spirits of fierce Elizabeth Scamp, the family of Charles Courtney Tew, the ghosts of the Regulators, The Nash/Witherspoon sisters, and the Haint of Stillhouse Branch will rise from the grave to educate and entertain. Tours last approximately one hour. The ghost performances are family-friendly, but please be aware that this is a walking tour over several blocks, and may include hills and uneven ground. Tickets are timed and groups depart from the Hillsborough Visitors Center (150 E. King St.). Friday tours every 20 min: 8pm, 8:20pm, and 8:40 and 9 pm and Saturday tours every 20 min: 5:20 – 9 pm. Tickets: FREE for children 11 & under; \$12 for adults 12 & up. Call (919) 732-7741 or www.visithillsboroughnc.com.

TBA October. River Park Concert. Free Concert at River Park in downtown Hillsborough, 144 E. Margaret Lane from Noon – 7:30 pm. Food Court, Beer, & Wine Garden, Community, Environmental, Art & Wellness Booths. Featuring performances by multiple bands and a young musicians workshop. For details, visit <https://www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org/riverparkconcert>

October 31. Halloween Carnival, Carrboro Town Commons. Carnival games and prizes. Popcorn, sodas, hot chocolate, apple cider and coffee with be sold at concessions. 6 pm – 8:30 pm. www.carrbororec.org (919) 918-7364.

October 31. Homegrown Halloween, Chapel Hill. www.townofchapelhill.org (919) 968-2760. (25,000 people in Halloween costumes flock to downtown Chapel Hill's Franklin Street.)

November

TBA November . Tree Lighting Party. 6 pm – 8 pm. Join Townsend Bertram and Company for a magical night of lights, music, and a raffle with incredible prizes from outdoor brands and local businesses you love. 100% of the raffle ticket sales will go to protecting the Post Oak as the tree is in duress. Come at 6pm for music by Ella Bertram and help us bring light to our community by bringing yourself and the people you love to this event focused on nature, connection and finding the joy in the holiday season ahead. Carr Mill Mall, 200 N. Greensboro Street, Carrboro. <https://tbandc.com/calendar/2017/11/3/tree-lighting>

November 3-4 & 10-11. 24th Annual Orange County Open Studio Tour. Orange County; Over 70 artists invite you into their studios to see where and how they work. Sponsor: Orange County Artists Guild (919) 933-7880. First two weekends in November. <http://www.orangecountyartistsguild.com/>

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a Hat Judging Contest and the raffle drawing for a gift basket full of Hillsborough Merchants gifts at 9:15 p.m. www.hillsboroughchamber.com

November 17-18. 13th Annual Carrboro Film Festival. Two-day festival with workshop, films and free after party. Anticipate about 45 films. Festival at The ArtsCenter. Saturday, Nov. 17 – 11 am – 10 pm & Sunday, Nov. 18 – 12:30 pm – 7 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for a 1-Day, All-Day Festival Pass (either All-Day Saturday OR All-Day Sunday), and \$20.00 for a 2-Day, All-Weekend Festival Pass. Kids 12 and under are FREE all weekend long, and do not require a ticket for entry. <https://thecarrborofilmfestival.com/>

November 24. Storytelling Event: Home for the Holidays. Please join the Orange County Historical Museum for an evening of holiday storytelling from 7 pm – 9:30 pm. In addition to storytelling from local authors, there will be music, reception and laughs. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 day of. Location TBA. All proceeds benefit the Orange County Historical Museum, (919) 732-2201 or email info@orangenhistory.org www.orangenhistory.org

December

December 1-January 1. 21st Annual Twelve Days of Christmas. The Carolina Inn will be festively adorned for the holidays with elaborate decorations based on the traditional song, The Twelve Days of Christmas. There will be self-guided tours and a number of holiday activities, including festive meals, breakfast with Santa, cookie decorating, holiday teas, holiday markets and much more. Some events free. The Carolina Inn. Please visit www.12daysevents.com or call (919) 918-2715.

December 1. 15th Annual Christmas Holiday Shoppe Craft Show. 9 am – 4 pm. Shoppers can enjoy one-stop shopping with 65 talented artisans and crafters from throughout the state. A wide variety of unique, handmade gifts and specialty items await you. Christmas music, a bake sale and a delicious hot lunch will put you in a festive mood. St. Thomas More School. (919) 929-1546. <http://www.stmcscnc.org>.

December 1. The 12th Annual Elf Fair Market, a magical festival of holiday arts and crafts, will take place at The ArtsCenter in Carrboro 11am-5pm. Featuring over 30 local artists offering jewelry, pottery, clothing, accessories, candles, toys, and lots of unique, affordable items for all ages. The bar will be open for holiday beverages, and festive foods will be available during the event. A kids' zone will feature hands-on art projects and classic holiday films. <http://www.artscenterlive.org/elf-fair-2015/>

December 1. Hillsborough Holiday Parade, Tree Lighting & Light Up the Night at 4:45 pm. The parade starts at Corbin Street and ends at East Margaret Lane. Afterwards enjoy the tree lighting after the parade & beginning of Hillsborough Light Up the Night. Come out to Downtown Hillsborough to celebrate the Holiday Season as we Light Up the Night! Details at www.hillsboroughchamber.com (919) 732-8156.

December 1: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsborough, will be holding "The Festival of the Society Tree" (FeST), a fundraising event to benefit Orange County outreach programs featuring fine handcrafts and creative arts, homemade foods and baked goods, beautifully hand crafted wreaths and ornaments, and other unique gifts. 210 St. Mary's Road, Hillsborough. Sat 9am- 4 pm www.stmatthewshillsborough.org

December 1-2. The Nutcracker - Carolina Ballet on **December 1** at 2 pm and at 8 pm; **December 2** at 2 pm at Memorial Hall on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Tickets start at \$49, Students \$10. Returning for the 10th time in as many seasons, Carolina Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* for a performance that has become a Chapel Hill holiday tradition. www.carolinaperformingarts.org

December 2. 40th Annual Christmas Crafts Show; Big Barn Convention Center, Sponsored by Palmer's Grove United Methodist Church, Hillsborough. Free. Holiday crafts for purchase. 9am – 5 pm. See Mr. &

Mrs. Claus. Bring a nonperishable food item for food drive for OCIM in memory of Donna Freeland. Event contact number. (919) 732-8714.

December 2. Downtown Chapel Hill Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Join the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in downtown Chapel Hill in the Memorial Garden of University Baptist Church, 100 S. Columbia Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to greet children and take pictures! Music. 6pm. www.downtownchapelhill.com/holidays (919) 967-9440.

December 7. The Carrboro Town Tree Lighting at 6 pm with music on the steps of Town Hall at 301 W. Main Street (919) 942-8541 www.townofcarrboro.org

December 7. Holiday Stroll - Chapel Hill Holiday House Tour. The tour begins at 6 pm, with dessert party to follow at 9 pm. Guests will stroll on a candlelight tour of four distinctive private homes in the East Franklin-Rosemary Historic District enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres at each stop. The tour will culminate at the Horace Williams House at 610 E. Rosemary Street for a festive Dessert Party for all attendants. Tickets \$60 per Preservation Society Member, \$75 per general public. For more information visit <http://www.preservationchapelhill.org/> or call (919) 942-7818.

December 8. North Carolina High School Football Championships, Kenan Stadium, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill; North Carolina High School Athletic Association (919) 240-7401. Two games will be played. Classifications and times TBA. <http://www.nchsa.org/>

December 8. Chapel Hill-Carrboro Holiday Parade, Downtown E. Franklin Street in Chapel Hill to Main Street in Carrboro, 10 am. <http://www.chapelhillholidayparade.com/>

December 8: Winter in the Garden Holiday Festival. Enjoy the peaceful holiday splendor of the North Carolina Botanical Garden from 5-9 p.m. Decorated with luminaries, lights and native plant greenery, the Garden will be filled with holiday music, food for purchase and good cheer. Children will have an opportunity to make a holiday ornament, and Rameses Jr. will stop by for a visit. The Garden will collect non-perishable food donations to support the Carolina Cupboard, a food pantry for UNC students. And remember, the Garden Shop is the perfect place to find those special gifts on your shopping list! Tickets cost \$10 per person, \$5 for children age 12 and under. More information and tickets can be found at ncbg.unc.edu/wig.

December 9. 32nd Annual Hillsborough Candlelight Home Tour

Downtown Hillsborough. Tour homes decorated for the holidays. Historic buildings and churches will also be open and decorated. Music at various sites and refreshments at some. Features a miniature train ride through Historic Hillsborough's neighborhoods, stops along the way. Also Horse Drawn carriage ride through the historic district. Pictures with Santa will also be available at the Hillsborough Visitors Center. 3 pm – 7 pm. Ticket \$15 in advance one week out, \$20 week prior and day of. Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce (919) 732-8156. www.hillsboroughchamber.com

December 13. Carrboro Cheer - Carr Mill by Candlelight and Light Up Carrboro. 6 pm – 9 pm. Experience the warmth of the Holidays as Carr Mill Mall, East Main Square and Downtown light up with luminaries! Come shop, dine, and stroll downtown Carrboro! <http://www.townofcarrboro.org/>
<https://tbandc.com/calendar/>

December 14-15. Nutcracker on Ice. Friday at 6 pm and Saturday at Noon. Tickets \$10. Orange County SportsPlex, Hillsborough, NC (919) 644-0339, <http://www.oc-sportsplex.com/>.

December 16: Ice Skate With Santa. 1 pm – 4:30 pm. The young and the young-at-heart can celebrate the season with afternoon Skating with Santa. Also Public ice skating sessions weekdays and weekends all throughout the holiday season! Public Skate rates - Adult: \$8.00, Child: \$7.00, Skate Rental: \$4.00, Group: \$6.50 for 20 or more and includes skates. Orange County Sportsplex, 101 Meadowland Dr Hillsborough (919) 644-0339. www.oc-sportsplex.com

December 21. Solstice Celebration Lantern Walk. Walk along the Riverwalk with handmade lanterns which light up the night sky. The color theme for the lanterns again this year is all white. Please do not incorporate other colors into your lantern. This event is free and open to the public but all participants must register in advance and bring a handmade, white lantern with a LED light. No flames allowed. It is not mandatory for participation, but folks are encouraged to purchase a bell (\$1) (new addition this year) to help add a quiet twinkle to our otherwise silent walk. Beginning at 5:30 pm, all participants must enter the Riverwalk from the Farmer's Market Pavilion only, 144 E. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough. The 30-minute walk will begin at 5:45 pm. If you want to be a spectator, view from the Eno Parking Deck where free parking is available (behind Weaver Street Market). Only individuals with lanterns will be allowed to enter the Riverwalk. Hillsborough Arts Council, www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org

December 31: Night Lights: A Family New Year's Eve from 2 pm – 6 pm. Partnering with the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership, Morehead Planetarium and Science Center is a day of New Year's Eve activities for kids of all ages. There will be games, shows in the GSK Fulldome Theater, Science LIVE! performances, and photo booth fun. Tickets for the star show are \$5. All other activities and games are free and open to the public. The day ends with a New Year's countdown. Night Lights offers local entertainment and food too. Kidzu Children's Museum brings the fun with science and craft activities. Enjoy popular food trucks will be on site for snacking, or visitors can enjoy one of many nearby downtown restaurants for dinner; www.downtownchapelhill.com/dining. Morehead Planetarium & Science Center, 250 E. Franklin St, Chapel Hill (919) 962-1236. www.moreheadplanetarium.org

Special Anniversaries

The Burwell School's Elizabeth Keckly Bicentennial Events Beginning in February 2018.

<http://www.burwellschool.org> .

225 Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone for UNC-Chapel Hill (1793-2018). Be on the lookout for special events.

60 anniversary of the Ackland Art Museum opening. (1958 – 2018)

Frederick Douglass 200th Anniversary Birthday Events beginning in January 2018

http://www.orangecountync.gov/departments/public_affairs/frederick_douglass_200th.php

On-going Seasonal Events

Guided Tours

Guided Walking Tours of Historic Hillsborough from the Alliance of Historic Hillsborough. \$5 leaves from Alexander Dickson House, 150 E. King Street. www.visithillsboroughnc.com or call (919) 732-7741.

Guided Tours North Carolina Botanical Garden

Year round free tours of the [Display Gardens](#) are offered **first Saturday of every month**. The 60-minute guided walk takes you through our habitat gardens and other displays that showcase the beauty of plants native to North Carolina. Meet inside the Education Center at 10 a.m.

March - November, free tours of [Coker Arboretum](#) are given the **third Saturday** of the month, **11 am**. The Arboretum is located on the UNC-Chapel Hill Campus, at the corner of Cameron Ave. and Raleigh St. Meet at the stone circle just inside the arboretum from the arbor.

Tours of the UNC Chapel Hill campus – Visit <http://www.unc.edu/visitors/>. Phone: (919) 962-1630
uncvisitorscenter@unc.edu Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Walk This Way Tours (all tours \$5 per person)

Three 90 minutes tours: \$5. Town and Gown on East Franklin Street, - Departing Horace Williams House, explore beautiful and historic Franklin Street and learn about the historic homes, residents and connection to UNC. **Women on the Hill** - This tour departs from the Horace Williams House and explores the amazing women who lived our neighborhood from 1800 to the present day. **Old Chapel Hill Cemetery** - This tour departs from the gazebo at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery and explores the final resting place of some of Chapel Hill's most interesting inhabitants. **Two 60 minutes tours: West End & Northside Community** – Between Chapel Hill and Carrboro, African Americans created a large community during Reconstruction. The community was home to many successful educators, entrepreneurs, and leaders. During the Civil Rights Movement, this community played an important role in the desegregation of Chapel Hill. Departs from Hargraves Recreational Center. **Historic Downtown Carrboro** – Have you ever wondered how Carrboro came to be? Or the story behind the Carr Mill Mall? Take a tour of Carrboro's historic mills, businesses, and homes. Departs from Carrboro Town Hall (301 W. Main Street, Carrboro). Tours dates can be found on the website www.preservationchapelhill.org. For more information or to schedule a private tour (must be 4 or more people) contact info@preservationchapelhill.org.

Last Sunday Open House Tours of Moorefields House and Grounds, from 1 pm – 5 pm, April – August. 2201 Moorefields Road, Hillsborough. For information, call (919) 732-4384 or visit www.moorefields.org.

Arts/Music Events

2nd Friday Art Walk

Held the second Friday of the month in various art galleries throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Most of the galleries have live music and other art related entertainment. 6 – 9 pm. www.2ndfridayartwalk.com

Music on Lawn of Weaver Street Market.

After Hours Thursdays evenings 6 pm – 8 pm 101 Weaver Street Carrboro early summer (May – June) and late summer (August – September). Sunday mornings Jazz Brunch 11 am – 1 pm in Carrboro (May through early October) and the Hillsborough Market at 228 S. Churton Street from May through August. Food, music and beer. www.weaverstreetmarket.coop

Last Fridays

Events on the evening of the last Friday of each month from April through early September from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm in the downtown historic district of Hillsborough. A band is featured on the old courthouse lawn plus visual arts, dance, and literature. Businesses, galleries, studios, restaurants, and museums and historic sites remain open and offer special events. Artists, food vendors, musicians, and craftspeople set up their wares on the sidewalks. 6:30- 9:30 pm. 919-643-2500. www.lastfridays.org

Last Fridays Art Walks

Highlight gallery show openings in downtown Hillsborough from 6-9 pm., January – November. Art Walk is part of Last Fridays from April – September. 919-643-2500. www.hillsboroughartscouncil.org

Fridays on the Front Porch

Every Friday evening 5 pm – 8 pm late April through mid-October enjoy live music, food trucks & beverage specials, and comfortable seating on the shady front porch and lawn of the beautiful, historic Carolina Inn. (919-918-2777). Also events continue on home football games. www.carolinainn.com

140 West Plaza Events – Live and Local

Visit www.140westfranklinplaza.com to find out more about this spring and fall events.

Meadowmont Music Series - selected Saturdays through late spring and summer.

www.meadowmont.net/events

Movies at River Park

orangecountync.gov and visithillsboroughnc.com - Summer and fall in Hillsborough.

Movies Under the Stars

downtownchapelhill.com/movies - Movies on Wallace Parking Deck in summer.

Rodeo On Rosemary

downtownchapelhill.com - Food truck rodeos on East Rosemary St each spring and fall.

Music on Sundays on the Southern Village Lawn in the evenings spring through summer. Also Friday & Sat. night movies and some Friday music on the lawn beginning late May. www.southernvillage.com

Sundays In Hillsborough is sponsored by the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce with funding from the Town of Hillsborough Tourism Development Authority. Adding outdoor concerts to our lively arts and culture scene, was designed to make an irresistible appeal to visit our charming town to shop, eat, and enjoy the town for the day - or longer. The 2018 dates TBA, but anticipate late September though mid-November. A range of genres will be featured including Bluegrass, Jazz, and Country bands who will perform on the Old Courthouse Square from 2:30 to 5:30 PM.

Events during university calendar year at Memorial Hall www.carolinaperformingarts.org and PlayMakers Repertory Company www.playmakersrep.org

Farmers Markets

Year Round Farmers Markets – www.orangecountyfarms.org

UNC ATHLETICS - From late August - mid-May. Varsity teams compete in 13 men's and 15 women's sports. Schedule and Ticket Information at www.goheels.com

2018 Tar Heel Football home schedule at www.goheels.com

UNC Men's Basketball begins early November 2018

UNC Baseball opens mid-February 2019 with approximately 35 home games through mid-May 2019

Late Night with Roy - October 12 7:30pm

As always, call the sponsors to confirm these events.

Again more details on www.visitchapelhill.org

Contact Patty Griffin at pgriffin@visitchapelhill.org

Check back often as events marked TBA are updated with days, times and costs.