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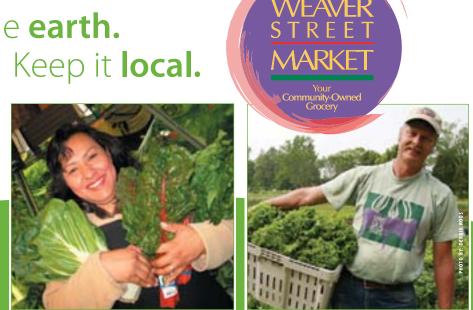
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From Mayor Mark Chilton

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Carrboro, where small town charm and a friendly, relaxing atmosphere, forward thinking and cultural diversity come together to create the one and only "Paris of the Piedmont". We're more than just a town – we're a community!

This year we celebrated a once-in-a-lifetime event: our 100th birthday! Carrboro has come a long way from its roots as a small

mill town to the welcoming, progressive haven it is today.



Carrboro was recently named one of America's top 100 art towns. Arts and cultural activities are the core of our wireless downtown, anchored by several Carrboro institutions: The ArtsCenter, a fixture of downtown Carrboro offering classes, concerts, theatrical productions, and art exhibits, and The Cat's Cradle – a musical gem that branded Carrboro "The Seattle of the South", and DSI Comedy Theatre, which hosts the largest annual comedy festival in the

MAYOR MARK CHILTON

South, and also offers performances and classes. Mingle with artists and art lovers at local galleries and venues at the 2nd Friday Artwalk, or hang out on the lawn at Weaver

Street Market, a community coop/gathering place in the heart of downtown. Carrboro is home to annual Music and Film festivals, a Poetry Weekend, Christmas and Fourth of July festivities, our very own Carrboro Day, and WCOM - our volunteer-run radio station, and

The Carrboro Citizen, a locally-owned community newspaper. The Carrboro Farmers Market was voted the best in North Carolina! There are lots of cool places to shop, and an abundant variety

of restaurants ranging from cafes to fine dining – all of which hold a reputation for keeping their customers happy and coming back for more.

Whether you walk, ride a bike or take advantage of our free bus service, I hope you will enjoy all that our community has to offer! Best wishes,

> Mark Chilton Mayor

ABOUT THE COVER



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This edition of The Carrboro Community Resource & Visitors' Guide is dedicated to the proposition that Carrboro is Cool.

We've been called the Paris of the Piedmont (well, mainly by us), and rightfully so. Art, music, food, a vibrant downtown and an engaged populace – you'll find all this and more in Carrboro, North Carolina.

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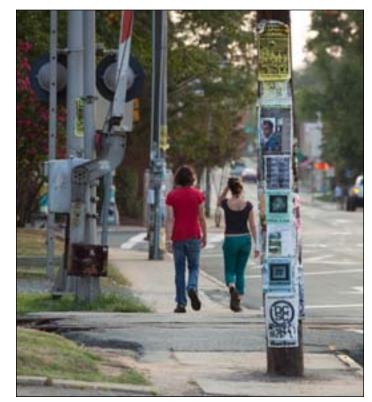
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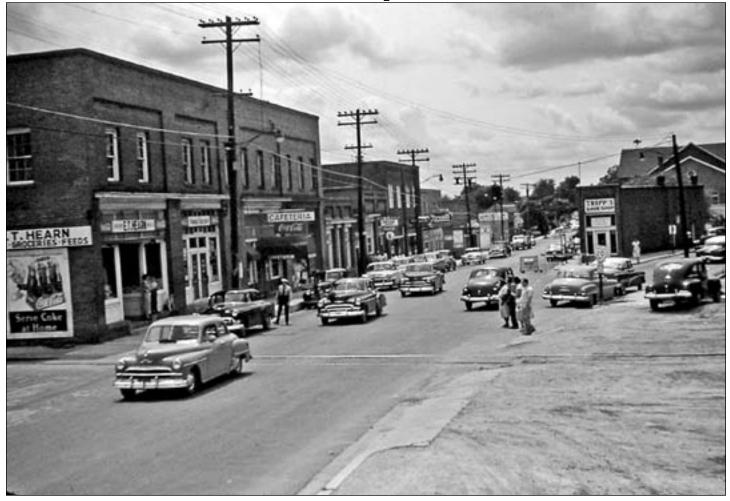


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Mill town – and darned proud of it



Looking west down Main Street in 1953. Weaver Street branches off on the right. Photo by Mack Watts, courtesy of Richard Ellington

nce upon a time, Carrboro was a community known as West End – as in, the west end of Chapel Hill. But that just wouldn't do. From the get-go, this community was distinctly its own, true to a blue-collar ethic and imbued with aspiration.

In 1909, tobacco magnate and Civil War veteran Julian Carr purchased two mills in West End and consolidated them in what is now Carr Mill Mall.

Two years later, the West End community was incorporated as Venable – thus named for UNC President Francis Preston Venable – and two years after that, renamed "Carrboro," in exchange for Mr. Carr's offer of electrical power from the mills, or so the story goes. (Hey, a solid deal's a solid deal – ain't too proud in CBO.)

The mill died, and was by and by reborn with an entirely new raisons d'être – a commercial hub, an anchor, a lawn on which to loll. As former alderman and current Poet Laureate Jay Bryan told *The Citizen* when interviewed for the *Carrboro Centennial Commemorative* a few months back, "It took a lot of vision to say, 'This mill, which was abandoned, could come to life again.' It shows that we can reutilize buildings and the way they appear to create a visual landscape that matters."

Vision aplenty. And forever reusing, revitalizing, redefining - rein-

venting ourselves, mindful of legacy.

The Carrboro Farmers' Market is another fine example of Carrboro's intrepid spirit. As market vendor Laurie Heise told us, also for the *Commemorative*, "I have grown and sold produce at farmers' markets in Nashville and the Washington, D.C., area, as well as at the Carrboro Market. And I like selling here the best, because there are so many diverse vendors and because the Carrboro customers are so enthusiastic, appreciative, loyal and ready to take a chance on new varieties and 'exotic' vegetables."

Ya *heard*? Yes ma'am, forever ready here to venture a go on the exotic – enthusiastically so; loyal to the alternative. And as Mary Ann Pagano, another market merchant, added, "Every vendor has a different way with what they sell and how they sell it. It's called 'the spice of life.' That's why people come ... [to] be connected to and pleased with their community."

Yes, we're plenty pleased (though discreetly so). Today, denizens of our sister to the east – the East End community, as some of us sometimes refer to it – are often to be found among us, exploring our treasures. Welcome to our mill town. Enjoy. We've much to offer, and sure love sharing it.

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Christopher May mans one of the town's dump trucks after a January snow storm. Photo by Kirk Ross

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Rogers Road Small Area Plan Committee

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Ten-Year Plan To End Chronic Homelessness Executive Steering Committee

Transit Partners Group

Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Advisory Committee

Triangle J Council of Governments

Triangle J Smart Growth Committee

Triangle Transit Authority Work Group

UNC Horace Williams Advisory Committee (Chapel Hill North)



Carrboro Cool



Looking west down Main Street at dusk. Carrboro's downtown is lively at any time of day, but really comes alive after dark.

It's hard to put your finger on any one thing that makes this community what it is, but that fact in itself makes Carrboro cool – and has drawn many of us from far and wide.

SO WHAT ELSE MAKES CARRBORO COOL?

Not only is Carrboro a known food mecca, it's also a town that's nationally recognized for its music scene and visual arts (and so dubbed the Paris of the Piedmont). Our residents are eager to celebrate all the town has to offer, and Carrboro hosts a number of gatherings and festivals throughout the year that bring folks from across the state and beyond.

COOL FOOD

Fresh, local and sustainable is the name of the food game around here.

The Carrboro Farmers' Market (carrborofarmersmarket.com) is one of the oldest farmer-owned and -operated markets in the country – and one of the finest too. It's been delighting locals and visitors alike since 1978, and was recently highlighted by *Bon Appetit* as one of the top markets in the nation. Featuring an extensive variety of produce, flowers, prepared foods, crafts, meats and cheeses, the

market also boasts specialty items like locally raised bison, naturally fermented kimchis and fine wines, all produced within a 50-mile radius of Carrboro.

And our cool food isn't limited to the farmers' market – Carrboro has a number of topnotch restaurants as well (see page 60), with many chefs regularly building menus around farmers' market sources.

Panzanella (panzanella.coop), Weaver Street Market's restaurant in Carr Mill Mall,

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The experienced hands of Peggy Baldwin shell purple-hulled peas at the Farmers' Market.



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hosts a number of farm dinners throughout the summer, featuring dishes crafted with a focus on particular farms' products.

And Weaver Street Market (weaverstreetmarket.com), Carrboro's co-op, is another great source for local food, offering locally produced fruits, vegetables, meats and seafood – all produced sustainably. The market also uses local ingredients in the prepared foods it offers.



Tomato Day at the Farmers' Market is a can't-miss annual event for tomato lovers.



Mary Paden and Noah Paden-Crozier enjoy locally made Maple View ice cream.

COOL ART

Carrboro is full of talented sculptors, painters, fiber artists and other artistic residents, and local talents are on display throughout the year at local galleries (see page 46) and eateries like Spotted Dog (thespotteddogrestaurant.com), Open Eye Café (openeyecafe.com) and Acme Food and Beverage Co. (acmecarr-

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Locally Grown and Prepared Food

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YOU FOSTER GENETIC DIVERSITY.

Local farmers often grow produce and raise animals from heirloom seed and heritage stock that offer healthy and tasty culinary and dietary diversity.

YOU CHOOSE QUALITY.

Local producers and restaurateurs are held to a greater standard of accountability than agribusiness conglomerates and chain eateries.

YOU HELP CHILDREN LEARN VALUES.

Supporting family farms sustains a lifestyle that teaches children values such as land stewardship, cooperation and responsibility.

YOU EMBRACE AND PROMOTE THE REGION'S HERITAGE.

Southern Orange County has supported local farms for centuries and these family enterprises contribute to Carrboro's distinctive character.

YOU GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS.

Getting your food straight from the source allows you to meet more people and strengthen your ties to the community.

YOU SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE LAND DEVELOPMENT.

Buying from local producers gives them an economic reason to continue farming, which helps preserve open spaces, wetlands and agricultural corridors.

YOU CONTRIBUTE TO CARRBORO'S REPUTATION AS A DESTINATION.

Carrboro's foodie culture is regularly celebrated in national publications, but the farmers, producers and restaurants who earn those accolades depend on the continued support of local residents.

CARRBORO COOL



Paperhand Puppets at The ArtsCenter



Murals can be found in unexpected places throughout Carrboro. This one decorates the wall behind Wootini.

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boro.com). Art tends to pop up in untraditional spots around town too, with large colorful murals scattered throughout downtown.

The ArtsCenter (artscenterlive.org), which recently celebrated its 36th birthday, is a comprehensive center for arts, creativity and community, focusing on education and performance through its many offerings. The center, which attracts more than 65,000 participants a year, offers 550 classes annually and presents 24 theatrical productions and 75 musical performances a year, along with other events like children and family programs and gallery exhibits.

During warmer weather, the 2ndFriday Artwalk (2ndfridayartwalk. com) presents local and regional artists on display at downtown businesses of all sorts. Check the website for dates and venues.

COOL MUSIC

Carrboro has been on the map for music aficionados nationwide for quite some time, and live music is served up nightly here in the Seattle of the South, a haven for music and other live entertainment.

Cat's Cradle (catscradle.com) has been packing music lovers in for more than 30 years. The Cradle presents some of the top up-and-coming

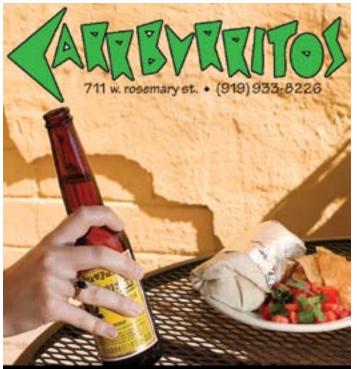
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Rob Davis of Carrboro Music



Warm weather months bring music to the Weaver Street Market lawn.



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acts from around the country and the world, and also hosts local acts, both well-known and not-yet-known. Considered a premier concert venue, the Cradle is regularly ranked in local and national lists of best places for live music. The ArtsCenter also draws big acts from around the country.

The lawn in front of Weaver Street Market is a popular venue for official and informal performing artists. During warmer months, After Hours on the Lawn (Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.) and the Jazz & More



Cat's Cradle is the anchor of the Carrboro music scene, drawing nationally known bands and crowds to match. Photo by Kirk Ross

Brunch (Sundays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.) attract music-loving fans of all ages.

Other restaurants and cafes throughout town regularly offer live music, with performances at Southern Rail (thestationcarrboro.com), Milltown (dininganddrinking.com), Jessee's Coffee & Bar (jesseescoffee. com) and others.

COOL FESTIVITIES

Throughout the year, residents and visitors partake in a number of annual festivals and special events in Carrboro (see page 20). With a huge variety of events, there's something for everyone.



Live music is featured at most community events. Here, a band livens up Carrboro Day. Photo by Alicia Stemper



Mike Benson runs both Southern Rail and its next door bar, The Station.

Annual Festivals and Special Events

CARRBORO DOG EXPO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

Hank Anderson Park – Dog Park, 1 – 5 pm

Local canine supply and service venders along with Animal Shelters and Protection groups provide information and demonstrations to increase awareness of canine issues and resources available to the Carrboro Community. Local canine supply vendors, trainers, veterinarians and animal shelters and protection groups provide information and demonstrations to increase awareness of dog-related issues and resources.

14TH ANNUAL CARRBORO MUSIC FESTIVAL

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The Carrboro Music Festival offers all kinds of music from both local and regional bands. Photo by Robert Dickson.



Parade watching brings lots of smiles. Photo by Kirk Ross

WEST END POETS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro St. 1 pm – midnight www.WestEndPoetryFestival.com

The aim of this festival is to provide a setting where N.C. poets can engage with others and share the power of poetry. Multiple stages provide venues for poets to celebrate, share and encourage the reading, writing, and listening of poetry. This all-ages event is free.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2011

Town Commons, 301 W. Main St. 6 – 8:30 pm www.ci.carrboro.nc.us/rp/HalloweenCarnival.htm

Come enjoy the night and experience great carnival games such as the Bean Bag Toss, Ring the Magic Mountain, Duck Pond and much more. We boast a host of carnivalstyle activities that reward your participation with wickedly good prizes. This all-ages event is free.

CARRBORO FILM FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011

Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro St. 1 – 7 pm www.CarrboroFilmFestival.com

Filmmakers from beginner to the well-established are welcome to enter in either student or general categories. The competition is open to anyone who has ever breathed the air of North Carolina.

TOWN TREE LIGHTING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011 Town Hall, 301 W. Main St.

CARRBORO COOL



Carrboro's 4th of July celebration includes the People's March down Weaver Street to Town Hall. Photo by Alicia Stemper

NC COMEDY ARTS FESTIVAL

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Every weekend in February at various venues DSI Comedy Theater Carr Mill Mall, 200 N. Greensboro St. www.nccomedyarts.com

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CARRBORO CD AND RECORD SHOW

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2011 & APRIL 1, 2012 Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro St. noon – 6 pm

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CARRBORO ARTS, CRAFTS AND COLLECTIBLES FAIR

APRIL 14, 2012 Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro St. 9 – 3 pm



Kid fun with the Carrboro High mascot on Carrboro Day. Photo by Alicia Stemper

A variety of local crafts and collectibles will be available for purchase including comics, toys, trading cards, jewelry, paintings and dolls.

CARRBORO DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012

Town Commons, 301 W. Main St. 1 – 7 pm

Celebrate all things Carrboro at this free, all-ages event featuring local bands and dancing demonstrations. cooperative games, a plant exchange and craft activities.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2012

Various venues 9:30 am - 3:00 pm www.carrborojuly4th.com

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Technology: Carrboro's Hidden Economy



The staff of New Media Campaigns with Joel Sutherland and Wally out front



Mark O'Brien of Newfangled Web Developers.

ucked away in offices throughout downtown, Carrboro's hidden economy is quietly booming.

Unbeknownst to many, in recent years Carrboro has become something of a mini technology-business mecca, with Internet businesses like Newfangled Web Developers, Blogads, Schmap! and Caktus Consulting headquartering their companies here.

Mark O'Brien, co-owner of Newfangled Web Developers, said he moved his business – a web-development company serving clients across North America – from Providence, R.I., to Carrboro for the quality of life here, but has discovered hidden benefits.

"It's local to the university, so there's a great employee pool. It's central to lots of places," he said.

Having other Internet businesses nearby hasn't hurt either, O'Brien said. Newfangled is located in the same building as Blogads, a company that connects national advertisers with blog readers through its network of 3,500 blogs.

"We've made a lot of connections with them," he said. "They speak our language."

Overall, Newfangled has been doing very well and just published a book targeted toward companies looking to do more with their websites.

"We're planning on staying here for many years to come," O'Brien said. "Carrboro is a great base of operation for us."



Caktus Consulting Group, with Colin Copeland and Tobias McNulty handling the scissors and paper

Carrboro Creative Coworking owner Brian Russell, who has worked with a number of technology businesses that got their start in shared spaces at his coworking facility, said because Internet-based businesses have more choice in where their companies are located, owners often base their decisions on quality of life and values – which has led many of them to Carrboro.

"It really boils down to quality of life," Russell said. "I think a lot of these folks want to live in communities that are thinking about being sustainable and global climate change."

Internet businesses springing up in Carrboro has helped other businesses – including those not focused on the web – that sometimes need their services.

"Being in physical proximity to people makes it easier for them to do business with each other. It lowers barriers. ... It makes trust greater," Russell said. "Small-town trust and knowledge is very desirable to people who are used to a high-tech lack of trust."

Joel Sutherland, one of the founders of full-service web agency New Media Campaigns, said Carrboro has been the right choice for his company.

The company launched in 2006 when its three founders won UNC's business-plan challenge as undergraduates. Though NMC's first office was located in RTP, the founders quickly moved it to Chapel Hill and then to Carrboro in 2007, drawn by the independent culture, affordable rent and great restaurants.

"Carrboro has been a wonderful place to do business as the creative industry is really booming here, and the Triangle in general has become a center for innovation," he said.





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Carrboro Plaza

Diversity and convenience on the edge of town



Carrboro Plaza has been a landmark at Carrboro's western gateway since 1985.

When one thinks of Carrboro, images of downtown and the Weaver Street lawn automatically come to mind, but located just a mile from Main Street is a less-frequently thought of part of town, a home to many Carrboro businesses serving residents from all walks of life – Carrboro Plaza.

Built in 1985, Carrboro Plaza has been a thriving part of this community for nearly three decades. With 28 tenants, the shopping center is host to a wide variety of businesses and services, with plenty of parking. Visitors to the shopping center can hit the gym at Curves, pick up groceries at Food Lion, sample Mexican pastries at Panadería Pahuatlan II or grab a pizza from Anna Maria's – all within minutes of downtown Carrboro.

Bill Soeters, owner of the UPS Store, says Carrboro Plaza is the perfect spot for his store's customers. "Carrboro Plaza is a very convenient place for all of Carrboro's residents," he said. "We have the big plus of the parking."

A number of businesses have been located at Carrboro Plaza for years – the Reece Insurance Agency, Anna Maria's Pizzeria, Fashion Tailors, the North Carolina DMV and Food Lion are among the longest-tenured tenants. In recent years, the shopping center has become markedly more diverse, with the addition of Mikyin's Asian Market, La Cooperativa Latina (the Latino community credit union) and a number of other businesses.

"We're proud to serve and be a part of the diverse Carrboro community," property manager Terrill Wipper says.

El Centro Hispano moved into Carrboro Plaza in 2010 after the closing of El Centro Latino left a void in the community. The location has worked well for El Centro, says manager Rossana Zetina, because La Cooperativa Latina is right nearby. In addition, members of the Latino community often discover El Centro while visiting Panadería Pahuatlan II, a Mexican bakery.

"We've got a great mix here," Soeters says. "The diversity makes it fun."

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Xiao McLinton, owner of Carrboro Family Clinic



Rossana Zetina, manager of El Centro Latino. Photo by Susan Dickson



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Benny Cutrell, owner and pharmacist of Carrboro Family Pharmacy

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Carrboro Economic Development Director Annette Stone agrees: "I think that the ethnic diversity out here is interesting."

Dining options are plentiful here – Anna Maria's, Wingman, Torero's Mexican Restaurant, China Wok and Panadería Pahuatlan II serve up hot meals daily, and the shopping center's Food Lion continues to be among the highest-grossing Food Lion stores in the state.

Carrboro Plaza is also home to our town's only family-owned pharmacy, with Carrboro Family Pharmacy providing its patrons with prescription and vaccination services.

New additions to the shopping center – which is 100 percent leased – include Great Clips and Boost Mobile, which will soon open their doors at the plaza.

"Downtown adds the culture ... but we try to be the right stores for the people in Carrboro," Soeters says. "There are independent, small businesses here."

So head out West Main Street to N.C. 54, and give Carrboro Plaza – and those small businesses – a whirl.



Camille Andrews, owner of Curves

Get Out and Play

S o much nature, so close to home. It's one of the great blessings of living here in Carrboro. Miles of trails and paths in and surrounding the town, and top-notch facilities for any number of athletic and otherwise outdoor-oriented endeavors.

Let's begin at the Adams Tract: Head north from the town's center for about a half mile on North Greensboro Street, take a right on Williams Street, enter Wilson Park and exit to another world.

The Adams Tract, in the words of *The Citizen's* Ken Moore, "provides access to the quiet warmth of pine needle-floored trails" leading "down through an oak-hickory forest to Bolin Creek."

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Access to the Adams Tract is through Wilson Park, which offers playground equipment and open play areas; a picnic shelter, tables and grills; four tennis courts; and a lighted baseball field.

It's some treat, this package – and right here in town.

But the largest of Carrboro's parks is the venerable Hank Anderson Park, formerly known as the Carrboro Community Park, 55 acres just west of town on N.C. 54. Anderson offers four lighted baseball fields, multi-purpose fields, lighted basketball courts, tennis courts, a picnic area and grills, playground equipment, a fishing pond, a hiking/running trail and horseshoe pits. It also has a muchbeloved puppy pasture, where your canine types are encouraged to run wild and free.

Smaller parks about town include Baldwin Park on Broad Street, Brewer Lane Mini Park on Hargraves, Carrboro Elementary School Park on Shelton, Martin Luther King Jr. Park out Hillsborough,



Ellie and owner on a hot day at the Dog Park in Anderson Park



Fishing at Hank Anderson Park

Simpson Street Mini Park on Simpson and Smith Soccer Field out by Chapel Hill High School.

There's the Town Commons, of course, home to a host of activities – including the Carrboro Farmers' Market and the Really Really Free Market – a bandstand and two pavilions.

The town is very good about keeping us entertained year round. Wellplanned and much-appreciated community events include Carrboro Day, the town's Fourth of July parade, the Egg Hunt, the Halloween Carnival, the Fishing Rodeo and the Carrboro Music Festival.

Then there are all those camps, classes and whatnot for all ages, predilections and dispositions.

You can learn more about such things by calling the folks at the Carrboro Department of Recreation & Parks at 918-7364. (They're very nice.)

And then there's just regular ol' walkin' around on the streets of our lovely burgh. It's truly a town for all seasons.

All things considered, the outdoors is good stuff. Get on out there and get you some.



Casey Kajer, Amy Reaves and Owen Reaves having fun in Wilson Park





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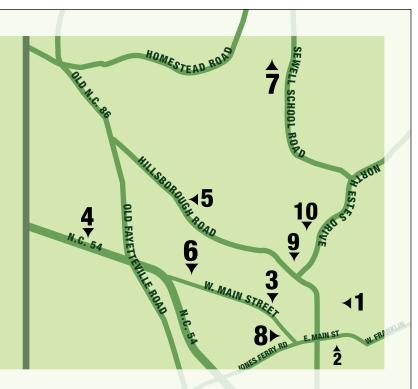
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TOWN COMMONS

The Carrboro Town Commons is a multiuse facility located on 1.7 acres next to the Town Hall. Home of the world famous Carrboro Farmers' Market, the Commons facility is available for use as a community meeting place for recreation activities, community events and markets.

For more information on Town Commons usage please visit townofcarrboro.org/ Townwide/Documents/TownCommonsUse-Policy.pdf



Carrboro's Town Commons is the scene of gatherings both small and large. Two pavilions, a field and children's play equipment are on the Commons. Photo by Kirk Ross



Getting From Here to There

Transportation options in and around Carrboro

GO FOR A WALK

Over the past decade Carrboro has greatly expanded its network of sidewalks and is now one of North Carolina's most pedestrian-friendly towns. Carrboro parks also include multiuse trails ideal for a stroll or a run.

The downtown area, in particular, has numerous crosswalks, and traffic signals are equipped with crossing timers for pedestrian use. Walking Carrboro is a favorite pastime of residents and visitors alike.

RIDE A BIKE

Carrboro has more than 20 miles of bike lanes, and in 2004 was named an official Bicycle Friendly Community. There are also several dedicated bikeways, including the Libba Cotton Bikeway, which leads from downtown to Cameron Avenue in Chapel Hill, providing direct access to the UNC campus.

Whether you're commuting or just out for a cruise, Carrboro is a great place for a bike ride. Download a map of maintained bikeways at www.townofcarrboro.org/GIS/downloads/ printmap/bikeway.pdf.

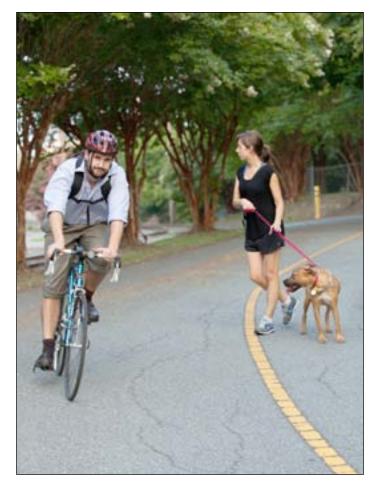
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Routes serving Carrboro include F, J, CM, CW and JFX.

BUT WHERE CAN I PARK?

Can't get where you're going in Carrboro by foot, bike or bus? Craving a late-night visit to cool downtown Carrboro? Downtown Carrboro has more than 200 spaces in eight parking lots that are both convenient and free. All lots have handicapped spaces available. See page 35 for parking options in downtown Carrboro.



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Deji Adeleke and Caroline Mullins sitting and chatting while waiting for the bus





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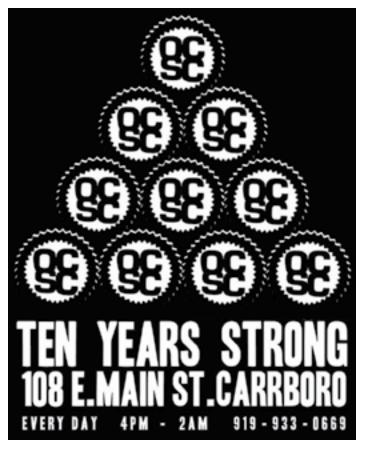
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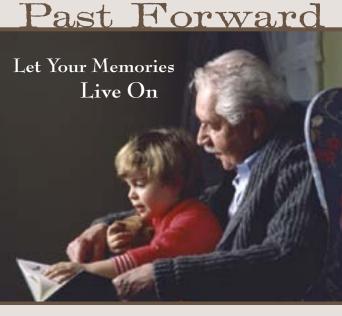
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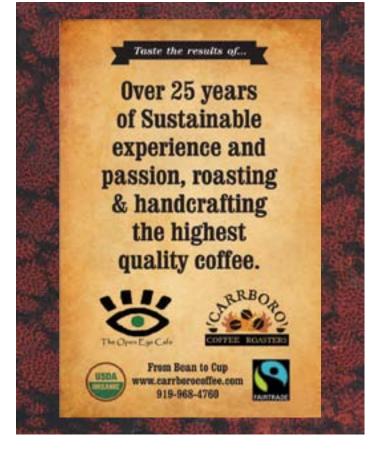
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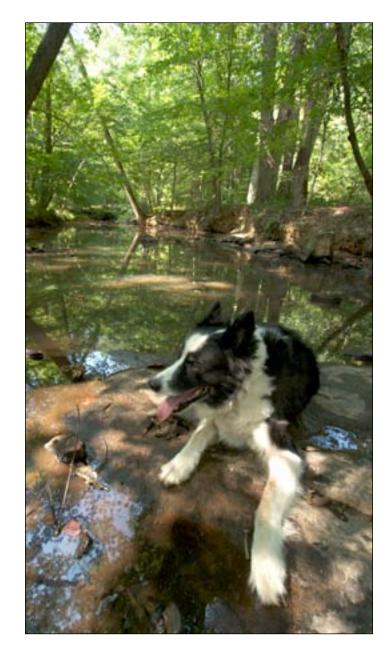
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