



# CHATHAM GOP

Chatham County Conservative News

## Save the Dates

### Chatham County GOP Convention

March 3, Pittsboro

### Reagan Day Dinner

April 7, Governor's Club

### Primary Elections

May 2018

For a complete list, visit our calendar page.

## Get Involved!

The Chatham County GOP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors who are interested in smaller and more effective government, that follows conservative principles. **YOU have a responsibility to be politically involved for the generations yet to come.**

**We need your help!** Please consider where you can assist: fundraising, organizing and running events, meeting voters, writing articles and designing graphics, managing databases, and many more opportunities.

To volunteer, sign up at [http://www.chathamncgop.com/get\\_involved](http://www.chathamncgop.com/get_involved).

## Welcome!

Welcome to this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of your Chatham County GOP Newsletter. As always, we hope you are enjoying our publication. If you have any thoughts on how to make it more relevant to you, please let us know, and share this with your friends and neighbors!

## GOP Convention

The Chatham GOP will hold its annual convention on March 3 in Pittsboro.

What happens at the Convention? That's a good question!

A principle reason this year is to select delegates to the GOP 6<sup>th</sup> District Convention and the NC GOP State Convention. In addition, we will have interesting speakers and we plan to discuss plans for the upcoming election season.

Who can attend? Any Chatham County citizen who is a registered Republican as of **January 31, 2018**. If you have not yet registered to vote, or wish to change your registration to the GOP, you can find more information at this website: <http://www.ncsbe.gov/Voters/Registering-to-Vote>.

## County Government

### ***Sometimes it seems like governments exist to spend money.***

Here are a few of the latest requests for additional funding presented to the county commissioners by departments asking for more tax dollars. How many, of these **thirty new** positions and additional spending requests, do you agree with? Remember that commissioner elections are coming in November.

- Central Permitting: 1 new position, \$78,000
- Environmental Health: 1 new position, \$98,000
- Register of Deeds: 1 new position, \$50,000
- Tax Department: 2 new positions, \$125,000
- Planning: \$400,000 for consultants

- Ag Extension: 2 new positions, \$104,000
- Social Services: 1 new position, \$97,000
- Parks & Rec: 1 new position, \$97,000
- Public Safety: 18 new positions, \$1,309,000
- Administration: 2 new positions, \$142,000
- Elections: 1 new position, \$50,000
- County Management: \$200,000 for an affordable housing trust fund

The full list is here: <http://www.chathamnc.org/home/showdocument?id=37041>

## Chair's Corner

2018 is going to be a **great year** and we are hoping to get off to a **fast start**. **WIN 2018**.

We have been using the term 'Blue Moon election'. To explain that in simple terms, a Blue Moon 🌕 election 🗳️ is when there is no President, Governor, or Senator running at the top of the ticket. Turnout is normally a lot lower as a result.

This year, Congressman Mark Walker is at the top of the ticket and we need to work hard to get him reelected as he has been supporting us in Washington. We are hoping that there will be great GOP candidates for NC House, NC Senate, and Chatham County Commissioners and Board of Education that we will be out supporting. If you are planning to run, or would like to run for office in 2018, please let us know as the **deadline to file is February 12th**.

We must get NC Supreme Court Justice Barbara Jackson re-elected.

For 2018, our focus is going to be simple: help our candidates WIN in November. We all need to do what it takes to lead, focus on messaging and outreach, and help our candidates. We will need to be on top of our game and get folks to come out and vote.

To accomplish those things, we need your help. We have so many opportunities for you to support us in 2018. *Bring us your best skills and we can put them to good use!* Volunteer for committees, attend events, and support our Get Out the Vote and Candidate programs. We also need to raise funds to support all of our activities.

Important "Save-the-Dates" to put on your calendars now are:

- March 3rd - County Convention at the Community College. Sign up at [http://www.chathamncgop.com/2018\\_county\\_convention\\_event](http://www.chathamncgop.com/2018_county_convention_event)
- April 7 - CCGOP Reagan Dinner at the Governors Club
- May/June - Silk Hope BBQ
- September/October - The Fall Event
- November 6 - Election Day

We will work hard to inspire and educate voters, promote our candidates, and have some fun along the way. In fact, if you would like to help us get off to a fun and fast start for 2018, go to our website and **donate \$20.18** [donate at [https://chathamncgop.nationbuilder.com/donate\\_2018](https://chathamncgop.nationbuilder.com/donate_2018)].

Our message is going to be simple, and you will hear it often, we want to win in November and will need your help to do just that.

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## Stay Informed!

Political awareness and involvement does not begin and end at the voting booth. It is OUR responsibility to remain informed about the issues impacting our families, our communities, our beliefs, our liberties, and our nation. Chatham County GOP publishes information out our website and social media pages:

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