

Chatham County Republican Party Newsletter

May 2019

Democracy does not guarantee equality of conditions - it only guarantees equality of opportunity.
— Irving Kristol

Summer BBQ

Please join us for our summer BBQ event at the **Silk Hope Ruritan Club on June 29**. Come have some delicious food, listen to great music, and meet with candidates. Our two special guests are **NC Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby** and **NC Secretary of State Candidate Michael LaPaglia**. Tickets are available at www.chathamncgop.com/2019_silk_hope_bbq_event.

Commissioner Wilkie!

A lot can happen from one newsletter to the next. **Commissioner Walter Petty**, representing the 5th district in Chatham County, announced his resignation effective the end of April.

North Carolina law requires that the remaining Board of Commissioners must consult with the political party of the departing commissioner but that they do not have to take any recommendation. The law does require, however, that the replacement appointee be of the same political party and reside in the same district as the departing official. The appointee would remain in office until the next scheduled election, in 2020.

Following our party's established procedure, the Chatham County Republican Party Executive Committee met and voted by unanimous acclamation to recommend Andy Wilkie to fill Commissioner Petty's seat.

The Chatham County Commissioners, at their May 6 regular meeting, voted to accept our recommendation of Andy Wilkie, and on May 20 Commissioner Wilkie was sworn in as our newest Chatham County Commissioner. **Congratulations Commissioner Wilkie!**

Confederate Memorial

Regardless of one's position on the memorial, we should all be able to agree that as individuals and as governments we should follow the law.

In this case, our County Commissioners displayed a remarkable lack of public courage in receiving recommendations from the county attorney at their May 6 meeting, by going into **'closed session' thus preventing the public from hearing the recommendations or the discussion**. While a few (a very few!) aspects of county operations might need protection from public view, this does not seem to meet that narrow definition. We can only surmise that the four Democrat commissioners have something that they want to hide from the public. Anyone care to guess what that might be?

Final Call for Board of Elections

If you would like to sit on the **Chatham County Board of Elections** as a Republican representative, please contact the party chair at chair_ccgop@outlook.com NO LATER than May 31.

President Trump's continued successes

- The U.S. economy grew 3.2% in the first quarter of 2019, far exceeding expectations.
- April's jobs report smashed expectations by adding an incredible 263,000 new jobs and the unemployment rate dropped to 3.6% - the lowest point since 1969.
- Over 7 in 10 Americans feel positively about the U.S. job market, with an astounding 71% saying that now is a good time to find a quality job.
- Over five million jobs have been created since President Trump was elected.
- A plurality say their personal financial situation is better off today than it was when President Trump took office.
- America's GDP grew 3.1% from the Q4 of 2017 to the Q4 of 2018 – the fastest growth in 13 years.
- Despite Democrats' debunked talking points, we've seen the largest wage gains in a decade.
- In 2018, more than 2.6 million jobs were created. There are more job openings than people looking for work.
- The unemployment rate is at or below 4% for the 14th straight month.

Stay Informed!

We need to become reflexively suspicious of information that makes us angry at our fellow citizens.

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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