



# Welcome!

## Chatham County Republican Party

### September 2019 Newsletter

*A Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.*

— John Adams

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#### Meet the Candidate event

The September 10 meet the candidate night at the Ferrington Village Barn is almost here. This is a wonderful opportunity to personally speak with many of the Republican candidates seeking your vote in the March 2020 primaries. Doors open at 6:30 PM. For more information visit <https://www.chathamncgop.com>. An RSVP is not necessary to attend - please come! To see a map of the Ferrington Barn parking, click [here](#).

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#### Heated Words

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#### 'Attorney-Client Privilege'?

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North Carolina law lays out strict requirements on what information can be withheld from public scrutiny. Attorney-client privilege restrictions are very limited in what discussions can be hidden from public scrutiny, and there is a list of subjects that cannot be discussed in a closed meeting. By law, closed meetings still must have meeting minutes available to the public so that a reasonable person could understand what was discussed. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners seem to be ignoring that part of the open meeting requirements.

Here is a [link](#) to the North Carolina open government laws. We should all be familiar with them and require our elected officials to follow them.

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#### Volunteers!

We have received many emails from Chatham residents wishing to volunteer to support the conservative cause in Chatham County. As the election season becomes more intense we will be reaching out to you for your assistance. Thanks so much for volunteering!

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#### Judge Newby Regional Directors

Judge Newby's campaign for Chief Justice is looking for Regional Directors to assist with his campaign. If you are interested in volunteering for a position, please reach out to Nicholas Zanzot, [nick.zanzot@gmail.com](mailto:nick.zanzot@gmail.com) for more information.

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#### Firearm Raffle

We are continuing to offer raffle tickets for two firearms - a Ruger 5.56 mm modern sporting rifle, and a Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun. A few tickets remain. If interested, you can donate online at

[https://www.chathamncgop.com/2019\\_gun\\_raffle](https://www.chathamncgop.com/2019_gun_raffle) or visit us at our Pittsboro First Sunday booth. The drawing will be later this fall. Thank you for supporting the

Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

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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 our website and social media pages:

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