

They say "once you get that Bynum mud between your toes, you'll always come back" and that is exactly what has kept the town going since the 1800s.

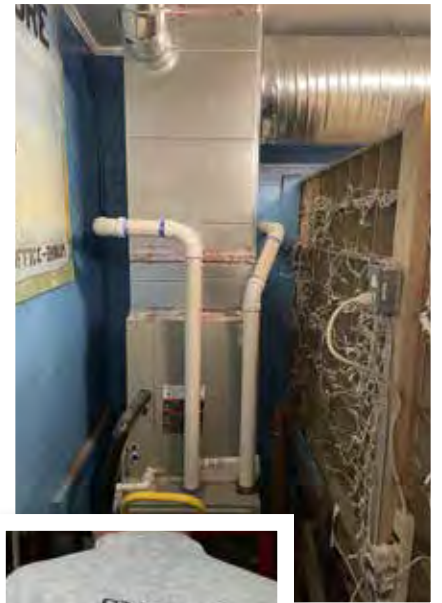
Too hot and too humid? Summer inside the Bynum Front Porch



The old heater closet



*Above –
Dismantling of old
heater closet in
middle of building*



*Above – New
HVAC behind
the Interior
PO Boxes
Stage*



Installed BFP HVAC



*Right – Robert
Horton Electric*



*Left – Tommy
Snipes T-shirt*

Cold... unless you're baking beside the age-old furnace? Winter inside the Bynum Front Porch. NO MORE !!!

Thanks to all who contributed to BFP's Go Fund Me campaign and to a Platinum sponsor who earmarked their contribution to address the heat and AC woes, the Bynum General Store has a new HVAC system!

This entire heating and air conditioning system now opens Bynum Front Porch to more hosting options for year-round meetings, offerings and events to Bynum and our surrounding community.

Tommy Snipes Jr. has close ties to Bynum (his grandparents and family lived in the house just across from the BFP) and was contracted to install the new system. An advantage gained by removing the aging furnace is a more open area for additional attendees. (Robert Horton Electric took care not to cross the wires and it is complete!

The Bynum Front Porch Board thanks everyone for their former and continuing support.

**SAVE
THE DATE:
OCTOBER 1, 2022**
for the Return of **Stephen
Freeman as Elvis & The Echoes**
of A Legend Band. Dinner provided
by Best Foods of Siler City, serving at
5:45pm, show at 7pm. Tickets are
\$50 and will be available on the
BynumFrontPorch.org website
and throughout the summer
music series.



Friends of

LOWER HAW RIVER

State Natural Area

News from Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area



Thrush at the Haw River
Photo by Dr. Kevin Ricker



Northern Cardinal at the Haw River
Photo by Dr. Kevin Ricker

Friends of Lower Haw is focusing this spring on advocating for Chatham County to spend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds on Haw River corridor projects. Chatham County is receiving more than \$14 million in ARPA funds from the federal government to address needs specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible uses for ARPA funds are intended to address public health concerns, negative economic impacts, public sector capacity, and infrastructure needs in response to the pandemic. Advocates spoke at community engagement sessions and county commissioner meetings in support of spending ARPA funds on the Haw River corridor for land conservation, sustainable land and paddle trails, two infrastructure projects in the Lower Haw River State Natural Area, and an Open Space & Trails Coordinator. Other advocacy for the Lower Haw this year includes the Great Trails State Coalition (GTSC). The coalition is a broad-based group of diverse organizations, agencies and supporters advocating for increased state investment in all types of trails statewide.

GTSC recommends building upon North Carolina's trail legacy by investing in and expanding our state's current trail systems.

We are honored to be featured by the Creation Justice blog in its "Earth Care Champions" series about area organizations committed to caring for the earth in various ways. We would like to say "thank you" to blog authors Gary Simpson and Connie McAdams for selecting us! Connie is one of our trail camera volunteers who wrote the blog article about her volunteer experience with our organization. Read the blog post about us at this link: <https://pittsboropres.org/2022/02/17/earth-care-champions-friends-of-the-lower-haw-river-state-natural-area/>

Location, location, location! Real estate agents and birds know that location makes all the difference. Volunteers Noah Civiletti (pictured on next page) and Matt Spangler relocated some bird boxes that have gone unoccupied for the past few years. We hope birds will like the new locations for this spring breeding season. A



Titmouse at the Haw River
Photo by Dr. Kevin Ricker



Sparrow at the Haw River
Photo by Dr. Kevin Ricker

senior at Northwood High School, Noah is one of our dedicated volunteers who helps us throughout the year with several volunteer projects. Our former Treasurer Matt still volunteers as coordinator for the bird box, wildlife camera, and trash can projects. Check out the Volunteer page on our website at this link: <https://www.lowerhaw.org/volunteer> and contact us if you are interested in joining our community of volunteers. Speaking of birds, enjoy some of these heading-into-spring bird photos taken by Dr. Kevin Ricker by the Haw River at the end of winter. One of Dr. Kev's favorite places for nature photography is the Haw River and we appreciate his generosity in letting us use his nature photos for our communications. You can see more of Dr. Kev's photos @chatham pediatric dentistry.

UNC student intern Catherine Buie is working with Friends of Lower Haw board member Catherine Deiningner this spring on developing an improved process for volunteer and event online registration and record keeping. Catherine B is a junior at UNC-Chapel Hill majoring in Management and Society and minoring in Sustainability Studies.



UNC Student Intern Catherine Buie

Our 2021 Annual Report is now available on the Publications page of our website. Read about our accomplishments and activities for the year in our annual report. You can find all of our annual reports at this link: <https://www.lowerhaw.org/documents>.



Noah Civiletti relocating bird boxes at the Lower Haw River State Natural Area



Bynum United Methodist Church

Grace and peace to the village from the folks at Bynum UMC.

Spring has worked to claim its time, appearing in sporadic sunny days, plants breaking into color, blossoms blooming, and of course in the plentiful weeds that poke their heads out to greet us. In spite of our lack of care and concern, wild onion, daffodils, and clover emerged and stretched towards the sun – fragile yet determined – spitting the last remaining freeze or two in victorious life. Of course, this is an easy parallel to draw within the BUMC community to another that rose victorious in spring – Christ.

Bynum UMC has many ongoing events, at which we hope to see you:

- Weekly, Recurring Events-
- Sunday School: Sundays, 10am
 - Worship: Sundays, 11am
 - Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7pm

Also occurring at weekly and monthly intervals are choir, knitting/crochet club, and several volunteer opportunities. Email Evan at easmith@nccumc.org for more information.

Additionally, there are multiple upcoming events occurring throughout the spring-summer that you may enjoy participating in:

- May 15: Blessing of Animals (Bynum Bridge)
 - June 5: Jordan Lake Worship
 - July (All-Month): Backpack/School Supply Drive - bring each sunday
 - August 14: Blessing of Backpacks and Back-to-School Grill-Out
- These events will also be advertised via our social media page in the coming months.

You can reach us at:

- easmith@nccumc.org (423)-741-8021
- <https://www.facebook.com/bynum.church>
- <http://bynumumc.org>

Best - Evan, Steph, Em, and the folks at BUMC

"Watch over one another in love." (John Wesley)

2022 Bynum Front Porch Board of Directors

Melissa Beard • Martha Collins (*Secretary*) • Phyllis Fleming • Ron Hatley • Kurt Hein • Chuck Leippe
Rich Levinson • Cindy Raxter • Nina Siegler (*Treasurer*) • Ken Tunnell (*Chair*) • Ted Williams

If you are interested in serving the community on the BFP Board of Directors, just talk with one of the folks listed.



Photo by Betsy Wilkins



Historic Register Plaques Installed on Bynum Bridge

On April 23, 2020, Bynum Bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

This success came after years of work spearheaded by Diane Swan and Debbie Tunnell. Early in 2021, they asked Jennifer Bosz of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources how soon a National Register Historic plaque might be installed on the bridge. Ms Bosz informed them, “Purchase and installation of National Register plaques or signage is a private endeavor. National Register plaques are neither funded nor governed by NPS (National Park Service) nor the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office.” Since NCDOT is the owner of the bridge, Mary Pope Furr (Historic Architecture Supervisor at NCDOT) was also notified of the request. In early August, Ms. Furr responded that she had forwarded the request to Tim Welch, NCDOT Division 8 Bridge Program Manager. Mr. Welch helped on the Historic application process. He consulted with upper management on the historic plaque installation, and after a few months reported regretfully, “The NCDOT will not be able to fund the placement of a historical plaque(s) on the Bynum Bridge. The requesting party would need to supply the plaque(s). The Department is willing to assist with installation.” NCDOT provided wordage allowed and the name of a plaque company, Franklin Bronze Plaques in Franklin PA. Diane contacted Franklin Bronze to begin the process.



Photo by Debbie Tunnell

To measure, size, and figure out placement of a plaque at each end of the bridge (across from the original plaques), Tim Welch sent Tim Mabe (Division 8 Bridge Maintenance Supervisor). The plaque size and message were approved by Dean Garner, NCDOT Engineer and Bridge Maintenance Supervisor. To finance the \$777.40 cost of the plaques, a GoFundMe raised \$800 which covered fees and \$770.17 of the cost. Success!

Thanks to everyone who donated and made this happen just in time for Bynum Bridge’s 100th birthday year!

The Bynum Bridge stands over the Haw River marking its importance as a “structure associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history and a bridge which embodies a distinctive method of construction that helped make North Carolina *The Good Roads State*.” Right here in Bynum – beloved and honored.

The Bynum Bridge National Register Historic Plaques were installed on each end of Bynum Bridge on February 3, 2022 by Tim Mabe and Jake.

Visit the National Register of Historic Places website to see the listing of the Bynum Bridge. NR link: <https://files.nc.gov/ncdcr/nr/CH0658.pdf>.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY BYNUM BRIDGE!

Bynum Bridge Turns 100!

Save the date for a Happy 100th Birthday Bynum Bridge party June 4, 1-4 PM



Logo Artwork by Jan Burger

Save the date for a Happy 100th Birthday Bynum Bridge party June 4th, 1-4 PM, at the BUMC Community Center and the North end of the bridge. There will be a Birthday Cake bake-off (so get your best cake recipe out!), refreshments, special commemorative T-shirts for sale, tie-dyeing stations for your T-shirts, local live music and many other activities for children (and adults who want to be kids again!).

To limit traffic, the plan is to only announce this party in Bynum - a Bynum Centric Birthday party - with only a few dignitaries who helped with the National Registry designation invited.

Volunteers are needed: 7-8 helpers Friday to set up a large tent; Saturday morning, setting up chairs and tables; during the party to help give out refreshments and help with kids activities; cleanup afterwards. If you want to volunteer, please contact Beth bethkalb@gmail.com.

Let's have a Birthday Party!!!!



Ways you can help Bynum Front Porch

- * Volunteer on one of the BFP Committees
- * Donate items from the BFP Wish List
- * Join the BFP Team as a Corporate Sponsor
- * Join the BFP Friends
- * Become a BFP Board Member

Scenes from the Village



**Happy 85th Birthday,
Clyde Jones!**



**Bluegrass Experience
set list presentation**



**Summer lemonade sale by
Nora & Forest McMahan**



Clyde Jones Critters Auctioned During 2021 Music Series

Clyde Jones Critters were up for auction during the summer series 2021. Maggie Frantz graciously offered BFP 2 critters to auction to support the mission of BFP and benefit the Bynum Community Garden. Almost \$1700 was raised for both organizations. There may be more Critters offered in the future!!!



First Critter went to Kathy Shipp.

Second Critter (a gater!) was won by Miriam and DeWitt Kennard, pictured at left.

Bynum Front Porch Awarded Grant for Operational Support from the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation

Established in 1956, the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation (MDBF) works to encourage, promote, and nurture the arts and K-12 educational communities in North Carolina's Chatham, Durham, Orange, and Wake counties. The foundation believes the arts are essential to strong, vibrant communities and a dynamic cultural sector is a catalyst for growth, attracting and retaining businesses and visitors.

Beginning in 2021, MDBF shifted most of its grantmaking from project-based support to Operating Support for organizations aligned with its program funding goals. This includes support for cultural organizations that demonstrate artistic excellence and elevate the profile of the Triangle's arts scenes, both locally and nationally; new, emerging, or grassroots cultural organizations

that document, preserve, and/or present the values, spirit, and diversity of the Triangle's cultural community; and/or arts-focused organizations that work directly with artists to nurture the current and next generations of artists, help them deepen and expand their talent, develop their professional and business skills, and create new works.

Bynum Front Porch met the criteria to apply for this grant - focusing on Operational Support to help get over the hump that the Covid pandemic created in 2020. (BFP had to cancel the Summer Series and other fundraising efforts.) We are very appreciative and honored that the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation found that Bynum Front Porch (a small grassroots organization, totally volunteer) deserved a \$5000 Grant.

2022 Bynum Front Porch Newsletter Committee

Reporting for the community that rocks Bynum Front Porch

• Martha Collins • Cyndi Harris • Sharon LaPalme • Brian Stepien • Debbie Tunnell

The Haw River Assembly Celebrates 40 Years

It's the Haw River Assembly's 40th Birthday! We are proud of what we've accomplished since our beginnings in 1982, with our advocacy defending the river and Jordan Lake, saving lands along it for parks and nature, and raising awareness about why it's worth protecting! We've brought people together to learn about it, take part in clean-ups and stream monitoring, and to just love it. It's a big river, 110 miles long, fed by creeks flowing into it from Guilford, Rockingham, Alamance, Orange, Durham, western Wake and Chatham counties. Our home base has always been here in Bynum and we appreciate being part of the village, and the support from so many of you.



We look forward to getting back to in-person events this year, which started with the March 19 Haw River clean-up. Check out our website hawriver.org to learn more - and you can sign up for our weekly e-newsletter. Thanks everyone!

(p.s. We have a new lending library of nature and environmental books and field guides. Come by and browse when we're there, or send an email to arrange a time.) We're at 143 Bynum Church Rd

- Elaine Chiosso, Executive Director info@hawriver.org

Our Sponsors:

Bynum Front Porch gratefully acknowledges the following sponsors for their support!

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Mark Stith

919-542-5530

Many thanks to all those who have supported BFP through various Facebook Fundraising Drives.



... at a glance

Our Mission: *Bynum Front Porch is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the history, identity and supportive atmosphere of the village of Bynum. Bynum Front Porch is a community-funded non-profit venture.*

Over the fence news:

newbies, farewells, births and deaths since the last newsletter.

New neighbors:

- Heather Banker
- Patrick Connor, Amber Nichuck and son, Everett Alexander
- Susie Crate & Tuyaara Yegorov-Crate
- Christian
- Holly
- Julie and John Cummins
- Tony Mann
- David and Mila Weavil
- Ashley Myles and Eric Williams

Births:

- Emilia Smith - Parents Evan & Stephanie Smith

Deaths:

- Maxine Perry Cotner
- Archie Durham
- Clarence Durham
- Bobby Eugene Ellis
- James Ellis
- Ricky Frye
- Margaret Heath Johnson
- Mary Catherine "Punk" Jones
- Helen Tallent Neal
- Thomas Wesley Snipes

Moved away:

- Nancy & Michael Huselage
- Roy & Clarice Jones
- John Pardue

Bynum Zip Code is Tied to Kiosk PO Boxes – Keep Your Kiosk Box in Use

There's still time to help maintain the Bynum Zip Code – all we need to do is maintain the kiosk Bynum PO Boxes. If you want a Bynum mailing address, the Pittsboro postmaster has opened some PO boxes at the kiosk near the ballfield on Bynum Hill Rd. Just go to the Pittsboro Post Office, ask to see Peter or Solita and request a PO Box in Bynum. There will be a one-time charge of \$25 (for the new lock). When the boxes are all gone, the postmaster will consider opening more if there is interest. Let's get those boxes owned and all filled up so we can maintain the 27228 zip code and keep Bynum on the map!!! For more information, you can contact Martha Collins at 919-357-5830 or martha.bynum1@gmail.com.

BFP Wish List

- Solar Powered Lights
- Flat-screen SMART TV & Wall Mount – 36" or larger
- Roofer – There are some small leak areas that need attention.
- White/Clear Rope Lights
- Installation of seamless gutters

Support Bynum Front Porch 
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Remember to shop at Smile.Amazon.com and let Amazon and your shopping donate to Bynum Front Porch.

2022 community calendar

MAY

- May 6 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Hooverville
www.hoovervillemusic.com
- May 13 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Gravy Boys
www.gravyboys.com
- May 14 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin Jam 10am-12pm
- May 15 - BUMC Blessings of Animals (Bynum Bridge) 11am
- May 20 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - The Pinkerton Raid
www.pinkertonraid.com
- May 21 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin Jam 10am-12pm
- May 27 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - The Old Ceremony
www.facebook.com/theoldceremony

JUNE

- June 3 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Curtis Eller's American Circus
www.curtiseller.com
- June 4 - Bynum Bridge Birthday Party 100th year celebration
- June 5 - BUMC Jordan Lake Worship 11am
- June 10 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - 8:59's
www.reverbnation.com/the859s
- June 11 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin Jam 10am-12pm
- June 17 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Graymatter
www.graymatter.band
- June 24 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Morgan Creek
https://kirklawrence81.wixsite.com/morgancreek
- June 25 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin Jam 10am-12pm

JULY

- July 1 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Honey Magpie
http://honeymagpie.com
- July 8 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Nantahala
www.nantahalamusic.com
- July 9 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin Jam 10am-12pm
- July 15 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Katherarine Whalen's Jazz Squad
- July 16 - Workday at the store
- July 22 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - John Howie Jr & Rosewood Bluff
http://www.johnhowiejr.com
- July 23 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin Jam 10am-12pm
- July 29 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Onyx Club Boys
https://onyxclubboys.com
- All Sundays in July - BUMC BackPack/School Supply Drive
11-12pm

AUGUST

- August 5 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Thirsty Curses
https://thirstycurses.com
- August 12 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Jack the Radio
www.jacktheradio.com
- August 13 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin Jam 10am-12pm
- August 14 - BUMC Blessing of Backpacks & k-to-School Grill Out
- August 19 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Holland Brothers
https://www.facebook.com/HollandBros
- August 26 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Drunken Prayer
https://drunkenprayer.com
- August 27 - Acoustic Bluegrass Roundcircle Pickin Jam 10am-12pm

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 2 - Friday Night Music 7-9pm - Bluegrass Experience
www.facebook.com/bluegrass.experience
- Sept 17 - Workday at the store

Volunteer Corner

Thank you to all who have helped over the years to keep Bynum Front Porch thriving, because none of this would be possible without volunteers like you.

Whether you are a fan of the music series or storytelling, want to give back to the community, or just need to complete school community service hours, we'd love to volunteer with you!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Participating in Spring and Fall Workdays to help get ready for the summer events and maintain the store and facilities.
- Serving as a board member or committee chair to help steer the direction of Bynum Front Porch.
- Assisting with public relations, fundraising and more by spreading the good word of Bynum and ensuring the educational grants keep rolling.
- Changing the sign lettering at the Hwy 15-501 kiosk.
- More opportunities await.

Ready to volunteer to support Bynum Front Porch? Just send an email to bynumfrontporch@gmail.com and include your contact information and your area of interest so you can connect with us. Looking forward to hearing from you!

WiFi Available!

Bynum Front Porch is pleased to remind everyone that there is community WiFi available at the store, 24/7. Sit on the porch or use it from your car. This speedy fast wireless network brings critical connectivity to residents and visitors giving everyone access to everything from education materials for kids, information about Bynum's rich history and attractions, to everyday needs like paying bills, checking library hours, or even just keeping tabs on your favorite sports team. The password is posted in the store windows.



BFP is a non-profit organization, your tax-deductible donations are always welcome:

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