



The Election Day Breakfast hosted by the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is designed to raise the morale of local voters.

Photos by Tevin Stinson

## AKAs host Election Day Breakfast

BY TEVIN STINSON  
THE CHRONICLE

Before heading out to the polls on Tuesday morning, members of the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority invited the community and local candidates to enjoy the organization's annual Election Day Breakfast.

Designed to raise the morale of local voters, this year's event was held at the Ivy Arms Center. Chapter President Kenyatta Richmond said the breakfast was part of the organization's Community Impact Day, which is celebrated by sorority members across the nation.

Richmond said, "Not just locally, but AKAs across the country are mobilizing to get out and take people to the polls, making sure people are registered and everything



**Kenyatta Richmond, president of the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, welcomes members of the community and local candidates to the Election Day Breakfast held at the Ivy Arms**

we can to ensure people are getting out to vote."

Before breakfast was served, Rev. Carlton Eversley, local activist and pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, delivered the keynote address that inspired citizens to take advantage of their right to vote. As he stood in

front of the room decorated in pink and green, Eversley said, "This is about much more than an election; our humanity is at stake."

"We are fighting for our citizenship. We're fighting and we're struggling," he said. "We all know the history of blacks and whites in this country who fought and died for the right to vote, so I hope get out a make sure you vote counts."

After listening to Eversley's powerful message, Barbara Puryear said she was really moved by the message. She said, Eversley really knows how to motivate people.

"He is a real activist who always tells it like it is," said Puryear. "With the campaigns we've seen this election season, I think this is exactly what the voters needed to hear."

## New park planned for Second Street

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The city is planning to transform a historic site on Second Street into a park for a thriving downtown neighborhood.

A meeting was held to show residents of the Holly Avenue Neighborhood plans for a new park at the intersection of Second Street and Shady Boulevard on Thursday, Nov. 3, at City Hall.

The project is currently in its design phase, with residents giving feedback on the design and what the park's name will be.

City Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, who represents the Northwest Ward that contains the neighborhood, said it'll be a small "pocket park" which is inexpensive enough to be covered in the city's budget without using bond money. He expects construction to begin next year.

MacIntosh said there had been calls for years to turn the vacant city-owned lot into a park. It's surrounded by apartments and homes, and is within walking distance of downtown businesses and attractions.

"It's really ideally located," said MacIntosh.

The design plans by Stimmel Associates showed walking paths, trees, benches, paved areas and a shade structure. It'll be a "passive park" ideal for activities like walking, sitting, picnics and children playing. The site, which is roughly three fourths of an acre, currently con-

tains little more than grass, a few trees and a historic marker.

"It's really an asset for the community, a green space for the neighborhood," said Christy Turner, a Stimmel landscape architect.

The now vacant lot was the site of the first public waterworks system in the American Colonies in 1778. It tapped into natural springs and used bored logs that were joined together and buried underground to deliver the water a mile away to the town of Salem. George Washington stopped by the waterworks during a visit to the area in 1791. That history will be honored in the park with a colorful pathway denoting the waterworks along with log decorations.

The area was known as the Reservation and was undeveloped until its subdivision in 1903, which would eventually lead to it becoming what's now known as the Holly Avenue Neighborhood in the west end of downtown. The neighborhood has been through several, transitions over the years, but Sharee Fowler, current neighborhood association president, describes it as a close-knit community, which is diverse in both residents and housing, including some affordable housing. She said the park will be a great addition to the neighborhood and the greater city.

"We want folks to know it's intended to be an accessible park to all of the residents in our community," said Fowler.

### ELECTION NIGHT PHOTO



CrossRhodes performs during the "Wake the Vote" election night watch party on Tuesday night. The Wake Forest Pro Humanitate Institute hosted the event.

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