



Pat Evans

Pat Evans is responsible for the Carolina blue fire trucks in Chapel Hill. She understood local culture and knew that fire trucks in the college colors would bring pride to University and town people alike and would become a major attraction at sporting and public events. Residents can be grateful to Pat for this unique feature of community spirit.

Moving to Chapel Hill from Chicago in 1970, Pat and her husband raised their family on Chapel Hill's charm. She witnessed growth both in the University and the town itself, and she became involved in local issues and politics. A committed public servant, she always embraced opportunities that allowed her to make a difference in the development and viability of the

town. She served on the Town Council for ten years, with a term as mayor pro tem. She was actively involved in the Planning Board, the Orange County Visitors Bureau, the Steering Committee for Shaping Orange County's Future, and the Sustainable Development Task Force. In all of these activities, Pat maintained her dedication to the community and its citizens.

During Pat's tenure on the Town Council, she began the practice of inviting citizens to join her in a local restaurant for coffee and conversation about local issues and the future of downtown Chapel Hill. She serves as chair of the Friends of Downtown Chapel Hill, a group whose mission is to "develop and promote downtown Chapel Hill as a place for committed interaction and economic vitality."

As a passionate advocate for bringing the University and town together, Pat focused on transportation and safety as outlets for University involvement and for improvement of daily life in the community. She worked on projects including the free bus system and safer sidewalks. Using these lifelines of transportation, she has touched the lives of every student, resident, and visitor to Chapel Hill.

Bridging the gaps between people and places, Pat embodies the transition and growth of Chapel Hill. Once a self-professed Yankee, she now proudly answers the questions "who are you" and "who are your people" with the conviction that she is Pat Evans and her people are the citizens of Chapel Hill, past, present, and future.