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January 21, 2026
Jeff Smith, National Register Coordinator
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RE: Coker Hills Historic District National Register Nomination

Dear Jeff Smith,

This letter provides responses to questions shared with CLG staff liaisons about the Coker Hills Historic District national register nomination.

1. Name of Certified Local Government: Town of Chapel Hill
2. Name of CLG Commission: Chapel Hill Historic District Commission
3. Property being reviewed for nomination: Coker Hills Historic District Commission
4. Documentation of the measures taken to provide for public comment during the nomination review and a record of any comments received: Enclosed is a copy of Chapel Hill's online newsletter, Our Town, that was emailed to subscribers on January 8, 2026 (see page 5). The newsletter included information about the public hearing the Historic District Commission held on January 13, 2026. Also enclosed is a letter submitted by a community member in response to the nomination.
5. Names of professional(s) consulted for review of the nomination: Professional services were not obtained for review of this nomination.

Enclosed with this letter is the statement that was signed by the commission's chair at the meeting on January 13, 2026.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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THE CLG COMMISSION SHOULD COMPLETE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

A. We, the **Chapel Hill Historic District Commission**, have reviewed and discussed the nomination for **Coker Hills Historic District** and find that the property **meets** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We, therefore, **recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register.

 1.13.26

Commission chair's signature and date

B. We, the **Chapel Hill Historic District Commission**, have reviewed and discussed the nomination for **Coker Hills Historic District** and find that the property **does not meet** the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as stated in Section 8 of the report. We, therefore, **do not recommend** that the property be submitted for listing in the Register. The reasons for our findings concerning this nomination are stated below (use additional sheet if necessary).

Commission chair's signature and date

From: Our Town <OurTown@mail.chapelhillnc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 4:01 PM
To: Charnika Harrell
Subject: Our Town: We're Getting a New Look, Christmas Tree Pickup, Summer Camp Guide
Coming Soon: TEST

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from the Town of Chapel Hill

January 8, 2026

Happy New Year, neighbors! With the new year comes a new website and brand, Christmas tree pickup, and the 2026 Parks and Recreation summer camp guide. Read on to find out all the details.

New Year, New Look for Your Local Government

Heads up, Chapel Hill! Next week, we'll reveal a new Town website and new visual brand. We've been working on these for months and we can't to share them with you.

- For the **new visual brand**, our goal is to create a cohesive, consistent look and feel across Town departments in order to build connection, awareness, and trust with you, the people we serve.
- For the **new website**, our goal is to create a more user-friendly digital experience for all who visit our site. With the new site comes a new domain – chapelhillnc.gov – which brings us up to date with best practices for government sites.



Walk Audit: Skipper Bowles on Jan. 12

The Vision Zero team invites you to join a Skipper Bowles walk audit on Monday, January 12 from 9 to 10 a.m. A walk audit allows us to assess the conditions of a street, identify safety concerns, and develop potential improvements in an area. This audit route will be about one mile. Meet at the Ridge Rd. and Manning Dr. intersection.

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Historic District Commission Hearing for Coker Hills National Register Nomination

The Historic District Commission (HDC) will review a proposed nomination to designate the Coker Hills neighborhood as a Historic District. They'll hold a public meeting on Tuesday, January 13, in advance of the North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee's meeting on February 12. These are the HDC meeting details:

- Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- Chapel Hill Town Hall (405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd)
- For more information, call the Planning Department at (919) 968-2728 or email them at planning@townofchapelhill.org

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