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## Greetings:

*Senator Waddell is continuing to participate in community meetings throughout the district. There were no legislative or committee meetings in Raleigh this past week.*

*Joyce Waddell*

## Voting Opportunity for Felons

North Carolina has more than 7.3 million registered voters, and statewide elections in the presidential battleground state are often close affairs. So any influx of voters could make a difference this fall, when the ballot will feature statewide races for U.S. Senate and the state Supreme Court.

A panel of trial judges struck down the 1973 law in March, declaring it violates the state constitution largely because it discriminates against Black residents.

The state Supreme Court agreed in May to hear an appeal of that decision, and the case remains pending. The date for oral arguments has not been set. But the justices did not touch a Court of Appeals ruling that prevented registration requests from the felons who were not in prison or jail from being fulfilled only through Tuesday. So these applicants — for now and unless the Supreme Court reverses the trial court ruling — will be able to vote, beginning with the November general election.

I believe that the statement "no taxation without representation..." means that if you work and pay taxes, you should be able to vote. All who are governed by law and work throughout society should have a voice in whom they choose to govern them.



*Senator Waddell speaks to the need for grandparents scholarships*

## **Grandparents Scholarships**



*Senator Waddell and supporters of the Grandparents Scholarship with the founder, Sarah C. Simons.*

## **Gas Prices**

Not that long ago paying a little under \$4 for a gallon of gas would seem outrageous, but lately, it feels good. The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded in North Carolina dropped a penny below \$4 recently for the first time since May 5, according to AAA.

Since peaking at \$4.67 a gallon in mid-June, the average price of gas in the state has declined a penny or two almost every day. Diesel remains well above \$5 a gallon, at \$5.25, but down from a high of \$5.77 statewide in June. Nationwide, the average price for a gallon of unleaded was \$4.30, off its peak of \$5.02 a gallon.

The decision to release a million barrels of oil a day from the country's Strategic Petroleum Reserve in response to Russia's invasion was a credited reason. Prices at the pump vary across the country and within North Carolina.

With all things going up, I am happy to see North Carolinians not having to take more money out of their pockets.

## **Charlotte Pride Festival & Parade**

*Mecklenburg Delegation at the Charlotte Pride Festival Parade*



*Senator Waddell marches in the Charlotte Pride and Festival Parade with Candidate for US Senate Cheri Beasley and Judge Sam Erwin.*

## Immigration Applications

The federal government is facing a record number of lawsuits over processing delays for immigration applications. More than 6,000 such lawsuits have already been filed this fiscal year. That is about three times as many annual lawsuits as two years ago, according to data analysts at Syracuse University.

The backlog began building before the pandemic. Wait times vary widely, depending on the type of application and the complexity of the case.

Immigration is what America was founded on, some voluntary and others involuntary. Our workforce, especially agricultural would not survive without the assistance of immigrants. Hopefully, we can find a solution to ease the backlog and move forward.



*Senator Waddell participates with Senator Amy Klobachar in door to door canvassing hosted by precinct 212.*

## Get Out to Vote Canvassing Event

*Senator Waddell participated in a door to door canvassing event for the upcoming election.*



Senator Waddell is working tirelessly for Senate District 40, but she cannot do this alone. Many of her precincts have changed which makes the election much more competitive. In November she will have an opponent running against her. Can she count on your help to continue working for the district?

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*Do not get fooled by last week's cooler temperatures. We are not over summer yet. I for one, welcome the cooler temperatures and look forward to fall.*

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