

April 1, 2016



COMMISSIONERS EXPLORE LEGAL CHALLENGES TO DISCRIMINATORY LAW

In anticipation of the General Assembly's action on House Bill 2, the Board of Orange County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a resolution in support of the Non-Discrimination Policy implemented by the Charlotte City Council and joined them in striving for social justice for all.

The resolution states, "Orange County supports a community where all people are treated fairly, valued and accepted; and stands with those who struggle against social injustice." Commissioners approved the resolution during their March 22 regular meeting.

To view a copy of the resolution [click here](#).

On Wednesday, The North Carolina General Assembly sent a bill to Gov. Pat McCrory that bars local governments from passing nondiscrimination ordinances and prevents people from using bathrooms based on the gender with which they personally identify. McCrory signed the bill into law hours later.

"The action of the legislature will have far reaching effects on the ability of counties and towns to regulate according to the views of their citizens," said BOCC Chair Earl

McKee. “This will now become a matter to be addressed through all legal channels as well as the political process in the coming general elections.”

Orange County will join other local governing boards in exploring legal challenges to the discriminatory law.

COMMISSIONERS RESPOND TO DOG TETHERING QUESTIONS



The Board of Orange County Commissioners has experienced an increase in calls from residents asking them to clarify regulations on dog tethering. Chair Earl McKee is working with other Board members and with Animal Services to respond to inquiries and to ensure adequate information is available for residents.

Continuous chaining (or tethering) is not allowed in Orange County. It is restricted to three hours per day in the unincorporated areas and Hillsborough and prohibited altogether in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. The Animal Services Department takes a very active stance toward tethering throughout the county year-round under the existing regulations.

“We are uncertain as the reason for the increase in emails and calls, but the same thing happened last year, which could be the result of warming temperatures,” said Bob Marotto, director of Orange County Animal Services.

“This is an important issue for us,” said Commissioner McKee. Marotto added that Orange County was one of the frontrunners of such efforts in the state of North Carolina. Efforts began in 2008 and within just a few years, the county and the municipalities within it had all adopted tethering ordinances.

“It was a challenging community process but one that has been very successful,” said Marotto. “Dogs are naturally social beings who thrive on interaction with human beings and other animals.” [Read More](#)



NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK

The Orange County Emergency Services Department will host National Public Safety

Telecommunicator Week from April 10 – April 16, 2016.

As a kick-off, the Emergency Services Communications team will open its doors to both the media and the public for Media Day and Facility Tours.

Events will be hosted in an effort to demonstrate what takes place in a 9-1-1 Communications Center, explain the role of the Emergency Coordination Center, when it is activated and how it is staffed, concluding with a tour of the center. This will prove to be a very educational and eye-opening experience. [Read More](#)



MEDIA DAY

Wednesday, April 13, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

FACILITY TOURS

Tuesday, April 12, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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JOB & RESOURCE FAIR



Wednesday, April 6, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Hillsborough Commons
113 Mayo Street, Hillsborough



SAVE THE DATE

Job seekers are encouraged to print their resume, dress for success and prepare to make a positive first impression with more than 75 potential Employers.



For more information or to reserve a booth, please call
Christy Restrepo 919.245.2834 or
Kristin Miskow: 919.245.2894

[EVENT DETAILS & LIST OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS](#)

To watch a video of the previous Job Fair [click here](#)

PET ADOPTION SPECIALS IN APRIL



Orange County Animal Services has begun its annual Spring Adoption Event, which runs from April 1- April 30, 2016. Throughout the month, cat adoption fees will be reduced to \$50 and dog adoption fees will be reduced to \$60.

In addition to the adoption specials, two nationally recognized weeks of appreciation take place in April. Volunteer Appreciation Week begins on April 10. Animal Services

staff will be doing special things that show gratitude and appreciation to those who offer their time and dedicated services.

The department relies on the hard work, love and commitment of these volunteers and hopes to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of these dedicated individuals and the difference they make in the lives of so many animals each year.

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week also begins April 10, and will be celebrated internally with much thanks and recognition to the hardworking Animal Control staff that work to keep Orange County's citizens and pets safe.

Visit Animal Services online at www.orangecountync.gov/animalservices to learn more about the department, how to become a volunteer, and to view pictures of lost or adoptable pets.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Board of Orange County Commissioners recently created a Bond Education Committee to help ensure equal access to information is provided to taxpayers. The deadline to submit applications is on Friday, April 15. There are vacancies for four (4) At-Large Orange County residents.

There will be additional appointments from housing, non-profit organizations, schools, and the county for a total of 14 members. Committee members will assist in developing appropriate informational materials that will address the bond orders and help shape a public outreach campaign to distribute information about the bonds to Orange County residents.

To apply online, please visit www.orangecountync.gov/boards

MULCH SALE
AT THE
ORANGE COUNTY LANDFILL

\$15 per 3-cubic yard scoop



**April 1-
April 31**



Cash or check only.

Trucks and trailers only. We load, you tarp!

ORANGE COUNTY LANDFILL

1514 Eubanks Rd. Chapel Hill NC 27516
Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00a.m.- 3:00p.m
Saturdays 8:00a.m.-12:00 noon

(919) 968-2788 • recycling@orangecountync.gov



ORANGE COUNTY EXPO

Celebrating County Government Month



Friday, April 8

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

University Place - Chapel Hill

Several Orange County departments will set up booths stocked with informational handouts and giveaway items.

Learn about County services and meet the employees who take pride in providing quality customer service to you...
our residents.

Tour emergency services and police vehicles that will be displayed at the Mall Entrance.

University Mall · 201 S. Estes Drive · Chapel Hill

Sign up for a **Ride Along and Lunch with Sheriff Charles Blackwood**. Take a personal tour of Orange County and learn how the Sheriff's Office is committed to serving all residents in the county and keeping us safe.

(Register at the Sheriff's Office Booth or Main Stage at the Expo)

STAY INFORMED: ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC OUTREACH



In a continuing effort to communicate with Orange County residents, the Community Relations Department produces monthly print advertisements for News of Orange; Mebane Enterprise and Chapel Hill News.

The newspaper ads remind residents of upcoming Commissioner meetings, important programs and initiatives and also communicate a story about the people of Orange County, through a short feature called, Vitamin O.

The featured residents talk about why Orange County is one of the greatest places to live, as a result of its beauty, quality of life and respect for

individualism. We couldn't agree more. The display ads are printed the first week of each month in the countywide newspapers.



"LAS VEGAS NIGHT" FUNDRAISER

Orange County Department on Aging and the Friends of the Jerry M. Passmore Center invite the public to win big at the annual "Las Vegas Night."

The fundraiser will take place on **Saturday, April 16**, at Central Orange Senior Center.

The fun begins at 6:00 p.m., and will include a delicious chicken and barbeque dinner, Vegas-style casino gambling, \$10,000 in "chips," dancing, great door prizes and more.

There is even a grand prize Flat Screen HDTV and you don't have to be present to win! Use your "winnings" from exciting games like Black Jack and Roulette to bid on

auction items.

This popular event sells out each year, so get your tickets now! Admission is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

The Passmore Center (formerly the Central Orange Senior Center) is located at 103 Meadowlands Drive in Hillsborough.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 919.245.2015.

ARTS GRANTS APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED

The Orange County Arts Commission announces a May 31, 2016, deadline for receipt of grant applications for the spring cycle. Arts grants are available to nonprofit organizations, schools and individual artists.

Spring Arts Grant categories are as follows:

General Arts Support Grant – funds up to \$5,000 available to Orange County nonprofit arts organizations (whose primary purpose is to create, produce, present, or support music, dance, theatre, literature or visual arts) that consistently provide high-quality arts programs. To apply, organizations must have received an Orange County Arts Commission grant in each of the three previous years.



Arts Program Grant - funds up to \$1,500 to nonprofit organizations coordinating arts projects benefiting the citizens of Orange County

Arts in Education Grant - funds up to \$1,000 to public or private schools or parent/teacher organizations in Orange County coordinating arts programs

Arts in Education Coalition – funds up to \$5,000 to a coalition of three or more public or private schools, or parent/teacher organizations in Orange County coordinating arts programs

Artist Project Grant - funds up to \$1,000 to professional artists coordinating arts projects benefiting the citizens of Orange County

Information Session:

The Orange County Arts Commission will hold a free grant writing workshop on **Monday, April 4, 2016**, from **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** in Meeting Room C at the Chapel Hill Public Library(100 Library Drive) in Chapel Hill. [Read More](#)

VITAMIN O - RESIDENT PROFILES

Japanese manufacturing company Morinaga America Food's plant in Mebane will soon

make one million pieces of Hi-Chew candy a day. The candy was selected from many Morinaga products for its “possibility for American taste” and because the company has confidence in their special technology that makes a softer, chewier product.

The original factory in Tokyo opened in 1899; the company’s long history and skill producing confectioneries like caramels allows it to be a “pioneer ...of taste and texture in the United States.”

It took a two year nationwide search to choose a site for the plant. Production started in September 2015; construction of the plant will be complete by July 2016.

Upon moving to the United States from Japan, Morinaga America Foods president Toshiaki Fukunaga immediately “felt the kindness and hospitality of Southern people.” He finds the deep Carolina blue of the summer sky particularly surprising.

Keita Morinaga is the secretary/administration manager for the plant. He feels the pick-up truck should be the official vehicle of Orange County. Trucks are rarely for personal use in Japan. Seeing them gives a “feeling of America.”



Pictured L to R: Keita Morinaga and Toshiaki Fukunaga

[Click here](#) to meet our other featured residents.

REGISTER TODAY FOR “SUMMER SIZZLE” CAMP



The Orange County 4-H Cooperative Extension Service is accepting registration for its annual five week Summer Sizzle Camp.

The summer camp is available Monday - Friday from 7:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m., beginning the week of **June 20 - July 22**. Parents can register for camp on a weekly basis.

The program offers action-packed activities for rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Each week will feature field trips and hands-on activities in areas, such as Arts & Crafts, Sports, Cooking, and activities that focus on the

Environment.

The campers will explore science, technology, engineering, and math, while also participating in bowling, skating, swimming, and much more.

Participants must be willing to take part in outdoor activities, attend field trips and function in a group setting. [Read More](#)



Low Cost Rabies Clinic

Thursday, April 14

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Animal Services Center

1601 Eubanks Road in Chapel Hill [Details](#)

Orange County 2nd Healthiest County

[Details](#)

FREE Tax Filing Service

Filing of federal and state tax returns [Read More](#)

Shredathon 2016

Thursday, April 28

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

University Place, at Estes and Willow Drive in Chapel Hill

Park and walk up service [Details](#)

Saturday, April 30

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hampton Pointe Recycling Site in Hillsborough (behind Home Depot)

Drive through service [Details](#)

Fishing Tournament - Pond Clinic

Saturday, May 7 (Register by April 29)

7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Blackwood Farm Park in Hillsborough

Stay Connected

Encourage others to stay connected with Orange County by subscribing to the News list, [click here](#) to join the mailing list or follow us on [Facebook](#) and like us on [Twitter](#) and watch us on [YouTube](#). Look for our monthly newspaper ads in the News of Orange and Chapel Hill News.

For more information, please contact the Public Affairs Office at 919.245.2302.