

April 12, 2016



ORANGE COUNTY MISDEMEANOR DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Orange County Criminal Justice Resource Office and criminal justice stakeholders in Orange County are pleased to announce a new Misdemeanor Diversion Program (MDP) for eligible 16 and 17-year-old first time offenders.

The purpose of the MDP is to divert first time arrests or citations for eligible misdemeanor charges. Rather than issuing a citation or making an arrest where probable cause exists, law enforcement officers in Orange County will instead issue a **youth citation** that will initiate the diversionary process by directing the youth to contact the MDP Coordinator.

The direct and indirect consequences of an arrest and prosecution in the adult criminal justice system are significant. MDP provides an opportunity for education about these consequences, but will also require the referred individuals to complete 10 hours of a diversion plan involving community service or programming designed to address identified needs.

Referrals by Orange County law enforcement to MDP will be accepted beginning on Friday, April 15. The first monthly court session for referred youth will be at 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2016, in Hillsborough. [Read More](#)

ORANGE COUNTY BIDS FAREWELL TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER



After three years of overseeing the Public Affairs Office, Carla Banks will be leaving Orange County to serve as the Communications and Marketing Director for the City of Greensboro.

During her tenure as Orange County's first public affairs officer, Ms. Banks established public outreach opportunities to include media relations, the design of print materials, video production, billboards, banners, newspaper advertising, and radio programs on WCHL/Chapelboro.com.

She established the County's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages and commissioned the design of the County's first logo and style guidelines to implement branding of key programs and services.

Ms. Banks established the annual Orange County Expo hosted at University Place to give residents an opportunity to meet County employees and learn about the offerings from each department. Additionally, she created the Guide to Orange County Government and the 2014 Financial Report to provide residents with an orientation to County finances, services and our elected officials.

In her new role with the City of Greensboro, Ms. Banks will oversee the Communications and Marketing Department, which consists of the Communications division, Greensboro Television Network, Graphic Design division, Print Shop/Mail Room, Public Records division, and Information 4-1-1 Center.

Carla's last day with Orange County will be Friday, April 15. We thank Carla for her contributions and wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

Congratulations! Carla Banks is today's WCHL [Hometown Hero](#)



ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROPOSES TO BAN E-CIGARETTES

In January 2016, the Orange County Board of Health reviewed the emerging evidence on the risks of secondhand e-cigarette aerosol exposure and voted to develop a proposed rule to address the public health risk associated with it.

The proposed Orange County Board of Health rule would prohibit e-cigarette use in the enclosed areas of restaurants and bars in Orange County including the towns of Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, Carrboro, and the parts of Mebane and other communities that are located within the County limits.

[Click here](#) to read the draft rule in its entirety.

[Click here](#) to review the Frequently Asked Questions document. [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.

Thursday, April 14, from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



ORANGE COUNTY TO EXPAND DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUPS

Orange County Department on Aging, announces plans to expand support groups for people with dementia and their care partners.

The OC CARES Memory Café is a fun, friendly and relaxed café environment for people with memory concerns, their care partners and family to come and socialize with others in similar situations.

Not only will the Memory Café offer support but will also include a social component including beverages, light refreshments and a varied program of activities and performances.

The Memory Cafe is free. Registration is not required, but encouraged. [Read More](#)

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.



**DURHAM & ORANGE SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S POND CLINIC**

Saturday, May 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. (Fishing Tournament)

Pond Clinic is at 9:00 a.m. for pond owners or potential pond owners

Blackwood Farm Park

4215 NC 86, Hillsborough, NC 27572

[View Map](#)

To view the event flyer for more information, please [click here](#)

MULCH SALE
AT THE
ORANGE COUNTY LANDFILL

\$15 per 3-cubic yard scoop

40% OFF
the regular price
(usually \$25/3-c.y. scoop)

**April 1-
April 31**



Cash or check only.

Trucks and trailers only. We load, you tarp!

ORANGE COUNTY LANDFILL

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Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00a.m.- 3:00p.m
Saturdays 8:00a.m.-12:00 noon

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SHERIFF'S TIMELESS CRUIZERS FUNDRAISER

The Orange County Sheriff's Office is once again teaming up with Timeless Cruizers to host a Crime Prevention Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 19, from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

BBQ Chicken Dinners are being sold for \$8/plate. The event will take place next to Yadkin Bank on S. Churton Street in Hillsborough.

Tickets can be purchased from members of the Timeless Cruizers car club or at the Sheriff's Office.

For delivery of 10 or more dinners, please call 919.245.2900 to place orders in advance.



ARTS COMMISSION ISSUES ONLINE SURVEY

The Orange County Arts Commission (OCAC) believes the arts are an important part of the fabric of Orange County.

As a result, the Arts Commission is seeking feedback on its activities, types of projects that might be developed, and how it should foster community life, economic vitality and cultural diversity.

The mission of the Orange County Arts Commission is to promote and strengthen the artistic and cultural development of Orange County, North Carolina.

The public is being asked to share its thoughts via this online survey. This brief survey provides an opportunity for residents to identify their interest in the arts, and provide feedback on how OCAC can best serve Orange County.

This survey is available on the Arts Commission's Web site at www.artsorange.org

The direct link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCAC2016Survey>

The deadline to complete the survey is Sunday, May 15. Everyone is encouraged to take part. This is an important opportunity to lend your voice to the discussion about what direction the Orange County Arts Commission will take. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.



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](#)

News & Notes

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](#)

Las Vegas Night

Saturday, April 16

6:00 p.m.

Passmore Center (formerly Central Orange Senior Center) in Hillsborough

Food Truck Rodeo!

Wednesday, April 27

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Seymour Center in Chapel Hill

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](#)

Nature of Orange Photo Contest

Friday, May 13 (Entry Deadline) [Details](#)

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