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COMMISSIONERS RENAME SENIOR CENTER

The Department on Aging is pleased to announce the Central Orange Senior Center has officially changed its name to the Jerry M. Passmore Center.

The Board of Orange County Commissioners voted to approve the resolution to rename the center. The Friends of the Central Orange Senior Center requested the Board rename the Central Orange Senior Center to the Jerry M. Passmore Center because of his many contributions to improving the lives of older adults in Orange County.



“How fitting to recognize Jerry with this honor, while he’s still living,” said Janice Tyler, director of the Department on Aging. “This tribute is representative of the years of dedicated service Jerry has given. He was a pioneer and visionary for aging services in our county, as well as North Carolina.” [Read More](#)



PUBLIC INPUT REQUESTED ON TRANSPORTATION GOALS

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) is inviting all residents to comment on the MPO's draft Goals.

These Goals will drive policy and project decision-making in the future. For those who have participated in past public events, the MPO welcomes the continued involvement. There are four options for participating and sharing comments.

[Click here](#) to complete a 5 - 10 minutes online survey about transportation priorities [Read More](#)

JOIN US ON SUNDAY



About the Pauli Murray Award

The Pauli Murray Award is presented annually by the Orange County Human Relations Commission to an Orange County youth, adult and Orange County business owner who have served the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice, and human rights for all residents.



Established in 1990, the Pauli Murray Award commemorates the life of the late Reverend Dr. Pauli Murray (1910-1985), a distinguished and remarkable person who confronted discrimination, racism, and sexism in her own life as a lawyer, professor, priest, and poet.

Dr. Murray's family had deep roots in Orange County, where her grandmother was a slave and her great-grandfather was a slave owner. During a long distinguished career she continued to spread the spirit of conciliation in human relations in the best interest of all Americans.

- *The Pauli Murray Project, Duke Human Rights Center*

2015 HONOREES

Youth Honorees

Linnea Van Manen
Ruth George

Adult Honorees

Reyna Rivera
Deborah Stroman



REGISTER FOR SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING

Orange County and the National Weather Service office in Raleigh encourage residents to save the date for the upcoming SKYWARN Spotter training class.

This free training will take place on Thursday, April 14, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Southern Human Services Center in Chapel Hill.

SKYWARN is a program designed to train volunteers to identify and report severe weather to local weather offices. The information received from residents adds value to alerts that are issued by the local forecast office, such as severe thunderstorms or flash flood warnings, and it helps residents to take more timely and appropriate actions when severe weather strikes. [Read More](#)

18TH ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL SUMMIT

The poster features a top section with a photograph of various agricultural machinery, including tractors and combine harvesters, in a field. Below the photo is a blue banner with white text. The main title is 'GROWING FAMILY FARMS: TOOLS FOR SUCCESS'. Below that, it says 'FEBRUARY 29, 2016 • 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.' and 'WHITTED BUILDING, 300 W. TRYON STREET, HILLSBOROUGH'. A note at the bottom of the banner states 'Admission: FREE • Refreshments and Full Lunch provided'. The bottom section of the poster is black with white text for contact information: 'FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION, CONTACT Kay Evans: (919) 245-2059 www.orangecountync.gov OCNCAgriculturalSummit'. To the right is the Orange County North Carolina logo and a red button that says 'REGISTER HERE'.

For more information or to register, please call Kay Evans at Orange County Cooperative Extension at 919.245.2059. [Read More](#)



COUNTY TO EXPAND CAREGIVER RESPITE PROGRAM

Orange County Department on Aging is expanding respite care services for caregivers and persons with Alzheimer’s and related dementias, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Beginning on Friday, March 4, the County will offer “Care Partner Respite” at the Jerry M. Passmore Center in Hillsborough. This will be available every Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The program, also offered at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill, has not only expanded to include the Passmore Center, but has been redesigned to engage participants socially in group activities and in meaningful activities tailored to their individual life experiences and interests.

Caregivers will receive feedback and instructions based on their loved one's individual activities and results. [Read More](#)

EMPLOYERS NEEDED JOB & RESOURCE FAIR



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



SAVE THE DATE

Employers who are hiring should reserve a space now.

Booth space, parking, private offices for interviews, Internet access, and lunch will be provided at no charge.

Also, a Federal Tax Incentives seminar will be hosted for hiring managers and will include continental breakfast.



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

To watch a video of the previous Job Fair or to learn more about Orange County's Work First program [click here](#)

SPRING COMPOSTING CLASSES

The Orange County Solid Waste Management Department reminds residents it is not too early to plan a spring garden, or learn how to enhance soils naturally with brown crumbly compost you can make at home.

And it is never too late to divert organic waste from landfill disposal, feeding the soil instead.

This annual series of composting classes demonstrate the basics of indoor composting using worms and outdoor composting using a variety of containers and recipes.



The classes are led by seasoned composting expert Muriel Williman from Orange County Solid Waste Management, and are FREE for all. Children are welcome, if accompanied by a compost curious adult.

For dates, times and locations [click here](#).

PORTION OF ORANGE GROVE ROAD TO BE CLOSED

Engineers with the [N.C. Department of Transportation](#) say they must close a section of [Orange Grove Road between N.C. 54 and Teer Road](#) while they work to repair a deteriorating pipe under the roadway.

Weather permitting; crews will close a portion of Orange Grove Road at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 29. The road is expected to re-open by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9.

Local traffic will be able to access homes and businesses from either end of Orange Grove Road but will not be able to pass beyond the closure points on either side of the work area. Motorists traveling through the area will use Dairyland Road, Dodson's Crossroads and N.C. 54 as the signed detour route.

NCDOT reminds motorists to watch signs for construction information, stay alert and obey the posted speed limit.

For real-time travel information, visit the [Traveler Services section](#) of NCDOT.gov or follow NCDOT on [Twitter](#).

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](#)



FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE

Feb. 25-28 | Main Library

Thursday 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Sunday 12 noon - 4 p.m.



Hardbacks - \$2 | Paperbacks and DVDs - \$1 | Children's books - 50¢

Thursday - Kick-off Reception - Friends Only

Saturday 2 - 3 p.m. Local Authors: James Maxey, Samantha Bryant and Katy Munger. Sunday 2 - 3 p.m. Author: Rosetta Moore.

Libraries are full of books, DVDs and more.
At the Orange County Public Library "more" means many different things.

VITAMIN O - RESIDENT PROFILES



Orange County is a remarkable place. We have everything: rolling hills and cow-dotted pastures, a cutting-edge arts and music scene, and some of the best food and nicest people you're going to get anywhere in the country.

Residents of Orange County are from all walks of life and to better showcase what makes our County so special, we've created a new website feature that turns the spotlight on some of our colorful residents.

Pictured here is Jock Lauterer.

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



Orange County 2016 Guide to Voting

FAQs about photo ID, early voting, and accommodations for the disabled, voting locations, etc. [How to Vote in 2016 in Orange County, NC](#)

**Voter Registration forms available at OC Public Library*

FREE Tax Filing Service

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

Rabies Clinic

Thursday, March 17

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Eno River Farmers Market

144 E Margaret Lane, Hillsborough

"Death with Dignity" Discussion Panel

Thursday, March 17

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

Friday Center in Chapel Hill [Details](#)

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](#)

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