

March 18, 2016



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING: PYROTECHNICS ORDINANCE



The Orange County Emergency Services Fire Marshal Division is hosting a public information meeting at the Orange Grove Fire Department.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Orange Grove Fire Station 1, 6800 Orange Grove Road in Hillsborough.

This will provide residents with an opportunity to discuss the pyrotechnic ordinance adopted by the Board of Orange County Commissioners during its meeting on March 1, 2016.

This information session will educate residents on the regulatory requirements of pyrotechnic displays permitted by state law and county ordinance.

For more information, safety tips, or questions concerning fireworks, please contact the Orange County Fire Marshal's office at [919.245.6100](tel:919.245.6100) or send an email to Jason Shepherd at jshpherd@orangecountync.gov



COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY

Orange County will close its administrative offices on Friday, March 25, in observance of Good Friday and the Easter holiday.

The County offices will re-open and all employees will return on Monday, March 28, and resume regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, exceptions apply to some County departments or services. [Read More](#)

Community Read 2016

ORANGE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

Americans With Disabilities Act 25th Anniversary

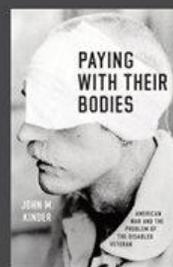
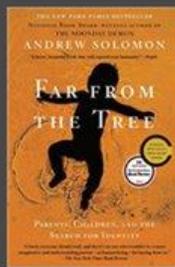


Kim Lan Grout

Photo by Matthew James Photographers

Kim Lan Grout is a writer, photographer and disability advocate in Durham, NC. At age 18, and after a lifetime battling a rare congenital vascular anomaly called Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber Syndrome, Kim Lan made what she calls the “easiest hard decision” of her life, electing to amputate her left leg above the knee.

She went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in Writing at the University of San Francisco, traveled and lived in different parts of Asia. She maintains a very active, athletic lifestyle, owns several small businesses, and has a family of her own: all things she was told she’d never have or do. Kim Lan knows first hand, the struggle with one’s body, with science and medicine, and with humanity, or lack thereof, that many people with disabilities experience.



Reader's Forum
Chapel Hill Library
Monday, March 21, 2016
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Kim Lan Grout speaks with WCHL's Aaron Keck to promote the event.

[Click here](#) to listen to the radio interview.

To learn more about the Community Read click on the link [Read More](#)



NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING AND PUBLIC REVIEW Proposed Orange County 2016 - 2020 Affordable Housing Strategic Plan

The public is invited a community meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. on the Proposed Orange County FY 2016 - 2020 Affordable Housing Strategic Plan.

The community meeting will be held at the following location:

**Whitted Human Services Building
Room 230
300 West Tryon Street
Hillsborough, NC 27278**

The purpose of the community meeting is to present the Proposed Orange County 2016-2020 Affordable Housing Strategic Plan and to receive community comments.

The Proposed Orange County 2016-2020 Affordable Housing Strategic Plan will be presented at the Board of County Commissioners Regular meeting on April 5, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., located at the Whitted Human Services Building, 300 W. Tryon Street in Hillsborough. Public comments will be received. [Read More](#)

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK

The Orange County Emergency Services Department is inviting the public to participate in 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.

The following 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.

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.

[Read More](#)

ORANGE COUNTY SPORTSPLEX SWIM-BEST CLINICS



The Orange County Sportsplex is pleased to announce Club Kick Start Swimming and Hillsborough Aquatic Club will host the 2nd annual spring SWIM-BEST tune-up clinics in April and May.

In attendance will be celebrity Chip Peterson, World Champion and current USA National Swim Team member in Open Water Competition.

Guest lecturer, Susan Kitchen, founder and CEO of RaceSmart, is a sports dietitian, USA Triathlon certified coach, IRONMAN Certified Coach, Board Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics, competitive age-group endurance athlete, and published author will be lecturing on training and race day nutrition.

Former Division 1 competitive swimmers, Club Kick Start coaches and Vinny Pryor Head Coach Hillsborough Aquatic Club Swim Team will provide in water coaching instruction to streamline swimming skill advancement. Clinics will be offered to both youth athletes and adult enthusiasts. ***Read More***

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH.



FOR THEM.



FOR YOU.

No more excuses.

Call the Orange County Health Department to ask about primary care services for uninsured men in Orange County for as little as a \$20 co-pay.



(919) 245-2400

COMMUNITY EGG HUNT

The annual Orange County Recreation Community Egg Hunt will take place on **Thursday, March 24**, from **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** at River Park in Hillsborough.



Hunt Times & Age Groups

Ages 2 - 4 (2:15 p.m.)

Ages 5 - 7 (2:30 p.m.)

Ages 8 - 10 (2:45 p.m.)

The event will also include concessions, inflatables, face painting, crafts, pictures with the Easter bunny, and music. The egg hunts, crafts, and pictures are **free**.

Face painting requires a **\$2 ticket** and inflatables require a **\$3 wristband** (Cash Only).

For more information and updates, [click here](#) to visit the Web site.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PROJECT CONNECT



The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness is in need of volunteers to perform various functions at the annual Project Connect event.

Project Connect is a free event that provides a wide range of essential services to people experiencing homelessness or those at risk of becoming homeless. Please spread the word and invite those who could benefit from these vital resources. The event will take

place on **Tuesday, March 29, from 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.** at the Hargraves Community Center, in Chapel Hill.

Volunteer roles include greeting guests, completing intake forms, preparing and serving food, voter registration, and other tasks.

Most shifts are 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or volunteers can assist with the set-up the night before (Monday, March 28, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) or clean-up after the event (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

[Click here](#) to listen to the radio interview on WCHL.

Hargraves Community Center is located at 216 North Roberson Street, Chapel Hill. To sign up as a volunteer, please find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OrangeCountyPEH



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](#)

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.

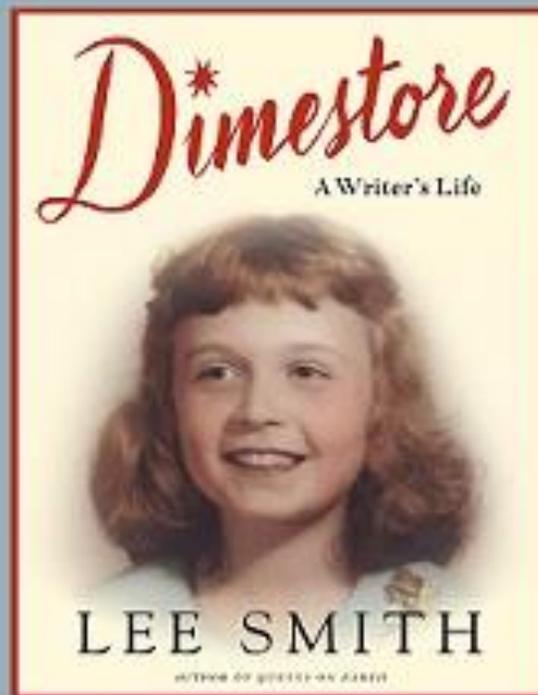


**For more information or to reserve a booth, please call
Christy Restrepo 919.245.2834 or
Kristin Miskow: 919.245.2894**

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



BOOK SIGNING
AND READING
March 22, 6:00 p.m.



Orange County Public Library
137 W. Margaret Ln., Hillsborough, NC 27278
Books will be available for purchase from Purple-Crow Books at the event.

Orange County Public Library
137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough

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](#)

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 Rosie Caldwell.

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



Orange County 2nd Healthiest County
[Details](#)

FREE Tax Filing Service

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

Composting Class

Saturday, March 19

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Composting Demonstration Sites [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](#)

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](tel:919.245.2302).