

March 24, 2016



COUNTY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON 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](#)

HABITAT INSTALLS 150TH HOME SPRINKLER



Congratulations to Habitat for Humanity of Orange County for providing quality construction to families. The organization hosted a house dedication in Efland on Friday, March 18, to commemorate the installation of 150 sprinkler systems in Habitat houses built in Orange County.

"Habitat for Humanity has reached a monumental achievement both in providing quality homes for citizens, but they have done so using advanced practices in construction. This is quite an achievement to provide their quality of construction along with residential sprinkler systems," said Michael Rettie, chief building official for Orange County.

To learn more about Habitat for Humanity of Orange County or to become a volunteer, please visit www.orangehabitat.org



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

The public is invited to a community meeting on **Tuesday, March 29**, 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. Click on the link to view a draft of the plan. [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**

For more information about the event [click here](#)
To watch a video of the previous Job Fair [click here](#)

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.

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**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING SUMMARY**

The Board of Orange County Commissioners (BOCC) met on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the BOCC meeting room in the Southern Human Services Center in Chapel Hill.

Click on the link to review a brief summary of the Board actions. This summary should not be viewed as official minutes. [Meeting Highlights](#)

The next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the BOCC meeting room in the Whitted Human Services Center in Hillsborough.

[Click here](#) to access meeting agendas, calendars, minutes, and other documents.

MULCH SALE
AT THE
ORANGE COUNTY LANDFILL

\$15 per 3-cubic yard scoop



**April 1-
April 31**



Cash or check only.

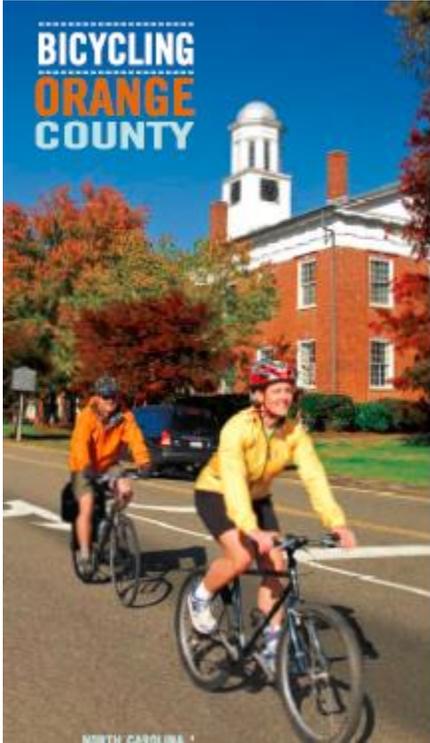
Trucks and trailers only. We load, you tarp!

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

BIKE SAFETY TASK FORCE



The Board of Orange County Commissioners (BOCC) approved the formation of a Bicycle Safety Task Force to develop a campaign for bicycle safety, education and research.

This will also include an implementation plan, timetable and funding for recommendations and presentation to the Orange United Transportation Board (OUTBoard).

This board will review recommendations and present to the BOCC for final approval. Following approval, the BOCC will move to dissolve the current Task Force and form a Bicycle Safety Subcommittee to aid in implementing recommendations in compliance with existing laws and best practices, using existing and new materials to help better educate cyclists and motorists.

The BOCC will appoint individuals to the task force in May. The Bicycle Safety Task Force will hold its first meeting in June and establish discussion topics.

Residents interested in serving on the task force, should contact Abigaile Pittman by March 31, 2016, at 919.245.2567 or via email at abpittman@orangecountync.gov

For more information about this and other advisory boards [click here](#)

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



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](#)



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)



VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FAIR

The Orange County Department of Aging encourages members of the community to learn about volunteer opportunities to combat social isolation and improve quality of life for Orange County older adults.

The public is invited to attend the Community-Based Volunteer Recruitment Fair on Wednesday, April 13, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Seymour Center located at 2551 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill.

This event is free. Drop by for refreshments, and learn about Volunteer Connect 55+ (VC55+). [Read More](#)

“END-OF-LIFE CHOICES” SEMINAR

Project EngAGE “End-of-Life Choices” Senior Resource Team invites the public to participate in the seminar entitled, *“Spiritual Conversations at the End of Life.”*

Learn what it means to have a spiritual conversation and what “spiritual” means. Spirituality and faith are issues that often come up at life transitions and at the end of life. Many individuals and families want to have these conversations, but are not sure how to broach the subject. [Read More](#)

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](#)

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.