

March 4, 2016



COMMISSIONERS ATTEND NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFRERENCE



Orange County Manager Bonnie Hammersley and Commissioners Mia Burroughs and Renee Price joined more than 1,600 county leaders in Washington, D.C. for the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual Legislative Conference, which took place February 19 – 24.

Attendees met with members of the Obama Administration and their Congressional representatives to discuss key federal policy priorities including:

- Protecting municipal bonds
- Supporting marketplace fairness
- Supporting the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs
- Achieving mental health and criminal justice reform, and
- Preserving county interests in the “Waters of the U.S.” rule and other federal regulations that impact counties

The [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States.

UNIFIED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE



The Board of Orange County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a Unified Animal Control Ordinance, which went into effect on March 1, 2016. The unified ordinance aims to have a common framework that will govern Orange County's unincorporated areas, as well as the townships of Hillsborough, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro.

Historically, there have been three separate ordinances that govern Orange County (including Hillsborough, Carrboro and Chapel Hill). The unified ordinance was created to eliminate the confusion of maintaining different ordinances and instead provides a common framework for all areas to work from. The unified ordinance took the best language from the current ordinances, gave more thorough definitions and direction, and filled critical gaps that were identified through experience.

The unified ordinance also creates a new differential between sterilized and unsterilized animals being reclaimed by an owner, a requirement that all reclaimed animals be microchipped, and a spay/neuter requirement for any animals that are impounded three or more times.

The towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill have also adopted the BOCC-approved version of the unified ordinance, effective March 1. The new version of the ordinance, an accompanying set of **Frequently Asked Questions** and documents showing remaining sections of township ordinances will be viewable on the Animal Services [website](#) beginning March 1, 2016.



ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SUMMARY

The Board of Orange County Commissioners (BOCC) met on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the BOCC meeting room in the Whitted Human Services Center in Hillsborough.

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, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the BOCC meeting room in the Southern Human Services Center in Chapel Hill.

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

Community Read 2016

ORANGE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

Americans With Disabilities Act 25th Anniversary

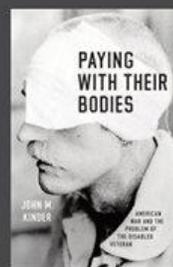
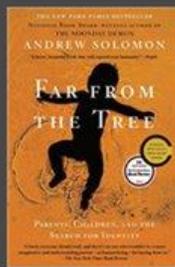


Kim Lan Grout

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 interview. [Read More](#)



PANEL DISCUSSION ON DEATH WITH DIGNITY

The Orange County Department on Aging and UNC's Partnerships in Aging Program, invite the public to attend a discussion panel entitled, "Death with Dignity: What is it and Where Should North Carolina be Headed?"

The discussion will take place from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill.

Project EngAGE, a program of the Orange County Department on Aging, proudly presents a thoughtful discussion around what it means to "die with dignity," and the possibility of legalizing "Physician Assisted Suicide" or "Death with Dignity" laws in North Carolina.

The free event will kick off with a keynote address by Barbara Mancini, of Compassion & Choices. She was also featured on "60 Minutes." Panelists representing many perspectives will include members of the North Carolina Legislature, and religious, legal, medical, and ethics scholars and leaders. Audience discussion will follow the panel's remarks.

The Friday Center located at 100 Friday Center Drive, in Chapel Hill.

For more information, please [click here](#).

To register online by March 15, please [click here](#) or call the Seymour Center, at 919.968.2070.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: FIREARMS SAFETY COMMITTEE



As a newly created Orange County committee there are **eight openings**. Applicants must be Orange County residents who reside or own property in the unincorporated areas of Orange County. The committee will include representatives who own and use firearms and those who do not.

The committee will also include technical staff representing the Orange County Sheriff, N.C. Wildlife Resources Department, County Manager, a Board of Commissioners' liaison, County Attorney and County Planning Director. This committee will have a facilitator.

The committee's charge will include, but not necessarily be limited to: discussing the purpose of additional county firearm regulations, noise, lot size, cost, posting of property signs, and safety concerns; and reviewing similar ordinances in other counties and advising or recommending to the Board of Orange County Commissioners a course of action regarding firearm regulations in the county.

[Read More](#)

If interested and to apply online, please visit www.orangecountync.gov/boards

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](#)



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](#)



MARCH ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY

Seuss Celebration! | Saturday, March 5 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, the Main Library will host a Seuss celebration! Join us for a story and lots of Seuss-themed games and activities for the entire family.

Writing Workshop with Piedmont Laureate Katy Munger | Saturday, March 26 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an author-directed writing workshop with Katy Munger, a North Carolina-based mystery author who has written under several different pseudonyms. She is the author of the Dead Detective series, writing as Katy Munger (*Angel of Darkness*) and as Chaz McGee (*Desolate Angel* and *Angel Interrupted*); the Casey Jones crime fiction series writing as Katy Munger; and the Hubbert & Lil mystery series, writing as Gallagher Gray.

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 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

Hospice Seminars

Mandarin Session

Wednesday, March 9

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. [Details](#)

English Session

Wednesday, March 9

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. [Details](#)

Composting Class

Saturday, March 19

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

Composting Demonstration Sites [Details](#)

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