

April 15, 2016



PUBLIC MEETING

TEXT AMENDMENT: OFFICE/INSTITUTIONAL ZONING DISTRICT

The Orange County Planning and Inspections Department invites residents to attend a Public Information Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, to present and review a government-initiated Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and Comprehensive Plan text amendment regarding the O/I (Office/Institutional) zoning district.

The meeting will take place at the Efland-Cheeks Community Center located at 117 Richmond Road in Efland.



AMERICAN SOCIETY ON AGING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Orange County is proud to announce the Orange County Department on Aging is the recipient of the 2016 [Award for Excellence in Multicultural Aging](#) presented by the [American Society on Aging](#) (ASA) for the Aging in Community with Mandarin-Speaking Seniors (ACMS) program.

The Award for Excellence in Multicultural Aging was presented by ASA's Network on Multicultural Aging at the 2016 Aging in America Conference on March 21, in Washington DC. The award recognizes organizations that have demonstrated high-quality, innovative programs enhancing the lives of a multicultural aging population.

The Orange County Department on Aging (OCDoA) strives to help every senior, regardless of their cultural or economic background to age in place. OCDoA became a harbor for many Mandarin-speaking Chinese seniors even before the agency hired bilingual staff. [Read More](#)



Orange County Department on Aging ASA Conference Team
Pictured L to R: Cherie Rosemond, Zhenzhen Yu, Janice Tyler, Yvette Misri, and Mary Fraser



JOB FAIR DRAWS RECORD NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

The line snaked out the door and around the corner for the bi-annual Orange County Job & resource fair hosted by the Department of Social Services (DSS) Skills Development/NC Career Center. The fair took place on Wednesday, April 6, at the Social Services office at Hillsborough Commons.

“This event was an excellent opportunity for employers to meet potential employees with a variety of skill sets, from experienced professionals to talented entry level individuals,” said Robert Gilmore, human services supervisor with the Employment Services/Skills Development/NC Career Center.

Gilmore reminds residents to visit www.ncworks.gov for assistance with resume building, interview tips and a host of other useful job search topics.



Right Image: Robert Gilmore welcomes Sherri Ingersoll from Town of Hillsborough



INTERNET HOTSPOT LOAN PROGRAM

As of April 1, Orange County Public Library account holders have been able to check out Internet hotspots. "Wi-Fi to Go" is a pilot project aimed at giving Internet access to residents where service is currently not available.

There are 11 devices at the Main Library in Hillsborough and four devices at the library's Carrboro locations. Customers can check out the devices for three weeks and renew it just like all other library materials.

The Orange County Public Library has three locations to serve residents:

Main Library - 137 W. Margaret Lane in downtown Hillsborough.

Carrboro Branch - Inside McDougle Middle School, 900 Old Fayetteville Road in Chapel Hill.

The Cybrary - The Century Center, 100 N. Greensboro Street in Carrboro.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH



This year, in keeping with a national theme of 'Safe and Secure Counties,' Orange County provides vital services to keep its residents safe and secure. From building and maintaining roads and bridges to providing efficient transit options, Orange County is a driving force connecting communities and

strengthening our economy.

"In April, remember county government is instrumental in maintaining the quality of life we are so fortunate to enjoy here in the heart of North Carolina," said Earl McKee, Chair, Board of Orange County Commissioners.

University Place set the backdrop for the Orange County Expo on April 8, commemorating National County Government Month by providing a platform for the departments to share their services with the community. Ron Stutts of WCHL did a live broadcast, consisting of two dozen interviews.

Building on the theme of "Safe and Secure Counties" the Expo emphasized emergency management, animal services, law enforcement, economic development, environmental protection, and much more. Thank you to all who attended.



Pictured L to R: Director Dwayne Brinson and Roger Gunn

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



**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

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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

Sunday is Heather Shore's favorite day in Orange County.

Heather Shores found Peccadillo a week after it opened and instantly loved it. She showed up every single day for four months before convincing the owner to hire her. "Do you really want me to explain the magic? It is all the details. We pay attention so you don't have to."



Lighting, music, the way drinks are made and no television – these things give customers the feeling of being transported. "We were never meant to be a cocktail bar, but that's what people wanted...we had to adapt."

Heather moved here from Vermont. Eastern NC barbeque from Allen and Sons on Old

86 was her first meal. Sunday is her favorite day in Orange County. "You never feel guilty if you just lay around on the back porch and do nothing."

[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](#)



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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