

February 12, 2016



ORANGE COUNTY PASSES UNIFIED ANIMAL ORDINANCE

The Board of Orange County Commissioners (BOCC) has approved a Unified Animal Control Ordinance that will become effective 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. [Read More](#)

POLICY CHANGES FOR FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

Attend an Information Session



The Orange County Department of Social Services is announcing policy changes as of January 1, for Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) recipients.

Four information sessions will be held in February to explain the new policy, discuss ways to meet the work requirements, and answer questions about the policy changes.

Clients who are considered Able-Bodied Adults without Dependent Children (ABAWDs) will be required to participate in 20 hours a week of qualifying activities in order to continue to receive FNS. Those who do not participate 20 hours a week, will be unable to receive FNS benefits for up to 36 months.

An ABAWD is someone who is between 18 and 49 years of age, who is able to work, and who does not live with child/children under the age of 18 who is/are included in the FNS case. Qualifying activities will be paid employment, verified volunteer work, qualifying work experience placements, and/or work-related training opportunities.

[Read More](#)



ORANGE COUNTY 2016 VOTER GUIDE

In an effort to assist residents with understanding the recent changes to the voting process, Orange County has produced a 2016 Guide to Voting. This publication, answers frequently asked questions about photo ID, early voting, and accommodations for the disabled, voting locations, etc.

Click on the link to access [How to Vote in 2016 in Orange County, NC](#)

Copies of the guide will also be available at various Orange County offices in advance of the primary election on Tuesday, March 15.

The regular voter registration deadline for the 2016 Primary Election is on Friday, February 19. Voter registration forms must be postmarked or delivered to the State Board of Elections or the Orange County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m.

Click on the link for a list of One Stop Voting locations [Read More](#)

PROTECT PETS FROM THE COLD WEATHER



Orange County Animal Services reminds citizens to protect pets as cold temperatures spread through the county and region. The most important thing that pet owners can do to keep their pets safe is to keep them indoors as temperatures drop.

Temperatures in Orange County have already dipped below freezing and are reported to remain that way for many days to come, with night time temperatures reaching dangerous

levels for pets and people alike.

It is a common misbelief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but that is untrue. Like people, different pets have various levels of tolerance to cold weather, but even long and thick-haired pets are at risk to frost-bite, hypothermia, and even death when temperatures reach certain levels.

Very young and old pets, and those with diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, or hormonal imbalances (such as Cushing's or Addison's disease) may have a harder time regulating body temperatures and be more susceptible to problems in extreme weather. No matter what the temperature is, wind chill is a serious threat to pets that spend time outdoors. Exposed skin on noses, ears, and paw pads can quickly freeze and cause permanent damage to a pet. [Read More](#)

18TH ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL SUMMIT

The poster features a top section with a photograph of agricultural machinery. Below the photo, the text reads: "18TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SUMMIT", "GROWING FAMILY FARMS: TOOLS FOR SUCCESS", "FEBRUARY 29, 2016 • 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.", "WHITTED BUILDING, 300 W. TRYON STREET, HILLSBOROUGH", and "Admission: FREE • Refreshments and Full Lunch provided". The bottom section is dark with white text: "FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION, CONTACT Kay Evans: (919) 245-2059", "www.orangecountync.gov", and "OCNCAgriculturalSummit". On the right, there is the "ORANGE COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA" logo and a red button that says "REGISTER HERE".

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



ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of Orange County Commissioners (BOCC) next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the BOCC meeting room in the Southern Human Services Center in Chapel Hill.

To view the full agenda, click on the link below.

http://www.orangecountync.gov/document_center/BOCCAgendaMinutes/160216.pdf

To view each agenda item as a separate file, click on the link below.

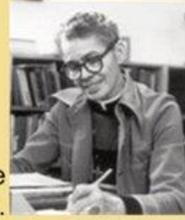
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[Click here](#) to access meeting agendas, calendars, minutes, and other documents.



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

ORANGE COUNTY NAME "OUR SLOGAN" CONTEST



Orange County's "Name Our Slogan" contest, which calls for ideas to replace the current I-40 Interstate sign, proclaiming "You'll be a fan for life," is drawing to an end.

The final phase began on Monday, February 8, and will run through **Sunday, February 21**.

All of the feedback will be compiled and submitted to the Board of Orange County Commissioners to review the week of February 22, followed by them voting on the slogan to be displayed on the Interstate sign and other applications.

More than 900 slogans were submitted. After narrowing the field to 11, residents and fans now have a last chance to weigh-in on their favorite.

There are multiple options to register a favorite slogan:

Facebook
Visit Chapel Hill
Orange County, NC
WCHL and Chapelboro

Online
Chapelboro.com

Offline
Any partnering outlets with paper ballots

PRIZE PACKAGE

As an added incentive, the Visitor's Bureau and Chapelboro will have a drawing for a one night stay at **The Siena Hotel** and dinner at **Il Palio**. Each person who submits a response will automatically be entered into the drawing.



Storytime for Helping Hands



Saturday, February 13th, 10:30 am

Join us for a storytime where we will learn about helping others and all the ways we can brighten someone's day. We will be joined by student volunteers from Carolina for the Kids who will lead us in some fun game and dance activities after storytime.



REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING TRAINING: CERT PROGRAM

Orange County Emergency Services reminds residents the next disaster cannot be predicted, but being prepared is the key!

All neighborhoods should be ready. Emergency Services is hosting a comprehensive Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training Course. The **nine week** training will take place on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., beginning on MARCH 1, 2016. The registration deadline is **February 26, 2016**.

The course is offered **free of charge**, and course materials will be provided. The training will be held at the Orange County Emergency Services office located at 510 Meadowlands Drive in Hillsborough. All residents are encouraged to participate, but those younger than 18-years-old, must obtain parental or guardian permission to attend this important and valuable training. [Read More](#)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN 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](#)

LIBRARY HOSTS SIDE ROADS: FOLK ART



Curated by the owners Mike's Art Truck, a virtual gallery based in Hillsborough, this 50-piece exhibition of folk art features artwork by nine self-taught artists, including Carrboro's St. George and Hillsborough's Sam Ezell.

Other artists include Charlie Lucas, Michael Banks, Buddy Snipe, Bailey Jack, Bob Hart, Bennie Morrison, and Leonard Jones.

Side Roads: Folk Art from Mike's Art Truck Thru Friday, February 26

ANNUAL PLANT SALE FEATURES BLUEBERRY PLANTS



The Orange Soil & Water Conservation District is hosting its annual plant sale thru February 22.

This year four varieties of blueberry plants in one gallon pots are available for \$9.00.

Proceeds from the sale are used to support environmental education programs in Orange County. For more information, please [click here](#).

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 Michael Malone.

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



Sweetheart Ball

Friday, February 12
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Seymour Center in Chapel Hill [Details](#)

Artists' Salon

Friday, February 19
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The ArtsCenter in Carrboro [Details](#)

“Spay Neuter Day”

Wednesday, February 24

Animal Services IN Chapel Hill

919.942.7387 ext. 224

FREE Tax Filing Service

Electronic filing of federal and state tax returns

[Read More](#)

Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday, March 30

6:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Administration in Chapel Hill [Details](#)

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