

February 19, 2016



## ORANGE COUNTY HIRES HOMELESS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The Orange County Manager's Office is pleased to announce Corey Root will serve as the County's new Homeless Program Coordinator. She will begin working on Monday, March 21, to lead and coordinate the effort to develop a comprehensive approach to ending homelessness in Orange County.



Ms. Root will serve as the primary contact while collaborating with the staff from the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough on program initiatives, as well as providing staff support to the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) Leadership Team and subcommittees.

In this role, Ms. Root will work collaboratively with the Orange County Social Services and Housing Departments to assist at-risk and currently homeless individuals in pursuing services. [Read More](#)



## ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SUMMARY

The Board of Orange County Commissioners (BOCC) met on Tuesday, February 16, 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, March 1, 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.

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### CONGRESSIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION



The Orange County Arts Commission and members of the U.S. House of Representatives are committed to the importance of our cultural heritage. Together they recognize the creative spirit of American high school students in a nationwide art competition.

The Congressional High School Art Competition is implemented by the members in the Congressional Districts and features paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art, and photographs.

Each member brings a winning entry back to Washington to be displayed in the corridor of the U.S. Capital. Launched in 1982, this nationwide event has produced thousands of local competitions, yielding more than 500,000 high school winners.

This competition is coordinated locally through Fourth U.S. District Representative David Price's office. High school visual arts students in the Fourth U.S. District counties of Alamance, Chatham, Cumberland, Durham, Orange, and Wake are eligible to apply. [Read More](#)

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## SPRING COMPOSTING CLASSES

The Orange County Solid Waste Management Department reminds residents it is not too early to plan a spring garden, or learn how to enhance soils naturally with brown crumbly compost you can make at home.

And it is never too late to divert organic waste from landfill disposal, feeding the soil instead.

This annual series of composting classes demonstrate the basics of indoor composting using worms and outdoor composting using a variety of containers and recipes.



The classes are led by seasoned composting expert Muriel Williman from Orange County Solid Waste Management, and are FREE for all. Children are welcome, if accompanied by a compost curious adult.

For dates, times and locations [click here](#).



### 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](#)

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## 18TH ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL SUMMIT



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  
Admission: FREE • Refreshments and Full Lunch provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND  
REGISTRATION, CONTACT Kay Evans:  
(919) 245-2059  
[www.orangecountync.gov](http://www.orangecountync.gov)  
OCNCAgriculturalSummit



**REGISTER HERE**

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

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## BLUEBERRY PLANT SALE WRAPPING UP



The Orange Soil & Water Conservation District's annual plant sale will end on **Monday, 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 or to place an order today, please [click here](#).

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*The Orange County  
Human Relations Commission  
is Honored to Host the 26th Annual*

**PAULI MURRAY  
AWARDS**

*Sunday, February 28, 2016  
3:00 p.m.  
Whitted Human Services Building  
300 W. Tryon Street  
Killsborough, NC 27278*

## 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

## COMPTON ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT



[N.C. Department of Transportation](#) contractors plan to replace the bridge carrying Compton Road over East Fork Eno River; closing the road between NC 86 and Carr Store Road north of Hillsborough.

Work will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, February 22. The new bridge should be open by July 22.

Motorists will be directed around the work on an offsite detour using NC 86 and Carr Store Road.

This bridge project is part of the department's overall [bridge program](#) to improve the condition of the state's bridges. Built in 1962, the existing bridge is structurally deficient and no longer meets the demands of the traffic using it.

It remains safe, but needs more constant attention and needs to be replaced.

NCDOT reminds motorists to watch signs for construction information, stay alert and obey the posted speed limit.

For real-time travel information, visit the [Traveler Services section](#) of [NCDOT.gov](#) or follow NCDOT on [Twitter](#).



### 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](#)

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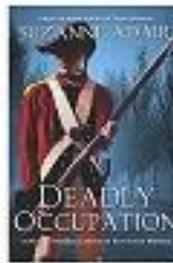
**Workshop for Writers**  
**"Double Duty Setting,  
Description and Imagery"**

with local author  
**Suzanne Adair**

**Saturday, February 20, 2016: 12 - 1 p.m.**

How do you make setting, description, and imagery work double duty in your short story or novel?

In this workshop, award-winning historical mystery novelist Suzanne Adair will take attendees through a fun exercise to demonstrate the importance of recruiting their readers' senses in picking and honing a setting.



## 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](#)



## FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE

Feb. 25-28 | Main Library

Thursday 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Sunday 12 noon - 4 p.m.



Hardbacks - \$2 | Paperbacks and DVDs - \$1 | Children's books - 50¢

Thursday - Kick-off Reception - Friends Only

Saturday 2 - 3 p.m. Local Authors: James Maxey, Samantha Bryant and Katy Munger. Sunday 2 - 3 p.m. Author: Rosetta Moore.

Libraries are full of books, DVDs and more.  
At the Orange County Public Library “more” means many different things.



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**

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## 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 Jeannie Petterson.

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

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### **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](#)

### **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](#)

**Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 30**

**6:00 p.m.**

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

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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.