

# The Orange County Government Gazette

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## Orange County Tax Department Announces 2025 Countywide Revaluation of Real Estate

The Orange County Tax Department reminds property owners that the countywide revaluation of all real estate—including residential and commercial properties as well as vacant land—will become effective as of January 1, 2025.

Revaluation, mandated by North Carolina law to occur at least once every eight years, updates property values to reflect current market conditions. Orange County adheres to a four-year revaluation schedule, with the previous revaluation implemented in 2021. This process ensures that property assessments remain equitable, aligning with shifts in market trends, economic factors, and development.

“Revaluation is critical to ensuring fairness in property taxation,” said Nancy Freeman, Director of Orange County Tax Administration. “It allows property owners to contribute their fair share toward essential community services, including law enforcement, emergency medical services, education, and public health, based on accurate and up-to-date property values.”

**Key Information for Property Owners:**

**Revaluation Notices:** Property owners will receive revaluation notices in mid-March 2025. These notices will detail the new appraised value of each property.

**Appeal Process:** Property owners who disagree with their assessed value have opportunities to appeal that value.

When the revaluation notice is received, and until April 30, 2025, property owners may file an informal appeal. Instructions for submitting an appeal will be included in the notices and are also available online at <https://orangecountync.gov/878/Revaluation>. Beginning May 1, 2025, property owners may file a formal appeal to the Orange County Board of Equalization & Review, through the Board's adjournment date of July 31, 2025.

Because this is a revaluation year, the appeal period is different than most years. It will begin when the revaluation notices are mailed. It will end when the Board of Equalization and Review adjourns, and the adjournment has been extended so that property owners have plenty of time to appeal.



**Tax Bills and Rates:** Property taxes are based on the assessed value and an annual tax rate set by local officials, usually in June.

**Assistance and Payment Options:**

Some property owners may experience increased property tax bills as a result of the revaluation. Individuals who meet specific requirements under North Carolina General Statutes may qualify for tax relief or special programs, such as reduced taxes for those with limited income, or for elderly or disabled individuals. For more information, contact the Tax Office at [taxassistance@orangecountync.gov](mailto:taxassistance@orangecountync.gov) or 919-245-2100.

To simplify tax payments, the Tax Department is introducing a new Payment Coupon feature for tax bills of \$100 or more. This option allows property owners to divide their total tax bill into five monthly installments. Learn more about payment options at <https://www.orangecountync.gov/859/Tax-Payment-Options>.

**Additional Resources:**

The Orange County Tax Department provides various resources, including a comparable sales search tool and answers to frequently asked questions, available online at <https://orangecountync.gov/878/Revaluation>.

For more information, please contact the Orange County Tax Department via Email: [tax@orangecountync.gov](mailto:tax@orangecountync.gov) Phone: 919-245-2100

## Orange County Announces 2025 Government Academy Cohort

Orange County is excited to announce the launch of the 2025 Government Academy, a comprehensive program designed to educate residents about the inner workings of Orange County government. The program begins Tuesday, March 4, and concludes with a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 3, at the Whitted Human Services Building in Hillsborough.

The 2025 Government Academy offers an eight session curriculum held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sessions include in-person tours of key county facilities. Participants may miss up to three classes and still graduate. The course is open to all county residents aged 16 and older.

**Key Highlights of the 2025 Academy:**

**Interactive Learning:** Faculty from the UNC School of Government will provide an overview of county government, while Orange County staff will present insights into their departments.

**Exclusive Tours:** Participants will explore facilities such as the 911 Call Center, Animal Services, and the newly opened Drakeford Library Complex.

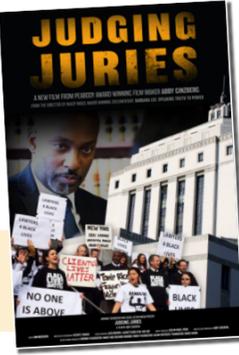
**Graduation Ceremony:** The cohort will graduate in person on June 3, followed by recognition at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting.



Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, Jamezetta Bedford, a 2018 academy graduate, shared, “The Orange County Government Academy provided me with invaluable knowledge about local government operations and inspired me to get involved in shaping my community.”

**Sign up by February 20, 2025 at [orangecountync.gov/OCGA](http://orangecountync.gov/OCGA).** For questions, contact Kristin Prelipp at 919-245-2322 or [kprelipp@orangecountync.gov](mailto:kprelipp@orangecountync.gov).





### Film Screening & Panel Discussion

“Judging Juries” looks at how racial bias affects juries in the United States, both in the past and today. The film explains how an unfair system can impact who serves on juries and how this affects justice and fairness for everyone.

**Emily Coward, Director of the Duke Law Inclusive Juries Project** will be moderating the panel discussion immediately following the screening.

**Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025 • 6pm**  
Chapel Hill Public Library, Meeting Room B, 100 Library Dr, Chapel Hill, NC

**Panelists:** District Attorney **Jeffrey Nieman**, Chatham and Orange Counties; Senior Resident Superior Court Judge **Allen Baddour**, Chatham and Orange Counties; Orange County Clerk of Superior Court **Mark Kleinschmidt**; Attorney **James E. Williams Jr.**, Retired Orange County/Chatham Public Defender



## 2025 Listing Period Has Been Extended to February 15.

By law, all personal property must be listed, and changes to real property, such as additions to an existing structure, **must be reported on your listing form by January 31, 2025.**

**The Board of County Commissioners have extended the listing deadline this year to February 15, 2025.**

**For help: 919-245-2100, option 2 or [tax@orangecountync.gov](mailto:tax@orangecountync.gov)**




**[orangecountync.gov/Tax](http://orangecountync.gov/Tax)**

## VOLUNTEER TO SERVE

Residents can have a positive impact on the future of Orange County by serving on a volunteer board or commission.

The Board of Commissioners is currently recruiting applicants for the following:

- Adult Care Home and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
- Animal Services Advisory Board
- Animal Services Hearing Panel Pool
- Board of Equalization and Review
- Carrboro Board of Adjustment
- Chapel Hill Board of Adjustment
- Commission for the Environment
- Hillsborough Planning Board
- Human Relations Commission
- Opioid Advisory Committee
- Orange Unified Transportation Board



**[orangecountync.gov/Boards](http://orangecountync.gov/Boards)**  
For additional information contact **Tara May** at 919-245-2125 or [tmay@orangecountync.gov](mailto:tmay@orangecountync.gov).



## WETLANDS ARE WONDERFUL!

### Conservation Contest

**ENTER TODAY!**

Teachers, we can help you hit those NC Essential Standards! Any school can participate – public, private, or homeschool!

**Poster Contest:** Open to Grades 3-5

**Essay Contest:** Open to Grades 6-8

**Public Speaking Contest:** Open to Grades 7-8 (4-6 minutes long)

**Deadline for both contests is 5:00 pm on Friday, February 21, 2025.**

To enter, contact: Lisa Pope, Education Coordinator at (919) 245-2750 or [lpope@orangecountync.gov](mailto:lpope@orangecountync.gov).




For additional info, please scan the QR code or visit [orangecountync.gov/EnvironmentalEd](http://orangecountync.gov/EnvironmentalEd)



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH BREAKFAST

In recognition of Black History Month, celebrate a rewarding cultural program experience, fellowship, and a soulful breakfast.

This annual program is co-sponsored with Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation and Orange County Department on Aging.

**Friday, February 7 • 10am - 1pm**

Hargraves Community Center, 216 N Roberson St, Chapel Hill, NC

**FREE!**



## Grand Opening! Drakeford Library Complex

**Friday, Feb. 21, 2025**  
**11am**  
203 S. Greensboro St., Carrboro, NC

Join us for the Grand Opening of the Drakeford Library Complex!

The event will feature speakers, a ribbon-cutting, and light refreshments.

Tours of the Library Complex will be available throughout the day from 12 pm to 6 pm.





## COLD WEATHER SHELTERS

**IFC Shelter Available EVERY NIGHT November - March**

Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC)\*  
(Men) 1315 M.L.K. Jr Blvd., Chapel Hill  
(Women) 2505 Homestead Rd., Chapel Hill  
CALL: 919-929-6380  
(Men) ext. 3000, (Women) ext. 4000

Arrive between 6pm and 8pm (let staff know if you're working and will be late). Leave by 8am.

\*Must check daily for availability.



Orange County Shelter Available ONLY When Temps Drop Below 32 Degrees (“White Flag Nights”)

Orange County Shelter  
University Baptist Church,  
100 S. Columbia St., Chapel Hill  
CALL: 919-245-2490  
Men, Women, and Families.

Check-in starts at 7pm, check out by 7am.  
Walk-ins accepted. Cots/blankets and snacks provided.

Apart from cold weather shelter, **dinner is provided weekdays from 5:15-6pm at IFC Commons Community Kitchen, 110 West Main Street, Carrboro**

For more info: [ocpehnc.com/resources](http://ocpehnc.com/resources)






## WE ARE HIRING!

To learn more about job opportunities available in Orange County Government, please visit [www.orangecountync.gov/Careers](http://www.orangecountync.gov/Careers) or contact the Human Resources Recruitment Manager at (919) 245-2557