

The Orange County Government Gazette

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Make Your House Easy to Spot in an Emergency

In an emergency, seconds matter. That's why Orange County Emergency Services are urging all residents to ensure their home address is clearly visible and easy to locate from the road.

Proper address signage can save lives by allowing emergency responders — including paramedics, firefighters, and police — to reach you as quickly as possible when every moment counts.

Residents are encouraged to follow these simple guidelines to make their addresses visible and accessible:

- Use large, clear numbers: House numbers should be at least 4 inches tall with high-contrast lettering.
- Install two-sided signs: Numbers should be visible from both directions of travel.
- Choose reflective materials: A reflective sign ensures your address can be seen in both daylight and darkness.

Place the sign properly:

- If your home is within 75 feet of the road, place numbers on the house near the street.
- If your home is more than 75 feet from the road, install a sign at the entrance to your driveway.

"Address visibility is a critical part of our response



strategy," said Kirby Saunders, Orange County Emergency Services Director. "Whether it's a medical emergency, fire, or police call, our teams rely on visible address signage to locate residents quickly and safely."

Residents may purchase signs online or through hardware retailers. Additionally, some local fire departments offer address signs for sale as part of community safety initiatives.

To learn more, visit: www.orangecountync.gov/FindMyHouse

Orange County Partners with TABLE Ministries to Expand Local Food Production

Orange County Government has entered into a new license agreement with TABLE Ministries, Inc., a local nonprofit focused on childhood hunger, to support expanded agricultural operations that will help address food insecurity throughout the community. The agreement, approved by the Orange County Board of Commissioners on May 20, 2025, was officially signed on June 11, 2025.

Under this three-year agreement, TABLE will immediately begin using designated land at the site of the future Twin Creeks Park (8016 Old NC 86). The partnership allows TABLE to increase its production of fresh fruits and vegetables that will be distributed directly to children in Orange County who are experiencing food insecurity. "This agreement marks an important step toward the county's commitment to supporting innovative, community-based solutions to hunger," said David Stancil, director of the Orange County Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation (DEAPR). "By utilizing a portion of a land-banked future park site, this production provides a community function in the meantime, reflective of our shared goal of strengthening local food systems while helping our neighbors in need."

Chair of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, Jamezetta Bedford, praised the



collaboration. "We are proud to partner with TABLE in this meaningful effort to nourish our children and strengthen our community. Using public land for sustainable agriculture is a powerful example of how local government can work hand-in-hand with nonprofits to build a healthier, more equitable future for all residents."

The Carrboro-based nonprofit delivers healthy food every week to more than 1,100 children in Orange County. The county encourages residents to follow TABLE's efforts, volunteer, or contribute to support their mission.

For information about this collaborative effort, contact David Stancil at dstancil@orangecountync.gov or Ashton Tippins at actippins@tablenc.org.

HILLSBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT
CANINE DEMONSTRATION

Join the officers of the Hillsborough Police Department as **Canine Officer Jett** visits!

Learn more about what canines do to protect and serve. This program is for all ages, so bring grandchildren.

Will also be on Facebook Live.

FREE

Wednesday, July 23 • 2-3pm
Passmore Center, 103 Meadowlands Dr, Hillsborough, NC

Please register by **Wednesday, July 16**, by calling **919-245-2015**

AGE FRIENDLY
ORANGE COUNTY, NC

Are you a veteran who lives in Orange County?

The Veterans Services Office (VSO) is here to assist you!

Brynn Schreiner, Orange County Veteran's Service Officer, will be on site to chat with veterans or family members of veterans who might need assistance accessing resources and VA benefits.

First Tuesday of Each Month
10:30am-12pm

Passmore Center, 103 Meadowlands Dr, Hillsborough, NC

First Thursday of Each Month
10:30am-12pm

Seymour Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, NC

Brynn Schreiner, Veterans Services Officer, 919-245-2890 and leave a message or email VSO@orangecountync.gov.

orangecountync.gov/VSO

Orange County Trails Plan

Are you interested in the future of trails and trail connections in Orange County?

Learn more about the ongoing Trails Plan here:
orangecountync.gov/TrailsPlan

orangecountync.gov/DEAPR

APPLY TODAY! Community Climate Action Grant Program

The **Community Climate Action Grant Program** is dedicated to accelerating climate change mitigation actions in Orange County.

All public and non-profit entities and small businesses are eligible to apply.

We are looking for great project ideas that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make a positive impact in our community.

Applications must be received by August 15, 2025.

For more information, visit www.orangecountync.gov/CCAG
Or contact Orange County Sustainability at sustainability@orangecountync.gov

NC STATE EXTENSION

MANAGING WILDLIFE WITH FIRE

Discover how prescribed fire, different firing techniques, and the timing of burns can support wildlife and help manage healthy ecosystems!

6:30-8:30 PM

REGISTRATION IS FREE!

July 15, 2025

Sign Up Here!
<https://forms.gle/mZ7mr91ZVx7Wh1zV9>

Wildlife

RESOURCES COMMISSION

Bonnie B. Davis Ag Center (Multi-Purpose Room)
1020 US-70
Hillsborough, NC 27278
(Across the street from Hillsborough DMV)

This work is supported by the Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA), project award no. 7009029, from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

NCWorks NEXTGEN
Your Future Starts Here

Financial Literacy with SECU

Come and learn the basics of debt management with representatives from the State Employees' Credit Union (SECU).

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 • 2-4pm
Orange Works, 113 Mayo Street, Hillsborough, NC

To RSVP, scan or go to orangecountync.gov/FinancialLiteracy

Pay Your Property Taxes Online With No Fees!

The Orange County Tax Administration is pleased to announce that ACH processing fees will now be covered by the County — so you can pay online with your checking account* at no extra cost.

With MyOrangeCountyNC, you can:

- Securely pay tax bills online
- Receive due date reminders
- Schedule future tax payments
- Store receipts digitally

*This does not apply to payments made by credit or debit card.

Scan the QR code with your phone or visit pay.orangecountync.gov

HOT WEATHER RESOURCES IN ORANGE COUNTY

For a list of showers, cooling off areas, phone charging spots and public restrooms, go to:
www.orangecountync.gov/Heat

For more help for people living unsheltered, contact **SOHRAD** at 919-886-3351
Monday - Friday 8am - 9pm
Saturday 12noon - 9pm

Check out OC Connect, at occonnect.info, a more comprehensive list of resources across Orange County.

ORANGE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

WE ARE HIRING!

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