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Orange County Hosts Annual Veterans Day Celebration on November 11, 2024

Orange County invites the community to come together to honor veterans at the annual Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Orange County Veterans Memorial at 2501 Homestead Drive, Chapel Hill, NC. This year's ceremony will feature Captain Alfred Scott McLaren, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Ph.D., as the distinguished guest speaker.

Captain McLaren, a highly decorated naval officer and polar explorer, brings a remarkable background to this year's celebration. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, McLaren served as a submarine commander and was selected among the first fifty officers to complete Admiral H.G. Rickover's Advanced Nuclear Power School. His academic achievements include a Ph.D. in the Physical Geography of the Polar Regions from the University of Colorado Boulder, an M.Phil. in Polar Studies from the University of Cambridge, and a Master's in International Affairs from George Washington University.

McLaren's service in the U.S. Navy and his expertise in polar geography make him an inspiring speaker for this occasion, which honors the courage, dedication, and sacrifices made by U.S. veterans in service to their country.

The Orange County Veterans Day Celebration is free and open to the public. Families, friends, and all members of the community are encouraged to attend as a way to show support and gratitude to our veterans. This annual ceremony aims to celebrate the contributions of veterans from all branches of the armed services and to pay tribute to the values they represent.

A Veterans Day Breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. prior to the celebration at the Passmore Center, 103 Meadowlands Dr., Hillsborough.



Please register for the breakfast by calling 919-245-2015 on or before October 28.

For more information about the Veteran's Day Celebration, visit: <https://ocveteransmemorial.com/events>

In case of rain, the event will take place at the Southern Human Services Center at 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill, NC.

Orange County Lights County Buildings Green in Support of Veterans

Orange County is illuminating several county buildings green as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort by counties, the National Association of Counties (NACo), and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

From November 4 to 11, some county buildings will be illuminated green to show support for veterans and raise awareness about the resources available at the county, state, and federal levels to assist veterans and their families.

"We hope that Operation Greenlight for Veterans will bring awareness to the wide range of services we offer to our nation's veterans, service members, and their families," said Brynn Schreiner, the Veterans Services Officer for Orange County. "Our office provides information on Veterans Administration benefits and other resources."

Now in its third year, Operation Green Light is expected to draw hundreds of counties to participate. The county role in administering services for veterans includes County Veterans Service Officers helping fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability, and compensation benefits each year, as well as other services supporting the approximately 200,000 service members who



transition into civilian communities annually.

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents, businesses, and other organizations are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb inside or outside their home to a green bulb. By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported, and we open up conversations about the needs of veterans and the services that support veteran communities.

Counties and residents across the country are sharing their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

For more information on Veterans Services, contact Brynn Schreiner at 919-245-2890 or visit www.orangecountync.gov/veterans

For more information on Operation Green Light: <https://www.naco.org/program/operation-green-light-veterans>

Orange County Educates the Public About Deer Hunting with Dogs

Orange County Animal Services is promoting awareness of the legal requirements and responsibilities of using dogs to hunt deer. This season opens on Saturday, November 16, and ends on January 1. Orange County is providing information to mitigate health and safety concerns in the community.

This type of hunting is lawful in northern Orange County - specifically, the area north of Interstate 85. It is important to note that hunters, residents, and landowners all have rights and responsibilities. Responsible conduct by all parties can minimize conflict and ensure public health and safety during the upcoming hunting season.

One responsibility is that written permission must be obtained to hunt on someone's private property. In Orange County, written permission

is required whether or not private property is posted as "No hunting."

For more information about deer hunting with dogs in Orange County, please visit www.orangecountync.gov/303/Hunting-Deer-with-Dogs. More information is also provided by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at www.ncwildlife.org/hunting-trapping. Wildlife Dispatch may also be reached at 1-800-662-7137 for any hunting-related conflicts.

For more information about Orange County Animal Services in Chapel Hill, please visit www.orangecountync.gov/AnimalServices or call 919-942-7387.



Orange County

Community Giving Fund



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ORANGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE

THANKSGIVING 2024 Holiday Schedule

	THURSDAY NOV. 28	FRIDAY NOV. 29
Curbside Recycling	No collection. Thursday recycling will be collected on Friday, Nov. 29.	Friday recycling will be collected on Saturday, Nov. 30.
Waste & Recycling Centers	CLOSED	OPEN
Landfill & Related Services	CLOSED	OPEN
Admin. Offices	CLOSED	CLOSED

(919) 968-2788
recycling@orangecountync.gov • orangecountync.gov/recycling

Need a ride?

Orange County Mobility on Demand (MOD) provides service throughout Orange County. MOD transportation is \$5 per ride. Ages 12 and under are free.

Monday-Thursday 8am - 5pm
Friday 5-9 pm
Saturday 9-5 pm

For more information, contact Emma Lea Ange, at eange@orangecountync.gov or 919-245-2004.

ONLY \$5

To book a ride, download the TransLoc app transloc.com/app
www.orangecountync.gov/MOD

ORANGE COUNTY MOD MOBILITY ON DEMAND

Every Accomplishment Starts With a First Step...

FREE!

Prepare for your QUIT day for FREE with our Freshstart 2-Session Tobacco Cessation Class:

- Make your plan to quit vaping, smoking or chewing tobacco
- Understand your smoking and vaping triggers
- Identify your support system
- Know what to expect
- Control your cravings
- Maintain your quit
- Get FREE patches, gum, and lozenges

CLASS DATES	TIME
Wednesday, January 8	4PM - 6PM
Wednesday, January 15	4PM - 6PM

To register for this in-person class please call Rita Krosner at 919-245-2424 or email rkrosner@orangecountync.gov.
Registration deadline is Monday, December 30, 2024.

3rd Floor Whitted Classroom, 300 W. Tryon Street, Hillsborough, NC

Individual Tobacco Treatment Counseling Services are also available by calling Rita Krosner at 919-245-2424.

orangecountync.gov/Quit

ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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
- Advisory Board on Aging
- Agricultural Preservation Board
- Animal Services Advisory Board
- Animal Services Hearing Panel Pool
- Chapel Hill Board of Adjustment
- Commission for the Environment
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Orange County Parks and Recreation Council
- Orange County Planning Board

www.orangecountync.gov/Boards

For additional information contact Tara May at 919-245-2125 or tmay@orangecountync.gov.

Throw it away? No way! Let's fix it at the REPAIR CAFE

In this free workshop you will work with volunteer repair coaches to fix your broken items to:

- gain new skills
- save money
- keep trash out of the landfill
- have fun!

Saturday, November 16, 1 to 5 pm
 Whitted Human Services Ctr., Donna Baker Meeting Room
 300 W. Tryon St., Hillsborough

To register, volunteer, or contribute, go to: www.RepairCafeNC.org

Bring your damaged

- Electronics
- Furniture
- Jewelry
- Small Appliances

Logos for Orange County, Orange County Sustainability, and Library.

Veterans Day Breakfast

Monday, November 11, 2024
8:30 a.m.

FREE!

Passmore Center, 103 Meadowlands Dr., Hillsborough, NC

Please register by calling 919-245-2015 on or before November 4 to reserve your breakfast.

Logos for Orange County Department of Aging, Liberty Home Care & Hospice Services, Always Best Care Senior Services, and Orange County Office of Equity & Inclusion.

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