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Orange County Appoints Deputy County Manager and Two Department Directors

Orange County filled three key positions in early February.

Caitlin Fenhagen was named Deputy County Manager. Orange County Manager Travis Myren had appointed Fenhagen interim Deputy County Manager in July of 2024 following his promotion to County Manager.



Caitlin Fenhagen

Fenhagen has been with Orange County since 2015, serving as the Director of the Criminal Justice Resource Department. Prior to coming to work for Orange County she was a Deputy Capital Defender for the Office of the North Carolina Capital Defender in Durham, NC. Fenhagen said, "During my time as Interim, I've gained a deeper appreciation for the knowledge and experience needed to support the Manager, Commissioners, and county residents effectively. While most of my background is in the legal system, I've also spent nine years as a department director in Orange County. I'm excited to continue building strong, collaborative relationships across the county."

County Manager Travis Myren said, "Cait's experience and collaborative approach to problem solving will be essential in helping us improve opportunities for Orange County residents by ensuring fair and equitable access to human services."

Wil Glenn has been hired to serve as the Community Relations Director. His first day will be March 10.



Wil Glenn

The three-person Community Relations Department acts as a liaison between the community and County government, promoting transparency, fostering trust, and addressing public concerns.

Glenn comes to Orange County from the Town of Morrisville where he is serving as the Director of Communications & Outreach. He directs a five-person communications team and has been responsible for internal and external

communications, media relations, public relations, strategic communications, and community outreach. Before his work at the Town of Morrisville, Glenn directed the public affairs unit of the Durham Police Department.

Glenn said, "I will bring enthusiasm, creativity, a commitment to excellence, and a vision for the future in this new role."

Myren said, "Wil Glenn brings over 21 years of experience in community relations to this important role, along with strong leadership skills and the ability to build strategic relationships."

Elizabeth Overcash was named Orange County Animal Services Director. Her first day is also March 10.



Elizabeth Overcash

The Animal Services Department has 32 employees and an annual operating budget of approximately \$3 million. The Department's mission is to serve the community by working with volunteers and partners to provide affordable and effective animal care and control. Their goal is to keep people, pets, and the community safe and healthy. They do this through pet adoption, spay and neuter programs, lost and found pet resources, and animal control and protection services.

Overcash is currently the Burlington Animal Services Assistant Director. In her work she increased the number of animals released from the shelter by promoting adoptions and rescue placements, maintaining social media, drafting grant proposals, and administering the shelter's foster program. She also is an Adjunct Professor of Animal Behavior at Alamance Community College.

Overcash said, "In this new position I hope to build community relationships in order to reach under-served communities and assist pet owners with their needs."

"Elizabeth's diverse background as an animal services assistant director, a professor of animal behavior, and her legal work will serve her well as Orange County's Animal Services director," Myren said.

Urgent Need for Foster Families!

Consider opening your home to a child in your community!

If interested in becoming a foster parent, contact Tracey Trask at 919-245-2710, or Courtney Byrd at 919-245-2708, or email us at beafosterparent@orangecountync.gov



Orientation and Informational Session
March 11, 2025 • 6pm
Orange County Dept. of Social Services, 113 Mayo Street, Hillsborough, NC

Scan for more information!
orangecountync.gov/Foster

My Name is Pauli Murray FILM DISCUSSION

Join us for a conversation about the life and impact of Reverend Dr. Pauli Murray, a visionary whose fight for justice shaped the legal and civil rights landscapes. Featuring a conversation with Angela Thorpe Mason, Executive Director of the Pauli Murray Center for History & Social Justice. Moderated by Taylor Webber-Fields of True Heart Consulting.

We invite you to watch the film and come to engage in meaningful dialogue about what it means to build True Community.



Thursday, March 13, 2025 • 6-8:30pm
Eno Arts Mill, 437 Dimmocks Mill Rd, #17, Hillsborough, NC

RSVP at orangecountync.gov/FilmDiscussion

Equity@orangecountync.gov
919-245-2594

Now Accepting Proposals!

The Orange County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is seeking proposals from youth-serving organizations.

Organizations dedicated to juvenile crime prevention and intervention are encouraged to submit proposals!

Submit proposals by March 12, 2025. To submit your proposal, review the Request for Proposals document by scanning the code or go to www.orangecountync.gov/JCPC-RFP.

For more information about the program, go to orangecountync.gov/JCPC

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- A-Z Recycling Guide

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recycling@orangecountync.gov

Healthy Eating on a Budget!

Join Ivelisse Colon, Cooperative Extension FCS Agent as she shows you how to nourish your body with nutritious and delicious meals on a budget.

Offering practical tips, simple recipes, and strategies for smart shopping, Ivelisse will empower you to make healthier choices while saving money. Eating well is easier and more affordable than you think!

Friday, March 14 • 10-11am
Efland Cheeks Community Center, 117 Richmond Rd, Mebane

FREE!

Register by Wednesday, March 12 at 919-245-2015

HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF Housing & Community Development

The Orange County Consolidated Plan serves as a roadmap for addressing housing and community development priorities for 2026-2030.

Share your feedback to help shape the final plan!

Please scan to fill out our survey at orangecountync.gov/OCCP

FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK SALE!

DATE	INFORMATION
Thursday, March 20 5pm-7pm	Preview night for members of Friends of the Orange County Public Library! Renew or join at the door or at orangecountync.gov/FOCPL
Friday & Saturday, March 21-22 9am-5pm	Open to the public!
Sunday, March 23 12pm-4pm	Bag Day! Get all the books you can fit into a bag for just \$7, 2 bags for \$10! Bring your own large bag to make the most of this great deal!

Organized by the Board of the Friends of the Orange County Public Library

orangecountync.gov/LibraryEvents

Main Library in Hillsborough
137 W. Margaret Lane, Hillsborough, NC

Color Me Bad

A COLOR-IN RETREAT & BRUNCH

Celebrate Women's History Month with Creativity & Connection!

Join us for a vibrant and relaxing Women's History Month event designed for women to unwind, express creativity, and connect over a delightful brunch.

We invite women of all backgrounds to tap into their joy and free artistic expressions. Come color, brunch, and celebrate the contributions of woman with us!

Reserve your spot at orangecountync.gov/ColorMeBad

Saturday, March 22, 2025 • 10am - 1pm
Whitted Human Services Center, Donna S. Baker Meeting Room, 300 W Tryon St, Hillsborough, NC

Equity@orangecountync.gov
919-245-2594

Let's Fix It At The REPAIR CAFÉ!

Saturday, March 15 1-5pm

Work with volunteer repair coaches to fix your broken items!

Gain new skills and keep trash out of the landfill, while saving money and having fun!

Whitted Human Services Ctr.,
Donna S. Baker Meeting Room
300 W. Tryon St., Hillsborough

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

Bring your clothes that need mending, as well as damaged electronics, furniture, jewelry, or small appliances!

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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