

The Orange County Government Gazette

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Orange County Roadshow to Bring Government Services to Residents Oct. 12

Orange County Government is taking its show on the road. The next Orange County Roadshow will be held Sunday, Oct. 12, from 2-5 p.m., at Cedar Grove Community Center (5800 NC Highway 86 N, Hillsborough).

This free, family-friendly event will allow community members to conveniently access government services in an informal setting close to home. More than 20 county departments will be present to answer questions, share program information, and assist with applications for services.

Services and Opportunities

- Residents will be able to:
- Learn about food security resources
 - Apply for public assistance
 - Register for activities provided by the Library, Aging, or Recreation departments
 - Learn about property assessments
 - Apply for the Longtime Homeowners Assistance Program
 - Get information about state tax assistance programs (Present Use Value, Disabled Vets, Homestead Exclusion)
 - Explore pet fostering, low-cost rabies and microchip clinics, and barn cat programs
 - Sign up for a library card
 - Apply for small business or agriculture grants
 - Learn to serve on a county board or committee
 - Learn about the Orange County Land Use Plan 2050



Departments Represented

The following departments/divisions will participate: Aging, Animal Services, Civil Rights & Civic Life, Clerk to the Board, Community Relations, Cooperative Extension, Criminal Justice Resource Department, DEAPR, DSS, Economic Development, Emergency Services, Health, Housing, Human Resources, Library, Planning, Register of Deeds, Sheriff's Office, Solid Waste, Sustainability, Tax, Transportation, and the Visitors Bureau.

The event will also feature a free raffle with a wide variety of prizes.

Event Details

Cedar Grove Community Center, 5800 NC Highway 86 N, Hillsborough
Sunday, Oct. 12, 2-5 p.m.
Free and open to the public.

Learn more at www.orangecountync.gov/OCRoadshow

Orange County Approves Amendment to Broadband Expansion Agreement with Lumos

The Orange County Board of Commissioners approved an amendment to the county's 2022 broadband deployment agreement with Lumos Fiber (formerly North State Communications Advanced Services, LLC) during its Sept. 16 meeting.

Orange County and Lumos entered into a public-private partnership in April 2022 to bring ultra-high-speed fiber internet service to 6,370 homes and businesses in unserved areas. However, in June 2025, Lumos notified the county that it would fall short of meeting the final benchmark of providing service to 6,370 addresses in order to receive its full incentive payment of \$6 million.

In an effort to serve as many homes as possible, the county negotiated an amendment to the original contract. This amendment revises the total number of unserved and underserved homes covered by the project from 6,370 to 5,852, extends the project's completion deadline to July 1, 2026, and reduces the final incentive payment from \$6 million to \$5.2 million to represent the proportion of homes that will receive service.

This adjustment reflects construction delays and budgetary challenges Lumos faced in 2024. Under the revised agreement, Lumos will connect all 5,852 homes identified in the updated scope to high-speed, fiber-based broadband by the

new deadline. The county's final payment to Lumos will be tied to the successful completion of this work.

Orange County's recent broadband amendment will allow approximately 92% of the originally targeted homes to be connected. To address the remaining gaps and advance its commitment to digital equity, the county is working closely with the North Carolina Division of Broadband and Digital Equity to seek further support through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and Stop Gap programs, both of which are expected to launch in late 2025.

"We know this news is difficult for the families who are still waiting for reliable internet service," said Orange County Board of Commissioners Chair Jamezetta Bedford. "While we are disappointed that not every home identified in the original plan can be reached in this phase, we will continue our efforts to bridge the digital divide. This amendment allows us to move forward with connecting additional unserved homes."

Visit Orangecountync.gov/Broadband for more information about the broadband project.






Concerned about the safety of your payment method when paying your Orange County property taxes?

Explore our online property tax payment options: orangecountync.gov/TaxPayment.

For convenience and to combat current fraud issues associated with mailing checks, Orange County Tax Office now offers ACH/e-check payments at no charge. You may visit the Payit secure site (pay.orangecountync.gov/) to begin your tax payment transaction.

As Jan. 5 approaches, when property taxes become delinquent, we want to ensure that paying your property tax bill is as convenient, flexible and safe as possible.



Does your home need repairs?

You may qualify for financial assistance if you

- are an Orange County resident
- are a single parent, a veteran, age 62 or older, or handicapped/disabled
- your total household income is less than:

• \$64,750 for a household of 1	• \$99,900 for a household of 5
• \$74,000 for a household of 2	• \$107,300 for a household of 6
• \$83,250 for a household of 3	• \$114,700 for a household of 7
• \$92,500 for a household of 4	• \$122,100 for a household of 8

To learn more, please visit orangecountync.gov/HomeRepair or call 919-895-0164.






CAT 102: CAT BEHAVIOR

A "meow-tivational" training session where humans learn to decode the feline language and become more effective cat companions. Beneficial for new or experienced cat owners.

WHEN: Tuesday, 10/21/25, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
WHERE: Orange County Animal Services, 1601 Eubanks Road, Chapel Hill, NC



SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP → 

www.orangecountync.gov/AnimalServices | (919) 942-7387

Join us for the

GREAT TRAILS STATE DAY 2025 HIKE

DEAPR Staff will lead a hike at Seven Mile Creek Natural Area. The hike will focus on the history of Seven Mile and other natural heritage areas in Orange County.

Orange County is a member of the Great Trails State Coalition which hosts the annual Great Trails State Day in NC. The public is invited to participate in the hike as a way to celebrate this day.



Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025 • 9-10:30am

Seven Mile Creek Natural Area, 2201 Moorefields Rd, Hillsborough, NC

Register here:
www.orangecountync.gov/Hike

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

ELECTION DAY NOV. 4, 2025

Municipal Election for the Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough; Cities of Durham and Mebane; Board of Education Election for Chapel Hill - Carrboro City Schools

PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO VOTE

DAY	DATE	TIME
Thursday-Friday	Oct. 16-17	8am - 6pm
Saturday-Sunday	Oct. 18-19	CLOSED
Monday-Friday	Oct. 20-24	8am - 6pm
Saturday	Oct. 25	8am - 3pm
Sunday	Oct. 26	12pm-4pm
Monday-Thursday	Oct. 27-30	8am - 6pm
Friday (Halloween)	Oct. 31	8am - 5pm
Saturday	Nov. 1	8am - 3pm

Orange Works at Hillsborough Commons
113 Mayo St, Hillsborough

Will be open the following dates and times for voting:

Drakeford Library Complex
203 S Greensboro St, Carrboro

Chapel of the Cross
304 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill

Seymour Senior Center
2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill Library
100 Library Dr, Chapel Hill

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Many forms of government-issued IDs are acceptable. For more information, please visit orangecountync.gov/PhotoID

Don't have a photo ID to vote?
Get a **FREE photo ID** for voting purposes from the Orange County Board of Elections office
Mon-Fri, 8am - 5pm, 208 S Cameron St, Hillsborough, NC

For more information, go to orangecountync.gov/Elect or call 919-245-2350

Listening, learning, and building together.

We're working to strengthen trust and build stronger partnerships with our community. We are offering listening sessions and a community survey to learn from you. Your input will help us shape how we share information and create opportunities for everyone to get involved.

We want to know:

- How do you prefer to receive information?
- What barriers do you face in accessing services?
- What opportunities would you like to see for civic engagement?

- **Wednesday, Oct. 15, 6-8 pm,** Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, Chapel Hill
- **Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6-8 pm,** Bonnie B. Davis Center, 1020 US-70 West, Hillsborough



Your feedback matters—help us shape a more open, connected Orange County! If you are unable to attend, please take this survey:
orangecountync.gov/Listening



HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

FREE!

Saturday, October 18
1pm-4pm

Cakewalk • Pumpkin Bingo
Pumpkin Hunt • Carnival Games
Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Costume Contest
Categories: 0-4 years old, 5-8 years old, 9-12 years old, 13 and over, Group

Location: Central Recreation Center Field,
302 West Tryon St., Hillsborough, NC

FREE! No pre-registration required!





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