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Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

NCGOP State Convention June 5-8, Joseph Koury Convention Ctr., Greensboro www.ncgopconvention.org

Triangle Republican WomenWed, June 11, 6:30pm Mayflower Seafood Restaurant 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham

OCGOP Monthly Meeting Thurs, June 12, at OCGOP HQ Meeting starts at 7:00pm

OCGOP Politics & Pancakes Sat, June 14, 8-11am Schley Grange Hall 3416 Schley Rd, Hillsborough

School Board Interest Mtg Thurs, June 19, 6:15-7:45pm Hillsborough Pentecostal Holiness Church, 117 W Hill Ave S, Hillsborough

RWCH-Chatham

Thurs, June 26, 11:30am Gov Club, 11000 Governors Dr, Chapel Hill

Judges Information Session Thurs, June 26, 7pm, OCGOP

Get Involved!

The Orange County GOP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors who are interested in smaller and more effective government that follows conservative principles.

Your help will make a difference! To volunteer visit orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

To join our email list, sign up at https://orange.nc.gop.

Questions? Email us at info@orangencgop.com

OCGOP Headquarters:

125 Boone Square Street Hillsborough, NC 27278

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Please join us for our regular monthly meeting, where we will hear from special guest Don Brown, candidate for US Senate. He will be challenging Senator Thom Tillis in the 2026 primary. Bring a friend!

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting **WHEN:** Thursday, June 12, 7:00pm

WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough

Chairman's Corner

I have heard the term Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) several times to identify irrational behavior by otherwise intelligent people as it relates to President Trump. Most of the time I have dismissed it as a political statement to prod the left. However, in the case of James Comey, I can't think of any other reason why a former director of the FBI would post "8647" on his social media feed. Of course, he said that he just happened upon the shell statement on the beach and had no idea what that meant. Yeah right!

During my career with the Durham police department, I had the privilege to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA and graduate from the 253rd session of the academy. I worked with many FBI agents and found them to be hard working agents and very professional in their duties. It is this type of irrational behavior from what should be an otherwise intelligent law enforcement leader that makes it clear that TDS is a real thing. Comey and others suffering from TDS can continue to act and speak irrationally and we will simply respond that the border is closed with crossings at record lows, and prices are coming down on items that impact the people such as gas and eggs. Trade deals are being worked out to right the years of unfair trade practices, and sub-par male athletes can no longer compete against women.

When asked about revenge against his opponents on the campaign trail, President Trump stated that his revenge would be success. We are seeing success that is fully supported by most of the American people and driving Comey and others to TDS. I did not agree with most of president Biden's policies, if they were actually his, but I never wished him personal harm. James Comey should issue an apology to president Trump and the American people for his post. It was beneath the office of a former FBI director.

I won't hold my breath.

Standing for Freedom!

Larry C. Smith, Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

NCGOP State Convention

MONDAY, June 2, at 4PM is the deadline to register for the NCGOP State Convention being held **June 5-8, 2025**, at the Koury Convention Center, 3121 West Gate City Blvd., in Greensboro, NC.

The main business sessions will be held on Friday and Saturday, including the votes for NCGOP Chairman and Vice Chair on Saturday.

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You must register if you plan to attend. To attend the Convention as a delegate, you must have attended the Orange County convention and be voted in as a delegate. Guest registration is possible directly through NCGOP.

For complete information and to register, visit www.ncgopconvention.org.

Politics & Pancakes Returns!

OCGOP will host a *free* pancake breakfast on **Saturday**, **June 14**, **from 8-11 AM** at Schley Grange Hall, 3416 Schley Road in Hillsborough. This event is part of our outreach efforts and is a great way to meet fellow Republicans and conservatives in Orange County. If you enjoy meeting like-minded neighbors, please come out and enjoy some pancakes and sausage on us!

Volunteers are needed to help during the event, so please email us at info@orangencgop.com if you are able to help with setup, cleanup, or keeping the food table stocked for our hungry neighbors!

Election Judges Information Session

There will be an information session on **Thursday**, **June 26**, **at 7pm** at OCGOP HQ. for any Republicans or conservative Unaffiliated voters who are interested in working as Chief Judges, Judges, and Assistants in our elections. These are paid positions appointed by the Orange County Board of Elections.

To learn more, visit our website at https://orange.nc.gop/judge_info_session or email us at info@orangencgop.com to let us know of your interest **by July 15**. Or attend our information session on **Thursday, June 26, at 7pm** at OCGOP HQ. We will answer your questions to help you determine if it's right for you, so please stop by!



Ready to sign up? Visit https://bit.ly/judgeinterestform or scan the QR code and complete the online interest form today!

Election officials serve two-year terms starting in August of odd-numbered years, so **even if you have served in the past, please fill out the online interest form** if you want to serve again so we can be sure your name is included on the list we send to the Board of Elections for consideration.

Conservative Veterans Coalition

Orange County GOP is sponsoring a coalition of Conservative Veterans. The stated goals are to influence Veterans legislation at the state and local level. It will also provide Veterans with current information, help with issues that affect the individual Vet and Vet community. Another intention is to partner with other conservative organizations in order to expand this effort. For further information contact Ken Ward at 301-904-8453 or herkybird72@gmail.com.

Precinct Development

Our first precinct organizational meeting of this election cycle was held on Saturday, May 3. **We still need leadership in the following precincts:** Carr, Carrboro, Coker Hills, Coles Store, Damascus, Dogwood Acres, Eastside, Eno, Estes Hills, Glenwood, Hillsborough, Hogan Farms, Kings Mill, Northside, OWASA, Patterson, Ridgefield, Tolars, Town Hall, UNC, Weaver Dairy.

If you are interested in serving as a precinct chair, as a team member, or just want to learn more, please contact Shawnee Seese, OCGOP 2nd Vice-Chair, at seeseocgop@gmail.com for more information.

NCEIT News



The North Carolina Election Integrity Team (NCEIT.org) is inviting all those interested in election integrity to sign up (it's free!) at their website under the "Join Us" tab. All NCEIT members will receive weekly invites to their Tuesday, 11AM



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Zoom meetings where topics such as State Board of Elections news, state and federal legislative activity, and information relevant at the local county level are discussed.

Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

The Republican Women of CH-C will host their monthly luncheon on **Thursday**, **June 26**, **at 11:30am** at their new location, Governors Club, 11000 Governors Drive in Chapel Hill. Guest speaker will be Gay Dillard, VP for the Central Region for NCFRW. RSVP by noon on Monday, June 23. For more information contact RWCHC Vice-Chairman Terri Tyson at (919) 923-2476 or territyson100@gmail.com.

Triangle Republican Women (TRW)

TRW will hold their monthly meeting on **Wednesday**, **June 11**, **at 6:30pm** at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. Chief Cole Leimone from the Bahama Volunteer Fire Department will talk about how to support firefighters and local first responders. RSVP by Monday, June 9, to <u>trianglerepublicanwomen@gmail.com</u>.

Lost Your Car Keys?

Are you missing a set of keys? If so, email us at info@orangencgop.com as we may have them! A set of keys (Nissan, Mercedes, pocket knife, and 2 other keys) were found at the OCGOP office. If you can describe them for us, they're yours! Let us know.

