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Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

Triangle Republican Women
Wed, May 13, 6:30pm
Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham

OCGOP Monthly Meeting
Thurs, May 14, at 7pm
OCGOP HQ

RWCH-Chatham
Thurs, May 28, 11:30am
Governors Club, 11000
Governors Dr, Chapel Hill

Coffee with the Chairman
Sat, May 30, 10am-12 noon
OCGOP HQ

NCGOP State Convention
June 11-14, Joseph Koury
Convention Ctr., Greensboro

OCGOP Exec Comm Meeting
Tues, June 16, at 6:30pm
OCGOP HQ

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.

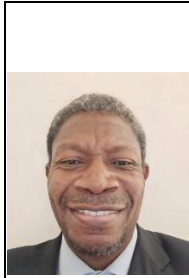
Your help will make a difference! To volunteer visit orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

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

Questions? Email us at info@orangecgop.com

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Office Hours
M, W, F 12pm–2pm



OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Our guest speaker this month will be Leonard Bryant, Central Regional Engagement Coordinator for the Frederick Douglass Foundation of NC. Mr. Bryant will talk about the Foundation's mission to engage minority communities throughout the state with Conservative values. Hope to see you there!

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 14, 7:00pm

WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough

Chairman's Corner

We do not have to look any further than our neighbors to the north in Virginia to understand the importance of the upcoming election. Virginia elected Abigail Spanberger on the idea that she would govern as a moderate. However, when she took office, she immediately began to govern as a far left liberal, signing bills that stopped cooperation with federal immigration and proposed dozens of new taxes. New polls are showing that many now have voter remorse over the job that Spanberger is doing.

Spanberger also supported the recent vote for the redrawing of the congressional district lines that would likely ensure Virginia would always be a blue state. Thank goodness a judge has temporarily blocked that measure as unconstitutional. This is also a reminder of how important our elections this fall will be since there are many judicial races on the ballot. I can't stress how important those races will be for our state. I wonder how many Republicans stayed home in Virginia who now wish they had voted, and how many more will likely regret it before her four-year term is over.

Virginia, much like North Carolina, is considered a purple state and just four years ago elected Republican Governor Glenn Youngkin. We must not think that this cannot happen here in NC because it can. The choice is up to us as Republicans. We can stay home in this election and let the Democrats get control of our senate seat and judicial positions, or we can turn out and keep control.

Let's make sure that by December of this year we are not having voter remorse!

Standing for Freedom!

Larry C. Smith
Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

Coffee with the Chairman Returns on Sat, May 30, 10 AM-Noon

You are invited to stop by the OCGOP Office for coffee and pastries and to chat with the Chairman and fellow conservatives about the politics of the day. We want to hear what issues are important to you, answer any questions you may have about the party, or talk about anything else on your mind. Our local candidates are invited to join us, so please stop by and meet them!

This event will be held on **Saturday, May 30, from 10 AM to noon** at our headquarters at 125 Boone Square Street in Hillsborough. No RSVP required - just come on down!

Candidate Corner



Welcome to the first in a series of columns where we plan to introduce you to our local candidates running in this year's general election, starting with our candidate for the US House of Representatives from the 4th Congressional District.

Mahesh "Max" Ganorkar approaches life with optimism, gratitude, and an abiding faith in God's grace. Born in a small village in India to loving parents in a prosperous farming family, he came to the United States in 1989 to pursue his M.B.A. In 1995, he married his college sweetheart, and together they are blessed with three children.

Their oldest son, currently an EMT in Chatham County, has been accepted to UNC Chapel Hill's medical school and will begin in July 2026. Their daughter is preparing for the MCAT with plans to enter medical school next year, and their youngest son is a licensed general contractor working in the family's construction business.

Mahesh "Max" Ganorkar
Candidate, US House of Reps,
District 4

Professionally, Max is a home designer and builder. His nickname, "Max," originated on a construction site when a retired Marine and master framer, unable to pronounce his Indian name, good-naturedly shortened it. The name stuck with him.

Beyond his profession, Max has long been engaged in civic life. He became involved in the Tea Party movement in 2009, concerned about America's growing drift toward socialism and an erosion of constitutional limits. His activism led him to run for the U.S. Congress in North Carolina in 2022, 2024, and 2026 as a Republican candidate.

For more information or to support Max's campaign, please visit his website at www.maxforcongress.com.

Chapel Hill Schools Defy NC Law, Legislators Introduce the "CHCCS Act" to Enforce Compliance

In the fall of 2025, OCGOP members raised awareness regarding Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' (CHCCS) refusal to follow the law. Specifically, the Chair of the School Board, George Griffin, was on record stating that CHCCS would refuse to follow [SB 49](#), the Parents' Bill of Rights, regarding pronouns and gender identity.

In response, Majority Leader Brenden Jones held a hearing, calling on Griffin and Superintendent Rodney Trice to testify in December 2025. They were instructed to ensure compliance with the law, and to report on their progress monthly.

Apparently, the problem persisted, so Leader Jones called another hearing on April 23rd before the Oversight Committee. Trice and Al McArthur, Director of Digital Learning and Libraries, were on board to testify. The Committee discussed the intent of the law, and the apparent "work-around" that staff implemented by placing inappropriate books in elementary school libraries. As a result, Jones has filed a bill in honor of the now-notorious Chapel Hill Schools, the "CHCCS Act"---stay tuned!



Rep. Brenden Jones
@BrendenJonesNC



1. Allows the State Auditor and DPI to investigate non-compliant districts.
2. Withhold central office staff salaries until a district is in compliance.
3. Re-clarifies that library materials ARE considered curriculum.
4. Gets rid of any third-party loopholes [#ncpol](#)

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Save the Date: Executive Committee Meeting

Calling all officers and precinct chairs! Please save the date for our next quarterly Executive Committee meeting on **Tuesday, June 16, at 6:30pm** at OCGOP Headquarters.

This will be a working meeting to begin strategizing and getting our plans into place for the upcoming election season. Anyone with items for discussion they would like to add to the agenda should submit them to the OCGOP Secretary at secretary@orangencgop.com by **Tuesday, June 9**. A final agenda with more information will be emailed to Executive Committee members as the date nears.

Note that, due to the State Convention, there will be no regular monthly meeting in June.

It Takes a Village...

Absentee voting by mail begins exactly *four months from today*, on Friday, September 4. There is a lot of work to be done in the next four months to educate voters on our candidates and to Get Out The Vote. Will you help us?

We will need volunteers who are willing to make phone calls, knock doors, and serve as poll greeters. We will need volunteers who are willing to work inside the polls either as poll observers or election workers. And we will need people to staff the office.

We cannot get Republicans elected if people are not willing to step up and do the work to make it happen! So if you are willing and able to help, please email us at info@orangencgop.com and let us know your area(s) of interest. We greatly appreciate it and look forward to hearing from you!

NCGOP Plan of Organization News

Changes to the state Plan of Organization are in the works!

The 2025-2027 NCGOP Plan of Organization Committee was constituted in September of 2025 and immediately began the work of preparing a report for the 2026 NCGOP Convention. After 24 meetings and 60 hours of committee work over the course of 6 months, the Committee made more than 400 total edits to the previous draft plan. On March 4, the Committee voted to present Draft Plan Version 1.2 to the NCGOP for feedback in advance of the 2026 Convention. The intent is to hold a vote on accepting this new plan at the Convention in June.

Whether you are a delegate planning to attend the Convention, or you are just interested in the operational aspects of the party, you are invited to read the Draft Plan at www.nc.gop/draft_plan_of_organization and provide feedback before it is finalized. Comments should be submitted through the feedback portal at www.nc.gop/plan_of_organization_comments **no later than Wednesday, May 6**, as the Committee's final meeting is May 7. Submitting feedback even earlier is encouraged to give the Committee more time to work on all the comments submitted.

The revised Plan itself is 42 pages long, so if you prefer, you can read an eight-page summary of the proposed changes at www.nc.gop/plan_committee_summary_of_changes instead.

A final draft of the Plan, incorporating any changes accepted by the Committee, will be available May 11 to give Convention attendees 30 days to review it before the vote in June.

NCGOP State Convention

The NC Republican Party State Convention will be held **June 11-14, 2026**, at the Koury Convention Center, 3121 West Gate City Blvd., in Greensboro, NC.

The main business sessions will be held on Friday and Saturday. If you plan to attend, you must register in advance. Base registration is \$75.

The website to register for the state convention may be found at <https://www.ncgopconvention.org/>.

Reminder: Each Delegate must register individually in advance for the State Convention if planning to attend.

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From Our Friends at Durham GOP

The Durham GOP is hosting their bi-annual gun raffle to raise funds for their county party.

NC Pick 3 DAYTIME numbers are used to choose the winner. Drawing determines the winning number of a prize each day of June.

Go to https://durham.nc.gop/gun_raffle_fundraiser for more information or visit https://secure.anedot.com/durham-gop/30-30-30_gun_raffle_2026 to directly purchase tickets!

Durham County GOP 30-for 30 Raffle: June 2026						
Winning Ticket# for the daily prize is based on the NC Lottery Pick-3 DAYTIME drawing, each day June 1-30 https://nc lottery.com/pick3		Visit our website for more information, for online purchase options, and to view daily winners! durham.nc.gop			Prizes distributed by: Bahama Sports Shop 1425 Bahama Rd, Bahama, NC (919) 251-9935 ** No Exchanges **	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CZ P10 full size 9mm	2 HOWA m1500 Gmm arc	3 STORE CREDIT \$250	4 Diamondback db15 5.56	5 AMMO DAY! \$200	6 Ruger 10/22 22lr
7 RIA 1911 45acp	8 STORE CREDIT \$250	9 Keystone Cricket 22lr	10 HUXWRK Flow 22 Silencer Or \$420 Store Credit	11 Ruger Wrangler	12 Christensen Arms Evoke 308win	13 GLOCK 43 9MM
14 Ruger 10/22 22lr	15 Ruger sr22	16 Henry H012 mx 357	17 Mossberg 590 retro 12ga	18 S&W BODYGUARD 2.0 380	19 STORE CREDIT \$250	20 Rost Martin RM1c 9mm bundle
21 Heritage Rough Rider 22lr	22 Henry h001m 22mag	23 STORE CREDIT \$250	24 S&W M&P15 5.56 MSRP: \$825	25 CZ 457 22lr	26 Kimber micro 9 9mm	27 Taurus 856 38spl
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Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

The Republican Women of CH-C will host their next monthly luncheon on **Thursday, May 28, at 11:30am** at the Governor's Club. RSVP by midnight on Sunday, May 24. Their speaker is TBD so please check their Facebook page for details.

Triangle Republican Women (TRW)

The next monthly meeting of TRW will be on **Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30pm** at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. RSVP by Monday, May 11, to trianglerеспублиcanwomen@gmail.com. Come early if you plan to eat so you can order.

The focus of the May meeting will be Dolly Madison, America 250!

Renewals for 2026 are still being accepted. Membership applications are available.

