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Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

GOTV Door Knocking/Phone Banking

Thurs, Sep 3, 1-4pm
OCGOP HQ

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Thurs, Sep 10, at 7pm
OCGOP HQ

Politics at the Park

Sat, Sep 12, 10am-12pm
Efland-Cheeks Park, Efland

GOTV Door Knocking/Phone Banking

Thurs, Sep 17, 1-4pm
OCGOP HQ

Hog Day Outreach

Fri, Sep 18, 6-10pm
Sat, Sep 19, 10am-6pm
River Park, 144 E Margaret Ln,
Hillsborough

Executive Committee Meeting

Sat, Sep 26, 10am-12pm
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@orangengop.com

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Office Hours
M, W, F 12pm-2pm

	Brad Briner NC State Treasurer Are you a participant in the state healthcare plan? Or maybe you're interested in hearing what safeguards the state has in place for its pension plan? We're honored to welcome North Carolina State Treasurer Brad Briner as our speaker this month. Come hear what's happening in the State Treasurer's office and learn about the fiscal health of our state. Bring a friend! WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting WHEN: Thursday, September 10, 7:00pm WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough
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Chairman's Corner

War Weary?

I was watching Fox News recently and Lawrence Jones commented that as he is traveling and listening to people around the country a common theme is they are ready for the war in Iran to end.

When the war began and President Trump said that it would be over in 3 months, I had my doubts. We are not only fighting a nation but an ideology. An ideology that hates us, Israel and the freedoms we enjoy. I have no doubt that if Iran gets a nuclear weapon, they would use it. Yes, gas prices are high because of the war and the opening and closing of the Strait of Hormuz. I also am ready for the war to be over and gas prices to come down. However, if Iran obtains a nuclear weapon, you can believe they would immediately close the Strait and nuclear capability would greatly reduce our ability to use the threat of force to reopen the Strait. We would also be under the constant threat of when Iran may decide to use that weapon against us or Israel.

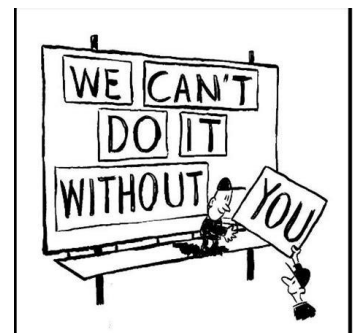
History has shown that they are more than willing to use terror to advance their ideology. President Trump is the only President who has been willing to deal directly with this terrorist regime. Paying a little more for gas is worth the price for safety and security in our future.

Standing for Freedom!

Larry C. Smith
Chairman
Orange County Republican Party

REMINDER:

Please help us by signing up for one of the volunteer opportunities outlined in this month's newsletter. Thank you!



Every Dollar Gets Out the Vote - NEW: Matching Challenge Offered!

The election is eight weeks away, and the Patriot Club campaign is entering its final stretch. Every dollar you give funds something specific in our Get Out The Vote plan.

Your gift pays for the GOTV mailers headed to Republican and Unaffiliated voters this fall, the text reminders that go out before early voting and on Election Day, and the door-knocking that reaches our highest-priority precincts in October.

And now we're excited to announce a **special matching challenge** that will double the impact of new gifts for a limited time — a generous donor has agreed to match new gifts dollar-for-dollar **up to \$1000!**

If you've been meaning to give, now is the time. Visit the payment link at orange.nc.gop/patriot_club, mail a check, or scan the QR code. Or catch us at one of our September events listed in this newsletter.

Every dollar gets out the vote. Join the Patriot Club today and help us finish strong.



Volunteers Needed to Protect the Vote!

Poll Greeters

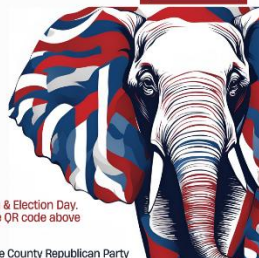
Serve outside the polls to promote Republican candidates

Poll Observers

Serve inside the polls to ensure election integrity (training provided)

Shifts available for early voting & Election Day.
Visit orange.nc.gop or scan the QR code above for more info or to sign up!

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8 Weeks Out: Volunteers Still Needed in Every Role

Eight weeks out from Election Day, and every volunteer role still needs filling before October arrives:

- **Canvassers:** grab a walk-list or join in with one of our door-knocking teams on a scheduled GOTV day (check website for dates)
- **Phone bankers:** calling has begun on the free Pulsar platform (training still available)
- **Poll greeters & poll observers:** sign up now at orange.nc.gop/election_volunteer_signup for early voting and Election Day shifts

- **Office volunteers:** help with National Voter Registration Day (Sept. 15) prep and other ongoing tasks
- **Outreach events:** help staff outreach events where we work to educate the public on our candidates and the upcoming election

Sign up at any of our September events, on our website, or email us at info@orangencgop.com. You can catch us at the Mebane Farmers Market on **Sep. 5**, our Politics at the Park meet-up on **Sep. 12**, Hog Day on **Sep. 18-19**, or our monthly meeting on **Sep. 10** to sign up in person.

Last Call for Election Officials!

You can apply to be a county election official. Workers are needed inside the polls for the 17-day Early Voting period and on Election Day to check in voters, administer ballots, etc.

Election officials are trained and compensated for their time by the county. On Election Day, polls open at 6:30am and close at 7:30pm; workers arrive by 6am and leave once all closing duties are complete.

During Early Voting, shifts are divided between morning (7:45 am - 12:45 pm) and afternoon (12:45 pm - 7:45 pm). The Board of Elections is looking for workers who can commit to shifts on at least 6 or more of the 17 days of Early Voting to ensure staffing consistency.

Time is of the essence! Those interested in working should notify Larry Smith at chair@orangencgop.com as soon as possible but no later than **Wednesday, Sep. 30**, and then immediately fill out the County Election Worker Interest Form and submit to the Board of Elections to get started. The Board of Elections will then contact you about employment paperwork and training.

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Will You Help Us Knock Doors?

Did you know that North Carolina will be the first state in the nation to cast ballots in the 2026 general election? Absentee ballots get mailed out starting September 4, and with overseas and military voters using electronic means to vote, ballots will be submitted back to the Board of Elections as early as that same day.

We are therefore ramping up our door knocking in September. Our goal is to get as many low-propensity voters as possible to the polls, and to encourage every voter to vote the *whole* ballot. Orange County's participation *can* make a difference in close statewide races. Will you help us?

No experience is needed, and we work in teams so no one goes alone. Just join us for a couple of hours at one of our upcoming GOTV days and we'll get you started.

- **Thursday, Sep. 3 at 1:00pm**
- **Thursday, Sep. 17 at 1:00pm**
- **Saturday, Oct. 3 at 9:30am**
- **Saturday, Oct. 10 at 9:30am**



Additional dates and times will be added as we enter the busy election season, so stay tuned or check our website for updates.

Interested but can't make the above dates? Email us at info@orangencgop.com and someone will get in touch with you.



Politics at the Park

Attention: all voters in northwest Orange County! Republicans and Unaffiliated Conservatives are invited to stop by Efland-Cheeks Community Park on **Saturday, September 12**, from 10am -12 noon, to join fellow neighbors in northwest Orange County for some Saturday morning conversation and pastries.

Learn about the Republican party, our plans for the coming election season, and see how you might help to get conservative candidates elected. Bring a friend!

Hog Day Outreach

OCGOP will again participate in this year's Hog Day as part of our outreach efforts to grow the party. The event will be held in Hillsborough on **Friday, Sept.18, from 6-10pm** and **Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10am - 6pm**.

We need volunteers to help us staff the booth and talk to potential voters. If you have two hours to spare, please email us at info@orangencgop.com or sign up at orange.nc.gop/hog_day_2026. Thank you!



Mebane Farmers Market Outreach



This is a new outreach event for OCGOP! The downtown Mebane Farmers Market takes place every Saturday morning from April until November. We will have a booth there from 8:30am-12:00pm on **Saturday, Sep. 5**, and again on **Saturday, Oct. 24**, as we attempt to reach out and connect with conservative community members in our important northwestern precincts ahead of the election.

If you happen to be near downtown Mebane on either of those dates, please stop by!

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Let's Register Some Republicans!

National Voter Registration Day is **Tuesday, September 15**. As in past years, OCGOP plans to have a voter registration booth out in the community that day, most likely in the northern part of the county. We will also use the opportunity to promote our Republican candidates for the November election.

Volunteers are needed to staff the table in two-hour shifts. If interested in helping, please contact our Director of Voter Registration, Camilla Zapolsky, at 919-602-3919. Thank you!

Executive Committee Meeting: GOTV Plan Implementation

Officers and precinct chairs should mark their calendars for our next quarterly Executive Committee meeting on **Saturday, Sep 26, at 10:00am** at OCGOP Headquarters.

This will be a working meeting focused on the implementation of our GOTV plan and securing volunteers for the upcoming election. Precinct chairs should bring their precinct binders to the meeting.

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 **Friday, Sep 18**. A final agenda with more information will be emailed to Executive Committee members as the date nears.

Please RSVP at our website for planning purposes. Thank you!



Candidate Corner

This month, we are spotlighting our slate of judicial candidates in the upcoming election. Republicans currently hold the majority on the NC Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, and we need to keep it that way. Conservative judges matter if we hope to protect our constitutional rights!

The following judicial candidates will be on the ballot in November:

- NC Representative Sarah Stevens, NC Supreme Court
- Judge Craig Collins, Court of Appeals
- Judge George Bell, Court of Appeals
- Judge Michael Byrne, Court of Appeals

Get to know the candidates, and tell others about your choices. We need everyone to *vote the whole ballot* in this election!



Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

The Republican Women of CH-C will host their next monthly luncheon on **Thursday, September 24, at 11:30am** at the Governor's Club. RSVP by midnight on Sunday, September 20.

Speaker(s) for the September meeting have not yet been announced. Check their Facebook page for updates.

Triangle Republican Women (TRW)

The next monthly meeting of TRW will be on **Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30pm** at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. RSVP by Monday, August 10, to trianglerеспублиcanwomen@gmail.com. Come early if you plan to eat so you can order.

Their guest speaker will be Derek Bowens, Director of Elections for Durham County.

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