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Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

GOTV Door Knocking/Phone Banking w/Turning Point
Thurs, Oct 3, 9:30am-1:30pm
OCGOP HQ

OCGOP Monthly Meeting
Thurs, Oct 8, at 7pm
OCGOP HQ

GOTV Door Knocking/Phone Banking
Thurs, Oct 10, 9:30am-1:30pm

Triangle Republican Women
Wed, Oct 14, 6:30pm
Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham

Veterans Outreach Meeting
Sat, Oct 17, 10am-12pm
OCGOP HQ

RWCH-Chatham
Thurs, Oct 22, 11:30am
Governors Club,
11000 Governors Dr, Chapel Hill

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

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125 Boone Square Street #9
Hillsborough, NC 27278
(919) 245-1777

Office Hours
M-F 12pm-2pm
TH 5-7pm during Early Voting



Sandy Moyer
Chairwoman, Republican National Hispanic Assembly of NC

We are happy to welcome Sandy Moyer, Chairwoman of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of North Carolina (RNHA-NC) and the Southeast Regional Director for the national organization, as our guest speaker this month. Sandy will share an update on the work of her organization and her perspective on the upcoming midterm elections.

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, October 8, 7:00pm

WHERE: OCGOP HQ, 125 Boone Square St, Hillsborough

Chairman's Corner

As the election approaches, it is important that we are prepared not just to tell voters how crazy the Democrats are, as well as their policies, but what has been accomplished by the Republican administration. Here are just a few highlights:

- A secure border
- Investigating and making arrests in health care fraud
- No tax on tips or overtime; enhanced deductions/relief for 88% of seniors receiving Social Security; expanded and made permanent Child Tax Credit elements
- Lowest prescription drug prices since 1963
- Lowest poverty rate in US history
- Reduced Federal employment by ~12.7% since Sept. 2024
- Permanently extended major portions of the 2017 Tax Cuts

There are many more and the reality is, if we do not keep the congress and senate, you can bet much of it will be reversed or any further conservative legislation halted.

There is already much work being done locally. Hundreds of doors have been knocked and calls made. Soon mailers will go out to all Republicans in Orange County and to unaffiliateds leaning right. You will find a sign-up link on the website to volunteer at the polling places. Please sign up and help!

It is up to us to see that common sense legislation continues and we do not go back to open borders and high taxes.

Standing for Freedom!

Larry C. Smith
Chairman
Orange County Republican Party



Day of Action: Saturday, Oct 3

Turnout is critical in this election, and every vote matters! That's why we're partnering with Turning Point Action and the UNC College Republicans for a Day of Action this **Saturday, October 3**.

We will meet at the OCGOP office at 9:30 AM for a Chick-fil-A breakfast sponsored by Turning Point. Then we'll partner in groups and head out for some door knocking to turn out voters. Those who prefer to phone bank can stay behind and make calls from our office.

Ready to help? Sign up now at <https://www.tpaction.com/tarheel> or on our website.

Can't make it this Saturday? No problem! Join us on Saturday, October 10, instead for our final canvassing event of the season.

This Is It: Every Role Needed in the Final Stretch

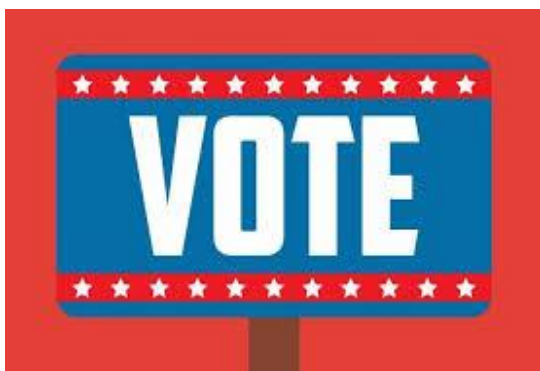
This is it, the final stretch, and every volunteer role is needed now:

- **Poll greeters:** We need coverage at all early voting sites and on Election Day, Nov. 3. The first few and last few days of early voting are especially busy, as are weekends. Can you spare a couple of hours to cover a shift or two?
- **Poll observers:** Observers are also needed to help ensure fair and transparent elections. Training is required, and is offered in-person this Saturday, Oct. 3, at Durham GOP headquarters. More information and sign-ups may be found on our website. The \$15 cost for OCGOP attendees will be reimbursed upon request after completion of the training. Online training is also available in mid-October.
- **Office volunteers:** Help is needed to staff the office through election season to answer voter questions, provide sample ballots, and more. Please reply to this email if you are available to work a weekday or Saturday shift.

Every role matters and gets us closer to electing conservatives in this election.

Sign up at our October monthly meeting, on our website, or by replying to this email.

Are You Ready to Vote?



Early Voting begins in just two weeks and will run for 17 days. Republicans must win in November to ensure our conservative judges get elected and all three ballot initiatives pass. We need every eligible voter to make that happen!

With that in mind, our goal this year is to improve turnout of registered Republicans and Unaffiliated conservatives. If you can vote early, we encourage that in the event something unforeseen happens on Election Day.

But regardless of how you choose to vote, make your plan now to either Vote Early In-Person, Vote Absentee By Mail, or Vote on Election Day, but **VOTE!**

Volunteers Needed

to Protect the Vote!



Poll Greeters

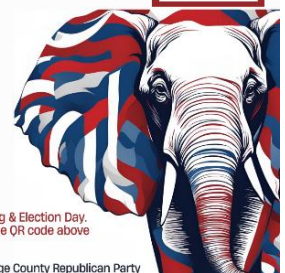
Serve outside the polls to promote Republican candidates

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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Key Dates	
Nov. 3, 2026 General Election	
Oct. 9, 5:00pm	Voter Registration Deadline
Oct. 15, 8:00am	Early Voting Begins (6 locations)
Oct. 20, 5:00pm	Absentee Request Deadline
Oct. 31, 3:00pm	Early Voting Ends
Nov. 3, 6:30am-7:30pm	Election Day!
Nov. 3, 7:30pm	Absentee Ballot Return Deadline

Make a Plan to Vote

Start by marking your calendar with these key dates. Then make your voting plan and encourage friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. Vote early, if possible. Remember to take your ID! Look up your sample ballot, candidate info, and ballot measures on our website. Rides to the polls may be arranged by calling the OCGOP Office at 919-245-1777 or emailing us at info@orangencgop.com.

Verify Your Voter Registration

Are you registered? Have you moved since you last voted? Have you changed your name?

You can look up and verify your current voter registration and polling place by using the State Board of Elections' Voter Lookup Tool at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLookup/>.

Take a moment to verify your spouse, child, relative or neighbor's registration, so you'll be ready to vote when the time comes.

If you need to register or update your information, the voter registration form and other instructions may be found on the Orange County Board of Elections website. The voter registration deadline is Friday, Oct 9, at 5:00 PM, so act now. You can also stop by our office M-F from 12-2 PM for assistance. After October 9, voters must use same-day registration during early voting to register or update their information.

One-Stop Early Voting In-Person

Early Voting begins on Thursday, October 15, and runs until Saturday, October 31 at 3:00 PM. This is a quick, efficient way to vote in person at a time and place that's convenient for you.

A citizen of Orange County can register (or update their registration) and vote on the same day across Orange County at any of these six one-stop Early Voting sites. Note that voters must have photo ID along with proof of residency to use same-day registration.

All locations operate with the same hours listed above. Visit the Orange County BOE Early Voting page for more information.

Early Voting	
Available at 6 sites countywide Oct. 15-31	
Sites	
Orange Works: 113 Mayo St, Hillsborough	
Drakeford Library: 203 S Greensboro St, Carrboro	
Chapel Hill Library: 100 Library Dr, Chapel Hill	
Chapel of the Cross: 304 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill	
Seymour Center: 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill	
Efland-Cheeks Comm. Ctr: 117 Richmond Rd, Efland	
Hours	
8 am – 7:30 pm / Weekdays	
8 am – 3 pm / Saturdays	
12 pm – 5 pm / Sundays	

Vote Absentee By Mail

Consider voting Absentee By Mail if there's a chance you might be out-of-town or unsure that you can make it to the polls on Election Day or during the early voting period.

In NC, Absentee By Mail ballots began going out to voters on September 4. You can go to the NC State Board of Elections Absentee Ballot Portal, or go in person to the Orange County Board of Elections Office, to request an Absentee By Mail ballot. You can also print your own Absentee Ballot request form to mail in. Requests are being accepted up until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 20.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Orange County Board of Elections Office no later than Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, at 7:30 PM. Completed, witnessed Absentee ballot envelopes may be returned to a one-stop Early Voting site rather than the Board of Elections Office during the hours of early voting; however, on Election Day Absentee ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections Office and may not be returned at a polling place.

Note that ONLY the voter or a near relative may request or return an Absentee ballot on behalf of a voter.

Visit the Orange County Board of Elections website for more information on Absentee By Mail voting.

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If you decide to vote Absentee, the BallotTrax system tracks the status of your Absentee By Mail ballot and can send a series of proactive alerts notifying you where your ballot is in the election process, from printed to accepted!

To track your ballot, visit the NC Ballottrax website at <https://northcarolina.ballottrax.net/voter/>.

Vote on Election Day

Citizens of Orange County who are registered by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 9, can go to their local precinct and vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. If you vote on Election Day, you **MUST** vote in your assigned precinct, otherwise you will be required to vote a provisional ballot and races outside of your jurisdiction of residence will not be available on your ballot.

Did you know there are 40 precincts in Orange County? If you plan to vote on Election Day, make sure you know what precinct you live in and where your designated polling place is in advance. Use the Voter Lookup Tool to find your precinct name; then visit the Orange County BOE website to find the corresponding polling place for that precinct.

Vote The Whole Ballot

Don't stop at the top of the ticket! Our local and judicial candidates need your vote, too!

Be a responsible voter, do your research, know your candidates, and tell others about your choices. US Senate candidate Michael Whatley says, "Having a 5-minute conversation with someone about your candidate makes them 5 times more likely to vote for your candidate."

Did you know that there are three Constitutional Amendments on the ballot this year? Read them in advance so you'll be prepared. The Orange County Republican Party recommends voting FOR all three amendments.

You can find our Orange County sample ballot on our website. Print a copy and take it with you to the polls for easy reference. Then share it with a friend!

Help Other Conservatives to Vote!

Now that you have a plan to vote, check in with friends and neighbors and encourage them to vote! Offer to drive a reluctant neighbor or elderly relative who may need assistance getting to the polls. Remember, our goal is to increase turnout, give our local candidates a boost, and make Orange County a factor in statewide contests.

Candidate Corner

As we head into the final stretch, we want to highlight our candidates for local office. These candidates have given of their time and treasure to represent you, the conservatives of Orange County. We thank them for stepping up and ask you to support them when you head to the polls later this month. If we want to see change in Orange County, we need different representation at the local level. We can do that by voting for a different kind of politician...a Republican!

The following Republican candidates are running at the local level:

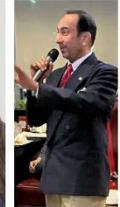
- Lou Capitanio, County Commissioner District 2
- Jeff Hoagland, County Commissioner At-Large
- Laura Pichardo, State Senate District 23
- Mahesh (Max) Ganorkar, US House of Representatives, 4th District

Visit our website to get to know the candidates, and tell others about your choices. We need everyone to *vote the whole ballot* in this election, so remember to take your sample ballot with you when you head to the polls.

Meet Our 2026 General Election

CANDIDATES

FOR ORANGE COUNTY

			
Lou Capitanio County Commissioner District 2	Jeff Hoagland County Commissioner At-Large	Laura Pichardo State Senate District 23	Max Ganorkar US House of Representatives NC-04

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Last Call for Patriot Club



One last reminder: the Patriot Club is still open through Election Day. If you've been meaning to give, there's still time to fund the final push — Election Day text reminders, last-minute canvassing, and Election Day itself.

So 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.

Whatever you can give before Tuesday, November 3, helps get the last voters to the polls. Thank you, Patriots — and most importantly, thank you for voting.



Attention, Veterans!

The next Veterans Outreach meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, 17 October, from 10 AM to 12 PM** at the OCGOP office. All Veterans are welcome to attend. A number of Veterans' issues affecting NC Veterans will be discussed. For further information or to submit inputs for the meeting agenda, please contact Ken Ward at 301-904-8453 or email herkybird72@gmail.com. You may RSVP under the Events tab of our website.

Mebane Farmers Market Outreach



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

If you happen to be near downtown Mebane that weekend, please stop by!

Republican Women of Chapel Hill-Chatham

The Republican Women of CH-C will host their next monthly luncheon on **Thursday, October 22, at 11:30am** at the Governor's Club. RSVP by midnight on Sunday, October 18.

Their speaker will be NC State Treasurer Brad Briner. Check their Facebook page for updates.

Triangle Republican Women (TRW)

The next monthly meeting of TRW will be on **Wednesday, October 14, at 6:30pm** at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, 3742 Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. RSVP by Monday, October 12, to trianglerеспублиcanwomen@gmail.com. Come early if you plan to eat so you can order.

Their guest will be "Ben Franklin", as portrayed by Mark Pace.

Raleigh Economics Club Meets October 21

You are invited to the next meeting of the Raleigh Economics Club on **Wednesday, October 21, from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**. The Club will meet for a buffet lunch at Cantina 18, located at 433 Daniels St, Raleigh, NC 27605. Registration is \$25 and covers lunch.

Their guest speaker will be Dr. Carolyn Bourdeaux presenting *Chart Talk: Solving the Federal Debt Crisis*. Dr. Bourdeaux is the Executive Director of the Concord Coalition and Concord Coalition Action Fund, where she is building a grassroots movement to advocate for fiscal responsibility, including working to balance the federal budget and cut the \$40 trillion national debt.

All are welcome. Anyone interested in carpooling from Orange County should contact OCGOP member George Abell via email at roegeorge@earthlink.net.

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