



# ORANGE GOP

Orange County Conservative News

## Save the Dates

### OC GOP Monthly Meeting

June 11 (Zoom meeting)

### NC GOP Convention

July 9-12, Greenville

### Ice Cream Social

July 19 OC GOP Headquarters

### OC GOP Monthly Meeting

Aug 13, OC GOP Headquarters

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rally

Aug 15, Old Hillsborough Courthouse

### RNC Convention

August 24-27, Charlotte

## 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.

### We need your help!

Please consider ways you can assist: organizing events, making phone calls, writing articles, working at the polls, attending county commission meetings, and more! To volunteer, visit

[orange.nc.gop/volunteer](https://orange.nc.gop/volunteer).

To join our email list, visit our website <https://orange.nc.gop> and sign up!

Questions? Email us at [Chairmanocncgop@centurylink.net](mailto:Chairmanocncgop@centurylink.net)

## Welcome!

Welcome to the Orange County GOP Newsletter. We hope you enjoy our publication! If you have any thoughts on how to make it more relevant to you, please let us know, and share this with your friends and neighbors!

## Stay Informed!

Join our upcoming virtual monthly meeting on **Thursday, June 11 at 7PM**. Jay DeLancy, founder of the Voter Integrity Project, will talk with us about his group's efforts fighting for greater transparency in the election process. Join via Zoom at this [link](#) with Meeting ID: 786 7519 6459 and Password: 5VuLff.

## Lawlessness: America in Crisis

As a Conservative citizen and decorated combat Veteran, I am saddened as I watch the mayhem taking place this past week on nationwide TV. Protestors and demonstrations in our cities create unrest by vandalizing, looting, and beating up innocent people along their path. People involved and arrested for destroying and stealing should be tried under the rules of law in courts of justice. These demonstrations are taking place globally and reveal to us **what anarchy looks like**.

The death of George Floyd, a Black American, by a Minneapolis policeman is a senseless and tragic criminal act. He should be tried for murder. The three policemen who stood by and watched should be charged and tried as well.

**President Trump must LEAD from the front and center** with a firm hand that sets the tone for our country in a tempered and common sense message that unifies the American people and acknowledges the concerns of the Black community.

President Trump has the opportunity now to lead America forward in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic which has helped create a perfect storm.

Pray for our leadership and country.

- *Waddy Davis, Colonel (Ret.) USArmy Special Forces*
- *Chairman, Orange County Republican Party*

## NC Election Integrity Task Force Announced

**The fight to maintain the integrity of our elections is underway!** North Carolina is a key battleground state this year; Democrats have filed suit challenging our election laws and opportunists are pushing for radical reforms in the state legislature. In response, the Orange County GOP has formed the North Carolina Election Integrity Task Force to help ensure accountability, transparency, and integrity in the way our State Board conducts elections and ensures public trust. Our mission is to provide critical information, advocacy, and resources to support the policymakers, elected leaders, and voters of our state.

If you would like to become informed and involved in our work, please email us at [ElectionIntegrityTaskForce@gmail.com](mailto:ElectionIntegrityTaskForce@gmail.com). You will be placed on our contact list to receive email notifications for our future newsletter, policy action alerts, upcoming meetings and rallies, workshops, and opportunities to meet your elected leaders.

## Orange County Budget Alert!

**Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Update** Involvement in BOCC meetings is important as key issues and decisions impacting all of us are being made with little Conservative input. As taxpayers and citizens of Orange County we will benefit by attending meetings of interest that arise on the BOCC calendar. The 7 member BOCC meets at 7PM on the first Tuesday of the month in Hillsborough and the third Tuesday in Chapel Hill. Click [here](#) for the complete meeting calendar.

Below is a short summary by Riley Ruske, who regularly attends BOCC meetings. We need more support to exercise our viewpoint at these meetings. Please join us!

### OC Board of County Commissioners Actions for the 2020 - 2021 County Budget

Orange County has the highest property and sales taxes in the state of North Carolina. County management and the Board are currently working on the 500 page 2020 - 2021 budget. There are many issues of excessive spending in this budget. This is not an austerity budget; spending increases from the current \$272.4 million dollars to \$273.6 million dollars. This appears to be a small increase of \$1.2 million dollars, but the spending increase over the two year 2019 - 2021 period is \$15 million dollars and would have been even more if not for the Wuhan virus crisis.

County Government cancelled the planned property tax and solid waste fee increases. However, the management is warning of a probable increase in the property tax rate of 5.26 cents over the next two years!!! The problem is not a revenue problem. Revenues are expected to increase about \$4 million dollars: \$2.5 from property tax and \$1.5 from sales tax. *The problem is a spending and borrowing problem:* Orange County government simply considers the taxpayers an endless well of money for them to spend.

The public hearing on the county budget will be a virtual meeting on **Thursday, June 4 at 7PM**. For more information about how to stream live or have your voice heard, visit this [link](#).



**Orange County Needs You!** Orange County may have a short supply of Republican Election Judges for the November election. Please consider serving your county (and your country) by agreeing to be nominated for this important task. You'll be paid for your time, and training will be provided if you are selected. If you are interested or have questions, please call Bob Randall at 919.732.4389 or 919.638.5418 or you may call the Orange County Board of Elections at 919.245.2350.

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