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Save the Dates

NCGOP Convention

June 3-6
Greenville, NC

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

June 10, 7 PM
OCGOP HQ w/Zoom option:
Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650
Passcode: 184078

Informed Conservatives Book Club

June 19, 10 AM – 12 Noon
OCGOP Headquarters

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

July 8, 7 PM
OCGOP HQ w/Zoom option

Informed Conservatives

July 17, 10 AM – 12 Noon
Durham GOP Headquarters

Precinct Chair Training

Jul 22, 7 PM or Jul 24, 10 AM
OCGOP Headquarters

Office Hours

M, W 10AM–4PM, F 10-2
Closed T, TH, Sat, Sun

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 <https://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:

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Please join us for our regular Monthly Meeting to hear Catherine Truitt, Superintendent of Public Instruction, discuss critical race theory and other education matters.

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, June 10, 7 PM

WHERE: OCGOP Headquarters w/Virtual Option

See the Events page of our website to RSVP!

Chair's Corner

Memorial Day is the traditional beginning of summer. Are you ready for the annual task of hanging your American flag to fly on Memorial Day and the rest of summer? As we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the country they died for, let's consider a few numbers.

624 – The number of acres encompassed by Arlington National Cemetery, one of 155 National Cemeteries maintained by the Veterans Administration, not including the Memorials like Pearl Harbor.

21 – The steps taken from one side to the other, as they stand guard, by a member of the 3rd Infantry, the Sentinels of The Old Guard detail that walk every day watching the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery through rain, snow, heat, and hurricanes, in honor of those who never came home to their families. As we celebrate 2021, we connect what 21 means at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Twenty-one symbolizes the highest military honor: the 21-gun salute. During the changing of the guard, a Tomb Sentinel marches 21 steps down a black mat, turns east for 21 seconds, then north for 21 seconds and repeats.

172.5 – The acres of land in France that were given to the United States after World War II in recognition of those Americans who died on the beaches of Normandy and subsequent fighting to liberate Europe. It's called Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, so that our dead rest on American soil, across the ocean.

307 – Members of the US Military, mostly Marines, who were killed in the 1983 Beirut Barracks bombings.

6,800 – The number of soldiers who died in the original fight for freedom and our independence, against King George III and England, from 1775 to 1783 in 165 engagements.

1,584 – Members reported unaccounted for or missing in action by the US Department of Defense for actions resulting from service in Southeast Asia from 1967 to 1975 with the fall of Saigon. The POW/MIA flag honors the roughly 82,000 service members listed as prisoners of war, missing in action or unaccounted for in America's past wars. It was first flown above the White House in 1982, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

+2,000,000 - Purple Hearts awarded or would have been awarded since WWI, for all members of the Armed Forces of the United States, wounded or killed in service of our country. The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to those members or their families. The Purple Heart was revived on the 200th Anniversary of George Washington's birth, out of respect to his memory and military achievements, by War Department General Order No. 3, dated February 22, 1932.

Americans gave, and continue to shed, their blood for your and your family's

freedoms. Please take time this Memorial Day to remember that sacrifice.

- Rev. John B. Gaither, Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

OC BOCC Update

Now is the time for residents of Orange County to have their say on how their tax dollars are spent.

Each May, the County Manager presents a Recommended Budget for the next fiscal year to the **Board of County Commissioners** (BOCC). The BOCC then holds multiple work sessions and public hearings while considering the budget and proposed amendments to it. The final Public Hearing on the proposed budget and amendments is scheduled for June 3. The BOCC is then expected to approve the final budget at its subsequent Business Meeting on June 15.

As Riley reported last month, the overall tone of the budget is more spending, borrowing, and taxing. Highlights:

Annual Operating Budget: The County Manager's FY 2021-22 Recommended Operating Budget is a whopping 544 pages long! The \$279.2m budget represents an aggregate 1.83% increase over last year, despite a mandatory 5% budget cut to most departments' non-personnel expenditures (public health and safety departments are supposedly exempt).

Of note, the Recommended Budget **increases the revenue-neutral property tax rate by three (3) cents** to 81.87 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Capital Investment Plan: Recommended capital investments for the next fiscal year total \$54.1m, which represents an increase of \$20.2m over the 2020-21 fiscal year!

Proposed Budget Amendments: Finally, a review of the proposed Operating Budget Amendments shows that Commissioner Dorosin has proposed Amendment OP-002 requiring the Sheriff's Department to cut its operating expenditures by 5% (over \$109k) for next year, despite the original exemption given to departments related to public health and safety. Is this Orange County's attempt to begin to #DefundThePolice?

If you are concerned about fiscal issues in the county, this is your last chance to provide input before the Commissioners vote to adopt the budget! Visit the News tab of our website for the entire report on BOCC activities.

Calling All Grassroots Activists by Waddy Davis

You can help make a difference! Step up and make a stronger Orange County Republican Party by helping our precincts get more conservatives voting and electing Republican candidates. NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul Newby won a close race in 2020, winning his election by an average of only 4 votes per county (401 total votes).

Precinct team leaders are needed to help serve in: Carrboro, Dogwood Acres, East Franklin, Estes Hills, Glenwood, Hogan Farms, Kings Mill, Lions Club, Northside, OWASA, Tolars, Town Hall, UNC, Weaver Dairy Sat & Westwood.

We have an opportunity to win 6 Justice seats in the 2022 elections (2 Supreme Court & 4 Court of Appeals) and retain retiring Senator Richard Burr's US Senate seat.

Sign up on our website, or contact Waddy Davis at 919-259-8837 or waddydavisstaystrong@gmail.com.

Tech-Savvy Volunteers Needed!

Are you comfortable with technology? Do you enjoy posting to social media? Do you have experience publishing websites or writing news stories? Then the OCGOP Media Committee would love to harness those skills to help us spread the conservative message in Orange County!

If you are interested in helping, please contact Justice Payton at justicepayton@gmail.com for more information.

Promoting Conservative Values Through Action Teams by Waddy Davis

Don't like how government is being run? Not happy with how your tax dollars are being spent? Take action!

What is an **Action Team**? Action Teams consist of small groups of people who will research, monitor, and inform the wider conservative community of meetings, legislation, and/or decisions that need our point of view to be known! We hope to drive our messages through the various organizations where we can influence policies and be heard!

The OCGOP currently has four Action Teams working on the following issues: 2nd Amendment/Gun Rights, Education, Election Integrity, and Immigration.

Join us! If we take action, we can make a difference at the grassroots level and promote Orange County conservatives' principles at the county, state, and national level.

Take action and sign up now! Contact Waddy Davis at waddydavisstaystrong@gmail.com to get involved.

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