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# The OC *update*

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## Message from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Welcome to “The OC Update,” Orange County’s e-newsletter publication, intended to provide citizens a direct link to news, information, and resources in Orange County. Those interested in receiving the newsletter are encouraged to sign-up for the electronic distribution via the “Notify Me” portal on the County’s website: [www.orangecountyva.gov](http://www.orangecountyva.gov).

The Board of Supervisors has continued its work on development of the Broadband Authority, including selecting a vendor to provide professional broadband consulting services. The Board’s overall priority remains to provide affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband internet service throughout the County. For more information, agendas and supporting documentation for the Broadband Authority are available at [www.orangecountyva.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.orangecountyva.gov/AgendaCenter).

The Germanna-Wilderness Area

Plan (GWAP) Steering Committee has continued to make progress on its Work Program. Work progresses on water and wastewater infrastructure, land use policies, zoning districts, and transportation planning. Monitor the Steering Committee website and agendas for additional information. Also, the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission are scheduled to receive a presentation of the Historic and Cultural Assets Inventory Matrix in the coming months.

As we approach the end of 2016, the General Assembly will begin gearing up for its 2017 Session. In preparation, the Board of Supervisors has begun the process of reviewing and revising its Legislative Priorities. This year’s priorities statement includes the addition of language related to wireless communications infrastructure and opposition to its proposed limits on local governing bodies. The Board and staff will continue to monitor proposed

legislation that may be of benefit or detriment to the County.

Your Board of Supervisors wants Orange County to be responsive to the needs of its citizens. Although there are Federal and State regulations that often limit what we can do, there are areas where local government can make changes to improve service. Your input helps us make those improvements and I encourage you to provide your input through the website, at Board of Supervisors’ meetings, or directly to your district supervisor.

There is lots of exciting news and information in this quarter’s newsletter. We hope you enjoy this edition of “The OC Update.”



*Lee H. Frame*

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Chairman  
Board of Supervisors



## A Reminder from the Commissioner of the Revenue: Land Use Deadline

The Orange County Commissioner of the Revenue's Office is currently accepting Land Use Applications for Tax Year 2016. *The deadline to apply is November 2, 2016.* The late filing period is November 3, 2016, through December 31, 2016; however, late filing fees will apply.

Personal property forms for vehicles will no longer be mailed out. All other items of personal property will receive a filing form.

Contact the Commissioner's Office at (540) 672-4441 with questions or to request forms.



**Don't Forget:**

**Find our Board of  
Supervisors' Meetings on  
YouTube and follow our  
channel:**

**"Orange County, Virginia"**



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Ride September 17, 2016



On September 17, 2016, Orange County Parks & Recreation hosted its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Ride. This year, the ride attracted 37 horse and rider pairs. Participants enjoyed a trail ride incorporating property on James Madison's Montpelier and even got to ride up to the mansion on the front ellipse. We were excited to host riders from as far away as Axton, Virginia! It really speaks volumes to the quality of the ride when individuals are willing to travel over 160 miles to participate. We were also grateful to have members of the 1<sup>st</sup> VA Dragoons join the ride in historical attire. They led the ride around the ellipse escorting the flag.

We appreciate the support of Oakland Heights Farm, who provided staff and served as the trail masters for the ride, as well as James Madison's Montpelier for allowing the ride to take place on the property. We also received support from the Virginia Horse Industry Board and the Virginia Horse Council.

We are happy to announce that our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Event is tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2017.



# FREE Business Advice and Counseling

Brought to you by the Central  
Virginia Small Business  
Development Center



Phone: (434) 295-8198  
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### Counseling Session Location:

County Government Offices  
The Gordon Building  
Basement Conference Room  
112 West Main Street  
Orange, VA 22960

## Orange Counseling Dates

### 2016

November 16  
December 6

### 2017

January 18  
February 23  
March 21  
April 18  
May 25  
June 21

Counseling sessions are **By Appointment Only** and are available in Orange on the dates above from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the SBDC at (434) 295-8198 to reserve your spot.

## Helping you make your business successful!

Central Virginia Small Business Development Center's mission is to enhance the economic vitality of the Central Virginia region through effective client-oriented counseling, business information, and training.

Experienced SBDC business advisors assist owners of established firms and/or aspiring entrepreneurs with advice to guide their business toward sound decisions, achievable goals, and long-term success.

Meet with Betty Hoge, Director of the Central Virginia Small Business Development Center, for a **FREE** and confidential business counseling and advice session right here in the Town of Orange!



## A Reminder from the Treasurer

### 2016 REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are due Tuesday, December 6, 2016. The Treasurer's Office is open 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Online payment services are available through the Orange County website at [www.orangecountyva.gov](http://www.orangecountyva.gov), by clicking on "Online Payments" from the home screen. Payments can also be mailed in to Orange County Treasurer, P.O. Box 469, Orange, VA 22960. Taxpayers who have questions about their bill(s) should call the Treasurer's Office at (540) 672-2656.

### 2017 COUNTY DOG TAGS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 1, 2016

All dogs four (4) months or older, with a current rabies vaccination, are required to have a valid Orange County dog tag. If your dog's current tag expires January 31, 2016, one (1) year, two (2) year, and three (3) year tags are available, as well as kennel tags. Tags are sold through the Treasurer's Office. Current prices are posted on the Orange County website at [www.orangecountyva.gov](http://www.orangecountyva.gov).

# Balanced Living with Diabetes Series

A lifestyle intervention program for people with diabetes or pre-diabetes

November 14, 21, 28, &  
December 5

at

6-8 pm

**GORDONSVILLE FIRE DEPT**

301 East Baker Street  
Gordonsville, VA 22942



## French Milled Soap Making with Ash & Oil's Valerie Wright

**T**he Orange County Public Libraries, in partnership with the Arts Center in Orange Outreach Division, will be hosting a French Milled soap making class instructed by Valerie Wright from Ash & Oil.

Their products are made with herb-infused quality oils as well as goat's milk. Students will receive a brief history of soap making, the process of soap made with lye, how to infuse herbs, the difference between fragrance oils and essential oils, and how to create a bar of soap using the French milled process. Each person will have the opportunity to formulate and customize two (2) one-ounce bars to take home with them.

This class will require advance registration, which can be done in person or by phone. Each session is limited to 20 participants, ages 10 and older. All supplies are provided and there is no cost to participants.

For additional information, please call or stop by the Library where you would like to participate.

### Main Library

Friday, November 4, 2016  
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(540) 672-3811

### Wilderness Branch

Thursday, November 10, 2016  
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(540) 854-5310

### Gordonsville Branch

Saturday, December 10, 2016,  
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
(540)832-0712

## Are You . . .

- DIABETIC?
- PRE-DIABETIC?
- INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO PREVENT AND CONTROL DIABETES?

For more information or to register, please contact the Extension Office at (540) 672-1361.



## 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

The November General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Sample ballots can be found at:

<http://orangecountyva.gov/index.aspx?NID=663>

Please note that all voters need to be prepared to show a Photo ID when voting. Valid Photo IDs consist of:

- Valid Virginia Driver's License
- Valid DMV-issued photo identification card
- Valid United States Passport
- Valid Employee photo identification card
- Other government issued photo identification card
- Valid college or university student photo identification card (issuer must be an institution of higher education located in Virginia)

If you are unsure that your Photo ID qualifies, please contact the Office of Voter Registration and Elections at (540) 672-5262. Our office can issue you a free Photo ID for voting purposes.



The Arts Center in Orange



# Stone Soup

## Job Skills Training Program

November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 12, 19

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Town of Orange Public Works Community Room

235 Warren Street, Orange, VA 22960



**No cost to participate. Open to Orange residents, 18 years+**

**What it is...** The Stone Soup Program helps those with limited incomes improve their quality of life by participating in food service workforce training. Skills taught include food preparation, food safety, nutrition, managing food budgets, and customer service. Participants will receive a ServSafe Food Handler certificate from the National Restaurant Association after completing the program.

**What is expected...** Participants are expected to attend each session to receive hands-on training in food safety, culinary skills, and customer service. Participants will receive cooking equipment to practice their new skills at home.

**The goal...** The goal of Stone Soup is to increase or improve participants' job skills for employment in the food service industry. Participants may also adapt the skills for use in their own home.

**To register, please contact the Extension Office at (540) 672-1361.**

### Message From Planning & Zoning Director, Josh Frederick: Common Planning & Zoning Terminology

**As you navigate the local permitting process for a new garage, for example, or as you're reading about a new development that might be constructed near you, there are several development-related terms that you might see. Below are some of the more commonly-used planning-related terms:**

**Right-of-Way** – This is typically used to describe the strip of land in which a public road is constructed and maintained. Many secondary roads in the County (e.g. Route 600 or Route 638) are within rights-of-way that are 50' wide. This means that if you were to take 25' (approx.) from the center of the road on either side, that would be the extent of the right-of-way. This strip of land is technically owned by the County, but is "given" to VDOT in order to maintain the roads. If you own property on a road like this, your property starts where the right-of-way ends. Utility poles and boxes are usually a good indicator of the edge of the road right-of-way, but only a survey can determine this conclusively.

**Setback** – This is the required minimum distance which all buildings and structures must be "set back" from the right-of-way and any road easement, as well as from the other property lines.

**Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)** – In Orange County, VDOT maintains all state roads and the rights-of-way in which they are constructed. This includes ditch mowing, snow removal, pothole repair, repaving, etc. They also approve new driveways onto state roads, changes to existing driveways, and approve all new development that might have an impact on the roads (i.e. commercial development).

**By-Right** – In a given zoning district (General Residential (R-2), for example), there are permitted uses and special uses. Permitted uses, such as a house or duplex, are allowed "by-right." This means that approval is given administratively and only a zoning permit is needed in order to establish the use (i.e. begin construction). Special uses may have negative impacts to the area or to surrounding properties, so these are permitted by the Board of Supervisors only after public hearings and Planning Commission review.

**Land Disturbance** – The exposing of dirt/soil in these examples is referred to as land disturbance. It is calculated in total square feet, or in acres, for larger projects. Land disturbance leads to erosion, if not handled correctly, which is why it is permitted and regulated by the County (and State).

**Responsible Land Disturber (RLD)** – This is a certification provided by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) which means you possess fundamental knowledge about controlling and preventing erosion during a construction project, as well as why it is necessary to prevent erosion, which leads to degradation of the environment. Any project involving land disturbance that is permitted by the County must have somebody on-site registered as a RLD.



## Take These Simple Steps Today to be More Cyber Secure Tomorrow

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month and Orange County is joining with the Department of Homeland Security's Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign and its partners across the country to highlight the importance of cyber security and online safety.

You don't have to be an IT professional to understand the basics of cyber security. At Orange County, we believe cyber security is a shared responsibility everyone has a role to play.

Orange County encourages everyone to take 15 minutes of their day to complete the following three (3) cyber security steps:

1. **Change Your Password.** Choose your three (3) most sensitive accounts - accounts that you would not want ANYONE to access, like your bank account or email - and change your passwords. Make your passwords long, with a mixture of letters, numbers, and symbols.
2. **Update Your Software and Operating Systems.** Don't let cyber criminals take advantage of known vulnerabilities in your devices. Updating your programs and computers with the latest software helps.
3. **Secure Your Social Media.** Review the sharing or privacy options on all of your social media platforms and ensure they are set to the strictest level. Only share your profile and what you post with people you know in real life.

As a partner in the Department of Homeland Security's Cyber Security Awareness Campaign, Orange County is committed to promoting the online safety message. Cyber Security is a shared responsibility. Learn about day-to-day best practices and what you can do to be more cyber secure at [www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect).

To receive cyber security tips year-round, visit [www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) and become a Friend of the Stop.Think.Connect.™ Campaign.

## Holiday Decorating Safety



- Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of the reach of children.
- Avoid smoking near flammable decorations.
- Make an emergency plan to use if a fire breaks out anywhere in the home. See that each family member knows what to do. **PRACTICE THE PLAN!**
- Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes, particularly long, open sleeves, near open flames, such as those of a fireplace, stove, or candle-lit table.
- Never burn candles near evergreens. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can also be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control and send sparks flying into a room or up the chimney to ignite creosote deposits.
- Plan for safety. Remember, there is no substitute for common sense. Look for and eliminate potential danger spots near candles, fireplaces, trees, and electrical connections.

For more information, please visit the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission website at <https://www.cpsc.gov/>.

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Orange County **Government Offices, Libraries, Landfill, and Collections Sites** will be closed on the following days:

### **Veteran's Day**

Friday, November 11, 2016

### **Thanksgiving - Government Offices & Libraries**

Wednesday, November 23, 2016, close at noon

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Friday, November 25, 2016

### **Thanksgiving - Landfill and Collection Sites**

Thursday, November 24, 2016

### **Christmas - Government Offices & Libraries**

Friday, December 23, 2016

Monday, December 26, 2016

### **Christmas - Landfill and Collection Sites**

Saturday, December 24, 2016, close at noon

Sunday, December 25, 2016

### **New Year's**

Monday, January 2, 2017

### **Lee - Jackson Day**

Friday, January 13, 2017

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Monday, January 16, 2017

# PREPARE YOUR CAR FOR WINTER WEATHER

## CHECKLIST

Keep your car fueled and in good working order. Be sure to check the following:

- \* Antifreeze
- \* Windshield wiper fluid (winter mixture)
- \* Heater
- \* Defroster
- \* Brakes
- \* Brake fluid
- \* Ignition
- \* Emergency flashers
- \* Exhaust
- \* Tires (air pressure and wear)
- \* Fuel
- \* Oil
- \* Battery
- \* Radiator

Prepare for extremely cold weather every winter. There are steps you can take in advance for wintertime safety in your home and in your car.

**You can avoid many dangerous winter travel problems by planning ahead. Have a maintenance service performed on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer recommends. In addition, every fall, do the following:**

- \* Have the radiator system serviced or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester. Add antifreeze as needed.
- \* Replace windshield wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture.
- \* Replace any worn tires, make sure the tires have adequate tread, and check the air pressure in the tires.
- \* During the winter, keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

For more information about preparing your vehicle for winter, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/beforestorm/>.

## IS YOUR VEHICLE WINTER READY?



## Fire & EMS Continues their Commitment to Crew Resource Management and Blue Card Incident Command

Over the past year, the County of Orange Department of Fire and EMS has been working to implement Crew Resource Management tactics in their day-to-day operations. Many things have already been implemented, from standardizing layout of all ambulances to having all the officers obtain their Blue Card Command certifications. All of this is being done to standardize the way they do business and allow for mental check sheets to be processed by personnel during high stress situations. One of the main focuses in building the Crew Resource Management model for COFEMS is standardizing radio traffic and on-scene fire ground operations. To start building a strong foundation, all of the department's officers, once having completed an online training program, were sent to Charleston, South Carolina, to obtain the classroom simulation training, ultimately leading to their certification as Blue Card Incident Commanders. In addition to this training, the department has also put all Driver Operators and most of the field personnel through the online portion of the curriculum.



Currently, the main focus in the initial stages of personnel obtaining Blue Card certification is working to standardize on-scene size-up reports, CAN reports, and reinforcing the notion of "no news is good news" in terms of limiting unnecessary radio traffic. To help with this process, the Department has mounted on-scene report boards in all of the COFEMS apparatus and some of the volunteer departments have similar boards mounted in their fire apparatus. These serve as a reminder to the needed flow of the on-scene report so all personnel and subsequent incident commanders know exactly what is going on and begin picturing the incident prior to their arrival.

Recently, the Department sent three (3) personnel to a regional Blue Card certification class in Charlottesville. COFEMS Chief John Harkness was one (1) of the instructors for this program along with other certified instructors from Blue Card, Orange County, Albemarle County, and the City of Charlottesville. This class allowed personnel to complete their initial certification that started with the online program. In addition to gaining this certification, the personnel was able to work closely with mutual aid partners during the class. This allows people to know each other as well as use the same terminology on incidents in all localities.

As the department continues to grow, more implementation of Crew Resource Management will continue. Pit Crew CPR is currently in the initial training stages and will allow each person on scene of a cardiac arrest to have a specific role on scene of that incident. Other counties around Orange are looking into the Blue Card Command system as well, which will only enhance the ability of these counties to work together seamlessly. A strong foundation is being laid for the future and these are the first steps in the process.

## Helpful Library Tips During the Holiday Season

When we are closed, items may still be returned through our book drops and they can be renewed online at [www.ocplva.org](http://www.ocplva.org). We do back-date our holiday book drops so that items returned before we re-open after a holiday are credited as having been returned on the last open day before the holiday.

Run out of things to read, listen to, or watch? Check out our E-Branch with access to eBooks, audio downloads, and now streaming video, too. New to using online services? Our default PIN is the last 4 digits of the phone number given at registration. All of these resources are free with your library card.

- **Overdrive** has a great collection of holiday fiction for all ages and bestsellers. This is the spot for James Patterson, Lee Child, and David Baldacci for adults; Harry Potter, the Divergent series, the Maze Runner series, and more for teens; Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Rainbow Fairies, Curious George, and Berenstain Bears for kids. Visit <http://brdc.lib.overdrive.com>.
- **Freading** offers over 69,000 titles with no holds or waiting. It is especially strong in non-fiction and hobbies. One collection of note is the Lonely Planet travel guides in portable digital versions. Visit <http://ocplva.freading.com/index>.
- **Zinio** offers about 100 full text magazines for you to download and keep until you are done. They work great on phones or tables. Lots of popular titles, including HGTV, BHG, Country Living, Good Housekeeping, and House Beautiful. Yummy titles like Food Network Magazine, Bon Appetit, Clean Eating, Everyday with Rachel Ray, Vegetarian Times, and Eating Well. Business publications that we do not get in paper copies like Bloomberg, Kiplinger's, and the Economist. Tech titles like Apple, Macworld, PC Magazine, and PC World. Fitness titles like Shape, Runner's World, Yoga Journal, and Men's Fitness. Health titles include Prevention, Men's Health, Dr. Oz, Women's Health, Men's Health, and Spirituality and Health. Mental stimulation with Newsweek, Popular Science, National Geographic, Smithsonian, Mental Floss, and Discover. Of course we have Ok! And Us for celebrity gossip, too.
- **Tumblebooks** are a great resource for youth with books for ages from babies to middle school, interactive read-alongs, music, and videos, many based on classic children's books. Bored family? They can be reading online in just a couple clicks. Visit <http://www.finditva.com/>; select "EBooks"; then click on "Tumblebooks" or "Tumblebooks for Teens".

Library Storytime programs are on hiatus the week of Thanksgiving, November 20 - 26, 2016 and from December 19, 2016 through January, 17, 2017.

For additional information, please contact the Main Library at (540) 672-3811, Gordonsville Branch at (540) 832- 0712, or Wilderness Branch at (540) 854- 5310.

