



**Hillsborough/Orange County
Chamber of
Commerce**

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BB&T
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Join us:

Friday, June 15 and
Saturday, June 16 for the
25th Annual Hillsborough Hog Day
www.hogdays.com

Saturday, December 1, 2007
for the Annual Hillsborough
Holiday Parade and Lighting of the
Town Tree

Sunday, December 2, 2007
for the 21st Annual Historic
Hillsborough Candlelight Tour
www.candlelighttour.com

The Last Friday of Each Month,
April through October for
Last Fridays



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**Fast Facts about
Hillsborough and
Orange County, NC**

Hillsborough was originally called Orange, then Corbinton, in honor of Francis Corbin, a Colonial official. When the village was incorporated in 1759, the name was changed to Childsburch in honor of then State Attorney General Thomas Childs. Its third and final name was adopted in 1796 in honor of Wills Hills, the Earl of Hillsborough at the time.

Hillsborough was the site of the momentous North Carolina Constitutional Convention of 1788, during which the convention delegates refused to ratify the Constitution until it included a Bill of Rights.

Of the 245,720 acres of land that make up Orange County, 49,640 acres (19.5%) are used for farming.

Before Orange County was founded in 1752, five Native American tribes lived in the area. One was the Eno-Occaneechi Indian tribe, many of whose descendants still live in the Hillsborough area.

In addition to the major towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Hillsborough, Orange County has more than two dozen unincorporated communities.



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Welcome to Hillsborough, NC

The Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to our area!

Hillsborough, once the colonial capital of North Carolina and now the county seat of Orange County, is conveniently located between the Research Triangle Region (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill) and the Piedmont Triad Region (Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point). Hillsborough is also located at the intersection of two major Interstate highways (Interstate 85 and Interstate 40), providing easy access to both the mountains and the coast of North Carolina.

Easy access to both Raleigh-Durham International Airport and Piedmont Triad International makes Hillsborough an ideal place to locate a business or for travel opportunities.

The area is also well-served by two major hospitals. Duke University Medical Center is located less than 15 miles away and is consistently recognized as one of the nation's top medical facilities. University of North Carolina Health Care, located 12 miles south of Hillsborough in Chapel Hill, is one of the nation's finest teaching facilities.

Hillsborough and Orange

County also boast a lovely landscape, with lush green rolling hills and farmland, as well as small towns with friendly atmospheres. Hillsborough's population may be small, but it's a busy one. There are special events planned within the historic district almost monthly, as well as neighborhood and community events like Relay for Life, Walkable Hillsborough and Last Fridays events.

Hillsborough and Northern Orange County offer a wide variety of experiences for you, your family, and your business. We'd love to have you join us here . . .

**The Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of
Commerce**

The Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce is the first contact for people relocating to this area. It provides local access to information about members, businesses, and government agencies. In a way, it functions as a marketing agency for its members and for the area, promoting special events and day-to-day activities that attract visitors and businesses considering relocating. As with any member organization, we encourage members to actively participate in order to derive the most benefit from a membership investment, as well as to strengthen our efforts in serving this community.

Orange County and Town of Hillsborough Statistics

Total Area (Square Miles)			
Orange County	398	Town of Hillsborough	4.3
Population (2004 Estimate)			
Orange County	120,968	Town of Hillsborough	5,446
Median Age (2000)			
Orange County	30.4	Town of Hillsborough	35.6
Median Household Income (2000)			
Orange County	\$43,372	Town of Hillsborough	\$46,793
Tax Rate (Per \$100 of Assessed Value)			
Orange County	\$0.903	Town of Hillsborough	\$0.62
Unemployment Rate (May 2006)		Combined	\$1.52
3.2%	State Average (May 2006)	4.6%	
Retail Sales (2004-2005)			
Orange County	\$1,436,798,693	Town of Hillsborough	\$235,246,228

Are you thinking of starting your own business?

The Orange County Economic Development Commission publishes the "Small Business Resource Guide," which provides the answers to many questions new business owners should ask, including information about home-based businesses, inspections, regulations, etc. www.co.orange.nc.us/ecodev or call 919-245-2325

The Small Business and Technology Development Center presents a monthly seminar entitled "You're Thinking About Starting a Business," free to the public. For more information on this and other programs, visit www.sbtcd.org or call the SBTDC office in Chapel Hill at 919-962-0389.

Durham Technical Community College operates a Small Business Center at 411 West Chapel Hill Street in Durham. The SBC offers many courses of interest to business owners and operators at its Durham facility and also at the Orange County Skills Development Center located at 503 West Franklin Street. For more information, visit www.durhamtech.edu/sbc.

Town of Hillsborough www.ci.hillsborough.nc.us

The Town of Hillsborough was founded in 1754 and was once the colonial capital of North Carolina. It currently serves as the county seat of Orange County; a number of county offices, along with the County courthouse, are located in downtown Hillsborough.

The Town of Hillsborough is represented by a Mayor and a five-member Town Board, elected on a sliding time-frame. In November 2005, the Mayor and two Town Board members will be elected.

The Town of Hillsborough provides water and sewer services to in-town residents and businesses and some subscribers outside of town limits. Subscribers outside of town limits pay a different rate than in-town subscribers.

Each subscriber pays for a minimum of 3000 gallons of water and sewer treatment:

InTown Subscribers:

Water: \$6.45 per 1000 gallons

Sewer: \$5.81 per 1000 gallons

Out-of-Town Subscribers:

Water: \$12.58 per 1000 gallons

Sewer: \$11.33 per 1000 gallons

Some exceptions apply; please call the Town of Hillsborough for additional information.

The Town of Hillsborough also provides weekly garbage and recycling pickup to in-town residents.

The current tax rate for Hillsborough is \$0.051 per \$100 of property value..

Important Phone Numbers:

Eric Peterson, Town Manager
919-732-1270 x 80

Demetric Potts, Asst Town Mgr/Public Works Director

919-732-1270 x 77

Donna Armbrister, CMC, Town Clerk

919-732-1270 x 71

Margaret Hauth, Planning Director

919-732-1270 x 73

Kenny Keel, PE, Town Engineer/
Utilities Director

919-732-1270 x 75

Mayor Tom Stevens

919-732-2104 x 233

New Water Service

919-732-2104 x 223

Clarence Birkhead, Chief of Police

(Non-Emergency) 919-732-9381

Emergency 9-1-1

Orange County www.co.orange.nc.us

Orange County was founded in 1752 and at that time encompassed area now included in Guilford, Alamance and Person Counties. Conveniently located at the western edge of the Research Triangle Region, Orange County enjoys proximity to many areas: we're 45 minutes from Greensboro or Raleigh, approximately 3 hours from the beach or the mountains and within minutes of highly rated medical facilities and institutions of higher learning in Durham and Chapel Hill.

Orange County provides public safety services and operates the 911 center used by most emergency response teams. In addition, the county provides dental and medical clinics for residents in need of those services, planning

and building inspections, operates the county landfill and recycling programs, along with many other services. Orange County residents are represented by a five member Board of Commissioners (BOCC); a Manager and two Assistant County Managers oversee the more than 800 employees of Orange County Government.

Important Phone Numbers

Main Switchboard 919-732-8181

Moses Carey, Chair, BOCC

919-732-4941

Laura Blackmon, County Manager

919-245-2300

Craig Benedict, Planning Director

919-245-2575

Dianne Reid, Economic Development
919-245-2326

Jerry Passmore, Aging
919-245-2009

Lindy Pendergrass, Sheriff
919-245-2909

James C. Stanford, Clerk of Court
919-245-2200

Joyce Pearson, Register of Deeds
919-245-2675

Lori Taft, Recreation and Parks
919-245-2660

Solid Waste Management
919-968-2885

Brenda Stephens, OC Library
919-245-2525

Utilities

Electricity:

Depending on your location, electricity in Orange County is provided by:

Duke Power

www.dukepower.com

919-968-2316

Piedmont Electric Membership Coop.

www.pemc.org

919-732-2123

Propane/Natural Gas:

Public Service Co. of NC
www.scana.com/psnc+energy

919-304-7600

Carolane Propane

www.carolanepropane.com

919-732-8025

Telephone:

Depending on your location and preference, telephone service may be provided by:

Embarq

www.embarq.com

919-732-2121 (Residential)

1-800-686-6272 (Business)

Mehtel

www.mehtel.com

919-563-9111 (Residential)

919-563-2224 (Business)

Bell South

www.bellsouth.com

1-888-757-6500 (Residential)

1-866-620-6000 (Business)

Verizon

www22.verizon.com

919-286-7336

Orange County Schools www.orange.k12.nc.us

Orange County is served by two school systems: Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (www.chccs.k12.nc.us), and Orange County Schools. Students from Hillsborough and Orange County's rural areas attend Orange County Schools.

Students are served by:

High Schools:

Cedar Ridge High School

Orange High School

Middle Schools:

A.L. Stanback Middle School

C.W. Stanford Middle School

Gravelly Hill Middle School

Elementary Schools:

Cameron Park Elementary

Central Elementary

Efland Cheeks Elementary

Grady A. Brown Elementary

Hillsborough Elementary (Year-Round)

New Hope Elementary

Pathways Elementary

Orange County schools met 96% of its 2004-2005 goals according to Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards, the federal measure of accountability under the No Child Left Behind legislation. Six of the district's 11 schools met 100% of their goals, while three schools missed just one target.

Orange County Schools
919-732-8126

Shirley Carroway, Ph.D, Superintendent
Ext. 10001

Anne Purcell, Student Services
Ext. 12500

Anne D'Annunzio, Public Information
919-732-3614

Ann Wilkerson, School/Community
Relations
919-732-4166, ext 19001

Geraline Graham, School to Career
Coordinator
919-245-4003, ext 17002

New Resident Information

North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

North Carolina Drivers License Bureau <http://www.ncdot.org/dmv>

Driving is a legal privilege and responsibility. If you are 18 years of age or older you may apply for an original North Carolina driver's license or a learner's permit. To receive an original driver license in North Carolina, you must bring at least two acceptable forms of ID; one must reflect your full name and date of birth to the Driver License Examiner. You must complete and pass the written, sign, and vision tests. If you surrender a valid license from another state, the road test requirement is at the discretion of the Examiner. Proof of residency, liability insurance on your car and Social Security Number (or ITIN if SSN not authorized) are required.

Driver's License Offices are located at: 1201 Highway 70 West, Hillsborough, NC, 919-732-2427, Monday-Friday
Hours: 8:00 to 5:00 104 V Carrboro Plaza, Carrboro, NC, 919-929-4161, Monday -Friday

North Carolina License Plate

In the case of new residents, you must register your motor vehicle at the expiration of the time granted by reciprocity agreement between North Carolina and the the state of residence (usually 30 days) or when gainful employment is accepted, whichever occurs first.

License Plate Offices are located at: 201 S. Estes Drive, Ste. 137, Chapel Hill, 919-929-0204, Monday-Friday
Hours: 9:00 to 5:00 108 West Club Blvd, Durham, 919-286-4908 Monday-Friday

U.S. Postal Service www.usps.com

144 East King Street, 919-732-5577

Monday—Friday, 8:00 to 4:30, Saturday, 10am to 12 pm

Hospitals and Health Care

UNC Hospitals

101 Manning Drive

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

919-966-4131

www.unchealthcare.org

Duke University Medical Center

Trent Drive

Durham, NC 27710

919-684-8111

www.mc.duke.edu

VA Regional Medical Center

508 Fulton Street

Durham, NC 27705

919-286-0411

www.va.gov/midatlantic/facilities/durham.htm

Alamance Regional Medical Center

1240 Huffman Mill Road

Burlington, NC 27215

336-538-7000

www.armc.com

For a list of medical practitioners or specialists, please visit the website of the N.C. Medical Board, www.ncmedboard.org or contact them at 1-800-253-9653