

Orange-Chatham Group

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Endorsements!

The OCG political endorsements are completed for Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Hillsborough. Please see the story below for our picks for the best environmental candidates.

The OCG thanks the Political Committee for its hard work making these selections.



Carrboro Endorsements

Carrboro candidates endorsed by the Sierra Club are **Mark Chilton, Mike Nelson, and Alex Zaffron**. Mike Nelson has completed several terms as mayor and consistently demonstrates a commitment to environmental goals. He, along with Alex Zaffron, have been key participants in the development of the small area plan which advocates new principles for addressing growth pressures. Alex Zaffron, also an incumbent, has an excellent voting record over his tenure on the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. He plans to continue his work on creating walkable communities and exploring new methods of storm water management. Mark Chilton, although not an incumbent, was previously a member of the Chapel Hill Town Council who received Sierra Club endorsements and demonstrated his commitment to the environment through his voting record. The Sierra Club looks to Mark Chilton as someone who will reinitiate his environmental leadership.

Chapel Hill Endorsements

The Sierra Club announces its endorsement of **Sally Greene, Cam Hill, Andrea Rohrbacher, and Bill Strom** for Chapel Hill Town Council and **Kevin Foy** for mayor of Chapel Hill. Kevin Foy has continued to demonstrate his commitment to the environment through his leadership in his first term as mayor. His advocacy of the bonds for "green" infrastructure such as open space, greenways, and energy-efficient facilities, which will be on the November ballot, are seen as a way of implementing some important components of Chapel Hill's comprehensive plan. Incumbent Bill Strom, who is completing his first term, was previously endorsed by the Sierra Club and not only has a stellar voting record but is also a proactive leader on environmental issues. He has put forth a list of 13 principles for the development of the Horace Williams Tract (e.g., Carolina North) by the University of North Carolina. Sally Greene, although not an incumbent, demonstrates a breadth of knowledge on environmental issues and their complexity that is usually found only among experienced incumbents. As a member of the Planning Board, Sally has demonstrated her commitment by doing independent research which helped improve some of the Land Use Management Ordinance provisions. Cam Hill is a candidate who presents a vision for an environmentally and socially sustainable Chapel Hill and understands that individuals must accept some personal inconvenience to protect the environmental health of the community. He has exceptional knowledge and experi-

OCG Meetings

General Meeting—Thursday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Reconciliation.

Ecological restoration on Bolin Creek



Bill Bracey of Arbor Realty will update us on his initiative in removal of invasive plant species on Bolin Creek. He will also present a general case for the importance as well as feasibility of habitat restoration. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet fellow environmentalists and explore other options to "think globally and act locally" in our area.

Bill's group meets every third Saturday to work on the project. See Outings on reverse side for details.

Thursday, November 6th, 7:30 p.m. ExCom meeting. At the Oriental Garden Restaurant on Rosemary Street. Submit agenda items to Robert Porter at robertporter@mindspring.com or 933-7613. All OCG members are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Hillsborough Endorsements

The Sierra Club announces its endorsements of Eric Hallman and Evelyn Lloyd and Horace Johnson for Town Commissioners.

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Chapel Hill Endorsements - continued

ence concerning Carolina North since he has served on both University and Town committees. Andrea Rohrbacher, is a long-time Sierra Club activist in Orange County who has served in various roles over the years. She presents a view of the need for regional efforts and proposes specific initiatives such as TTA transit between Eubanks Road and the Research Triangle Park. She points to opportunities in using the Land Use Management Ordinance for preserving neighborhoods through the guidelines for open space and impervious surface.

Outings

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you chose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

3rd Saturday - Bolin Creek Trail. Work is continuing on the Bolin Creek habitat restoration project. After a fairly small amount of work, a significant improvement is now visible along the Greenway. This is a long-term project, and we need many more volunteers. It's hard work, but very rewarding.

We meet the third Saturday of each month at the Greenway entrance on Bolinwood Drive, just off Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. Please contact Bill Bracey at arbor-net@mindspring.com, or 942-9937 if you are interested in participating.

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each Month - American Tobacco Trail Service Outing. Generally, the group meets on the first and third Saturdays of every month starting at 9:00 AM. The workgroup meets at the Scott King Rd. crossing of the ATT. For more info contact Thad Howard (HWG) at 919-544-9126 or e-mail thad.howard@duke.edu.

NOV 1 (Sat) Hanging Rock State Park. What is a monadnock? Come find out at Hanging Rock State Park. Prepare for the holiday gluttony at this lovely park just two hours west of the Triangle. Our 6-8 mile hike will be moderate with some strenuous sections. Limit 12. To sign up, contact Kristi Chilton (HWG) at 919-361-1870 between 7 and 9 p.m. or at joybird7@yahoo.com.

NOV 1-2 LUMBER RIVER. Paddle on this Wild & Scenic River in its northern reaches where it is truly "wilder", narrower and more twisting. This will be a moderate trip; with the distance approximately 26 miles. We will camp on Saturday night at a canoe-in only site beside the River. No pets or children under age 13. Leader reserves the right to change paddling location if weather and/or water level dictates. Contact Chandler Stewart (CG): mailto:cstewart4@mindspring.com or by phone between 8:30 & 10:30 P.M. at 910-739-4879 or 910-536-4416.

NOV 8 (Sat) Little River Regional Park Service Outing, 9:00 am -2:00 pm. Come be a part of a community partnership effort to build nature/hiking trails at the 390-acre Little

2004 Sierra Club Calendars

The 2004 Sierra Club Calendars will be on sale again. For details, check out our web site at www.sierraclub-nc.org/ocg. Calendar sales are the most important source of income for the OCG. Please help maintain an active and involved group by purchasing Sierra Club Calendars.

River Regional Park & Natural Area. This new park is located off Guess Road in Durham and is scheduled to open in the spring. No tools or special expertise are needed we'll be using shovels and rakes (provided by the park staff) and working under their direction to move dirt and leaves and dig up roots and stumps. Dress for outdoor work (boots, long pants, light-weight shirts, hat, sunglasses etc.). Bug spray, sunscreen, gloves, and water will be provided as well as all tools. Contact Page Potter (HWG) at 919-490-1551 or ppotter@ipass.net.

NOV 15 (Sat) Swift Creek Bluffs. Moderate hike at The Triangle Land Conservancy Swift Creek Bluffs preserve. Afterwards visit nearby Fairview Garden Center and enjoy your bag lunch in Joanne's gazebo. Meet in parking lot at 10:00 am. For additional information contact Pat Shurtleff (829-5346 or patshurtleff@yahoo.com).

NOV 22 (Sat) Sign up deadline for Edisto River Paddling Trip November 28-30 (see listing below).

NOV 22 (Sat) ATT Hike. Hike the future site of the ATT in Chatham County. Moderately difficult 2-hour hike with occasional log scrambling and bushwhacking -- just enough challenge to be interesting. Contact Bill Bussey (OCG) 919-545-2894 or billbus@gte.net.

NOV 28-30 Edisto River. Paddle this beautiful black water river located near Charleston, South Carolina from our base camp at Givhans Ferry State Park. Arrive on Friday in time for a short afternoon paddle as a warm-up for a full day on the river Saturday, followed by a potluck dinner. Boats not provided. No pets or children under the age of 13. Contact Robert Gordon (CG) at robert747@netzero.net or 919-954-1442 before 10 p.m.

NOV 28 (Fri) Hemlock Bluffs, Cary (easy). Enjoy the fall colors on this hike for families and children. Contact Shirley Phillips (CG) mrwhisk@aol.com or 919-567-2608.

DEC 5-7 Doughton Park wilderness camping and day hike. Drive up Friday evening and backpack in 1.5 miles. A strenuous day hike 10 miles up to the ridge and back on Saturday will provide an opportunity to learn about the history of the area. Maximum group size 10. \$10/refundable deposit. Call Chris or Odile Gould (OCG) at 919-493-1194, or e-mail chris_gould@mindspring.com.

DEC 6 (Sat) Occoneechee Mountain. Get acquainted with the new trails at Occoneechee Mountain in Hillsborough and enjoy the view from the summit in this moderate 2-hour hike. Contact Matt Brown (OCG) at 919-732-4470 or mattb@3bearsbrown.net.

DEC 13 (Sat) Potluck Holiday Party. 4:00 pm at the home of Janet Hitti. We will begin with a grab bag exchange, so bring an unusual gift. Also bring some canned food for the NC Food Bank. After dinner those who want can play cards or games. Call Janet Hitti at 572-2407 or email jhitti0326@cs.com about what you plan to bring for the potluc

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