

Orange-Chatham Group Sierra Club

<http://nc.sierraclub.org/ocg/>

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Political Endorsements

The NC Sierra Club chapter has endorsed the following candidates for office. The club supports candidates with demonstrated knowledge of environmental issues who will provide strong leadership on matters such as growth and conservation. We encourage Sierra Club members and any local residents who care about the environment to support these candidates in the election on Nov. 3.

Carrboro

Mayor: Mark Chilton

Board of Aldermen: Jacquelyn Gist, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Sammy Slade

Chapel Hill

Mayor: Mark Kleinschmidt

Town Council: Laurin Easthom, Ed Harrison, Jim Merritt, Penny Rich

Hillsborough

Mayor: Tom Stevens

Town Board: Frances Dancy, Mike Gering



So what went into the endorsements? OCG's political committee interviewed all candidates, organized forums, and examined candidates' campaign material. Every endorsed candidate had to be approved by OCG's political committee, OCG's ExCom, and the NC chapter's political committee. OCG does not give donations to candidates. Of course, any member who wishes to contribute to a candidate is welcome to do so. Both group and chapter rules ensure a fair process. Often there are many good candidates and tough choices have to be made.

Vote for the Executive Committee!

Please read the following bios for the Executive Committee candidates and submit your vote using the ballot on the reverse by December 1. Members serve two-year terms on the committee and are responsible for setting the direction of the group and developing policies. This year, there are three open seats.

May Becker

May Becker has served on the Conservation Committee and is currently Co-Chair of the Orange-Chatham Sierra Club. She would like to use her professional background (MS in Geology; PhD in Marine Sciences) to the benefit of the local environment. Main interests include issues related to water and air quality, energy alternatives, and sustainable agriculture.

Melissa McCullough

I am an environmental professional in government, with a wide background, lately specializing in sustainability and green building. I have lived in NC for almost 30 years, 20 in Orange County (you can't choose where you're born, but you can choose where you call home.) I have 2 kids and 2 dogs and live in a state of the art green home that was just on the solar tour.



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Group Events

Can the Power Companies and Environmentalists Be on the Same Side?

Wednesday, November 11, 7 p.m.

Lecture Hall, Carolina Meadows Activity Center (see below for information on directions)

The way your electric bill is determined is a key to a sustainable energy future.



The traditional system in North Carolina creates an incentive to use more energy and build new capacity, but the future can look different: Power companies could earn a profit by helping consumers reduce energy use. Instead of building generation capacity, power companies could provide customers with services and equipment to save electricity.

Getting price signals right can bring utilities and consumers together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fight global warming faster and on a larger scale than the current supply-based system.

Come to a meeting with Robert Gruber and James McLawhorn, directors of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, to learn about the Commission's crucial role in making the energy economy sustainable.

Cosponsored by the Chatham Alliance for Sustainable Energy. Refreshments will be served. For directions, visit www.carolinameadows.org/index.php/site/pages/3directions/ or contact Judith Ferster—see reverse for contact information.

Flattening the Electricity Demand Curve Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

North Carolina Botanical Garden (100 Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill)

Join us at this panel discussion to learn how the roles of consumers and utilities can be redefined to reduce electricity demand. The panel includes:

- Norman Miller, Orange/Chatham Sierra Club
- Ivan Urlaub, executive director of the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association
- Robin Langdon, Environmental Defense Fund
- Jim Warren of NC WARN (Waste Awareness and Reduction Network)
- Drew Ball, NC Sierra Club's legislative liaison

This event is part of the Sierra Club's Conservation Forum on clean energy, which lasts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details, see <http://nc.sierraclub.org/>

EVENTS (Continued on reverse)



Outings

Sierra Club outings are open to all. Outings are educational unless designated as a social (S). 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.

Ongoing Service Outing

3rd Saturdays on the Bolin Creek Trail: This is a long-term habitat restoration project, and we need many more volunteers. It's hard work, but very rewarding. The difference is visible immediately, and the effect is long-lasting. We meet at the Greenway entrance on Bolinwood Drive, just off Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. Please contact Bill Bracey at arbornet@mindspring.com or 942-9937.

Calendars are here!

The 2010 Sierra Club Calendars are now available to order. As usual, they are full of spectacular nature photography and are delivered to you in ready-to-mail boxes. Use them yourself, give them as gifts: they are one of the best ways to support the Orange/Chatham Sierra Club Group. Calendar money stays at the grassroots level to support local activity. Contact any Executive Committee member (see right) to order. Engagement calendars cost \$14; wall calendars are \$13 (sales tax included).



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Sierra Club Friends and Family Holiday Party Saturday, December 12, 6-9 p.m.

Home of Loren Hintz (804 Kings Mill Rd, Chapel Hill)

Please bring a potluck dish to share and a white elephant present to give. Limited parking, so please car pool. If you are able, please bring your own plate and utensils and a small foldable chair. Call Loren (see below) for more information.

Executive Committee Meetings Fourth Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m.

Carolina Meadows

All members are invited. Contact Judith Ferster (see below) for more information.

Volunteer opportunities available

Organize booths for street festivals, attend public hearings, contact media, lead hikes and camping trips, write articles, contact members, lobby public officials and more. Contact anyone in ExCom (see below) if you have a few hours or more to give.

Orange-Chatham Group Leaders

Executive Committee Members (year indicates end of two-year term)

- Loren Hintz (2009) **Group Co-chair and Transportation Chair** ldhintz "at" bellsouth.net 933-8987
- May Becker (2009) **Group Co-chair** tomatocutter "at" yahoo.com 969-7439
- Dave Keesee (2010) **Treasurer** dskeesee "at" bellsouth.net 933-4879
- Judith Ferster (2010) **Conservation Chair** judith_ferster "at" ncsu.edu 929-6648
- Max Felsher (2009) **Newsletter/Web** max.felsher "at" gmail.com 929-8937
- Matt Scheer (2010) **Political Chair** mws21575 "at" yahoo.com 370-4267
- Olga Grlic (2010) **olgagrl** "at" duke.edu 968-4318

Other Group Leaders

- Maureen Hayes **Calendar Sales** mchayes720 "at" earthlink.net 933-3140
- Paul Jones **Listserv** smalljones "at" gmail.com 360-7740
- Annette Jurgelski **Outings** jurge00111 "at" gmail.com 644-0280

2010 Executive Committee Ballot

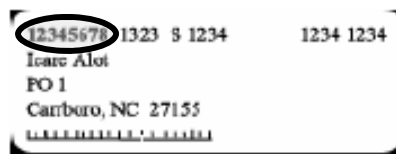
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Member number: _____

Use **one** of the lists below if you have a SINGLE membership, or use **both** if you have a JOINT membership. Each member may vote for up to three candidates.

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