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Green Plus Informational Webinar for Businesses – 11 a.m., Thursday, March 11

Registration required. Free. Questions? Visit <http://informationalbusinesswebinarmar11.eventbrite.com/>

Green Plus is a program that helps small businesses strengthen their triple bottom line. We help businesses assess their business policies, environmental stewardship, employee policies, and community engagement. It gives employers affordable, practical support in succeeding financially while being good to their environment, employees and community. Participate in this informational webinar to learn more about the program and how it can effect your business.

The webinar will take approximately 45 minutes and you will learn:

- How focusing on the triple bottom line can help your businesses.
- How the Green Plus program can help you strengthen your business financially, environmentally, and socially
- How to acquire Green Plus certification

OWASA to temporarily change its drinking water disinfection process by using chlorine instead of chloramines in March

From March 1 through 31, OWASA will use chlorine instead of chloramines to disinfect drinking water in accord with a State requirement. The purpose of the chlorine disinfection in March is to help ensure a high level of disinfection in the community's network of water mains. Chloramines are a compound of chlorine and ammonia which OWASA uses for disinfection in months other than March. For more information, contact Rachel Monschein, Water Treatment Plant Laboratory Supervisor, at 537-4227 or rmonschein@owasa.org.

Orange County Department on Aging partners with Triangle J Area Agency on Aging to Help Seniors with Prescription Costs

Extra Help may be available to Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and assets to help pay for Medicare Prescription Drug plan premiums, deductibles, and co-pays. On **Wednesday, March 10, 2010** the Orange County Department on Aging, Seniors Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), and the Triangle J Area Agency on Aging will assist eligible seniors in signing up for Extra Help on their Medicare prescription drug costs as part of the **Relay for Extra Help**. There will be two sign-up and information sessions on **Wednesday, March 10, 2010**. The morning session will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the **Cedar Grove Community Center**, Room #4, 5800 Highway 86 North, Hillsborough. The afternoon session will be from 2 to 4p.m. at **Wal-Mart**, 501 Hampton Pointe Blvd, Hillsborough. For more information, contact Latonya Brown, MHSA, Aging Resource and Benefit Specialist, 919-968-2082.

Job Openings at the Orange County Rape Crisis Center

Executive Director - Responsibilities include staff management, fundraising and grant writing, policy setting, program planning and implementation, financial management, board support, and media and community relations. Send resume, cover letter with salary requirements, and list of three references to president@ocrcc.org or PO Box 4722, Chapel Hill, NC 27515.

Client Services Director - This position works closely with the Executive Director while providing staff and programmatic management for the Center's Crisis Response, Latin@ Services, In-House Therapy and Support Group programs. Send a cover letter, resume and three references to CSD Search Committee, OCRCC, P.O. Box 4722, Chapel Hill, NC, 27515 or email csdsearch@ocrcc.org.

Both postings will be open until filled and their full job descriptions can be found at www.ocrcc.org.

Harrington Bank is Hiring

Being a Harrington Bank customer, you are familiar with the level of service we strive to give our customers. We have been fortunate to have your support and the support of so many of your neighbors through the years. This support has allowed us to continue to grow our Harrington Team year after year. We are currently seeking mortgage loan professionals to expand our mortgage lending department in the Chapel Hill/Durham area. Prior mortgage experience is not required. However, a minimum of 3 years of strong external sales experience is required. Please forward this message to anyone that you may know that is looking for a great opportunity to begin a career at a locally owned and managed Bank. We offer our employees excellent dental and medical insurance, competitive compensation, 401k and profit sharing. Contact Heather Sirgany at 919-945-7873 or hsirgany@bankatharrington.com for more information.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro-UNC to Apply for Google Fiber for Communities

The towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have teamed up to apply for Google's ultra-high speed Internet project. A strong application will depend on identifying community resources that can contribute to the Google effort and enthusiastic community support for the project.

On Feb. 10, Google announced the initiative to deploy and test fiber optic networks that will deliver Internet services at a speed of 1 gigabit per second, which is more than 100 times faster than the speeds available to most Americans today. The communities selected by Google will be "testbed" communities that will help the company demonstrate the new capabilities •

Joint Public Forum - A Joint Public Forum is being planned for 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, at Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., to receive public comment regarding community interest in the fiber optic trial and how residents would use an ultra-high speed Internet network.

• **Public Survey** - A survey has been posted at www.surveymonkey.com/s/QLM5QST. The survey is being used to gauge public opinion for the project and to receive ideas and comments for the application. Survey questions were taken from the Google Request for Information guidelines.

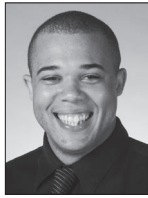
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Learn more at www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/public/overview.



Webinar Series Addresses Economic Challenges

The School of Government has launched a series of webinars designed to help local governments successfully navigate current economic challenges. Register and find more information at www.sog.unc.edu.



Karl Smith

February 26 — **North Carolina's Economy: Adjusting to the New Normal**

Presented by economist Karl Smith, this webinar will focus on challenges local governments will face in the coming year and the factors that public officials should consider as they develop their budgets this spring. To register, visit www.sog.unc.edu/courses/1200.



David Ammons

March 5 — **Budget-Balancing Tactics in Local Government**

This webinar will be presented by David Ammons, professor of public administration and government, and Trevor Fleck, research assistant. Webinar participants will learn how other public sector leaders are managing their budgets, including cost-cutting and revenue-enhancing strategies drawn from a survey of North Carolina governments and reports from across the country. To register, visit www.sog.unc.edu/courses/1201.

A new book based on the same research, *Budget-Balancing Tactics in Local Government*, is available for purchase from the School's website at www.sog.unc.edu/organizations/budget.



Kelley O'Brien

March 18 — **Grant Proposal Writing 101**

This webinar will be presented by Kelley O'Brien, director of the North Carolina Civic Education Consortium. The webinar is designed for public professionals new to writing grant proposals but who want to take advantage of the increased availability of grant funding for local governments from the federal stimulus package. To register, visit www.sog.unc.edu/courses/1203.

Additional Topics in this Webinar Series:

- Motivating employees even when pay raises are not in the budget
- Developing your economy in tough times
- Service delivery alternatives

The registration fee for each webinar is \$95, whether for one person or a group. Participants are encouraged to view these webinars with their colleagues.

An archived version of each webinar will be available for purchase after the live broadcast. Visit www.sog.unc.edu for details and dates for additional upcoming webinars.