

As the Orange County Legislator for this district, I would like to keep the people informed as to the actions of the County Legislature.

Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month
May 15 through June 15, 2007

Tourette Syndrome is a neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary, rapid sudden movement and/or vocalizations that occur repeatedly. This disease affects more than 200,000 Americans. It can affect individuals of all racial, ethnic or social backgrounds and occurs more often among males than females. The month provides an opportunity for advocates, families of children with Tourette syndrome and other caring individuals in the community to focus on the needs of the people with this disease. This month will provide the opportunity for increase public awareness.

Electrical Licensing Board –

The Orange County Legislature enacted the local law stating no person shall engage in, carry on, or conduct the business of, or hold himself or herself out as, an electrical contractor within the County of Orange unless he or she is licensed pursuant to this local law or unless employed by a person so licensed. The County Legislature finds that the licensing of electricians is a fair and effective method to insure that qualified persons practice the electrical trade in Orange County in order to protect the general public. The County of Orange will establish a board known as the "Orange County Electrical Licensing Board" comprised of nine individuals who reside in Orange County and have knowledge of the trade. Requirements and applications will be available through the county.

The Orange County Legislature does hereby find that the installation, repair and improvement of electrical services and wiring in residential and commercial structures is a unique occupation requiring experience and skills not commonly required for persons performing other occupations. The improper installation, repair and improvement of electrical wiring has created hazardous conditions for many residents in the past. The Legislature is working to avoid these conditions in the future and assist the community people in hiring the best qualified professionals for the job.

As your Legislator I feel it is my duty to keep you informed and educated as to the happenings of the county. I will continue to inform you as concerns or issues are resolved.

Sincerely,

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