

The Anderson County Democratic Women's Club News

December 2025



Future ACDWC Events

January 2026 – We're going to start the year off with a bang. Stay tuned for news about the January program – you won't want to miss it!

Other News and Events

Commissioner Capshaw's Holiday Potluck! December 12th, 2025 – 6:00-8:00pm – at 1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike (the Oak Ridge Civic Center). Ebony is providing the main meat dishes and invites you to bring a side to share – along with your good holiday cheer. Come meet your neighbors and chat with Commissioner Capshaw!

Oak Ridge Boards & Commissions – There are upcoming openings on the following ten Boards and Commissions. Serving on a Board or Commission is a good way to get involved in city government and make a difference.

- Environmental Quality Advisory Board
- Industrial Development Board Finance Committee
- Oak Ridge Housing Authority
- Oak Ridge Land Bank Corporation Board of Directors
- Oak Ridge Municipal Planning Commission
- Personnel Advisory Board
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
- Senior Advisory Board
- Trade Licensing Board
- Traffic Safety Advisory Board

Applications **must** be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2026 using the [form found here](#). For more information visit the city's webpage at <https://www.oakridgetn.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=192>.

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Oak Ridge: View meeting schedules and agendas for [Oak Ridge](#)

Please check the website for Oak Ridge meetings as some locations might be different due to on-going construction at the Municipal Building complex.

City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm 2nd Monday of month, Municipal Building Courtroom

Municipal Planning Commission, 5:30 pm 3rd Thursday of month, Oak Ridge Municipal Courtroom

Traffic Safety Advisory Board, 7 pm 3rd Monday of month, Central Services Complex Conf Room

Disability Advisory Board, 11 am 3rd Monday of Month, Senior Center

Land Bank Board of Directors, 8:30 am 3rd Tuesday of month, Municipal Building Courtroom

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 7 pm 2nd Thursday of month, Civic Center Social Room

Board of Education, 5 pm 4th Monday of month, Board Room - School Admin Bldg (304 New York Ave.) <https://www.ortn.edu/central-office/board-of-education/members-schedule/>

Anderson County: View meeting schedules and agendas for [Anderson County](#).

The Commission's Strategic Planning Workshop is open to the public, and your attendance is recommended. **11/7/2025** from 8:30am – 4:30pm at the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce (500 N. Charles G. Seivers Blvd. Clinton, TN 37716).

Anderson County Commission Meeting, 6:30 pm 3rd Monday of month, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312

Anderson County Library Board, 5:30 pm 2nd Thursday of month, location rotates between the four libraries (Dec 11th Clinton Public Library; Jan 8th -- see <https://andersoncountyn.gov/calendar/> for the location.)

Anderson County Operations Committee, 6:00 pm 2nd Monday of month, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312

Club Updates

2026 Officers: At the 11/24 meeting the members voted in Ann Mostoller for President, Ebony Capshaw for Vice President, Amy Dunkirk for Treasurer, Ann Miller for Secretary, and Tiffany Malone for Nominating Chair. The officers will be installed at the 12/16 holiday party.

The members also approved several Bylaws changes and a resolution (please visit ACDWC.org for more info).

Of note: Over 2,300 voters have been purged from the roles. You can check your registration by contacting the Anderson County Election Commission or verifying your data via the state website <https://tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup>.

The Club is looking for women to sponsor for **EMERGE training**. If you can imagine yourself running for an office in 2026, EMERGE training can help you get there. There are EMERGE training sessions coming up, both with the national and the state organizations, that will teach you how to clarify your message, ask for money to fund the campaign, and manage the nuts & bolts of running a campaign.

Please contact Ebony Capshaw, the club's EMERGE liaison, for more information about EMERGE.

Make a Difference:

The club needs help with meeting setup/cleanup. Please contact Ann Miller if you would like to pitch in on that monthly task.

November Meeting Summary

The Opioid Abatement Fund in Anderson County with Ebony Capshaw

11-24-2025 at The Clinton Community Center

Ebony Capshaw, Anderson County Commissioner for District 6, presented an informative summary of the Opioid Abatement Fund in Anderson County – where the money came from and where it is going.



Of the total \$50 billion dollars in the settlement fund, from drug companies and pharmacy chains, Tennessee was awarded approximately \$1 billion dollars to be spent over the next 18 years. The counties are all vying for a piece of the \$1B pie, with priority going to counties such as Anderson County with higher than average use and overdose statistics. The money is to be spent on prevention and remediation, with yearly applications (including a plan for the money) and year-end reporting mandatory.

In 2019, the last year of rolled-up statistics, there were 46 opioid related deaths and 81 overdoses (costing a total of \$399,000 for those hospital stays). There were 7 prescriptions for opioids per 10 county residents. 9% of Anderson County adults were uninsured, compared to 6% in the top US counties.

Each county can determine its own award process. Some counties award to large established organizations over multiple years. The Anderson County Commission established an ongoing committee to oversee awards and distribution. Anderson County awards funds to smaller projects (\$60,000 maximum award) and for a single year at a time. The hope is that having more

organizations working toward the goal in their own ways will make a larger impact overall for Anderson County residents.

There were 15 awards totalling \$425,000 in the first award cycle (2025), and the outcomes from those programs will, in part, determine the total award available for 2026. There is also a portion of the total award retained by the county for county remediation programs.

Ebony talked the group through the application process – a thorough, competitive, and transparent process. Stumbling blocks for some of the applicants were documenting their plan of how the money would be spent, how they would measure the outcomes, and then reporting on those outcomes. The funds should also supplement the organization's existing funding, and cannot be used for administrative or indirect organizational costs. The application window for the **2025-2026 cycle is closing on December 15, 2025.**

Ebony M. Capshaw is an Oak Ridge native and Anderson County Commissioner. She is a 2025 Girls Inc. of Oak Ridge Bold Award winner, Leadership TN Next Class IX graduate and 2024 Emerge America Signature Bootcamp graduate. She is a seasoned leader who is passionate about driving positive change through effective leadership and has successfully led diverse teams toward achieving shared goals. Whether it's guiding projects in a corporate setting or steering volunteer efforts in local organizations, she consistently prioritizes clear communication, empathy, and a results-oriented approach.

Capshaw has experience in many roles focusing on policies and procedures with application, inventory management, automation, and data management with CVS Health, Cardinal Health, and the University of Miami. She also serves as an advisor and training coordinator with local colleges' pharmacy students and Co-Operative Education high school students. Ms. Capshaw also serves on the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge Board of Directors, Anderson County Democratic Women's Club Executive Board, RAM Clinic volunteer, TCCA Emergency Services committee, Youth Leader at Greater Warner Tabernacle AME Zion Church, and East TN Regional Medical Reserve Corps volunteer. She has previously served in many roles such as TNDP State Executive Committeewoman, Child Advocacy Center of Anderson County, TN Board of Directors, Roane State Community College Pharmacy Technician Program Advisory Board member, 2nd Vice President for the Knoxville NAACP, TN State Conference NAACP Executive Committee Member-At-Large, and ran as a 2018 Anderson County Trustee candidate. Capshaw is passionate about educating and exposing youth to HBCUs and STEM opportunities. She enjoys reading, traveling, ballroom dancing, and cooking. She believes in living her CAU mottoes every day by having a "Culture for Service" mindset and "I'll Find a Way or Make One" attitude.

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