

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter



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**A preview of Tuesday's
BCC Meeting and more!**



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Hey, West Orange County!

It's been an unforgettable year already, serving as your District 1 Commissioner and Vice Mayor of Orange County.

The last few weeks have served as a great reminder that your participation is what helps keep District 1 humming. If we've met for the first time recently — whether at a fun community event, an informative meeting like our Williamsburg Town Hall, or during the public hearings at the January 23 BCC meeting — I want to take a moment to say welcome. Our district has the most informed, engaged group of residents in Orange County, and we wouldn't have it any other way!

There is plenty happening in our area, including Tuesday's Board of County Commissioners meeting. This meeting starts at the usual time of 9:00 a.m., with Public Hearings beginning at 2:00 p.m.

For daily updates on all things District 1, make sure you're following us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). We'd love to hear from you.

In Case You Missed It:



Every day, **United Against Poverty** supplies 300-450 local families with groceries and other wrap-around services. Last week, Orange County and other community partners came together to supply UAP with new freezers, refrigerators and coolers to replace equipment that was damaged during Hurricane Ian. We support their efforts so they can support our community members!



If you need medical care and don't have health insurance, Shepherd's Hope can help! The medical professionals at Shepherd's Hope treat to cure, and if they can't help you directly, they will connect you with an organization that can.



Thank you to new President & CEO Donna Walsh for meeting with us last week at the beautiful Shepherd's Hope Winter Garden clinic. If you need medical care or want to see how you can help, visit www.shepherdshope.org/

The community BBQ at Tildenville Park was too much fun! Even our friends from the Sheriff's office and Fire Rescue stopped by.

Thank you to **Eight Waves** and **Tildenville Safe Neighborhood** for always advocating and providing resources to this community. And shout-

out to State Farm Shannon Till for helping organize this event.



Mark Your Calendars:

HHW
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS &
ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL

**COMMUNITY
COLLECTION
EVENT**

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL
2500 W. TAFT VINELAND ROAD
ORLANDO, FL 32837

FEB. 10
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**ORANGE
COUNTY
UTILITIES
DEPARTMENT**

Saturday, It's time for a Community Collection event at Freedom High School! Help protect the environment and our health. Don't dispose of dangerous household chemicals in your garbage, down storm drains, into sinks, or by burying them -- those pose a threat to Florida's drinking water. Also, any item is considered electronic waste if it contains a circuit board.

RSVP and [learn more here.](#)

Orange County, Head Start, and other community partners are teaming up for a diaper drive to benefit our families in need!

Donate Here

Or

Donate diapers in-person at a drop-off event this Saturday.

- February 10, 2024
- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Dr. James R. Smith
Neighborhood Center
- 1723 Bruton Blvd. Orlando,
FL 32805

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HORIZON WEST REGIONAL PARK GROUNDBREAKING

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
It's just the beginning
1924 2024

Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings and District 1 Commissioner Nicole Wilson invite you to the Horizon West Regional Park Groundbreaking!

Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

For GoogleMap Directions Scan Code
The site is located at Hamlin Groves Trail at Mann Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Horizon West Regional Park web page:
<http://tinyurl.com/HorizonWestRegPark>

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February 15th at 9:00 a.m., we are officially breaking ground on the huge additions coming to Horizon West Regional Park!

Meet us there to celebrate the occasion and learn more about the future of the park.

The site is at Hamlin Groves Trail and Mann Road.

Questions? Email parks@ocfl.net or call Parks Marketing 407-836-6257.

RSVP and [learn more here.](#)

BCC Preview: Proclamations

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month.



Arthur "Pappy" Kennedy, Orlando's first black elected official.

Consent Agenda

Item C-7: Approval to award bids for the construction of Orange County Fire Station #32 in District 1. [Click here for full report.](#)

- The proposed new station, located at 14100 Hartzog Road, would accommodate three full apparatus bays.
- Station #32 is currently operating out of a temporary space in Kissimmee. This station will significantly improve response times in the Four Corners area!

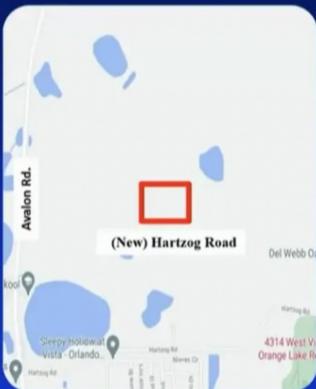


Capital Improvement Program



Fire Station 32 – Four Corners

- Avalon Road & (New) Hartzog Road
- Estimated Groundbreaking, 12/2023



Items C-28: Approval and execution of Contract for Purchase and Sale for Green PLACE Parcel 227. [Click here for full report.](#)

- The property is located along the east side of Ponchos Lane,

just south of SR 50 in Christmas, Florida.

- This action adds 5.00 acres of Environmentally Sensitive Lands to the Environmental Protection Division's Green PLACE Program!



Item C-31: Approval of Agreement between Orange County, Florida and Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, to utilize the Maxey Community Center in Winter Garden. [Click here for full report.](#)

- Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, Inc. will assist with applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for low-income families, seniors, veterans and persons with disabilities.



Item C-32: Approval of Recreational Trail Easement by The School Board of Orange County, Florida to Orange County and authorization to perform all actions necessary for Horizon West Regional Park Tiny Road Connection. [Click here for full report.](#)

- The agreement is provide for access, construction, installation, and maintenance for a recreational trail that connects Tiny Road to Horizon West Regional Park.

Item G-1: Approval of Change Order for Oakland Roundabout. [Click here for full report.](#)

- This project involves the reconstruction of the existing offset intersection of Oakland Avenue and J.W. Jones Road with Old

Highway 50.

- The reconstruction includes realignments of all three roadways to create a roundabout intersection. It also includes the realignment of the West-Orange Trail within the project limits of the roundabout, and modifications to the existing signal at the intersection of State Road 50 and Oakland Ave.

Items G-4 & G-7/G-8: Approvals to decrease the speed limit on several District 1 roads.

- Oranewood Boulevard and Gateway Avenue in the Williamsburg Area: from 40 mph to 35 mph and from 30 mph to 25 mph, respectively.
- *Tattant Boulevard between Venetta Way and Village Lake Road: from 35 mph to 25 mph.*
- Town Center Boulevard between Raintree Ridge Road and Southmeadow Drive: from 40/45 mph to 35 mph.
- These changes come due to safety concerns from residents and county staff alike. Recently, our Sheriff's department noted that while these decreases don't prevent all speeding, they do effectively deter it by increasing the potential fines that can be issued to drivers speeding through these areas.

Work Session Agenda

Item A-1: Transportation Sales Tax

- Mayor Demings would like to have a discussion with commissioners to see whether there is interest in pursuing a potential transportation sales tax in 2024.
- On November 8, 2022, County residents voted against adopting the previous version of this tax, garnering 41.5% of the vote.
- **The below graphic summarizes the initiative that was presented to us in 2022.**

Summary



- 195 Miles of Intersection and Complete Street Safety Improvements
- 25 Miles of Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements
- 28 Intersection Safety Improvements
- County Technology Improvements
 - 40 Transportation Technology Projects
 - 80 New Traffic Signals
 - 203 New Mast Arm Upgrades
- 154 Miles of Major Roadway Improvement
- Increased Frequency of Roadway Resurfacing to every 10 years from 12-15

Total Transportation Cost
\$7.2B*

*Excludes Municipalities and contingency

LYNX

- 241 New Buses
- Expanded Service Hours
- 12 New Transfer Centers
- Improved Service Frequency
- Paratransit Enhancement
- New High Capacity and Priority Corridors
- Community Circulators
- Flexible Shared Ride Zones

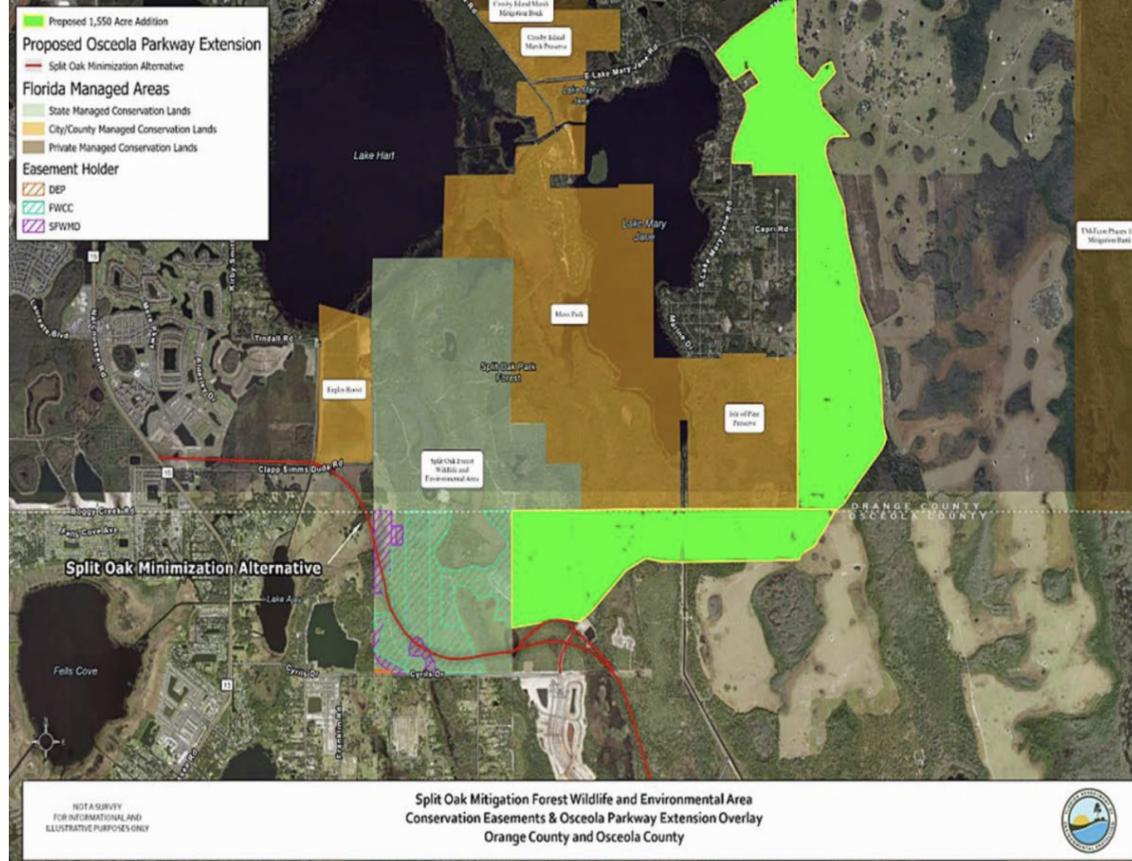
SunRail

- 7 days per week
- All Day Service
- New Stations
- New Orange Blossom Express Rail to Apopka and Zellwood

Total Transit Cost \$11.4B

Item B-1: Split Oak Forest and Wildlife Environmental Area and the Osceola Parkway Extension. [Click here for full report.](#)

- Staff will provide a work session to the Board on Split Oak Forest and Wildlife Environmental Area and the Osceola Parkway Extension. The presentation will provide a brief update on Agency actions, specifically, Florida Communities Trust, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and Osceola County.
- **My stance has remained that Orange County should defend its own Charter Amendment, approved by 85% of voters, prioritizing the protection of Split Oak Forest from toll road expansion.**



Public Hearings

Item E-7A: Adoption of Future Land Use Map Amendment: P.A. Activity Center Mixed-Use (ACMU) to Planned Development - Commercial/High Density Residential (PD-C/HDR) [\(click here for full report\)](#)

- The subject property is generally located east of S. Apopka Vineland Road, north of Lake Bryan Beach Boulevard, and south of Vistana Centre Drive
- The applicant is proposing to construct up to 20,000 square feet of commercial uses or 166 multi-family dwelling units.
- The current zoning allows for up to 199 hotel units or 20,000 sqft. of commercial space. The applicant is essentially seeking to allow for housing units instead of hotel units.



ABC's of the BCC

The Board of County Commissioners meets every other Tuesday.
Come on down!



Board of County Commissioners meetings occur every other Tuesday with a morning agenda and an afternoon agenda.

The early agenda allows public comment on any topic at 1:30 p.m., where a constituent may come to the Orange County Administration Building in person and give your thoughts on any item except for a public hearing, which is later.

Work Sessions or items on the Discussion Agenda are up for debate by the Board and are not voted on.

Public hearings begin after 2:00pm, which include zoning variances, public appeals, ordinances, and more. This is where constituents can submit public comments in person on a specific issue.

To attend the BCC, please find information [here](#).

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to our office with any questions or concerns at district1@ocfl.net

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