

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,

I hope you've been enjoying the last month of cool weather before the long summer begins!

The last few weeks have given us so many opportunities to meet with new and old friends. If we met recently at this week's Town Hall in Hunter's Creek, a community meeting, or one of many fun events across West Orange County, I want to say welcome. We send out this newsletter as a way to keep you up-to-date on local issues and events, but also to ask for your thoughts. We have the most informed and involved residents in the county, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

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

In Case You Missed It:

**FREE
DOOR ALARMS
AVAILABLE**



Drowning is the
#1 cause of death
in children ages 1 to 4.



Interested in an alarm? Fill out the interest form!

 [OCFL.net/DoorAlarms](https://www.ocfl.net/DoorAlarms)

Orange County Fire Rescue and the Gunner Martin Foundation have partnered to provide FREE home installations of pool door alarms to County residents.

Drownings are the number one cause of death in children 1-4 years old. Florida leads the nation in this age group. It's so important to understand that drownings happen in just moments.

Interested in an alarm?
[Click here to learn more.](#)



Take a look at the largest floating solar array in the entire Southeast! This two-acre group of solar panels sits atop a man-made retention pond which is part of the county's Southern Regional Water Supply Facility. The energy harnessed will be used by the facility to provide clean water for thousands of our residents.

The panels are cooled by the pond and vice-versa, which allows them to work much more efficiently than they would on land. They will generate enough energy to completely offset their cost in just nine. Excess energy collected by the panels will even be net-metered and added back into the power grid.

Thank you the teams at Orange County Utilities, D3 Energy, and our Office of Sustainability for making this happen.

Our new and improved Tree Preservation and Removal Ordinance is already earning praise. The Florida Urban Forestry Council and the Arbor Day Foundation are presenting Orange County with their "Outstanding Ordinance" award.

"The ordinance took effect on March 15, 2024, and will have its greatest impact on development projects, by protecting more trees during construction activities, promoting tree species diversity, and updating mitigation requirements."

I'm so excited to see years of work pay off with policy change!



[Click here for full article.](#)



| love having communities in D1 where children can bike to school, but that means safety has to stay at the absolute top of our priority list. That is why we were so excited to join [Bike Walk Central FL](#) at Water Spring Middle School last week.

All day long, students got lessons on bicycle and pedestrian safety from the experts at Bike/Walk. Over 100 kids were also fitted for new bike helmets! I'm committed to bringing more of these events to our district. Additional thanks to Principal Brian Sanchez Corona for being an extraordinary community partner and leader at Water Spring MS.



Sports Business Journal has named Orlando No. 1 on their list of 2024 Best Sports Business Cities for Attracting and Hosting Events! I was thrilled to be part of this exciting announcement.

Thank you to all of our regional partners for working together to bring these world-class events to our area! [Read more here.](#)

Mark Your Calendars:



7TH ANNUAL FOLA 40

Cycle around Lake Apopka, Florida's 4th largest lake.
Choose from 8, 16, 32, 40 mile rides.
Strongly recommend hybrid, mountain, or cyclocross style bike.
Helmet required.

March 24, 2024 | 8:30 AM

40 mile ride starts in downtown historic Winter Garden
All other distances start at Magnolia Park

Thank you to our sponsors:



f Friends of Lake Apopka info@fola.org www.bikereg.com/7th-annual-fola-40

This Saturday, join Friends of Lake Apopka for the 7th Annual FOLA 40.

Choose your preferred distance between 8-40 miles and enjoy the scenery as you bike around Florida's 4th largest length.

Your participation will help with FOLA's efforts to restore and heal Lake Apopka and its wildlife.

To register, [click here.](#)

For more information about Friends of Lake Apopka, [click here.](#)

April 1st at 9:30 a.m., Mayor Demings and I invite you to join us for the Groundbreaking of Bentonshire Park

Let's celebrate the unveiling of this brand new neighborhood park. The site is on Bentonshire Avenue at Overstreet Road, Windermere.

Have any questions? Feel free to email to parks@ocfl.net or give Parks Marketing a call at 407-836-6257.

Bentonshire Park Groundbreaking
Monday, April 1, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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

Scan for Directions
The site is located at Bentonshire Avenue at Overstreet Road, Windermere, FL 34786.

Scan for Website
This event is free and open to the public.

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We embrace the power of diversity. Orange County Parks and Recreation does not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, race, gender, national origin or ancestry, and physical, mental or social disability.



TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY MEETING



Monday, April 1, 2024 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Windermere High School Gymnasium 5523 Winter Garden Vineland Road, Windermere, FL 34786



Monday, April 1st at Windermere High, I will join Mayor Demings for a candid discussion about the future of transportation in our community. Your input will steer us in the right direction as we navigate the twists and turns of funding transportation in Orange County.

[Click here to RSVP!](#)

BCC Preview: Proclamations

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing March 29, 2024 as Development Disabilities Awareness Day.



JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL...

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY

MARCH 29, 2024; 5-9PM
 IRONWORKERS 808
 200 E. LANDSTREET ROAD
 ORLANDO, FL 32824
 *VIRTUAL OPTION IS AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REACH OUT TO MICHELLE ZEMAN AT MICHELLEZEMANBCBA@GMAIL.COM OR AT 407-919-3629.

We are so excited to recognize the work of my friend Michael McCreight, founder of Magical Self-Advocacy, a nonprofit helping amplify the voices of those with disabilities and chronic illnesses. Learn more about their mission [here](#).

Presentation of the Florida Animal Protection and Advocacy Association's Outstanding Agency of the Year award to Orange County's Animal Services Division!



Consent Agenda

Item F-5: Approval of Contract, Provision of Community Services and Facility Use, with Central Florida Regional Workforce Development Board, Inc. dba Career Source Central Florida, for a three-year term. [Click here for full report.](#)

- This contract will provide funds for vocational opportunities for youth programming which will assist Orange County high school students in making strategic career choices by exposing them to career experiences through student internships.



Item F-9: Approval of Amendment, Providing Funding for Homelessness Outreach, Prevention, and Diversion, Federal Subrecipient Agreement, with Samaritan Resource Center, Inc.. [Click here for full report.](#)

- Samaritan Resource Center, Inc. provides Bridge Housing, Flexible Financial Assistance, and Street Outreach Health Services to COVID-19 impacted Orange County residents.

Item F-24: Approval and execution of Contract for Purchase and Sale for Green PLACE Parcel 202. [Click here for full report.](#)

- The property, located in Christmas, FL, will add 36.8 acres of Environmentally Sensitive Lands to the Environmental Protection Division's Green PLACE Program!



Item K-2: Approval of Neighborhood Beautification Grants for several HOA's, including Bay Hill Village Club Condominium Association, Inc. (\$5,000), Heritage Place (\$6,659.42), Palm Lake Homeowners' Association (\$10,400), and Sand Lake Hills (\$15,000). [Click here for full report.](#)

Click [here](#) to learn more about Orange County's Neighborhood Beautification Grants!



Item L-5: Approval of Bus Service Agreement by and between Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority d/b/a LYNX (LYNX) and Orange County, Florida relating to providing enhanced bus service in Orange County under the Accelerated Transportation

Safety Program (ATSP). [Click here for full report.](#)

- The program and plan includes increases in frequency on major corridors throughout each district as well as 264 new shelters within the county. LYNX will also seek opportunities to leverage local funds with state, federal, and other sources to help fund some of the investments for the transit capital improvements.

Discussion Agenda

Item B-1: Legislative Wrap-Up.

- The Legislative Affairs Office will provide an overview of the 2024 State Legislative Session, including issues that were part of the County's adopted legislative agenda.

Work Session Agenda

Item A-1: Transportation Sales Tax.

- Staff will conduct a work session with the Board to cover the following topics: Community Engagement, Updated Cost Estimates, and Economic Impact Analysis.

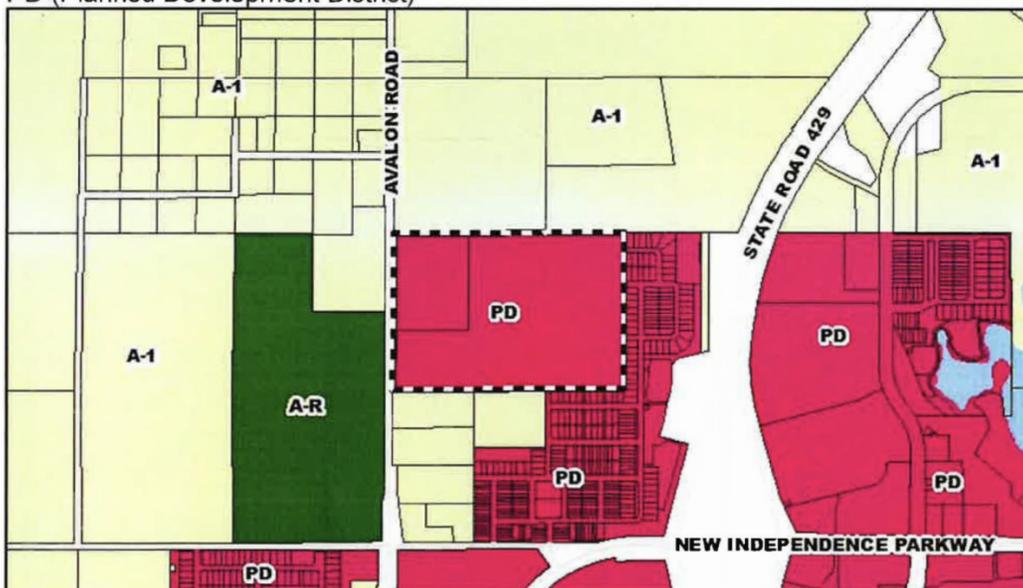
Public Hearings

Item F-15: Diocese Subdivision PD – UNP/Diocese of Orlando Preliminary Subdivision Plan. ([click here for full report.](#))

- The project is generally located north of New Independence Parkway and east of Avalon Road in the Horizon West Town Center Village.
- The request is to subdivide 59.56 acres to construct 183 single-family residential dwelling units.

ZONING

PD (Planned Development District)



Item I-20: Sand Lake Commons Planned Development/Land Use Plan. ([Click here for full report.](#))

- The project is located at 9350 Turkey Lake Road.
- The request is a PD substantial change request to convert 215 existing hotel rooms to multi-family residential units.
- A waiver is also requested from the applicant to allow a minimum living area of 320 square feet.
- This case was continued at the January 9th BCC meeting, and the applicant is returning with an updated plan after receiving feedback from myself and the other Board members.



Item J-21: Walt Disney Imagineering, Request for Village (V). ([click here for full report.](#))

- The 114.23-acre subject property is generally bounded by Hartzog Road to the north, SR 429 to the east, and Avalon Road to the west.
- The applicant is proposing to develop up to 1,410 multi-family dwelling units. Per the applicant, over 1,000 of these units will meet the Orange County definition of Affordable Housing.
- Thank you to those of you who attended this week's community meeting regarding this project. **Click [here](#) for video of the meeting.**



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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