

# 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 springtime in Central Florida! That means there are even more opportunities than usual to get in touch with your community and the outdoors. For example, Saturday was one of my favorite days of the year: Horizon West Fest. There's nothing like seeing our residents, families, and local small businesses get together and celebrate the culture that they've created. As always, it was an honor to provide some local updates and to be a part of the festivities.

We have a ton of upcoming events and updates for our area, including several items on the agenda at 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](https://www.facebook.com/NicoleWilsonD1) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/NicoleWilson_D1). We'd love to hear from you.

## In Case You Missed It:



Taborfield Park is now officially open! Located right next to Castleview Elementary, the park has two playgrounds, a picnic area, trails, open

fields, and more. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who attended and contributed to this memorable occasion. This is just the latest in a series of District 1 Parks & Rec updates — next up, breaking ground at Bentonshire Park and opening Summerlake Park!

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The District 1 Team had a blast participating in the Healthy West Orange Trails Connection Take Over the Trails Day 2024! We joined Bike/Walk Central Florida and numerous other community partners in Oakland to share health and safety information along the West Orange Trail. The Oakland Farmer's Market was happening right alongside us — if you haven't been yet, you've got to check it out!

Events like these remind us of the strength and vitality of our community and inspire us to continue working together towards a healthier, happier future for all. Thank you to all who participated and stopped by our table!

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## State lawmakers move to block proposed growth limits in Orange County

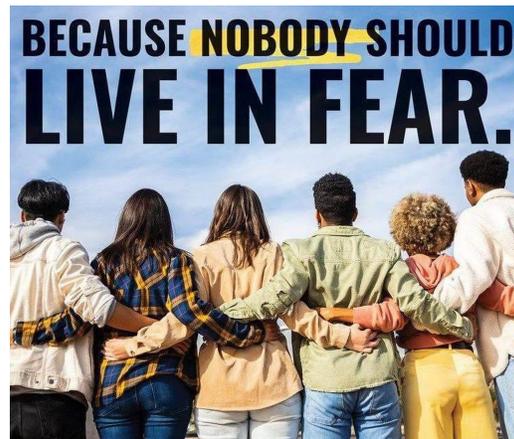
The legislation would prevent a citizens' committee from putting a measure on the ballot to protect rural lands



If you are worried about destructive sprawl, please call your state lawmaker ASAP!

The Orange County Charter Committee is exploring a measure to protect our rural areas, and state legislators are trying to stop that from happening. I believe we need to let our Charter Committee stay the course and let Orange County's VOTERS decide.

**[Click here for full article, via Orlando Sentinel.](#)**



Last week, I was honored to join countless local leaders to sign The Central Florida Pledge. Why is it important? Right here in Central Florida, many in our

community are living in fear — fear for their own safety, fear for the well-being of their children, and fear of practicing their religion and identifying with their culture.

This IS NOT who we are.

We are a community of inclusion for all, no matter our faith, race, gender, ethnicity, culture, beliefs, or identity. It is this respect for others within our diverse population where we find our collective strength and resilience. Today, we see rising levels of hate targeted at Jews, Muslims, and Palestinians as a result of the hostilities in the Middle East. We stand in support and care of our neighbors who have been threatened as a result of these conflicts. We will work to eliminate all forms of harassment, hate speech or persecution directed toward anyone who resides in our community.

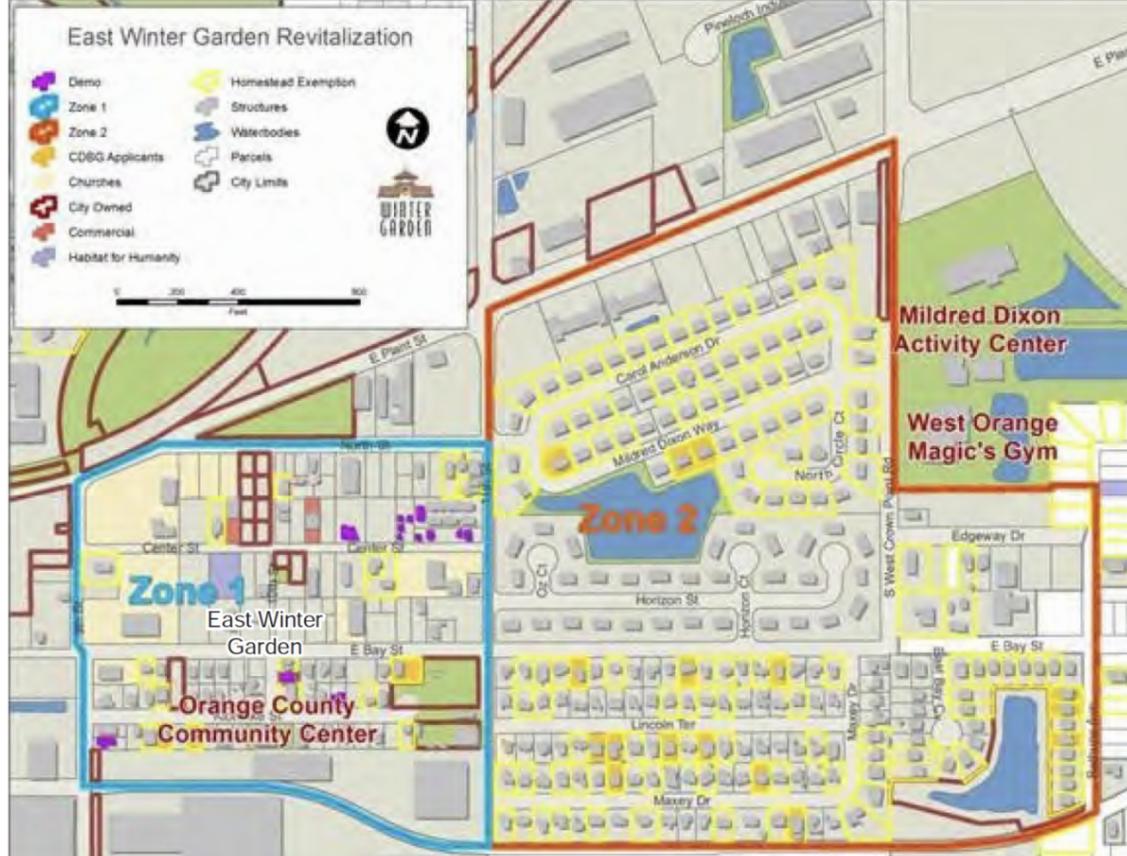
It was inspiring to see local leaders across all faiths come together in support of this common goal. [Click here to learn more, or to sign the pledge yourself.](#)

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Positive news for East Winter Garden: at the last BCC meeting, the Board agreed to allocate funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to go toward improving East Bay Street!

This is part of larger Community Redevelopment efforts in East Winter Garden, which have been ongoing. We initially aided the City of Winter Garden with these plans by working to annex several unincorporated zones that were surrounded by city territory in the area. It is exciting to continue collaborating years down the line!

[Click here to learn more about the City of Winter Garden's efforts to revitalize East Winter Garden.](#)



East Winter Garden - CRA Revitalization Map

## Mark Your Calendars:

Dispose of household hazardous waste and old electronics responsibly and at no cost during the Orange County Utilities Community Collection Event! This Saturday, March 9, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Orange High School, staff will be on-site to assist in unloading materials, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free experience. Let's work together to create a safer and cleaner community — mark your calendar now!

For more information about accepted items, [click here.](#)

Gather your loved ones and mark your calendars for a special evening at the park. Orange County Parks and Rec invites you to a FREE Movie in the Park: Pixar's Elemental!

Don't forget to bring along your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks.

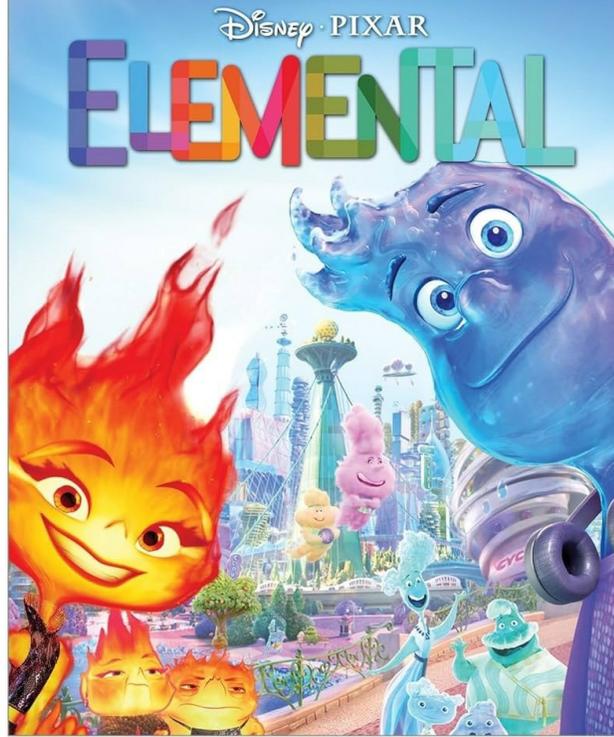
Come early to secure your spot and soak up the charming atmosphere of Dr. P. Phillips Community Park before the movie begins.

Date: March 15th

Time: 8pm

Location: Dr. Phillips Park, 8249 Buenvista Woods Blv.

[Click here for more info](#)



## Hunter's Creek Town Hall Meeting

Hosted by District 1 Commissioner  
Nicole Wilson



**POSTPONED**

**NEW DATE:**  
Wednesday, 3/20  
at 6:00 p.m.



**Hunter's Creek  
Community Assn.**  
14101 Town Loop Blvd.

Join us for annual updates from  
Orange County staff, tailored to your  
community!

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Our Town Hall meeting in Hunter's Creek has a new date: Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for updates on Orange County topics specific to the Hunter's Creek area.

Our friends at the [Hunter's Creek Community Association](#), located at 14101 Town Loop Blvd., are graciously hosting this event.

See flyer for more details. We hope to see you there!

## BCC Preview: Consent Agenda

**Item C-24: Approval for agreement between Orange County and K2 Medical Research LLC to provide facility use in the Maxey Center.**  
[Click here for full report.](#)

- K2's objective is to provide cognitive assessment; mental, memory and depression screenings; education, and resources for those who may have Dementia and/or Alzheimer's Disease.
- They will also provide activities to promote brain health, such as

exercise classes, cooking demonstrations, nutrition classes, bingo, painting workshops, crafts, etc.

- [Click here](#) to learn more about K2 Medical Research.



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**Item C-31: Approval for agreement between Orange County and Primary Care Access Network, Inc. to provide facility use in the Maxey Center. [Click here for full report.](#)**

- Primary Care Access Network, Inc., strives to connect Orange County residents with a source of primary health care, as well as affordable health insurance.
- [Click here](#) to learn more about PCAN.



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**Item E-2: Affiliation Agreement between Orange County, Florida and Orlando College of Osteopathic Medicine related to Experiential Learning Placement Program. [Click here for full report.](#)**

- Orlando Health Sciences College provides accredited programs within various fields of study and desires that students enrolled within these programs are afforded the opportunity to obtain practical experience by securing experiential learning placements.
- We are so excited to partner as a county with OCOM, which will soon be operating in Horizon West!



**Item G-8: Approval and execution of Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Creating the Orlando Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization D/B/A/ MetroPlan Orlando. [Click here for full report.](#)**

- The MetroPlan Orlando Board, of which I am a member, approved a recommendation by the Executive Committee to add the City of St. Cloud, Florida, as a voting member and add an additional Orange County representative, as a voting member.
- Metroplan Orlando seeks to unite the whole of Central Florida in the shared goal of better transportation planning. That includes partnering on initiatives like Vision Zero, the plan to eliminate traffic deaths in our area.



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**Item G-9: Approval of resolution to utilize federal funding for improvements to the intersection of Tiny Road and Tilden Road. [Click here for full report.](#)**

- The Public Works Department has completed the design for intersection improvements at Tiny Road and Tilden Road.
- The intersection project includes a new traffic signal, pavement widening for additional turn lanes, milling and resurfacing of existing lanes, signing and pavement markings, curbs and gutters, new sidewalks and curb ramps, and drainage improvements.
- Our next public meeting on all of the improvements coming to Tiny Road will be in Mid-April - stay tuned for details!



## Work Session Agenda

### Item A-1: Recruitment and Retention.

- In response to the Commissioner Scott's request on an update, Mayor Demings scheduled a work session so that staff can update the BCC on workforce trends, internal data on vacancies, new hires and separations, hiring events attended and hosted, and recruitment and retention strategies and challenges.



# JOIN OUR TEAM



### Item B-1: Composition of the Environmental Protection Commission. [Click here for full report.](#)

- Last year, the Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board (BCLAB) sent me a letter citing concerns about decisions made by the EPC, specifically discussing whether the professional employment of certain members create conflicts of interest, affecting the advisory board's ability to make unbiased recommendations to the Board. I brought these concerns to the BCC in October.
- Staff will provide a work session that will cover background on the issues, including the October 2023 work session, an overview of staff research and analysis of EPC decisions, further discussion and recommendations made by the MMRB, and potential options for Board discussion.



## Environmental Protection Commission

- 7-member advisory board established pursuant to Chapter 15-30
- MMRB makes a recommendation to the Board for approval of the members
- Appointments are approved by the Board
- Composition:
  - A representative who is a professional engineer registered in the state with experience in the field of civil engineering or environment engineering;
  - A representative of agricultural interests actively engaged in agricultural operations;
  - A representative of recognized environmental conservation organizations;
  - Two (2) representatives of private businesses or municipalities directly regulated, affected and subject to the provisions of this act [article];
  - A representative who is an environmental specialist with a degree in a scientific field and specific knowledge of aquatic biology, zoology, botany or other related field;
  - A citizen representative of the interests and point of view of the general public and not directly regulated or affected by the provisions of this act [article].

## 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](mailto:district1@ocfl.net)

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