

# Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

A preview of Tuesday's BCC Meeting,  
upcoming events, and more!



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**Hey West Orange County,**

Graduation season is here! It's a joyous time filled with celebrations and new beginnings for many of our young residents. To all of our District 1 graduates and their families, congratulations on reaching the finish line! Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for each of you.

Lately, we have had a lot of conversations with residents about the need to improve infrastructure as we grow. It's concerning when development comes faster than the roads, schools, and services that support it. As your county commissioner, my main goal is to serve you with transparency. Part of the reason I took office is because as a resident, I saw that many development deals seemed to happen behind closed doors, leaving us in the dark about important decisions.

That is the role of the unprecedented amount of community meetings that we facilitate. These meetings let you hear directly from applicants and share your thoughts. Your voice has helped create big changes to the future of our neighborhoods! This process can be frustrating to follow closely, but I hope that doesn't stop you from staying interested.

You help create a more open and fair decision-making process.

This newsletter is a big part of how we keep you informed and involved. Things like roadway agreements and lakeshore protection policy can be dense to look at, but they're the nuts and bolts of how we can improve West Orange County!

As always, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for daily updates on all things West Orange County, and feel free to reach out to us at [district1@ocfl.net](mailto:district1@ocfl.net). We would love to hear from you.

## In Case You Missed It:

**WFTV 9**

### **Orange County and school leaders addressing safety concerns at troubled intersection**



Thank you to our D1 residents and my School Board counterpart Pam Gould for your partnership in our pursuit of crucial road safety improvements. We got together last week to see first-hand the safety issues affecting drivers, bikers, and student pedestrians at Seidel Road and the 429 on-ramp.

Our teams are currently working on issues they can immediately fix and on a long-term comprehensive plan to improve roadway safety in the area. In the mean time, safety comes first — let's keep let's keep an eye out for all road users.

**[Watch the news clip here.](#)**



## Sheriff John Mina's 2024 Legislative Priorities

# Street Racing

F.S. 316.191

- Makes second offense a felony
- Increases fines to deter participation
- Adds special enhancement for blocking emergency vehicles

A new bill addressing street racing has been signed into law.

Street racing poses a serious threat to public safety in Orange County, so it was a huge priority to strengthen existing laws during the last legislative session.

This legislative success was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the OCSO Legislative Affairs team and the bipartisan collaboration of the bill's sponsors.

Shape Central Florida's transportation future in just 10 minutes.

Survey open through May 28

MetroPlan Orlando logo

Please take a quick survey from [MetroPlan Orlando](#) to share your experiences getting where you need to go on a typical day in Central Florida. I sit on MetroPlan's board, and we use the results from this survey to understand the public's opinions so our plans can better meet the community's needs. You'll also have a chance to win a \$25 gift card! [Click here to access the survey.](#)



## Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

June 1-14, 2024

August 24-September 6, 2024

Visit [floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep](http://floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep)



Start planning ahead: the Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday begins Saturday, June 1 and extends through Friday, June 14. Consumers can purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies exempt from tax.

[Click here for a list of qualifying items.](#)

### Mark Your Calendars:

#### **5/22 at 6:00 p.m.: Tiny Road Community Meeting**

**Location: Bridgewater Middle School, 5600 Tiny Rd.**

It's time for another round of updates from county staff on the improvements coming to Tiny Road!

Orange County continues its Roadway Conceptual Analysis (RCA) study to evaluate improvements to the existing two-lane section of Tiny Road from the southern property line of Bridgewater Middle School to Tilden Road, about 2.0 miles. The study will also evaluate improvements to the intersections of Tilden Road, Orchard Hills Blvd, Hamlin Groves Trail/Cypress Hills Road, and Bridgewater Crossing Blvd. with Tiny Road.

We had a lot of positive feedback on these plans at last year's community meeting, and we'd love to hear your thoughts again as plans progress.



# TINY ROAD RCA STUDY

Bridgewater Middle School  
to Tilden Road



STUDY NEWSLETTER

Issue #2 – May 2024

On behalf of Mayor Jerry L. Demings and District 1 Commissioner Nicole H. Wilson, Orange County is pleased to update you about the Tiny Road RCA Study.



Orange County Mayor  
Jerry L. Demings



Orange County District 1  
Commissioner Nicole H. Wilson

Orange County is moving forward with the Roadway Conceptual Analysis (RCA) study for the planned improvements to the existing two-lane section of Tiny Road from south of Bridgewater Middle School to Tilden Road, approximately 2.0 miles.

The RCA Study process is Orange County's detailed process to determine alternatives that achieve the project goals and evaluate the social and environmental impacts of each option. Based on community feedback from the first meeting, the County evaluated three alternatives which produced a recommended alignment. The recommended alignment includes roundabouts at Bridgewater Crossing Boulevard, Hamlin Groves Road, and Orchard Hills Boulevard, two 11-foot lanes, raised median with landscaping, a 10-foot shared-use path on both sides and an additional turn lane at Green Orchard Avenue. This recommended alignment will increase safety, and improved facilities for pedestrians and bikers.

You are invited to participate in the second community meeting on:

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**  
**6 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Bridgewater Middle School Media Room**  
**5600 Tiny Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787.**

Open house: 6 p.m.  
Presentation: 6:30 p.m.  
Followed by a question and answer forum.

Aerial maps of improvements and other project-related information will be available for review and comment. The Orange County Study Team will be available to discuss the project, and we encourage you to share your interests and concerns regarding recommended improvement alternative to Tiny Road.

## GET INVOLVED

Visit the project website at:

[www.tinyroadstudy.com](http://www.tinyroadstudy.com)

Attend future Public Hearings:

**Planning & Zoning Commission/  
LPA Public Hearing**  
When: August 2024 (details to be determined).

**BCC Hearing**  
When: September 2024 (details to be determined).

[Click here for more info on this study!](#)

## 5/27 at 8:30 a.m- 9:30a.m.: Winter Garden's Memorial Day Community Ceremony

**Location: Veterans Memorial Park, 420 S. Park Avenue**

The city of Winter Garden and American Legion Post 63 are hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony to honor our local veterans who gave their lives while serving in the United States armed forces.

The master of ceremonies will be Kurt Gies of American Legion Post 63, founder of Challenge 22 and our District 1 Citizen of the Year in 2023. The event includes a Roll Call of Veterans, placement of wreaths, and patriotic songs to pay homage to those that made the ultimate sacrifice.



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**5/29 at 10:00 a.m- 2:00p.m.: Stand Up for Veterans Resource Event**

**Location: 821 South Kirkman Road**

Join us at the 2024 Stand Up for Veterans Resource Event alongside CareerSource Central Florida and our many local nonprofit partners!

Veterans will have access to a variety of FREE essential resources and community support to help them get back on their feet.

2024 ANNUAL  
CAREERSOURCE CENTRAL FLORIDA

# STAND UP FOR VETERANS RESOURCE EVENT

**MAY 29TH**  
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Majestic Life Church Ministries  
821 South Kirkman Road  
Orlando, FL 32811

## FREE SERVICES FOR VETERANS INCLUDED

*Medical Assistance, Housing Assistance, Social Services,  
VA Benefits, Legal Counseling, Clothing Resources, Educational  
Resources, Showers, Toiletries, and More*

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## BCC Preview: Invocation & Proclamations

**Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May 19 through May 25, 2024 as Florida Water Reuse Week.**

# Water Reuse in Florida by the Numbers



Last year, we were thrilled to open the Hamlin Water Reclamation Facility in District 1.

This state-of-the-art facility treats and reuses water for over 40,000 West Orange County residents!

## Consent Agenda

**Item D-11/12: Approval of Contracts to fund programs for Foundation for Orange County Public Schools, Inc. [Click here for full reports.](#)**

- D-11 will provide vocational opportunities for youth attending OCPS high schools, by exposing them to careers through

internships.

- D-12 will provide prevention and intervention programming aimed at addressing summer and pandemic-related learning loss. Participating schools include Dr. Phillips High, Olympia High, and West Orange High.



# FOUNDATION

FOR ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Investing in Success*

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### **Item D-13: Approval of Contract for Child Protection Services, with Orlando Health Inc. [Click here for full report.](#)**

- This contract will provide medical examinations and evaluation services for abused, abandoned, or neglected children in Orange County.

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### **Items H-1-3: Approval and execution of Proportionate Share Agreements for the following:**

- Andy's Hunter's Creek to pay for nearby improvements to John Young Parkway. [Click here for full report.](#)
- Hamlin Tiki Docks to pay for nearby improvements to Avalon Road & Summerlake Park Boulevard. [Click here for full report.](#)
- Primrose Lake Hancock to pay for nearby improvements to Reams Road & Ficquette Road. [Click here for full report.](#)
- **Proportionate share agreements allow property owners to earn road impact fee credits by making improvements to clogged roads or dedicating right-of-way to expand the road network near their developments.**

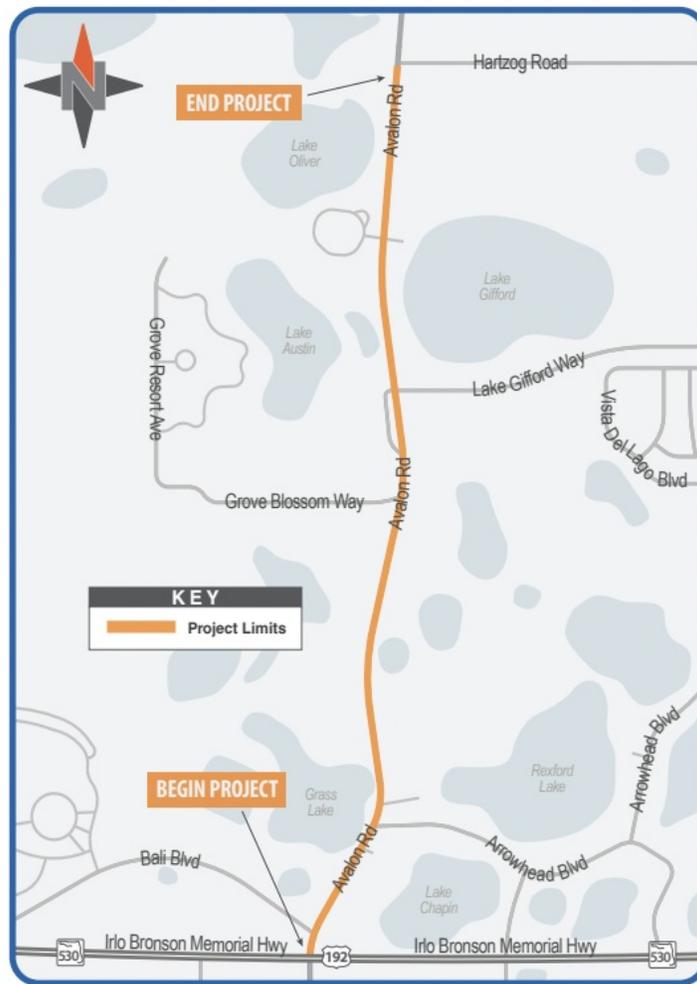
## **Discussion Agenda**

### **Item A-4: Selection of one firm and two ranked alternates to provide Design Services for Avalon Road (County Road 545) from U.S. 192 to Hartzog Road.**

This contract will provide engineering design, construction plan preparation, and a public information program for the Avalon Road (County

Road 545) widening project from U.S. 192 to Hartzog Road.

Engineering design will include, but not be limited to, roadway design, drainage design, permitting, signalization design, landscaping, multi-modal design, and maintenance of traffic.



## Work Session Agenda

### Item A-1: Lakeshore Protection Program.

- Last year the Butler Chain of Lakes Advisory Board contacted me, citing concerns regarding contractors clearing shoreline vegetation on the Butler Chain of Lakes without permits.
- I presented these concerns to the Board last October, and staff provided information relating to the Lakeshore Protection Program. Mayor Demings requested that staff bring back a more comprehensive presentation at a subsequent meeting.
- On Tuesday, staff will provide a presentation that will cover the background and scope of the issues, an overview of the Lakeshore Protection Program, a summary of enforcement processes, and a summary of ongoing outreach efforts.



### **Item B-1: Septic Tank Workgroup Policy Recommendations.**

The Workgroup is comprised of staff from multiple County departments and from the Florida Department of Health. [Click here](#) to learn more about the workgroup's findings and recommendations to the county.

#### **NEXT STEPS FOR AFFECTED AREAS**

The Workgroup is proposing county policy changes **for new development in vulnerable areas.**

These include:

- Increase sewer connection requirements (PFA and PVAs):
  - Connect to force main for single-family residential and low-flow commercial properties.
  - Increase pipeline extension criteria from 100 feet to 600 feet for higher residential and commercial flows.
- Require enhanced systems (minimum 65% nitrogen reduction) when sewer is not available on lots  $\leq$  1 acre in PVAs.



## Discussion Agenda

- **Item C-1: Commissioner Bonilla will discuss a proposed Annexation Charter Amendment. [Click here for her report.](#)**
- *This proposed charter amendment seeks to empower the Board to have greater control over voluntary annexations.*
- *Key objectives include:*
  - *Enhancing strategic planning and governance of the annexation process.*
  - *Protecting the rights and interests of unincorporated areas and their residents.*
  - *Preventing the creation of enclaves and ensuring equitable infrastructure impact.*

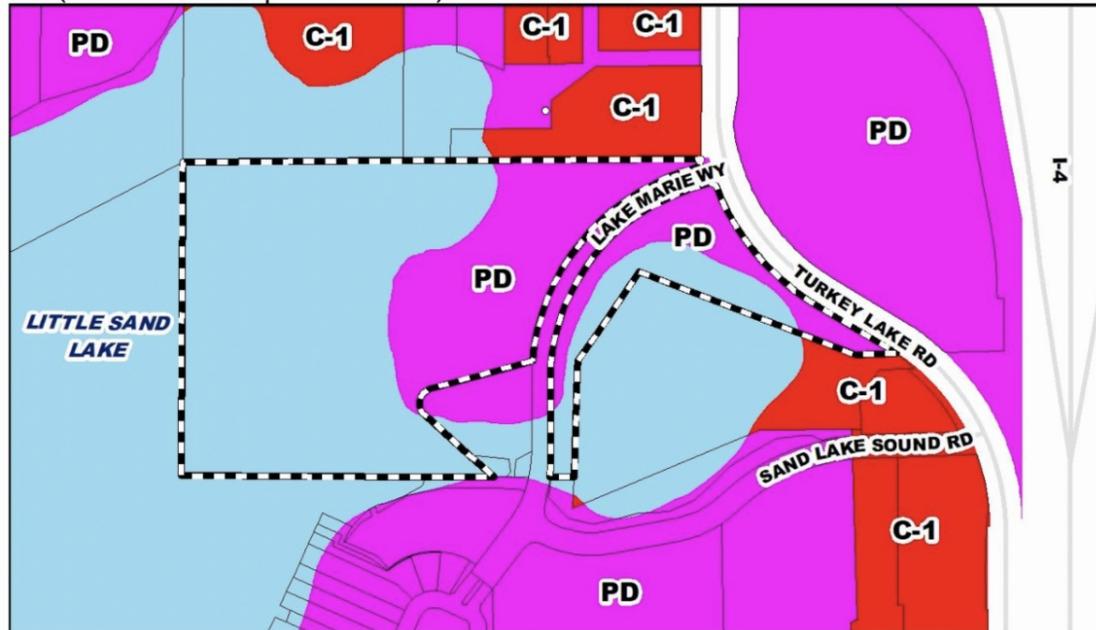
## Public Hearings

### **Item B-3: Granada Planned Development (PD). [\(click here for full report.\)](#)**

- The request is to amend the allowable uses on PD Southeast Quadrant Parcel G to include multi-family residential.
- This parcel is currently zoned to be part of the Granada Planned Development, which was approved in 1974.
- The applicant is proposing a development program of 262 multi-family residential units and 5,000 square feet of retail commercial uses on the parcel.

## ZONING

PD (Planned Development District)



**Item D-6: Enacting a temporary suspension prohibiting the processing of certain Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments, Rezoning, and Special Exceptions to allow County Staff time with Vision 2050 and Orange Code amendments. ([Click here for full report.](#))**

- The County is currently working to update both the Land Development Code and the Comprehensive Plan as a part of "Orange Code" and "Vision 2050," respectively.
- As County staff seeks to analyze, review, and finalize these proposed changes, an ordinance temporarily suspending the acceptance and processing of new applications for certain Comprehensive Plan text and Future Land Use Map amendments, rezonings, and special exceptions is being requested to prevent future contradictions.
- Master planned communities, including Horizon West, will be unaffected by this suspension.
- Existing Planned Developments will be unaffected and as such, change determinations will still be processed.



[Click here to learn more about Vision 2050.](#)

## 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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