

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,

It's hard to believe that it's already May! In a year marked by park openings, infrastructure additions, and key policy updates for our district, we really do appreciate your willingness to stay engaged and up-to-date by reading this newsletter and attending public meetings.

Thank you again to the residents and county staff members who participated in the District 1 Orange Code town hall meeting this week (pictured above). As you'll read below, this upcoming BCC meeting will feature another work session as we update our code to reflect Orange County's new comprehensive plan, Vision 2050. It's dense material, but the goal is to maintain our unique communities as we manage growth smarter and more predictably in Orange County. [Click here to read more.](#)

Looking forward, there are several more key pieces of legislation that will return to the BCC this year.

For years, I have joined many of you in expressing the need to update the county's stormwater management formulas and policies. The flooding and standing water that so many of our residents experience is not an anomaly — in fact, it's getting worse. On June 4th, we will hold another work session, during which staff will present updates and possible paths

forward.

Another policy that affects us all is the county's Noise Ordinance. A consultant has been conducting a study to determine what updates could be made in order to strengthen the county's ability to enforce the rules for residents or businesses that reach illegal levels of noise. The study is almost complete, and discussions will take place at BCC meetings later this year. We will keep you posted!

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. We would love to hear from you.

In Case You Missed It:



As of April 30th, the temporary traffic signal at the intersection of Avalon and Schofield Roads is fully operational!

Please drive extra cautiously in the area as drivers get used to the new signal. This signal will remain at the intersection until a more permanent solution can be installed.



Earth week took us across the most beautiful areas of West Orange County — Tibet-Butler Preserve, West Orange Trail, Johns Lake Conservation Area, and more. At the latter, it was a joy to shine a spotlight on the recent debut of a brand-new bird blind! This addition is a shining example of the positive outcomes generated by our Green PLACE initiative, offering a haven for communing with nature while safeguarding it for the years ahead. Huge thanks go out to the Orange County Environmental Protection Division, as well as community partners like [Orange Audubon Society](#) and [Sierra Club](#).



GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ORANGE COUNTY CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN MINI-GRANT FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Orange County is pleased to announce to all health and human services 501(c)(3) nonprofit agencies located in Orange County and offering services, for at least one (1) year, that the Orange County Citizens' Commission for Children is accepting Mini-Grant Proposals for terms October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. Successful proposals will focus on youth violence prevention and/or domestic violence transportation services for children and families in Orange County.

PROCESS BEGINS APRIL 22, 2024

Funding is contingent upon the availability of funds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.ocfl.net/ccf

Contact the NCF Team at 407.836.7610 or info-ncf@ocfl.net

Live Q&A Sessions
May 1st, 9am-11am & May 20th, 9am-11am
Register at <https://bit.ly/3J9NnPQ>

Non-Profit friends: there is still time to participate in Orange County Citizens's Commission for Children Mini-Grant Fund distribution Process!

Find the Distribution Process Here:

www.ocfl.net/ccf

For more information contact the NCF Team at 407.836.7610 or email info-ncf@ocfl.net

Mark Your Calendars:

5/5 at 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.: Homegrown in Horizon West

Horizon West now has its own monthly outdoor market on every first Sunday! Head to Hamlin for live music, a yoga class, artisan vendors, food vendors, cars, coffee and more! [Click here to learn more.](#)



**Homegrown in
Horizon West**
at *Hamlin*

brought to you by  **Horizon West
Happenings**

Food * Artisan Vendors * Live Music * Yoga

5/8 at 6:00 p.m.: Community Meeting: Vineland Land Use Plan

Wednesday, we'll be attending a community meeting hosted by the county's Planning Division to make nearby residents aware of an applicant's request and hear your feedback.

The request is to rezone 1.21 acres to Planned Development with uses to include 8,600 square feet for medical / dental office use and 15,500 square feet for general office use. The property is located on S. Apopka Vineland Road, just North of 6th Street.

Orange County Planning Dvsn. Community Meeting

Vineland Land Use Plan Rezoning request for office use

**Wednesday,
May 8th
6:00-7:00pm**

**Sand Lake
Elementary**

**8301 Buenavista
Woods Blvd.
Orlando, FL
32836**



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**ORANGE COUNTY
GOVERNMENT
FLORIDA**

**Click here for more info on this
meeting!**

All Month Long: IFAS Extension events ([Click here to learn more](#))

Check out some of the upcoming programs offered by our partners at UF IFAS Extension Orange County.



MAY Events

- 1 - Take Control of Your Money for Renters (Online)
- 7 - The Science of Cheesemaking (In Person)
- 9 - Summer Vegetable Gardening (In Person)
- 14 - Bat House Building Workshop (Online)
- 15 - Urban Backyard Chicken Class (Online)
- 16 - Summer Vegetable Gardening (In Person)
- 17 & 24 - First Time Homebuyer Workshop in ENGLISH (Online)
- 17 - gARTening Series: Creating Your Open Terrarium Paradise (In Person)
- 21 - Water Bath Canning: Jams and Jellies (In Person)
- 23 - First Time Homebuyer Workshop in SPANISH (Online)
- 23 - Summer Vegetable Gardening (In Person)
- 28 - Blooms and Beyond: A Guided Garden Tour (In Person)
- 28 - Master Gardener Volunteer Informational Meeting

Master Gardener Volunteer Pop-up Plant Clinics

- 9 - Chickasaw Branch Library
- 11 - West Oaks Branch Library

BCC Preview: Proclamations

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Tuesday morning, before the Board of County Commissioners meeting begins, join us as Orange County Celebrates AAPI Heritage Month. This is one of my favorite yearly events that the county puts on. See flyer below for details!

Orange County's 12th Annual

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

Advancing Leaders Through Innovation

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 | 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Orange County Administration Center
201 S. Rosalind Ave. Orlando, FL 32801

For Details and to RSVP visit
OCACFL2024.EVENTBRITE.COM

Featuring

- Asian American Cultural Performances and Exhibitions.
- Asian-Inspired Art Exhibition.
- Mayor's Welcome and Proclamation.

Logos at the bottom include: Orange County Government Florida, Orange County Board of Commissioners, Orange County Health Department, Orange County Sheriff's Office, and Fusion Fest.

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May as Community Action Month.

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May 5 through May 11, 2024 as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week.

Presentation of a proclamation designating May 7, 2024 as Great Oaks Village 100th Anniversary Day.

Consent Agenda

Item A-1: Approval of Agreement By And Between The School Board of Orange County And Orange County to disburse funds for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes for workers in the International Drive Community Redevelopment Area. [Click here for full report.](#)

- This would allow for funding for design and delivery of ESOL courses for citizens living and working in the I- Drive CRA.
- The recommendation is based on a successful pilot program completed in August 2023 with UCF Global, the Aeras Foundation, and three employers in the I-Drive CRA.



Item D-1C/F: Appointments to advisory boards: Michael T. Lincoln-McCreight will succeed Taylor Duffy as the at large representative on the Disability Advisory Board, and Richard J. Maladecki will serve as the District 1 representative on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. [Click here for full report.](#)



Item D-3: Commissioner Wilson’s appointment of Danny J. Culberson as the District 1 representative on the Membership and Mission Review Board. [Click here for full report.](#)

Item F-2: Approval of Change Order to complete Entry Road Repairs at Deputy Brandon Coates Park. [Click here for full report.](#)



Item F-11: Approval of contract and funding for the Rapid Rehousing Program, with Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc. [Click here for full report.](#)

- This contract will provide assistance to Orange County residents with the goal of returning families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing.

Item F-12: Approval of contract and funding for the Permanent Supportive Housing Program, with Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, Inc. [Click here for full report.](#)

- This contract will assist Orange County homeless individuals into permanent housing, provide case management and flexible assistance to assist individuals with utilities and other daily living need.



Item F-17: Approval of Amendment for funding for Design Services for Orange County Animal Services Facility, with Bacon Group, Inc. [Click here for full report.](#)

- This will increase the scope and size of the project for the facility design of a new animal shelter, including construction administration.

Item F-23: Approval of Contract for funding for Medication Assisted Treatment Better Access to Treatment Clinic, with Specialized Treatment Education and Prevention Services, Inc. (STEPS). Additional request for the Procurement Division to renew the contract for two additional one-year terms. [Click here for full report.](#)

- This contract will serve low-income Orange County residents experiencing opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring mental health disorders.



Discussion Agenda

Item B-1: Approval of the November 5, 2024, date for the referendum on the school sales surtax and authorization to direct the Supervisor of Elections to place the sales surtax question on the ballot and to conduct the referendum as part of the 2024 general election in accordance with state election laws.

Item C-2: Roadway Use Agreement (Central Florida Expressway Authority – Schofield Road)

- I pulled this item from the last BCC Meeting's Consent Agenda so we could discuss this agreement in-detail, given the existing safety and traffic issues on Schofield Road.
- This agreement gives CFX the authority to utilize the existing Schofield Road as a haul route for construction of the upcoming Lake/Orange Expressway connecting U.S. 27 to S.R. 429.

▪ Schofield Road **Current Status**

- Corridor landowners provided most of needed future road right-of-way
- RCA/Design scope under development for FY 23-24 as County CIP Project
- Portable traffic signal has been installed at CR 545 and is fully operational. Permanent signal being advanced pursuant to the Silverleaf Road Network Agreement.



Item D-1: Approval of Film Incentive Working Group to include experts to provide recommendations to the Board, on whether to establish a film program.

- A presentation will be made by the Economic Development Administrator on the launching of a new Economic Development Strategy for Orange County.
- The strategy includes business retention, expansion and recruitment, revitalization of vacant and under-utilized commercial properties, site readiness investment and incentives, and film incentives.

Item E-1: Commissioner Bonilla would like to discuss the Creation of a Film Incentive Program for Orange County.

- In accordance with the Economic Development Strategy, Commissioner Bonilla will share insights, proposals, and potential collaboration opportunities related to the film incentive program.

Public Hearings

Item A-1: Hamlin Southwest Planned Development (PD) [\(click here for full report.\)](#)

- This is generally located north of Porter Road and west of State Road 429.
- the applicant is seeking to add a Master Sign Plan to the PD and secure waivers for an illuminated community identification sign.



Work Session Agenda

Item A-1: Vision 2050 and Orange Code Update. [\(click here for full report.\)](#)

- This is the second in a series of three sessions designed to provide updates and seek direction on policy-related matters, development review processes, and various Orange Code development regulations.
- These sessions will serve as an opportunity to delve deeper into the Vision 2050 framework that provides for more sustainable growth patterns while addressing potential challenges.

SOUTHWEST PLANNING AREA



NATURE

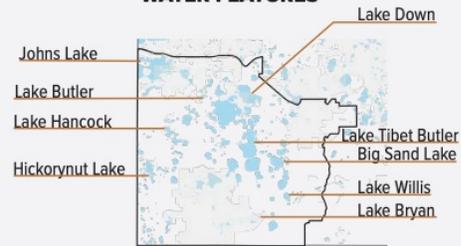
PARKS & OPEN SPACE

12 ORANGE COUNTY PARKS

1,358 ACRES WITHIN ORANGE COUNTY PARKS

9% OF ORANGE COUNTY PARK ACREAGE

WATER FEATURES

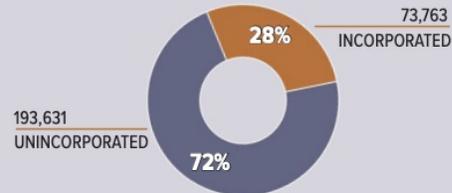


WATER AREA: **19** SQUARE MILES

POPULATION

267,394 RESIDENTS (INCLUDES BOTH INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED POPULATION)

19% OF THE SOUTHWEST PLANNING AREA POPULATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE TOTAL ORANGE COUNTY POPULATION



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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