

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,

Happy early Independence Day! I hope you get to spend time with loved ones this week and reflect on the values of liberty, equality, and opportunity that continue to inspire us all.

The appropriately-named Independence community already kicked off their celebration on Saturday, and it was a great time for the hundreds of families in attendance! Special thanks to Fire Rescue Engine 44 and our Orange County Sheriffs for helping out.



Since there isn't a Board of County Commissioners meeting this week, we're sending out this newsletter to highlight local updates and events. Be on the lookout for your usual BCC preview this weekend.

As always, follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NicoleWilsonD1) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/NicoleWilson_D1) 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:

STREET LIGHTING COMING TO DISTRICT 1



Road Name	Section Receiving Lighting
AVALON RD	SUNRIDGE BV to TURNPIKE
AVALON RD	OSCEOLA COUNTY LINE to EGRET HAMMOCK DR
BETHUNE AV	E BAY ST to E MAPLE ST
BEULAH RD	W COLONIAL DR to BEARD RD
E CROWN POINT RD	STATE ROAD 429 to CROWN POINT CROSS RD
HEMPEL AV	SR 408 to LAKE NALLY WOODS DR
HEMPEL AV	LAKE NALLY WOODS DR to FARMWOOD CR
HEMPEL AV	6TH ST to WINDY RIDGE RD
MAGUIRE RD	PARK RIDGE GOTHA RD to WONDER LN
OVERSTREET RD	WINTER GARDEN VINELAND RD to PENKRIDGE LN
OVERSTREET RD	LONDALE BV to FICQUETTE RD
PHIL RITSON WY	SOUTHERN MARTIN ST to SUMMERLAKE GROVES
ROBERSON RD	WESMERE PY to WINDERMERE RD
SEIDEL RD	SUMMERLAKE PARK BV to AVALON RD
SUMMERLAKE PARK BV	BLACK QUILL DR to FICQUETTE RD
TILDEN RD	WINTER GARDEN VINELAND RD to AVALON RD
TINY RD	TILDEN RD to BRIDGEWATER CROSSINGS BV
TURKEY LAKE RD	LAKEWOOD PLAZA DR to MAJORCA PL
W LAKE BUTLER ROAD	SUMMERPORT LANE to EAST OF TILDENS GROVE BLVD
WARRIOR RD	WINDERMERE RD to SR 429
WESTOVER ROBERTS RD	S APOPKA VINELAND RD to HEMPEL AV
WILKENING FARM RD	WOODLAWN CEMETERY RD to S APOPKA VINELAND RD
WINDERMERE RD	ROBERSON RD to MAGUIRE RD
WINDY RIDGE RD	S APOPKA VINELAND RD to HEMPEL AV

ROADWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO WEST ORANGE COUNTY



Tattant Boulevard & Overstreet Road

Short Term Improvements:

- 1) Temporary Medians East and West of Bentonsire Ave. on Overstreet Rd.
- 2) Curve Warning Signage East of Bentonsire Ave. on Overstreet Rd.
- 3) Speed Feedback Signage

Mid Term Improvements:

- 1) Permanent Raised Medians on Tattant Boulevard
- 2) Double-Lane Queue Line at Horizon West Middle School
- 3) Permanent Raised Medians/+ Street Lighting on Overstreet Road
- 4) Temporary Roundabout at Tattant Boulevard and Villa

Seidel Road - Avalon Rd. to Summerlake Park Blvd.

Short Term Improvements

- 1) Modify the existing Pedestrian Crossing at Seidel Rd. and Trinana Cir. to a raised crosswalk with speed table and RRFB with Blank Out "No Left Turn" sign installed along the side street that activates with the RRFB.

Long Term Improvements

- 1) Consider modifying full median opening stop control intersection to a two-lane Roundabout at North Summerlake Groves.

Town Center Blvd – Raintree Ridge Rd. to Courtney Chase Cir.

Short Term Improvements

- 1) Install Speed Feedback Sign Assemblies with and without Speed Tables.
- 2) Modify and Construct Bi-Directional Median at Town Place Blvd
- 3) Install Traffic Signal at Lord Barclay Drive

Long Term Improvements

- 1) Install Traffic Signal at Hunters Creek Promenade Plaza.

Turkey Lake Road – Walmart & Sand Lake Vista

- 1) Signal at Sand Lake Vista Drive
- 2) Signal at Walmart Parking Lot

Last year, our Board passed the Accelerated Transportation Safety Program to complete transportation projects using existing county funds. Through this program, the above street lighting and roadway safety improvements are coming to West Orange County. These improvements will be rolled out over the next several years, creating safer conditions for our pedestrians, bikers, and drivers alike.

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

SIDEWALK PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 1

Summerlake Park Blvd.

- from Seidel Rd to Reams Rd - 1,600 ft.

Palm Parkway

- from Daryl Carter Pkwy to Central Florida Pkwy - 3,525 ft.

Masters Boulevard

- from Clubhouse to Pine Valley Dr - 1,030 ft.

S. John Young Parkway

- from Taft-Vineland Rd to Existing South of 528 - 620 ft.



(Via Orange County Public Works)

More infrastructure updates: here's a quick look at the sidewalk projects currently on Public Works' construction list in our area. Many of these roadway projects stem directly from your feedback, and we already have additional projects in the queue! West Orange County has long needed improved pedestrian safety and connectivity, and these projects are a significant part of addressing that need.

2024 Down Payment Assistance Program

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/NeighborsHousing/HomebuyerDownPaymentAssistance.aspx>

The Down Payment Assistance Program provides funding to eligible first time homebuyers to purchase a new or existing home.

Our Housing and Community Development Division now offers down payment assistance for first-time homebuyers in Orange County! Click on the link below for details on this program, and please share with anyone who you think may qualify.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



The D1 office participates in the Healthy West Orange Trails Connection, which brings together partners to promote, activate and enhance our local trail systems.

As part of that effort, we need your input on how we can enhance the safety of our invaluable trails and paths. Let's make our community a safe and comfortable place to walk, bike, and roll for all.

[Click here to take the survey now!](#)



I am so excited about the launch of Orange County's Citizens Academy! Have you ever wondered how Orange County Government operates its programs and services?

This is a chance to get a behind-the-scenes view of your county government in action with the Mayor's Citizens Academy. Residents can apply for the 9-week interactive program to engage with county leaders, explore key facilities, and enhance their civic knowledge.

[Click here for more info.](#)

Mark Your Calendars:



1880's Historic Home and Gardens

[7/3 from 10am - 2pm: Open Day at Nehrling Gardens](#)

Location: 2267 Temple Ave, Gotha, FL

History and ecology collide at the truly one-of-one Nehrling Gardens! Visit the garden for a day filled with nature's splendor, perfect for families, friends, and garden enthusiasts alike. Explore the breathtaking landscapes, vibrant flower beds, and serene walking paths that make Nehrling Gardens a true gem in our community. There's something for everyone to enjoy.



[7/4 at 8:00 a.m- 10:30 a.m.: Winter Garden 20th Annual All American Kids Parade & Breakfast](#)

Location: Winter Garden Masonic Lodge, 230 W. Bay St.

It's the 20th anniversary of this down-home tradition that started back in 2004. Kids, wear your red, white, and blue and parade through historic downtown by foot, bike, scooter, wagon, etc. Wave to family and friends as you walk, or grab a favorite curbside viewing spot and cheer on the parade as it goes by.

FIREWORKS
for your tastebuds

**4TH OF JULY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Contact Brianna Wilson
bwilson@town.windermere.fl.us

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024
9AM-11AM
TOWN HALL
520 MAIN STREET

Windermere's most savory event is back! Bring your own toppings to pair with pancakes and sausage. The Town will provide butter, syrup, and coffee/juice while supplies last. The Historic Preservation Board will offer tours of the 1887 Schoolhouse. This event is free and open to all.

 **THE TOWN OF
Windermere**

7/4 from 9am - 11am: Windermere 4th of July Pancake Breakfast

Location: Windermere Town Hall, 520 Main St.

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7/4 from 6pm - 10pm: Winter Garden Party in the Park & Fireworks

Location: Newton Park on Lake Apopka, 29 W. Garden Ave.

Winter Garden's big fireworks show starts at 9:15 pm! Bring a chair or blanket and pack a picnic for a fun night under the stars and colorful sky.



COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN
OAKLAND MEETING HALL
221 N ARRINGTON ST, OAKLAND, FL 34760
FRIDAYS, JULY 5, 12, 19, 26, AUGUST 2,
9 AT 10 A.M.

7/5 at 10:00 a.m.: OCLS Countdown to Kindergarten

Location: 221 N. Arrington St.

Starting July 5th, join OCLS in Oakland for "Countdown to Kindergarten!" This six-part series helps preschoolers strengthen early literacy skills for kindergarten and provides caregivers with tools and resources for continued learning at home. To get the most out of this series, please attend all six sessions. Recommended for adults and children ages 4-5.

No registration required. See the flyer for details!



SUMMER ★ AT YOUR ★ LIBRARY



Horizon West
Library Pop-Up:
Magic with Mark Alan

LEARN. GROW. CONNECT.

OCLS.INFO/Summer | 407.835.7323

7/6 from 10:30am - 11:30am: Library Pop-Up in Horizon West

Location: Waterleigh Community Clubhouse 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden FL

While the groundbreaking for a brand new Horizon West library is coming soon, you can frequently find OCLS hosting great events at the Waterleigh Clubhouse.

July 6th, Enjoy Mark Alan and his travel buddy Bixby's fun and interactive comedy magic show that you won't forget. Who knows — you may even get to be part of the show!



Homegrown in Horizon West at *Hamlin*

Food * Artisan Vendors * Live Music * Yoga

7/7 at 9:00 a.m- 1:00 p.m.: Homegrown in Horizon West

Location: 16016 New Independence Parkway

Don't miss Homegrown in Horizon West, a vibrant monthly market held on the first Sunday of each month. Enjoy live music, yoga classes, artisan and food vendors, and more. All ages are welcome, and there's plenty to see and do, from Cars and Coffee to supporting local nonprofits. See you there!

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