

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter



Breaking down this Tuesday's
Board of County Commissioners
Meeting!



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Hey West Orange County,

It's back-to-school season, and there are community events galore to make sure District 1 families are ready! We are co-hosting two in the next week — more info on those below.

As we move into the second half of 2024, we want it to be easy to keep track of everything our office has been up to. For that reason, I am so excited to share with you our **2023/24 Progress Report!**

Inside, you will find the key achievements and milestones we've reached over the past year and a half. We tried to cover as much as possible — infrastructure updates, community involvement, environmental successes, public safety, and much more.

I encourage you to check out the report and see what we have been working on.

[Click here to view our progress report!](#)

Seeing what we've been able to achieve together fills me with optimism and gratitude. I took this position because I was a District 1 resident who was tired of feeling unheard and left in the dark. Connecting with you has helped shape this office, and I'm eager to keep building on our progress with your help. Thank you for your dedication to our shared community.

Now, onto the usual updates and a look at Tuesday's Board of County Commissioners Meeting

To view the full BCC Agenda, complete with clickable links with more info on each item, [click here](#).

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.

Certain apps may cut off the end of this email, so **If you're using Gmail, make sure you click the ellipses at the bottom of the newsletter to view the rest of it.**

In Case You Missed it:



It was an honor to be named Legislator of the Year by Horizon West's American Legion Post 419!

This team has quickly established a sense of community and engagement for our veterans in the Horizon West area. If you see them providing outreach around town, please thank them for their continued service.

As part of our annual budget discussions, check out the below updates we received from Orange County Library System!

Permitting is being completed for a brand new Horizon West library branch, so be on the lookout for a groundbreaking date coming soon.



DISTRICT 1 UPDATES



Homeschooling at the Library

The Windermere Branch supports an active homeschool community. During the last fiscal year, the branch hosted 75 homeschooling events with an attendance of 1,241.

Horizon West is Happening

During the last fiscal year, OCLS hosted 33 events in the Horizon West community, with an attendance of 2,180 people. The library's Community Engagement Department continues to support this initiative, while we wait for the Horizon West Branch construction to be complete.

Promoting Health and Wellness

The Winter Garden Branch hosts a variety of programs that supported healthy lifestyle choices for young families. For example, the branch held three Car Seat Safety Check events that helped 72 families properly install car seats in vehicles, and it hosted 43 Mindful Morning Yoga sessions that introduced 1,716 children and caregivers to imaginative ways to incorporate exercise into their morning routines.

StoryWalk in Southwest

In January 2023, the Southwest Branch celebrated the grand opening of Orange County Library System's first permanent StoryWalk. The library partnered with Orange County Parks and Recreation to install 20 storybook displays along a paved trail at Shadow Bay Park so families can enjoy the benefits of reading and the outdoors as they stroll along the path reading a story along the way.

Southwest Author Series Sparkles

The Southwest Branch continues to host stellar authors as part of its Southwest Author Series, hosted in partnership with the Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips. In 2023, the branch welcomed New York Times bestselling author Jane Green, author of *Sister Stardust*, and in 2024, it welcomed Lauren Groff, named one of Time magazine's most influential people of the year.

Mark Your Calendars:

July 31st from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.: Maxey Community Center's Back 2 School Bash

Location: 830 Klondike Ave, Winter Garden, FL 34787

We're so excited to co-sponsor the Maxey Community Center's back-to-school bash for East Winter Garden families! There will be food, hygiene items, school supplies, gift cards, and more.

[Click here to pre-register.](#) (required)



August 3rd from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Winter Garden Family Engagement & Resource Expo

Location: 303 SW Crown Point Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Join us at the West Orange Neighborhood Center for Families for a HUGE back-to-school Family Engagement & Resource Expo! Get connected with tons of community resources for families and receive free food, school supplies, sneakers, immunizations, and more!

[Click here to pre-register.](#)



Orange County's Neighborhood Centers for Families

Family Engagement & Resource Expo



Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
West Orange Neighborhood Center for Families
303 SW Crown Point Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED.



EVENT INCLUDES FREE FOOD, A KIDS FUN ZONE, NEW SNEAKERS, BACKPACKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, AND IMMUNIZATIONS.
While supplies last.

Children must be present!

Also connect with community resources

- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Counseling
- After school programming
- Family safety
- Neighborhood safety
- And more

Parents must bring the following documents for immunizations or sports ECG.

- Parent/guardian identification
- Child's birth certificate or identification (*passport*)
- Vaccination record needed
- Children must be present



Proof of Orange County Residency required.

The Neighborhood Center for Families is overseen by the Orange County Citizens' Commission for Children, a division of the Community & Family Services Department.

September 4th at 6 p.m.: Waterleigh Park South Community Meeting

On September 4th, we will co-host the first community meeting to get your feedback on the future Waterleigh Park South!

This 5-acre neighborhood park will be located southeast of the intersection of Water Spring Boulevard and Point Rock Drive. If you live nearby, we want to know what features you'd like to see in your park.

[Click here for more info.](#)



BCC Preview: Proclamations

Recognizing August 7, 2024 as Purple Heart Day.



BCC: Consent Agenda

Item D-7: Providing additional funds for Homeless Shelter Prevention/Diversion Services, with Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc.

- The Coalition for the Homeless is the largest provider of homeless sheltering services in Central Florida. Additionally, they are currently the only shelter within Orange County providing services through the Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System, of which Orange County is a participant.



Item D-20: Approval of funding for Let Your Voice be Heard, Inc.

- This will provide funds for Credible Messenger - Crisis Response Programming, which will serve as a violence interrupter by responding to shooting scenes, homes, and community locations to mediate active conflicts and reduce retaliation and other modes of violence from occurring.
- We have worked closely with Coach Ruben Saldaña to help secure the funding for his one-of-a-kind organization!



Item D-22: Approval of Contract to provide funding to Boys2Men Mentoring.

- Boys2Men Mentoring delivers youth mentoring services to Orange County youth, ages 10 to 18. In addition to one-on-one and group mentoring, programming also includes components such as life skills, educational support and exposure, community service, and physical health.

Item D-27: Approval of Agreement to allow the Central Florida Diaper Bank to utilize the West Orange Recreation Center for services benefitting the public.

- The West Orange Recreation Center (AKA the Magic Center) is located at 303 SW Crown Point Road, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.
- Central Florida Diaper Bank provides diapers, wipes, formula, and other essential items to families with children ages 0-3. They also offer educational classes and assist with the connection of Orange County residents to additional community resources.

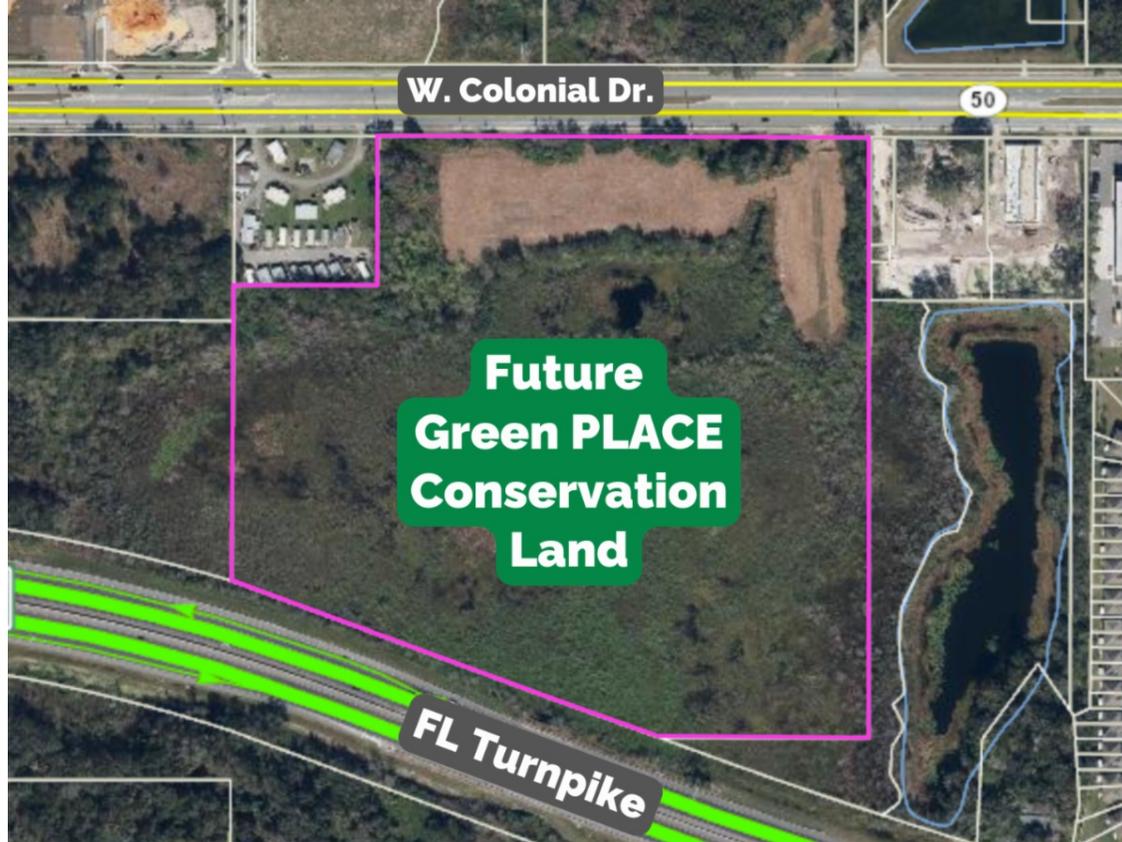


Item D-32: Agreement to allow Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County to utilize the Maxey Community Center for services benefiting the public.

- The Maxey Community Center is located at 830 Klondike Street, Winter Garden, Florida 34787.
- Healthy Start will implement the TEAM DAD/DAD-U program, which provides mentorship and guidance for fathers, to help guide them to become positive and engaged contributors to their families.

Item D-39: Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Green PLACE 236, located in District 1.

- This parcel is located along the south-side of West Colonial Drive, and north of the Florida Turnpike and Johns Lake in Oakland. This adds over 30 acres of land that will be conserved under Orange County's Green PLACE program!



Item I-4: Approval of Proportionate Share Agreement between Hamlin Retail Partners North and Orange County.

- This agreement directs that both the proportionate share payment and future transportation impact fee payments associated with this project will be utilized towards the completion of Avalon Road/CR 545 improvements.

BCC: Work Session

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 brought this to the Board's attention to request staff to take action on this issue.
- 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.



Other Violation Examples



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BCC: Public Hearings

Item C-3: Hamlin 30 Planned Development / Land Use Plan [\(Click here for full reports.\)](#)

- The project is generally located north of Schofield Road and west of Avalon Road. Its Future Land Use Designation is Village (V).
- The applicant is requesting to rezone three (3) parcels containing 29.58 gross acres from A-1 to PD, to construct 100 multi-family residential dwelling units, 169,705 square feet of non-residential uses, and 26 hotel rooms.

FUTURE LAND USE - CURRENT

Village (V)



Item E-5: Submitting a proposed Charter Amendment providing for the establishment of a rural boundary and rural area, providing information for the ballot. [\(Click here for full reports.\)](#)

- This proposed amendment will establish a rural boundary and define rural areas within the county. This amendment outlines the voting requirements for this change and calls for a countywide referendum to decide on the proposed amendment.

- In the below video, I outline the importance of letting the voters weigh in on this policy change.



BCC: Work Session Agenda (Continued)

Item A-1: Proposed Voluntary Municipal Annexation Charter Amendment. [Click here for full report.](#)

- During the July 9, 2024 Work Session, the Board directed staff to prepare a proposed ordinance which would include the ballot proposal (ballot title and ballot summary) along with draft text revisions to the Orange County Charter. The purpose of this Work Session is to present the draft ordinance in advance of an adoption public hearing on August 13, 2024. Additionally, following the staff's presentation, there will be an opportunity for public comment.



Summary

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▪ **Tools in the Toolbox**

- Joint Planning Area Agreements
- Preservation Districts

▪ **Annexation Provisions from Other County Charters**

- Six Counties have adopted charter amendments
 - 4 of the 6 were challenged
 - Palm Beach and Seminole County are pertinent to process and comp plan compatibility

▪ **Legal Aspects of a Proposed Charter Amendment**

- Only applicable to voluntary annexations
- Must include the process for annexation in the Charter
- The definitions, process, and provisions cannot be contradictory to State Statute 171

▪ Timeline

- July 9** **BCC Work Session #1**
Presentation of Findings
- July 30** **BCC Work Session #2**
Ballot Language and Draft Ordinance
- August 13** **Public Hearing**
Ordinance
- August 27** **Deadline to Provide Ballot Language**
to the Supervisor of Elections

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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