

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter



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



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Hey West Orange County,

Happy September — I hope our D1 families have gotten fully into the swing of school season. As a longtime band parent, Friday evenings in the fall are one of the simplest joys life has to offer. Soon, our friends at Windermere High will get to enjoy their first-ever football game on campus — more on that later!

I typically don't include anything campaign-related in this newsletter in order to keep things compartmentalized. However, there has been a lot of confusion about the ongoing District 1 race. To clear things up, the race was not settled in the August primary, so it will now be on your November ballot. Here is what I told the Orange Observer:

"The most important takeaway that I want our community to know is that we are now going to have a race in November with two named qualified candidates — the way it should have always been," Wilson said. "I'm actually really excited for that. There have been lots of efforts to mislead voters throughout this process, and this will allow voters to have the opportunity to really vet candidates. When it comes down to integrity, honesty and effectiveness, I believe that I'm the best candidate for the job."

As always, thank you for staying informed and engaged in your local government. My goal with this newsletter has always been to bridge the communication gap I used to feel as a concerned D1 resident. It takes all of us to help make things better!

Now, on to our usual local updates and a preview of Tuesday's BCC meeting. This agenda is packed with several D1 public hearings, as well as big improvements coming to strengthen how we deal with noise pollution.

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

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West Orange County 

2023/24

Progress Report



Click here to check it out!

In Case You Missed it:

Orange County Adopts Vision Zero Action Plan with a goal of eliminating traffic related fatalities and serious injuries by 2040.

ORANGE COUNTY VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN



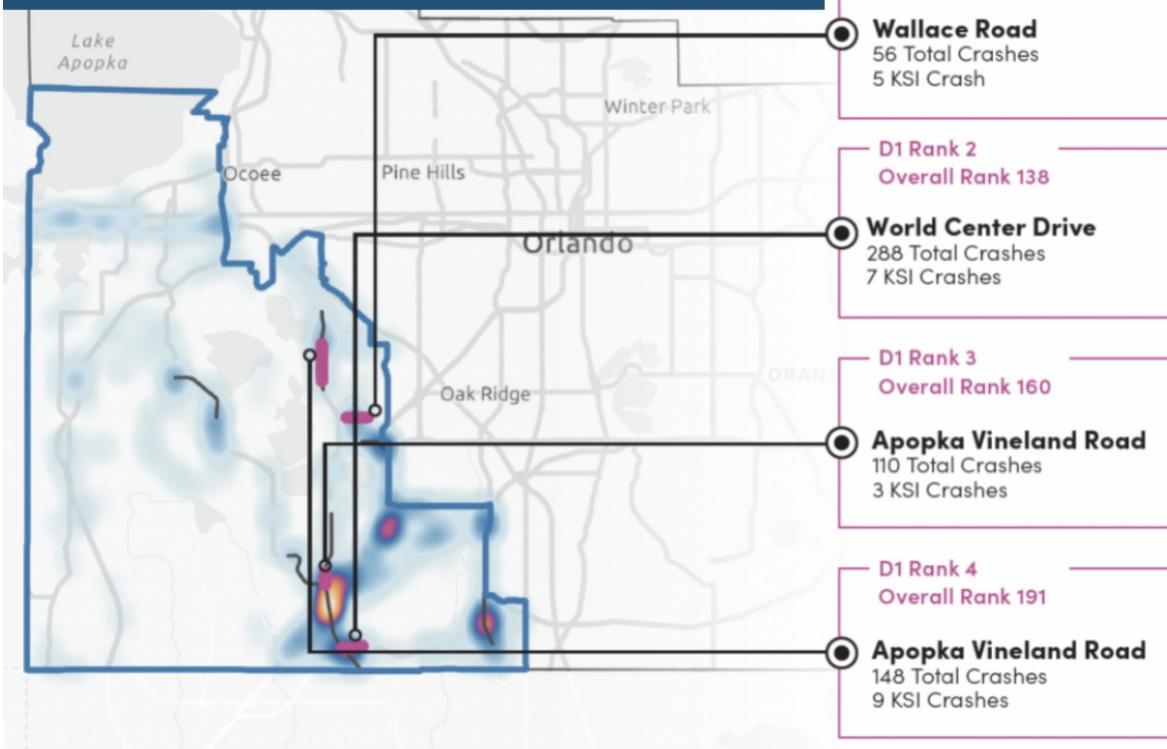
[Click here to view the full plan.](#)

Zero traffic fatalities is a lofty goal, but it's one worth fighting to achieve. Committing to Vision Zero means that we will be dedicating serious resources to improve safety at our most dangerous roads and intersections.

It has been a long process to engage with residents and collect the data needed to put together this plan. My goal is to use this information to **learn from our mistakes**. So many roads in Orange County were built without safety as a priority.

We have residential streets that operate more like highways, and long stretches where walking or biking is a serious risk. For all the road projects coming to District 1, I continue to work with staff to make sure that safety improvement don't have to come years after the road itself.

Most Dangerous Roads in District 1





George and Annie Bell Dyson, founding owners of Dyson's Plaza

In 1939, George and Annie Bell Dyson founded a commercial plaza in East Winter Garden. 83 years later, Dyson's Plaza remains a family business with decades of history serving our community.

Recently, we broke ground on a huge project to renovate and revitalize Dyson's Plaza, to ensure that this space can serve East Winter Garden for generations to come!

This project, like many other improvements coming to East Winter Garden, is the result of a collaboration between Winter Garden and Orange County. We've been getting everything in place for this project for almost two years, and it is so incredibly gratifying to see it come to life.

Thank you to our friends and collaborators at the City of Winter Garden, and to the family who has faithfully served East Winter Garden for four generations!

More Rural Protection Coming to District 1

After hearing the concerns of dozens of residents in the Kilgore Road, Darlene Drive, and Charles Limpus Road neighborhoods, I requested that county staff to move forward with establishing a rural enclave in the area. This would give the area its own special set of development guidelines, including a higher minimum lot size.

Our presentation to the BCC about this issue was a success! Staff will conduct a study on the area, collect more feedback from residents, and return back to the board with the resulting recommendations. Thank you to everyone who participated in these discussions.



Mark Your Calendars:



Friday, 9/13 at 6:30pm: Windermere High School Stadium Ribbon-Cutting Celebration

I'm beyond excited to see the new stadium at Windermere High School in action! Last year, we worked with WHS students, parents, faculty members, and the school board to get this long-needed project approved.

Saturday, 9/21 from 10am - 2pm: Nature Fest at Oakland Nature Preserve

Look out for my tent at the third annual Nature Fest at the lovely Oakland Nature Preserve! Enjoy meeting members of the environmental community, participate in animal interactions and guided hikes, check out interesting presentations, and much, much more.



BCC Preview: Proclamations

- **Recognizing Hunger Action Month**
- **Recognition Hispanic Heritage Month**

BCC Preview: Consent Agenda

Item D-9: Funding for Primary Care Services with Central Florida Family Health Center, Community Health Centers, Health Care Center for the Homeless, and Shepherd's Hope.

- These contracts will procure primary medical care services to an estimate of approximately 67,250 uninsured and underinsured patients in Orange County.



Item D-13: Funding for Long-Term Housing Security and Services for Unhoused Persons, via S.A.L.T. Outreach.

- The project's goal is to get unhoused residents of Orange County into stable housing and end homelessness.
- S.A.L.T. Outreach will provide services to unhoused persons residing in Orange County including showers and laundry, in an effort to build relationships and transition clients into case management services and mental health counseling.

Item D-22: License Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando and Osceola County, allowing them to use the Maxey Community Center for services benefitting the public.

- This is part of a larger collaboration between the county and Habitat for Humanity called the **Orange County Financial Empowerment Center**.
- At our community centers, Habitat for Humanity will provide our residents with comprehensive financial counseling and services. This includes help with money management, budgeting, debt reduction, credit improvement, savings building, and access to safe and affordable banking.
- In addition, the FEC will bring together like-minded partners who are providing complementary programs and services such as Undue Medical Debt Relief, Career Source Central Florida, Cooperative Extension/IFAS, Community Action and Goodwill Industries to name a few.

BCC: Discussion Agenda

Discussion C-1: Adoption of Standard Operating Procedures to implement the requirements of the Live Local Act; and Adoption of a Form Land Use Restriction Agreement for Affordable Multi-Family Development to be used when the County approves applications.

- The Live Local Act is a state law that requires local governments to authorize multifamily and mixed-use residential as allowable uses in any area zoned for commercial, industrial, or mixed use, if at least 40 percent of the residential units in a proposed multifamily rental development are affordable.
- A proposed multifamily development that satisfies the Act's criteria is not required to obtain a zoning or land use change, special exception, conditional use approval, variance, or comprehensive plan amendment from the county, and such projects must be administratively approved.
- Staff will provide a presentation outlining the changes needed to update our current Live Local Standard Operating Procedures due to the passing Senate Bill 328 this year.

BCC: Work Sessions

Item A-1: Impact Fees for Additions to Residential Homes Resolutions

Orange County collects impact fees to provide infrastructure to support new growth for transportation, schools, law enforcement, fire, and parks.

Since late 2021, certain impact fees for additions to residential homes were not coded properly in the County's Land Development Management System. This meant that a number of permits for residential improvements were not charged appropriately. The process was corrected in Fall 2023, with new assessments leading to complaints from existing homeowners.

Staff will provide the background on this oversight, the tiering process, an analysis of permits for residential additions, policy considerations, and staff recommendation.



Staff Recommendation

- **Policy option 2:**
- **Exempt first 800 square feet of addition**
 - Based on the difference between the TIF tier 1 and tier 2
 - Aligns with average addition size and average ADU size
 - Retroactive to code adoption
 - 12-month time frame to bridge the gap until next SIF and TIF studies
- **Reduce affected active permits**
- **Provide refunds as appropriate**



NOISE Pollution Control Ordinance

Chapter 15 Article V

Item A-2: Noise Pollution Control Ordinance

Here is a discussion that many of you have been waiting for!

We consistently hear from residents experiencing several types of noise pollution. Currently, these complaints are addressed by our Environmental Protection Division and the Sheriff's Office.

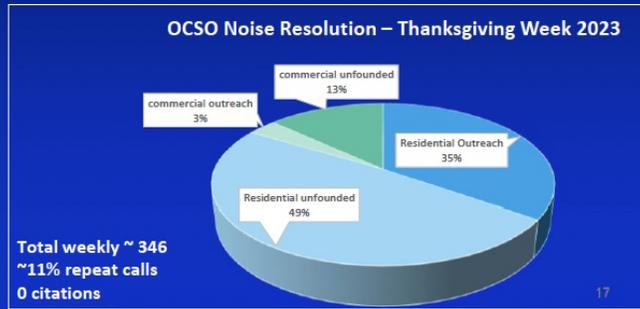
However, many of us agree that the county's Noise Ordinance should give these departments more of an ability to enforce the rules and stop consistent noise problems.

As a result of these issues, our EPD has hired a consultant to conduct thorough review of our current ordinance and provide recommendations for revision. Based on this Work Session, staff will draft a new Noise Ordinance to do a better job of protecting our peace and quiet.



Current Code Calls for Service- OCSO

- Estimated 15,000 noise disturbance calls per year
 - ~85% of noise disturbances related to residential complaints (i.e. music, fireworks, vibrations, yelling)
 - ~15% of noise disturbances related to commercial complaints (i.e. bars, night clubs, restaurants)



BCC: Public Hearings

Item C-4: Sorenson Construction case in Windermere ([Click here for full reports](#))

- The applicant is requesting variances to allow a 2,858 sq. ft. attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) with a separate entrance at the front in lieu of the side or rear.
- Property address is 2608 Midsummer Drive.

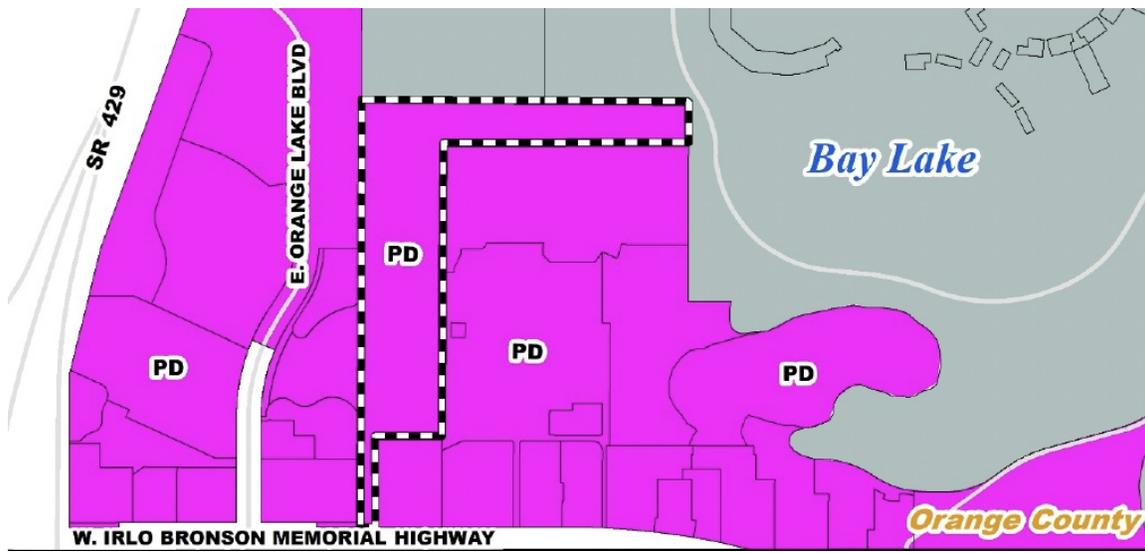


Item D-6: Orlando World Resort Planned Development (PD) Amendment ([Click here for full reports](#))

- The request is to increase intensity of the Planned Development to 342 timeshare units and increase the building height from 35 feet to

75 feet for resort lodging use.

- The subject property is located north of W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, east of State Road 192, and south of Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom Lodge.
- This Planned Development was originally approved in 1972 and allows for a maximum of 136 timeshare units and 21,000 square feet of Tourist Commercial (T-C) uses.



Item D-7: Patterson Planned Development (PD) Amendment [\(Click here for full reports\)](#)

- This request is to increase the development program by 94 units, for a total of 598 multi-family residential units. The PD is currently partially developed with a 308-unit multi-family development.
- The site is located on the west of Reams Road, east of Seidel Road, and south of Summerlake Park Boulevard.
- The PD was originally approved on June 26, 2001, and currently allows for 504 multi-family residential units.

ZONING

PD (Planned Development District)



BCC: Discussion Agenda (Cont'd)

Item C-2: Vision 2050 and Orange Code Update

Vision 2050, the far-reaching set of updates to our county's comprehensive plan, has been in the works for eight years. I have continued to express that while the plan will never be perfect, it will provide urgently needed protections to help stop the irresponsible development that we see too often in District 1.

However, in the months leading up to the plan's adoption, several parties came forward with concerns about the plan. In order to address those concerns, the timeline for adopting Vision 2050 has been extended. The specifics of this new timeline will be discussed during this Work Session.

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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