

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter



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



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Hey West Orange County,

Time flies — school is officially beginning this week! Best of luck to all of our families who have been gearing up to head back to school, as well as OCPS teachers and staff.

As always, a quick reminder to drive cautiously and look out for children, especially in neighborhoods and near schools. Traffic patterns change drastically around this time of year, so try to provide yourself an extra few minutes to get wherever you need to go.

I'm especially excited for the brand new [Atwater Bay Elementary](#) in Horizon West! It's the first of an improved prototype design, and our friend Principal Matthew Hendricks (formerly of Water Spring Elementary) will be an awesome leader for the new school.

Last week, the D1 office was thrilled to co-host two back-to-school resource events in East Winter Garden. Hundreds of our local families joined us at the [Maxey Center](#) and the [West Orange Neighborhood Center for Families](#) to enjoy days filled with activities, free school supplies, and more.

The biggest thanks are due to the organizers and volunteers who helped us put together these events. Back-to-school season can be a stressful time for families in need. Sometimes a helping hand and an uplifting atmosphere can go a long way.



As we move into the second half of 2024, keep track of everything our office has been up to with 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.

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

Now, onto some loc 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.

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In Case You Missed it:

Orange County unanimously OKs rural boundary amendment

Amendment would make it harder to approve dense developments in rural areas



We did it — rural protection will be on your voting ballot this November! Thank you to the 75+ residents who attended the last BCC meeting to support this measure. Sustainable growth benefits us all, regardless of whether we reside in rural areas. Read the full story [here.](#)

Mark Your Calendars:

August 17 from 9am-1pm: OCSO Shred-A-Thon at Olympia High

Do you need to organize and clean out piles of documents with your personal information on them? Come out to our Sheriff's Office Shred-A-Thon on Saturday, August 17 at Olympia High School and get your sensitive info securely shredded.



ORANGE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHRED THE WORD

SHRED-A-THON 2024

SATURDAY **OLYMPIA**
AUG 17 **HIGH SCHOOL**
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM 4301 S. Apopka Vineland Rd.
Orlando, FL 32835

September 4th at 6pm: Waterleigh Park South Community Meeting

We are co-hosting 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

Presentation of a proclamation designating August as Orange County's Park System 100-Year Celebration!

Parks Opened in 2023/24

- Summerlake Park
- Taborfield Park
- Dr. Phillips Ballfield Complex

Parks Under Construction

- Bentonshire Park
- Horizon West Regional Park

In Design Phase

- Waterleigh Park South
- Silverleaf Neighborhood Park
- Watermark Park



BCC: Consent Agenda

Item C-6: Approval for the Orange County Sheriff's Office to contribute funding to Harbor House of Central Florida and Children's Safety Village of Central Florida.

- Harbor House of Central Florida is committed to providing comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and to providing domestic violence education to Central Florida communities.
- The Children's Safety Village of Central Florida is one of Orange County's essential resources for life-safety education for young children. Last year, staff served over 22,000 community residents with programs and services focused on drowning prevention, pedestrian and bike safety, gun safety, internet safety, and dangerous person awareness.



Item D-2: Approval to provide funding for homelessness outreach, prevention, and diversion with Samaritan Resource Center, Inc.,

- Samaritan Resource Center currently assists on average 35 households monthly. The additional funding will support assisting approximately 840 households.



Item D-10: Approval to provide funding for homeless prevention and diversion with Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc.,

- This adds funds to expand homeless outreach to the more underserved outer regions of the County.
- Currently, the provider assesses approximately 40 households monthly who are precariously housed or unhoused. The additional funding will support assessing an additional 480 households.

Item H-4: Approval of Housing & Community Development 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. [Click here for full plan.](#)

- The Annual Action Plan will provide much-needed services to the homeless, disabled, elderly, and low-income residents of Orange County.

BCC: Discussion Agenda

Item A-1: Presentation of 2024 Charter Review Commission Final Report.

- CRC Chairperson Homer Hartage will present an overview of the CRC's deliberations and the charter proposals being placed on the November ballot.
- This group of appointed residents has worked tirelessly to let the people vote on several proposed charter changes. When they were preempted by the state from adding rural protection to ballots, our Board took their work and ran with it. We appreciate their efforts!

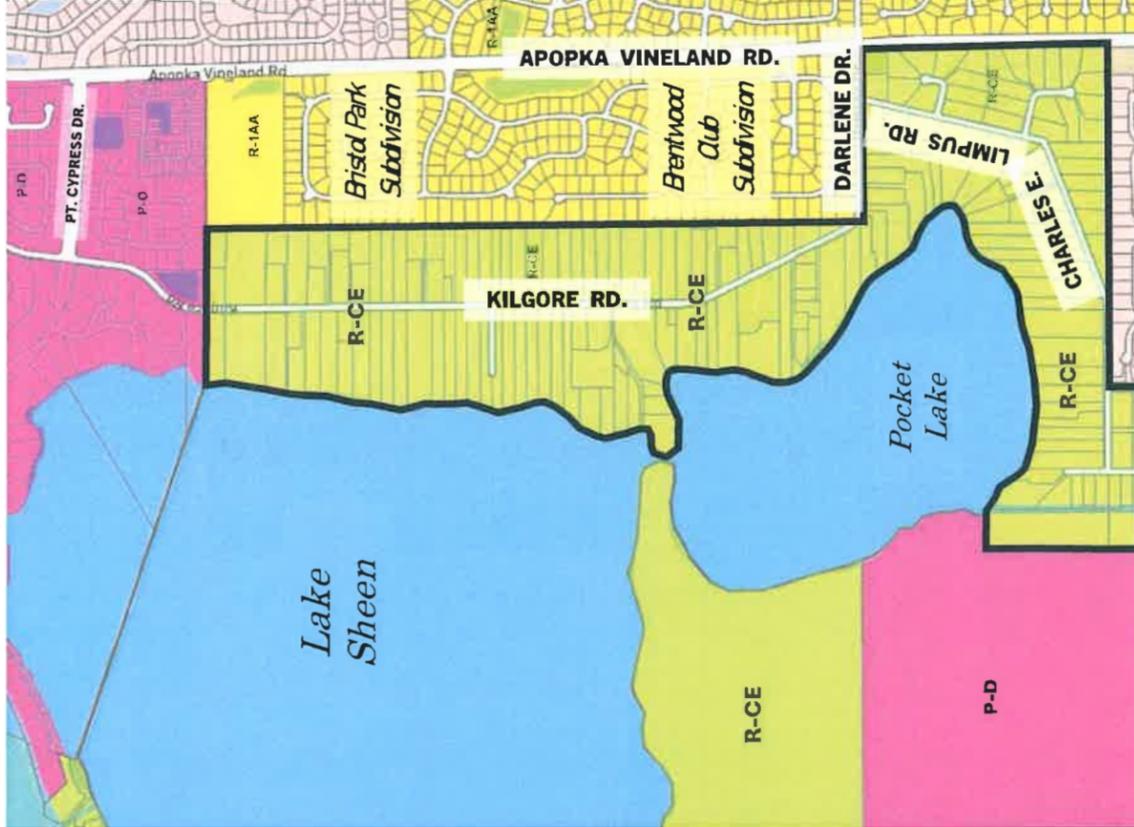


Item B-1: Agreement between Orange County and Undue Medical Debt for a federal subaward providing funding for medical debt relief.

- The subrecipient would administer the medical debt relief project, abolishing an estimated \$424,000,000 of medical debt for approximately 154,593 eligible Orange County residents.
- Eligible residents include those who have experienced negative economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic which disproportionately impacted low-income residents and residents burdened by high medical debt.

Item C-1: Commissioner Wilson would like to discuss a rural enclave for Kilgore Road, Darlene Drive, and Charles Limpus Road neighborhoods.

- Last month, we received a petition from homeowners in this area requesting to preserve their R-CE zoning designation.
- As a result, we facilitated a community meeting regarding Vision 2050, where the same concerns were echoed.
- In order to preserve the rural nature of this community, we want to establish protections that will supersede whatever comprehensive plan changes may come in the future.
- The establishment of a rural residential enclave would give this area its own special set of guidelines, including setting a new, higher minimum lot size.
- Orange County would conduct a study on the area, seek resident feedback, and return back to the board with the resulting recommendations.



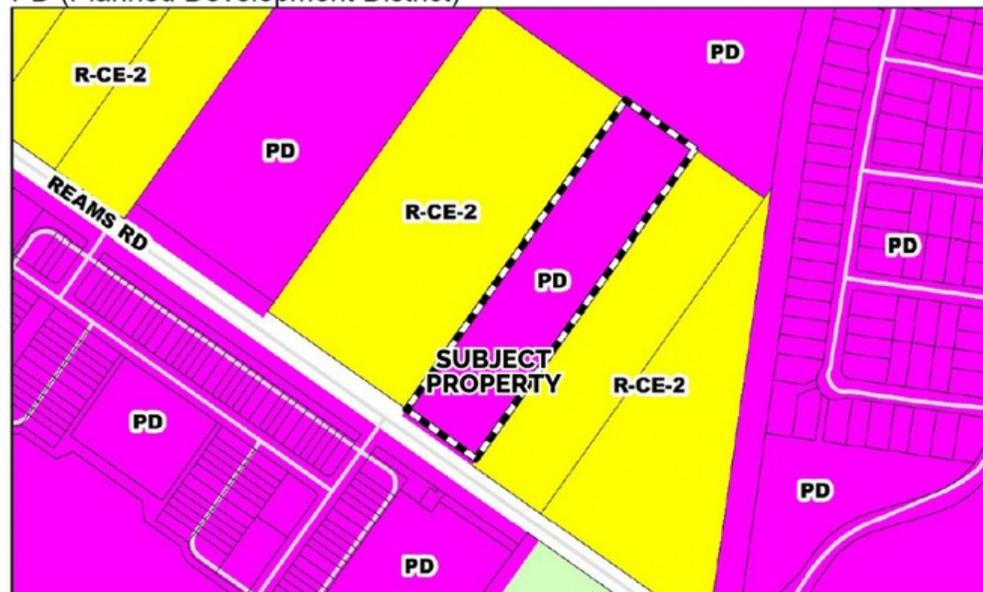
BCC: Public Hearings

Item D-5: Windermere Springs PD / Windermere Springs Townhomes Preliminary Site Plan. ([Click here for full reports.](#))

- The project is located northeast of Reams Road and southeast of Summerlake Park Boulevard.
- The subject property is currently entitled for 21 single-family attached residential dwelling units. This request is to subdivide 4.95 gross acres to construct 21 single-family townhomes.

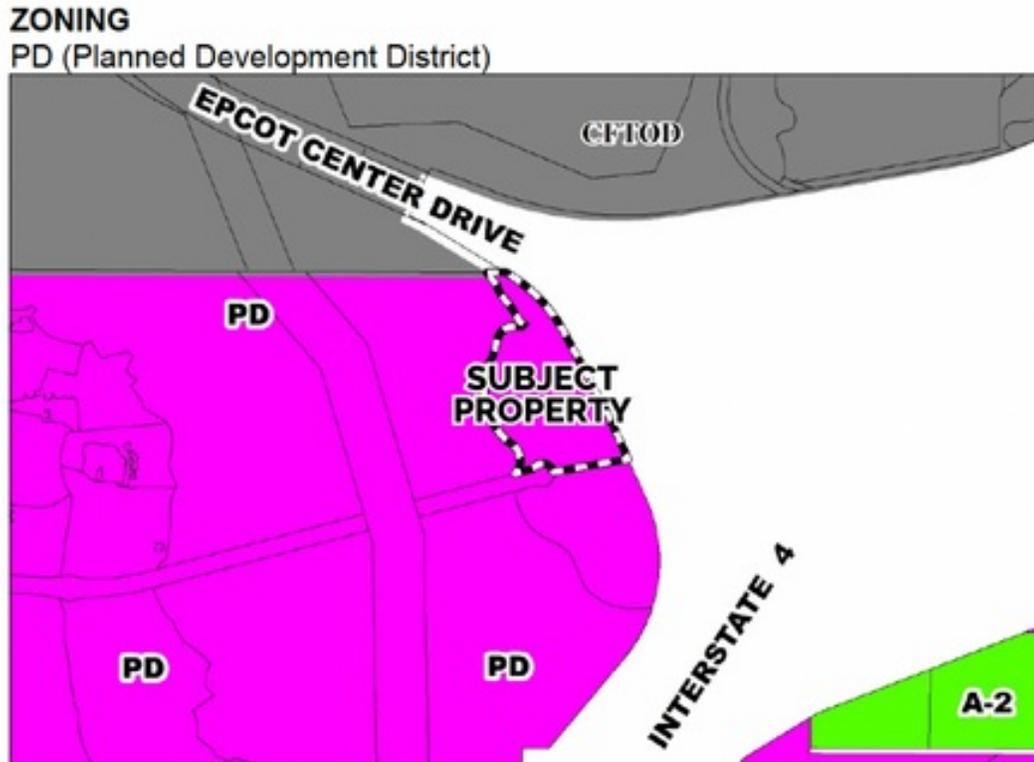
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PD (Planned Development District)



Item E-6: Bonnet Creek Resort Planned Development amendment
(Click here for full reports.)

- The property is generally located south of Epcot Center Drive, north of Chelonia Parkway, and west of Interstate 4.
- The request is to update the trip equivalency matrix and convert 196 timeshare units into 169 hotel rooms, and to request an additional 181 hotel rooms.



Item H-10: Sutton Grande Commercial to Growth Center - Planned Development - Medium-High Density Residential **(Click here for full reports.)**

- The 13.56-acre subject property is located at 14331 Avalon Road; generally located east of Avalon Road, south of Lake Gifford Way, and north of Arrowhead Boulevard in the Four Corners area.
- The request is 'to change the Future Land Use Map designation from Commercial to Growth Center - Planned Development - Medium-High Density Residential, rezone the property to PD, and an associated staff-initiated text amendment to record the development program in Comprehensive Plan Policy FLU8.1.4. The applicant is proposing to construct 250 multi-family dwelling units. Also requested are two waivers from Orange County Code related to building height.



Item J-13: Submitting a proposed Charter amendment to be voted on by Orange County residents, providing for an exclusive method of municipal voluntary annexation. ([Click here for full reports.](#))

- **Current regulations allow cities to annex land with minimal county involvement, thereby **diminishing the BCC's capacity** to uphold strategic growth plans. This lack of control results in:**
 - The creation of service and jurisdictional enclaves complicates governance
 - A reduced ability to plan for comprehensive infrastructure development
 - Inconsistent standards for public service provision
 - The absence of interlocal agreements to ensure fair tax distribution and coordinated planning

▪ Report outlines 5 goals of the proposed charter amendment:

1. Establish county review process **requiring BCC approval for all voluntary annexation** in unincorporated areas
2. Introduce **mandatory public hearings** to ensure residents can voice their concerns
3. Require the **adoption of interlocal agreements** between municipalities and the county for fair tax distribution, coordinated service provision, and unified planning
4. Ensure annexation **aligns with Orange County's Comprehensive Plan**
5. **Establish an appeal process** for aggrieved parties

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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