

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

Community updates and a look
at Tuesday's Board of County
Commissioners meeting



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Pictured: The D1 team joined hundreds of volunteers to pack one million meals for the hungry on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

Hey West Orange County,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and staying warm through what has been an extremely chilly year so far! It's during times like these that our community's heart truly shines. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to organizations like Matthew's Hope for their incredible efforts in providing warmth and shelter to our neighbors in need. Our residents rallied to provide essential supplies, and the West Orange Dream Center even opened their doors when the shelter space at

Matthew's Hope filled up. In a time when homelessness is a more precarious situation than ever, thank you for showing the compassion that make our community so special.



Looking ahead toward Tuesday's BCC meeting, several items on our agenda directly relate to the charter amendments approved by voters this past November. These changes reflect your voice and priorities, and I'm excited to share updates on how we're working to implement them effectively. Some of these amendments, like the addition of two more Commission districts, will be quite the complicated process, so it's good to start keeping track now.

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

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.**

Updates & Events



Welcome
Remarks
by Mayor &
Commissioners
(Noon)



ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR'S OPEN HOUSE & JOB FAIR

ORANGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
201 S. ROSALIND AVE., ORLANDO, FL 32801

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025 | 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

This Saturday, join us in Downtown Orlando for one of our favorite events of the year!

Welcome to our house — meet your Mayor and County Commissioners, learn about services and programs, explore career opportunities and enjoy family-friendly activities.

February 1, 2025

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: 201 S. Rosalind Ave, Orlando, FL 32801

[Click here to register.](#)



FEBRUARY *Events*

- 5 - How to Grow Oyster Mushrooms (In Person)
- 5 - Take Control of Your Money for Renters (Online)
- 11 - Native Plant Workshop (In Person)
- 13 & 20 - First Time Homebuyer Workshop - ENGLISH (Online)
- 18 - Garden Tour (In Person)
- 18 - How to Grow Oyster Mushrooms (In Person)
- 19 - Green Industries Best Management Practices (GI-BMP) (In Person)
- 19 - First Time Homebuyer Workshop - SPANISH (Online)
- 19 - Urban Backyard Chicken Class (Online)
- 26 - Florida's Hidden Invaders: Tackling Invasive Species (Online)

Master Gardener Volunteer Pop-up Plant Clinic

4 - Windermere Branch Library

Check out the lineup of events coming in February from UF IFAS Extension Orange County— including a Master Gardener pop-up plant clinic at our Windermere Library Branch!

[Click here to find tickets and more information.](#)



**Orange County
Financial
Empowerment
Center**

*Free One-on-One
Financial Counseling*



Orange County residents can now get FREE, 1-on-1 financial counseling from certified professionals via the Financial Empowerment Center!

The county has partnered with Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County to launch this program, which will be based out of several community centers. Financial counseling is extremely valuable, yet it's rarely accessible to households who are above the poverty level but still struggling to afford basic needs. The FEC is aiming to change that.

[Click here to learn more or make an appointment.](#)

2/14 at 6:30 p.m.: Free Movie in the Park: Shrek 2

Bring your family and friends to Dr. P. Phillips Community Park, 8249 Buenavista Woods Boulevard, Orlando, on Friday, February 14 for the FREE Movie in the Park: Shrek 2!

This fun animated movie (rated PG, 93 mins.) starts at 6:30 p.m., shortly after dark. Bring lawn chairs and snacks!

[Click here for more info.](#)



WILLIAMSBURG TOWN HALL MEETING

Hosted by District 1 Commissioner Nicole Wilson



 **THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 20
AT 6:00 P.M.**

 **LAKE RIDGE
VILLAGE
CLUBHOUSE**
10630 LARISSA ST,
ORLANDO, FL 32821



**Hear directly from your
county commissioner,
Sheriffs, and more
county staff members
on the issues important
to your community!**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT
DISTRICT1@OCFL.NET**

Our first proper town hall meeting this year will be for Williamsburg residents on February 20th! Join us at the Lake Ridge Village Clubhouse for county updates specific to the Williamsburg area. See flyer above for details.



Want to get more involved in our community? We'd love to hear from you!

There are countless ways to make a difference—whether it's supporting community outreach efforts with organizations like [Hope Along the Way](#), giving out essential resources with the [Central Florida Diaper Bank](#), or representing our district on a county advisory board.

Please reach out if you'd like to get involved!

BCC Preview: Proclamations

- **Presentation by Congressman Darren Soto regarding the Green PLACE and Ryan White Programs**
- **Proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month**
- **Proclamation designating February 7, 2025 as School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day**

BCC Preview: Consent Agenda

Confirmation of Commissioner Wilson's appointment of District 1 resident Patrick Ferguson to the Transportation Mobility Advisory Commission

- The Transportation Mobility Advisory Commission (TransMAC) was created by the passage of an amendment to the Orange County Charter on November 5, 2024.
- TransMac is empowered to hold public hearings and make recommendations to the County Commission on proposed expenditures for transportation purposes, transportation and mobility innovation, and review of past transportation expenditures.
- The first formal TransMAC meeting will be this Thursday at 6 p.m.

Also on January 30th, the mayor has called for a special BCC "Transportation Visioning Session". This will take place at 3 p.m. in the Renaissance Senior Center Ballroom.

- This meeting will be held with an external facilitator. The goal is to discuss and develop a long-term vision for growing our transportation system that meets the needs of our constituents, visitors, and region while balancing the impact on the environment.

Approval for the Orange County Sheriff's Office to spend \$32,500 of eligible funding for contributions to Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida and Victim Service Center of Central Florida.



Approval of Contract for Provision of Community Services, with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

- This contract will fund supportive services for individuals between the ages of 18 and 23 who are transitioning out of the foster care system.
- Services include case management, mental health counseling, housing assistance, job training and placement, educational assistance, and other wraparound services.
- These services are designed to help individuals gain independence by providing resources needed to become self-sufficient and promote positive social-emotional well-being and quality of life.



Item I-1: Approval of South Florida Water Management District's Commercial Waterwise Neighbor Program.

- OCU's Water Wise Program is a comprehensive residential water footprint reduction program for homes that is designed to improve indoor and outdoor water use efficiency. This program is a commercial extension to the Water Wise Neighbor Program a comprehensive residential water footprint reduction program. This expansion will be made implemented at approximately 300

high use commercial accounts within the South Florida Water Management District

- If you're an OCU customer, [click here](#) to learn more about the neighborhood version of this program!



BCC: Discussion Agenda

Item B-1: Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners establishing the Orange County Mid-Decennial Redistricting Advisory Committee.

- In the November 2024 general election, voters approved an amendment to the County charter increasing the number of County Commissioners from six to eight. As a result, we must conduct a redistricting process to add the two new districts and adjust the district boundaries in accordance with federal, state, and local laws.
- To assist with this effort, the Board is creating a citizen advisory committee, as done in the past years. The body will be the 2025 Mid-decennial Redistricting Advisory Committee or MRAC.
- Through adoption of this Resolution, the following individuals are hereby confirmed by the Board to serve as Committee members:

| Table 1. Board Appointments | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Nominating Individual | Nominee Name |
| Orange County Mayor | Tico Perez, Co-Chair |
| | Camille Evans, Co-Chair |
| | Coy Jones |
| District 1 Commissioner | Erica Jackson |
| | Bobby Olszewski |
| District 2 Commissioner | Joe Kilsheimer |
| | Angel de la Portilla |
| District 3 Commissioner | Mark Arias |
| | Tom Callan |
| District 4 Commissioner | Rishi Bagga |
| | David Washington |
| District 5 Commissioner | J. Gordon Spears |
| | James Auffant |
| District 6 Commissioner | Alejandro Pezzini |
| | Jason Henry |

Item B-2: Appointments to the Orange County Canvassing Board.

- The Office of the Orange County Supervisor of Elections recently informed the County of a special election that was called by the Town of Windermere to hold a referendum on the annexation of the Chaine Du Lac Community into the Town. Accordingly, a mail ballot election is scheduled for February 4, 2025, and is required to be canvassed by the Orange County Canvassing Board.
- Our current Canvassing Board appointments ended on December 31, 2024, creating a need to appoint two Commissioners to canvass the Town’s upcoming special election and any other elections that may arise in 2025 that require canvassing.

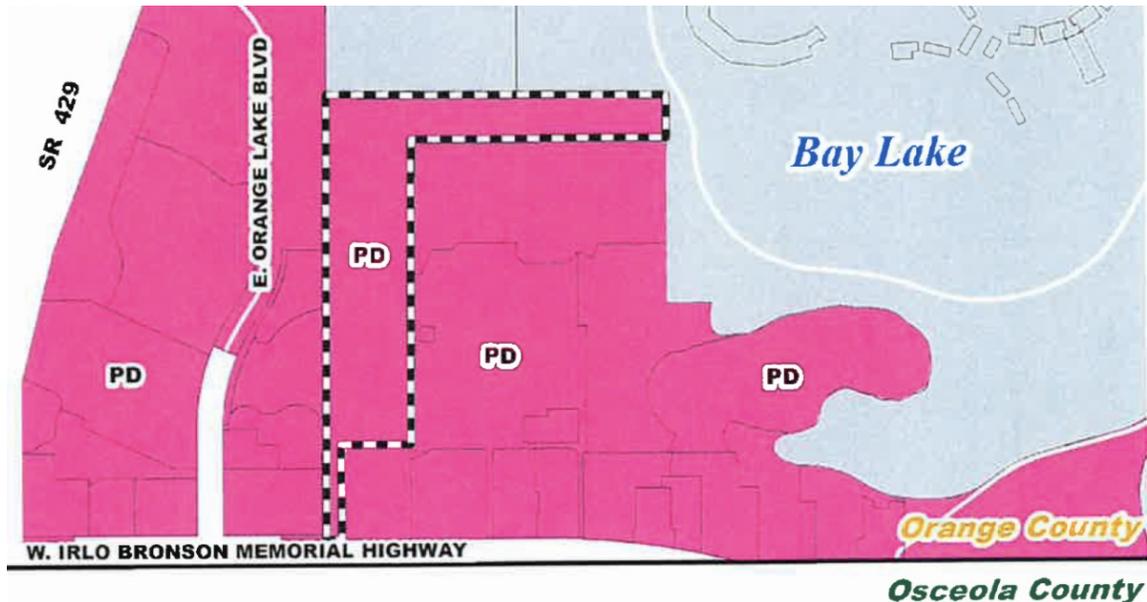
Item C-1: Approval of 2025 State Legislative Priorities.

- Kelley Teague, Orange County's Director of Legislative Affairs, will provide an overview of the upcoming 2025 State Legislative Session, including issues of importance to Orange County.

BCC: Public Hearings

Item B-2: Orlando World Resort Planned Development (PD), amend plan (Continued from September 10, 2024, October 8, 2024 and November 19, 2024)

- 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. The request is to increase from 136 timeshare units to 342 timeshare units and increase the building height from 35 feet to 75 feet for resort lodging use.
- This item was continued from several recent Board of County Commissioners public hearings, to allow the applicant to conduct a traffic study and coordinate with the adjacent property owner regarding vehicular cross access.



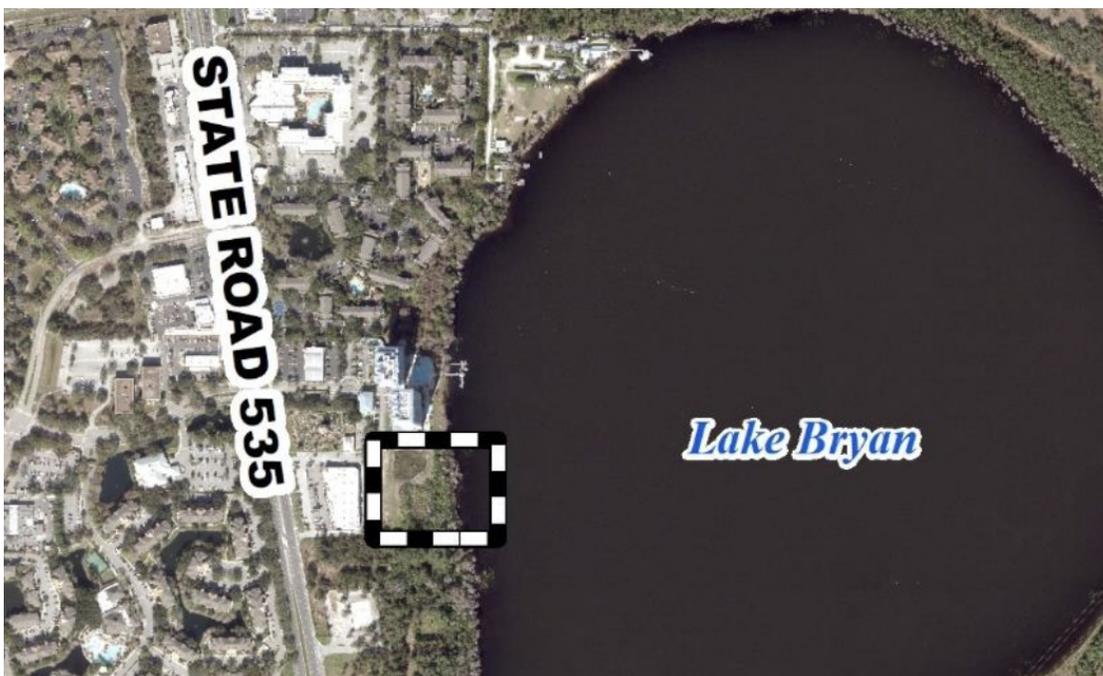
Item C-3: Sutton Lakes Planned Development / Sutton Lakes Preliminary Subdivision Plan

- The 139.14 gross-acre Sutton Lakes PD was originally approved on March 7, 1995, and is located within the U.S. 192 Growth Center, generally east of Avalon Road, south of Lake Gifford Way, and north of Arrowhead Boulevard.
- Through this request, the applicant is seeking to subdivide the entire PD for 210 single family residential units, of which 61 will be attached and 149 detached. The single family residential portion area comprises 122.04 acres, 5.74 acres of Right-Of-Way dedication, and the remaining 11.36 acres set aside as a future development tract for the multi-family development.



Item D-4: Lake Bryan Square Planned Development (Continued from December 3, 2024)

- Applicant is requesting to convert unbuilt entitlements for 280 hotel room entitlements to 298 multi-family units to be constructed on the 3.26-acre undeveloped portion of the site. In addition, a waiver is being requested from Orange County Code to allow a maximum building height of 125' (11-stories). This height would have been allowed were the property were to build hotel rooms.
- Thank you to the nearby residents and applicant team who joined us for a community meeting on Jan. 21 to discuss several issues that had been brought forward regarding this project.



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 9:00 a.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 2:00 p.m., 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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