

# Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

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Take a closer look at Tuesday's  
Board of County Commissioners  
meeting



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**Hey West Orange County,**

Happy Graduation Season! One of the great honors of my job is getting to personally congratulate each of our graduating seniors as they cross the stage and begin a new walk of life. It serves as a much-needed yearly reminder that our future is as bright as ever.





Our future is at the center of several important topics at this week's Board of County Commissioners meeting. We're continuing to make strides on local policy that should leave a smarter, more sustainable county for the generations that come after us.

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](mailto: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.**

## What We've Been Up To



Our annual meeting with the incredible Hunter's Creek Community Association, during which we share wide-ranging updates specific to the Hunter's



The D1 team linked up with residents and other nonprofit partners at the Maxey Community Center's Resource Fair in East Winter Garden!

Creek community.



Joining the Tildenville Safe Neighborhood team to continue making strides to serve the Tildenville community.



Another successful Community Feeding with Hope Along the Way - because hunger doesn't take the weekend off!



No family should have to face pediatric cancer alone. That's why every year, Runway to Hope hosts its Spring Soiree to raise critical funds and create unforgettable moments for the brave kids who deserve to feel like the stars they are!



In 2022, I advanced a study for further protection of the Shingle Creek Basin. The result of this study is a potential Special Protection Area for the entire basin! Thank you to the residents who joined me at a recent community meeting to discuss this idea — more updates coming soon.

## On Your Radar



# JUNE Events

- 4 - Take Control of Your Money for Renters (Online)
- 5 - 4-H Healthy Kids Day Camp\* (In Person)
- 5 & 12 - First Time Homebuyer Workshop - ENGLISH (Online)
- 7 - Adopt-A-Tree @ Barnett Park (In Person)
- 10 - Pollinator Gardens (Online)
- 17 - 4-H S.T.E.M Day Camp\* (In Person)
- 18 - Green Industry Best Management Practices GI-BMP (In Person)
- 18 - Urban Backyard Chicken Class (Online)
- 19 & 26 - First Time Homebuyer Workshop - SPANISH (Online)
- 19 - 4-H Teens in the Kitchen Day Camp\*\* (In Person)
- 19 - Florida's Hidden Invaders: Tackling Invasive Species Webinar (Online)
- 26 - Resourceful Gardening: Low-Cost Gardening for Small Spaces (Online)
- 26 - 4-H Fiber Arts Crafts Day Camp\* (In Person)
- 26 - gARTening Series: Planters with Personality - A BYOC Succulent Class (In Person)

### Master Gardener Volunteer Pop-up Plant Clinics

- 3 - Windermere Branch Library
- 14 - Winter Garden Branch Library
- 14 & 28 - Apenberry's Nursery

\*Ages 8-12  
\*\*Ages 13-18

Check out the lineup of events coming in June from UF IFAS Extension Orange County!

[Click here for more info.](#)

In November, Orange County voters determined that two new commission districts will be established, bringing the total from six to eight.

The redistricting process is now in full swing, and your input is needed! [Click here](#) to learn more about redistricting, and see the below list of upcoming meetings. Public comment is always welcome.

Thursday, June 5  
6 to 9 p.m.

Orange County Administration Center, BCC Chambers  
201 S. Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801

Wednesday, June 18  
6 to 9 p.m.

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Thursday, July 3  
(Last Day to Submit Plans)

Wednesday, July 9  
6 to 9 p.m.

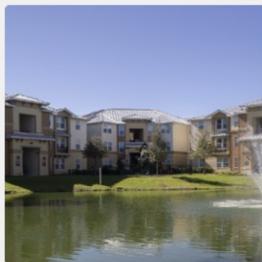
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## Items E-9 to E-13: Vision 2050 and Orange Code Final Public Hearings ([Click here for more info](#))

# VISION 2050

As Orange County prepares for the next 25 years, it must change the way it manages growth. This strategy for the future is laid out in the County's new long term comprehensive plan called Vision 2050.

Vision 2050 lays out the blueprint for Orange County's growth over the next three decades, while Orange Code establishes the development guidelines needed to bring this vision to life. Together, Vision 2050 and Orange Code will shape a smarter, more sustainable future for Orange County by:



Encouraging  
Affordable Housing



Preserving Rural  
Spaces  
& Natural Places



Promoting Walkability  
& Mixed Land Uses



Protecting Established  
Neighborhoods

**Please note: these will be the final public hearings on Tuesday's agenda.**

**Item E-9, which pertains specifically to Vision 2050, is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.**

**Items E-10 to E-13 involve the subsequent amendments to Orange Code, and the public hearings for each of these items are scheduled for 5:01 p.m.**

- After years of research, drafts, public input, and revisions, we have finally reached the final step in bringing urgently-needed updates to Orange County's Comprehensive Plan! This set of public hearings will enact Vision 2050, which lays out a smarter, more modernized set of guidelines for growth in Orange County. The final four public hearings, scheduled to begin at 5:01 p.m., will amend our county's code to reflect those guidelines.
- We have been updating you every step of the way regarding this process for multiple reasons. First, it was crucial to make sure resident feedback made its way into the fabric of these plans.

Second, much of the frustration we all feel with our current development process is the result of extremely outdated policy.

- No comprehensive plan is perfect, but these updates will give us more tools to combat the irresponsible types of development that harm our environment and our existing residents. It has been a long process, and I appreciate your continued involvement!

## BCC: Consent Agenda

### Approval and execution of Agreement between Orange County, Florida and Orlando Family Stage.

- This agreement will provide funding from the county's Tourist Development Tax (TDT) revenue for the remodeling, improvement, and repair of the Orlando Family Stage building.
- Founded in 1926, Orlando Family Stage is the seventh iteration of the original theatre company and has operated for the past 20 years as Florida's only professional theatre for young audiences.



### Amendment of federal grant subrecipient agreement with [Zebra Youth](#), for Rapid Rehousing for Youth.

- This program will continue to provide rapid rehousing services for the 41 youth clients with HIV currently enrolled in the program. These clients, experiencing homelessness or unstable housing, receive support through hotel/motel stays, rental and utility assistance, and other supportive services. This additional funding will allow the program to expand services currently being offered to the clients enrolled, including additional rental and utility assistance to help clients achieve and maintain stable housing.



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## Approval of Amendment to contract with [Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County](#), Providing Nurse-Family Partnership to At-Risk Pregnant Women

- Nurse-Family Partnership services is an evidence-based community health program, transforming lives of vulnerable, first-time mothers living in poverty. The program seeks to improve prenatal care, quality of parenting and life prospects for mothers by partnering them with a registered nurse.
- This amendment will allow the program to continue until a new contract is put in place on October 1.

**Healthy Start**  
*Coalition of Orange County*

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*Every baby deserves a healthy start*

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## Approval and execution of Contract between Florida Network of Youth & Family Services and Orange County Youth & Family Services Division

- This one-year contract will provide funding for Orange County to continue delivering intervention focused residential care, case management, and behavioral services targeting youth and families in crisis or at risk of deeper involvement in the juvenile justice system.
- These services use trauma-informed care models and evidence-based services to improve behavioral outcomes, stabilize family relationships, and decrease engagement with juvenile justice and improve the lives of the children we serve.

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## Approval of Projects and Award Amounts for Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery for Hurricane Ian.

- Following Hurricane Ian, 14 county and city projects have been approved to receive federal disaster recovery funding.

City of Winter Garden	<b><i>Bethune, Edgeway, Basin, Maxey &amp; Dunbar Drainage Project</i></b> – Mitigation of flooding of existing homes in the East Winter Garden area by adding inlets and upgraded stormwater systems (ponds and piping). The project consists of surveying the area, stormwater modeling and plans development to maximize the collection of stormwater and implementation of improvements.	\$6,562,500
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[Click here for the full list of recipients.](#)

## BCC: Discussion Agenda

### Item A-1: City of Orlando’s Pulse Memorial Funding Request.

- The City of Orlando's Pulse Memorial Advisory Committee has finalized plans for a permanent site to commemorate the lives lost to unthinkable tragedy nine years ago.
- On Tuesday, the the City of Orlando will present to the board regarding their request for the County to financially contribute to the construction of the Pulse Memorial.



### Item A-2: Cultural Facilities Funding Recommendations by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Council. [\(Click here for more info\)](#)

- After thorough review, these six projects have been recommended to receive Tourist Development Tax

Organization Name	Project Name
Orlando Science Center	CineDome Renovation
Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens	Preserving a Legacy: Essential Upgrades for the Albin Polasek Museum's 65th
Orlando Museum of Art	Roof and HVAC Phase I, Part 3 Building Automation System Upgrades
Orlando Family Stage	Centennial Lighting and Exterior Signage Project
Blue Bamboo	Winter Park Collaborative Arts Renovation Project
Orlando Philharmonic Plaza Foundation	Orlando Philharmonic Plaza Foundation's External Site Construction of Addition

(TDT) funding for renovation of public or non-profit museums and auditoriums.

- Five members of the Advisory Council and four industry/field experts served on the Cultural Facilities Review Panel to evaluate and score the eligible applications submitted for funding this year.

## BCC: Public Hearings

### Item C-4: Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Action Plan to support long term disaster recovery programs and activities addressing impacts from Hurricane Milton ([Click here for more info](#))

- Orange County expects to receive a \$33,357,000 allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) to assist with recovery and mitigation efforts related to Hurricane Milton.
- The county's draft action plan for the use of these funds can be found [here](#).
- If approved on Tuesday, the Orange County will soon be able to move forward with allowing residents to apply for disaster relief funding. [Click here](#) for the website where updates will be posted, as well as a link to a newsletter that will provide you with important updates on disaster relief!

ORANGE COUNTY

Community Development Block Grant –

**DISASTER RECOVERY**

**ACTION PLAN**

FOR HURRICANE MILTON

# 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](mailto:district1@ocfl.net)

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