

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

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



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Hey West Orange County,

Daylight saving time may have taken an hour from us yesterday, but the late evening sunsets are so worth it!

This year, we're making an extra effort to highlight opportunities to give a bit of time back to our community. Whether it's distributing food, cleaning up a neighborhood or walking shelter pets, volunteering is the easiest way to make a genuine, positive impact on others. It isn't just a saying — it really does take a village.

Speaking of which, below you'll find a flyer for a BIG community event we have been working on — the first ever District 1 Safety Expo! On April 19th, we're combining family fun and important education into a day you won't want to miss. Our first responders will do hands-on demonstrations, local favorites will be supplying food, and dozens of community partners will be there to supply you with info and souvenirs.

You'll learn about bike safety, safe driving, emergency preparedness, mental health, and find out about community resources from all over Central Florida. Mark your calendars now!

DISTRICT 1 SAFETY EXPO

In Horizon West, Hosted by Orange County Commissioner Nicole Wilson



- Demonstrations
- Family activities
- Free goodies
- Food trucks
- Local vendors
- Fire Rescue & Sheriffs



**SATURDAY,
APRIL 19TH
9 A.M. - 1 P.M.**



**HORIZON HIGH
SCHOOL GYM
10393 SEIDEL RD.**

FREE ADMISSION!



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.**

Updates & Events



Ever wonder where we get the food for our distribution events in Tildenville and Winter Garden? Like so many nonprofits in Florida, we go to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida.

The D1 team got a chance to visit the food bank to learn more about their operation. It's a massive undertaking to distribute as many as 82,000,000 meals in one year, and it wouldn't be possible without countless donors and volunteers. [Click here](#) to learn more about Second Harvest.

ORANGE COUNTY RECOVERS

Housing Repair & Replacement Program

HURRICANE IAN STEPS TO RECOVERY

The Orange County Recovers Program helps citizens of Orange County and its municipalities repair, rebuild or replace eligible homes with remaining damage from Hurricane Ian.

OrangeCountyRecovers.com or 321-382-3514

JUST ANNOUNCED: If your home still has unrepaired damage from Hurricane Ian, you may qualify for funding via the Orange County Recovers Program. This program will utilize grant funding through our Housing and Community Development Division to assist residents who qualify as low-to-moderate income.

[Click here to learn more or apply.](#) Funding will be distributed until it runs out. If you think you may qualify, it's worth looking into this program as soon as possible.

CITIZENS' REVIEW PANEL

Fund Distribution Process

SPRING 2025



Visit Our Website
www.ocfl.net/crp



CALLING ALL LOCAL NONPROFITS:

If your 501(c)(3) organization provides vital services to children, youth and their families in Orange County, you can apply for grant funding now!

The Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services Advisory Board (CRP) will accept and evaluate funding proposals from eligible Respondents. Agencies must submit a Notice of Intent to Apply by Monday, March 17, 2025 and be approved to move forward with the application for funding.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

- HbA1C
- Blood Sugar
- Cholesterol
- Blood Pressure
- Follow Up/Referrals
- Smoking Cessation Strategies

Make sure you're keeping track of YOUR numbers!

The Orange County Medical Clinic's County Outreach Awareness Community Health (COACH) team is heading to the Roper YMCA this week to offer free health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar and A1C, cholesterol, and BMI.

- Thursday, March 13, 2025
- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 100 Windermere Rd, Winter Garden, FL



D1 DAY OF SERVICE

Join us for a morning of volunteering at the OCAS Pet Adoption & Rescue Center

Friday, March 14

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**2769 Conroy Rd
Orlando, FL 32839**

RSVP Below!

ORANGE COUNTY
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DISTRICT 1

Orange County Animal Services
Pet Rescue and Adoption Center

A polaroid photo shows a person holding a white and brown dog.

March 14th: Volunteer with us at Orange County Animal Services

This Friday morning, join the D1 team to volunteer at Orange County Animal Services' Pet Adoption Rescue Center.

Spending time with shelter animals is so mutually beneficial — most importantly, it keeps them socialized, healthy, and ready for their forever home.

[Click here to register!](#)



We want to hear from you!

Silverleaf Park

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's community meeting

to give feedback on the plans for Silverleaf Park.

There will be a second community meeting in May, but in the mean time, please take a [quick survey](#) if you live in the area and want to see certain amenities at this 5-acre neighborhood park.



In 2022, I called for a Work Session to discuss past and future protections for the Shingle Creek Basin. The resulting research, and the recommended protections based on that research, are returning to the board in April.

To prepare for those discussions about establishing a Special Protection Area, our Environmental Protection Division brought us to a beautiful stretch of natural land located right in the backyard of Hunter's Creek Middle School. The EPD and the South Florida Water Management District work hand-in-hand to study and preserve what's left of our most valuable natural resource.

The entirety of the basin stretches about 100 square miles, most of which lies in Orange County. This land is an ecological goldmine. It

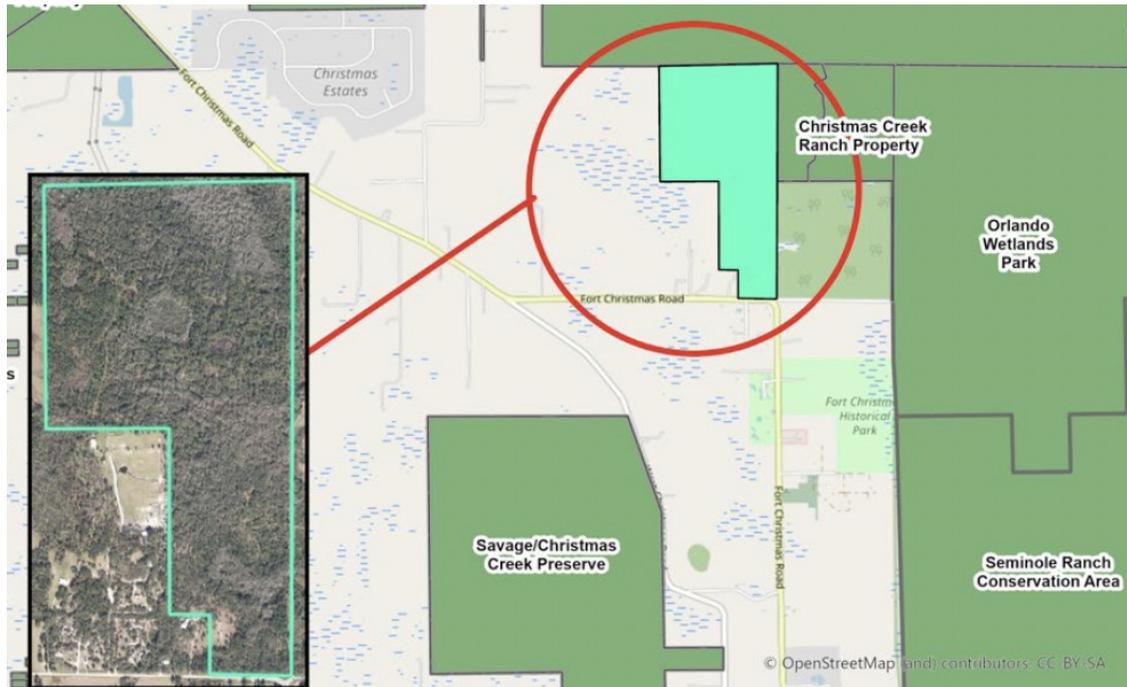
serves as the headwaters of the Everglades, containing over 100 lakes and thousands of acres of our most biodiverse wetlands. So many species utilize this land to survive, including US when it comes to things like floodwater mitigation.

For too long, local policy has not reflected the true value of this land. The result is dangerous overdevelopment, leading to an impaired water system and a shrinking biodiversity hotspot. We are hoping to change that next month.

BCC Meeting: Consent Agenda

Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Green PLACE Parcel 160.

- This property, located near the Savage Creek Christmas Preserve and Orlando Wetlands Park, consists of a whopping 200 acres of environmentally sensitive land that will now be conserved by our Environmental Protection Division!



Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Green PLACE Parcel 235.

- This property in the same area of East Orange County will give us another 163 acres of county-owned conservation land!



Agreement to allow Career Source Central Florida to utilize the Maxey Community Center

- Career Source will provide career development, training, and workforce services at the community center on a regularly scheduled basis and will be open to any Orange County residents in need.



Approval and execution of Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) Emergency Solutions Grants Program

- These funds will address the needs of homeless individuals and families or individuals and families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by Hurricane Helene and/or Hurricane Milton.
- To award funds for eligible ESG-RUSH activities, Orange County will solicit applications from qualified non-profit organizations and present funding recommendations to the Board for final approval.

BCC: Discussion Agenda

Item A-1: United Way Updates

- Staff will provide a review of the County's 2024 United Way Campaign.



BCC: Work Session

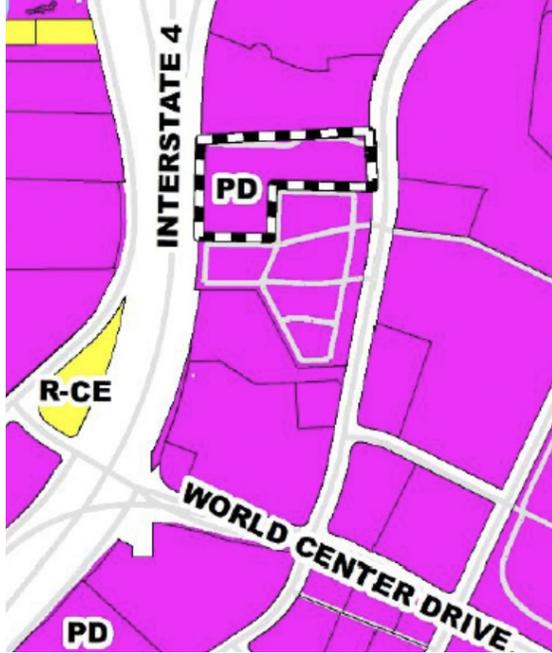
Item A-1: Lake Catherine (Tymer Skan on the Lake) Update.

- On January 28, staff updated the Board about Tymer Skan on the Lake, a condominium complex plagued by public safety concerns and dilapidated unsafe structures. The Board requested staff have more discussions with property owners and residents.
- Staff will provide an update about subsequent engagement with Tymer Skan's stakeholders, feedback from the community meeting, recently learned information, and a proposed plan to bring this item back to the Board for further consideration.

BCC: Public Hearings

Item C-10: Orangewood N-1 Planned Development Amendment ([Click here for more info](#))

- The Orangewood N-1 Planned Development (PD) is generally located at the southwest corner of Westwood Boulevard and International drive. The PD was originally approved in 1972 and



currently includes entitlements for commercial and office uses. An office development is currently constructed on the site.

- The applicant is proposing to add additional office square footage and 300 multi-family dwelling units to the subject portion of the PD.

D-13: Tiny Road Roadway Conceptual Analysis Study



- The Transportation Planning Division has completed the study for improvements for Tiny Road. The limits for the project are from Bridgewater Middle School southern property line to Tilden Road, approximately 1.9 miles.
- The purpose of the study was to develop the most appropriate road alignment with stormwater facilities and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, maximizing safety while minimizing environmental impacts.



- The proposed design will have roundabouts at three intersections and horizontal curvature at their approaches to encourage lower speeds, 11-foot travel lane in each direction. A 22-foot median is introduced at the intersection with Hamlin Groves Trail and extends to just north of Orchard Hills Boulevard. A continuous 10-foot shared-use path on both sides is proposed as part of the Horizon West trail system. Transportation planning had discussions with the schools, HOA's and two community meetings to gather and incorporate citizen input.

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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