

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

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



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Hey West Orange County,

Fall has begun, and I am still riding high off another great experience at the Oakland Nature Preserve's Nature Fest! Thank you to everyone who stopped by our tent to spin the trivia wheel and learn more about protecting our waterways.

You'd be amazed at how much children already know about environmental science — especially those who attended summer camp at the preserve. ONP represents exactly the reason we fight so hard for the conservation of West Orange County's natural resources.

This was the last Nature Fest for ONP's longtime director, Jennifer Hunt. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Jennifer over the years to bring ONP resources to remain a community mainstay. Her love for the preserve is truly unmatched. Enjoy retirement, Jennifer!



Now, on to our usual local updates and a preview of Tuesday's BCC meeting. This agenda has quite a few interesting Consent items, including a massive new conservation area in District 1 and renewed contracts for dozens of our nonprofit partners!

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.](#)



HUNTER'S CREEK: we have heard your concerns about traffic safety near Renaissance Charter School during drop-off and pickup hours.

Last week, we joined Public Works officials outside the school to assess the situation and discuss potential solutions. Stay tuned for updates!



Thank you to [Cornerstone Connections](#) for hosting a Table Talk

luncheon where we got to collaborate with several groups dedicated to serving our neighbors in need.

Cornerstone is located in the West Oaks Mall, and provides a variety of services to increase the quality of life of the individuals and families who could use a hand. They help with everything from job searching and housing to providing food and clothing.

It's important to have meet-ups like these because many of our local nonprofits provide similar services, but don't have time to communicate with one another. We're proud to help fund many of these groups — they represent the absolute best of us!



Meet Maria from Lake Buena Vista High School, our winner of this year's Hispanic Youth Leadership Award!

Maria is truly remarkable — since moving from Venezuela to the United States at age 15, she maintains a 4.4 GPA and tutors other students experiencing language barrier issues, all while working a part-time job. She is a member of the LBV High School Spanish National Honors Society and makes it a point to teach others about different Hispanic cultures and the importance of spreading their voice.

Thank you, Maria, for representing the cultural pride that we celebrate during Hispanic Heritage Month!

Mark Your Calendars:

Wednesday, 9/25 at 6:00pm: Orlando Torah Community Meeting

We will be attending a community meeting at Southwest Middle School hosted by the county's Zoning Division to make nearby residents aware of an applicant's request and hear your feedback.

The request is for an amendment to a Special Exception in the R-1A zoning district to allow an expansion to an existing religious institution.

The property is located at 8613 Banyan Blvd. in Dr. Phillips. [Click here](#) for the full meeting notice.



Coming soon: Ribbon-cutting at Windermere High Stadium

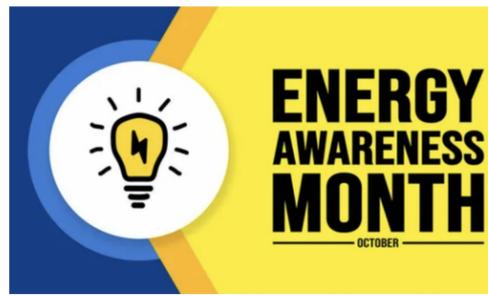
Windermere High hit an [unexpected snag](#) in the plans to host their first true home game at the new on-campus stadium on the 13th.

That didn't stop the Wolverines from showing up to gracious host Ocoee High in full construction gear for a 57-7 rout over University High!

We'll keep you posted when there is an official new date for the unveiling of the new stadium. Our years of hard work will pay off soon!

BCC Preview: Proclamations

- Presentation of a proclamation recognizing September as National Recovery Month
- Presentation of a proclamation recognizing October as Energy Awareness Month



BCC Preview: Consent Agenda

Item C-20: Approval and execution of Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Green PLACE Parcel 222.

- My office has been working with the landowner to conserve this 361-acre property located off Kilgore Rd. in District 1!



Item C-16: Continuation of Funding for Thirty-Five Programs Across Twenty-One Nonprofit Orgs. Covering Family Counseling, Case Management, Senior Services, and Support for Vulnerable Populations.

The following Organizations are receiving funding:

- Aspire Health Partners
- Center for Independent Living in CFL
- Coalition for the Homeless of CFL
- Community Coordinated Care for Children
- Community Health Centers
- Pathlight Home
- Harbor House of CFL
- Orange Blossom Family Health
- Heart of Florida United Way
- LifeStream Behavioral Center
- Lighthouse Central FL
- Early Learning Coalition of OC
- The Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families
- Second Harvest Food Bank of CFL
- Seniors First
- Specialized Treatment, Education and Prevention Services
- The Salvation Army
- United Cerebral Palsy of CFL
- Victim Service Center of CFL
- Volunteers for Community Impact
- Zebra Youth

Item C-17: Continuation and Expansion of Key Programs & Services Provided by Nonprofit Organizations at our Neighborhood Centers for Families and After School Zone Services

The following organizations are receiving funding:

- Adult Literacy League
- Aspire Health Partners
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida

- Christian Service Center
- Early Learning Coalition of Orange County
- Community Coordinated Care for Children
- Devereux Behavioral Health
- State of Florida, Department of Health
- Friends of Children and Families
- Goodwill Industries
- Redeeming Light Community Services
- Seniors First
- Teen Xpress at Orlando Health
- The School Board of Orange County, FL
- Central Florida YMCA
- The IMPACT Outreach Ministry
- Orlando/Orange County COMPACT
- Professional Opportunities Program for Students
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida

Item H-3: Proportionate Share Agreement for the developer of Shoppes at Lakeview to pay \$332,190 toward improvements to Ficquette Road & Reams Road.

Item H-4: Proportionate Share Agreement for the developer of Willamar Country Estates to pay \$126,404 for improvements to Winter Garden-Vineland Road.

BCC: Work Session

Item A-1: Water and Wastewater Capital Charges Update.

Orange County owns and operates numerous water, wastewater, and reclaimed water facilities throughout the County. These facilities are necessary to meet the growing needs of current and future residents, businesses, and guests for water, wastewater, and reclaimed water services. Capital charges authorized under Orange County Code, Chapter 37, are used to fund capital improvements to the Water and Wastewater System that are necessary to support the demands of new growth.

The County last revised the water and wastewater capital charges in 2019. As the Board has expressed its desire for a periodic review of these charges, the Utilities Department has engaged its rate consultant to update the calculation of these charges.

Staff will provide a presentation on the latest update to the water and wastewater capital charges. Staff are seeking board direction regarding next steps.

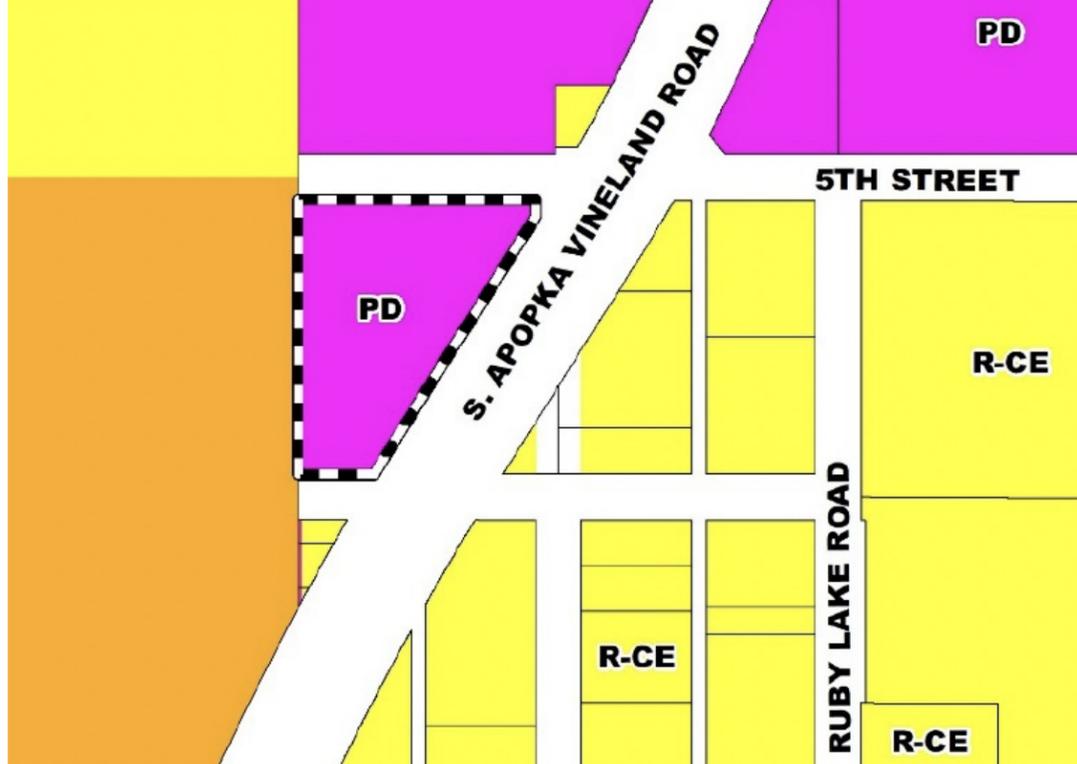


We opened the Hamlin Water Reclamation Facility, which serves over 50,000 District 1 residents, early last year!

BCC: Public Hearings

Item H-4: Vineland Land Use Plan ([Click here for full reports](#))

- The request is to rezone the 1.21-acre subject property from R-CE (Country Estate District) to PD (Planned Development District), with a proposed development program of 15,500 square feet of office uses.
- This is in line with the site's current Future Land Use designation, which is Office (O).



Second Library Budget Public Hearing

- This Public Hearing is separate from the BCC Meeting and is scheduled for 5:01 p.m. on Tuesday.
- OCLS will maintain the same millage rate it has had since 2007.



A groundbreaking date for a brand new Horizon West Library, which will be located next to Horizon West Regional Park, is coming soon!

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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