

# 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,

School is officially back in session! I hope our OCPS families and faculties are starting to get into the groove of the new school year.

As traffic adjusts to school schedules, please remember to keep an extra eye out for the little ones in school zones — especially around sidewalks and crosswalks. If you see a hazardous traffic pattern for pedestrians or drivers emerging, don't hesitate to report it to our office or [311](tel:311). Your safety is always our biggest priority.

A new school zone safety program happens to be on the agenda at this Tuesday's Board of County Commissioners Meeting. Read on to learn more about several key items that will be discussed!

As always, follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NicoleWilsonD1) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/NicoleWilson_D1) 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.**

## On Your Radar



# UPCOMING MEETING

Thursday, August 28  
6 to 9 p.m.

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



In 2024, Orange County voters approved a charter amendment to expand the number of commission districts from six to eight. The Mid-Decennial Redistricting Advisory Committee is now reaching the end of its process to decide which maps to present to our board. In the above video, I outlined my key priorities and concerns when it comes to the future of District 1.

This Thursday, make your voice heard by providing public comment at 6 p.m. at our BCC chambers! Click [here](#) for more meeting info, or click [here](#) to view the submitted maps.

## [BCC Preview: Morning Session](#)

Residents can provide public comment regarding any item in the morning session starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday. [Click here to pre-register!](#)

**Consent Item C-3: Confirmation of the appointment of Alejandra Gallagher to the Orange County Citizen Corps Council in the District 1 representative category.**

- Alejandra (bottom row, second from the right), a Dr. Phillips resident, has taken every opportunity to get involved and volunteer with our office this year. She will serve our district well on the Citizen Corps Council!



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**Consent Item D-1: Authorization to participate in a lawsuit seeking to challenge the legality of Senate Bill 180's imposition of a statewide prohibition on the exercise of home rule authority over land use development and zoning regulations. ([Click here for more info](#))**

- Senate Bill 180, a recently-passed state law, threatens to overturn home rule and undo the will of Orange County voters. Under the guise of "Emergency Management," the bill allows the state to preempt local governments from doing anything to regulate irresponsible development. That puts countless pieces of legislation at risk: Vision 2050, the Rural Boundary that was approved by voters in November, our Reams Road development moratorium, and many more.
- If this item is approved, Orange County will officially join other local governments in entering a lawsuit against this bill.

## Orange County commission stands up to state law

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners opts not to repeal its comprehensive plan and pause work on ordinance developments in light of Senate Bill 180.

By **Liz Ramos** | 2:04 p.m. July 23, 2025

Commissioner Nicole Wilson said the bill is getting in the way of “literally life-saving measures.”

“The moratorium proposal for Reams Road, that wasn’t because of some aspirational goal of development pattern restructure out there; that’s because they are underwater,” she said. “That’s because people could not get out of their homes, businesses closed for over a month. Those are decisions that were left to the local government under the Florida constitution. ... We’ve had investments in reporting and data and research and science, and we should not have to take a single half-step back on that.”

Wilson said the county having 14 days to respond to a notice of an alleged violation is intimidating and puts a target on the county’s back.

[Click here for full article.](#)

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### Consent Item E-6: Contract with Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, to continue providing community services.

- This item will continue Orange County's partnership to fight food insecurity with Second Harvest Food Bank! If you've been to any of our D1 food giveaways, you have seen what Second Harvest helps provide to our community.
- Second Harvest Food Bank estimates to serve more than 400,000 Orange County residents annually, distributing 50,000 food boxes and 3.4 million pounds of food in the first contract year.



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### Consent Item F-2: Memorandum of Understanding with University of Florida and Orange County Extension Faculty Services for Cooperative Extension services.

- This item seeks approval to continue this longstanding partnership

between Orange County and the University of Florida in delivering Cooperative Extension services to county residents for a period of five years.

- [Orange County's UF/IFAS Extension](#) deserves more recognition for what they provide us! That includes countless education-based events and programs centered around agriculture, horticulture, water quality and quantity, natural resources and the environment, energy, family and consumer sciences, community development, 4-H youth development, and more.
- Check out the below graphic for a list of upcoming events offered by UF/IFAS Extension.

**UF IFAS Extension** UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA **ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

**SEPTEMBER Events** [ocextension.eventbrite.com](http://ocextension.eventbrite.com)

- 2 - How to Grow Microgreens (In Person)
- 2 - Florida Friendly Landscaping Basics (Online)
- 4 - How to Grow Microgreens (Online)
- 4 - Dining with Diabetes (Online)
- 5 & 12 - First Time Homebuyer Workshop – ENGLISH (Online)
- 9 - How to Build a Fall Vegetable Garden (In Person & Online)
- 10 - Take Control of Your Money for Renters (Online)
- 16 - Orange County Master Gardener Info Meeting (In Person)
- 17 - Urban Backyard Chicken Class (Online)
- 18 - Palms Workshop (In Person)
- 18 & 25 - First Time Homebuyer Workshop – SPANISH (Online)
- 23 - Orange County Master Gardener Info Meeting (Online)
- 23 - Fall Vegetable Gardening (In Person & Online)

**Master Gardener Volunteer Pop-up Plant Clinics**

- 11 - Chickasaw Branch Library
- 12 - South Creek Branch Library
- 13 - West Oak Branch Library

### **Consent Item J-3: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program — Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) Homeless Services** **(Click here for more info)**

- This program aims to program funds to address the needs of homeless individuals and families or individuals and families at risk of homelessness.
- [Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc.](#) is proposed to be funded in the amount of \$258,000 to provide rapid re-housing services for qualified homeless individuals and households impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.
- [Covenant House Florida, Inc.](#) is proposed to be funded in the amount of \$116,242 to provide homelessness prevention services to qualified unaccompanied youth (ages 18 through 24) at risk of homelessness and housing instability.

- [SALT Outreach, Inc.](#) is proposed to be funded in the amount of \$100,000 to provide street outreach services, to include mobile drop-in center engagement and case management services,

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### **Consent Item J-5: Grant Agreement with Oakland Nature Preserve** ([Click here for more info](#))

- Since 2005, Orange County has provided financial assistance to our good friends at Oakland Nature Preserve (ONP) to help meet their mission of continual restoration of the ecosystems that occur on ONP as well as supporting their educational efforts. This agreement will continue that support!
- Oakland Nature Preserve is truly one of the most serene, irreplaceable pieces of District 1 and Orange County as a whole. [Click here](#) to learn more about the nature, education, and events offered by the awesome team at the Preserve.
- ONP encompasses approximately 150 acres of land - 50 acres of uplands and 100 acres of forested wetlands - and includes a boardwalk to Lake Apopka with a classroom-sized pavilion on the lakefront and a pavilion on the West Orange Trail.





Don't forget to visit our tent at ONP's Nature Fest on Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.! [Click here for details.](#)

### **Consent Item J-7: Agreement to re-allocate funding to [Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando](#) (HHGO) for Major Housing Rehabilitation related to hurricane relief.**

- Last year, Orange County provided funding to HHGO for two programs regarding the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program and Hurricane Housing Recovery Program Disaster Assistance Agreement. One program was to provide roof replacement for residents affected by Hurricane Ian and Nicole, and one was for major housing rehabilitation.
- As the implementation of these programs began, HHGO experienced a much higher need for rehabilitation activities that go beyond the limited scope of the Roof Replacement Program.
- This agreement will re-allocate funds from the Roof Replacement Program into the Major Housing Rehabilitation program, in order to better meet the community's needs.
- We will spread the word when the application window for this program re-opens!

**Pioneer.  
Empower.  
Transform.**

 **Habitat for Humanity**  
Greater Orlando & Osceola County



## **BCC Preview: Afternoon Public Hearings**

**This portion of the meeting begins at 2:00 p.m. Each individual hearing will include an opportunity to provide public comment.**

### **Public Hearing A-2: Case # SADF-25-01-002 — Application for Shoreline Alteration/Dredge and Fill on Lake Tibet Butler**



Applicants are requesting a permit for installation of a replacement vinyl seawall with riprap and plantings, and a new vinyl seawall with riprap and plantings along the remainder of the property's shoreline.

The property is located at 10215 Trout Road, Orlando, FL, 32836

[\(Click here for more info\)](#)

### **Public Hearing B-3: Case # VA-25-06-017 — Pool/deck variance request on Lake Butler**

This Request is to allow a pool and deck with a setback of 35.5 ft. from the Normal High Water Elevation, in lieu of the standard 50 ft.

Property is located at 12607 W. Lake Butler Rd. Windermere, FL 34786.

This hearing was continued from

the July 15, 2025 BCC meeting.

[\(Click here for more info\)](#)



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### **Public Hearing D-5: Pertaining to Plat Approval Procedures; Amending Orange County Code to comply with Chapter 177, Florida Statutes. [\(Click here for more info\)](#)**

- This public hearing is to consider approval of an ordinance to amend the Orange County Code to establish an administrative authority to receive, review, process, and approve final plats. This new administrative process is required by Senate Bill 784 which took effect on July 1, 2025.
- This ordinance will designate the administrative authority as well as provide for administrative approval of the final plat for those developments that have not been the subject of a public hearing. Such plat approval had been previously delegated by statute to the Board of County Commissioners as the governing body.

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### **Public Hearing D-6: Creation of an Automated School Zone Speed Enforcement Program [\(Click here for more info\)](#)**

- The Orange County Sheriff's Office will be partnering with the County to implement a school zone speed detection program.
- Two schools in each district will be part of this first step of this important safety program. District 1's participating schools are Dr. Phillips Elementary and Hunter's Creek Elementary!

#### **Expected Benefits**

- Improved safety for students, parents, and school staff
- Reduction in speeding violations within school zones
- Increased awareness and compliance with school zone speed limits
- Data gathered will be used to implement additional safety measures in school zones



## Selected School Sites

After a comprehensive review considering traffic volume, prior speeding complaints, crash data, and community input, the following school sites have been selected in your district for the initial phase of program implementation:

School Name	Address	Key Reasons for Selection
<b>Dr. Phillips Elementary</b>	6909 Dr. Phillips Blvd. Orlando, FL 32819	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High volume of student pedestrian traffic</li><li>• Documented speeding violations</li><li>• History of traffic incidents in school zone</li></ul>
<b>Hunters Creek Elementary</b>	4650 Town Center Blvd. Orlando, FL 32837	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic location with heavy commuter traffic</li><li>• Community concerns raised during public meetings</li><li>• Opportunity for significant safety impact</li></ul>

## 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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