

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

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



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Hey West Orange County,

With schools out and Memorial Day behind us, summer is officially underway! As temperatures rise and dry conditions continue, we encourage you to conserve water whenever and wherever possible. A [Phase III Extreme Water Shortage](#) has been declared in response to ongoing exceptional drought conditions, declining groundwater levels and reduced surface water flows across northeast and central Florida, making water-saving efforts more important than ever.

Summer also brings [hurricane season](#) and [increased mosquito activity](#). Be sure to remove standing water around your home, use mosquito repellent, and wear protective clothing when outdoors.

Now is also the time to prepare for severe weather by creating an emergency plan, assembling a disaster supply kit, and reviewing local evacuation routes and shelter locations. Staying prepared is the best way to protect your family and property this season.

Visit [Ready.gov](#) for more information on ways to stay safe during this time.

- Create a family emergency communication plan
- Prepare a disaster supply kit
- Know the local hurricane evacuation route and shelter locations
- Protect your home



Keep reading for important community updates along with a preview of Tuesday's Board of County Commissioners meeting.

We encourage your participation! Your engagement and input help shape the decisions that guide Orange County's future.

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.

On Your Radar

Orange County District 1 Food Giveaway

 **Saturday, 6/6 at 9 a.m.**

 **Sunshine Elementary School**
13225 International Drive

 **Distributing free
meat, fresh produce
and more — while
supplies last!**



Brought to you by:



SUNSHINE
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District 1 Food Giveaway

Join us as we come together to serve individuals and families in our community with love, compassion, and hope. Free community resources such as fresh fruits, chicken breast, and mixed produce boxes will also be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Click here to Volunteer with us!](#)

Saturday, June 6, 2026

8:00 AM

📍 13225 International Dr, Orlando, FL



**DISTRICT 1
YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL**

YOUR VOICE. YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR FUTURE.

The District 1 Youth Leadership Council is a youth leadership body where students work on **real community issues** and bring ideas directly to **District 1 County Commissioner Nicole Wilson** and other local leaders.

The Council helps students build leadership, communication, problem-solving, and civic engagement skills while representing their schools and communities

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- 👥 Serve on committees focused on key community topics
- 💡 Identify real community issues and develop solutions
- 📄 Create recommendations and share ideas with District 1 leadership
- 👏 Build leadership skills and make an impact in your community

IMPORTANT DETAILS

**APPLICATION WINDOW
MAY 1 - MAY 31**

Applications are administered in coordination with District 1 and Empower Teens United.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- ✔ Students in grades 9-12
- ✔ Must live in Orange County District 1
- ✔ Ready to stay active and accountable

MEMBERS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND AT LEAST 50% OF IN-PERSON MEETING EVENTS.

Travel accommodations may be available (carpooling, etc.)

APPLY TODAY!

tinyurl.com/District1YLC



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BE A VOICE. BE A LEADER. BE THE CHANGE.

Learn more and apply here!

What We've Been Up To



Memorial Day Observance @ Windermere's Town Hall

Thank you to the Town of Windermere and the Rotary Club of Windermere for hosting a beautiful and heartfelt Memorial Day Observance honoring the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Col. Mark Stephen shared the powerful and deeply moving history behind the origins of this observance, a day first commemorated by formerly enslaved people who honored fallen soldiers by fighting to ensure they received the dignity, respect, and proper burial ceremonies they deserved. Their act of remembrance helped lay the foundation for what we now recognize as Memorial Day.



Big Sand Lake Boat Dock Evaluation

On Wednesday, along with the Environmental Protection Division, we set out on Big Sand Lake taking the boat around to inspect boat docks and ensure the safety of our community members, as well as the health of the lake's ecosystem.

I was able to spend time connecting with nearby residents and gave my interns the opportunity to learn more about Orange County's waterways. So thankful for our EPD enforcement team for joining me in a productive morning out in nature and helping keep our lakes safe!



West Orange High School Graduation

It was an honor to participate in the West Orange High School graduation this year and celebrate the incredible students of District 1.

As a former West Orange Band mom and parent of alums, there's always something special and nostalgic about watching students cross the stage ready to begin a new chapter.



UCF Communications Tower Construction Tour

This week, I joined UCF President Alexander Cartwright for a special sneak peek and hard hat tour of the new Roth Tower at UCF's football stadium. The project will expand the tower by nearly 58,000 square feet, including over 15,000 square feet of new club space, 42% more club seating, loge seating, 28 luxury suites, and 34 outdoor sky suites.

Congratulations, Warriors, and congratulations to every graduate! Wishing you all success and happiness in the journey ahead. 🎓

In October 2023, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners approved \$90 million in Tourist Development Tax funding for the project, with UCF also contributing significant investments through financing and bonds. The new Roth Tower remains on schedule to open in fall 2026.



District 1 Leadership Council

A huge thank you to the Chair J.J. Lullen and every single District 1 Leadership Council member who came out on Tuesday afternoon. What J.J. calls a “meeting of the minds” lived up to its name, with great conversation and great people all working toward a stronger community. Members of our council heard District 1 updates and participated in breakout sessions to discuss community issues that matter most to them.

If you have any ideas, public comment is welcome at every meeting. The next D1 Leadership Council meeting will be held on June 23rd.



Maxey Community Center Open House

We had a wonderful time connecting with residents and sharing valuable county resources at the Maxey Community Center Open House.

From the Housing Rehabilitation Program and Family Self-Sufficiency Program to our Toilet Voucher Incentive Program and more, Orange County offers a variety of services designed to support and strengthen our community.

Thank you to everyone who came out and spent time with us! If you missed the event and would like to learn more about these programs and resources, visit orangecountyfl.net.



Orange County Asian-Inspired Art Contest

I am always moved by the extraordinary talent showcased at the Orange County Asian



2026 Legacy of Champions Luncheon

It was an honor to attend yesterday's Legacy of Champions Luncheon. Mental health care should never be

Committee's Asian-Inspired Art Contest. It was a true honor to present awards to artists of all ages as we celebrated the rich, diverse cultures of Asia.

Congratulations to the 51 talented artists whose outstanding pieces were selected from over 102 submissions for this year's exhibition! To learn more about Orange County's Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebrations please visit the Orange County Newsroom, newsroom.ocfl.net

out of reach, and I am grateful for organizations like the Mental Health Association of Central Florida that continue to make a lasting impact in so many lives.

The proceeds from this event help support critical programs like the Outlook Clinics, which provide mental and behavioral healthcare services for uninsured children, adolescents, and adults throughout our community.

BCC Preview

Residents can provide public comment regarding any item or topic of importance starting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

[Click here to pre-register.](#)

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing June 1 through June 5, 2026 as Code Enforcement Officers' Week



Presentation of a proclamation designating June 1 through June 5, 2026 as Stormwater Awareness Week

- Orange County is experiencing tremendous pressure from rainfall and stormwater runoff into our lakes, rivers, and springs within our communities. Finding a solution to fund improvements for both water quality and water quantity will benefit generations to come.
- Concerned about flooding or water quality or pollution in your community? Let us know by completing this short survey:

bit.ly/pwstormsurvey.

- Learn more [here](#).



Only Rain Down the Drain!

Concerned about flooding or water quality pollution?
Let us know.

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing June as Pride Month

- June is Pride Month, a time to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, honor their resilience and achievements in Orange County, and reaffirm our commitment to equality, inclusion, and acceptance for all!



Presentation of Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, Inc. 2026 Best Practice Award and 2026 Award for Excellence in Public Procurement



Consent Agenda

Item E-1: Approval for the Office of Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement between Orange County, Florida and the U.S. Department of Justice United States Marshals Service; upon confirmation that the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Basic Ordering Agreement is effective, to transmit the County-executed IGA to the United States Marshals Services for countersignature and provide the required notice of termination of the current Intergovernmental Service Agreement.

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

Item E-2: Execution of Basic Ordering Agreement between Orange County, Florida and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and authorization for staff to submit the County-executed agreement to ICE for countersignature, upon which the agreement will become effective. [\(Click here for more info\)](#)

- During the April 27 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners took action to terminate the ICE section of the Orange County Jail's Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA).
- Under Florida law, the County must now transition to a Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA) with ICE. A critical benefit of this shift is that detainees without local criminal charges can be released after 48 hours, rather than being held indefinitely or requiring a judicial order for release under the previous 72-hour IGSA standard.
- Additionally, the County accepted a new IGSA reimbursement rate of \$125 per day for other U.S. Marshals Service federal inmates, up from the previous \$88.

Item B-2: Approval for the Orange County Sheriff's Office to spend \$14,500 from the FY 2026 Law Enforcement Trust Fund-State Forfeitures for eligible contributions to Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches (\$5,000) and Camaraderie Foundation (\$9,500). [\(Click here for more info\)](#)

- The Orange County Sheriff's Office is contributing \$5,000 to Florida Sherriff Youth Ranches. This organization supports juvenile delinquency prevention through early intervention and other family-centered services.
- The Orange County Sheriff's Office is contributing \$9,500 to the Camaraderie Foundation with a goal to help all branches of Post-9/11 Veterans, Service Members, and their families by providing free counseling, support, and camaraderie when they need it most.

Item C-5: Approval to award Invitation for Bids Y24-722-MB, Shingle Creek Regional Trail, Phase 1 Segment 2 and Phase 1 Segment 3 to the low responsive and responsible bidder, Atlantic Civil Constructors Corp., in the total contract award amount of \$18,208,562.35. ([Click here for more info](#))

- Atlantic Civil Constructors Corp has been selected to work under contract to construct a 12' to 14' wide asphalt pavement/concrete shared use path with boardwalk sections between W. Taft Vineland Road and Destination Parkway, for a total distance of 2.158 miles.
- The trail will also include pedestrian/bicycle picket railing, Type B fencing, signing and markings, and sod. Districts 1 and 6.

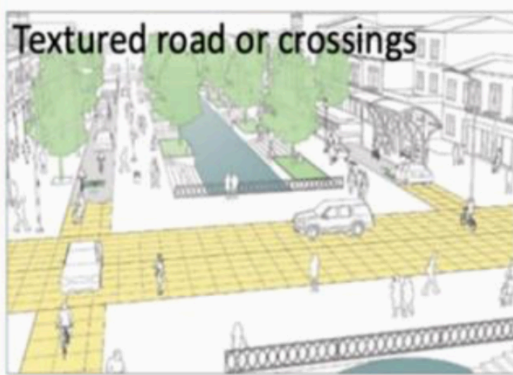
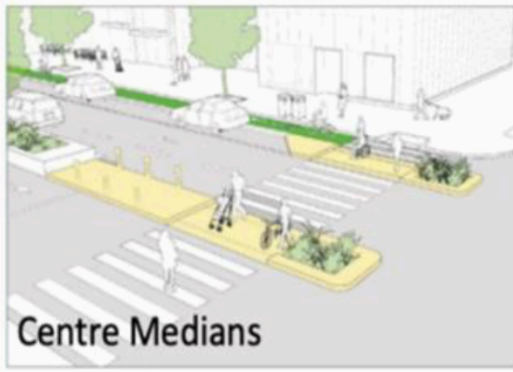
Item H-3: Approval and execution of Proportionate Share Agreement for Yard House by and between Boston Post Road, LLC and Orange County for a proportionate share payment in the amount of \$173,880. ([Click here for more info](#)).

- The Agreement follows the recommendation of the Roadway Agreement Committee, providing for the mitigation of road impacts for four deficient trips on the road segment of US 192/SR 530 from Lake County Line to Osceola County Line in the amount of \$43,470 per trip.
- The Roadway Agreement Committee recommended approval on May 06, 2026.



Item H-4: Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding the updates to the existing Traffic Calming Program through additional Traffic Safety Countermeasures and the allocation of requisite funding. ([Click here for more info](#)).

- Public Works is seeking approval from the Board of County Commissioners to revamp and expand the existing **Traffic Calming Program** previously approved in 1994.
- **Proposed Updates Include:**
 - Propose increasing the CIP funding to \$1.5M.
 - Use of state-of-the-art traffic calming guidelines, criteria, and safe street design standards.
 - Develop a toolbox with multiple roadway treatments according to speed and volume thresholds, such as traffic circles, chicanes, speed tables, raised intersections, curb extensions & bulb-outs, to mention a few.
 - Install both interim (quick build) and permanent traffic calming options according to priorities and budget constraints.
 - Conduct before-and-after studies.
 - Streamline the outreach and public involvement process.



Discussion Agenda

Item B-1: Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding the resolution of the Orange County School Board directing the BCC to call an election for a referendum to be placed on the ballot of the November 3, 2026, general election. ([Click here for more info](#))

- The Orange County School Board has approved placing a referendum on the November 3, 2026, General Election ballot asking voters to continue the existing one-mill property tax for school operations for an additional four years.
- **The funding supports essential operating expenses, including teacher and staff compensation, academic programs, arts education, athletics, and student activities that help maintain high-quality educational opportunities for Orange County students.**
- The one-mill referendum was originally approved by voters in 2010 and has been reauthorized in 2014, 2018, and 2022. State law requires that the revenue also be shared proportionately with charter schools based on student enrollment.
- Under Florida law, once the School Board adopts the required resolution, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners is responsible for placing the measure on the ballot as a ministerial action required by statute.



Work Session Agenda

Item B-1: Mobile Temporary Overnight Shelters. ([Click here for more info](#))

- In May 2025, I brought forward a request to the Board of County Commissioners to explore a new zoning ordinance that would address parking accommodations for buses, trailers, and other mobile structures used by homeless shelters and transitional service providers.
- This effort was rooted in Orange County's commitment to supporting vulnerable residents and ensuring that essential services, such as shelter access, medical care, and outreach, can be delivered with dignity and efficiency.
- Current zoning regulations do not clearly address these mobile service structures, creating challenges for providers such as Matthew's Hope Ministries in Winter Garden.
- On February 10, 2026, the BCC directed staff to begin working on Code amendments.
- **Since raising this issue, the Board is now prepared to consider an amendment to the Special Exception table. This amendment will allow Mobile Temporary Overnight Shelters to park in certain zones, subject to a zoning permit process to confirm that the proposed parking location and operation comply with the code.**
- The amendment will allow Orange County to better support homelessness services while maintaining community compatibility.



Item A-1: Approval to establish the Haulers' compensation rates as listed, set the MSBU rate of \$430 for Program Year 2027, and authorization to include the Tentative Mandatory Refuse Collection Program Rate of \$430 on the 2026 Notice of Proposed Taxes.

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

- For the 2027 fiscal year, Orange County Utilities is proposing an **adjustment to the annual residential solid waste and recycling assessment (MSBU) that funds curbside garbage and recycling collection services.** The assessment is based on five key components: waste collection, disposal, program administration, recycling, and reserve/rate stabilization costs.
- The largest cost increase comes from waste collection services, with hauler compensation rising by 4.9% due to contractual inflation adjustments. Disposal costs are also expected to increase by 3.6%, while recycling costs will rise by 19.1% because of higher processing expenses.
- Program administration costs, however, are projected to decrease by 12.5%, and reserve funds will be used to offset rate increases, reducing the annual assessment by \$21.91 per household.
- **The Board of County Commissioners is required to establish both the compensation rate for waste haulers and a tentative MSBU assessment rate before the annual budget process.**
- Final approval of the 2027 MSBU rate will take place during the first public budget hearing in September.

BZA Recommendations

May 7, 2026 Board of Zoning Adjustment Recommendations

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

- There are 8 cases located in District 1 this month.



Public Hearings

Item A-1: #SADF-23-09-022-MOD Eric Powell and Rhonda Powell, Lake Butler, After-the-Fact Permit Modification; District 1.

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

- The applicants are requesting to modify a previously issued permit to include an additional section of new vinyl seawall and modify the location for part of the new vinyl seawall, along the shoreline of a canal leading to Lake Butler on **12023 Sandy Shores Drive, Windermere, FL 34786**.
- On April 9, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the after-the-fact Shoreline Alteration/Dredge and Fill Permit Application, **SADF-23-09-022** at a public hearing.
- On May 14, 2025, EPD issued a **Notice of Non-Compliance** for the seawall and boat dock, which provided the applicants the option to either rebuild in accordance with the approved plans or submit a request for a permit modification to attempt to receive approval for the changes.
- The applicants later submitted this **after-the-fact permit modification** application for the boat dock to attempt to keep the boat dock as constructed.

- EPD recommends **denial** of the requested permit modification.

After-the-Fact Shoreline Alteration /Dredge and Fill Permit Modification Request SADF-23-09-022-MOD District #1	
Applicants:	Eric Powell Rhonda L. Powell
Address:	12023 Sandy Shores Drive
Parcel ID:	24-23-27-7808-00-083
Project Site	
Property Location	



County Updates

Missed the last BCC?

- You can review the actions taken at the **May 19 BCC** meeting by accessing the meeting minutes [here](#).
 - To rewatch the discussions held by the Board on specific topics, you can find the meeting recording [here](#).
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ABC's of the BCC

**The Board of County Commissioners meets every other Tuesday.
We look forward to hearing from you!**



Board of County Commissioners meetings occur every other Tuesday, with a morning and afternoon agenda.

The early agenda allows public comment on any topic at 9:00 a.m. Individuals may come to the Orange County Administration Building in person to share their thoughts on any item except for a public hearing, which begins after 2:00 p.m. and includes 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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