

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,

On this week's Board of County Commissioners agenda, we are excited to present a proclamation for America's 250th Anniversary this Fourth of July! Every day we honor those values that bring our nation together: community, accepting the stranger, diversity, liberty, and more.

In the spirit of community service, our office is organizing a Hygiene and Back to School Drive to ensure that every child in our community starts the new school year with the essentials they need to succeed. I encourage each of you to consider making a contribution, whether it be a backpack, school supplies, hygiene products, or any other basic necessity.

No donation is too small, and every item will make a meaningful difference in the life of a child right here in our community.



District 1's **BACK** TO **SCHOOL**

HYGIENE & BOOKBAG DONATION DRIVE

We are collecting backpacks and personal hygiene products for the upcoming school year! All donations benefit children directly in our community.

We are accepting hygiene products such as:

- **Bookbags**
- **Deodorant**
- **Wet Wipes**
- **Shampoo**
- **Feminine Products**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Body Wash**

June 24 - July 8



ORANGE COUNTY
**Nicole
Wilson**

DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER





District 1's BACK TO SCHOOL

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Maxey Community Center 830 Klondike Ave, Winter Garden, FL 34787	Hunters Creek HOA 14101 Town Loop Blvd, Orlando, FL 32837	Oakland Nature Preserve 747 Machete Trail, Oakland, FL 34760
Windermere Branch Library 530 Main St, Windermere, FL 34786	Winter Garden Branch Library 805 E Plant St, Winter Garden, FL 34787	Southwest Branch Library 7255 Della Dr, Orlando, FL 32819



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's Back to School Fair!

The Community & Family Services Department, in partnership with the Orange County Commissioner Nicole Wilson, invites you to the NCF Back to School Fair 2026.

This is a FREE event designed to set your children up for success by providing essential health services and connections to incredible community resources.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to secure your spot!

Ready to sign up? Head over to 4cflorida.org/appointments to register today.

July 11



9 am to 12 pm



**West Orange High,
1625 Beulah Road, Winter Garden**

The Community & Family Services Department in conjunction with Orange County Commission Districts invites you to the



**FREE
EVENT**

Back to School Fair

Register Today

4cflorida.org/appointments

Where joy lives, hope grows and help happens.

Also connect with community resources

- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Counseling
- After school programming
- Gun safety
- Neighborhood safety
- And more

Parents must bring the following documents for ECG/Immunizations.

- Parent/guardian identification
- Child's birth certificate or identification (passport)
- Vaccination record needed
- Children must be present

Proof of Orange County Residency required.



PRE-REGISTRATION
IS ENCOURAGED.
Children must be present!



Hunter's Creek Community Town Hall

I invite you to join us on July 9 for a Hunter's Creek Townhall! We'll discuss important traffic updates, hear directly from the Orange County Sheriff's Office, explore community resources and public safety initiatives, and talk through issues that matter to our community.



HUNTER'S CREEK TOWNHALL

Stay informed and engaged! Join your neighbors for important updates on traffic improvements, OCSO news, resources from consumer protection and neighborhood services, and much more!



HUNTER'S
CREEK



THURSDAY
07/09/2026



TIME
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM



LOCATION
HUNTER'S CREEK
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
14101 TOWN LOOP BLVD,
ORLANDO, FL 32837

Traffic Engineering & Public Works

Micromobility Ordinance Updates

Redistricting



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Oakland Nature Preserve Presents:



Community Volunteer Saturday Summer Programs



Join us this summer for volunteer opportunities
rooted in education and land stewardship!

Select Saturdays May-August we will be working
on different tasks focusing on the education of
invasive plant removal, how to get involved on
national holidays, and participating as caretakers
of our fragile ecosystems.



*Pre-registration is required
Email volunteer@oaklandnaturepreserve.org for
more information & to sign up*

[Oakland Nature Preserve Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Click the image for more information!

What We've Been Up To



Orange County Career Showcase

On Monday we had the opportunity to see students engage with local government and learn about potential career paths! It's always a treat seeing the youth interact with essential functions of our government.

At the Career Showcase, we helped connect the next generation with opportunities to grow, lead, and serve right here in Orange County.

To learn more about careers with Orange County, ocfl.net/careers.



All-American Flag Day

Happy 250th anniversary to America!

On Saturday I had a great time at the All-American Flag Parade. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Horizon West American Legion Post 419, which supports local veterans and veteran-programs.

Thank you to all of the teams that put this great event together!

To learn more about the Horizon West American Legion Post 419, or to donate, click the image!



Florida Association of Counties Annual Conference

This week I attended the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference & Educational Exhibition in our Orange County, Florida. The annual conference brings together county commissioners and staff from all 67 counties of Florida to strengthen local government knowledge through workshops, sessions and networking opportunities.

This year's workshops focused on pressing local government issues such as property taxes, growth management, cybersecurity, emergency management, and more. FAC's Annual Conference & Educational Exhibition is the association's largest event, bringing together county leaders from across the state to share ideas and identify innovative solutions to take back to their communities.

It is always a great reminder that collaboration is at the heart of effective local government.



District 1 Leadership Council

Thank you to Chair JJ, and Dr. Janna Souvorova as well as each member of the District 1 Leadership Council who joined us Wednesday afternoon to discuss a housing overview in the county and the services and programs that our county offers. Your time and dedication is much appreciated!

See you at the next meeting!



Youth Leadership Council

The District 1 Youth Leadership Council took an exciting step forward on Thursday, as members officially elected their inaugural leadership team, organized into standing subcommittees, and began shaping priorities for the year ahead.

I am eager to see what the leaders come up with for the next meeting!

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.](#)

Proclamations

Presentation of America's 250th Anniversary Celebration.



\$5 America 250 Summer Flix at the Garden

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with Winter Garden!

As Fourth of July approaches, the historic [Garden Theatre on Plant](#) will present Americana-themed movies on Tuesday, June 30, as part of the City of Winter Garden's [\\$5 Summer Flix at the Garden](#) series.

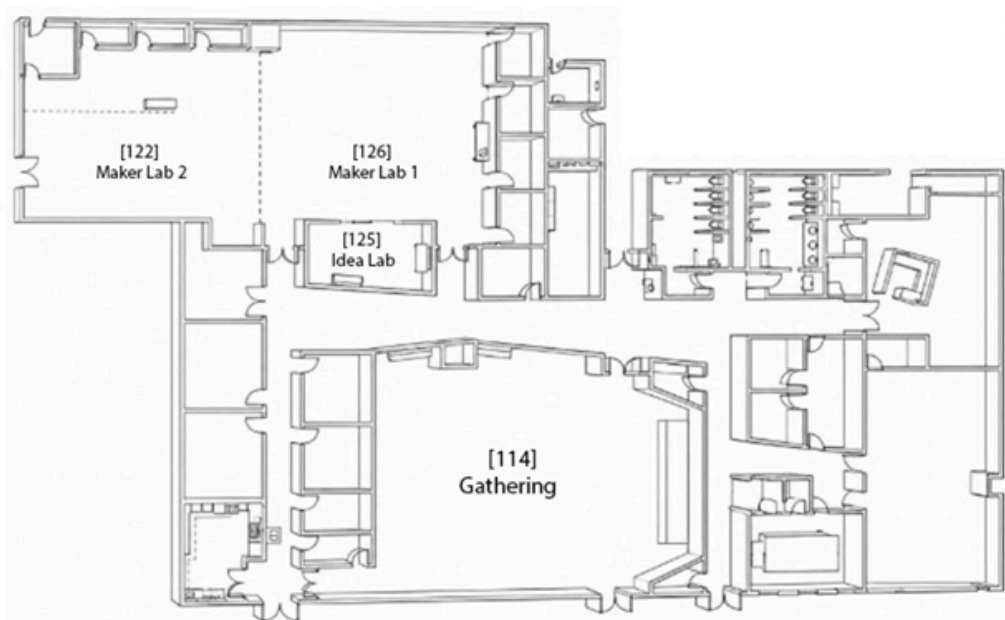
The budget-friendly movies will feature a kids' matinee (The Sandlot) at both 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, as well as an adult title (Independence Day) at 7:00 pm.

The event provides an affordable, community-focused way to enjoy classic movies while celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

 Tuesday, June 30
 Garden Theatre on Plant Street
 160 W. Plant Street

Consent Agenda

Consent C-1: Approval and execution of Agreement between Orange County, Florida and Orange County Library System regarding Facility Use and Programming at Orange County's Innovation Center. ([Click here for more info](#))



- The County is developing and operating the Orange County Innovation Center ("OCIC") as a public-facing space intended to foster innovation, creativity, collaboration, resilience, resourcefulness, and community problem-solving;
- The lab will foster Technology, Innovation and Creativity, which offers public access to creative technology spaces, hands-on learning opportunities, and subject-matter expertise in areas including

makerspace activities, digital media, game development, fabrication, and fiber arts.

Consent E-1: Change Order No 6, Contract Y24-714 Fire Station #32 Replacement - GRANT, with Mulligan Constructors Inc in the amount of \$20,497.03, for a revised lump sum contract amount of \$7,666,068.42. ([Click here for more info](#))

- The contract was awarded on February 6, 2024, and executed on March 5, 2024, for a lump-sum amount of \$6,957,777.00. Since then, five change orders totaling \$687,794.39 have been approved for material substitutions, permit and plan review revisions, owner-requested changes, unforeseen conditions, and fire protection improvements. Proposed Change Order No. 6, in the amount of \$20,497.03, will provide for an insurance extension. Upon approval, the final contract amount will be \$7,666,068.42.
- This cost is to reimburse the general contractor for extending Builder's Risk and Pollution Liability Insurance coverage. Construction could not start immediately after contract execution because of permitting issues resulting in an extension of the overall contract time. This required the contractor to extend their insurance coverage beyond the advertised construction duration.



Item E-7: Approval of Amendment No. 4, Contract Y21-1021, Tennis Management Services, Lot A, with M.G. Tennis Shop, Inc., for a six-month contract extension through June 30, 2027. ([Community and Family Services Department Parks and Recreation Division] Procurement Division) ([Click here for more info](#))



- For over 30 years, MG Tennis has been actively promoting and developing tennis in Central Florida.
- Extending the Shadow Bay Park contract will allow the County to solicit services for both facilities concurrently, reducing administrative efforts, promoting consistent resident pricing and supporting a uniform approach to tennis facility operations and service delivery.
- This amendment will extend the contract for the period of January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2027 to align the expiration date with contract Y22-156, Tennis Management Services at Fort Gatlin Recreation Complex. Projected revenue to the County generated during the extension period is approximately \$27,000.

Item E-13: Approval of Agreement for Sale and Purchase by and between American Management & Consulting Company, LLC, Developer Inn Downtown Orlando, LLC, and Orange County, Florida; disburse funds to pay purchase price and closing costs, and record instrument for Developer Inn - 2500 33rd Street. ([Click here for more info](#))



4,812 Total Affordable Units created



2,222 Total Units funded by Affordable Housing Trust Fund



\$58 million Total allocated by Housing Trust Fund

- The property located at 2500 33rd Street, Orlando, Florida, 32839 at the southeast quadrant of Interstate 4 and John Young Parkway (the Property), consists of approximately 3.82 acres and includes a four-story, 200-room motel, commonly known as the Developer Inn.
- Developer Inn will be converted to a mixed-use housing facility with affordable housing, supportive housing, transitional housing, and a few

Item F-2: Approval Orange County, Florida and The Nemours Foundation Agreement related to Provision of Physical and Mental Wellness Support. (Head Start Division) ([Click here for more info](#))



- The Head Start Division requests Board approval and execution of the Agreement between Orange County, Florida and The Nemours Foundation for the provision of physical and mental wellness support services, specifically the delivery of vision and hearing screenings to enrolled Head Start Children. There is no cost associated to the County.
- These screenings support the County's efforts to promote early identification of potential health concerns and ensure children and families receive timely access to preventive wellness services.
- Click the image to learn more about Head Start enrollment!

Item G-1: Approval to pay Orange County's estimated Medicaid share of cost in accordance with Florida Statute 409.915 for state fiscal year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$27,499,247. ([Click here for more info](#))

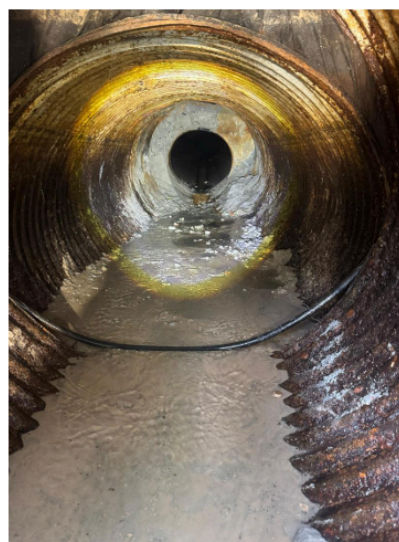
- The State of Florida requires every county to contribute funds to help offset the state's portion of Medicaid. Each counties' contribution is based on their share of the state's Medicaid population. Orange County's estimated contribution for the state's 2026-27 fiscal year is \$27,499,247. The County has budgeted \$28.7 million to cover Medicaid costs next year.

Consent H-1: Approval and execution of Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding amendment to previously adopted Standard Operating Procedures to implement the requirements of the Live Local Act. ([Click here for more info](#))

- House Bill 1389, which serves as an update to legislation known as the Live Local Act (“Act”), takes effect on July 1, 2026.
- The 2026 Amendment to the Live Local Act will now prohibit intended to retain the open character of land, including, but not limited to, open space districts, open space recreation districts, open use estate districts, open use rural districts, and park and open space districts.
- On September 10, 2024, the Board approved a Resolution adopting an update to previously approved standard operating procedures and zoning guidelines to implement the requirements of the Act.

Consent I-13: Ratification of Change Order No. 2, Purchase Order M120134-2, Emergency Mohrs Cove Lane Pipe Retrofit with Murphy Pipeline Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$536,141.18. ([Click here for more info](#))

- The original emergency purchase order authorized slip lining of an approximately 400-foot segment of existing 48-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) along the east side of 9806 Mohrs Cove Lane, Windermere, FL 34786. The pipe, which serves as the outfall to Lake Down for MSBU Ponds 6289 and 6266, is severely deteriorated and shows signs of partial collapse between Manholes A and B. Because the system is located between residential properties, repairs are critical to prevent upstream flooding and protect nearby homes and infrastructure.
- During construction, two unforeseen site conditions were encountered that exceeded the original project scope and necessitated Change Order No. 2.



Discussion Agenda

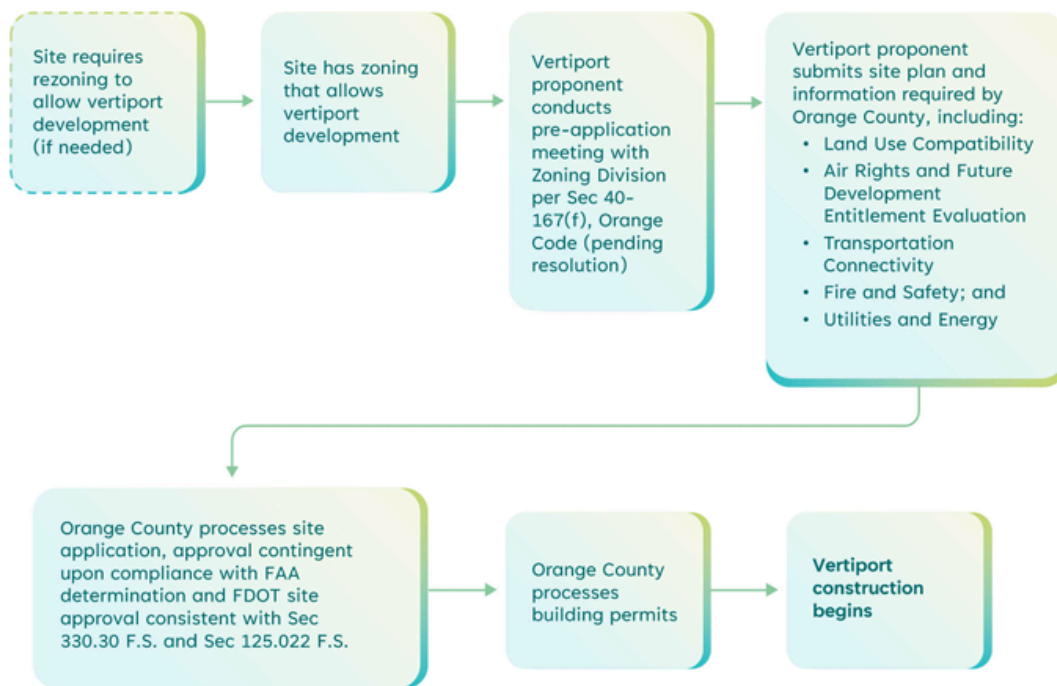
Orlando Economic Partnership Update. (Office of Economic, Trade and Tourism Development) ([Click here for more info](#))

- Tim Guiliiani, CEO of the Orlando Economic Partnership (OEP), will be providing its annual status update as stated in the terms of their contract with Orange County, including metrics and outlined goals that have been set for the next fiscal year to make Orange County a profitable place to work and live.
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Orange County Advanced Air Mobility Feasibility Study and Recommendations. ([Click here for more info](#))

- **On June 30, 2026, staff will present an overview of the Orange County Advanced Air Mobility Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study).**
- Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) is a new category of aviation predominantly based on electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft designed for accessible short-distance travel between “vertiport” facilities.
- **The U.S. Department of Transportation recently approved the Florida Department of Transportation’s AAM pilot project for Central Florida, accelerating market interest in vertiport development in the County.**
- The Feasibility Study is designed to assess the feasibility of County subareas, including the International Drive Community Redevelopment Area, for vertiports when proposed.





Stormwater Utility Phase 2 Update. [\(Click here for more info\)](#)

- Orange County adopted a Stormwater Utility Ordinance in 1996; however, the decision at that time was to set the fee at \$0, and it has remained at that level to the present day.
- The 2018 Transition Team Report identified a long-term action plan of utilizing the Stormwater Utility fee as a funding source to address long-term stormwater and water quality projects to improve resiliency in Orange County.
- The Phase 1 Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study was completed and presented to the board on May 6, 2025. During that meeting, the Board decided to move forward with Phase 2 tasks with the ultimate goal of funding a level of service “B” capital project program, which will allow staff to deliver the projects identified within 25 years, as well as using a tiered method of impervious square footage in the rate model.
- **The June 30, 2026 work session will provide updates on all Phase 2 tasks, including community outreach.**
- **At the conclusion of the presentation, we will seek guidance from the Board on whether to move forward with recommendations from the Phase 2 effort and community feedback which may include moving forward with Phase 3 implementation and update of the ordinance in Chapter 15, Article XII.**

ORANGE COUNTY STORMWATER CHALLENGES



Aging stormwater systems require maintenance and upgrades



Many areas of the county do not have adequate stormwater capacity or treatment



Increased rainfall intensity



Increased impervious areas creating additional runoff and flooding risk

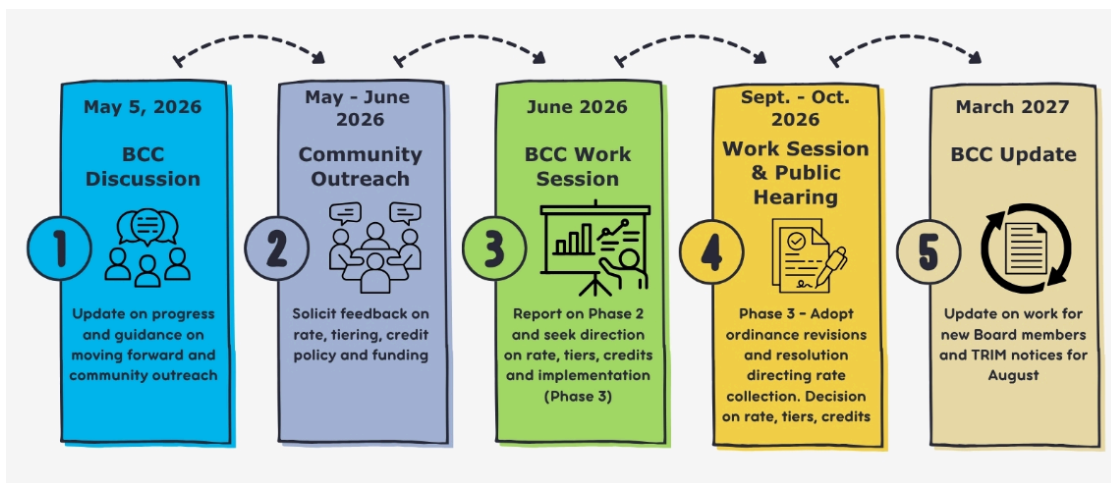


Strengthened regulatory requirements



Email us at StormwaterFeedback@ocfl.net

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Recommendations

June 4, 2026, Board of Zoning Adjustment Recommendations ([Click here for more info](#))

Work Session

Tobacco Shop Distance Separation Requirements.
([Click here for more info](#))

- On February 16, I requested Board discussion to explore an amendment to our Zoning Code to address the permitted use of "tobacco shops" in all commercial zoning districts.
([Read the memo here](#))
- The broad allowance has led to the placement of vape and smoke shops in close proximity to public schools, including a location near Olympia High School, raising concerns in the community about compatibility and the appropriateness of such uses adjacent to youth-centered environments.
- April 7, the BCC decided to move this proposal forward and directed staff to begin work on code amendments related to creating distance separation requirements for tobacco shops.

- This proposal is returning to the Board on Tuesday with staff's recommendations which arrived from research of 15 jurisdictions and stakeholder feedback.

Recommendations:

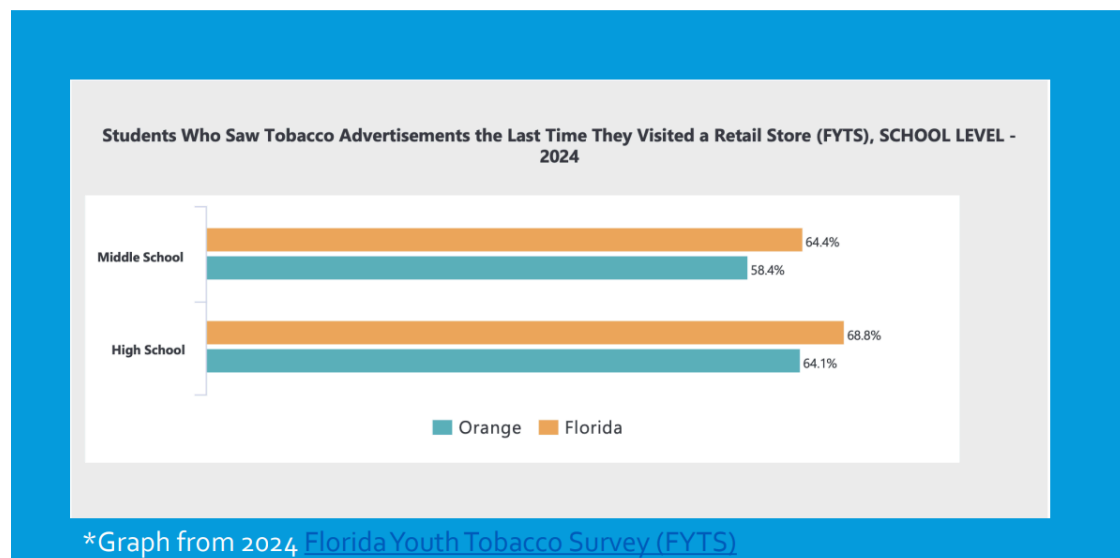
- These amendments seek to define what qualifies as a tobacco/smoke shop and to **keep the shops at least 1,000 ft from our private and public schools.**
- Additionally, staff recommends a zoning permit be required to confirm the proposed location of a tobacco shop and these shops be located no closer than 1,000 feet from other retail establishments that qualify as a tobacco shop.
- Finally, staff recommends updating the following overlay and special districts to add Tobacco Shops as a prohibited use:
 - **Lake Avalon Rural Settlement (LARS)**
 - South Orange Avenue Corridor Overlay District
 - Conway Road Corridor Overlay District
 - Pine Hills Neighborhood Improvement District
 - State Road 436/State Road 50 Corridor Overlay District
 - **Four Corners Community Village Center (CVC)**

We are looking for your feedback!

Make public comment on this item at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

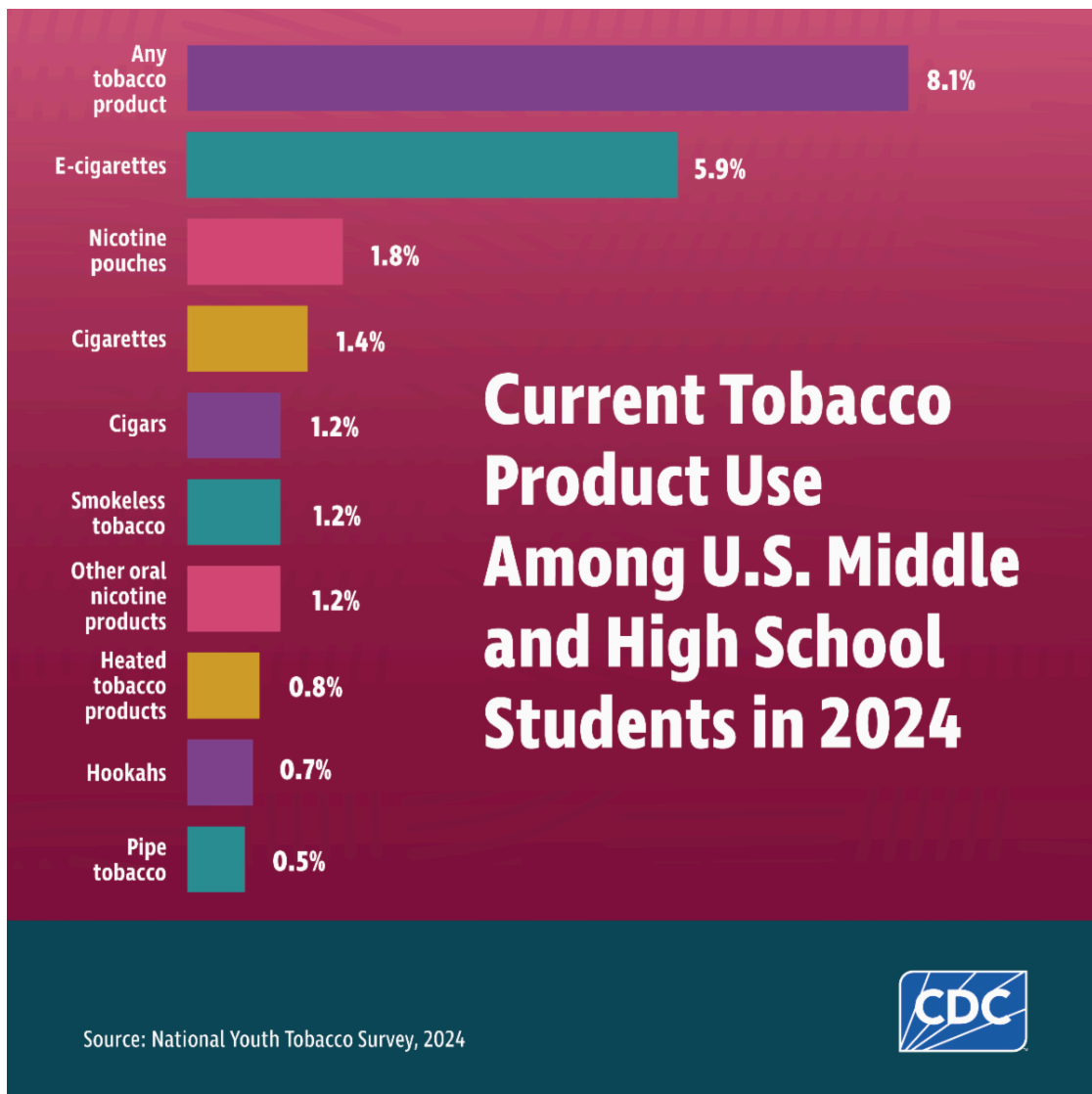
[Click here to pre-register.](#)

MARKETING IMPACT



PROVEN PATTERN – RETAILERS NEAR SCHOOLS

- 27% of schools have a **vape shop** within **1/2 mile**
- 79% within **1 mile**
- 27.7% of schools have **retailer** within **1/2 mile**
- 63.8% within **1 mile**

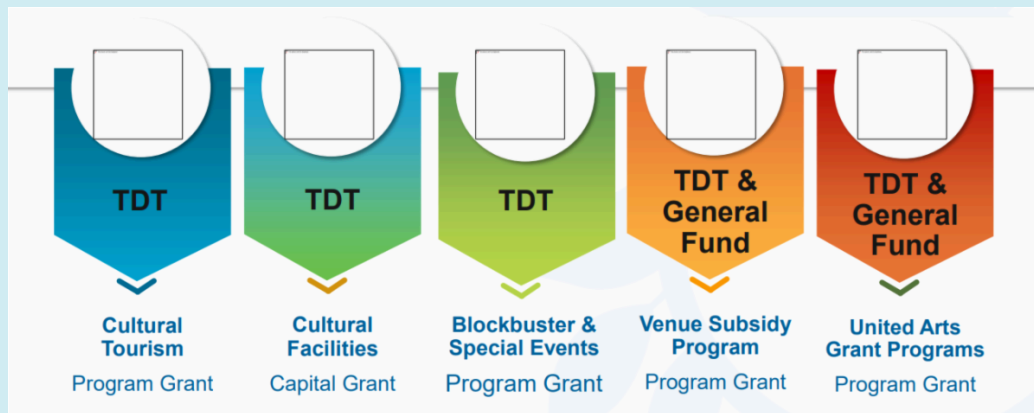


County Updates

Missed the last BCC?

i. You can review the actions taken at the **June 16 BCC** meeting by accessing the meeting minutes [here](#).

ii. To rewatch the discussions held by the Board on specific topics, you can find the meeting recording [here](#).



Projected Uses

USES	TDT Funds	General Fund
Cultural Tourism	\$5,500,000	
Cultural Facilities	\$4,500,000	
Blockbuster & Special Events	\$1,157,142	
Venue Subsidy Program	\$500,000	\$500,000
UA Campaign Challenge Grant	\$500,000	
United Arts Marketing	\$800,000	
United Arts – Grant Support	\$1,700,000	\$996,045
United Arts – Fiscal Agent	\$642,858	\$40,000
Total	\$15,300,000	\$1,536,045

Arts and Cultural Affairs Investments

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Office presented the State of the Arts, the FY26 Cultural Facilities funding recommendations, and the Blockbuster & Special Events funding recommendation for the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Frontyard Holiday Festival, and requested approval of these items.

A motion was made by Mayor Demings, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve FY26 Cultural Facilities Funding Recommendations to the following organizations/venues: Friends of Casä Feliz \$354,813; Orlando Science Center \$2,000,000; Orlando Shakes \$44,596; Orlando Philharmonic Plaza Foundation \$524,032; Orlando Ballet \$37,315; Town of Eatonville CRA \$300,000; total amount of \$3,260,756.

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

Land Use Plan

Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Dr. Phillips Elementary School - Cafeteria
6909 Dr. Phillips Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32819

**Case
Contact:**

Rebecca Bowden
407-836-5619
Rebecca.Bowden@ocfl.net

**Online Feedback
Form:**



REQUEST

Case Number: LUP-26-03-059
Project Name: Pinnacle Commercial Land Use Plan
Owner: Marketplace Center, LLC
Applicant: Carlos Perero Rada, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.
Parcel ID: 26-23-28-0000-00-022

Acreage: +/- 1.62 gross acres

Location: 7625 West Sand Lake Road; generally located north of West Sand Lake Road, west of Dr. Phillips Boulevard

**Detailed
Summary:**

To rezone 1.62 acres from C-1 (Retail Commercial) to PD (Planned Development) with a proposed development program of up to 52,000 square feet of retail commercial uses, a parking garage, and related site improvements. This is consistent with the existing Commercial Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation of the property.

The applicant is also requesting eight waivers from Orange County Code to adjust the commercial development standards. These waivers would allow more of the site to be used for buildings and parking, allow buildings to be closer to property lines, allow a taller parking structure, and reduce some open space and landscaping requirements. The waivers are requested to support compact commercial development with shops, restaurants, parking, sidewalks, landscaping, and outdoor seating areas.

SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATION



COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE

Future Land Use Map Amendment and Rezoning

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location: Hamlin Middle School Multi-Purpose Room (Room 101), 16025 Silver Grove Blvd., Winter Garden, FL, 34787

CASE CONTACT: Scott Cirino
(407) 836-5606
Scott.Cirino@ocfl.net

**ONLINE FEEDBACK
FORM:**



REQUEST

Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment

Case #: 2027-1-A-1-1

Current FLUM: Rural Settlement 1/5 (RS 1/5)
Proposed FLUM: Rural Settlement 1/1 (RS 1/1)

Rezoning

Case #: To Be Determined

Current: A-1 (Citrus Rural District)
Proposed: PD (Planned Development)

Owner: Gerlero Properties, LLC

Applicant: Logan Opsahl

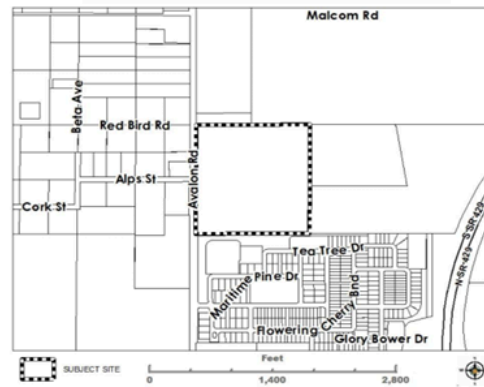
Parcel ID #'s: 17-23-27-0000-00-003

Acreage: 39.24 gross acres

Location: **5477 Avalon Road;** Generally located on the East of Avalon Road, West of Daniel Webster Western Beltway, South of Malcom Road, and North of McKinney Road.

Request Summary: To amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designation from Rural Settlement 1/5 (RS 1/5) to Rural Settlement 1/1 (RS 1/1) to allow for the proposed development of 39 single-family dwelling units. In addition, the applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property from A-1 (Citrus Rural District) to PD (Planned Development).

SUBJECT PROPERTY LOCATION



Other Legislative Updates

ROAD to Housing Act



The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act seeks to make housing more affordable and accessible by preventing large companies from purchasing single family homes and developing more housing overall. The ROAD to Housing Act recently passed in the Senate and it is now up to President Trump to sign the legislation into law. This new legislation strives to increase the amount of homes in the country, making homeownership feel attainable to United States residents.





Governor DeSantis recently vetoed the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 382, which is an act relating to micromobility devices, specifically electronic bikes and scooters.

The Bill prevented electronic bikes from going over 10 miles per hour within 50 feet of a pedestrian. Those in violation are subject to a fine of up to \$100, where violations would have to be witnessed by some kind of surveillance.

This bill also presents a safety task force charged with recommending further changes to state law around public safety for e-bikes and similar devices.



Veto!



Alligator Alcatraz Closure

As of June 25th, 2026, Alligator Alcatraz has closed; less than a year after it had opened. The immigrant detention facility faced several lawsuits and protest from community members and lawmakers alike.

There were concerns surrounding the living conditions for detainees and impacts on the local environment in the Everglades, one of Florida's most precious ecosystems).

It is estimated that Alligator Alcatraz held 20,000 detainees, spent \$406 million from Florida's Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund to operate.

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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