

Narcoossee Road Project Nears Completion

Many of you will remember the years of efforts to start construction. And, many of you will remember the years of effort to finish construction. The widening of Narcoossee Road (S.R. 15) from the BeachLine Expressway (S.R. 528) to Lee Vista Boulevard is almost completed now. The contractor is on-site working on the final 'punch list'. The project also includes improved stormwater drainage, medians, landscaping, sidewalks and bike lanes. The City added other improvements including a sanitary sewer line and a reclaimed water line along the whole length of the road; and an underground duct-bank for communication utilities. The road has been designed so that it can be expanded to six lanes in the future. Many thanks to the city staff responsible for getting this done.

New Valencia College Campus Breaks Ground in Southeast Orlando

On June 22, 2011 Valencia College held the groundbreaking ceremony at its Narcoossee Road campus. Valencia is building an 85,000 square foot academic building right next to Lake Nona High School. This will be the first of four building at this campus. This new campus facility will enable more people to pursue their education and get jobs. It is scheduled to open for classes beginning August 2012.

Redistricting

The Orlando City Commission is divided into six districts. The districts are based on population so that each is about equal. However, since 2002 when the districts were last drawn, the population of the city has changed dramatically. Redistricting occurs every ten years following each national census so, it is time to adjust the district boundaries. A Redistricting Advisory Board (RAB) has been established to make recommendations to the City Commission about the new district boundaries. Citizen input is critical, so, the board will hold public hearings in each of the 6 commission districts so that all residents can be heard. The RAB also has a webpage on the City's website, which will provide information about the public hearings and, the redistricting process and ways for the public to get more information. That website is <http://www.cityoforlando.net/cityclerk/boards/redistricting.htm>.

District 1 Email List

From time to time, I send emails to keep people up to date on District 1 issues and events. If you would like to be added to or removed from this list so that you can also be up to date and receive these emails (or removed from the list), please email or call.

Questions or Comments

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