

DISTRICT 2 DIGEST

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CURRENT, INFORMED AND CONNECTED

Summer Green Edition 2016



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We experienced an unimaginable tragedy, a senseless act of terrorism. There are no words to describe the emptiness felt, nor words to express my deepest condolences to the families and victims during their time of need. It is hard to find words of comfort because nothing can replace the feeling of loss in our hearts and souls. In the face of great hate, it brings me solace to see so many coming together, united, to help in any way they can.

The heroism that was displayed on that night shows us that when faced with horror, we can overcome.

We stand united as one City and one Nation under the umbrella of love, not hate.

May the memories of those lost, stay in our hearts forever.



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Calling all students, artists, and inspired community members!

The District 2 Office is looking for a visual identifier for the Semoran Corridor and we need your help. We are seeking all who can design a creative, innovative and professional logo. Within the District, the logo should be recognizable and be used to promote District 2 Citywide! So, ask yourself, "What do you think best represents District 2?"

Logo Showdown is open to any and all District 2 Residents*

Open to individual and/or team entries. For team entries no less than 2, no more than 4 total members

The winning design will be used as the official identifier for the City of Orlando's District 2

The winner/winning team will receive a \$500.00 Visa Gift Card, bragging rights and more!

For Official Rules, Guidelines and Prizes please visit, tinyurl.com/d2showdown

Email entries to Stefanie.Cash@cityoforlando.net

Subject Line: "District 2 Logo Showdown Entry"

Entry Categories: Art, Photography, Graphic/Digital Design

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

*Proof of residency required.

"The needs of the people have no party affiliation."

- Commissioner Tony Ortiz

Semoran Blvd Update



On Friday, June 24, 2016, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and MetroPlan Orlando (MPO) submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) *Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative Grant* program. FDOT and MPO's plan requested federal funding of \$11 million and proposed a three-pronged approach to real-time traffic management and pedestrian safety. Specifically, the application included 14 corridors, of which six will have full IT deployment. The projected times for complete installation and service is by 2020. The program will be supported region-wide, with updated high-tech systems added to a majority of our roadways. This will create an enhanced traffic picture, allowing selected roads with corridor management systems to properly adjust for congestion. The first State Road on the list of initial system installments is State Road 436 otherwise known as, Semoran Boulevard

The initial system installment list also includes the following:

- State Road 441
- State Road 414
- State Road 423
- U.S. Highway 17-92
- U.S. Highway 50

I want to personally thank, Congressman Mica for providing our community with this wonderful update. I am so pleased to see creative and cost-effective solutions being implemented in our communities with respect to traffic congestion and pedestrian safety.

District 2 Tree Planting Day

On, Saturday, April 9, 2016, we planted three batches of new trees down Semoran Blvd. in the heart of District 2. With the assistance of Gateway Orlando and Green Up Orlando, we were able to plant two trees in front of the Prince of Peace Church, two trees in front of the Royal Oak Village Shopping Center and two trees in front of the Public Storage building on Semoran.

It takes a community to plant a tree. It takes a community to raise a child. It takes a community to build a community.

Thank you to our volunteers and all who made this possible. Greening up Orlando is part of the City's initiative to become the most the sustainable City in the country.



Family Earth Day at Demetree Park

On, Saturday, April 16th, 2016 we had an incredible turnout for our Family Earth Day Cleanup! We planted 99 new trees and 382 beautiful flowers!! It is amazing what a community can accomplish when we all work together.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who made this possible. We had over 100 volunteers who represented the following organizations; Howard Middle School (OCPS), Islamic Society of Central Florida (ISCF), University High School, JetBlue Airways, The North Face, Timberland, Bank of America, American Eagle Outfitters, Coca-Cola, University of Central Florida National Achievers Society, and all of our Orlando District 2 Residents. Special hats off to our from staff from Keep Orlando Beautiful and Green Up; Mrs. Jan Rahill's team, Mrs. Jody Buyas, Tommy, Ms. Lisa Rain and Ms. Susan Harris for the great event!



Dover Shores Community Garden

On Saturday, June 25, 2016, we came together as a community to build a garden at Dover Shores Community Center. After months of preparation, we finally got to dress for a mess, wear our closed toed shoes and get down and dirty to build the community garden. The garden will serve as a centerpiece for growing food and teaching our children the importance of nutrition and nature.

For more pictures of the garden, please visit, bit.ly/dsgarden



Congratulations Engelwood Neighborhood Center!

The City of Orlando's goal is to become the most sustainable city in the nation. This year the Families, Parks and Recreation Department (FPR) nominated the Engelwood Neighborhood Center's community garden project a \$20,000 National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Disney Parks Build Grant.

The Parks Build Community Program is made possible through the support of Disney, ABC and ESPN. The program to improve local parks through projects that connect children and nature, help children and families live healthier lives and increase children's access to sports.

This year the Engelwood Neighborhood Center community garden project WON!!!

The grant money will be used to expanding the community garden the installation of two greenhouses, storage sheds, irrigation, raised garden beds for seniors, potting stations, fence enclosure, picnic benches, shade structure and wheelchair accessibility.

Thank you to the National Recreation and Park Association and everyone who voted and spread the word!

I also want to recognize our Media and Marketing Director, Ms. Stefanie Cash for leading the campaign efforts on social media to enable our victory.



However, without all of your participation, this would not have been possible!

We did it! Just goes to show you what we can accomplish when we work together!



The results from our social media efforts to push Engelwood Center to a \$20k victory!

Code Violation for Cannabis Approved



In a 4-3 vote, City Council approved an ordinance that would give Orlando police officers the ability to issue citations for the small amounts of marijuana rather than making an arrest. Mayor Dyer stated he is proud that here in Orlando we have been a leader in programs that provide opportunities for at-risk youth and second chances for offenders, this ordinance would continue to build on those efforts. This change in policy will help us protect the futures of our young people while allowing our officers to

more efficiently utilize limited resources.

This is not an ordinance decriminalizing marijuana. That is something that our state legislature has jurisdiction over and local governments cannot change that. Under state law, this type of possession is still a first-degree misdemeanor.

This ordinance is about providing our officers with a "third" option, in addition to the two current options of (1) arresting the individual or (2) confiscating and releasing the suspect with a warning. This third option would allow our officers to issue a code violation citation – still holding the offender responsible for their behavior, without the harsh consequences of making an arrest, which can result in jail time and the possibility of a life-long criminal record.

The ordinance calls for a \$100 fine for first-time offenders and a \$200 fine for a second offense. Any subsequent offenses would require a court appearance, as well as a possible fine as high as \$500. The city plans to create a diversion program, similar to the one that exists in criminal courts, which would allow those ticketed to opt for eight hours of community service or substance-abuse education, rather than a fine. The revenue from those who opt to pay the fine would be used to fund substance-abuse education.

I voted against this ordinance because I believe we there should an increase of counseling efforts. I am concerned about the effects this may have on our youth and I also do not believe there is enough research to make a sound decision at this time

This ordinance goes into effect, October 1, 2016.

Resident Spotlight



Andrés Arroyo

Andrés graduated from Colonial High School in 2013. At the 2013 Florida Relays, Andres ran 4:04.45 in a 1600-meter race and a 1:47.79 800 meter run. He was only one of six individuals in U.S. high school history to run under 1:48 in the 800 meters. Andrés was recruited by the University of Florida and made his debut for the Gators track team on January 11, 2014, running a 4:14.61 mile at the UAB Invitational in Birmingham, Alabama.

For the past three years, Andres has been named the University of Florida's Track and Field Athlete of the Year and competed for Puerto Rico at the Central American and Caribbean Junior Championships in Athletics in 2012 and 2014 and at the 2015 Pan-American Games in Toronto, Canada.

Andrés won gold medals during the 2012 Puerto Rican National Youth Championship in the 800 and 1,500 meters.

He also participated in the XIX Central American and Caribbean Youth Championships in El Salvador, where he won the gold medal in the 1,500 meters and the silver in the 800 meters.

Andrés qualified for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, running 1:45.78 in 800 meters at the 2016 Florida Relays; and the City of Orlando wishes Andrés the best as he represents Puerto Rico, and Orlando, at the Olympics.

We could not be more proud to have this aspiring Olympian medalist call District 2 home.



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Summer Safety Tips

5 Summer Safety Tips

- Always lock your doors
- Never leave valuables in plain sight
- If possible, never walk alone
- Use light as a deterrence
- Always be on alert

And as always, if you see something, say something

For more information, please visit, cityoforlando.net/district02

National Night Out

2016 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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OCTOBER 4, 2016

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More information coming soon
cityoforlando.net/nno

#OrIDistrict2 Update

I am excited to have been able to approve the Interlocal agreement between the City of Orlando and the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority relating to a Transit Corridor Study of State Road 436.

The study will provide data and analysis relating to existing and future travel demand, trip patterns, modal preferences and transportation needs along the State Road 436 corridor.

Follow District 2 on Social Media!



Upcoming Events

Please note, some of these events may change without notice.

Upcoming City Council Meeting

Dates: Monday, September 19, 2016
Monday, September 26, 2016
Time: 2 — 4 p.m.
Location: City of Orlando,
City Chambers



Engelwood Youth Soccer League

Registration: August 1-31, 2016
Season: September 10-October 29, 2016
Location: Engelwood Neighborhood Center, 6123 La Costa Drive, Orlando FL
Cost: \$40.00 | Ages: 4-9

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“The needs of the people need commitment.”

- Commissioner Tony Ortiz