

September, 2011

Orlando's City Commission Districts Will Soon be Changing-Attend a Public Meeting to Learn More and Participate

Every ten years, the City of Orlando has to redraw its commission boundaries based on the federal Census. The basic purpose of redistricting is to ensure each City Commission district has approximately equal population distribution in an effort to assure equality in representation. A volunteer Redistricting Advisory Board (RAB) consisting of nine members has been appointed. The RAB must recommend new commission boundaries to the City Council in October. The RAB will make their recommendation based on federal, state and city regulations and, public input.

The public is encouraged to attend all the RAB meetings. Some of these meetings will be held at City Hall and, some of these meetings will be held in neighborhoods. At these meetings, the public will have an opportunity to speak and present their own redistricting ideas. Go to <http://www.cityoforlando.net/redistricting> for meeting dates, times and locations. If you do not have internet access, call our office for that list.

Redistricting is especially important for those of us who live or work in the district. Our district has seen the greatest population growth over the past ten years and, will see significant boundary changes because of that growth.

This is also important because I will be resigning as your district commissioner effective June 1, 2012 and, a new commissioner will need to be selected in the next election which will be held on April 3, 2012. That election will be based on the new boundary lines. So, go to the internet page and attend redistricting meetings to learn more and participate.

National Public Lands Day 2011

Come enjoy special activities and demonstrations as well as free giveaways. This year's feature attraction is the Nature Connect Trail, a 1/4 mile trail of art, music and climbing built by volunteers. For more details visit www.cityoforlando.net/BillFrederick

Saturday, September 24, 2011

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake

3401 S. Hiawassee Road

Florida Coastal Cleanup

Volunteers are needed for the Florida Coastal Cleanup. Help beautify four lakes in Orlando. Equipment and snacks will be provided.

Saturday, September 17, 2011

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Lake Ivanhoe, Lake Underhill, Lake Lorna Doone or Park Lake

To register and for more details visit <http://coastalcleanuporlando.eventbrite.com>

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

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please call me at 407-246-2001 or email me at phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net . My aide, Jeanne Wilson, can be reached at 407-246-3011 or email at jeanne.wilson@cityoforlando.net and Police Officer Edgar Malave can be reached at 407-246-2513 or email at edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net. Our website is www.cityoforlando.net/district1.