

# SYLVAN LAKE RESERVE

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER – August 2010



## ***Seminole County BCC Sells-Out to the OOCEA***

On August 10, in a 4-1 vote, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners (SC-BCC) approved an [Interlocal Agreement](#) ceding all their authority to an outside agency, the Orlando/Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA), concerning all future decisions about the design, operation, tolling and future changes to the beltway proposed to be built through our communities once the final alignment is approved. Brenda Carey, our District Commissioner, was the only shining light of reason on the BCC, as she voted against the Agreement. Your HOA Board, along with others associated with the WPCC, actively informed the Commissioners many times, as early as [January](#), and most recently [a few days before their vote](#), about how bad this agreement would be for us and their other constituents.

The common concerns for all Seminole County residents about the Interlocal Agreement, center around the fact that our Seminole County Commissioners, who also make up 5 of the 7 seats on the Seminole County Expressway Authority (SCEA), voted to give up their authority and responsibility to the Orlando/Orange County Expressway Authority (OOCEA) to design, develop, maintain, collect, and set tolls on the proposed beltway extension in Seminole County. The Interlocal Agreement, which was drafted and aggressively pushed by the OOCEA, is overwhelmingly to the advantage of the OOCEA and Orange County, and does not grant any enforceable input by the SC BCC. The Interlocal Agreement is irrevocable, and establishes the legal basis for all future work on this beltway proposed to run through our communities.

The reality of having our County elected officials (the SC BCC) sign an agreement giving away their responsibility and authority as elected officials to another, mostly unelected (4/5 members are appointed by the Governor) outside organization (the OOCEA), which has no interest in protecting or preserving our rights, way-of-life and home values is a travesty and should be extremely alarming to all Seminole County residents.

Commissioners Dallari, McLean, Henley and Van Der Weide all voted in favor of abdicating their responsibility for reasons which included "this agreement is probably the best we will get" and "I am ready to move forward". You should be aware that McLean and Henley are running for [re-election](#) and their opponents are [John Horan](#) and [Win Adams](#).

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*Board meetings are held monthly, on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday, at Sylvan Lake Park at 7:00 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome! ARBs are reviewed  
there*

**August Yard of the Month**



Congratulations to the Sjobergs at 6645 Sylvan Woods Drive, our August Yard of the Month winner, including a \$50 gift card each. Thank you for making our Sylvan Lake Reserve community more beautiful.

***A Special Note of Thanks!***

Tony Cerino has been the Secretary on our HOA Board for the last year and was the editor of this newsletter. Tony has recently resigned and we want to thank him for his outstanding efforts and many contributions to the homeowner association!

The HOA Board Secretary position is currently open and the Board is looking for proactive and enthusiastic volunteers. Please contact the Board or Leland if you are interested in contributing to the community by serving on the Board.

**Special Points of Interest**

- *Repainting your House? – You must submit your colors via an ARB application to be approved BEFORE you paint. The neighborhood has consistently been color themed “muted earth-tones”. The HOA will enforce this to protect our property values.*
- *Sign up at the website for email alerts to newsletters, meeting minutes and other announcements!*
- *Please be considerate of you neighbors and pick up after your pets.*
- *School is in. Please drive safely.*
- *The Road and Sidewalk repairs are almost finished. If you see any other issues then please let us know.*
- *Did you notice the side entrance? New shrubs, flowers and mulch have been installed. Please let us know what you think.*
- *Bears are out. Please keep you garage doors closed and trash cans secure.*
- *New Neighbors? Please let us know. Click on the “Talk to Us” on our website.*
- *Getting Lawn Violation Notices? Please contact Leland and let them know your plans.*

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## [Wekiva Parkway Community Coalition \(WPCC\) News](#)

We encourage you to keep up the pressure on the Seminole County Expressway Authority (SCEA) and the SCEA commissioners by signing the petition, and filling out the comments forms.

1. **Sign the WPCC Petition** - it's important ALL voting household members sign. It will take less than 5 minutes! We currently have over 500 signatures!! Go to -

[http://www.sc-wpcc.org/library/Documents/WPCC/petition\\_web.pdf](http://www.sc-wpcc.org/library/Documents/WPCC/petition_web.pdf)

2. **Submit the WPCC Comment Form** - it's emailed to each of the SCEA Commissioners. Let them know about the WPCC alternative!! Go to -

[http://www.sc-wpcc.org/library/Documents/PDE\\_Study/CommentForm-Fillable.pdf](http://www.sc-wpcc.org/library/Documents/PDE_Study/CommentForm-Fillable.pdf)

Attend the meetings! Volunteer! Be informed! Stand up for your rights! Protect your way of life!

See the WPCC Northern Alternative posted on our website - [www.sc-wpcc.org](http://www.sc-wpcc.org)

For more information on our efforts or how you can help, email us at [info@sc-wpcc.org](mailto:info@sc-wpcc.org)

## [Election News](#)

We have met with both [Rick Joyce](#) and [Larry Metz](#) who are running for State House Representative District #25, and have made them aware of our concerns noted above. Both candidates were thankful for the information we gave them. Although Larry Metz was mostly understanding and neutral on our issues, Rick Joyce expressed serious concerns about the sanity of the most recent BCC/ SCEA events and appeared to be very sympathetic to our concerns.

Two of the BCC positions are being contested. The incumbents are Michael McLain, and Carlton Henley, both of whom voted in favor of the Interlocal Agreement, ceding Seminole County's authority to the OOCEA. We have spoken with two of their opponents, John Horan and Win Adams, and feel these two candidates are also very sympathetic to our concerns, and would have voted against such an agreement.

Election information can be found [here](#).

## [Community Work Crew](#)

We would like to float the idea of a "Community Work Crew" in an effort to enhance our community and reduce the possibility of our dues significantly increasing. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time and effort, then please [let us know](#) and we will organize a work crew and prioritize the community projects.

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