

## Fall District Picnic

I have decided to cancel the Annual Fall Picnic at Wadeview Park that was scheduled for this fall. This was a very hard decision and one I struggled with. We have had many successful district picnics over the past few years. They are great community events where neighbors meet neighbors and have an opportunity to meet with City staff and other elected officials to discuss issues of concern. Citizens have also donated tremendous amounts of food and money for Second Harvest Food Bank at these events.

However, I cannot in good conscience agree to spend taxpayer money for this event right now. I have often voted against spending City funds and have expressed concerns that the City's finances are not sound. When money is tight – we should act accordingly. This is your taxpayer money. So I have decided to set aside this money so that it can be allocated to needed projects in our district .

Although we will not be holding the fall picnic, I encourage everyone to keep supporting good charities that help our neighbors in need. Second Harvest's number is 407-295-1066 and their website is [www.feedhopenow.org](http://www.feedhopenow.org). They would appreciate your support and put it to good use for our neighbors in need.

## Back to School Safety Tips

Students recently returned to school. Whether you have children in school or not, it's good to remember that children will be riding buses and walking or biking to school. Keep the following safety tips in mind to help keep our kids safe this school year\*.

### **Drivers:**

Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones.

Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.

Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.

Watch for children on and near the road in the morning and after school hours.

Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings. Put down your phone and don't talk or text while driving.

\*Source: SafeKids.org

For more information, go to: [www.ocps.net](http://www.ocps.net).

## Orlando International Airport's 30th Anniversary

Orlando International Airport will commemorate its 30th anniversary on October 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information contact Carolyn Fennell or Rod Johnson at 407.825.2055

Leu Gardens is sharing its 50th birthday celebration with you

Receive free daytime garden admission on your birthday through December 31, 2011

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](mailto:phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net) . My aide, Jeanne Wilson, can be reached at 407-246-3011 or email at [jeanne.wilson@cityoforlando.net](mailto:jeanne.wilson@cityoforlando.net) and Police Officer Edgar Malave can be reached at 407-246-2513 or email at [edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net](mailto:edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net). Our website is [www.cityoforlando.net/district1](http://www.cityoforlando.net/district1).