



The Arrington Articles

July 1st - July 11th

Hello <<First Name>>,

July has just begun and it is shaping up to be a busy month in District 25!

The Governor has officially signed the 2026-2027 state budget. This fiscal year's budget totaled out to \$114.5 billion dollars, which is slightly lower than last year's total of \$115.1 billion. This decrease reflects the state's efforts to implement more restrained spending.

Our team was out and about this week, from attending legislative panels to touring local non-profits. With session finally at a close, keep an eye out for our upcoming district events and surveys as we begin to prepare for next session!

PARA ESPAÑOL

Weekly Question

Would you like our office to share information about the upcoming property tax amendment?

Yes

No

Appropriations

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS
\$8,800,000
INVESTED IN DISTRICT 25

1		Boggy Creek Shoal and Vegetation Removal	\$3,500,000
2		Osceola County Courthouse Courtroom	\$2,250,000
3		C-31 Canal Bank Stabilization	\$1,500,000
4		Osceola Council on Aging Senior Connected Care Program	\$500,000
5		Came to Believe Recovery Addiction Recovery Pilot Program	\$300,000
6		The Transition House Homeless Veterans Program	\$300,000
7		Re-Entry Center and Safety & Security Modernization Project	\$250,000
8		Council on Aging Home Delivered Meals for Rural Seniors Program	\$200,000

After a long 136-day legislative session, the 2026-2027 state budget has been signed! From expanding services for our seniors and homeless veterans to supporting critical agricultural initiatives and strengthening our judicial infrastructure, these state investments

will help address some of our community's most pressing needs across District 25.

While I am proud to have secured funding for these important priorities, several key projects focused on transportation, veterans therapy services, and homelessness services were rejected by the Governor. Below are the additional community projects that I successfully secured state funding for during the legislative session, but were ultimately **vetoed**.

The following projects were vetoed by the Governor:

	Osceola County – Waterlin Boulevard Interchange	\$1,250,000
	School District of Osceola County Environmental Center Boardwalk	\$1,000,000
	School District of Osceola County AAA High School Aquatic Center	\$1,000,000
	Junior Achievement of Central Florida HVAC System	\$750,000
	Kissimmee Police Evidence Room Expansion Project	\$750,000
	School District of Osceola County 24/7 Security Operations Center	\$750,000
	Kissimmee – East City Drainage Canal Improvement Project	\$500,000
	Hope Partnership – Community Safety and Stability Project	\$500,000
	City of St. Cloud – Hopkins Park Community Center	\$500,000
	Breakthrough Osceola (RISE)	\$250,461
	McCormick Research Institute: Equine-assisted Therapy for Veterans with Mental Health Challenges	\$174,413
	City of St. Cloud - Safety Alert	\$116,270
	Lily's Warrior Project - Outreach Programs	\$50,000

Plastic-Free Community Event



PLASTIC-FREE LIVING 101: BEYOND THE BOTTLE

A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR CLEANER LIVING AND HEALTHIER WATERWAYS.

Join us for an interactive and hands-on experience to learn how everyday choices can reduce plastic waste, conserve water, and help protect Osceola County's natural resources.



LIMITED SPOTS

RSVP REQUIRED

A reusable water bottle will be provided for each participant to decorate and take home!



951 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Kissimmee, FL 34741



DATE
Thursday, July 23rd



TIME
5:30PM - 7:00PM

July is Plastic-Free Month!

Join Team Arrington for a hands-on event where you'll learn simple ways to reduce plastic waste, conserve water, and help protect Osceola County's natural resources.

Every participant will receive a reusable water bottle to decorate and take home. Space is limited, RSVP now!

When: **Thursday, July 23**

Time: **5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Location: **951 Martin Luther King Blvd., Kissimmee, FL 34741**

Reserve your spot by clicking [HERE](#).

District Updates



I was grateful to join my fellow Osceola legislators at the Osceola Update to reflect on this year's legislative session, discussing both this session's accomplishments and the challenges that remain. I appreciated the opportunity to engage in these important conversations and remain committed to delivering meaningful results for the people we serve.



It was a pleasure to join my colleagues on the panel at the Orange County Democrats' Annual Legislative Debrief. We discussed session highlights, budget accomplishments, and addressed issues that matter most to our communities.



I was honored to attend the Heart of I-Drive General Meeting Luncheon at the Rosen Centre Hotel to present a Proclamation recognizing the recipient of the 2026 Harris Rosen Philanthropic Award: The Westgate Foundation. This award is given annually to a business or person who exemplifies exceptional philanthropic work, making our community and the world a better place.

Upcoming Community Events

Join us at the Taft Back to School Event!

When: **Thursday, July 30th**

ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA
Community Action

TAFT BACK TO SCHOOL

A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

STUDENTS (18 & UNDER) MUST BE PRESENT
TO RECEIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES. <

**THURSDAY
JULY 30, 2026**

4PM - 7PM

TAFT COMMUNITY CENTER
9450 S Orange Ave
Orlando, FL 32824

FOR MORE INFORMATION
407-254-1952

JOIN US FOR:

- COMMUNITY RESOURCES**
Connect with local organizations and get the support you need.
- FREE BACKPACK & SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION**
While supplies last. For students.
- FOOD & DRINKS**
Enjoy free food and refreshments!
- VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**
Help make a difference and assist with the distribution.

**WE ARE COLLECTING
NEW/UNOPENED LICE TREATMENT KITS
TO BENEFIT SALLY RIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

TAFT
Take Action For Taft
Bringing the Community Together Since 1972

KRISTEN ARRINGTON
Florida Senate District 25

MAYRA Uribe
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

JENNIFER RITA HARRIS

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Taft Community Center - 9450 S Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32824

If you would like to volunteer and help out with the event, please email our office by clicking [HERE](#).

Non-Profit Spotlight



The Team and I had the opportunity to tour Help Now of Osceola's Outreach Advocacy Center and emergency shelter! Help Now provides vital services that promote safety, empowerment, and healing for survivors of domestic violence and influence social change in the community.

Thank you to the entire Help Now team for the warm welcome, the meaningful tour, and for the incredible work you do every day to provide safety, support, and hope!

Helpful Links

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It is an honor to serve as your voice in Tallahassee and represent Central Florida. Thank you for the trust you place in me. If you have any questions or need assistance, our office is always here to help.

Senator Kristen Arrington



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