



# MAYOR CROTTY CONNECTION



## Welcome Message

October 2, 2009

Our new fiscal year is already underway. I am pleased to report the Board of County Commissioners passed a balanced budget in September with no increase in property taxes. Compared to the tax revolt we saw in many other counties, our budget hearings ran smoothly thanks in large part to our Board's fiscal prudence and the preparation and attention to detail of our staff. View the [2010 Adopted Budget](#).

Orange County, like many communities throughout our nation, is very concerned about the possibility of an influenza outbreak. There has been extensive publicity over the devastating effects a flu pandemic could have on our region but very little has been reported about our preparation and planning.

That's why I have assembled stakeholders from around our community to review the growing body of knowledge about a potential flu pandemic and discuss our plans to deal with the threat. We are meeting regularly and addressing the conversation in the community while proactively monitoring the status of any community outbreak. Read about my first [H1N1 briefing and watch the video on the "Video on Demand" link](#).

[Mayors take a shot to stop seasonal flu in its tracks](#) view the story and photos.

### H1N1 Flu Information

Orange County has created a [citizen safety web site](#) with additional information. Or you can visit the Florida Department of Health website at: [www.myflusafety.com](http://www.myflusafety.com) regularly for the most up to date information about H1N1 (swine) flu in Florida.

God bless you all!

Richard T. Crotty

### Hot Topics

- [Orange County Legislative Delegation Meeting Notice](#) - October 19
- [US Census Breakfast](#) – October 2
- United States [2010 Census Campaign](#) – It's in Our Hands!
- [Farmworker Services Center Grand Opening](#) – September 28

### In Advance – Upcoming County Commission Agenda Highlights – Tuesday October 6, 2009

- Hispanic Heritage Celebration & Proclamation
- Fire Prevention Week Proclamation
- Proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- **Public Hearings:** Fertilizer Ordinance (Environmental Protection Division) and
- Solid Waste Business Plan Update (Solid Waste Division)

For a complete listing of the Board's Agenda or to request an appearance before the Orange County Board of County Commissioners visit the [eAgenda](#).

### OrangeCountyFL.net Links

- [Mayor Crotty's Homepage](#)
- [County News](#) - Orange County Government is one of the largest public organizations in the region, with one of the fastest growing media markets in the country. County News is an interactive tool designed to keep you informed about major announcements and events in Orange County. County News includes a Video on Demand feature with live press conferences and board meetings.
- [Orange TV](#) and [Vision TV](#)- Orange TV, a government information channel, televises programming about government services, activities, and issues. Vision TV features locally produced programs that promote Central Florida events, performances, children's education, senior living, diversity, culture, the arts, safety and regional economic development.
- [OCALERT](#) – This new service will send out instant weather warnings and other Orange County emergency notices. Up-to-the-minute alerts will be sent to your personal text-based message devices, including cell phones, pagers and other wireless devices. [Sign up for OCALERT.net](#)