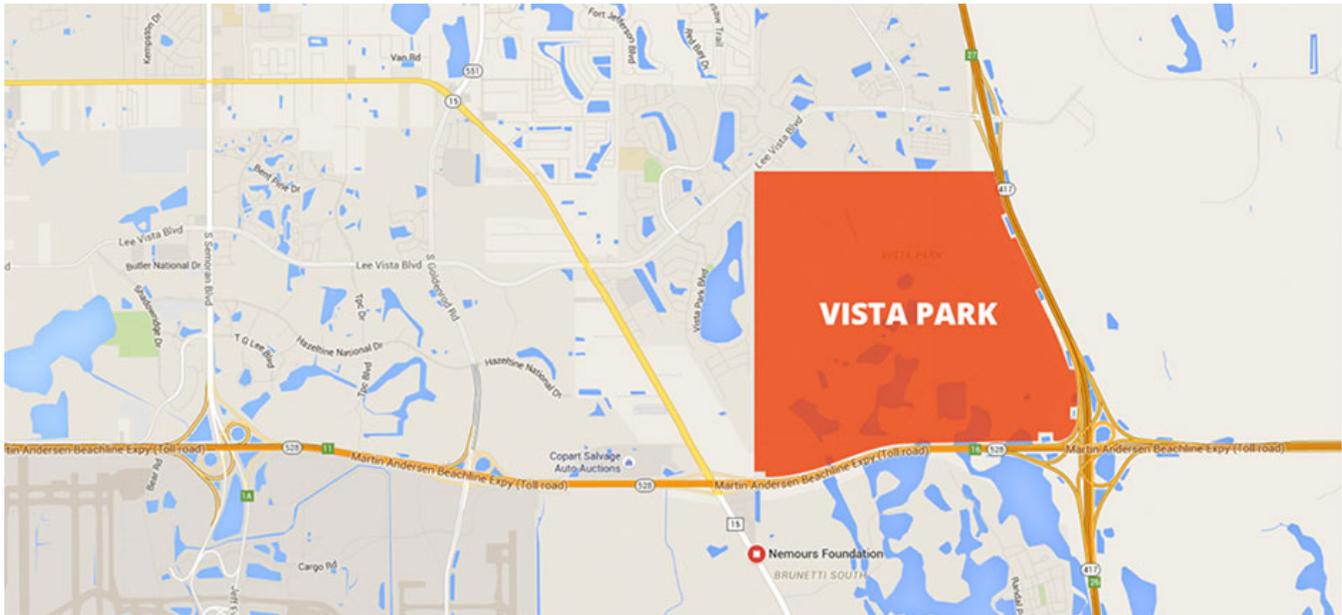


# **DON'T LET APATHY RUIN OUR COMMUNITY!!!**

## **An Important Message for HOA Boards and All Residents in the Vista East Community**



This message has been developed by concerned residents to provide local Boards and their residents with information on issues concerning recent decisions by our elected officials. As residents of the Vista East Community, we are once again facing difficult challenges that will have a **negative impact on our community, home values, and safety unless we join together!**

On Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Municipal Planning Board for the City of Orlando will be meeting to consider an application to permit the construction of a huge new residential/commercial development to be called Vista Park that will extend from Lee Vista Blvd to SR 528 and from the Lutheran church at Passaic Parkway to SR 417. What they will be considering is a development that will consist of 3,300 homes and 1,000 apartments (about 16,000 residents and perhaps 7,000 to 8,000 additional cars) and be more than twice the size of the existing Vista Lakes community.

### **Why should you be concerned?**

1. Bombs and shells left over from the former Pinecastle Jeep Range may be located throughout the property to be developed. Rather than have the area cleared by the Army's Corps of Engineers, the developers have committed to having the job done by a civilian contractor. What assurance do we have that the job will be done properly by this

contractor, who will be answering to the developers, and that Vista Lakes and other nearby communities including: Tivoli Gardens, Tivoli Woods, Crowntree Lakes Apartments and Lee Vista Square, will not be adversely impacted by detonations of explosives that remain on the property after the “clearing operation” has been completed.

2. Traffic. Although some expansion of the current road infrastructure is included in the development plan, the essential problem of moving traffic from east to west (on Lee Vista Blvd for example) has not been addressed so imagine what life will be like with twice the amount of traffic on our local roads! Grid lock will become a regular occurrence with much longer commutes for all and the danger level for our kids, pedestrians and cyclists will increase significantly.
3. Water drainage. The very high water levels in our ponds and flooding in some of our neighborhoods following the recent heavy rains attest to the fact that we are at risk of experiencing significant flooding during severe storms. The new development will be using the Lee Vista Blvd Master Drainage System for its overflow water further taxing an overburdened system which means less drainage capacity for the existing communities.
4. Schools. The plan for the new Vista Park community calls for two new schools, but it does not specify the types of schools envisioned or when they will be constructed. In the meantime, can we expect overcrowding in the Vista Lakes Elementary and Odyssey Middle schools?
5. Overall strain on local services including: medical (doctors and dentists), police and fire departments, and recreational facilities.

**The bottom line is that if the Vista Park development is allowed to progress without any regard for the concerns of the local communities our life style, property values and physical security will be taking a sharp turn for the worse very soon.**

I hope you will join with your fellow residents of Vista Lakes to demand that Mayor Buddy Dyer and our District Commissioner, Jim Gray, insure that the lifestyle that we currently enjoy is not lost forever as the result of unbridled development!

**Municipal Planning Board Meeting  
City Hall (2nd Floor)  
400 South Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801  
(at the corner of Orange Avenue and South Street)**

**Tuesday, October 20th at 8:30 a.m.**

Please visit [VistaLakesFL.com/vistapark](http://VistaLakesFL.com/vistapark) for more information.