

# Moore: Eliminating distractions will help us all be careful drivers

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three things are the major contributors to pedestrian fatalities. Most of the accidents with pedestrians occur at night. In fact, in the Orlando area we have seen a 71-percent increase in fatalities at nighttime. The cause of these accidents is generally cell phone distraction by either the driver or the pedestrian. And speeding; we all know this is a problem. The faster a car is traveling, the more

likely a crash ends in a fatality. There is no question regarding this fact.

Back to the county transportation manager's idea with regard to darkness. He explained to me that most street lighting we are familiar with is about illuminating the roadway for drivers. We haven't considered better lighting at crosswalks very much. He is suggesting adding LED lighting near the intersections to help drivers better see a pedestrian in

the darker hours. Fantastic idea.

Now, at the Metro-PLAN meeting we talked about human error during nighttime driving. I'd like us all to promote pedestrians wearing light-colored clothing and the fact that pedestrians need to be aware that drivers may not see them. Pedestrians crossing any roadway in darkness need to use supreme care. This entire focus requires more education and enhanced commu-

nication with the public.

As for distraction, we must all commit to staying off our cell phones while driving. We must all commit to focusing on our surroundings to be better, safer drivers.

Finally, let's discuss the problem with excessive speeding. Apparently, lowering speed limits is a complicated conversation due to many federal guidelines and county regulations. Our speaker also mentioned that Central Florida has many roadways with faster speed limits than other similar areas in the country. We also know that law enforcement does not conduct many speed enforcement activities. So, how do we, on a large-scale basis, quickly

and economically lower speed limits? At this point, I don't know the answer, but I do know what you and I can do right now.

Understanding all the barriers, I believe we should all commit to driving more slowly, staying off cell phones, and when we are walking, don't assume that a driver can see us. Additionally, communities can get together to plant trees to create canopies, and by design, that removes the long, straight-shot roadway which encourages speeding. We can add more vegetation in medians. Yes, there are psychological studies which transportation planners utilize in order to adjust driver behavior.

I dislike driving Clar-

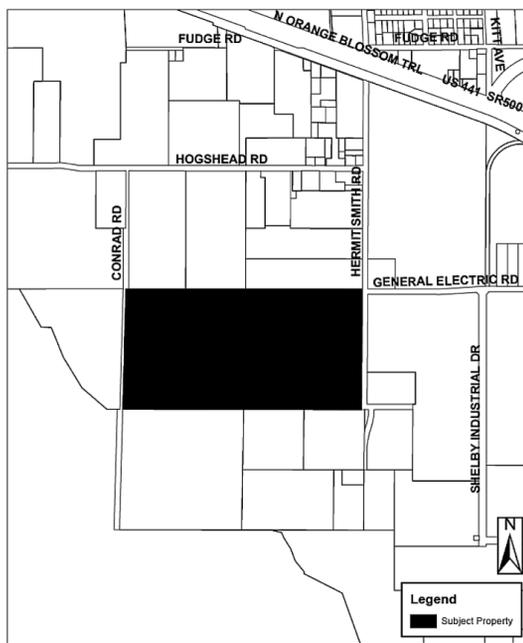
cona-Ocoee Road and Rock Springs Road the most in District 2 because of the excessive speeding. However, I could list many, many more roadways where there isn't safe driving due to speed concerns and so could you. I am committed to advocating to the Board of County Commissioners for more funding to erect intersection LED lighting and to conduct additional speed studies which could result in reduced speed limits on more arteries.

I am committed in my own driving to slow down and reduce my distractions. I hope you will join me in these same efforts. It will take all of us to reduce the number of fatalities on our District 2 roadways.

## CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TRANSMITTAL OF A LARGE-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3) (c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinance, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **Nancy Mann Trust c/o William Blaine** has made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council for a **CHANGE IN THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN TO INDUSTRIAL AND A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE) TO I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL FOR 78.99 +/- ACRES.** This application relates to the following described property located south of Hogshead Road and west of Hermit Smith Road, specifically located at 444 Hermit Smith Road.

Parcel Identification Number: 01-21-27-0000-00-024  
Contains: 78.99 +/- Acres



**ORDINANCE NO. 2824**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN TO INDUSTRIAL (0.6 FAR) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF HOGSHEAD ROAD AND WEST OF HERMIT SMITH ROAD, AND OWNED BY NANCY MANN TRUST, COMPRISING 78.99 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2825**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE) DISTRICT TO I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF HOGSHEAD ROAD AND WEST OF HERMIT SMITH ROAD, COMPRISING 78.99 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY NANCY MANN TRUST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Nos. 2824 and 2825 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, August 4, 2021, beginning at 1:30 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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# Byrd: Future changes to be quicker

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a significant number of my constituents happy is a position I personally don't like to be in.

So, I thought I would clarify my vote.

As I explained in a previous column, as a board, we decided to put last year's mask mandate in policy. What that means is that we had to go through the rulemaking process as described in law.

When a policy is made, there are required workshops that have to be advertised for a period of weeks so that the public has ample opportunity to make public comments on proposed policy or changes to policy.

Therefore, changes to this policy had to go through the same process. As such, we haven't been able to quickly change the mask mandate as we started to see positive changes in the virus or vaccines become available for certain

groups.

The process of getting here this week has been two months of meetings in the making.

To remedy this issue, the new policy revisions remove the mandate and make masks optional with the detail added that all future masking changes can be made by the superintendent on the board's behalf based on mandates that might come from government entities in the future. In effect, we are choosing to make mask requirements a management decision as opposed to a board policy decision which is where I think it needs to be.

The superintendent is in constant, almost daily, contact with Dr. Raul Pino of the Florida Department of Health-Orange County and Orange County Mayor Demings, as well as our Medical Advisory Committee. She has a district team that meets every week to go over safety guidelines

related to COVID. This decision is certainly fitting in her hands.

Plus, it is very important that changes can be made quickly concerning responses to this virus. As we have seen most recently with the variants and rise in positivity rates in our area yet again.

The most important part of my vote in my mind is making this change. Being nimble is what has been the most important aspect to successfully battling this virus in my view. We have to be able to make quick changes and adjust to new data. That is what this policy change does.

With that being said, I believe children under 12 need to be wearing masks at this time until vaccines are available for that age group. This is what current CDC guidance recommends as outlined in new K-12 guidelines released last week.

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# Hayden: Our rights are given by Creator God and our constitution

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calves to a place that not only could they be handled but to a place where they would seek people's attention.

As I study what is going on in America today, I see a lot of wild, skitish actions being promoted by people who think they are entitled to change our representative republic into a socialist-driven society. In the process, they are "shredding the ears" of those most vulnerable: our children. We see educators who are bent on rewriting our history and, to do that, they are removing historical monuments, renaming our schools, and making a mockery of our most hallowed documents; i.e., our Constitution and our Declaration of Independence.

I believe the forces behind the unrest and wild demonstrations are driven by the same people who

have entered our communities and become part of our nation for the purpose of promoting the same lifestyle they have left behind.

The immigrants who came during the early and mid-part of the 20th century were inspired by the opportunity to become Americans! They wanted to assimilate into the great stewpot that America was. They strove to learn English, get jobs to be independent and support their families, and more than anything else, support and make a generous contribution to what America stood for.

Those we see today are misusing and redefining what our rights are under our form of government. They claim our rights are given to us by the government, but there is nothing farther from the truth. Our rights are inalienable and given by our Creator God and the Constitution, which

was written to protect those rights. The very existence of our great nation and the Shining City on the Hill, which is the United States of America, is hanging in the balance.

What you and I do to deal with the direction our nation takes is instrumental in keeping our freedoms intact. The big dogs that are shredding the ears of our youth need to be removed from our society and we need to start loving, nurturing, and educating our children. A recent poll taken of our youth shows 60 percent of kids 12-18 say their parents are clueless and have no idea what their schools are teaching. The truth of the matter is we have turned our children over to people who see teaching as an occupation instead of a calling to a higher purpose.

Why do we think the

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## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

### The Apopka Chief

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The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. <b>www.apopka.net</b>	

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# Apopka Planning Commission votes yes on all items

By Teresa Sargeant  
Apopka Chief Staff

The Apopka Planning Commission recommended approval, 4-0, on all of the agenda items at its Tuesday, July 13, meeting at City Hall, including four different major development plans for residential subdivisions and industrial/warehouse facilities.

The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of every month at Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main St., starting at 5 p.m.

The Planning Commission is a seven-member board that reviews projects and makes recommendations to the City Council on the city's Comprehensive

Plan, land use and land use map amendments, development plans, and rezonings.

## Apopka 429

The major development plan for Apopka 429 calls for an infrastructure servicing/warehouse developing totaling up to nearly 2.5 million square feet on a vacant 246.18 acres of vacant land west of U.S. Highway 441 and north of Orlando Apopka Airport.

The Apopka 429 project is owned by Cypress Business Park. The applicant is Kimley-Horn and Associates.

According to city documents, the major development plan shows possible development of three warehouse buildings ranging in maximum sizes of 546,000 square feet, 725,040 square feet, and 1,200,000 square feet, coming to a total of 2,471,040 square feet.

The major development plan only proposes the development of infrastructure and grading for the site. The development of the warehouse buildings depicted on the plan is not proposed at this time.

Development is subject to the standards and conditions set forth in Or-

dinance No. 2780, which was adopted on August 19, 2020.

The City Council will review the Apopka 429 major development plan at the Wednesday, July 21, meeting that will begin at 7 p.m. at Apopka City Hall.

## Orlando Beltway East

The major development plan for Orlando Beltway East proposes the construction of a subdivision consisting of 202 single-family residential units and a 2.4-acre parcel reserved for future non-residential development as part of Kelly Park Crossing.

Of the 202 units, 143 will be single-family homes, and 59 are expected to be townhomes.

The Orlando Beltway East is proposed for construction on 56.51-acre of vacant land located west of Plymouth-Sorrento Road, approximately one-quarter mile north of the intersection of Kelly Park Road and Plymouth-Sorrento Road, and directly south of the Bridle Path subdivision.

The project owner is Orlando Beltway Associates. The applicant is James Hoffman on behalf of VHB.

On October 21, 2020, the City Council approved a rezoning and master plan that is consistent with the requirements of the Kelly Park Interchange form-based code for the tract that is proposed as Orlando Beltway East's site.

The City Council will have a public hearing on the Orlando Beltway East major development plan at the August 4 City Council meeting that begins at 1:30 p.m. at Apopka City Hall.

## AdventHealth Fudge Road Complex phases one and two

The major development plan for phases one and two of the AdventHealth Fudge Road Complex proposes the construction of warehouse/medical supply distribution facilities on about 53.65 acres of vacant land at 4051 Fudge Road.

Located south of U.S. Highway 441 and north of Hogshead Road, the complex's major development plan proposes the development of warehouse/medical supply distribution facilities.

Phase 1 comprises of 76,168 square feet of building area on 13.912 acres

while Phase 2 consists of 76,179 square feet of building area on 25.041 acres.

Phase 1 of the complex is currently undergoing a construction site plan review with the city's Development Review Committee. The applicant, Cameron Houmann on behalf of Donald W. McIntosh Associates, intends to develop a Phase 3 of the complex in the future, according to city documents.

The City Council will review this project at the August 4 City Council meeting that starts at 1:30 p.m. at Apopka City Hall.

## Plymouth Sorrento Assemblage

The major development plan for the Plymouth Sorrento Assemblage proposes a subdivision of 179 single-family residences that are planned for the southern terminus of the Kelly Park Interchange form-based code area.

The owner is Klepzig Family Trust, Klepzig Dennis R Life Estate, Klepzig Joann Life Estate, Min Sum Cho, Hong Sik Kim and Deok Hwa Kim. The applicant is Aaron Struckmeyer

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I took a vow...

To have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse. I promised to be true in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will keep that promise til' death do us part.

That's why I bought life insurance from Auto-Owners, to secure your future, no matter what.



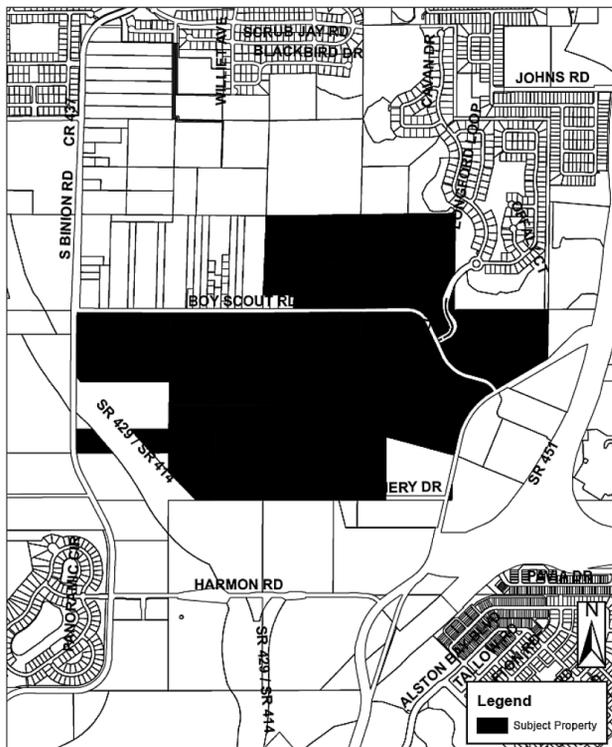
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## CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given that **APOPKA CENTERLINE DEVELOPMENT, LLC c/o CRAIG PERRY** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) to the City of Apopka Planning Commission, and City Council for a **REZONING OF PROPERTY**. This application relates to the following described property:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2858**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE) DISTRICT, C-C (COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT AND MU-ES-GT (MIXED-USE EAST-SHORE GATEWAY) SUBDISTRICT TO PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) DISTRICT, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH AND SOUTH OF BOY SCOUT ROAD, WEST OF SR 451, NORTH OF SR 414 AND WEST OF SR 429, COMPRISING 366.6 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY TROY S. BRONSON FAMILY LP, JOHN AND DONNA MARIE KIRKLAND, BINION PARTNERS, LLC AND APOPKA CENTERLINE DEVELOPMENT, LLC; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Numbers: 17-21-28-0000-00-013, 282118000000032, 282117000000007, 282117000000015, 282117000000008, 282117000000028, 282117000000030, 282118000000014, 282117000000017, 282117000000006, 282117000000018, 282117000000023, 282117000000012, and 282118000000007  
Contains: 366.6 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2858 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021** or as soon thereafter as possible.

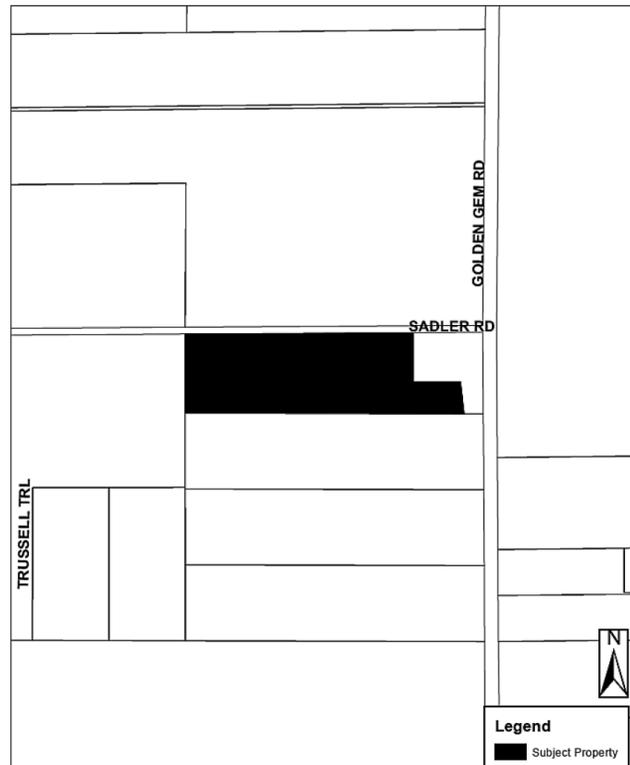
Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed zoning ordinance and Master Plan can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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## CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinance, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **DONNA AND CARL REDDER** have made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council for a **CHANGE OF THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RURAL TO MIXED-USE INTERCHANGE (5-10 DU/AC and 0.5-0.75 FAR) FOR 8.32 +/- ACRES**. This application relates to the following described property located on the southwest corner of Sadler Road and Golden Gem Road.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2839**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RURAL TO MIXED-USE INTERCHANGE (5-10 DU/AC and 0.5-0.75 FAR) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SADLER ROAD AND GOLDEN GEM ROAD, AND OWNED BY DONNA AND CARL REDDER, COMPRISING 1.79 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 14-20-27-0000-00-085  
Contains: 8.62 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2839 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use Application can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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## Chamber of Commerce plans unique job fair event July 21

“A Day in Apopka” takes the concept of the traditional job fair one step further by allowing job seekers to explore the businesses they’d like to seek employment at as well as support the community’s business and hiring needs.

Hosted by the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce and Career Source Central Florida, “A Day in Apopka” will take place on Wednesday, July 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at seven Apopka areas: Hilton Garden Inn, Wekiva Riverwalk, Vic-

toria Plaza, Colonial Shoppes, downtown Apopka, Rock Springs Plaza, and Goodwill Industries of Central Florida.

Businesses that want to be represented at one of the seven locations must register for the available location by today, Friday, July 16, on the Chamber’s website, [www.apopkachamber.org](http://www.apopkachamber.org). This is free for local businesses.

For more information, visit the website or contact Jonie Glaude at [jonie@apopkachamber.org](mailto:jonie@apopkachamber.org).

## Plan: Subdivision will be on 50 acres

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on behalf of Pulte Homes Company.

The subdivision is planned for 50.79 acres of land east of State Road 429, west of Plymouth-Sorrento Road and south of Joey McGuckin Road.

According to city documents, the properties adopted a future land use des-

ignation of “mixed-use interchange” on May 19 by Ordinance Number 2822, which allows a maximum density of five dwelling units per acre and/or floor area ratio (FAR) of 0.5.

While 20 percent of the project is required to be open space, the major development plan proposes 11.92 acres of open space, which is 23 percent of the

site. The major development plan includes an eight-foot wide multi-purpose trail along Plymouth-Sorrento Road and internal to the site, a passive park path with benches along the perimeter of the stormwater pond on the southwest portion of the subdivision, a pool and cabana, and a recreational field.

## Apopka: State grants total \$30M

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and Enterprise Florida Inc. (EFI) awarded grants totaling more than \$30 million to improve infrastructure, community redevelopment, and job creation in small and rural Florida communities.

Apopka’s grant was part of \$29 million that was awarded through the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Other grants were awarded through \$1.2 million from the Community Plan-

ning Technical Assistance (CPTA) grant program, \$280,000 through the Competitive Florida Partnership grant program, and \$198,500 through the Rural Expansion Toolkit initiative.

“Florida’s rural communities are vital to the wellbeing and prosperity of our state, and my administration is committed to helping them thrive,” Governor DeSantis was quoted as saying in the press release. “The more than \$30 million we are awarding today will help ensure that

our small and rural communities have the infrastructure and funding they need to create jobs and strengthen their economic resiliency.”

“Under Governor DeSantis’ leadership, DEO continues to champion opportunities that help communities across the state,” said Dane Eagle, secretary of the Department of Economic Opportunity. “We will work closely with these communities to meet their infrastructure needs and prepare them for the future in order to ensure strong economic development.”

“When we launched the Rural Expansion Toolkit in October 2020, we had one goal – to make sure rural Floridians have the practical tools they need to create economic opportunity,” said Florida Secretary of Commerce Jamal Sowell, President & CEO of Enterprise Florida, Inc. “Having roots in rural Florida, I am proud to support these communities as they grow and prosper.”

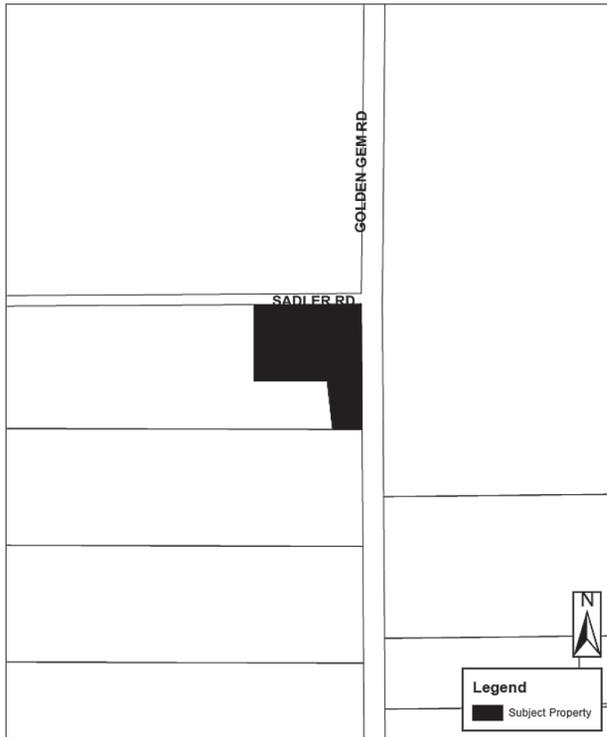
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#### ORDINANCE NO. 2838

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RURAL TO MIXED-USE INTERCHANGE (5-10 DU/AC and 0.5-0.75 FAR FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SADLER ROAD AND GOLDEN GEM ROAD, AND OWNED BY DONNA AND CARL REDDER, COMPRISING 1.79 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



Parcel Identification Number: 14-20-27-0000-00-066  
Contains: 1.79 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2838 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use Application can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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SUDOKU ANSWERS: PAGE 3B

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#### CLUES ACROSS

- Prevents harm to young
- “Losing My Religion” rockers
- Partner to pan
- Cavalry unit
- Peyton’s little brother
- Mexican dish
- Disseminates info to the public
- Set an animal on
- Canadian flyers
- Elongated mouths of anthropods
- I (German)
- Opposite of west
- Gloves
- Measures how quickly a car moves
- One who has gained wealth
- Patti Hearst’s captors
- Extensive landed property
- Male aristocrat
- For each
- More fidgety
- Very happy
- A place to store info
- Helps to heal
- 12th month (abbr.)
- Broad, shallow craters
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Frost
- Ethiopian town
- Curved shapes
- Company that rings receipts
- Spiritual leader
- Sheep native to Sweden
- Cars need it
- Partner to relaxation

#### CLUES DOWN

- Scientist’s high-resolution tool (abbr.)
- Type of school
- Formal close (music)
- Transmits high voltage
- A way to occupy a certain area
- Draws out
- His Airness
- Nocturnal rodents
- South American plants
- Homestead
- Bland or semiliquid food
- Forest resident
- The body needs it
- Atomic mass unit (abbr.)
- Spell
- Relaxing place
- Political fundraising tool
- Make a mistake
- Partner to Adam
- Tyrant
- Unit of electrical resistance
- A history of one’s life
- Actor DiCaprio
- Sea eagle
- Avoiding being caught
- de Mornay, actress
- Belonging to a thing
- Not us
- Motorcars
- Capital of Bangladesh
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Practice boxing
- Grant, actor
- Swiss river
- S. Sudan river
- A bumpkin
- One point south of southwest
- Small island (British)

Solutions to the Crossword Puzzle are found on page 3B of this newspaper.