

# Moore: Goal is to improve service

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that by contacting the company first, you will be able to get a status update. With 311, they can't provide a status update because they are acting as a third party.

Water and trash round out the list of most-asked topics. Your water meter is read every 28 to 35 days.

The 311 number refers customers to the Orange Utilities Department for answers to questions. Keep in mind, if it is water service or high water bills you're calling about, go directly to Utilities at 407-836-5515.

Another important

concern is trash pickup. As I've discussed in recent columns, we know there's been a challenge for some customers lately due to delays caused by a shortage of trained staff, both locally and nationwide, due to COVID-19. Orange County Utilities is working fast and furiously to get service back up to par.

Let me share that the Solid Waste Hotline is your best place to start to let them know if trash or recyclables haven't been picked up. That number is 407-836-6601. You can also send an email to Solid.Waste@ocfl.net and we do field questions in my office

at 407-836-5850.

I want to add that when it comes to yard waste, please make sure you're following the rule of putting out front three cubic yards or less each week. That's about the size of what would fit in a small pick-up truck's bed.

Finally, to download the 311 app, go to Google Play or the App Store on Apple devices. You can submit pictures with the app.

Remember to reach out to me at the office number I've provided in this column or by email at District2@ocfl.net for any questions.

# Heated funding debate not new

Editor:

The recent ruling of U.S. District Judge Marica Morales Howard in Florida to halt a key part of the federal stimulus packages for farmers of color is a new blow to the African-American community, a community that the Farmworker Association of Florida has represented for almost 40 years.

The history of agriculture in the United States cannot be fully understood without mentioning the process of colonization, genocide, displacement, and indenture of the First Nations, African, Asian, and Latin American populations that have produced valuable crops like tobacco, cotton, sugar, and corn.

The economic prosperity of this nation comes

from centuries of land-grabbing policies, free, enslaved, or very cheap labor, and the imposition of trade markets and extraction of natural resources from other countries through occupation and invasion. It is true, we cannot legally bind a country that did not yet exist for its foundation, but we can certainly hold it responsible for continuing to benefit from human exploitation.

According to Judge Howard, "Congress moved with great speed to address the history of discrimination but did not move with great care." We feel that the judge forgot that colonization and slavery had great speed and no care.

The heated debate about the scarce funding for minority farmers is not new to us. Any concession

people of color get is seen as a privilege we do not deserve. If it is immigration reform, we are told we did not get in line (did the first settlers get in line before invading the new continent)? If it is increasing the minimum wage or universal health care (some say these are entitlements that will cost too much to the country), how much money of the last tax-cut policies actually benefit people of color and, on the contrary, increase the national debt? If it is support for minority farmers, some white farmers play the reverse racist card denying the impact that history continues to have on the people of color whose work built the U.S.

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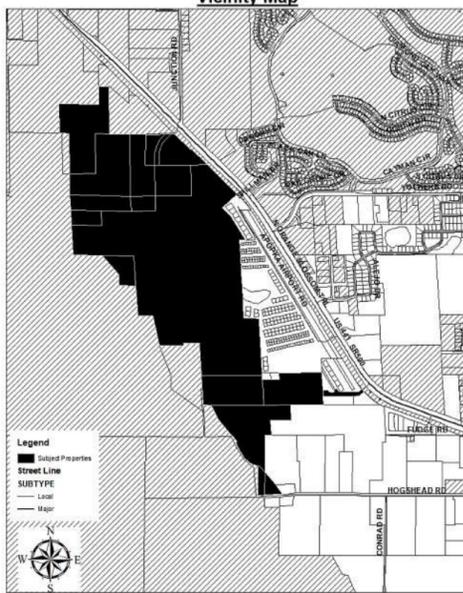
## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given that **Poulos & Bennett, LLC** 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 AND MASTER PLAN**. This application relates to the following described property:

### ORDINANCE NO. 2867

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2780, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE "RUBRIGHT" PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD), GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF NORTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL, NORTH OF HOGSHEAD ROAD, AND WEST OF THE ORLANDO APOPKA AIRPORT, COMPRISING 424.46 ACRES MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY ALTERNA MORTGAGE FUND, LLC, CYPRESS BUSINESS PARK, LLC (65%) & AMERICAN LAND APOPKA INDUSTRIAL, LLC (35%), & EXETER WESLEY LAND, LLC; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### Vicinity Map



(THIS MAP IS FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO SCALE)

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Contains: 424.46 +/- Acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 2867 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2867 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, September 8, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, 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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# Byrd: Necessary supplies a must

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the summer.

Sleep is one of the most important factors for a healthy brain and the ability to learn new information.

Making sure your kids aren't shell shocked the first week of school when they have to get up early for the first time in a while, can be really helpful for your child and the teachers!

This is also the time to make sure your child has any required sports physicals or immunizations for school. For instance, the state of Florida requires all seventh graders to have the T-dap vaccine.

OCPS is also now requiring all high school student athletes to get an ECG/EKG, a basic, non-invasive heart test. These tests have been offered at most schools as part of the

sports physicals for \$20 from our health partners. If you need help finding a resource for a physical or ECG, please reach out to your school.

Another important thing to do in the next couple weeks is make sure that your students have the important supplies needed for a successful year.

Many schools have released the supply lists, though some might wait until Meet the Teacher events at schools.

Please check out local non-profit organizations or contact your school if you need help obtaining school supplies. There are many backpack and supply drives throughout the community to help families during this time. Be sure to like my Facebook page @MelissaByrdOCPS, where I share these events when I see them.

And, if you are able,

please consider purchasing twice your child's school supplies and donating the extra set to one of the organizations putting together these drives or to your local school directly. There is so much need in our community and you can make a difference in a local child's educational success.

Speaking of Meet the Teacher, many schools are preparing for their in-person events this year with excitement after missing them last year. This is your opportunity to bring your child to school and meet their new teacher and look around the school.

It's a great time to get your child back into the swing of things and excited to start a new year. Many of the schools are posting their Meet the Teacher events on their social media pages so be sure to follow your child's page or call your child's school.

# Hayden: 3 teachers worked with me

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they realized were beyond anything the immigrants had known before and that is what I was taught as a child! Those years were fantastic years because of the people that surrounded me with historical events that had set America apart and the sacrifices made that our freedoms would remain intact and vibrant.

Times were surely different then. My elementary school is embedded in my memories and the teachers who taught were dedicated to making the United States of America enshrined in our memories. Those were tough times for teachers. Many of them had summer jobs to keep money coming in during summer break and the schools were financed by ice cream socials, paper drives, and any other way the individual schools could make a dollar. As an example of dedication to a calling, I recall my failing in arithmetic. We had

an older lady as principal (Ms. Bingham, who drove a Model T Ford). My teacher for that subject was Ms. Allen. Ms. Schenk was my homeroom teacher. Those three asked my mom if they could keep me over one hour a day for a semester to tutor me in arithmetic.

There was no overtime back then, there was no special pay, but those three stayed over every night just because a snotty-nosed kid needed help. I was not the only one, but they made me feel as though I were. That is dedication as an example so when I say I am dedicated to this great nation of ours, that is where I learned it.

Somehow, we have lost our enthusiasm for our nation that other people from around the world are dying to become a part of. We have lost our first love and we have turned aside to other world views that threaten our way of life and the freedoms we once so heartily enjoyed and

recognized as a gift from our Creator.

The first amendment of our Constitution is being ignored in one sense, and being misused in another. It is just as President Truman foretold - we are going down a slippery slope. I am not willing to give up another right for any reason. Common sense should reign in our thought processes. We see people who have been removed from platforms that are specifically for mass communication because the ideas they put forth are opposed to certain of our employees who are part of our government.

If I, as an employee, tried to silence my bosses, I would be history, and yet, we see our God-given rights slowly being made obsolete by those who have been hired by We the People! I have been in this part of the world for many decades and I am so thankful for those who have been

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## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

### The Apopka Chief

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### City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
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| City Administrator  | 407-703-1649 |
| City Clerk  | 407-703-1704 |
| Community Devel.  | 407-703-1712 |
| Code Enforcement  | 407-703-1738 |
| Finance Dept.   | 407-703-1725 |
| Fire (non-emerg.)   | 407-703-1756 |
| Parks and Rec. Dept.  | 407-703-1741 |
| Police Chief  | 407-703-1769 |
| Police (non-emerg.)   | 407-703-1771 |
| Job Line  | 407-703-1743 |
| Solid Waste Collect.  | 407-703-1731 |
| Street Maintenance  | 407-703-1731 |
| Utility Billing   | 407-703-1727 |
| Medical, fire emergency   | 911          |
| 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. www.apopka.net |              |

### Orange County Telephone Numbers

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Animal Services         | 407-836-3111 |
| Auto/Boat Tags          | 850-617-2000 |
| Building Dept.          | 407-836-8550 |
| County Mayor            | 407-836-7370 |
| County Commission       | 407-836-7350 |
| County Attorney         | 407-836-7320 |
| Clerk of the Court      | 407-836-2065 |
| Elections Supervisor    | 407-836-2070 |
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| Solid Waste             | 407-836-6601 |
| Garbage Collection      | 407-703-1731 |
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| Hunting/Fishing Lic     | 888-347-4356 |
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| Property Appraiser      | 407-836-5044 |
| Sheriff Administrative  | 407-254-7000 |
| Non-Emerg. Complaint    | 407-836-4357 |
| Utilities               | 407-836-5515 |
| All other departments   | 407-836-3111 |
| Medical, fire emergency | 911          |
| www.orangecountyfl.net  |              |

### Other Area Numbers of Note

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>U.S. Senators</b>                |              |
| Rick Scott (Rep.)                   | 202-224-5274 |
| Marco Rubio (Rep.)                  | 407-254-2573 |
| <b>U.S. Representative</b>          |              |
| Val Demings (Dist. 10)              | 321-388-9808 |
| <b>State Representatives</b>        |              |
|                                     | 352-742-6275 |
| Kamia Brown (Dist. 45)              | 850-717-5045 |
| <b>State Senators</b>               |              |
| Randolph Bracy (Dist. 11)           | 407-297-2045 |
| <b>Orange County Commissioner</b>   |              |
| Christine Moore                     | 407-836-7350 |
| <b>Orange County Public Schools</b> |              |
| Pupil assignment                    | 407-317-3233 |
| Bus routes                          | 407-317-3800 |
| Superintendent                      | 407-317-3200 |
| School Board                        | 407-317-3200 |
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| The Apopka Chief                    | 407-886-2777 |
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| Chamber of Commerce                 | 407-886-1441 |

# COVID outbreak causes church to suspend in-person meeting

By John Peery  
Apopka Chief Staff

An outbreak of COVID-19 has caused one of Apopka's largest churches to stop meeting in person at least through the end of July.

Journey Christian Church, which has a campus at 1965 S. Orange Blossom Trail in Apopka and one in Eustis in Lake County, has what Pastor John Hampton described as several dozen church staff and members with the virus.

Some are hospitalized with breathing difficulties and pneumonia.

Hampton said that, until a couple of weeks ago, the church had been fully open for the past several months with no issues. However, that changed as the virus surged through several staff members.

July 11 was the first Sunday that Journey did not meet in person but continued its online services.

"We made the decision, obviously, to not meet in person on the 11th," Hampton said. "We do have online services and we've offered those throughout. Last year through the COVID surge and right now, that's what we're doing. We didn't meet in person on the 18th and we're not meeting in person this Sunday on the 25th."

"I don't know when we'll be able to be back in the building. We certainly want to go back when it's safe. Every area of our staff - children, students, tech, music, adults, guest services, security - have all had several folks who have contracted COVID. Of course, it goes beyond them to others as well who we may



John Hampton  
... pastor

have been around unknowingly before we stopped meeting in person."

Hampton said he wasn't sure of the vaccination rate among his staff or members.

"We had reports that some people who were vaccinated did test positive, but their cases were mild or they showed very little symptoms. They get over it very quickly. The assumption could be that a lot of the people probably weren't vaccinated but I have no way of knowing that for sure," the pastor said.

Hampton said his experience with this surge in his church is that it may or may not be the Delta variant of COVID-19 but the virus has affected his staff and members differently

than it did last year.

"It's different than it was last year. Last year, in July, I knew five people, maybe, who had COVID. This particular variant is highly contagious and I think that's the difference," the pastor said.

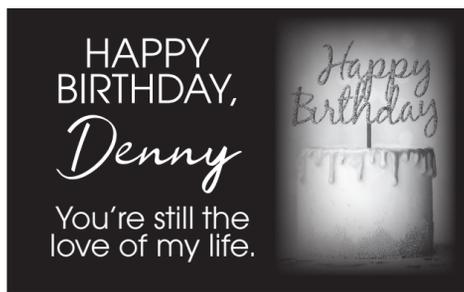
"Is it more severe than last year? I don't know. I know this - more people from our church have been in the hospital as a result of this strain and it's highly contagious. Last year, you would hear of a case of a husband got it and a wife didn't get it and the kids didn't get it. That's not the case now. If it comes in the household, it seems to go through the household."

Hampton said that those who have recently recovered from COVID-19 are not rebounding quickly.

"They're out a full two weeks and then for the next two to three weeks, they're still not at 100 percent. They're still very tired and lethargic. This is about a month or five-week deal to get to the other side of it. It takes a while to get energy," he said.

Hampton said he is in favor of people being vaccinated.

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**CITY OF APOPKA SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The City of Apopka will apply for a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Application cycle. A total of \$41,931,595.00 is being made available through a competitive application process to local governments who are eligible to participate in the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program within the State of Florida.

| Activity Number and Name | Budget              | LMI% Benefit |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Construction             | \$550,000.00        | 100%         |
| Engineering              | \$125,000.00        | 100%         |
| Public Services          | \$75,000.00         | 100%         |
| 21A - Administration     | \$50,000.00         | N/A          |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$800,000.00</b> |              |

The City has identified LMI areas within the CRA that do not provide adequate sidewalks for residents to safely move around the City. The City does have right-of-way for all proposed sidewalks. The CDBG-CV application will target Phase II of the CRA Sidewalk project.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the City of Apopka City Council Chambers located at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida. A draft copy of the application will also be available for review during normal business hours at the City of Apopka City Hall located at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida by noon on Friday, July 30, 2021. Persons wanting to submit written comments on the application should send them to Dr. Shakenya Harris-Jackson, Grant Administrator, City of Apopka, by e-mail at sjackson@apopka.net or by mail to City of Apopka, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703 no later than Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

A copy of the final application will be available for review at the City of Apopka City Hall, no later than Monday, August 9, 2021. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before August 11, 2021. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Dr. Shakenya Harris-Jackson, Grant Administrator, City of Apopka, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, FL 32703. Telephone (407) 703-1819 or by e-mail at sjackson@apopka.net.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this public hearing is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the public hearing by contacting: Susan Bone, City Clerk at (407) 703-1704 or by email at sbone@apopka.net. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1 (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Ms. Bone at (407) 703-1704 or by e-mail at sbone@apopka.net at least five (5) days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

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**The Way I See It**  
Patti Bankson

## Closing the Wrong Doors

Americans are known to be caring, generous and kind-hearted, all and always, without being asked or coerced. Sometimes, however our generosity and kindness have been abused and that's sad. What's even more sad is when the abuse comes from "our own" government, as it has been coming from the Biden administration. So much could be said about the administration and it's efforts to ruin our country, but I'll leave it for now.

Article IV of the Constitution addresses the obligations of the federal government to the state governments that were being asked to surrender aspects of their sovereignty to form our new Union. (Pat Buchanan, July 20, '21) "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government," ... "and shall protect each of them against Invasion."

The concept of a "defending army" has been around since the War of 1812 and has been put into action since ... at least until modern times, when the idea of protecting our country and its states has been turned into an emotional tool which more liberal, socialist politicians have used to beat into the American psyche the idea that having borders and being a sovereign country with sovereign states is so mean that it makes our laws and our Constitution null and void. That the only thing that counts is "feeling sorry" for the whole rest of the world. Of course, it's gone far beyond compassion and is now just a ruse being used to inflate voter rolls to benefit the left and their deeply

UN-American goals.

We certainly *should* care about others in need, but if we continue to allow the current brain washing goals of turning America into something it was never created to be a - socialist, at the least and Communist, at the most - based strictly on emotions, then we are participating in the ruination of the greatest country in the world. Are we perfect? No, never have been and never will be. That's why we need to be determined to elect to office those who understand and respect the fact that our very imperfection is why we have a Constitution and laws ... those who understand the concept of being a public servant first and an ideologue last ... those who are American citizens first and citizens of the world last.

It's up to those of us who *do* understand, and stand up for, those ideals to speak up and to vote accordingly while we still have the power we do have. If this sounds a little over the top, you may be part of the problem. What's "over-the-top" is where the current left is pushing us ... over the top and then down to a place you never imagined. In one breath they say we're the worst country in the world, but at the same time, we're the only country in the world who can save the rest of the world. There are doors being thrown wide open by politicians willing to break laws to get what they want, using those who are willing to break laws to get here to get what they want ... that's what's behind the left's romance with Mexico and beyond. And that's what's behind them now closing the doors to Cubans ... the Cuban people have been living that Marxist "nightmare" the democrats are trying to shove down our throats and if they're allowed to come here, they would not be voting for Marxism here, no matter who else does.

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money for the same reason. "We have funding that's earmarked specifically for that purpose and they (historical society) have funding that's earmarked for that purpose, so the dollars are already designated, already reserved, already restricted and earmarked from prior years. And when I say prior years, I think it's as far back as 12, 15 years ago or even before that," Bass said.

Becker then asked about the differences between the budget numbers that were printed on the proposed budget packet given to the City Council and the presentations from city department and division heads because the numbers were not the same.

Bass said the documents presented to the council members are what were originally asked for by the department and division chiefs, while the presentations reflected the more up-to-date numbers.

"You are seeing the budget requests that come from the departments, directly from the departments with no changes," Bass said. "Tonight, as you look through those budgets, you will see where we've made adjustments or corrections to those budgets. You're getting the raw data and the whole package of what's been requested."

"This is a workshop and we want to be transparent and give you everything that the department is requesting or asking for. We have two final hearings that come in September. If we took these things out before we had the workshop, you wouldn't see what the

departments are asking for, what they're requesting," Becker replied.

"This is where it needs to change: I spent a ton of time looking through these sheets thinking that this is what is in the budget and we're going to argue whether it should stay or not; now we're coming fresh with a new presentation and all the pre-work, to me, it's throwaway," the commissioner said.

"My expectation is that when a budget is presented to this council, whether it's a workshop or whether we're actually setting TRIM (property tax rate) or setting the final budget, there's been pre-work to say, 'Yep, this is what we feel comfortable asking council for.' This workshop should be, 'OK, this is what we're comfortable asking council for, this is our wish list. Can we move any of the wish list items into the approved (budget) or any of the approved out so we can get more of the wish list?' Now, it feels like if I'm looking at the funding sheets and I'm looking at the presentations that are being showed here, I don't know what's in, what's out, what balances, what's overages. I don't know."

Bass said that the City Council would see any changes prior to its vote on Wednesday, July 21, at its regular meeting.

"The stuff that they're going over with you tonight (Tuesday) is the stuff that we, that mayor and I, have sat down with them and have gone over and made their changes," Bass said. "You're seeing the big picture of all they want and then you're seeing the stuff that we've taken out

or the stuff that we've adjusted and we're explaining to you why we did those adjustments, and then on Wednesday will be the final that has everything. Wednesday, when I go over the budget, I will report back to that."

"Things that come out of the workshop, if you tell me, 'Add this back, put that back. I want to see this, let's look at this,' those will be items when we set the proposed budget that we will have to make adjustments to on Wednesday night."

"We did this, this year, because, last year, we heard that you guys wanted to see all of the data that the departments wanted and were asking for, so we're giving you everything they asked for before we adjusted them. You wanted to see everything that they submitted from the departments before the adjustments were made."

Becker said he understood that commissioners had asked for that information last year, but also wanted to know what budget requests made by the department and divisions chiefs were included in the proposed budget.

In addition to Facilities Management, the Public Services Department's division budgets that are funded through the city's General Fund, which is taxpayer supported, that were presented to the City Council at the workshop were Fleet Maintenance, Streets and Right-of-Way Maintenance, and Stormwater Management and Operations.

The other Public Services Department divisions are funded through user fees, such as water and gar-

bage pickup fees. Those divisions include Public Services Administration, Utilities Planning and Engineering, Utilities Capital Improvement Program, Water Resource Operations, Utilities Maintenance, and Sanitation.

While a water rate study is being done by a city contractor, the Sanitation Division announced at the budget workshop that every residential and commercial customer that uses garbage and recycling pickup will see a three-percent increase in fees beginning on October 1, the first day of the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The city budget will receive final approval with two votes in September, the first coming on September 8 at 5:15 p.m. and the second on September 15 at 6 p.m.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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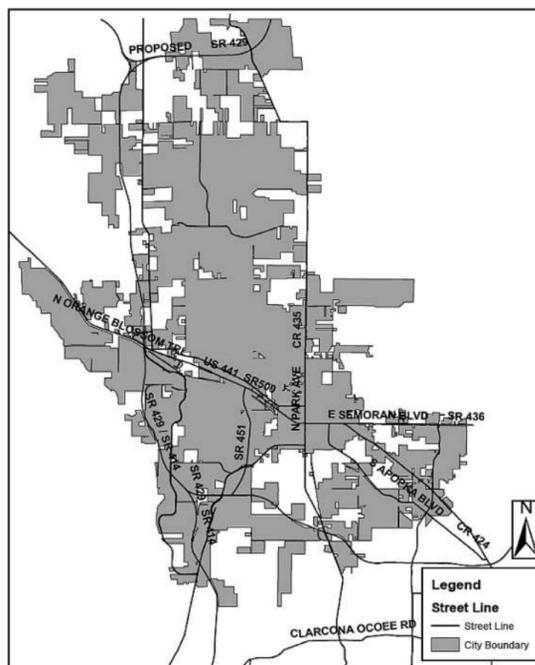
SUDOKU ANSWERS: PAGE 12A

## CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TIME-LIMITED MORATORIUM ON SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 166.041, Florida Statutes and other applicable laws and authority vested in the City Council of the City of Apopka, Florida, to give notice and hold public hearings to consider a MORATORIUM ON SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES until January 31, 2022 within the City of Apopka. This proposed moratorium relates to the area depicted in the following map and any lands annexed prior to January 31, 2022:

ORDINANCE NO. 2863

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES THROUGHOUT ALL OF APOPKA; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTED DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE DURATION OF THE MORATORIUM; PROVIDING FOR ONE (1) POSSIBLE TIME EXTENSION; PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY TO ASSERT VESTED RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR NON-CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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, August 4, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, AND on Wednesday, **August 18, 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. 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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# Tax: City's General Fund at \$57M but will go up due to Wewa buy

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the mayor's office. Also, it funds street improvements and facilities management in Public Services.

The discussion about the property tax rate varied among the commissioners, Bass, and Mayor Bryan Nelson, but eventually centered on the fact that if the City Council voted to approve the 4.1876 mills this week, it would be very hard for the council to vote for a higher millage rate in September. State law requires a much more difficult process to raise the millage rate once the proposed tax rate is passed as it was this week.

Bass said he expects to have more information on various sources of revenue by September, but especially for the two rev-

enue streams that come from the state government - revenue sharing and half-cent sales tax. He also is hoping to hear from at least a couple of grant requests that the city has with the state and federal governments.

The General Fund currently stands at \$57,049,438, but that is at the 4.1876 millage rate. It also does not include the city's \$4.7-million purchase of Camp Wewa from the Central Florida YMCA that was also approved at the meeting on Wednesday, July 21. That is to be funded through various sources outlined in another story in this edition.

The final two votes on the city's budget and property tax rate will be held on September 8 at 5:15 p.m. and on September 15 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street.

# Miss: Next event set for Oct. 16

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versity with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting.

"Amanda was very disappointed that she could not perform her talent for (the Miss Florida) finals but (she) really enjoyed her stay in Lakeland," Rosali Morris, president of the Miss Apopka Scholarship

Committee, said via email. "She was very gracious on stage and is very supportive of our new Miss Florida, Leah Roddenberry."

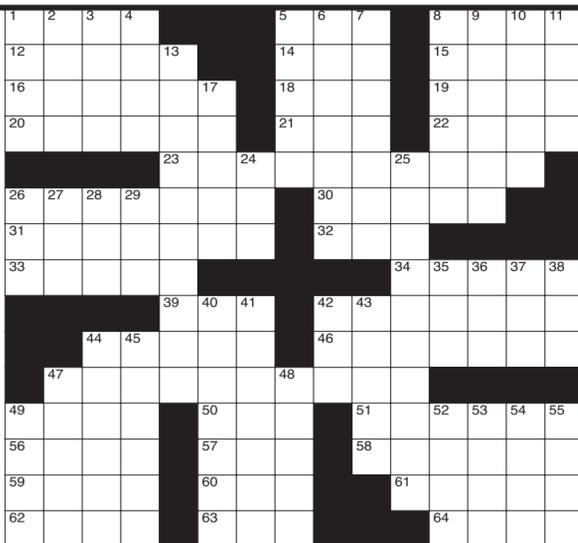
The Miss Apopka Scholarship Competition will take place on October 16 at Apopka High School, where Kronhaus will crown the next Miss Apopka 2022. For more information about the event and how to qualify, visit [www.missapopka.org](http://www.missapopka.org).

### CLUES ACROSS

1. A group of sheep
5. Of she
8. This (Spanish)
12. A type of sorcery
14. A team's best pitcher
15. Port in southern Japan
16. Makes very happy
18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
19. From a distance
20. Winged nut
21. Consumed
22. "Heat" director
23. In all places
26. Made improvements to
30. St. \_\_\_ Girl: brand of beer
31. A type of "seat"
32. Wood
33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
34. Approval
39. Basics
42. Where judges sit
44. W. African religion
46. Commentators
47. Having many different functions
49. Member of a Semitic people
50. Flightless, fast-running bird
51. After the seventh
56. Small N. Zealand tree
57. Health care pro (abbr.)
58. Playground mainstay
59. Expressing relief
60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
61. Fishing net
62. Beer
63. Tooth caregiver
64. Japanese beverage

### CLUES DOWN

1. Garden tools
2. Early Syrian kingdom
3. 500 sheets of paper
4. Information
5. Beloved comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Semitransparent glassy substance
9. Expedition to observe animals
10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
11. Obtain in return for labor
13. Inheritable genetically
17. One who rescues
24. Doctor of Education
25. Liberal arts
26. Shock treatment
27. Disfigure
28. When you hope to get there
29. Peacock network
35. Part of (abbr.)
36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
37. Not just "play"
38. Former CIA
40. Reduced to a sloping edge
41. Restricted the development of
42. Sciences degree
43. Sea eagles
44. Saturated
45. Joints
47. Sailing boat
48. Respiratory organs
49. Guitarists use them
52. Disco act: Bee \_\_\_
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Intentionally lose
55. Muslim people of China



Solutions to the Crossword Puzzle are found on page 12A of this newspaper.