

# Moore: Keep tree debris out of walkways after damage from storm

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lissa Byrd on prioritizing high school bus stops which have pre-dawn student pickups so the county can assist in getting those stops lighted. Installation is handled by the power companies. The county

alone cannot ensure a specific time frame for installation. For more than 15 years, student and pedestrian safety has been a priority for me.

Just a quick note on mosquito control – please remember that responsibility for controlling the pests

is under county jurisdiction, regardless of whether you live in the city or the county. Call 311 for services if you are experiencing issues. Remember, our county was named Mosquito County long before it became Orange County! In the aftermath of

hurricanes, tree debris becomes a large expense and challenge. I remember while serving on the school board, calling the county to facilitate tree removal from sidewalks near elementary schools. It was a big problem after Hurricane Irma. Therefore, I am bringing up the subject now should we get a big storm this year. Tree debris should not be placed on the sidewalks blocking safe passageway for students and

other pedestrians. I hope all residents understand the importance of keeping tree limbs off sidewalks. Finally, I want to take time to remind readers of the Corridor of the Year Contest. Judging will take place on Saturday, October 2. The four finalists include: Hiwassee Road in the northern Pine Hills Area unincorporated section of District 2, Magnolia Homes Road in Lockhart, and two in the Apopka area

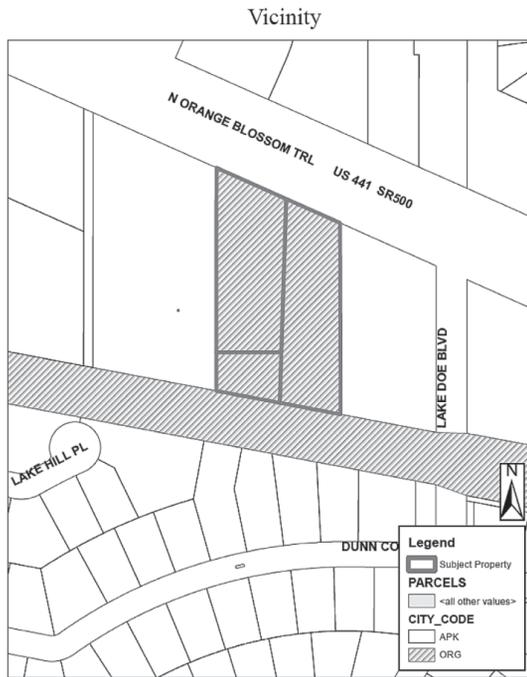
– Sheeler Road and Wekiwa Springs Road. These streets were chosen due to the high number of neighborhoods receiving Neighborhood of the Month Awards for exceptional front entranceways, extra interest demonstrated by their citizens in improving the area, or sufficient participation by HOA boards of directors in my Neighborhood Leaders meetings and collaborative dinners. Thanks for reading.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **Lloyd B. Bearden** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located south of West Orange Blossom Trail and west of Lake Doe Boulevard, approximately 2.3 +/- acres. This application relates to the following described property:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2866**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY LLOYD B. BEARDEN; LOCATED SOUTH OF WEST ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL AND WEST OF LAKE DOE BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Numbers: 05-21-28-0000-00-031, 05-21-28-0000-00-036, 05-21-28-0000-00-011  
Contains: 2.3 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2866 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 18, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m., AND 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 Annexation 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: Children filled with much joy

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first school interactions our children have at the beginning of their day.

A good bus driver becomes a person of comfort for our children and can lift spirits in a way that many children need in order to enter school with a positive mindset.

I remember meeting a bus driver when I was campaigning for the school board after I knocked on her door. She had been a driver for more than 30 years and considered the children on her route her own children. She knew about their lives and watched out for them and they looked forward to seeing her every day.

The drivers are truly a blessing and our education system couldn't work without them, so I was thrilled to spend the morning with them.

After coming home and getting my own two high schoolers off to their first day, I headed over

to Wheatley Elementary to cheer on our youngest learners and welcome them into the school building.

This event was organized by a fantastic community partner, Shaunte Jemison of the non-profit, Re-Imagine Communities with the help of numerous community members, including Apopka city commissioners, the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, the Apopka Fire Department, and the Apopka VFW.

We lined the sidewalks holding signs and bells, while a deejay played fun music and we cheered and welcomed each child as they walked up to start the new school year.

The most favorite part of my job is when I get to spend time with our beautiful children because they are filled with such joy. Tuesday was no different. The children were so excited and smiling and waving at us as they walked up.

It seemed like they were really excited to be

back at school. For some of them, it has been about 18 months since they've been at school. It was a big day for them and they were ready for it all!

It was such a good feeling to show them that this community cares about them and is happy to see them. Sometimes, that is all a child needs to know to be successful.

Remember to reach out to our community children and schools if you have the time. Spend some time volunteering, mentoring, or call your local school and ask if they need any supplies.

Reach out to a teacher you know and see what is needed.

Our communities can be a great resource for our schools, children, and staff, especially as they face another challenging year. Even in the face of challenges, our schools and employees do amazing work every day. Thank you for all you do, and I hope everyone has a great year!

## Hayden: Vaccination is personal

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are sacrificing so much to make the world safe for us.

Benjamin Franklin said, "This will be the best security for maintaining our liberties. A nation of well-informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the religion of ignorance that tyranny begins."

My conclusion is we are guilty of ignorance and with every day that passes, we draw closer and closer to being enslaved. Brings to mind a lesson in trapping wild hogs. You find a clearing close to where they feed and you put corn on the ground and leave it for a week. Then, you put up one side of a fence, put

corn where you did, and leave it for a week. When you next come back, you connect another part of the fence at a 90-degree angle and you put corn out again.

After that week has passed, you put up the third part of the fence and layout the corn as before.

The last part of the fence has a gate in the middle and after installing it, and leaving the gate open, you put extra corn inside the fence.

The last step is to close the gate while the hogs are eating, and they are not aware they have had their freedom stolen from them until it is too late.

I fear we are in danger of having the gate closed on us and then it will be too late.

We need to get informed. Not from the likes of Dr. "Doom" Fauci, who has changed his "science" every two weeks. We need to rightly inform ourselves using proper teaching aids. When someone starts to question your patriotism or your love for the masses because you do not want to give up your freedom of choice, beware!

I have no problem with being vaccinated; I do have a problem with telling me I do not have a choice.

I will close with this last quote from my hero, Ben Franklin, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

I choose liberty! God bless the United States of America!

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## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

Established 1923  
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### City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor's Office	407-703-1701
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
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection	407-703-1731
Health Dept.	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-836-6200
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>	
Keith Truenow	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
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441