

Darters land regional final berth for third straight year

It's on to the regional finals for the third state season for the Apopka Blue Darters football team. All three regional final games have been since head coach Jeff Rolson. The Darters are 2-0 in those games, defeating Lake Mary last year and Seminole in 2019.

The Fightin' Seminoles and Blue Darters have played 22 times through the years with the first time being in 1953, according to my records. Funny thing, but the teams played twice in 1958, battling to a stirring 0-0 tie during the regular season and then had a relatively high-scoring 31-20 game won by Seminole in a bowl game.

The teams were district foes for the early part of the 1980s, splitting six games from 1979 to 1984. They didn't play from 1985 to 2007, picking back up in 2008 in the playoffs. The past three games have also been in the playoffs. Apopka is 9-11-2 vs. Seminole.

The victory over Bar-



PEERY'S EXTRA POINTS
John Peery

tram Trail went about as I expected it to, as the Blue Darters scored a defensive touchdown and one on special teams to go along with three offensive scores. Of course, Apopka's defense dominated the Bears, allowing just a field goal.

I'm betting that the Bartram Trail folks would be just as happy to not see the Blue Darters in the playoffs anymore. Apopka is 3-0 vs. Bartram Trail and all the games have been played at Bartram Trail. After a while, it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. An oddity of the series is that in the three games, Apopka has scored 33, 34, and 34 points, while giv-

ing up 28, 13, and 3. The first game was during the regular season, but the other two have been in the playoffs. Frankly, I'd like to see Bartram Trail come here for a regular-season game, but something tells me they wouldn't want to do that.

Basketball

Basketball is going hot and heavy even this week at Apopka High with the Earl Graham Metro vs. Florida that began Wednesday, November 24, and continues today, Friday, November 26, and Saturday, November 27.

There are eight games each day beginning at 10 a.m. and the last game of the day is scheduled to tip off at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 or \$15 for the entire event and are available only at GoFan.co.

The Blue Darters will play today, Friday, November 26, at 2:30 p.m. against Lake Wales, and on Saturday, November 27, at 6 p.m. vs. Discovery Academy of Polk County.

Apopka's girls will take part in the event on Saturday, November 27, with a 4:30 p.m. game against Windermere.

Speaking of the Apopka girls, they finished second earlier this week in the Metro Conference West Division tournament, falling 47-41 to Wekiva. That's a good sign for both teams to have finished first and second, but we knew that Wekiva was going to be good after last year's state runner-up finish.

Apopka led for much of the game and coach Brittany Hardy was pleased with the effort her team gave because she knows that playing Wekiva close means the Blue Darters are turning the corner.

Coach Tommie Butts' Wekiva squad is very good and I'm sure they'll be making a deep run in the playoffs again this season.

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Apopka at Seminole

On the way back from Bartram Trail last week following Apopka's 34-3 victory over the Bears, giv-

ing me to pick Seminole by a few points as the win over Apopka last season was impressive and the Fightin' Seminoles haven't seemed to miss a beat this season as they sit at 11-1. Apopka is 10-2 and has won six in a row, so both teams are obviously playing well. You don't get to a regional final contest without having a very good football team.

But, as this week has progressed and I looked at the matchup a little more closely, it looks more and more like the Blue Darters have the advantage based on how the teams match up.

There is no question that in last year's 28-24 win by Seminole, the difference was Timmy McClain, Seminole's quarterback. He was the reason the Seminoles went on to the state game where they easily defeated Osceola.

But, he's at South Florida now and while both teams are playing well, Apopka has improved on defense and without his legs, the Blue Darters should be able to con-

tain Seminole's offense much more than last year. Luke Rucker is Seminole's quarterback this season and while he is a very good high school QB, he's no threat to run or at least make plays with his legs. That plays right into Apopka's defensive strength.

Plus, Seminole's best running back, Donta Whack, is likely out as he hurt his knee on the first play of the third quarter in last week's victory over Lake Mary.

Apopka's defense and an offense that has improved greatly over the last half of this season, along with a superior kicking game give me cause to pick the Blue Darters. I do think it will be a fairly low scoring game and I'd be surprised if both teams score 20 points or more.

If the Blue Darters play like they have for the past six weeks or so, they'll land a berth in the state semifinals next week, which would be on the road wherever it might be played.

Apopka by 4.

CITY OF APOPKA 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 **G L SUMMITT ENGINEERING, INC. C/O GEOFFREY SUMMITT** have made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council to **CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RURAL SETTLEMENT (1 DU/AC) SUBURBAN TO MIXED-USE INTERCHANGE (5-10 DU/AC and 0.5-0.75 FAR) FOR 10.00 +/- ACRES.** This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2874

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 RURAL SETTLEMENT (1 DU/AC) TO MIXED-USE INTERCHANGE (5-10 DU/AC and 0.5-0.75 FAR FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, WEST OF SR 429 AND NORTH OF PONKAN ROAD, AND OWNED BY CHRISTOPHER CROSBY JOHNSON, COMPRISING 10.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 24-20-27-0000-00-099
Contains: 10.00 +/- Acres

Notice is given that a public hearing for the transmittal of the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will be held by the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, December 14, 2021, beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2874 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, January 5, 2022 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 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.

Apopka City Council
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Community Development Department

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ORDINANCE NO. 2875

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 RURAL SETTLEMENT (1 DU/AC) TO MIXED-USE INTERCHANGE (5-10 DU/AC and 0.5-0.75 FAR FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, WEST OF SR 429 AND NORTH OF PONKAN ROAD, AND OWNED BY ALBERT MCKIMMIE AND INCATASCIATO SUSAN, COMPRISING 10.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 24-20-27-0000-00-108
Contains: 10.00 +/- Acres

Notice is given that a public hearing for the transmittal of the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will be held by the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, December 14, 2021, beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2875 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, January 5, 2022 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**

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Police Beat

If a law enforcement agency charges you with a crime and this paper reports that information, please notify us within 90 days if the charge is dropped, or if you are found not guilty by the court. After verifying the information, we will be happy to publish it. Please send notification to *The Apopka Chief*, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, 32704-0880.

In the period from November 15-20, the Apopka Police Department received 1,528 calls for assistance, responded to 35 crashes, issued 80 citations, and made 22 arrests. There were no juvenile arrests.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Xzavion J. Carmen, 23, 2233 SW 39th Way, Gainesville, out-of-county warrant.

Lyvonda Wilean Cohen, 60, 110 E. 15th St., Apopka, larceny-petit theft second degree first offense.

Alexander Rivera Collazao, 49, 7922 Richwood Dr., Orlando, failure to appear; possess cocaine.

Michael Timothy Costello, 30, 30537 Brae Burn St., Sorrento, burglary to occupied conveyance unarmed; drugs-possess controlled substance without a prescription; vehicle theft-grand theft of motor vehicle.

Ulises Cruz Manduja-

no, 24, 40 N. Cervidae Dr., Apopka, crimes against perform-harm public servant or family; larceny-petit theft second degree first offense.

Cedric Olivier Errico, confidential address, 35, battery-touch or strike.

Amanda Marie Gibbs, confidential address, 36, battery-touch or strike.

Suzan Marie Gray, 53, 6313 Sanson Dr., Apopka, larceny-petit theft first degree more than \$100 less than \$750.

Gilmar Araeli Juarez-Vazquez, 25, 112 S. Lake Ave., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol damage to property or person of another; moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license.

Hoang Ngoc Hung Lai, 37, 6505 Canterlea Dr., Or-

lando, larceny-petit theft first degree more than \$100 less than \$750.

Evico S. Lopez-Lopez, 43, 20 W. Seventh St., Apt. C, Apopka, hit and run-leave scene of crash involving damage to property.

Yener Lopez Sanchez, 31, 20 Seventh St., Apt. C, Apopka, failure to appear.

Dijimmy Lorgeat, 29, 712 W. Jackson St., Pensacola, larceny-petit theft second degree first offense; robbery by sudden snatching without firearm or weapon.

James Mason, 57, 441 Drage Dr., Apopka, battery-

touch or strike.

Kirk Andrew Mooney, 36, confidential address, resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Yoreliz Perales Cardona, 26, 2909 Burroughs Dr., #6, Pine Hills, larceny-petit theft second degree first offense.

Daniela Pirvu, 51, 424 W. Fifth St., Apopka, larceny-petit theft first degree more than \$100 less than \$750.

Yabany DeJesus Poca-sangre, 23, 6506 Bywood Rd., Orlando, moving traffic violation-driving with licenses suspended or revoked or

equivalent status subsequent offense.

Andrey Samsonov, 47, confidential address, battery-cause bodily harm; battery-touch or strike.

Rodney Valval, 22, 1315 Edison Tree Rd., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Maria Velcu, 20, 424 W. Fifth St., Apopka, larceny-petit theft first degree more than \$100 less than \$750.

Israel Xalamihua-Mac-uixtle, 31, confidential address, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill; battery-touch or strike.

Moore: Bears enjoy holiday trash

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November 27. Make sure the roll carts are out by 6 a.m., but please don't set them out overnight to avoid attracting bears.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only two holidays that shift Orange County's curbside collection schedule.

Crews will work through Saturday to accommodate changes due to Thanksgiving. However, because of the date, it falls on, Christmas collections will not be impacted this year.

Services will return to the regular schedule the following week. The County Utilities

Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601 is closed today, Friday, November 26. The Solid Waste division will resume normal business on Monday, November 29.

My office is closed in observance of Thanksgiving break today as well. We will be back in on Monday, November 29. My office number is 407-836-5850.

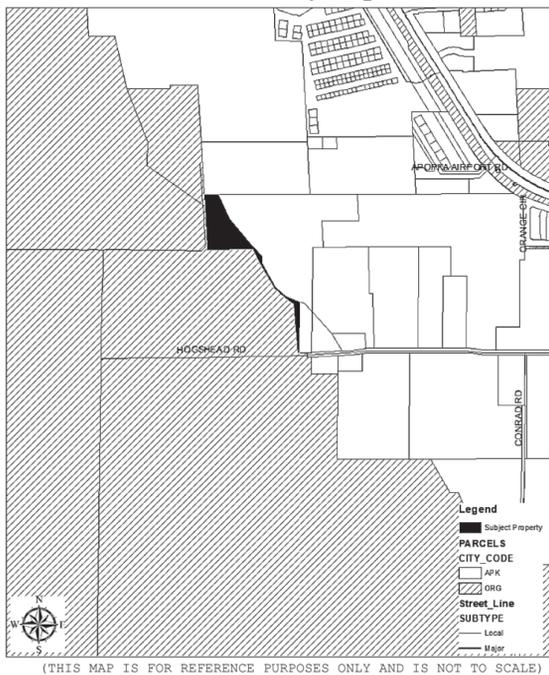
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

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 **Lisa L. Hill, Trustee** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located at 4601 Hogshead Road, approximately 7.34 +/- acres. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2893

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 LISA L. HILL, TRUSTEE; LOCATED AT 4601 HOGSHEAD ROAD; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vicinity Map



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

Parcel Identification Number: 35-20-27-0000-00-035
Contains: 7.34 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2893 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, December 1, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, and on **Wednesday, December 15, 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 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: Thankful to live here now

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In her decision making during what had to be the most challenging time in her long career. She led the district through a crisis that no one had ever seen, where there was no playbook, and she did it well.

I'm incredibly thankful to staff in our schools like our administrators, non-instructional, and teachers who had to rethink how they did their entire jobs and they did it with a smile on their faces for the kids.

When schools were shut down, our bus drivers and food service workers handed out millions of meals to all our students every day in the heat so that

every child could still get the nutrition they needed.

Administrators put in extra long hours helping the Department of Health contact, trace and make quarantine calls to families. This past August, they faced the challenge of welcoming back many students who had not been on campus in over a year. They have done it all with professionalism and grace.

Where do we begin with our teachers? I'm so thankful that teachers have such giving hearts that they didn't skip a beat and came to work every day in the middle of a pandemic that we didn't know a lot about so that kids could still get their education and par-

ents could go back to work. They had to teach children at home and at school which was no easy task.

They had to keep kids safe from a virus on top of all their other challenges trying to deliver instruction in such a different way.

If you get some time, let your school staff know how thankful you are for them and all they do every day for our children. It is not an easy job.

Finally, I just want to say how thankful I am to live in a community that supports my work, our schools and our children. It is a blessing to do what I do but doing it with the support of the community makes it a pleasure.

Hayden: USA liberty the greatest

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teaching how to be a good person, not to steal or lie, and how to be a friend by interaction in class.

The one thing they did not do was try to evaluate a child's psychological makeup and determine whether a child was fit for society and what program would correct any deficit. Then, the school boards began to be directed by, first, the state, and then as federal money started to be infused into education, CASEL (originally the Collaborative to Advance Social and Emotional Learning) was established in 1994 and immediately began hosting conferences and sponsoring research. CASEL collaborators also produced the influential "Promoting Social and Emotional Learning: Guidelines for Educators."

Also, in 1994 President Bill Clinton signed into law, Goals 2000: America Act, which was the first trial of standards-

based education reform. SEL is part of the progressive movement and is associated with Common Core and competency-based education which evaluates the student's ability to move on to his or her personalized learning path that is directed toward the student being educated with more focus on workforce development than preparing them to be active, informed citizens.

All this is done, many times, using digital programs that parents are not aware of. I want my children to learn the three "Rs" and I will teach my children the ideals and ethics they need in order to be good citizens of our great nation. I believe Confucius (sixth century B.C.) caught the true meaning and process of character formation through education in a short poem:

Sow a thought. Reap an action.
Sow an action. Reap a habit.
Sow a habit. Reap a

character.
Sow a character. Reap a destiny.

I am not sure if the teachers or administrators of our schools are aware of the ramifications of SEL, but now that I am, I am going to be checking more closely the work my children are bringing home. I want my children to love the United States of America and what she stands for. I want them to be proud of our progress through lessons learned from our history.

I do not want my children to be self-oriented, but I want them to realize there is a creator who placed them here, now, for a purpose greater than themselves, and to depend on Him for their ethics, integrity, and love for their fellow man or woman.

America has been ahead of the rest of the world in liberty for all. Let us move ahead with good old-fashioned education for our children. Get involved!

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

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The Apopka Chief is published every Friday and entered as Periodicals, postage paid at Apopka Post Office, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. The Apopka Chief newspaper is published by Foliage Enterprises, Inc., every Friday at 400 North Park Avenue, Apopka, Fla., 32712-3417. An annual subscription is \$25 in Orange County and \$30 outside Orange County. Phone 407-886-2777. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, Fla., 32704-0880.

The Apopka Chief is a consistent award-winning community weekly newspaper and a member of the Florida Press Association. The newspaper won the group's award as its best newspaper in 1982, 1987, and 1988, the only three-time winner. Letters to the editor are welcome, but must be signed and include a daytime telephone number, address, or email address for verification. Management reserves the right to edit letters.

www.theapokkachief.com, news@theapokkachief.com



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

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Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Val Demings (Dist. 10)	321-388-9808
State Representatives	
	352-742-6275
Kamia Brown (Dist. 45)	850-717-5045
State Senators	
Randolph Bracy (Dist. 11)	407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
Orange County Public Schools	
Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
Miscellaneous	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441

Center: City will spend up to \$50,000 for design of community center

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to the city of Apopka in search for any community space projects it could commit money to. The proposed community center near Dream Lake in Apopka intrigued the foundation.

"It seems to be a space that during the day would be utilized by residents whether it's senior or children's programs. Then in the evening it'd be a nice

gathering space for a local venue so they (residents) wouldn't have to travel to downtown (Orlando) or to Disney for a birthday party, or a wedding, or a community event. They can do it in their backyard," said Ashish Kapadia, foundation representative and a nephew of the founders.

The foundation will not be involved in selecting contractors or any other aspect of the project beyond

committing the funds.

"We're going to be hands-off," Kapudia said. "Ours is just the monetary donation."

For over 30 years, the Suree and Zabee Vyas Foundation has collaborated with several municipalities on community projects.

Most recently, the foundation has been involved with a reflection park in Seminole County, scholarship programs for a medical school and a nursing school at the University of Central Florida, a clinical training center for AdventHealth Altamonte Springs, and the launch of community health programs at AdventHealth Apopka.

In 2020, the foundation donated \$25,000 to Apopka-based Hope Com-

munity Center's scholarship program.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, the Rotary Club of Apopka had partnered with the city to explore the idea of a joint partnership in repurposing the Connelly House.

For now, the Rotary Club is not involved, but the city and the Rotary Club will resume meeting after the community center gets built, which could be 12 to 18 months, Nelson said.

Patrick Connelly, Janet Connelly and Janna C. Bridges were the previous owners of the Connelly House and sold the property to the city of Apopka in August 2012 for \$350,000, according to property records. The house has three

bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. The gross area is 3,864 square feet. The living area is 2,374 square feet. The property is 2.68 acres on the northeast corner of Dream Lake.

At a January 20 meeting, the City Council approved the \$50,000 for a line item called "Connelly Property Design" as part of a list of budgeted items and debt reduction totaling \$3.74 million. This \$50,000 will be for hiring a planner to design a new building to replace the Connelly House.

The \$3.74-million list of budgeted items and debt reduction will be funded by a \$2.9 million-plus tax refund that Duke Energy has agreed to pay the city to make up for not paying the

proper amount of utility tax on customers' bills for use of electricity, nor charging the customer the property amount of tax.

The agreement between Duke and the city covers 2019 and 2020 for public services taxes paid by customers.

Duke, however, had not charged its customers living in the city of Apopka the proper amount even though the City Council had, in December 2018, changed its ordinance to reflect a new public services tax.

Nelson first announced the Suree and Zabee Vyas Foundation's promise to donate to the community center project in his November 9 State of the City address.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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SUDOKU ANSWERS: PAGE 13A

Band: Each uniform is expected to cost \$500

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school received for replacing the uniforms. The cost has gone up little since then, Grossnicklaus said.

The band is aiming to raise at least \$45,000, with the WHS principal of Wekiva working to cover the rest of the cost.

"One of the things that we're working toward at WHS with the band program is to get them to understand that they're an important part

of the future not just for their own lives, but their community, especially the community here in Apopka. One of the things we try to instill in them is confidence, self-esteem, and pride in what they're doing. And one of the first things that everybody notices, especially with our marching band, is how they look. Because a lot of people love music and enjoy music - maybe they don't know a lot about it, but they know what they see, and they know what looks good and they know what sounds good, second."

The uniforms have been

well worn over the years, he said. The clothes have missing pieces such as buttons, snaps, and straps, splitting seams, torn cuffs from overuse and hemming too many times, and stains that can no longer be removed, according to information on the WHS band website. Whereas uniforms are normally replaced every nine to 10 years, the WHS uniforms have been in use since the band program was launched in 2007, the same year that Wekiva High School opened.

WHS is expected to order 200 uniforms averaging about \$500 each, with an

updated modern design using an asymmetrical jacket, a uniform that prominently displays all of the school colors and includes large emblems of WHS Mustang mascot on the chest.

Music to My Mind, a nonprofit charity dedicated to music and education in Central Florida, is helping raise money for the new WHS uniforms. The nonprofit currently has a \$3.5 million matching fund program drive.

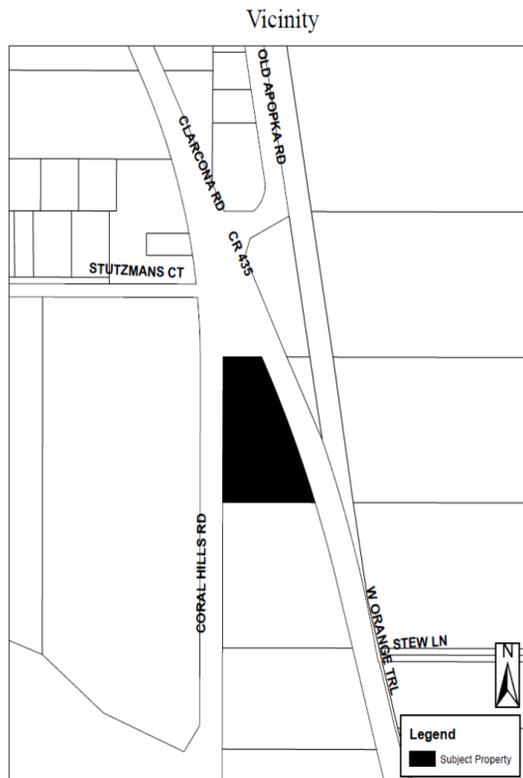
For more information and sponsorship opportunities for the band uniforms, visit www.wekivaband.org.

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 **E & H Clarcona, LLC**, has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located east of Coral Hills Road and west of Clarcona Road, approximately 1.34 +/- acres. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2890

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 E & H CLARCONA, LLC, LOCATED EAST OF CORAL HILLS ROAD AND WEST OF CLARCONA ROAD; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 22-21-28-0000-00-210
Contains: 1.34 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2890 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, December 1, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, AND on **Wednesday, December 15, 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 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.

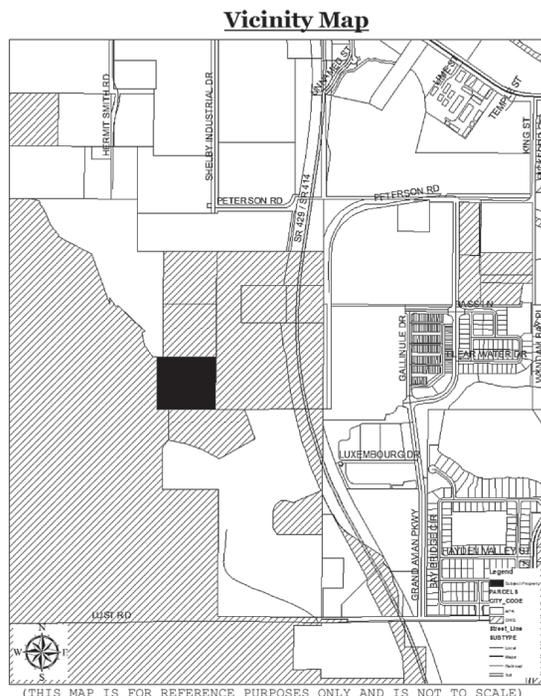
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

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 **Lisa L. Hill, Trustee** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located west of SR 429 and north of Lust Road, approximately 11.25 +/- acres. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2892

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 LISA L. HILL, TRUSTEE; LOCATED WEST OF SR 429 AND NORTH OF LUST ROAD; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 12-21-27-0000-00-013
Contains: 11.25 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2892 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, December 1, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, AND on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Bill: Millions of jobs are expected to be added

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the \$1.2-trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law on November 15. The bill was approved by the House of Representatives on November 5 and in the Senate in August, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act sets aside around \$550 billion for the nation's roads and bridges, water infrastructure, resilience, internet, and more. As a result, on average, around 2 million jobs per year will be added over the course of the decade, officials say.

"Every person deserves clean water," Demings said. "Every person deserves clean air, and every person deserves a future with good jobs and opportunity right here in this community. We know that when we invest in the middle class, when we invest in people who have to go to work every day, our communities and our nation do better. Florida does better whether you live in the Panhandle or the Keys or right here in Apopka."

Nelson explained the purpose of the Golden Gem Road reclaimed water reservoir.

"So it's all about infrastructure. We all have needs. Apopka has got a lot of opportunities for road infrastructure, for water infrastructure, reclaim water infrastructure, and wastewater infrastructure," Nelson said.

The mayor said that Demings has been "a great advocate" for the city of Apopka in assisting with the necessary projects the community couldn't afford, especially since COVID-19 impacted Apopka's sales tax revenue that it receives from the state.

The infrastructure act will help bring more access to its manufacturing and light industrial areas to the city of Apopka and further develop the workforce, the Chamber's Manley said.

The infrastructure act will create employment in construction, service, and maintenance fields for years to come, as well as employment to the underemployed and unemployed, union representative Brier said.

"It will mandate that proper training and skills be taught to the children of Apopka as they grow up," Brier said. "There's no disrespect to being in the hospitality industry, but that's not a career. We're aiming to make careers for individuals not only in Apopka, but in Orange County and surrounding counties as well."

During the news briefing's question-and-answer session, Demings said she hopes to know by the end of



Congresswoman Val Demings speaks as Apopka City Commissioner Diane Velazquez listens.

this year how much money Apopka will get and the restrictions for using those dollars. When that information is known, the Apopka mayor and commissioners will be informed, she said. Demings said she will be back in Washington D.C. on Monday, November 29.

Rep. Demings held a press conference announcing the passing of the infrastruc-

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Carolyn Jean Gatlin

June 28, 1942 -- November 20, 2021

Carolyn Jean Gatlin, 79 of Apopka, FL, passed away November 20, 2021. She was born on June 28, 1942 in Amarillo, TX, daughter of Hubert and Dollie Johnson.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Michael Gatlin; brother, Eugene Johnson. She is survived by her daughter Debra Gatlin of Apopka, FL; aunt Gladys Green of Ft. Worth, TX; brothers-in-law Donald Gatlin (Pat) of Winter Garden, FL and Carol Gatlin (Ginger) of Amarillo, TX and sister-in-law, Pat Corbett of San Antonio,

TX. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews that adored her.

A Graveside Burial service will be held on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at Highland Memory Gardens, 3329 E Semoran Blvd, Apopka, FL 32703 at 9am. A Celebration of Life service will be held Tuesday, November 30th, 2pm at First Baptist Church Sweetwater, 3800

Wekiva Springs Rd, Longwood, FL 32779. Arrangements entrusted to Highland Funeral Home. Please sign online guest registry at www.highlandfh.com



Linda Lee (LaJeunesse) Noppinger

July 21, 1955 -- November 15, 2021

Linda Lee (LaJeunesse) Noppinger, 66, of Oviedo passed away on November 15, 2021 in Orlando, Florida. Linda was born in Paterson, NJ on July 21, 1955. She was a devoted and selfless wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She is survived by her high school sweetheart and loving husband of 44 years Stephen Noppinger; her daughters Valerie Poirier (Laurier), Monica Thompson (Jason), Julie Noppinger (fiancée Daniel), and Elizabeth Noppinger; two granddaughters Madison and Claire; brothers Gene LaJeunesse and Scott LaJeunesse (Cindy); beloved pet Gracie "Boo"; and two grandpups.

Linda enjoyed working as a paralegal for George C. Kelley along with her co-worker Jenny Summersill. She began when she was 16 and continued until November of this year except for the years she lived in Tampa and Texas. In addition to work, she enjoyed reading, RV camping, being with her grandchildren, and playing with her dog and granddogs.

Funeral services are being handled by Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka. Church services will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church on December 7, 2021, at 10:30 AM, 5300 Old Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, FL. Burial will be at Queen of Angels Cemetery, 1901 Queen of Angels Drive, Winter Park, FL.



Donations can be made in Linda's name to the American Cancer Society: donate3.cancer.org

Catherine Elizabeth Biehle/Sullivan

August 23, 1954 -- November 18, 2021

Catherine Elizabeth Biehle/Sullivan passed away on November 18, 2021 in Zurich, Switzerland. Beth, born August 23, 1958, was the daughter of Payson and Sara Jo Sullivan and the granddaughter of Henry and Abby Jo Land, Tangerine, Florida and Alvin and Betty Sullivan, Orlando, Florida.

Following graduation from Apopka Memorial High School in 1972, she attended FTU in Orlando and The College of Lucerne in Switzerland. She graduated in 1976 with a BA in marketing. Beth met her husband, Erich Arthur Biehle, a creative fabric designer in Switzerland and they were married on March 18, 1978 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Apopka, Florida.

Beth and Erich spent most of their lives in Wildegg and Zurich, Switzerland, living for five years in Townsend,

Georgia. Beth was a fifth generation member of the Oklawaha chapter DAR, member/dancer of the Royal School of Ballet in Winter Park, Florida and member of The University Choir, Orlando, Florida. Beth was the manager of Fortune Fabrics of Textile Co., Switzerland, marketing manager for Abraham AG Textile Co. and part owner of Wine Express Inc.

Beth is survived by her parents, Sara Jo and Payson, her husband Erich, her son Patrick William (Sophie), Anne Catherine (Martin), granddaughter Amelia Louise and grandson Villads Maltha and her brothers, Thomas Scott (Kristy), Samuel Winslow (Susan), William Murphy (Clara); nieces Caroline, Anna, Kate, McLean, Abby, and nephew, Payson.

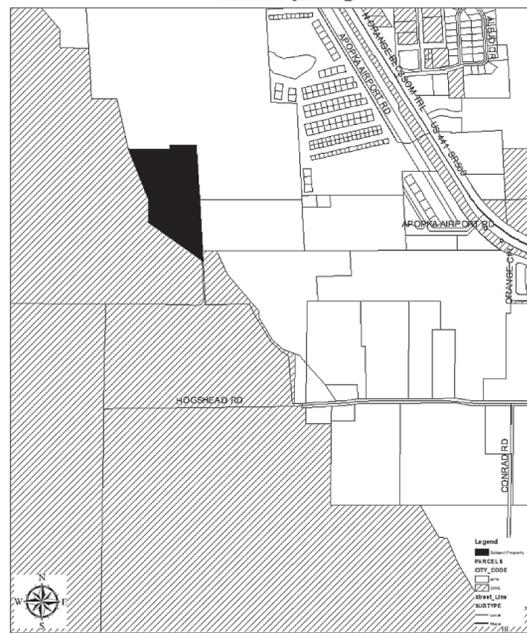
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Lighthouse, Carmenstrasse 42, 8032 Zurich, Switzerland.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2891
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 LISA L. HILL, TRUSTEE; LOCATED WEST OF THE ORLANDO APOPKA AIRPORT AND LAKE PENNY; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vicinity Map



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

Parcel Identification Number: 35-20-27-0000-00-009
 Contains: 20.62 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2891 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, December 1, 2021 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, AND on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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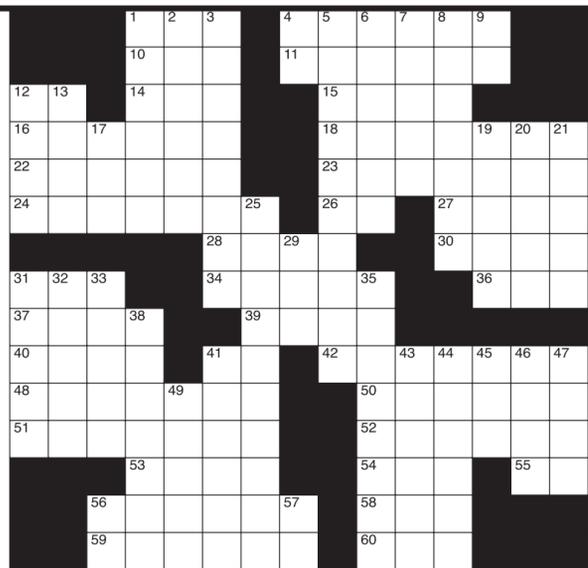
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Numbers cruncher
4. Creator
10. A type of center
11. About spring
12. Equal to 64 U.S. pints (abbr.)
14. Precursor to the EU
15. Something that can be cast
16. Gold-colored alloy
18. A salt or ester of acetic acid
22. A hard coating on a porous surface
23. A type of detachment
24. Filmmakers need them
26. Promotional material
27. Blyton, children's author
28. Short, sharp sound
30. Feeling of intense anger
31. Popular TV network
34. Island entry point
36. Disfigure
37. College army
39. One who's revered
40. Long, winding ridge
41. Football stat
42. Stealing
48. Hawaiian island
50. More raw
51. In one's normal state of mind
52. Daniel LaRusso's sport
53. Tropical American monkey
54. Measures heart currents
55. Midway between south and east
56. Knotted again
58. Born of
59. Value
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Mother tongue
2. Removes potato skins
3. True
4. Early multimedia
5. The making of amends
6. Discovered by investigation
7. Small arm of the sea
8. More seasoned
9. Atomic #81
12. Type of pear
13. Chemical compound
17. One's mother
19. Vietnam's former name
20. Snow forest
21. Church officer
25. Hardens
29. Ancient
31. Advertising gimmick
32. Subatomic particle
33. Not fresh
35. Loosens
38. Religious symbols
41. Film
43. Orthodontic devices
44. Grilled beef sandwich
45. Journalist Tarbell
46. Brooklyn hoopssters
47. Japanese social networking service
49. Romantic poet
56. Dorm worker
57. Poor grades



Solutions to the Crossword Puzzle found on page 13A of this newspaper.