

Rainfall in water district was below average for much of the area

January brought well below average rainfall to the region with Marion County receiving the least amount of rain for the month at .83 inches for the St. Johns River Water Management District. Apopka and Northwest Orange County are in the St. Johns water

district. The districtwide total of 1.2 inches is less than half the average rainfall for January.

A full report outlining January's hydrologic conditions was presented at the district's Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, February 8.

Highlights include:

Rainfall

*Districtwide, January rainfall averaged 1.19 inches, which is 1.42 inches below the average for the month.

*The county with the highest rainfall total was Indian River,

which received 1.9 inches of rain.

*Districtwide, the cumulative rainfall total for the past 12 months is 52.33 inches, which is 1.32 inches above the long-term average.

Groundwater

*Upper Floridan aquifer condi-

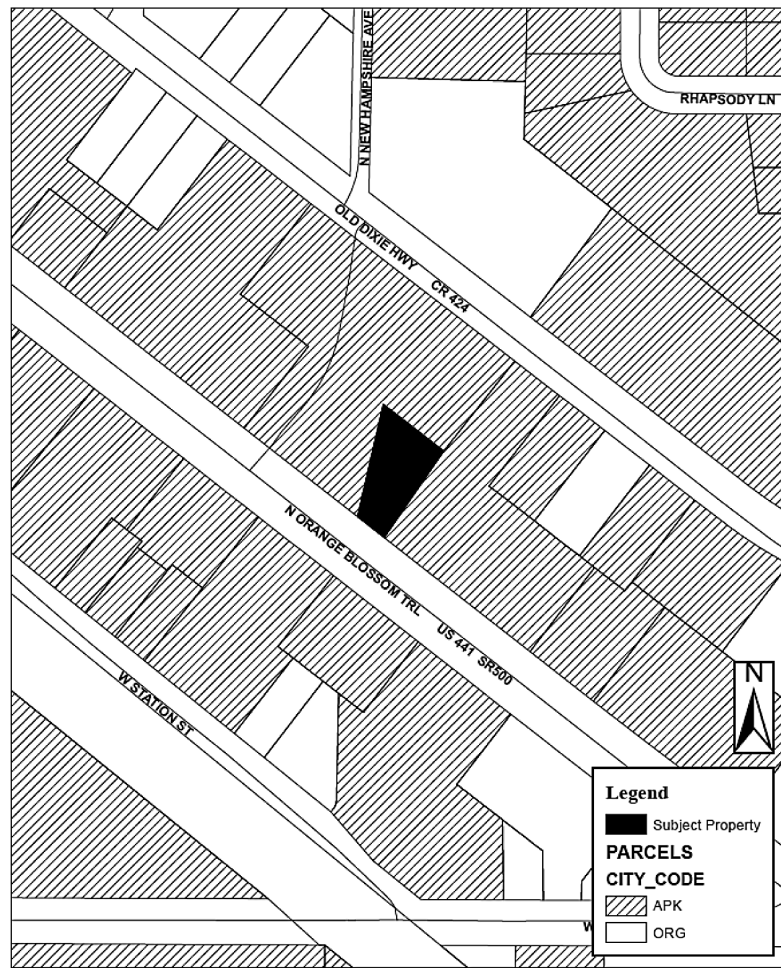
tions (groundwater levels) at the end of January were a mix of high and normal conditions across most of the district. In the central region, water levels in many of the wells decreased more than 10

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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 **VISION CAR WASH TWO, LLC C/O BRANDON PETERSON**, has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located north of U.S. 441, south of Old Dixie Highway and west of Hawthorne Avenue, approximately 0.23 +/- acres. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2905
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HERINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY VISION CAR WASH TWO, LLC; LOCATED NORTH OF U.S. 441, SOUTH OF OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY AND WEST OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 09-21-28-7552-01-161
Contains: 0.23 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2905 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, March 2, 2022 beginning at 1:30 p.m.**, AND on **Wednesday, March 16, 2022 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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Community Development Department

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Moore: County, city work together

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Residents in one subdivision sick and tired of auto accidents causing their neighborhood's wall to crumble, started their process of change with an email after hours, following yet another accident that happened on a weekend night. Online requests are available 24/7.

You can track your requests, receive email updates, and stay informed

of where the work is in the process. In this situation, Orange County and the city of Apopka are working together with the HOA that pays for the wall repairs, to prevent future wall cave-ins.

This one is not a fast fix, but it has to start somewhere.

Then, there are other quick cases. My aide was on Wymore Road in District 2 after a rainstorm. A large pothole opened up.

She immediately called 311. By the next morning, the pothole was repaired.

A speed limit sign waver in the wind or fallen all the way down to the ground can be put back up quickly or a traffic light that's not working can be repaired fast. 311 receives those calls all the time. It takes all of us to fix these issues.

Thank you for looking out for your part of District 2.

Byrd: Seek out the other options

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share a couple bills that are being considered that I think are important.

The first one is House Bill 59 (HB59) by Representative Hawkins. This bill would require electrocardiograms for student-athletes. If you are a parent in OPCS with a child in sports, you know that our school board already put this requirement in place this school year.

All of our athletes are now required to get an electrocardiogram at least once in their four years of high school. When we considered this rule, there were some concerns about the feasibility of requiring such a test for all students in athletics, but through a partnership with a non-profit, we were able to ensure that all students had access to the test.

Many doctors, like my daughter's own pediatrician, are able to give the simple noninvasive test in their offices and they take

less than five minutes to administer. Already this year, we have had several student-athletes who have had a previously undetected heart problem be identified by this test. For that reason, I think this is a great bill to move ahead for the state.

Another great bill is Senate Bill 400 (SB400) by our own Senator Randolph Bracy. This bill requires school districts to inform students and parents of certain acceleration, academic, and career planning options when they enter ninth grade. It also requires that a career plan be developed in consultation with a school counselor.

As the parent of high schoolers in OPCS, I know that all this information is available on our district website but requiring schools to inform families of the options available to a student beyond what is required for graduation is an important step to making sure kids reach their potential.

There are so many op-

tions available to kids as far as class choices and even career and technical education choices that I think get overlooked because students and parents just don't know they are available, and this bill looks to remedy that.

These are just two of the many bills working their way through committee discussions, and House and Senate debates. I strongly encourage community members to read up on the current bills being proposed. Go to leg.state.fl.gov to explore the Florida Senate and Florida House sites to see information on current bills. As always, reach out to me if you would like more information.

The work of the Florida Legislature during the legislative session affects all of us. This is when they need to hear your voices so they know what voters want. Don't be afraid to take part in the decisions that will eventually affect you and your community.

Hayden: Let's celebrate goodness

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In today's world, all our children are being robbed of the learning that will provide the path to true freedom. Why is it that Antifa, BLM, neo-Nazis, and all the other anti-American groups are trying to lead our children away from being given an education. They know an uneducated people are easier to manipulate and enslave.

Antifa is supposed to be against fascism and, yet, everything they promote is steeped in Marxism. BLM is not interested in Black lives unless they can use them as a lever such as George Floyd, a thief, molester, and common outlaw who met his end because of his criminality. If BLM really had a concern

for Black lives they would be in places like Chicago where innocent Black babies and children are being killed every day, standing up for the policemen and the law-keepers who are also losing their lives in defense of the population. Why aren't they outside of the abortion clinics where Black babies are killed almost two-to-one to other races?

If the neo-Nazis are so in tune with national socialism, why aren't they out being social to those who need assistance? Socialism means taking the reins and doing for those who are hindered from helping themselves. In all these movements we find a common thread - me first - and hypocrites who use anything or anyone they can to

gain for themselves.

They have no idea what civil disobedience, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. promoted, means. They know only destruction and mayhem like a baby or unlearned brute would use in the tantrum to gain attention.

As I stated in the beginning, we are celebrating Black History Month.

Let us celebrate it by remembering those heroes and heroines who overcame tremendous barriers and made our nation a place that many people in the world, have longed to be a part of.

Let us celebrate this month by thanking the God of heaven for those Black Americans and their example of persistence despite oppression.

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

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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.	
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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

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