

## Ukrainian festival planned for amphitheater February 25-27

The Ukrainian Project has organized the Ukrainian Festival Orlando which is being presented three days on Friday, February 25, through Sunday, February 27, at the Apopka amphitheater located at the Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka.

The festival will take place Friday, February 25, from noon- 8 p.m., Saturday, February 26, from noon-8 p.m., and Sunday, February 27, from noon-6 p.m.

There will be folk and modern musical bands, authentic and international arts, crafts and souvenirs, activities and workshops for adult and children, dancing, raffle, soccer and volleyball competitions and a fashion show of vintage and

modern traditional Ukrainian clothing.

There will be live music all days and the performing guests include Vasyly Popadiuk (violin, Ottawa, Canada), Harmonia (ensemble, Cleveland), Anytchka (vocal, Sacramento), Natalia Bratash (vocal, Sarasota), Sofi Fraiser (vocal, Chicago), Ivan Schmilo (bandura, Chicago), Vyshyvanka (dance ensemble, Chicago), and others.

For more information or to register a soccer or volleyball team, contact 321-300-4065, 407-342-6916 or UkrainianFestivalOrlando@gmail.com.

There are also opportunities at the festival for vendors, volunteers, or sponsors.

## Our nation should support the independence of the Ukraine

Editor:

I may have been like so many in the U.S. when I naively believed, before giving it some thought, "Why should I care about Ukraine?"

According to The Heritage Foundation, the U.S. should help defend Ukraine against Russian aggression, and we should encourage NATO to also show solidarity with Ukraine, even though Ukraine is not a member of NATO. In a recent compelling article by Luke Coffey, it is in our best interest to reaffirm our commitment and support to Ukraine. We, and the rest

of the world, will be safer. Ever since 1999, when he became the Russian president, Vladimir Putin has been undermining our national interests. Under his direction, we now have cyberattacks, spread of disinformation, and meddling in our elections.

In 2014, Russia did invade Ukraine and occupied Crimea which includes 7 percent of Ukraine's landmass and more than half of its coastline. A coastline is a necessary component to empowering any nation.

Putin wants to expand Russia's borders mainly because of oil and gas. Just observe the rising fuel

prices here in the U.S. We are no longer energy independent as we used to be a short year ago. It is much worse in Europe.

And, while it is likely that neither Russia nor Ukraine actually want war, I picture Putin's boot coming down on their neck. Little by little, he takes over.

Remember the way Hitler salivated about taking over the world before we and our allies stopped him? We need to stop Vladimir Putin while we still can.

Nancy C. Thomas  
Apopka

## 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 **Toll Brothers, Inc.** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located north of West Kelly Park Road and east of Plymouth Sorrento Road, approximately 9.5 +/- acres. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2913  
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 ROBERT T. HUTTER AND ALANA J. HUTTER; LOCATED NORTH OF WEST KELLY PARK ROAD AND EAST OF PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number: 07-20-28-0000-00-036  
Contains: 9.5 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 2913 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.

Apopka Planning Commission  
Community Development Department

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## Moore: March 1 meeting is a must

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basically the same items currently subject to a sales tax now.

No tax would be collected on essential food items, such as bread, milk, or other foods not taxed now.

Prescription drugs would be exempt, as would utilities. The sales tax would generate almost

\$600 million per year, and at least 51 percent of the funds collected would be paid for by tourists and visitors from outside of Orange County.

You can read all the Frequently Asked Questions at: [www.ocfl.net/transportation](http://www.ocfl.net/transportation).

Some people say they would welcome service to Orlando International Airport on SunRail. Right

now, SunRail, the commuter train, runs only Monday through Friday. Others say they would not use SunRail. Some residents want more options for bus service, while others don't use LYNX.

Either way, we need to hear from you on Tuesday, March 1, at Wekiva High School in the cafeteria from 6:30-8 p.m.

See you there!

## Byrd: Names are given to board

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member was invited to submit a potential name for our new school. They were encouraged to think of the historical and geographical significance of the area or of someone who made an impact on the local area.

Those surveys were received and tabulated by Principal Steinke and the top four choices were revealed this week in another email survey that went out to the school community, asking for a final vote.

As is stated in school board policy, the results will be shared with the superintendent and she will present the top three choices to the School Board at a future meeting where the name will be chosen and voted on by the board.

The top four choices that community members were given this week to vote on were Bay Ridge

School, Citrus Ridge School, Jason Dwelley School, and Kelly Park School. Each of these choices has important significance to the area of the new school and they were well-thought-out choices.

Bay Ridge is important because the new school is geographically located within the community that was known as Bay Ridge in the 1800s. When you look at old historical maps of the area, you will see the names Clay Springs, Lakeville, and Bay Ridge. Clay Springs and Lakeville already have schools named after them in our community.

Citrus Ridge and Kelly Park are obvious choices since many citrus farms were part of our local history and the school is located not far from nearby Kelly Park, the beautiful park that was donated to Orange County in 1927 by Dr.

Howard Kelly.

Jason Dwelley is not only the name of the road that the new school is located on but it is the name of a hometown hero, Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Dwelley, who passed away in 2004 serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Officer Dwelley attended Apopka Elementary and Middle school and graduated from Apopka High School.

All of these are great choices and now the school community will vote on the name they like best. All those results will be shared with the school board when they make the final decision at a future board meeting. The school mascot and colors will also be chosen at that time.

It's an exciting time for our community as we welcome a new school to our area. Lots of great things are ahead for our community!

## Hayden: U.S. Constitution worthy

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They did not look for We the People to support them, or their lavish lifestyles for a lifetime, and it is time we went back to those days of yore!

We have evil-minded bureaucrats so determined to oversee how we talk, think, eat, work, and do most of our daily chores that they are willing to lie, cheat, slander, threaten, and even count our Constitution as a worthless piece of paper just to have the power over their peons. We have

a president who, either on purpose or because of elective ignorance, has allowed the inmates to run the institution.

George Soros, Bill Gates, Schumer, Durbin, and a multitude of the wealthy left-wingers are globalists who look for a one-world government that will enslave all but the elitists who are part of the Deep Swamp.

I have the same warning for our President Joe Biden that was written on the wall for Belshazzar. *Mene mene: "God*

has numbered your kingdom and finished it. *Tekel: "You have been weighed in the balances and art found wanting." Perez: "Thy kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians.*

In the case of the immediate administration, it is experiencing division within its ranks, and hopefully it will be given to the conservatives in November at the midterm elections.

Daniel 5:25: "And this is the writing that was written, *mene, mene, tekel, upharsin.*"

## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

### The Apopka Chief

Established 1923  
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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.

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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>	
	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