

Citizens of Apopka make me proud

Editor:

Why I am proud to call Apopka home... This past weekend the community involvement was a great example of why I couldn't live anywhere else. Our citizens take on many challenges to help better our community. Saturday morning started out with a regional Special Olympics track and field tournament covering three campuses across Apopka. Our community leaders stepped up and provided food and drinks for the participants and families so that everyone could enjoy themselves without leaving the site. Several hundred families and friends were fed by local volunteers. As we move to

Sunday, the city of Apopka and Chamber of Commerce partnered with local businesses and citizens to pull together an "Apopka Serves" event with several hundred volunteers working all afternoon to pot plants as a reminder of our foliage history, paint rooms at AMI, help a disabled veteran clean up his house, pick up trash on multiple streets and the West Orange Trail, and build an entire playground for a local charter school. We had numerous organizations, citizens and friends come out to help along with many Apopka employees. Our volunteers didn't do it for recognition, but only to serve their fellow Apopkans. This weekend was

a great example of our residents helping each other. Apopka is special and you the volunteers and helpers are the reason that people love their city and all that reside in it. Thank you to everyone who has made a difference and will continue to do so in the city of Apopka. For those who haven't found a volunteer project yet, gather your friends and neighbors and make a difference in our community. Let's make our city an even better place to live, work and play. And for those who continue to make a difference. Apopka Proud! Bryan Nelson Apopka Mayor

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AMENDMENTS TO APOPKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Apopka proposes to amend the Land Development Code of the City of Apopka, Florida in accordance with Florida Statutes 166.0413(3)(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B), to revise sections of said Land Development Code as specified within the Ordinance title and within Ordinance Number 2925. The proposed amendments affect or may affect the use of property, the development of building and structures, and the development review process for land located within the jurisdiction of the City of Apopka, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 2925
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA BY AMENDING PART III – LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE: ARTICLE 3 ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.3 RESIDENTIAL BASE ZONING DISTRICTS, SUBSECTION 3.3.9. MHP: MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT BY CREATING SINGLE-FAMILY USE STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 4 USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.2. PRINCIPAL USES, SUBSECTION 4.2.2. PRINCIPAL USE TABLE BY AMENDING CERTAIN PERMITTED USES AND SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 5.2 LANDSCAPING AND BUFFER STANDARDS, SUBSECTION 5.2.5. LANDSCAPING AND BUFFER STANDARDS BY CREATING SINGLE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOT TREE STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.3 TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS, SECTION 5.3.8 RETENTION OF SPECIMEN TREES BY CREATING REPLACEMENT TREE SPECIES LIST AND TREE PLANTING STRIP WIDTHS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.10 SIGNS, SUBSECTION 5.10.8 STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC SIGN TYPES BY AMENDING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY WALL SIGN SIZING; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A – MIXED USE KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE (MU-KPI) FORM-BASED CODE, CHAPTER H. DENSITY, INTENSITY AND OPEN SPACE STANDARDS, TABLE 4: DENSITY, INTENSITY AND OPEN SPACE BY REVISING DENSITY, INTENSITY AND OPEN SPACE STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A, CHAPTER P. STREET STANDARDS, TABLE 12: STREET STANDARDS BY REVISING STREET STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A, CHAPTER P, FIGURE 63. STREET TYPE F (ALLEY) BY REVISING DIMENSIONS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A, CHAPTER R. DEVELOPMENT BONUSES AND TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS BY REVISING BONUS STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX D – DEVELOPMENT DESIGN GUIDELINES, SECTION 3 RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS, SUBSECTION 3.2.1. SINGLE FAMILY ARCHITECTURE BY PROVIDING FOR MAXIMUM SHED HEIGHTS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX D, SECTION 3, SUBSECTION 3.6 RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPING BY PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN LANDSCAPING STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that the City of Apopka Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the amendments to the Apopka Land Development Code at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 beginning at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible.

Notice is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2925 will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 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 Text Amendments 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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Moore: Our history must be saved

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their goods could easily be shipped to large markets in New York City. I was awestruck with the number of large, well-maintained Victorian homes. Susan B. Anthony's home predates the Victorian age back to the 1840s and 1850s. It was apparent the glory days of this city were in the past and with the diminution of Kodak and Xerox and manufacturing in general, the city is receding. I did not see any new homes being constructed and, yes, relatively empty roadways. Many children have moved south for new jobs and opportunities. Rochester and Orlando are in very different states, and neither is comfortable (no pun intended). Transplants love the weather and hustle and bustle in Orange County. Yet, we are not truly handling the great influx well enough. Our county needs better-paying jobs

and higher-tech industries, additional transportation options, preservation of natural spaces, and an intense focus on building social structures to preserve the wonderful culture for which so many of us were attracted. This latter category is what I will focus on for the remaining portion of this column. Being an amateur history enthusiast, I researched Apopka's history and often attend events at the Museum of the Apopkans and the Orange County History Center. I'm additionally hopeful to partner with the Isaacson family in establishing a museum in the Lockhart area. And as most of you know, I wrote a local children's history book and six driving tours of the area. The long-time residents were here first and they magnificently developed a beautiful and successful place. It is vital to understand where we came from to properly plan for a

successful future. We risk problems in our local social structures from two directions – the new folks do not know, understand, or recognize the hard-fought work of the first inhabitants. The older folks are challenged to welcome, engage, and educate so many newer homeowners. You can readily see this stress and divergence playing out in many of our local elections. The solutions take significant time and energy. It is hard work engaging in civic work outside of our many demanding duties with work and family. However, I encourage you to talk to your neighbors, read local newspapers, attend community events, speak up at public meetings, and always strive for improvement. After all, we are now all Orange County residents and have the supreme desire to make this community the best it can be.

Byrd: Support of students is great

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They contacted the school board, elected officials like Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings, as well as the community. We all got right to work finding the funds. Soon after, I received a call from the Orange County Farm Bureau, which is a big supporter of our schools, saying they wanted to donate \$2,000 toward the trip. Not two hours later, I received a call from Disney telling me the Disney chefs that work with the school had asked if they could help and Disney happily agreed to fund the whole trip! At that point, I reached out to Chef Bates to see what he had raised and found out that donations were trickling in including several from the Apop-

ka VFW as well as funding from the school itself, which was using its Academic Competitions fund. Needless to say, I was overjoyed by the outpouring of support for our students. Everyone I knew was so proud of these kids who had to do a lot of research and follow very strict nutritional guidelines to create recipes that could be reproduced in space for the astronauts in the space station. So, on Friday, March 25, I went to Wekiva for our first surprise with Bobby Beagles of the Farm Bureau to present the program with the first check for \$2,000. Then on Friday, April 1, an entire team of Disney chefs created a very special Disney space cake and we were able to present them with the final funds they needed, \$3,000.

The team is heading to Houston next week where they will compete against nine other teams from around the country for the chance to send their recipes to space! The winning team will receive full-ride scholarships as well. I've said it before and I'll say it again, our community is wonderful. The teamwork and excitement that the community showed toward this group of kids and this wonderful program is amazing. Ensuring that all our children have every opportunity available to them is a promise that I ran on in the 2018 election. It's an absolute thrill to see it come to fruition day after day. We wish our Wekiva Mustang Culinary team the best of luck in Houston!

Hayden: We can govern ourselves

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in my church family, neighbors, and other friends who strengthen my faith in our nation and its inhabitants. I fly Old Glory every day from my flagpole and my neighbors see it and honor what it stands for. It is time for the silent majority to make a little noise. We have the mid-term elections coming up and it is time to clean house (Democrats and Republicans) and start with men and women who love our republic and will be true to their oath of office. Will Rogers once stated, "A government which robs Peter to pay Paul, can always depend on the support of Paul," and I believe even the "Pauls" in our society are seeing the descent the United States is entering

into through the governing of this administration. We have all but given up on our founding principles, and we have strayed away from the very foundations of morality. Political correctness, identity politics, radical feminism, moral relativism, postmodernism, social justice, and constructivism are tearing up and leading to the downfall of our wonderful nation and making us laughing stocks on the world stage. It is time we eradicate these perversions from our nation and once again become the Shining City of Light to a world that needs our example of our love for freedom, and the dignity of mankind. Western values and Christian-Judeo principles require protection at every turn. They are the corner-

stone of all things responsible for the uniqueness of our nation. We need to start now! As Americans, we have overcome a multitude of dire circumstances. We have been at the forefront of winning two World Wars. We have worked through a multitude of difficulties of space exploration and we put men on the moon. America, we can overcome this insidious, malicious, intent that is rampant in our government by proving our Founding Fathers right in declaring we certainly can govern ourselves. Remember, the vote is given to "We the People" and let us use it to show the world that we Americans stand shoulder to shoulder to defend and uphold our Democratic Republic!

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. 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

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