

COVID: Caring shows our concern Byrd: Panthers are school mascot

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Respondents are asked to indicate their behavior in donating to charity, helping a stranger, and volunteering. Answers to all three questions, across every part of the globe, increased by about 25 percent. During these challenging times, we have become less self-focused, and behaved in ways that showed more love and concern for others.

I have observed such behavior as I saw people donating their stimulus checks to those who needed the money more than they did.

I have seen offering numbers within my local church and across my denomination increase in unexpected ways. This survey indicates that we have become more willing, not

only to help our brother, but also to help strangers. Yes, I am my brother's keeper, but also, "we are the world," and we have indicated that our concerns and behaviors have broadened to the helping of strangers at this difficult time.

We realize that our struggles pale in comparison to the citizens of Ukraine. European countries in general, and Poland in particular, have risen to the challenge, welcoming refugees by the hundreds of thousands, even by the millions, demonstrating that not only are we our brother's keeper, but we are also a keeper of the strangers across the globe.

The COVID years have been a deadly era, and I speak as one who lost a close family member, and as one who grieves

with students, classmates, church colleagues, and many friends.

In comparison, the Ukraine invasion has totally disrupted the lives of an entire region of Europe. This is an era that will live in infamy.

Yet, there is a silver lining: If we respond by reducing our radical individualism, to demonstrate more concern for our brothers, our neighbors, and the strangers around the world, there will be a lasting positive impact, in the midst of human tragedy.

Let's all accept this challenge.

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School is lucky to have him and this great program!

Second, I want to share more exciting news about our new K-8 school, the newly named Kelly Park School.

As you know, we first named the new principal, Kelly Steinke, who is an Apopka native, a couple months ago.

We then went through the naming process which

involved surveying the community and Kelly Park School was chosen.

Now, the fun part: The school community was once again surveyed for the school mascot and colors, and I'm proud to announce that the Kelly Park Panthers came out on top! The school colors will be navy blue and gold!

The Panthers named after the Florida panther received 62 percent of the vote among the school

community. Other choices were the Bucks and Bobcats.

Kelly Park School is on schedule to be finished soon and will be opening in August.

There will be an opportunity for the public to tour the school as we get closer to opening.

It's going to be an exciting year next year for all our Kelly Park Panthers to start a new year in a beautiful new building.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT INC. C/O JONATHAN HUELS** has made an application, in accordance with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 4.2.2.C to the City of Apopka Planning Commission for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A CHILD CARE FACILITY.**

This application relates to the following described (portion of) property located on the southeast corner of Plymouth Sorrento Road and Lester Road:



Parcel Identification Number: 06-21-28-7172-15-011 (portion of)
Contains: 2.3 +/- acre

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the special exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, May 10, 2022, beginning at 5:30 P.M.,** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. 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, Florida 32703; Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka City Council
Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department

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**CITY OF APOPKA
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The following ordinance will be read on **Wednesday, May 4, 2022** and held over for second reading where it will be considered for adoption at the City Council meeting in the Apopka City Hall Council Chambers on **Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.,** or as soon thereafter as possible.

ORDINANCE 2933
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, CHAPTER 78 UTILITIES, ARTICLE II WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS BY CREATING DIVISION 1.5 INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PRETREATMENT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interested parties may appear at this meeting and be heard with

respect to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office for inspection.

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Dated this 25th day of April, 2022
Susan M. Bone, City Clerk
City of Apopka, Florida

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ORDINANCE NO. 2931
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION BY CREATING SECTION 2-24 MAINTAINING ORDER, DECORUM AT COUNCIL MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Job Line407-703-1743
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

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Building Dept.....407-836-8550
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County Attorney407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court.....407-836-2065
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Health Dept.407-836-2600
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Property Appraiser.....407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative.....407-254-7000
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Utilities407-836-5515
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Kamia Brown (Dist. 45)850-717-5045
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