

College football bowl season still going strong for a while

College football bowl games continue with lots of games between Christmas and New Year's Day. There's even a bowl game on Christmas Eve.

Saturday, December 24

Hawaii Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii, San Diego State (7-5) vs. Middle Tennessee State (7-4), 8 p.m., ESPN: Once Santa has put all the kids' bikes or trikes or whatever together, he can settle down and watch the game from Hawaii. Normally, our weather is pretty similar to Hawaii's this time of year, but the forecast is calling for some chilly temps with lows around freezing and highs in the 40s. But we'll be back to our normal warmer temperatures a few days after that. Middle Tennessee had a good start to the season and nice finish, going 7-2 in those stretches, but lost three in a row in the middle of the season. The highlight of the season was the Blue Raiders' 45-31 victory over the Miami Hurricanes. Miami wasn't very good this season, but they should never lose to MTSU. San Diego State finished the season by winning three out of its final four games.



PEERY'S EXTRA POINTS
John Peery

Neither team sticks out to me as superior to the other but I'll go with the Blue Raiders. **Middle Tennessee State 34-San Diego State 31.**

Monday, December 26

Quick Lane Bowl, Detroit, Michigan, New Mexico State (6-6) vs. Bowling Green (6-6), 2:30 p.m., ESPN: Bowling Green is a three- or four-point favorite and that sounds about right. I think the Falcons are the better team even though they aren't exactly a powerhouse. The Aggies were 1-5 halfway through the season but righted the ship and were able to pull off some victories. One win that really surprised me was New Mexico State's 49-14 massive upset over

Liberty, which had won at Arkansas. But this team also lost to a bad Nevada team to open the season. The Aggies may win big but I'm sticking with the Falcons. **Bowling Green 27-New Mexico State 23.**

Tuesday, December 27

Camellia Bowl, Montgomery, Alabama, Georgia Southern (6-6) vs. Buffalo Bulls (6-6), noon, ESPN: While both teams are 6-6, Georgia Southern plays in the Sun Belt Conference, which has become a pretty good FBS conference not in the Power 5. The Eagles are favored by about four points. I expect Georgia Southern to win by a touchdown or so. I just think the Eagles played a tougher schedule than Buffalo did and that will pay off. It reminds me somewhat of Apopka High's football team that finished the regular season with a nice, but unimpressive 7-3 regular-season record, but then made it all the way to the state-championship game before falling in overtime. Who you play absolutely matters. **Georgia Southern 30-Buffalo 21.**

First Respond-

er Bowl, Dallas, Texas, Memphis (6-6) vs. Utah State (6-6), 3:15 p.m., ESPN: Truth be told, I am not a Memphis fan even though I was born about 75 miles from there way back in the day. However, I think the Tigers will take care of Utah State in a big way. Memphis is favored over the Aggies by seven or eight points and I think that will be plenty. Utah State's best win of the season was midway through the season over Air Force. Memphis, meanwhile, beat Tulsa, which is not a bad team. I'll go with the Tigers. **Memphis 34-Utah State 24.**

Birmingham Bowl, Birmingham, Alabama, East Carolina (7-5) vs. Coastal Carolina (9-3), 6:45 p.m., ESPN: These two schools are about 200 miles apart and they're traveling to the winter destination of Birmingham, Alabama. I'm sure the players are ecstatic after watching other college football teams go to the Bahamas or Hawaii to play in minor bowl games. Normally, I would go with Coastal Carolina, but the Chanticleers have lost head coach Jamey Chadwell to Liberty to replace Hugh Freeze, who left to go to Auburn. Even though Coastal Carolina quarterback Grayson McCall announced that he was headed to the transfer portal, he's planning on playing in the bowl game. That may give the Chanticleers enough to get past the Pirates, but I'll still go with the Pirates. **East Carolina 27-Coastal Carolina 24.**

Guaranteed Rate Bowl, Phoenix, Arizona, Wisconsin (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 10:15 p.m., ESPN: Oklahoma State limped down the stretch as the Cowboys won just once in their final five games. Wisconsin, on the other hand, fired its coach, Paul Chryst, midway through the season

and hired Luke Fickell out of Cincinnati just a week or so ago. I would expect that Wisconsin's players who will be returning next season will want to play well to impress Fickell if for no other reason. We know that the Badgers will want to run the ball, while the Cowboys will always want to throw it. I'll go with Wisconsin in this late-night football game. **Wisconsin 28-Oklahoma State 26.**

Wednesday, December 28

Military Bowl, Annapolis, Maryland, UCF (9-4) vs. Duke (8-4), 2 p.m., ESPN: My biggest question with this game is UCF's desire to be there and actually compete in the game. The Knights lost in the AAC title game with a berth in the Cotton Bowl on the line. That didn't happen so now they face a Duke team that, I guarantee you, is happy to be there and will play hard. While I'd like to see UCF win, I just think Duke will be the better team in this game. **Duke 36-UCF 27.**

Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Tennessee, Kansas (6-6) vs. Arkansas (6-6), 5:30 p.m., ESPN: This game pretty much follows the UCF-Duke game as I know that Kansas will be anxious to play. I know the Jayhawks fell off in the second half of the season, but they'll be ready to go. Arkansas, on the other hand, is severely disappointed over three-game drop from last season's 9-3 mark. The Razorbacks were expecting much more than 6-6 this season. However, I think the Hogs will be able to get by the Jayhawks. We'll see if Arkansas can be just regular Kansas. **Arkansas 31-Kansas 26.**

Holiday Bowl, San Diego, California, Oregon (9-3) vs. North Carolina (9-4), 8 p.m., FOX: What's this? A game that isn't on ESPN? Odd, but OK. Both teams come in

limping, but this is actually a pretty good game, or at least it should be. I'll go with UNC QB Drake Maye as he has announced he's coming back for the 2023 season and will want to use this as a chance to get a good start on the 2023 season. **North Carolina 38-Oregon 34.**

Texas Bowl, Houston, Texas, Texas Tech (7-5) vs. Ole Miss (8-4), 9 p.m., ESPN: I'm not sure which of these meh teams will be happy to be there. Let's say that Lane Kiffin has his Ole Miss boys ready to go or has at least promised them extra NIL money. **Ole Miss 33-Texas Tech 24.**

Thursday, December 29

Pinstripe Bowl, New York City, New York, Syracuse (7-5) vs. Minnesota (8-4), 2 p.m., ESPN: To me, this game comes down to the overall strength of the conferences as we have two Power 5 teams that were up and down this season. That leads me to Minnesota as the Big Ten was much better than the ACC this season. **Minnesota 33-Syracuse 28.**

Cheez-It Bowl, Orlando, Oklahoma (6-6) vs. Florida State (9-3), 5:30 p.m., ESPN: This game might not be close as FSU has been playing well and with quarterback Jordan Travis declaring that he'll return next season, the Seminole should be able to use this game to give notice about the 2023 team. Oklahoma, meanwhile, struggled throughout the season. **Florida State 34-Oklahoma 23.**

Alamo Bowl, San Antonio, Texas, Washington (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 9 p.m., ESPN: Texas has some good moments this season, but I'm a firm believer in Washington's offense led by quarterback Michael Penix, who can fling it around the yard. I'll go with the Huskies. **Washington 38-Texas 33.**

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

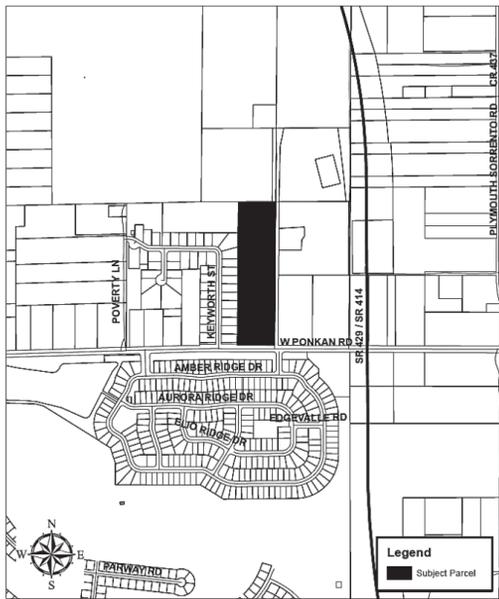
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **P&P BUILDCON, LLC** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 2980

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 COUNTY RURAL TO CITY VERY LOW DENSITY SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF W. PONKAN RD. AND WEST OF PHILS LANE; OWNED BY PHILLIP AND PATRICIA SIMMONS; COMPRISING 9.95 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2981

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) TO CITY RSF-1B (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY - LARGE LOT), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF W. PONKAN RD. AND WEST OF PHILS LANE; OWNED BY PHILLIP AND PATRICIA SIMMONS; COMPRISING 9.95 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 24-20-27-0000-00-062
Contains: 9.95 +/- Acres

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FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 2980 and 2981 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, January 4, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** AND **Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

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Chill in the air may make it too cold to go fishin' over Christmas

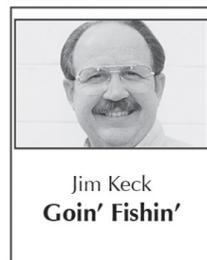
Hello Folks,

I hope you are ready for Christmas this comin' weekend. It might be a little cold to go fishin', but I'm sure you are gettin' anxious to get on the water. Hopefully, Santa will bring you a new rod and reel for Christmas.

I found out this week that John's Lake Ramp is open. The FWC did some repair work on the dock and it's ready to go. The water is still a little high so make sure you watch out for docks that may still be under water.

I wanted to pass along some information on the TrophyCatch season. The season ended on September 30. Two of the tagged bass were caught durin' the season and before the deadline. There was one bass that was caught after the deadline in Lake Istokpoga in November. That bass entitled that angler to receive a \$100 gift card to Bass Pro Shops. There are still seven bass that weren't caught durin' the contest.

The FWC folks told me that any angler who catches one of the seven pink-tagged bass that weren't caught will still win a \$100 gift card from



Jim Keck
Goin' Fishin'

Bass Pro Shop. You need to make sure you are registered with <http://TrophyCatch.com> and you follow the rules and regulations to win the gift certificate. You can also follow TrophyCatch on the Facebook page.

Kyle at Bitter's Bait and Tackle reports that folks are catchin' some specks in Lake Monroe, mostly on minners. Also, I talked to Volusia County Parks and Recreation, and Lake Monroe Park on U.S. Highway 17-92 in Debary is now open. Now that the park is open, you will access to the St. Johns River and Lake Monroe. All this is good news just before we get into speckled perch season.

The Central Florida Bass Hunters held its monthly tournament on Lake Istokpoga this past weekend. Congrats to

Brandon Pabon and John Brown for their win. They weighed in five bass that hit the scales at 20.57 lbs. They also weighed in a nice 7.72-lbs. big bass. Unfortunately, their bass wasn't the biggest bass of the tournament. The biggest bass was caught by Jared Krause. Jared's big bass hit the scales at 7.82 lbs. Jared's big bass won big bass of the tournament, by 0.10 lbs. Oh, so close.

The R.D. Keene park at the Butler Chain is still closed. I have called the Orange County Parks and Recreation Department and they tell me that they don't know when the ramp will be open. I'll keep checkin' and let you know when they decide to open the ramp. I haven't heard too much about the fishin' on the Harris Chain. I'm sure the bass fishin' is gonna slow down with all this cold weather comin' to town over the weekend.

Well, that's it for this week. I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and remember the reason for the season. See ya next week.

Tip of the week: Merry Christmas!

Save a few and good luck!

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City: Notice of claim was filed, but not lawsuit, lawyer says

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something Nelson didn't further elaborate on at the press conference.

"You minimized what happened, and it was just training and you focused on what the city was doing to further the fire department, not what the fire department has been pushing for and what our family has been pushing for," Duran said. "I find that highly offensive that you took that direction."

City Commissioner Kyle Becker asked city staff if the fire safety committee was instructed to cease its post-incident investigation.

"After consulting with our attorney (Michael Rodriguez) I came to the conclusion that it's the best at this time to postpone the post-incident investigation," Apopka Fire Chief Sean Wylam responded to Becker. "It's not that it's not going to happen at some point, just based on the legal matter that's ahead of us. I thought that was best for the department."

City Commissioner Nick Nesta said he felt "embarrassed" about how the city has been responding to Austin Duran's fatal accident, up to and including the press conference.

"How you talked about

Austin Duran during that press conference, I feel, was disgusting. To kind of piggyback on Commissioner Becker, the fact that we're putting money—any sum of money—above lives, it blows my mind. We are here as the council, as a committee and the city to promote health and safety of our people: staff, residents, visitors."

A notice of claim was filed against the city, but no lawsuit has been filed, according to city attorney Michael Rodriguez. A notice of claim gives advanced notice to the city that a lawsuit may come for a claim of damages.

Becker and Nesta said the city should have informed the commissioners about the notice of claim. Becker said he understood that the notice of claim was filed last October. He said he didn't know if the other commissioners were made aware of that situation, but he, at least, didn't know about it.

Rodriguez said he advised city staff that when the claim of notice was filed, it went through a risk management and he hasn't gotten a current status from risk management yet on the claim notice.

City attorney Michael Rodriguez also said he never informed the fire depart-

ment to stop the post-incident investigation and that such legal matters must be discussed in executive session.

"I advised the (fire) chief that, in those regards, it is best that we have proper channels and have all the proper parties involved in order to then prepare a proper legal defense," Rodriguez said. "I cannot be reckless with the legal defense of the city of Apopka. I have to take all these things into consideration."

Nelson suggested that the City Council has an executive session before the next council meeting to update everyone. Rodriguez agreed to do that.

Investigation timeline

At the December 21 press conference, Mayor Bryan Nelson presented the following timeline of the investigation into the June 30 accident that caused Austin Duran's July 15 death after weeks of sustaining injuries.

*Immediately after the accident, the Florida Division of State Fire Marshal was notified of the incident and began the investigation rather than the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) because the city is a govern-

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LISA CALHOUN, 56, Apopka, died Tuesday, December 13. She was born in Orlando. Survivor: mother, Patricia Posey. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

WILLIAM DAVID WAITS, 66, died Friday, December 16. He was born in Orlando. Survivors: children, Angela Shaw, Juli Hobby, Micah; grandchildren, Jacob, Parker, Emma, Thomas, Matthew, Amber, Jordan, Amelia, Rowan. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

JOSEPH HOWARD MYERS JR., 66, a long time Apopka resident passed away on December 14, 2022. He was born on March 31, 1956 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph and Anna Marie Myers. He is preceded in death by his brother-in-law James Johnston and his nephew Christopher Johnston. Mr. Myers is survived his siblings Nancy Johnston, Kathleen McCall (Francis), and Mary Brown (Roger); 6 nieces and nephews, as well as 5 great nieces and nephews.



DR. WALTER ALBERT BLACK

As a devoted physician, he practiced 3 years with his brother-in-law, Dr. Donald E. Mitzelfelt, in Kimberling City, Mo. He then became the Florida Hospital Family Medicine Residency Clinical Director in Orlando before opening and operating a private medical practice in Apopka, which he maintained until 2007. At that time, he moved to Towanda, Pa., where he worked alongside his son, Dr. Ronald A. Black, fulfilling a lifelong dream. In 2013 he relocated back to central Florida where he continued in private practice until his retirement in 2017.

Walter was a devoted husband, father, and son. His passion was to honor God by loving others unconditionally and to serve his family and community. Cerebral and inquisitive, he was knowledgeable on a seemingly endless number of topics. He loved to teach and was a role model to many. He was especially proud of his children, and loved that both of his boys followed him into accomplished medical careers.

Walter was a man of great faith and was actively involved in church ministry. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He was a longtime member of the Rotary Club, Sertoma, and the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce.

His celebration of life memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at Preston-Hanley Funeral Home & Crematory in Pekin, Ill. Pastor Andy McDonald will officiate. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 at the funeral home. Inurnment will be in Fon du Lac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to IHSAmision.com, 20119 Northeast 272nd Street, Battle Ground, Wash. 98604.

To express condolences online, please visit www.preston-hanley.com

Dr. Walter Albert Black, 79, of Eustis, Fla., passed away at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Ill.

Born Sept. 8, 1943 in Farmington, Ill. to Robert William and Hannah Marie (Hewitt) Black, he married Carolyn Mae Mitzelfelt on June 23, 1963 in Peoria. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Cecelia (Wayne) Clark of Winter Park, Fla., Robert (June) Black of Apopka and Dr. Ronald (Kelli) Black of Honolulu, Hawaii; grandchildren Justin Clark, Shannon Clark, Carolyn Black, Veronica Black, Daniel Black, Sophia Clark, Nicole (Adam) Schommer, Justin Gilpin; and great-granddaughter, Verona Gilpin. Also surviving are his sister, Rose Mary Melbourne of Kewanee, Ill., and his brother, James Robert Black of Farmington, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Daniel Ray Black of Farmington, Ill.

A graduate of Bradley University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Walter then pursued a Master of Science in Organic Chemistry from Indiana University. After his sons were rescued from premature birth of 27 weeks, he changed course to attend and graduate from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Following medical school he completed his Residency in Family Medicine at St. Francis Medical Center.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3) (a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **BENGE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 2983
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM MU-T (MIXED USE-TRANSITION) TO KPI-MU-VC (KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE-MIXED USE VILLAGE CENTER), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF KELLY PARK RD. AND WEST OF EFFIE DRIVE; OWNED BY WARD FAMILY PARTNERS, LLLP; COMPRISING 17.6 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 12-20-27-0000-00-060
Contains: 61 +/- Acres

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FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 2983 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, January 4, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** AND **Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

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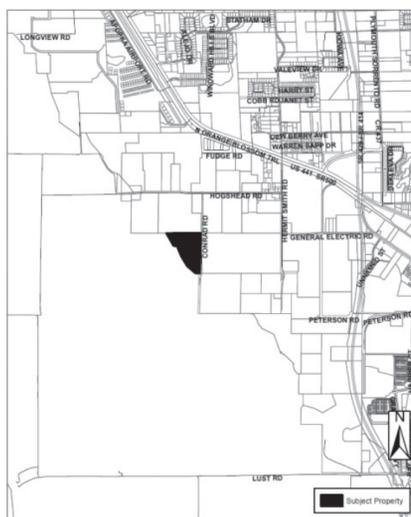
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ORDINANCE NO. 2982
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITION) TO I-L (INDUSTRIAL LIGHT), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF CONRAD RD. AND SOUTH OF HOGSHEAD ROAD; OWNED BY TIMOTHY LEE STRICKLAND, TRUSTEE; COMPRISING 20.7 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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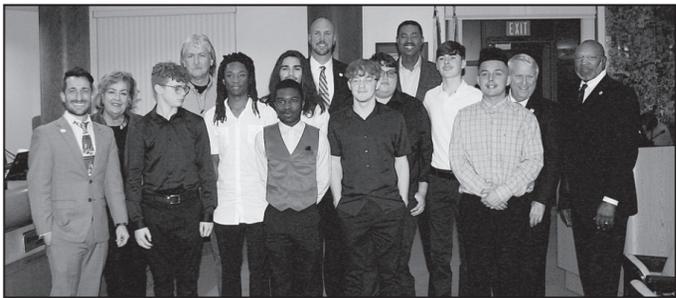
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AHS Boys Bowlers



At the Wednesday night, December 21, city council meeting the Apopka High School boys bowling team received a special recognition for winning a 16th state title.

Apopka Pop Warner



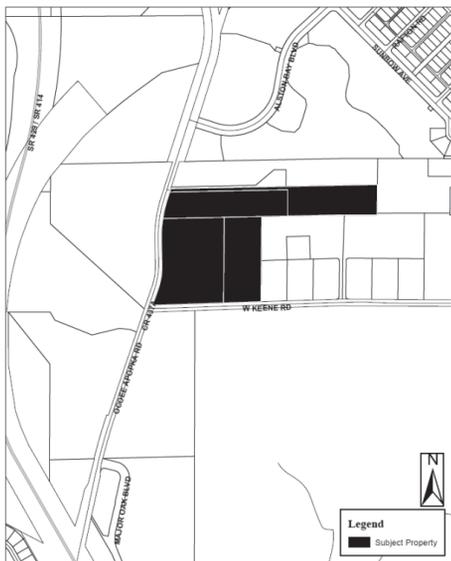
Apopka Pop Warner 14U team was recognized at the Wednesday, December 21 city council meeting for winning a 2022 National Championship.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given that **KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. C/O L. JORDAN DRAPER** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) to the City of Apopka Planning Commission, and City Council for a **REZONING OF PROPERTY**. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 2992

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM MU-ES-GT (MIXED-USE EAST-SHORE GATEWAY) SUBDISTRICT TO PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) DISTRICT, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF OCOEE APOPKA ROAD AND KEENE ROAD, COMPRISING 28.02 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY SHOPPES AT EAST SHORE, LLC; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 20-21-28-0000-00-028, 20-21-28-0000-00-021, 20-21-28-0000-00-025 and 20-21-28-0000-00-024
Contains: 28.02 +/- Acres

Notice is given that the City of **Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 2992 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, February 1, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed rezoning 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: Corridor Chiefs are needed

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ply have not had enough help from Apopka residents.

What does a Corridor Chief do to assist? Well, they download the 311 APP on their phone or a city reporting tool. Let me tell you what I report: I report move-outs to solid waste; yes, I don't want to look at garbage on the side of the road for weeks. I instruct neighbors, when necessary, on how to properly dispose of lawn debris so it is picked up weekly. Six bags or cans not over 40 pounds and branches no more than 3 feet tied up with twine are accepted. I pick up any snipe signs and trash in front of my neighborhood weekly.

I use the Duke Energy lighting outage tool to report burned out lights.

I use the 311 app to report pavement markings which have faded or even newly formed potholes.

I also have, on occasion, called Bob's Barricades to come pick up signage left on the side of the road. None of this occurs regularly, but I make it a point to inspect weekly.

I estimate I spend 10 minutes per week just on my own corridor. I make myself take a fresh look one time per week.

I'm blessed on Wekiwa Springs Road that most of the HOAs have landscape companies mow, weed whack, edge, and blow off sidewalks.

If I lived in another location, I might have to blow off the sidewalk myself, and pressure wash them every few years. Our pedestrians and cyclists take their life in their hands when we do not maintain sidewalks. And, of course, if there is a cracked

sidewalk, the municipality will repair it or even take down a tree if it is in danger of falling into a roadway. I recently reported one dangerous tree on Thompson Road and county staff removed it within 24 hours. It was sad to me that the resident didn't report the tree. But maybe they didn't know how. 311!!

If you remember, every business, every local government is short of employees.

Even when a municipality was fully staffed there were never inspectors looking for all these deficiencies. I also like to quote, "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." And, "you have not because you ask not."

Public works paves roadways, mows rights-of-way, maintains ponds, and repairs sidewalks. The county stands ready to assist and offer these great services – you just need to ask. (Please remember we don't pick up trash, blow off, or pressure wash sidewalks.)

I have had great success in the Lockhart area getting residents to engage at this level. I'm proud of these dedicated citizens. I want this level of service and dedication on every corridor in District 2.

If you want to be a Corridor Chief, please call my office at 407.836.5850. We offer training, collaboration, and assistance with other like-minded individuals through the People of groups and quarterly leader training. The next People of groups is held January 3rd and the 1st quarterly meeting for annual strategic planning will be held at Wekiwa High School on Thursday, January 19th.

I hope you will join me in making your community the best it can be.

Hayden: Gift giving spreads joy

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er shared occurrence that brought the community together. There was a city in Michigan that would move their whole city out on the ice, and they called it the "City on Ice." I believe it was Lake Hamilton. Many avid fishermen would make it a point to attend the first opening of the "ice city." You would find ice fishing shacks all over the lake. We never put up a shack, we would just take our fishing sled, chop a hole, and start fishing.

As I said before, there were many Amish farms around the lake we fished, and the Amish folks and the kids would be on ice skates and bring out hot cocoa to share with us and sit and talk.

Christmas brought us together! Our lives back then were as busy as now, but because of the season's meaning, we were willing

to stop, breathe, and take a time-out from everyday strife.

The season made us aware of the people around us that made life a sharing experience, and a time of celebrating the true Gift of Christmas! I want you to know I say, "Merry Christmas" and if it offends you, it is your problem and it is up to you to manage it. Whoever you are, whatever you are spiritually, it is the birth of the Savior of the world that we celebrate.

You can change the name, you can change the day, but you cannot change the Gift of GOD to the world!

We celebrate Him, not the day, and because He was given as a gift to all of us, we should be brought together as a blessed people.

Remember "Dandy?" He was a gift given to my sister and me and both of us were blessed when we shared a sleigh ride or were

able to ride him in the summer months. All of the best gifts under your tree are but nothing when compared to the birth of Jesus Christ and His ministry. I've heard it said this is the season of giving and I believe that is true.

I also believe the best gift you can give is yourself.

Be a gift to someone who may not even know you. Find a chore that needs doing, give a word of encouragement, stoop to assist someone who is down. A gift is never given for reward or honor, it is given for someone else's benefit, and when given, it still results in the giver being blessed and plants joy in his or her heart.

As you prepare for this celebration of life this year, remember you can be a Christmas gift by letting the light shine through you to give someone enlightenment, and prove Christmas is truly the Season of Giving!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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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
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Solid Waste Collect.....	407-703-1731
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Utility Billing.....	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency.....	911
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County Mayor.....	407-836-7370
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Clerk of the Court.....	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor.....	407-836-2070
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.....	352-742-6275
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