

Community Health Centers, Inc. given best to work for award

Central Florida-based Community Health Centers, Inc., which has several locations in the region including Apopka, was recently announced as a 2022 Best and Brightest Company to Work For, for the fifth consecutive year by the National Association for Business Resources.

Community Health Centers was selected na-

tionally as one of the 135 winners out of 1,000 nominations. The Best and Brightest Program provides the business community the opportunity to gain recognition, showcase their best practices, and demonstrate why each would be an ideal workplace for employees. The Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in the Nation winners will be honored during their 2023 Illuminate Business Summit.

Community Health Centers provides care to nearly 70,000 patients, each year in the Apopka, Bithlo, Clermont, Forest City, Four Corners, Groveland, Lake Eller, Leesburg, Meadow Woods, Pine Hills, Tavares, West Lakes, and Winter Garden communities.

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

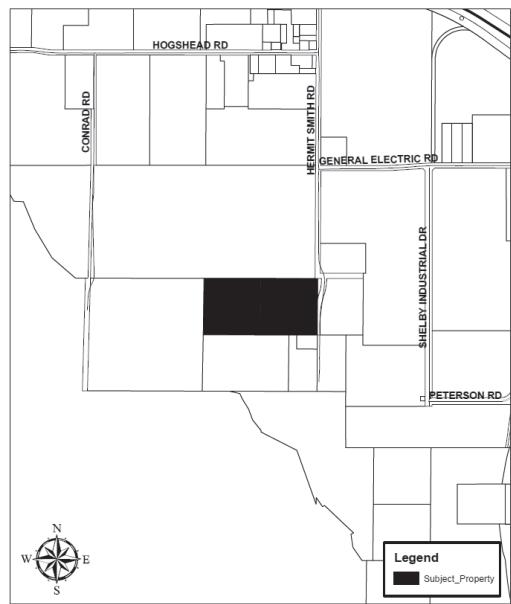
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that Michael Dinkel has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 2985

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 AND CITY VERY LOW DENSITY SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL TO CITY INDUSTRIAL FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF HOGSHEAD ROAD AND WEST OF HERMIT SMITH ROAD; OWNED BY RAYNOR APOPKA LAND MANAGEMENT, LLC AND SOIL BLENDING PROPERTIES, LLC; COMPRISING 20.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2984

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) AND CITY RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-1A) TO CITY I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF HOGSHEAD ROAD AND WEST OF HERMIT SMITH ROAD; OWNED BY RAYNOR APOPKA LAND MANAGEMENT, LLC AND SOIL BLENDING PROPERTIES, LLC; COMPRISING 20.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 01-21-27-0000-00-28 &
01-21-27-0000-00-061
Contains: 20.15 +/- 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 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 18, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. AND Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications 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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Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department

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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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ALL ABOUT APOPKA

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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 Devl.	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
	352-742-6275
State Representatives	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

Freedom: Passionate journalism best

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America to help protect their freedom and democracy. American journalists set the bar for the reporting of factual events during WWII. But a lot has changed since then. The ranking of the media on The World Press Freedom Index shows a big decline in freedom of speech in many democracies worldwide. This includes the U.S., which slipped down to number 45.

European nations dominate the WPF rankings with the most press freedom. Norway ranked No. 1 and Sweden finished No. 2. The Netherlands, Finland and Switzerland rounded out the top five. Canada rose four positions to No. 18 and was classified as having a "good" press freedom climate.

Unlike China, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Iran, Myanmar and other nations where media reporters are censored by the government and journalists literally fear for their lives, jour-

nalists in the U.S. have unlimited freedom of the press, without the fear of reprisal. But you'd never know it.

Everyone already knew that social media, TV and the fishwrap censored conservatives during the last election. Public schools and universities are adamantly censoring free speech to support the pro progressive platform throughout America. This is fostering the aggrandizement of socialism also.

FDR told us, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Many reporters across the traditional news media are struggling against institutionalities and timidities that make "balance" a false idol. Most journalists are liberal on social issues, like abortion and gun control and even evolution. And most work for corporations run by young liberal university grads who were taught that Republicans are weird, scary and a threat to them. Therefore, reporters are as liberal as the men who own them.

"I won't say that newspapers misquote me, but I sometimes wonder where Christianity would be today if some of those reporters had been Matthew, Mark, Luke and John." – Barry Goldwater

Social: Timing of claim is personal

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tus, as well as your family history, into account.

When to claim is always a personal choice, but in your specific circumstances - since you apparently don't need the money right now and have a family history which suggests longevity - waiting until age 70 to claim could not only give you a substantially higher monthly benefit but also the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. And if you're married, it will also mean the maxi-

mum possible survivor benefit for your wife if you predeceased her because, as your widow, your wife would get the benefit you are receiving at your death instead of her own smaller amount. Thus, when you claim your benefit will also affect your wife's benefit as your surviving widow. In the end, it's your personal decision to make, after considering all of the above factors, especially your life expectancy.

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Hayden: Overcome bad decisions

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Failure doesn't come from falling down, failure comes from not getting back up. Everything you and I experienced this past year (good or bad) has made us stronger for this year's triumphs and struggles. In any sport, the losses are hard to take, but the lessons we can learn from them are essential to our growth in that sport. So it is in life.

We need to instill in our children, our family, and our friends the wisdom to know how to overcome the feelings of utter despair when faced with self-defeat, or failures. How do we do that? Preaching doesn't work, nor does sending videos of promotional speakers or dancing around a campfire singing "Kumbaya, my Lord." What does work is being

the same every day when you're around your children, family and friends. Allowing them to see an attitude of the joy of life itself and sharing that with them. Let them know they bring joy into your life and without them in your life, your life would be less brilliant and less satisfying.

We need to see people the way Jesus saw them, as jewels GOD placed in this world for you to enjoy. We have a shiny, clean, brand new slate. What are we going to write on it this year? Is it going to be scratches of what we failed in last year? I have a song I sing to my granddaughter Maddie, and it is called "There's a Bluebird on Your Windowsill." The other day, she and I sat for an hour, or more, singing that song and writing new verses for it. That is

the way I want this brand-new year to be! Sharing the happiness that little girl shared with me.

I'm tired of all the wretched influences of crochety old men and women that see no farther than their losses of last year. I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired! I want my granddaughter to share her joy of life's unending song with me. That is what we ought to be to everyone we know. A fountain of joy in the middle of all the world's downtrodden and naysayers. I could not have stopped Maddie singing for anything. After her little shrill voice kept blurting out that song, I did not want to, so, I just started singing along. That is what it takes! Just start the New Year singing, and don't stop until everyone starts singing along. It works!

