

# Stewart: Best friends were unlike each other in their personal beliefs

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when the plane’s flaps malfunctioned, and they were forced to crash land. When his oldest son Ronald was killed as a Marine in Vietnam in 1969, despite his sorrow, Jimmy stood by his support for both the military and that particular conflict, never accepting the idea that his son’s death was wasted.

Finally, there was fundamental human decency.

Jimmy was known for modesty, graciousness, and warmth, even as he could be stubborn and unyielding when his convictions were on the line, just like George Bailey. He epitomized the man that the fallen Violet Bick was so glad she knew because of how he cared about others without drawing attention to himself. Stewart’s basic decency is noted over and over in interviews with people he dealt with from every level, persuasion and

walk of life.

Perhaps most telling with regard to these qualities was Stewart’s lifelong, close friendship with Henry Fonda, one that went back to rooming together as starving actors in New York City in the early 1930s. Stewart was a conservative Republican and Christian, and not afraid to show it, Hollywood or not. Fonda was an agnostic, raised Christian Scientist, and a liberal Democrat. Friendships between some-

one like Jimmy and John Wayne or Ronald Reagan we understand, but Fonda? Their approaches to marriage (Fonda had five) and family (Fonda’s relationship with his children was, well, complicated) were miles apart. Yet they loved and respected each other, choosing to focus on all they shared while agreeing to disagree, and generally not discuss, their differences. They would get together to build model airplanes and talk. It was a remarkable friendship, captured well in the recent book, [Hank and Jim](#).

Decency, duty, family, community, hard work, honesty. Simple things which, as Stewart said, were blessings within the grasp of anyone, high or low, rich or poor, who

chose to embrace them. And now I understood where my tears came from, watching the climax of that marvelous film for the umpteenth time.

Whether in everyday life, mass or social media, George Bailey and Jimmy Stewart and all they represent stand in sharp contrast to the coarseness, animosity, profaneness, and hostility of our rapidly degenerating modern American culture. At Stewart’s museum in little Indiana, Pennsylvania, this Christmas season, I realized how tired and discouraged I was from the latter, and the desperate depth of my longing for the goodness of men like Stewart and Bailey to be held in honor again, not just by every man, but by those who teach and lead

us. Whether it’s Woke cancel culture or “owning the Libs,” we have come unhinged across the social and political spectrum. We need to bring back fundamental bedrock values, moral goodness, and interpersonal decency. The simple moral example of folk like Jimmy Stewart, and the mythical inspiration of films he starred in such as *It’s a Wonderful Life*, can help to heal us, if we heed what they teach, and are not ashamed of them despite the scorn of today’s intellectuals, media influencers, and pundits. Let us do just that, before it’s too late.

Maybe starting with another viewing of that film, and a lingering visit to the Jimmy Stewart Museum.

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

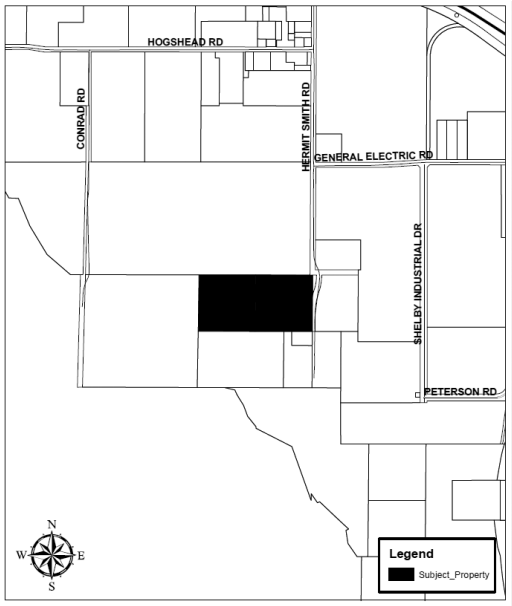
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **Michael Dinkel** has made application relating to the following described property.

### 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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## Moore: Working together best way

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ture, that leaders set out to inspire the residents and business owners to improve their areas. Improvements can be relatively easy and inexpensive. For example, it’s not hard to pick up trash and park cars neatly. For a bit more investment, painting facades and upgrading landscaping provides the touch that tells the community you care. FDOT is in the process of improving U.S. 441 through the west side of Apopka, and soon through the Zellwood area. These are golden opportunities to improve the corridors.

I’m in the process of strengthening the North Pine Hills, Lockhart, and Wekiwa Springs area leader’s groups to manage these

types of activities. We have active boards of directors and members who follow my lead in corridor improvements, wall maintenance, pressure-washing, trash pick up, etc. We are also branching out to include high school students to paint fences and homes of our elderly. All I need to assist the west side of Apopka and Zellwood is a new group of leaders to step up.

Please call my office if you wish to help lead these new groups at 407.836.5850.

Our first quarterly leader’s meeting is Thursday, January 19, at Wekiwa High School.

What the book did is to help me broaden my thinking to seek more private-sector investment. I know

we must be more deliberate and purposeful about seeking larger dollar amounts for the types of major improvements we would like to see.

I also believe we cannot allow rampant, out-of-control sprawl, if we want to see infill and improvements in existing areas. I’m proud of the new, smaller developments, homes, and small businesses I have been a part of, coming to South Apopka, Lockhart, North Pine Hills, and Wekiwa Springs. I believe it goes back to looking neat and clean. No investor wants to waste millions in an area he or she believes will not bring a return on the investment.

More about regenerating older communities in next week’s column.

## Hayden: Equity and equality differ

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America never promoted equity except to talk about how much your house was worth, or how much you had in savings or retirement. Equity and equality are two separate things, never meaning the same thing. Equity says everyone gets the same amount of whatever, matter or not they had any input into the making of it. Equality means everyone has an equal opportunity to work and put into the making of it, and so share in the blessings available.

Do any of you remember the child’s story of the little red hen that looked for other animals to assist her in making the bread? She went to every animal in the barnyard, she and her little chicks, and asked for help in making the bread. All the animals were like the

“woke” generation of today, they all had other “important” things to do.

So, when the bread was done and the delicious aroma filled the barnyard, all the animals came to share the feast. The little red hen told them, “You were too busy to help in the preparation and the baking of the bread, so my chicks and I will enjoy it ourselves.”

That story’s lesson used to be taught to young children and augmented by a mother or father’s admonition and testimony of hard work by them both.

I fear the lesson that was so well taught has never been incorporated into our politician’s understanding, or public service. There is so much corruption and greed in our government today and that is exactly why President Donald Trump is so feared

and hated by our thieving and lying politicians. He brought to light the “swamp dwellers” and their hatred for America and “We the People.”

Whatever you think of Donald Trump, he loved the United States and was willing to give up his life of luxury and wealthy lifestyle for the responsibility and all the scorn he endured as our president, and even still, is being skewered by those whose actions show they are inhabitants and promoters of the “swamp.” Now it is his taxes they are looking into, hoping to find anything derogatory in them, and even if they can’t find anything wrong, they will cast doubt and lie about what they do find.

I’m wondering how Al Sharpton gets away with owing millions in taxes without any investigation.

## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

### The Apopka Chief

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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.

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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  
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Parks and Rec. Dept. ....407-703-1741  
Police Chief .....407-703-1769  
Police (non-emerg.) .....407-703-1771  
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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**

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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  
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Doug Bankson .....407-476-6787  
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45) .....unknown  
**State Senators**  
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11) 407-297-2045  
**Orange County Commissioner**  
Christine Moore .....407-836-7350  
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Bus routes.....407-317-3800  
Superintendent.....407-317-3200  
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