

Fentanyl: Keep Naloxone handy

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both Obrador and Chinese President Xi Jinping,” Moody said.

Both countries have been identified by U.S. federal and state law enforcement agencies for creating the illicit fentanyl crisis. Chinese mafia and gangs ship fentanyl precursors to Mexican ports, where cartels and their operatives manufacture fake prescription pills and lace other drugs with fentanyl, fueling the fentanyl crisis, the DEA and other agencies say.

Traffickers then bring deadly drugs across the border us-

ing migrant warfare as a way to distract and avoid law enforcement, experts say.

The DEA has published several public safety alerts about the dangers of fentanyl. Florida has also published resources through its Dose of Reality, One Pill Can Kill website. It’s Fast Facts on Fentanyl toolkit includes a DEA Emoji Drug Code to educate parents about how dealers are selling illicit drugs targeting minors through social media apps.

EAF points out that synthetic opioid (fen-

tanyl) poisoning is still the leading cause of death among Americans between ages 18 and 45.

Americans are encouraged to have Naloxone on hand, a drug that’s proven to reverse opioid overdoses and fentanyl poisoning if administered quickly enough. It’s available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It’s accessible for free and low cost online, through a range of community organizations, and through pharmacies with and without a prescription and with or without insurance

Byrd: Schools need more support

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The arts programs are another area where this shows up: Students in our Title 1 schools have limited transportation which results in limited practices that are available after school, which results in less training and opportunities.

When one school has a world-class drama program that turns out students that receive offers from the top drama schools in the country, and another high school can’t have after-school practices because the students have to work to provide for their families or they don’t have transportation, there is no comparison in the programs.

Tutoring and college prep is another big area of inequities: Many parents in more affluent areas spend thousands of dollars on test prep for their children to ensure good scores for college admissions. This is money many families don’t have and this creates a big gap in college opportunities for kids.

The federal government recognizes these inequities and addresses them through the Title 1 program by providing extra funding to these schools. Title 1 schools are identified by their poverty level.

We have several Title 1 schools in Apopka including Zellwood Elementary with a 60 percent poverty level; Wekiva High with a 61 percent poverty level; Dream Lake Elementary with a 63 percent poverty level; Lakeville Elementary with a 65 percent poverty level; Piedmont Lakes Middle with a 68 percent poverty level; Lovell Elementary with a 74 percent poverty level, and Wheatley Elementary with an 85 percent poverty level.

OCPs does a LOT to address equity and is always looking for ways to help the situation. For example, several years ago, all schools were retrofitted with rubberized tracks when some schools had them and the athletes were better able to train because of them.

There are several other initiatives that are in place to help as well. When I

ran for office, I wanted to focus on bringing the same opportunities that were available to other parts of the district to our area.

I brought the first K-8 school to the area. We have increased the number of schools of innovation, and we have expanded the magnet programs including the first culinary magnet in all of Central Florida at Wekiva High School.

These are all opportunities that allow kids to experience new and exciting curriculum that will better prepare them for the opportunities that lie ahead. It gives them the same opportunities that other kids have. It’s all about opportunity.

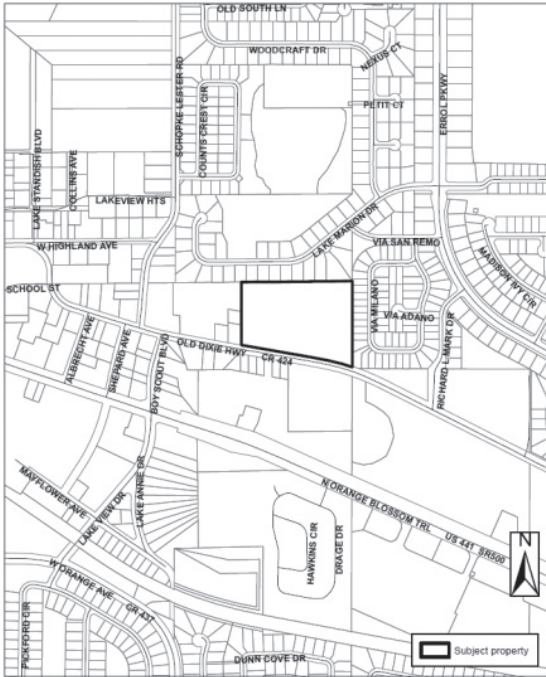
There is still so much work to do and I am fully committed to ensuring that all of our kids have the same opportunities and chances in life. This is what drives my work every day. We all have to have the same commitment to our community, our schools and our children.

Every child deserves opportunities. Every child deserves a chance.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT

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 **TARA TEDROW, ESQ.** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 2989
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 RESIDENTIAL LOW TO RESIDENTIAL HIGH FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY AND EAST OF SCHOPKE LESTER ROAD; OWNED BY HOUSAM FAMILY TRUST; COMPRISING 10.42 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 06-21-28-0000-00-020
Contains: 10.42 +/- 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, February 1, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** AND **Wednesday, February 15, 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 Application 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: Investment value stressed

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opment fees, loans for start-ups, rebate sales tax, increasing business land, and increasing density or height requirements.

For example, regeneration policies in the United Kingdom are much more focused on urban policy than in the United States. The Brits have spent more than \$6 billion in what they call high deprivation areas based on an index. They weigh the following: employment, health deprivation and disability, education, skills, and training, geographic access to services, and housing. Some 8,414 neighborhoods were evaluated and ranked with this index.

Government regeneration efforts target the most-challenged of these neighborhoods. National policy toward regeneration has evolved from simple property-led regeneration to more comprehensive strategies that embrace the social and environmental aspects of urban decline. Under conservation leadership in the 1980s “immediate action and visible results” was stressed. In the 1990s, the emphasis shifted toward the broader-based agenda. The awareness increased about the importance of monitoring and assessing the value of the investments. The positive and negatives of this approach were evaluated to say that developers appreciate the easy and cheap land, but the challenges and extra costs of partnerships for the wrap-around services was a barrier.

I believe we must build affordable housing nearby to services such as public

transit, shopping, medical services, quality educational facilities, etc. A comprehensive look at South Apopka would easily come up with the lack of shopping options, childcare facilities, and medical offices. And let us never forget the importance of access to jobs which pay a living wage. We must remedy the lack of amenities by actively seeking out and incentivizing businesses to locate in these lower-income areas.

I have just such a project this year where I hope to recruit a Publix back to the Lockhart/North Pine Hills area. I will be promulgating a petition throughout the nearby neighborhoods and taking the county’s economic development team with me for a visit. I will keep you apprised of my progress.

Hayden: Be patient, not neglectful

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be a lot less prepared for our usefulness when our dream became a reality.

So many times, I have wanted to jump right in the middle of something and, ignoring the detour, I fall flat on my face. Why? Because if I had taken the detour, my preparation for that something would have been complete, and I may have decided that was not for me. A snowstorm changed my immediate desire, but it could be a multitude of different detours that we need to pay attention to. I’m not saying to discard that dream but wait for the storm to clear and be aware when an opening comes for that dream to materialize. The Bible says, “Wait upon the Lord.” That wait means be patient. It does not mean, don’t do anything. It means to keep busy in the meantime, and you will find your mind will relax and be able to learn things God wants to teach you while you are waiting.

Did I ever get to fulfill my dream of cowboying? You bet! I leased 440 acres of land and bought a herd of 14 head of registered black Angus cows and a bull by the name of Hercules. I kept buying cattle and ended up with 126 head of cattle, three horses, and a herd of 10 swine (pigs).

God detoured me for a while, and during all that time on that detour, I was learning what was essential for running a ranch and

cowboying. Ranching has as much to do with planning, bookkeeping, buying, and selling as it does with chasing hard-headed cattle on horseback, and had it not been for the detour, a lot of that would have gone unlearned.

If you are in the middle of a snowstorm, and you are desiring to fulfill a dream, be patient and watch for the detour. You have a purpose, and if you will keep busy while you are waiting, God will teach you the necessities of what it takes to be productive in that purpose. There is a song “Detour” and part of that song says, “For the better things I find, should’ve read that detour sign.” Use the detours for learning, not for yearning.

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

Established 1923
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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.

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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City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall407-703-1700
Mayor's Office407-703-1701
City Administrator407-703-1649
City Clerk407-703-1704
Community Devel.407-703-1712
Code Enforcement407-703-1738
Finance Dept.407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.).....407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.407-703-1741
Police Chief407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.).....407-703-1771
Job Line407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.....407-703-1731
Street Maintenance407-703-1731
Utility Billing407-703-1727
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 Mayor407-836-7370
County Commission.....407-836-7350
County Attorney407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor.....407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue407-836-3111
Solid Waste407-836-6601
Garbage Collection.....407-703-1731
Health Dept.407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.407-836-6200
Property Appraiser.....407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint.....407-836-4357
Utilities407-836-5515
All other departments407-836-3111
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
Maxwell Frost (Dist. 10)202-2252176
State Representatives
Doug Bankson (Dist. 39) 407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45) web site
State Senators
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11) 407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner
Christine Moore407-836-7350
Orange County Public Schools
Pupil assignment.....407-317-3233
Bus routes.....407-317-3800
Superintendent.....407-317-3200
School Board407-317-3200
Miscellaneous
The Apopka Chief.....407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans.....407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce.....407-886-1441