

# Constitution grants limited powers

By: Bob Hilliard  
Constitution Minute

In 2008, Roger Clements (one of the most successful power pitchers in history) was contacted by members of Congress and ordered to appear before a congressional committee on drug use in sports.

Mr. Clements foolishly complied. As a result, he was subsequently indicted on perjury, a completely unrelated charge.

If he (or his attorney) had had a working knowledge of the Constitution, he would have advised Congress that he planned to ignore such a demand to appear until Congress can prove they have the lawful authority to address the subject of “drugs” or “sports”. They

can’t because that authority does not exist.

The Constitution grants to Congress only limited powers to make criminal laws.

Does Congress have the lawful authority to even address the subject of “sports” or “drugs” for the nation as a whole, or to make criminal laws on those subjects? NO!!

Thus, laws which claim to be of general application throughout the several States criminalizing acts respecting firearms, ammunition, hate crimes, environmental crimes, economic crimes, banking crimes, computer crimes, murder, kidnapping, narcotics, arson, extortion, etc. etc., etc., etc., are all unconstitutional usurpations.

In Federalist No. 33, Hamilton cited Art. VI, cl.2, as showing that laws which are not pursuant to the Constitution are merely acts of usurpation and deserve to be treated as such (7th Para).

Note: Much of the federal criminal code of today consists of “laws” which are mere usurpations and deserve to be treated as such.

They are not “laws”, because they are outside the legislative powers granted to Congress by the Constitution.

Here’s an authoritative paper on what criminal laws our federal government may lawfully and constitutionally address: <https://publiushuldah.wordpress.com/2009/06/29/us-criminal-code/>

# Byrd: Volunteers are always needed

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tant not to miss deadlines to turn in paperwork or applications. There is really a lot to keep track of when dealing with transcripts, housing applications, scholarship deadlines, etc. Staying organized with lists and a shared calendar can be your best defense in this busy time.

Be sure to also take advantage of your school’s college and career counselors. They are there to help students and parents navigate the enormous amount

of choices available post graduation.

Don’t forget to also check out the career and trade training available through Orange Technical College.

There are many in-demand and high paying jobs available out there and OTC is a great and affordable way to get the training needed for these jobs.

As we close 2022 and look to the future, I want to encourage every community member to consider getting involved with your local schools in some way.

All of our schools are looking for mentors, tutors and volunteers to help our students.

If you are looking to add some volunteer work to your goals for 2023, I encourage you to reach out to your local schools or visit the Additions volunteer page on [ocps.net](http://ocps.net) to learn how you can be a part of our vast network of volunteers and help our children reach their potential.

As we start our new year, I wish each of you a healthy and happy 2023! Enjoy.

# Moore: Corridor Chiefs are needed

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gers me to see my Lockhart and north Pine Hills folks having to shop in Winter Park and Orlando. It bothers me when my Apopka folks need to shop in Altamonte Springs. The sales tax revenues need to stay in our county and city. We should attract shoppers from other areas to our merchants. I was thrilled when we attracted Sprouts and Ulta to the Wekiva Riverwalk Shopping Center in the Apopka or Wekiwa Springs area of District 2. I have led numerous initiatives to improve the look of Wekiwa Springs Road to attract Seminole County residents to these new retailers.

We still have much to do on State Road 436 as the gateway to Apopka looks lousy. Perhaps, soon, I can organize a cleanup of the landscaping in front of the two boutique hotels. With the natural beauty of Border Lake, the hotels, and Lumen, formerly Centu-

ryLink, building, it is criminal that we do not have median landscaping and better maintained frontages. We can inspire our businesses to do better with the prospect of additional revenue.

Remember, any new apartments, housing renovations, and conversions in and around a town center are signs that a community is regenerating. It is easy for every reader to do something to help. You can become a Corridor Chief. We offer training at our various group meetings. Call my office at 407-836-5850 if you wish to help.

I recently recruited my eight-year-old, precocious granddaughter Leah. Her mother couldn’t believe she was excited to walk the corridor with me, picking up trash, and turning in problems to 311. She learned about graffiti as we requested new street signage. We nicely asked a vendor to take down his banana banner. We turned in large construction de-

bris piles which had been on the street for months. We even learned that most of the trash included losing lottery cards and empty liquor bottles, probably from the 7-Eleven on the corner, which leads me to go check on the availability of trash receptacles.

We have started painting a mural at another gas station and working with the owner to paint, landscape, and improve his property. He is motivated, as we know more revenue will come in once the property is clean and inviting. Leah is excited to have earned a Corridor Chief vest and be a part of improving the community.

You, too, can pick up trash and encourage small businesses to improve their properties.

The owners are floored when I or other citizens take an interest in them. The enthusiasm is infectious. I hope you will join me and my granddaughter in this exciting and productive work.

# Hayden: Slavery enabled life here

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er again? We are becoming separated by listening to garbage promoted by those who want us to be separated by race, ideologies, wealth, and religions to profit themselves. The first rule of battlefield strategy is to separate and conquer. The powers that be know if we start dividing our forces, they can use one against the other until they are the only ones left standing, and we will be the defeated and downtrodden, fodder to be used as slaves to a monstrous government.

Thomas Jefferson said, “A government that is big enough to give you anything you want is big enough to take anything

you have.”

As I said, Fred and I were discussing the world’s conditions and as we pondered the situations of our immediate lives, he made a statement that amazed me. He made the point of being thankful for slavery! He wasn’t, by any means, glorifying it, but he said that had it not been for slavery, he might have been born in Africa, living in poor conditions without the comforts he now has. As I thought on his profound statement, I wished we all could look for the good in our existence instead of finding fault and looking for any reason to be angry and divisibly disturbed.

I’ve seen other nations and how the people live un-

der different governments, and I would not trade my lifestyle for any of those under any other form of national governing. I did not make any New Year’s resolutions, but I think I will make one now. I resolve: “I refuse to be offended by crude remarks made by people who have not engaged their thought processes before they engaged their tongue.” I also resolve to be loving and kind toward those who might have a chip on their shoulder and just need someone who will listen without judging.

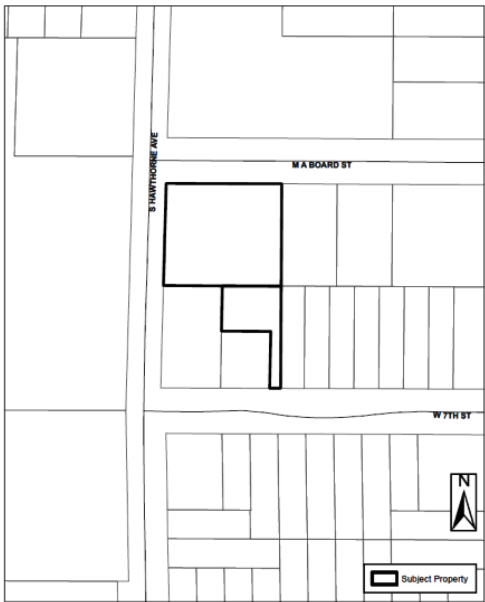
Hopefully, we will not depend on the government to make us happy, but we will oversee our own.

And they can live happily ever after.

## 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 **CITY OF APOPKA** has made application relating to the following described property.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2995**  
**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 MEDIUM LOW FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF M A BOARD STREET AND EAST OF S HAWTHORNE AVENUE; OWNED BY THE CITY OF APOPKA; COMPRISING 1.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



Parcel Identification Number(s): 09-21-28-0196-40-250 & 09-21-28-0196-40-313  
Contains: 1.09 +/- 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, February 14, 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, March 1, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. AND Wednesday, March 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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## 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.

[www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com), [news@theapokkachief.com](mailto:news@theapokkachief.com)



#### 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 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  
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Job Line .....407-703-1743  
Solid Waste Collect.....407-703-1731  
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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**

#### 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  
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Hunting/Fishing Lic .....888-347-4356  
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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**  
Maxwell Frost (Dist. 10) .....202-2252176  
**State Representatives**  
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  
**Orange County Public Schools**  
Pupil assignment .....407-317-3233  
Bus routes.....407-317-3800  
Superintendent.....407-317-3200  
School Board.....407-317-3200  
**Miscellaneous**  
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## Orange County Court Self Help Centers

Named in honor of the late Orange County Clerk of Courts Lydia Gardner, the Self Help Center was created to provide customers with limited legal guidance and low-cost attorney consultations. The Center is the first of its kind in the Orange County community to help citizens who either don't have a lawyer or cannot afford one.

The Self Help Center will assist only with the following case types: Family Law (excluding restraining orders); Child Custody/Child Support; Divorce; Paternity; And more; Small Claims; Residential Evictions

Services provided include: Attorney consultations; Form completion assistance; Notary and copy services. The services provided are not based on income.

### What is the Self Help Center?

The Clerk's Self Help Center is designed to provide legal assistance to Orange County citizens who are representing themselves before the court and do not have a private attorney. It is the first of its kind in our community to help people who either don't have a lawyer or cannot afford one.

### Where are Self Help Centers located?

There are two self-help centers. The Orange County Courthouse is located at 425 North Orange Ave, Suite 340 (3rd floor, Orlando, FL 32801. Hours of Operation: Mon - Fri: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

***The Apopka Service Center is located at 1111 N. Rock Springs Rd., Apopka, FL 32712, and the hours of operation are Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. This self-help center began operation on October 17, 2017.***

### What services are offered at the Self Help Centers?

The Self Help Center offers assistance to customers in completing court forms, filing documents electronically and providing access to contracted attorneys at an affordable price. Other services available at the Self Help Center are printing, copying, notary and general consultations.

### What types of cases will the Self Help Center offer assistance with?

The Center focuses on assisting customers with Family Law (excluding injunctions), Small Claims, Landlord-Ten-

ant and Eviction cases.

### What is Family Law?

Family Law consists of alimony, child custody/visitation, child support, contempt, divorce, name change, paternity, step-parent adoption, support unconnected with dissolution of marriage and temporary custody.

### How can I schedule an attorney consultation?

Attorney consultations are set by appointment and must be for a minimum of 15 minutes, charged at \$1.00 a minute. Consultations may not exceed more than one hour at one time within a day. You will need a credit card in order to schedule the consultation online

### How do I schedule an appointment without access to the internet?

If you do not have access to a computer or smart device at home, you can come to the Self Help Center's two locations to schedule an appointment in person or use a customer computer in room 340.

### How can I schedule an attorney consultation without a credit card?

Come in to the Self Help Center and make an appointment with a deputy clerk at the front counter.

### What if I am unable to schedule an appointment due to a disability?

You may call the Ninth Circuit Court's American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) line at (407) 836-2303 to leave a message for further assistance.

### When is the Self Help Center open?

The Self Help Center is open Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Courthouse, and Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting October 17, 2017 at the Apopka Service Center.

### Are there income restrictions to receive services?

No. Services provided at the Self Help Center are not based on your income.

### What is the Self Help Center's phone number?

You can contact the Self Help Center by calling 407-836-6300 for the Courthouse or 407-836-2007 for the Apopka location

### What forms are Available?

A limited number of forms are available for download from myorangeclerk.com. If the form you are looking for is not available on this site, consider searching the Florida Courts or other websites.

A limited number of form packets are available for sale in our divisions and branch locations

## Review: Fall Family Festival, sports cover October

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within 120 days for final approval.

At the Wednesday, October 19 Apopka City Council meeting, at Apopka City Hall, the public learned more about two studies meant to improve traffic conditions and accommodate growth: a proposed half-interchange connecting Binion Road to S.R. 429, and the Ocoee-Apopka Road expansion to give additional roadway capacity.

Organized by the Apopka Rotary Club and supported by the city of Apopka, the Fall Family Festival has taken its place among the institutions of Apopka. Scheduled for October 20- 22 at Kit Land Nelson Park, this marks the 21st edition of the festival.

The city of Apopka is negotiating a leasing agreement with a church for a city-owned building on Lust Road, which the church is interested in using as a storage facility for its community service and disaster relief efforts.

A selection of students from the Magnet Academy of Culinary Arts at Wekiva High School took their skills on the road Tuesday, October 11, planning, packing up their mobile kitchen, and heading downtown to

the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center in Orlando.

A week after toppling rival Lake Brantley by a touchdown, the Apopka Blue Darters face another huge District 4M-2 contest today, Friday, October 21, when they play at Lake Mary's Don T. Reynolds Stadium. The Blue Darters are 4-2 overall and 1-0 in district play while the Rams have a 5-1 overall record but are 1-1 in district action.

The Wekiva Mustangs continued an up-and-down 2022 season on Friday, October 14, with a 34-7 victory over the Horizon Hawks.

### October 28, 2022

About 500 people attended this year's car show, where 110 vehicles were exhibited and over a dozen awards were given out last weekend as part of the Fall Family Festival.

The City Council voted to accept conflict-of-interest forms and an applicant ranking list consisting of 16 individuals for the Community Development Block Grant housing funds for fiscal year 2019, intended to help repair low-to-moderate-income homes in Apopka.

A barbecue restaurant chain and Orange County Public Schools pleasantly

surprised Clay Springs Elementary School teacher Kathryn Wilttrout with an award for her dedication to her students and bolstering their involvement in STEM activities.

History was made among the Apopka Blue Darters' bowling teams when the District 8 championship meet ended on October 25 at Bowlero Lanes. District championships had never been claimed by either the boys or girls teams during the same two consecutive seasons.

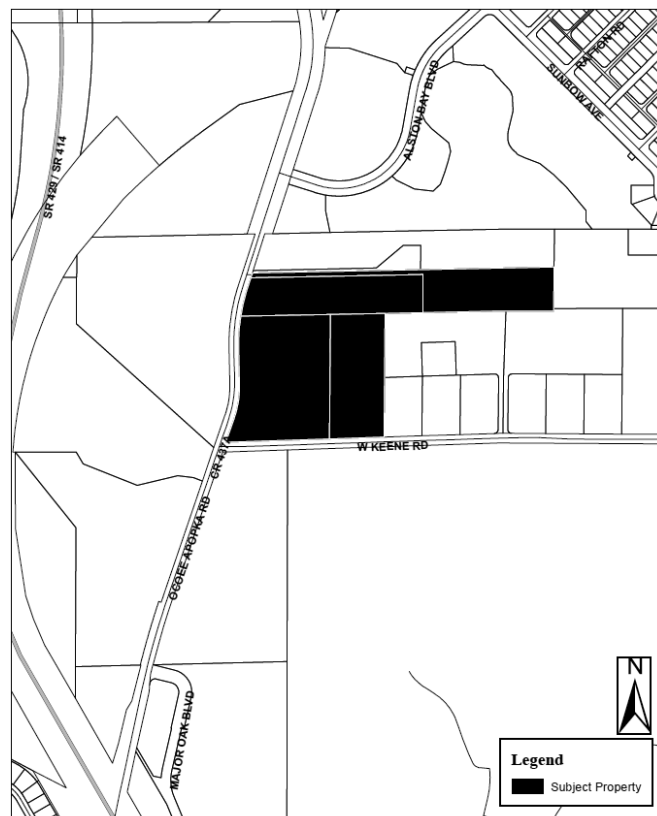
The District 4M-2 championship all comes down to a game that will be played more than a month later than it was originally scheduled. Apopka and Seminole were supposed to play the first district contest of the season for both teams, but thanks to Hurricane Ian, the teams will play Tuesday, November 1, in the final possible district playing date of the season.

The Wekiva Mustangs still have the opportunity to force their way into the playoff picture after the contest against Jones on Friday, October 21. However, by virtue of Jones' 21-7 victory over the Mustangs, the Tigers' push toward the FHSAA playoffs is clearer and more in focus.

## 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 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.** 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 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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