

# Electors are to decide who is eligible for the office of the President

By: Bob Hilliard  
 Constitution Minutes  
 Part 2 of 2  
 So! Who decides who is eligible to be president? How is this handled? Who makes the ruling? Do we "file a lawsuit" and let federal judges decide? Slap your hands!".  
 our Framers would say. They would say, "READ THE CONSTITUTION AND SEE WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO

HAPPEN!"  
 Read the 12th Amendment. That sets forth the procedures for election of President and VP. Note that ELECTORS are supposed to be the ones making the selection – not The People. (There is a reason for that.)  
 For an illustration of how this works, go HERE (https://publiushuldah.wordpress.com/2012/02/09/national-

popular-vote-goodbye-sweet-america).  
 So! Assume we followed the Constitution on this issue and we get to the part where Congress is counting the votes as provided by 12th Amendment. And Lo! Congress discovers that the person who got the most votes for President is NOT QUALIFIED by reason of age, or not being a natural born citizen, or not having

been for at least 14 years a Resident within the United States. Obviously, it's Congress' job to make the ruling – to make the call – on whether the President and VP – selected by the ELECTORS – are qualified under Art. II, Sec. 1, clause 5. So what happens if Congress finds that the person with the most votes for President is not qualified? We look to Sec. 3 of the 20th

Amendment. It tells us what happens. "...if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, the Vice President elect shall act as President". Now, read the rest of that Section. We would also need to see whether Congress has made any of the authorized laws providing for such contingencies.  
 So, under the Constitution as written, it is Congress' job to make

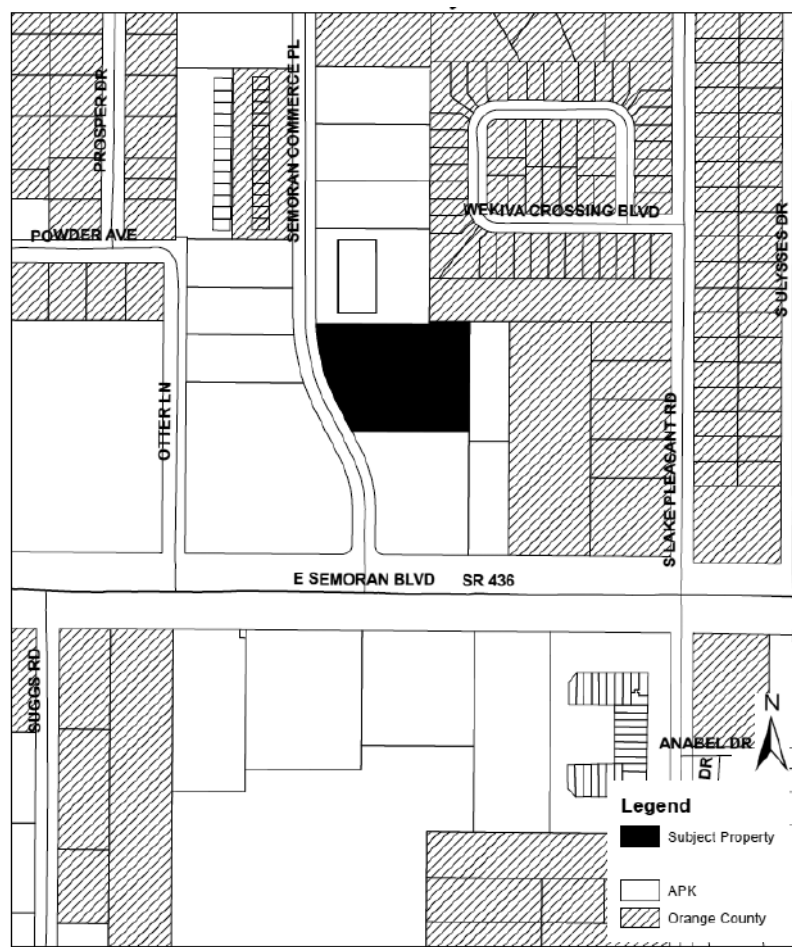
the call as to whether the President elect and the VP elect are qualified.  
 This is NOT an issue for the federal courts to decide. That is because this is a "political question" – not a "legal question". And what if Congress gives an ineligible person a pass – as they did with Obama? WELL THEN, SHAME ON US – BECAUSE WE ARE THE ONES WHO ELECTED THEM.

## 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 **JONATHAN HUELS, ESQ.** has made application relating to the following described property.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3010**  
 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 INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF SEMORAN COMMERCE PLACE, WEST OF LAKE PLEASANT ROAD AND NORTH OF SR 436; OWNED BY SHAKE THE NATIONS MINISTRIES, INC., COMPRISING 2.4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3011**  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO C-COR (COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF SEMORAN COMMERCE PLACE, WEST OF LAKE PLEASANT ROAD AND NORTH OF SR 436; OWNED BY SHAKE THE NATIONS MINISTRIES, INC., COMPRISING 2.4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 11-21-28-7900-00-210  
 Contains: 2.40 +/- 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, June 13, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3010 and 3011 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, July 5, 2023 beginning at 1:30 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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## Byrd: Future pathways are many

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and so far ahead of the game, yet sometimes I feel like they don't get the credit they deserve.

Some other students walked across the stage with not only a diploma but also getting their AA degree by being dual enrolled in college while attending high school.

This is an enormous feat for these kids to accomplish and now they are guaranteed admission to many of the universities in our state.

Many students were headed to our local colleges instead of our ever increasingly selective state universities. It seemed as though so many of them were not as proud to share that news and that made me sad. The decision to continue learning, no matter where that takes place, should be celebrated.

There were also many students who were headed to the military to bravely serve our country. This de-

cision is always astounding to me as you look in the eyes of a young adult who is so confident in their strength of character to make this strong commitment at such a young age.

Their pride is overwhelming to witness.

Of course, there are those students who were very decorated with numerous cords and medals and are headed to a top university. OCPS turns out numerous university-bound students and we are certainly proud of the grit and determination those students show as well.

But it is the other students I mention that often seem to walk in the shadow of these graduates that I want us to think about. We have for so long told our children that a four-year university was the next "best" step in the journey after high school. That model doesn't work for many kids, especially now, as universities have become so selective and difficult to get into.

There are many pathways to a successful future and a four-year university right after high school isn't the only way to that future. That is becoming more and more apparent every year as more opportunities open up in dual enrollment and work force training.

It's time that our expectations catch up to this reality and it's time that we let our kids know. We have to tell our kids that it is alright to choose the path that is best for them. It's time that we celebrate a child when they find a passion and a way to make a living doing it, no matter how they get there.

I am so proud that OCPS has embraced this mind set and has opened up the world of possibilities to our children. Let's be sure that we are supportive of all the choices that our children have ahead of them.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 and the endless opportunities that await you!

## Moore: Funds needed for service

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foundation for my Corridor Chief Program, which cleans up the right-of-way and reports deficiencies to the proper agency.

These include sidewalk repairs, lighting deficiencies, faded street signs, trash from move-outs, and more.

The wonderful Wekiwa Springs area Corridor Chiefs are as follows: Wekiwa Springs Road – Rick Lippert and Angela Lee. Thompson Road – Debbie Mills, Jeff Engelbrecht, Kelly Dawson, Jean Ford, and Chris Vincent. Sandpiper – John and Angela Dempsey, Welch Road – Kathy Marsh and the Robinsons. Christiana –

Gene Knight. Votaw Road (east end) Patricia Russell. These dear ones pick up trash monthly and again report deficiencies to the proper agencies.

I still need a dedicated Corridor Chief for the west end of Votaw and Lk. Pleasant roads.

I also need the property owners all along Votaw Road to get more into the contest. I am hoping for neat front yards, trees trimmed up, and walls, sidewalks, and fences, clean, painted, and mold-free. Weeds and brush need to be cut out and trimmed. We have a long way to go. The number of personal belongings in front yards is a barrier to winning. Several HOAs have moldy walls

and sidewalks. People of Wekiwa Springs truly need your help to win the contest, judging will be Nov. 4th.

Now, back to the Votaw Village wall. As we pressure-washed in anticipation of the homeowners rolling the wall themselves, the wall began to crumble. On our workday, we scraped off the loose paint and cleaned it with TSP. I have a donor for priming the wall. The HOA is paying for the paint. I paid for the initial two pressure-washings. Now, we must raise money for masonry service. UGH!!

If you would like to donate funding, please call my office at 407-836-5850.

## Hayden: Only American flag is needed

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the speech by President Theodore Roosevelt on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN in 1907.

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equal-

ity with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American. There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else

also, isn't an American at all.

We have room for but one flag, the American flag. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language. And we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

To that I can only say, Amen and amen!

### 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 23, 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, news@theapokkachief.com



#### City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

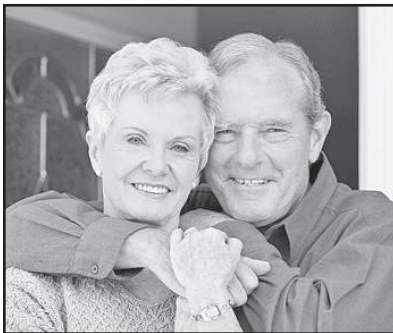
City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor's Office	407-703-1701
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City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel.	407-703-1712
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Fire (non-emerg.)	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
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	

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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
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Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency	911
www.orangecountyfl.net	

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<b>U.S. Senators</b>	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
<b>U.S. Representative</b>	
Maxwell Frost (Dist. 10)	202-225-2176
<b>State Representatives</b>	
Doug Bankson	407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45)	unknown
<b>State Senators</b>	
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11)	407-297-2045
<b>Orange County Commissioner</b>	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
<b>Orange County Public Schools</b>	
Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441



# Golden Chief

A FOCUS ON SENIOR CITIZENS



## Nine things you may not know about Memorial Day

From its Civil War origins to its modern-day traditions, find out more about America's most solemn holiday.

By: Barbara Maranzani

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### 1. Memorial Day and its traditions may have ancient roots.

While the first commemorative Memorial Day events weren't held in the United States until the late 19th century, the practice of honoring those who have fallen in battle dates back thousands of years.

The ancient Greeks and Romans held annual days of remembrance for loved ones (including soldiers) each year, festooning their graves with flowers and holding public festivals and feasts in their honor. In Athens, public funerals for fallen soldiers were held after each battle, with the remains of the dead on display for public mourning before a funeral procession took them to their internment in the Kerameikos, one of the city's most prestigious cemeteries.

One of the first known public tributes to war dead was in 431 B.C., when the Athenian general and statesman Pericles delivered a funeral oration praising the sacrifice and valor of those killed in the Peloponnesian War—a speech that some have compared in tone to Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

### 2. One of the earliest commemorations was organized by recently freed African Americans.

As the Civil War neared its end, thousands of Union soldiers, held as prisoners of war, were herded into a series of hastily assembled camps in Charleston, South Carolina. Conditions at one camp, a former racetrack near the city's Citadel, were so bad that more than 250 prisoners died from disease or exposure, and were buried in a mass grave behind the track's grandstand.

Three weeks after the Confederate surrender, an unusual procession entered the former camp: On May 1, 1865, more than 1,000 people recently freed from enslavement, accompanied by regiments of the U.S. Colored Troops (including the Massachusetts 54th Infantry) and a handful of white Charlestonians, gathered in the camp to consecrate a new, proper burial site for the Union dead.

The group sang hymns, gave readings and distributed flowers around the cemetery, which they dedicated to the "Martyrs of the Race Course."

### 3. The holiday's 'founder' had a long and distinguished career.

In May 1868, General John A. Logan, the commander-in-chief of the Union veterans' group known as the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a decree that May 30 should become a nationwide day of commemoration for the more than 620,000 soldiers killed in the recently ended Civil War.

On Decoration Day, as Logan dubbed it, Americans should lay flowers and decorate the graves of the war dead "whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."

According to legend, Logan chose May 30 because it was a rare day that didn't fall on the anniversary of a Civil War battle, though some historians believe the date was select-

ed to ensure that flowers across the country would be in full bloom.

After the war Logan, who had served as a U.S. congressman before resigning to rejoin the army, returned to his political career, eventually serving in both the House and Senate and was the unsuccessful Republican candidate for vice president in 1884.

When he died two years later, Logan's body laid in state in the rotunda of the United States Capitol, making him one of just 33 people to have received the honor. Today, Washington, D.C.'s Logan Circle and several townships across the country are named in honor of this champion of veterans and those killed in battle.

### 4. Logan probably adapted the idea from earlier events in the South.

Even before the war ended, women's groups across much of the South were gathering informally to decorate the graves of Confederate dead.

In April 1886, the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia resolved to commemorate the fallen once a year—a decision that seems to have influenced John Logan to follow suit, according to his own wife.

However, the southern commemorations were rarely held on one standard day, with observations differing by state and spread out across much of the spring and early summer. It's a tradition that continues today: Nine southern states officially recognize a Confederate Memorial Day, with events held on Confederate President Jefferson Davis' birthday, the day on which General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was killed, or to commemorate other symbolic events.

### 5. It didn't become a federal holiday until 1971.

Americans embraced the notion of "Decoration Day" immediately. That first year, more than 27 states held some sort of ceremony, with more than 5,000 people in attendance at a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

By 1890, every former state of the Union had adopted it as an official holiday. But for more than 50 years, the holiday was used to commemorate those killed just in the Civil War, not in any other American conflict.

It wasn't until America's entry into World War I that the tradition was expanded to include those killed in all wars, and Memorial Day was not officially recognized nationwide until the 1970s, with America deeply embroiled



in the Vietnam War.

### 6. It was a long road from Decoration Day to an official Memorial Day.

Although the term Memorial Day was used beginning in the 1880s, the holiday was officially known as Decoration Day for more than a century, when it was changed by federal law.

Four years later, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 finally went into effect, moving Memorial Day from its traditional observance on May 30 (regardless of the day of the week), to a set day—the last Monday in May. The move has not been without controversy, though. Veterans groups, concerned that more Americans associate the holiday with first long weekend of the summer and not its intended purpose to honor the nation's war dead, continue to lobby for a return to the May 30 observances.

For more than 20 years, their cause was championed by Hawaiian Senator—and decorated World War II veteran—Daniel Inouye, who until his 2012 death reintroduced legislation in support of the change at the start of every Congressional term.

### 7. More than 20 towns claim to be the holiday's 'birthplace'—but only one has federal recognition.

For almost as long as there's been a holiday, there's been a rivalry about who celebrated it first. Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, bases its claim on an 1864 gathering of women to mourn those recently killed at Gettysburg.

In Carbondale, Illinois, they're certain that they were first, thanks to an 1866 parade led, in part, by John Logan who two years later would lead the charge for an official holiday. There are even two du-

eling Columbus challengers (one in Mississippi, the other in Georgia) who have battled it out for Memorial Day supremacy for decades. Only one town, however, has received the official seal of approval from the U.S. government.

In 1966, 100 years after the town of Waterloo, New York, shuttered its businesses and took to the streets for the first of many continuous, community-wide celebrations, President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation, recently passed by the U.S. Congress, declaring the tiny upstate village the "offi-

cial" birthplace of Memorial Day.

### 8. Wearing a red poppy on Memorial Day began with a World War I poem.

In the spring of 1915, bright red flowers began poking through the battle-ravaged land across northern France and Flanders (northern Belgium). Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, who served as a brigade surgeon for an Allied artillery unit, spotted a cluster of the poppies shortly after serving as a brigade surgeon during the bloody Second Battle of Ypres.

The sight of the bright red flowers against the dreary backdrop of war inspired McCrae to pen the poem, "In Flanders Field," in which he gives voice to the soldiers who had been killed in battle and lay buried beneath the poppy-covered grounds.

Later that year, a Georgia teacher and volunteer war worker named Moina Michael read the poem in Ladies' Home Journal and wrote her own poem, "We Shall Keep the Faith" to begin a campaign to make the poppy a symbol of tribute to all who died in war. The poppy remains a symbol of remembrance to this day.

### 9. Memorial Day traditions have evolved over the years.

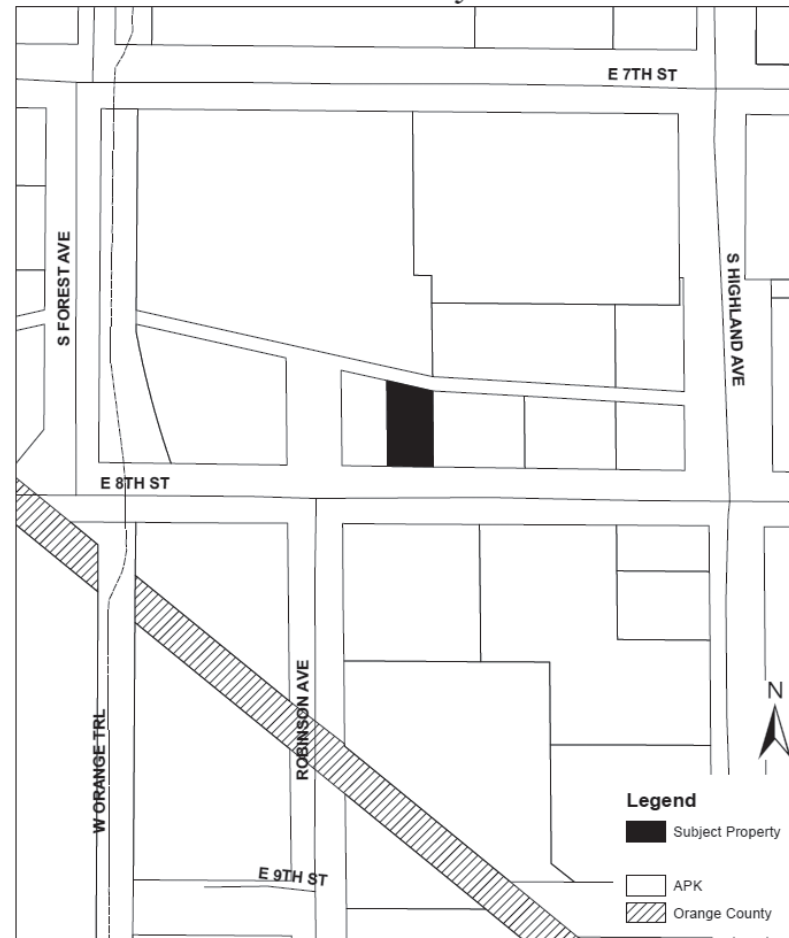
Despite the increasing celebration of the holiday as a summer rite of passage, there are some formal rituals still on the books: The American flag should be hung at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day, then raised to the top of the staff.

And since 2000, when the U.S. Congress passed legislation, all Americans are encouraged to pause for a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time. The federal government has also used the holiday to honor non-veterans—the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 1922.

<https://www.history.com/news/memorial-day-civil-war-slavery-charleston>

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE VARIANCE REQUEST CITY OF APOPKA

The City of Apopka Planning Commission, in accordance with Article II, Section 2.5.5.A of the City's Land Development Code (LDC), herein advises you that **LEIVA CRESPO**, requests a **VARIANCE** from LDC, Section 3.6.3.C, to allow a rear yard building setback of 10 feet and 4 inches in lieu of the 20 feet minimum requirement and a side yard building setback of 1.87 feet in lieu of the 5 feet minimum requirement. This application relates to the following described property:



Parcel Identification Number(s): 15-21-28-7540-00-040  
Total Acreage: 0.10 +/- acre(s)

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held in the City of Apopka Council Chambers on **Tuesday, June 13, 2023 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. The variance application is available for review at the Community Development Department at Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. 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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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

# Florida has lowest unemployment rate among top 10 largest states

By Andrew Powell  
Center Square Contributor

Florida's unemployment rate has fallen to a near-record low and Gov. Ron DeSantis announced that Florida has the lowest unemployment rate among the top 10 largest states in the U.S.

"Through strong economic policy and strategic investments, Florida is outperforming the nation and providing more opportunity for its citizens, resulting in more than 200,000 new business formations this year alone and an unemployment rate near an all-time low," DeSantis stated in a news release.

According to the latest release from the state's Department of Economic Opportunity, Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.6 percent in April, 0.4 percent smaller from the previous year and significantly lower than the U.S. unemployment rate of 3.4 percent.

The report shows that the Sunshine State's ad-

justed nonagricultural employment was 9,704,700 in April 2023. Florida's jobs increased by 3.9 percent, gaining 363,400 new employment positions over the past year.

Florida has experienced positive job growth over the past year in nine of the 10 major industries, according to the DEO release. Education and health service jobs grew by 90,600, while leisure and hospitality jobs grew by 89,000.

Trade, transportation, and utility jobs rose by 54,300 and business service jobs increased by 50,200.

Government jobs have increased by 27,000, along with manufacturing, which added over 13,300 jobs. The information industry was the only industry to lose jobs over the year, losing 1,500 jobs from the market.

The DEO report also states that 281,000 Floridians were unemployed in April 2023, out of a seasonally adjusted civilian labor workforce of 10,960,000. Florida counties with the

lowest unemployment rates include Monroe County at 1.4 percent, Miami-Dade County at 1.8 percent, and Gulf, St. Johns and Okaloosa counties at 2 percent each.

Florida counties with the highest unemployment rates are Citrus, Hendry and Highlands counties, and all three sit at 3.4 percent and 3.3 percent respectively. Other counties also currently at 3.1 percent are Gadsden, Hamilton, Hardee, Putnam and Sumter counties.

The metropolitan areas of Tampa, Orlando, and Miami have had the most gains in job growth, adding a total of 161,200 jobs from April 2022 to April 2023 and included the surrounding areas of St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Miami Beach, Kendall, Kissimmee and Sanford.

Wallethub's latest report also ranks Florida 11th out of the states for lowest unemployment rates — coming in behind Nebraska, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Mon-

tana, Maryland, Alabama, Maine, North Dakota and Vermont.

Labor force participation rates in the Sunshine State, however, are nowhere near the 63.7 percent

high reached during the late 1980's and again in the early 2000's.

The U.S. Census Bureau's data shows that as of April 2023, labor force participation rates in Florida

sat at 59.3 percent overall, having steadily recovered after hitting an all-time low during the COVID-19 pandemic at 53.9 percent in April 2020.

## Share the beach with shorebirds

With residents and visitors alike flocking to our coastlines this Memorial Day weekend, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds beachgoers how they can help protect vulnerable beach-nesting birds while enjoying Florida's coastal habitats.

Each spring and summer shorebirds and seabirds rely on Florida's sandy beaches for critical nesting habitat. Any- one headed to our shorelines this weekend can make a big difference in shorebird and seabird nesting success. Want to help our beach-nesting birds this Memorial Day weekend? Follow these simple shorebird-friendly tips:

Do the flock walk. Give birds plenty of space by walking around flocks of birds, keeping at least 300 feet from nesting birds when possible and staying out of posted areas. Getting too close to nesting shorebirds, seabirds and wading birds can cause them to flush from their breeding sites, leaving vulnerable eggs and chicks exposed to the elements and predators. Egg temperatures can increase to lethal levels after just a few minutes of direct sun exposure. Shorebirds and seabirds nest in shallow scrapes in the sand and their eggs and chicks are well-camouflaged, making them vulnerable to being stepped on unless people look out for them and walk around flocks of birds.

Look for Critical Wildlife Area closures. Be on the lookout for signs designating Critical Wildlife Areas on the beach or coastal islands — these areas are closed

to public access to protect high concentrations of wading birds and shorebirds while they nest and raise their chicks. Boaters and beachgoers can help nesting birds by keeping distance and noise volumes low near CWAs.

Keep pets at home. Even well-behaved dogs frighten shorebirds and can cause them to abandon their eggs and chicks. If you bring your dog with you to the shore, go to a beach where they're allowed and follow all leash laws.

Properly stash all trash. Trash and food scraps attract predators, such as raccoons and crows, that prey on shorebird eggs and chicks. Litter on beaches and in the water can entangle birds, turtles and other wildlife. Beachgoers can help beach-nesting birds and other native wildlife by properly disposing of all trash, filling in human-made holes in the sand, and removing all personal gear from the beach before sunset. Fishing line can be deadly to waterbirds, sea turtles and other wildlife, so be sure to dispose of it properly. To find a monoflament recycling station near you, visit mrrp.myfwc.com.

For more information about beach-nesting birds in Florida, go to MyFWC.com/Shorebirds and download the "Share the Beach with Beach-Nesting Birds" brochure. Or go to the Florida Shorebird Alliance website at FLShorebirdAlliance.org to learn more about how to participate in shorebird and seabird conservation efforts.

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

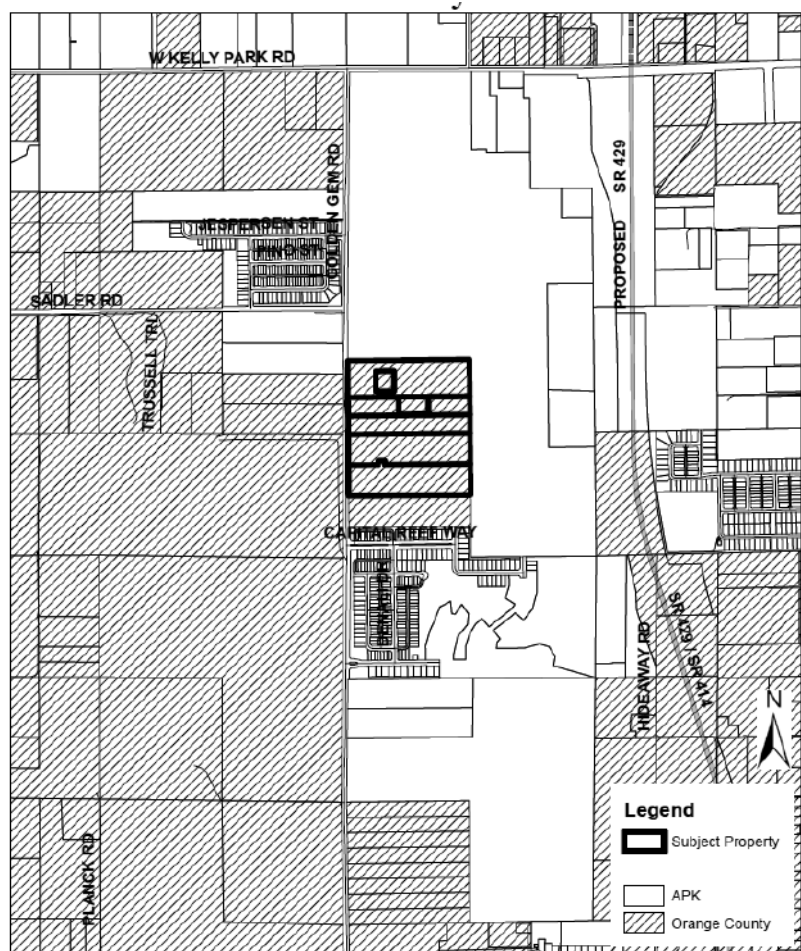
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **TARA TEDROW, ESQ.** has made application relating to the following described property.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 3014

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 MIXED-USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF SR 429, EAST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD AND NORTH OF CAPITAL REEF WAY; OWNED BY HARDY-HOLT BRENEDETTE, HOFFMAN DANNA L, HOFFMAN CAROL A, HECK JOYCE A, A N D BRENEY FRANCOIS P, COMPRISING 44.74 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 3015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) TO KPI-MU (KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE - MIXED-USE, ASSIGNMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND EMPLOYMENT DISTRICT OVERLAYS, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF SR 429, EAST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD AND NORTH OF CAPITAL REEF WAY; OWNED BY HARDY-HOLT BRENEDETTE, HOFFMAN DANNA L, HOFFMAN CAROL A, HECK JOYCE A, AND BRENEY FRANCOIS P, COMPRISING 44.74 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 13-20-27-0000-00-072, 13-20-27-0000-00-037, 13-20-27-0000-00-059, 13-20-27-0000-00-036, 13-20-27-0000-00-038, 13-20-27-0000-00-056, 13-20-27-0000-00-024  
Contains: 44.74 +/- 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, June 13, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3014 and 3015 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, July 5, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. AND Wednesday, July 19, 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, Florida 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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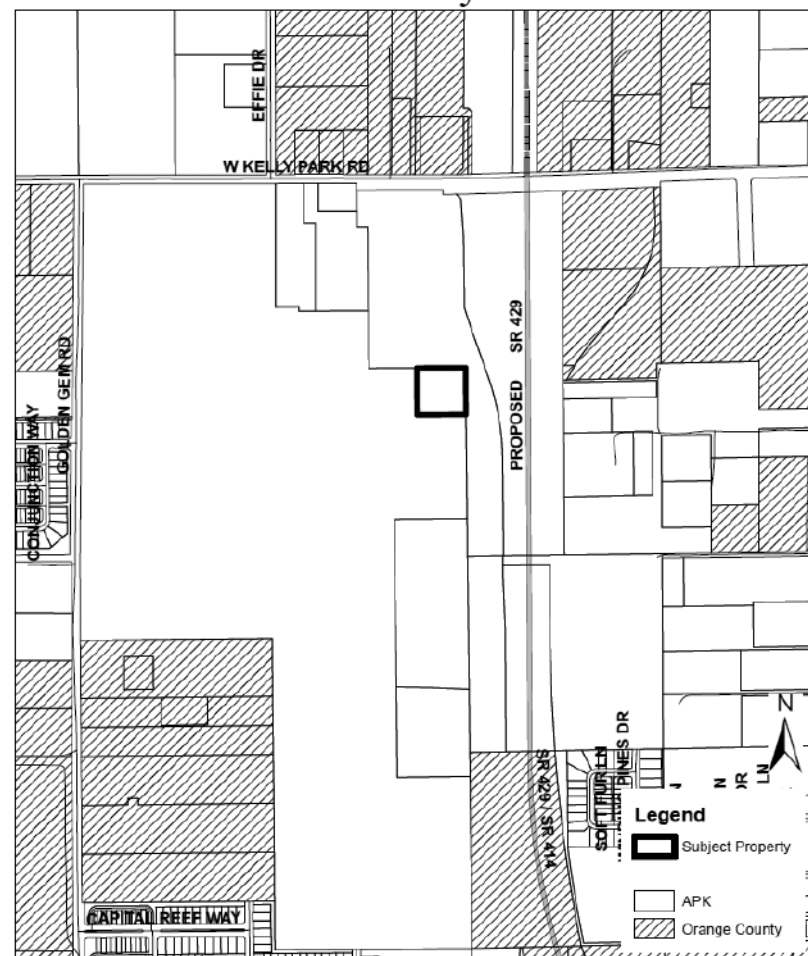
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#### ORDINANCE NO. 3016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) TO KPI-MU (KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE - MIXED-USE, ASSIGNMENT OF INTERCHANGE DISTRICT OVERLAY, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF SR 429, EAST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD AND SOUTH OF KELLY PARK ROAD; OWNED BY FREEPORT RAPIDS PARTNERS G P, COMPRISING 2.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 13-20-27-0000-00-064  
Contains: 2.5 +/- 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, June 13, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3016 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, July 5, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. AND Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

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