

# Economic woes can be corrected

Editor:

In case you are confused about what is going on with our country, you might want to increase your understanding of the basis for our current economic woes. Knowledge by itself won't cure anything, but it will certainly shed light on what has caused some of the huge problems we face today. And we could even possibly be so inspired as to gather up our courage and actually DO something about it before it is utterly too late. As the old adage goes, knowledge IS power.

I just watched Thomas Sowell as he was interviewed by Peter Robinson (Uncommon Knowledge series) of the Hoover institute as they discussed his book titled Basic Econom-

ics. This book is actually a revision to his earlier book by the same name.

The interview took place 14 years ago, and, as all his interviews are, he is entertaining as well as informative. I actually have had this book for 12 years or more, but when you see and hear him talk, he brings to it a perspective of such easy understanding. When he explains, he makes economics, which I always felt was too complicated for ME to understand, seem so logical. Which it should be. 2+2 will always equal 4, no matter what the latest fashion is in teaching arithmetic, or whatever name it goes by, in public school.

Anyway, I recommend that you spend the 33 minutes that it takes to watch

this video. It is available for free on YouTube.

Thomas Sowell is one of my heroes. His life story is fascinating. A poor child from Gastonia, NC, transplanted to New York City to be raised in Harlem where he blossomed. When asked if they had a lot of books in the house, he said, "No! I lived across the street from a public library!"

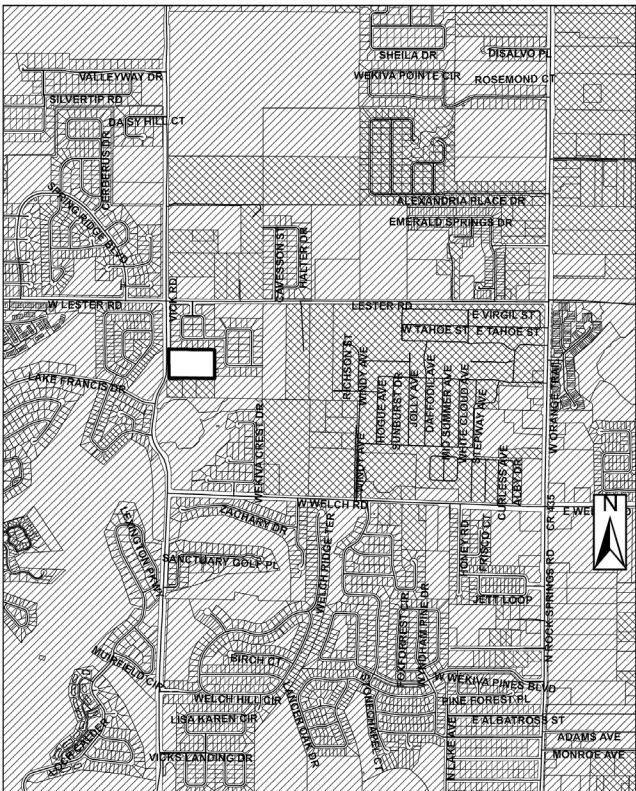
And as unlikely as his humble beginnings were, he is an amazing and inspiring person. He loves this country, but when pushed for an answer, he seems to have doubts as to our future if we continue on our current path of self-destruction.

Nancy C. Thomas  
Apopka

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **Darrell and Lisa Morgan** have made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located at 1853 Vick Road. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3018  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY WORD OF LIFE CHURCH APOPKA; LOCATED AT 1853 VICK ROAD, COMPRISING 5.73 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 33-20-28-0000-00-012  
Contains: 5.73 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3018 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, August 2, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** and **Wednesday, August 16, 2023 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Annexation 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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# Florida creates IRS transparency

By **Andrew Powell** |  
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Florida has launched a new tool to allow citizens to report any harassment they may experience from Internal Revenue Service agents.

Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis announced during a roundtable on Thursday the launch of the Florida IRS Transparency Portal. It was created for private businesses, individuals, and nonprofit organizations to report any evidence of discrimination by IRS agents.

The portal will help identify patterns of discrimination by specific IRS operatives targeting certain political causes or beliefs. CFO Patronis said in a release from his office that what the IRS is doing is a "shake-down" of Florida.

"This morning, we deployed the Florida IRS Transparency Portal where Floridians can submit complaints about individual IRS agents. We will take this in-

formation to look for patterns on how the IRS is targeting Floridians, which will help us craft laws to protect our businesses," Patronis said in a statement.

Patronis noted that transparency is the "best disinfectant," which is why the public will now have a tool to report harassment by the IRS and to report those findings to Congress.

"We will also provide reports to members of Congress who help oversee the IRS," Patronis said. "With this information, they'll have better insight into how the IRS targets families and small businesses, so they're more effective at reining an agency that Biden is hell-bent on leveraging as his own political operation. This information will be reported to Congressional committees who oversee the tax agency so further action can be taken to keep the IRS in check."

Patronis encouraged Floridians who feel targeted by the IRS to immediate-

ly report it through the portal and pointed out during the roundtable that the Biden Administration is weaponizing the IRS because President Joe Biden is spending more than he can get.

"It should be no surprise that Washington has an insatiable appetite for taxpayer money. The federal government is running a deficit, so every \$3 in revenue the IRS takes in, \$4 goes out the door," Patronis said during the roundtable. "That's deficit spending in a nutshell and it is not sustainable. Additionally, Biden's inflation crisis has worsened the balance sheet. Now they're raising interest rates to combat inflation which is cooling the economy."

Patronis added that in order for the Biden Administration to continue to spend, the IRS needs to collect more money from Americans. Patronis stated that the IRS is "fishing" in Florida because money flows into the Sunshine State.

## Safety: K-12 procedures are defined

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Requires restrooms and changing facilities at K-12 education institutions be designated for exclusive use by biological males or biological females, or that there is a unisex restroom/ changing facility.

School districts must also update their student codes of conduct and certi-

fy their schools are in compliance with the new restrooms and changing facilities requirement.

**Education Records**

Directs districts to develop procedures for a parent to specify any change from the child's legal name in school, thereby ensuring transparency for parents.

**School-Sponsored Events and Activities**

Protects the innocence of students by ensuring they are not exposed to inappropriate school-sponsored events and activities.

The full State Board agenda and supporting materials can be found on the Department of Education's website at <https://www.fldoe.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/meetings/2023/2023-07-19/>.

## Moore: Specific disaster is specified

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ing for economic opportunities such as attracting, retaining, and revitalizing businesses or jobs in disaster-impacted areas. I recently took my grandchildren and mom to Daytona Beach Shores for a few days. I was astounded at the number of pools destroyed and the amount of beach erosion. I'm sure Volusia County will be pleased to utilize some of this Block Grant (CDBG-DR) money to repair these big tourist areas.

The final category is for public services, and it is limited to 15 percent. Funding areas including housing counseling, legal advice and representation, and job training. The amount of funding is based on damage estimate and unmet disaster recovery needs.

Another requirement is that to be a CDBG — the funding should primarily serve low- and moderate-income persons and geographic areas. And, finally, the funding should benefit or be tied to the disaster for which the grant funding was allocated.

Thus, I do not hold out a lot of hope

that much of the funding will reach our district or the northwest portion of the county. I still believe there is a nexus to stormwater drainage improvements and cutting down large, diseased trees. I will certainly advocate diligently to bring some of this funding to our portion of Orange County.

This is important because my office has fielded numerous calls to help elderly residents in South Apopka with large trees falling on their homes. It is heartbreaking when neighbors do not take care of trees, and then the financial burden, and the tree falls on the neighboring property. I would love to remove some old diseased trees in older, low-income areas of District 2.

Next steps for our Housing Department will be to create a project website, share data with FEMA and HUD, develop a strategy for stakeholder input, increase capacity to handle the demands of the grant, and track time and costs. Grants, while a blessing in funding, require significant time and attention from Orange County staff.

I will keep you apprised of their progress on the \$219,712,000 from HUD over the next few years.

## Hayden: Actions show our beliefs

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thought of them as a colony of impertinent rabble-rousers who did not want to give him his due as their benefactor.

What he did not realize was the spirit of freedom that the colonists themselves recognized as GOD-given.

Our United States of America is the only country in the history of Mankind that is founded on these three things: The right to live. The right to be free.

The right to pursue your dreams and your happiness. And the recognition that those three most-precious rights came from our "Creator," *not* some king or government.

Our American Trinity is: Liberty, E Pluribus Unum, In God We Trust.

I choose to stand as Joshua 24:15 states: And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side

of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

To this scripture I will add: By the action of serving my country, its people, and the cause of freedom!

Humility is one of the greatest gifts learned from many struggles but, if not accepted as a lesson taught, your life will be filled with loneliness, bitterness, and isolation from those who want nothing more than to be a part of your life.

## 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.

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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 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
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. <b>www.apopka.net</b>	

#### 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
<b>www.orangecountyfl.net</b>	

#### Other Area Numbers of Note

<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



# Top lakes, outdoor show among the many activities lately

Hello Folks,

What a great week last week in Central Florida. BASS released its top 100 lakes in the United States. Florida had three lakes in the top 10 – Stick Marsh, Orange Lake, and Lake Okeechobee. We also had nine lakes that made the top 100 lakes for bass fishin’.

You can read all about the lakes in each state by reading the latest edition on BassMaster Magazine. Also, last week, I had the opportunity to visit the



Jim Keck  
Goin’ Fishin’

ICAST show held at the convention center in Orlando. There were 633 booths at the show. Anything and everything that has to do with fishin’ and boatin’ was represented at the show. There were 13,346 attend-

ees who came to the show from all 50 states, and 80 countries throughout the world. It was a great show and I was very proud to represent *The Apopka Chief* at the show.

There were many categories, but two of the top winners that got my attention included the new chatter-bait from Z-Man Fishing Products, the Chatter-bait Elite EVO and the Berkley PowerBait Nessie, from Pure Fishing, Inc. I could go on and on about all the new products that

were at the show, but I’m sure you can find a lot of information online about these new products.

Kyle at Bitter’s Bait and Tackle reports that a few folks are still catchin’ some specks in Lake Jesup under the State Road 417 bridge. The bluegills are still bitin’ pretty good on red worms this past week-end. We had a new moon this past Monday and I’m sure that got the bluegills to bitin’.

The bass fishin’ has been pretty good for the

most part. You can catch some bass on West Lake early in the mornin’ or right at dark thirty. The bass fishin’ on the Harris Chain is a little slow but there are lots of places you can still catch a bass if you want to put in the time to find ’em. Kyle also reports that folks are catchin’ numbers of bass in the Butler Chain. It’s that time of year when they will start schoolin’ up so make sure to keep a lipless crank-bait tied on to one of your rods.

The Maitland Chain

has been good for bass, especially for schoolers. Folks are getting’ on the water real early and catchin’ the schoolers at first light. Noisy top-water baits and lipless crank-baits have been workin’ the best.

I hope everyone has a great week and I hope you get a chance to do some fishin’ real soon. See ya next week.

Tip of the week: go fishin’.

Save a few and good luck!

## Towel: Event will be recorded, broadcast on radio at later dates

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now carries his name.

Williams, creator and host of the Talkin’ Old School radio program, is an Apopka Blue Darter football alumnus. He will help to facilitate the program’s question-and-answer period and the coaches’ presentations will be the topic for Talkin’ Old School with Roger Franklin Williams radio program that will broadcast Saturday August 19, on FM 94.9 and AM 950 The Answer from 8-9 p.m.; and on Thursday, August 24, at 7 p.m. on FM 96.9 The Game and AM 740.

Williams will be assisted by veteran Crying Towel co-hosts Despina McLaughlin and Becky

Lesswing. Williams expressed gratitude for the support of the Christner family for hosting the Crying Towel and Christner’s Operations Manager Jim Flanagan for his support of Talkin’ Old School and high school athletics in Central Florida.

“This event would not be possible without the support of the Christner Family, Jim Flanagan, Christner’s Operations Manager, and the support of our other sponsors. They recognize the importance of making a commitment to the Central Florida community and celebrating the tremendous positive impact of high school athletics and, especially, the contributions of these dedicated coaches,” Williams said.

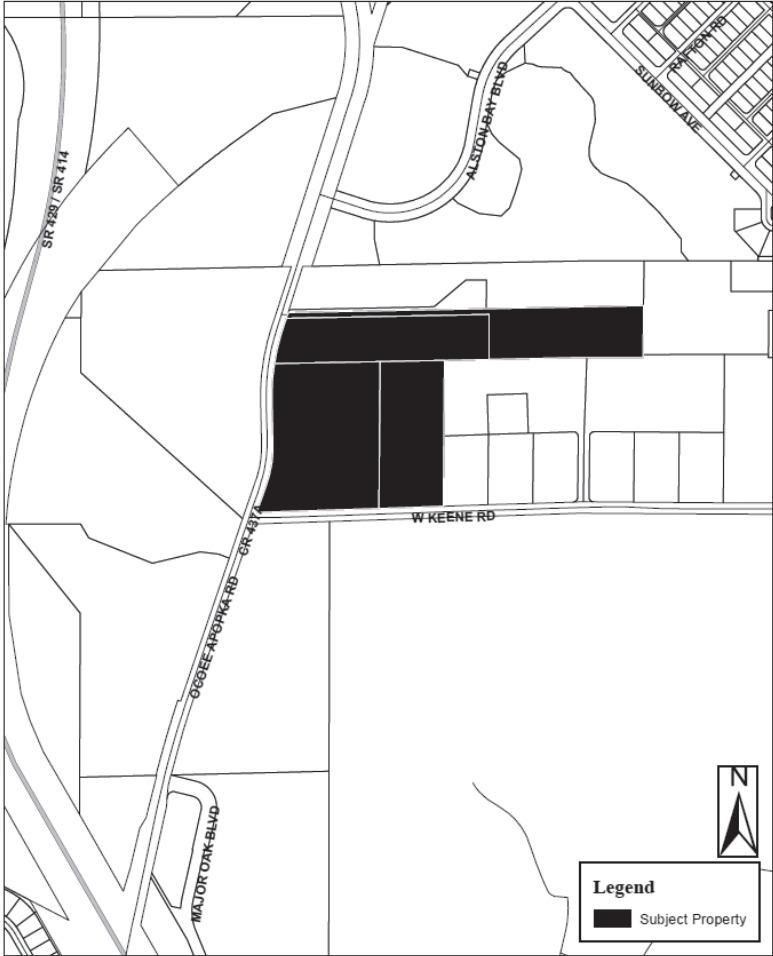
The event will start at 5 p.m. with an informal social hour and cash bar with coaches, sponsors, alumni and other guests, followed by an intimate prix fixe dinner at 6 p.m. Immediately following dinner, at approximately 8 p.m., the coaches will make their presentations, recorded for the Talkin’ Old School radio program.

The coaches will be available for the open question-and-answer session with dinner guests. Coaches will also be available for interviews with media who attend the event.

The event is open to the public, reservations for the dinner event can be made by phone by calling Christner’s at 407-645-4443.

## 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 **L. JORDAN DRAPER, P.E.** requests a **VARIANCE** from LDC, Section 5.5.11 Retaining Walls, to allow a maximum height of 10-feet of retaining walls in lieu of the 6-foot height maximum in specific locations within the project boundary as demonstrated by the accompanying site plan. This application relates to the following described property:



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

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held in the City of Apopka Council Chambers on **Tuesday, August 8, 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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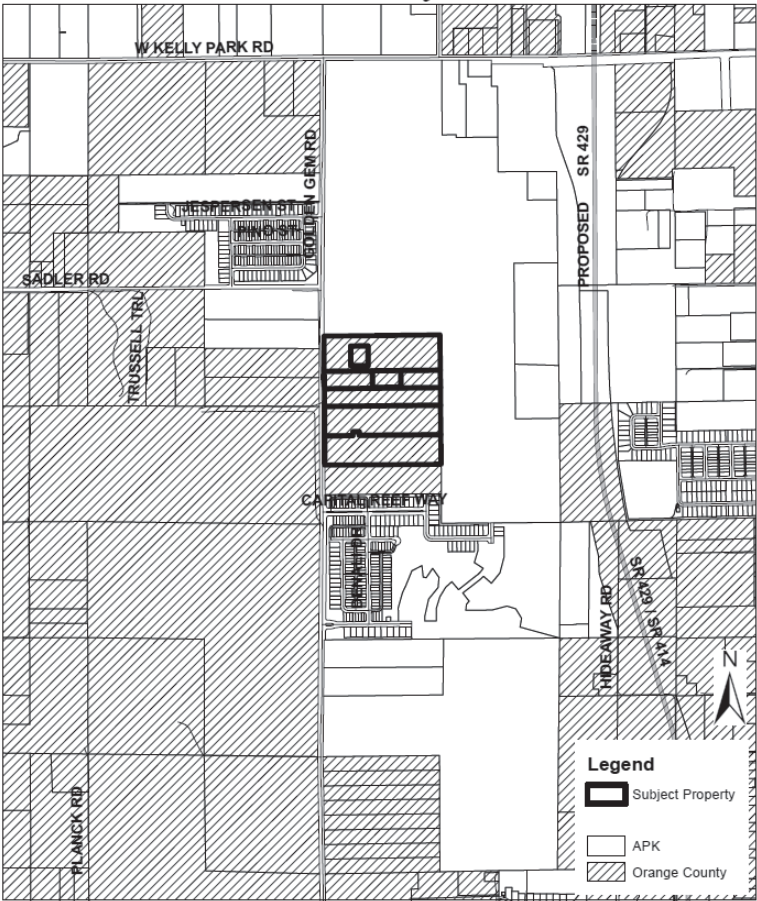
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## CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **LOWNDES LAW FIRM C/O TARA TEDROW, ESQ.** has made an application, in accordance with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Appendix A, Section F to the City of Apopka Planning Commission for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW DUPLEX DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY DISTRICT OF THE WYLD OAKS DEVELOPMENT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS KELLY PARK CROSSING).**

This application relates to the following described property located west of SR 429, east of Golden Gem Road and north of Capital Reef Way:



Parcel Identification Numbers: 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 to consider the special exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023, beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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