

# Shoplift: Society needs law, order

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“well above the sustainable level where we expect to operate over time.” How bad is it? This year Target is expected to lose \$500 million more to theft than last year’s astonishing loss total of \$800 million.

This month, a Walgreens spokesman told Newsweek that “retail crime is one of the top challenges facing our industry today.”

There is a common-sense and simple solution to this recent phe-

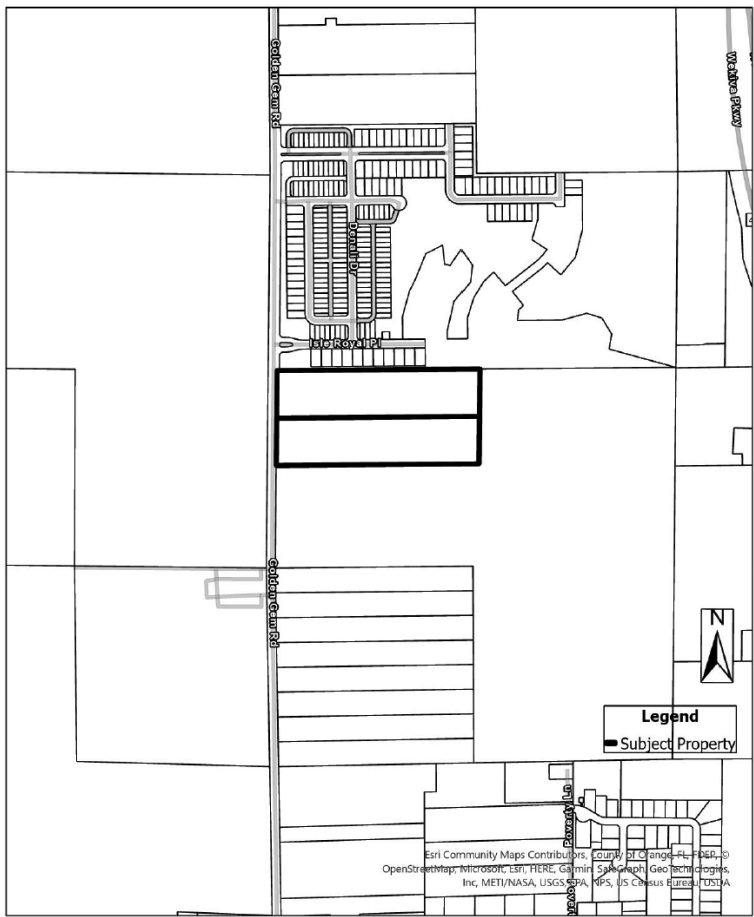
nomenon. Prosecute every person who steals, even if it’s a misdemeanor.

Why? Because not doing so contributes to a lawless society, and criminals must be held accountable. Time for local district attorneys in Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, New York City and elsewhere to do their jobs. Businesses large and small, their employees, customers, shareholders and investors deserve no less.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3) (c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinance, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON AND ALBERT MCKIMMIE** have made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council for a **CHANGE IN THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RURAL SETTLEMENT TO MIXED-USE FOR 20 +/- ACRES.** This application relates to the following described properties:

ORDINANCE NO. 3025  
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 RURAL SETTLEMENT TO MIXED-USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, WEST OF SR 429 AND SOUTH OF ISLE ROYAL PLACE, OWNED BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON AND ALBERT MCKIMMIE, COMPRISING 20 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Numbers: 24-20-27-0000-00-108 and 24-20-27-0000-00-099  
Contains: 20 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 3025 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 3025 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, November 1, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**, and **Wednesday, November 15, 2023 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** or soon thereafter.

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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# SS, SSI, SSDI have different guidelines

Dear Rusty:

I live in Michigan and my senior disabled father lives in rural Kentucky. His income is part Social Security and part disability. I talked to a local credit union near his home and explained I would like to open a joint account. They said as long as he comes in with his ID, it’s possible. My question is - will adding money to our joint account affect his SSI and disability? Signed: Caring Daughter

Dear Caring Daughter:

First, I need to clarify that there are two types of disability programs administered by the Social Security Administration – Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The acronym “SSI” normally refers to “Supplemental Security Income” which is a benefit for disabled

senior adults (and children) who have very little income and very few assets. “SSI” is not Social Security income; rather it is a general benefit program jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and the State in which your father lives. In contrast, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits are earned from working and are not affected by the recipient’s assets, as are “SSI” benefits.

From what you’ve written, I assume that your father may have a small Social Security retirement benefit (because he has reached his full retirement age and SSDI isn’t available after full retirement age), and he is also receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits. If this is the case, although your father’s

Social Security retirement benefit would not be affected by opening a joint account at the credit union, his Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefit likely will be. As co-owner of the joint account your assets would count towards your father’s “SSI” asset limit, and your assets, as well as any “in kind” assistance you otherwise provide, would likely put your father over the SSI income/asset eligibility limit and result in his SSI benefits being terminated.

So, although the credit union may be willing to open a joint account for you and your father, I’m afraid that would result in your father losing his SSI (Supplemental Security Income) benefits, leaving him with only his small Social Security

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coming obstacles so students participate in activities that celebrate citizenship, mentorship, and making responsible choices. Activities varied at each location, but here were just some of the highlights.

At Wolf Lake Elementary, during all lunches, they presented the Social Services team and did a quick activity of a strategy for coping with hard emotions. They shared a word, phrase, person, place, or thing that gave them joy.

At Kelly Park School, they taught the students different self-care techniques on the morning announcements like breathing techniques, stretching, going for a walk, or listening to music.

Wolf Lake Middle had interactive tables set up during lunch that were manned by their Student

Services Team members.

Dream Lake Elementary had some fun things like a photo booth, as well as special activities during their special area classes.

Lakeville Elementary students created a resiliency wave on the wall in the cafeteria where students write what resiliency means to them.

Rock Springs Elementary incorporated some fun, with competitions like the classroom with the best self-care message, and they hosted morning yoga.

And Wekiva High School had students rotate through stations during lunch time.

We hope the Resiliency Days we have planned for this year will increase student connectedness to the schools, the students’ sense of belonging, and overall positive school culture.

As we know, mental

health is a huge issue for our children. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teens, so the more we can teach children at every age that it is important to take care of themselves, the better.

We also know that when students are happy, feel connected to their school, and feel like they belong, they do better in school and learn better. I’m hopeful that with our continued focus on activities like these and opening the lines of communication, we can help all students feel more resilient!

If you are interested in fostering resiliency at home, there are numerous activities and discussion questions available on [ocps.net](http://ocps.net) to help. Go to Departments, Student Services, Mental Health Services, then Parent Resources: Required Life Skills and Resiliency Instruction.

# Hayden: ‘Big brother’ is hindrance

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children than mom and dad.

First, it was their educational system that was better than ours. Then it was the societal behavior and punishment for misbehaving in society, of which there was little or no punishment. (We did not want to ruin their self-esteem.) Then they came up with a “child’s rights.” When I was a child, my rights were given to me by my parents, and there was no negotiating. The government has the audacity to talk to us about “children’s rights” when they are willing to take the first basic right (the right to life), from the children that don’t have a voice in the matter.

Along came the “Great Society.” Suddenly the Ten Commandments were changed to the ten sugges-

tions and made atheism an official religion here in America. This made the teaching of evolution a given, and a legal alternative to creation. This made the abortion of the fetus legal.

The Great Society was also responsible for so many men walking away from their responsibilities of fatherhood. The government said they could help a woman with children if there was no man in the home to support the family. Almost instantly, there was a multitude of homes with no husband or father to support the family, resulting in millions of dollars (tax-payers’ dollars) being doled out to families across America who claimed to be insolvent because of the lack of a breadwinner in the home.

Instead of putting the feet of America’s men

to the fire and not giving them an out, our government took over the role of “the man of the house.” Is it little wonder that our children have turned against their parents and their discipline? They have a better solution. “Big brother” will do everything for them and will not require anything from them except their vote when they get older.

It is past time when we Americans stand up for the rights to be parents. Parents should raise children in the love, admonition, correction, national pride, and society’s requirements to become an upright, law-abiding citizen who loves his or her place in life. We should be proud of what they can contribute to this great nation, the United States of America.

Do you know where your kids are tonight?

## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

### The Apopka Chief

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The Apopka Chief is published every Friday and entered as Periodicals, postage paid at Apopka Post Office, under the Act of Congress of March 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.

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#### City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

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| 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 |
| Solid Waste Collect.....   | 407-703-1769 |
| Police (non-emerg.).....   | 407-703-1771 |
| Job Line.....  | 407-703-1743 |
| 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

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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 |
| 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

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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 |
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| Museum of the Apopkans.....         | 407-703-1707 |
| Chamber of Commerce.....            | 407-886-1441 |