

VFW post appreciates gift

Editor:
VFW Post 10147
Apopka/Altamonte Springs members and Gamers would like to thank The Armando Bojas Jr Scholarship organization for their gift of Corn Hole Boards. We appreciate the opportunity for more active

engagement with our energetic Gamers!
Thank you to Jerry Manard, Thomas Garner and Katy Clark for their support in seeing that we received the Corn Hole Boards.

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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 **DENNY SHIVER** has 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 5 +/- ACRES**. This application relates to the following described properties:

ORDINANCE NO. 3032
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 CITY MIXED-USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD AND DOWMAN DRIVE, OWNED BY SNP PROPERTIES, LLC, COMPRISING 5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Numbers: 07-20-28-0000-00-030 and 07-20-28-0000-00-070
Contains: 5 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 3032 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 3032 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, December 6, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**, and **Wednesday, December 20, 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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Moore: Suitable solutions are found

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rate base, which also provides high wage jobs, is due to a "circular economy." For example, the large corporations work together to provide a \$50-million equity fund for black and women-owned start-up companies. They team up to find sustainable solutions to common problems. For example, with 100 million lbs. each year of trash,

a company started a large plastic recycling company. They are investing in computer chip manufacturing, looking at this industry as the railroad yard of the 21st century. Another creative spin-off is the manufacturing of sustainable fuel near the Twin Cities Airport.

The area's corporations make a point to purchase each other's products. How about that? Every company purchases

hand sanitizer and other products from Eco-Lab. They buy Pillsbury flour, and many more examples. Corporate support for other local companies is vital to their success.

One of our speakers used the phrase, Knit together big solutions. They believe in leveraging the region's total assets to improve opportunities for all.

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Byrd: Attitude of joy shown by all

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tion in some way. This is a district-wide effort of our new superintendent to bring the joy back to learning. From what I can see, it is working.

Clay Springs Elementary was all abuzz because they were getting ready to send a group of teachers to the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, thanks to grant funding we helped secure. This is a dream come true for these teachers. They will learn effective and fun ways to build community within their school and will come back to share it with the rest of the staff.

At Wolf Lake Middle, I was fortunate enough to be present when the district's Student Services department came to the school to award the Counselor Champion Award to one of their guidance counselors. The principal nominated Kristin Svenson for her unmatched service to the students and families at the school. She was very excited to receive the award.

At Lakeville Elementary, I visited a pre-K classroom that had an Ameri-

Corps volunteer present every day to help with literacy. The teacher told me what a great help it is have her and to already see the growth in these little learners is incredible.

At Lovell Elementary, I saw positive messages all over the campus. From the positive messages painted on the sidewalks, to the inspirational quotes that students and staff sign their name to, it's clear: spreading positivity is the mission at Lovell.

Kelly Park K-8 shared with me the newly created "newsroom" inside the studio in the media center.

This new school was built with quite a state-of-the-art television studio, and this year the students are self-producing a great news show each morning and learning a lot of technical skills along the way.

Piedmont Lakes Middle was very excited to show me their new morning news program, as well. The program has school information, facts, and even a weather report.

At Apopka High School, the principal was excited to show me the newly created "Darter Dol-

lars" that they have put in place for positive behavior.

Students collect them and get to shop for the snacks and incentives they like. You may think this seems like a young idea for high schoolers, but the principal reports that kids are really excited to go "shopping." Sometimes I think even big kids like to be little kids again!

At Dream Lake Elementary, I saw the new culinary classroom.

That's right, they are starting a culinary class for these kids, and the day I visited, they were making smoothies.

Wolf Lake Elementary showed off their new gorgeous mural that was painted this summer by their art teacher, Angie Palmerini.

There were so many other great things I saw that make me so proud of our schools. We are incredibly fortunate to have great public schools for our children to attend.

I encourage you to take time to visit a local school or even volunteer some of your time.

Believe me when I say: "these are fun places to be!"

Hayden: One race, the human race

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for every struggle we face. If our minds are made up to fight until the end and keep stepping forward while keeping our focus on doing the right thing before us, we are poised to make a knockout to that obstacle. Unfortunately, too many of us tend to lay down sometimes because we face an opponent or an obstacle that seems too formidable to challenge, but Joe faced men without thought of how formidable they were, but thinking only of his strategy, punch, step forward, punch, step forward.

He once had an opponent that told the news reporter, because he weighed less than the Brown Bomber that he would "hit and run" Joe to weariness in the ring, to which Joe replied, "He can run, but he can't hide." He knocked Billy Conn out in the thirteenth round. Not only is Joe Louis the record holder of the title, "Heavyweight Champion of the World" for al-

most a dozen years, but, in my humble opinion, holds the record for being one of the most patriotic American men in the nation.

Joe joined the Army, ready to take his place in the combat forces. When asked why he was enlisting in the segregated Armed Forces Joe replied, "there's a lot of things wrong with America, but Hitler ain't going to fix them." The top brass recognized his ability as a prize fighter to earn money for the war effort, so, he fought many exhibition fights, traveling over 22,000 miles, and was presented the Legion of Merit Award for "incalculable contribution to the general morale," which qualified him for an immediate discharge.

Although Joe was abused by the IRS, all the exhibition fights that brought millions of dollars into the war effort was counted toward Joe's income, even though the war effort had been the recipient of the money. The

IRS had him indebted by \$500,000 to them.

Even after that, the Brown Bomber stated, "We will win because we're on GOD's side." For the first time in the history of the United States of America, a black man did become the hero of our nation, representing us (U.S.) to the whole world.

We need more men and women who are willing to put their own selfish desires aside and share the same attitude: that of faithfulness to the cause of a united people.

Our pledge to our flag states, "one nation, under GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

ONE nation! Many cultures represented, but ALL: AMERICANS. May it be said of you and me the same as was said of Joe Louis Barrow.

In a response to someone saying that Joe was a credit to his race, a sports-writer said, "Yes, he was a credit to his race; the human race!"

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.

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
Solid Waste Collect.	407-703-1731
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.	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
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
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)	202-225-2176
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	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441