

Why does Easter date change? Moore: Working together is a must

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Because Ash Wednesday kicks off the Lenten season, its date is always exactly 46 days before Easter (40 days of Lent, plus six, as each Sunday is skipped) and thus is affected directly by what date Easter falls on that year. This year, Ash Wednesday fell on Wednesday, February 14 (Valentine's Day!). **Easter 2024**

Which brings us to our central question: Why is Easter on a different date each year? And why is it on March 31, 2024, this year, which is earlier than last year and the year before? The holiday, which celebrates Christ's resurrection from the grave following his crucifixion, can occur any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. (That's a pretty wide range!)

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Passover, because Christ's death and resurrection happened after the Jewish holiday, writes Christian minister Mary Fairchild on LearnReligions.com.

Because the Jewish calendar is tied to solar and lunar cycles, the dates of Passover and Easter fluctuate each year. The date of Easter is determined by the first full moon of spring, as is Passover. Infrequently, the full moon occurs on a Friday or Saturday, so Passover is observed after Easter.

When Jesus observed the Last Supper with his disciples, it was a Passover seder. Jesus used elements of the seder — the unleavened bread (matzah) and wine — to commemorate his impending death (the bread represents his body, the wine his blood). That is why Christians take Communion today.

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we all deserve and need to see.

Second, we must thoroughly develop ground rules or norms. We are currently holding quarterly training meetings, monthly informational meetings, regular clean-ups, and bi-annual events such as Easter Egg Hunts, Fall Festivals, etc. I also am more thoroughly developing a Corridor Chief Program. My aide and I will be restructuring this program for our April Quarterly Meeting. I believe if one person takes responsibility and "ownership" of a section of a roadway, reporting infrastructure problems to the municipality, picking-up trash, and organizing the neighborhoods in some kind of spirit activities, the entire community will greatly improve. Last weekend, Troy Johnson, from Southern Apopka's group, attended the Wekiwa Egg Hunt, and the POWS (People of Wekiwa Springs) Team and I shared our supplies so he can host a quick event in Southern Apopka tomorrow (Saturday). We value collaboration. We know the value of bringing the community together and living in a clean, safe environment.

I currently have some fantastic Corridor Chiefs. Others may need more training (my fault). And I still desire to recruit more Corridor Chiefs. If you are interested, please call my office at 407.836.5919 and speak with Alex Quinones. The difference Pam Welker is making on Sheeler Road should inspire others. She does have a big need. We have not been able to get one of our communities to pressure wash their black wall and sidewalks.

If anyone can donate money or pressure wash for free, Pam would be ecstatic. We are interdependent. In fact, the Clarcona-Ocoee Team led by Mateo Schulte and Sandy Miller cancelled their monthly clean-up just to assist the Wekiwa Springs Team led by Sue Henesy. I'm hearing now that the Wekiwa Springs Team might cancel their clean-up to help the Southern Apopka Team on a bonus clean-up on E. 10th Street tomorrow morning.

You are always welcome to join us. Bring a rake, or weed whacker, and some gloves! We will be mowing, edging, trimming trees, raking up an inordinate number of leaves. This beautiful section of downtown Apopka has a terrific tree cano-

ny. Our goal is to transform E. 10th Street from Sheeler Road to Apopka Blvd. I will be working on Clarcona Road on June 6th in collaboration with Pastor Sabrina Jones and Jarette Schofield. And I bet some of my other leaders will be there to lend a hand. We care about every area of District 2, even if we cannot get to every section, all at the same time.

In November, all the teams compete for Corridor of the Year and now Artistic Corridor of the Year. It is truly a friendly competition because we appreciate and respect one other. Winning is just a bonus.

All I really do is create opportunities for people to accept greater responsibility for their neighborhood, corridor, and community. It is enjoyable, uplifting, and energizing work. I am in the business of empowering ordinary citizens through quantifiable goals, and regular activities.

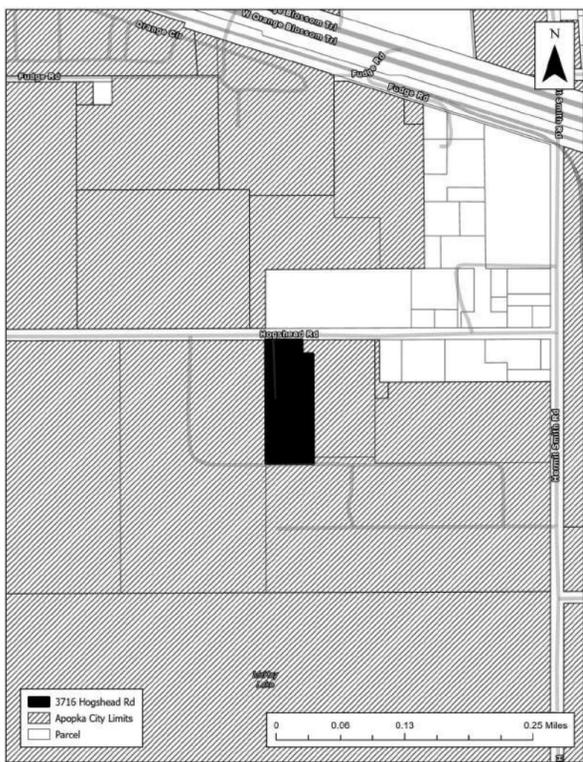
If you would like to speak with me further, I will set aside time to meet you at my favorite haunt on a Saturday afternoon, Canon Coffee. Call me at 407.836.5850 to schedule a time.

I believe you will be an awesome leader and part of a great team of leaders.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Tara Tedrow c/o Lowndes** has made an application, in accordance with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 4.2.2.C to the City of Apopka Planning Commission for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW THE USE OF AN OUTDOOR STORAGE AS AN ACCESSORY USE IN THE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (I-L) ZONING DISTRICT.**

This application relates to the following described property located at 3716 Hogshead Road:



Parcel Identification Number(s): 01-21-27-0000-00-044
Contains: 2.99 +/- 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, April 9, 2024, beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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, Florida 32703; Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Hayden: Common sense is needed

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faithfulness. Men such as Harry Truman who, when offered a corporate position at a large salary, declined stating, "You do not want me. You want the office of President, and that does not belong to me. It belongs to the American people, and it is not for sale." Good old Harry Truman was correct when he observed, "My choices in life were either to be a piano player in a whore house or a politician. And to tell the truth, there is hardly any difference!"

What has happened to our national leaders? When a leader of men stands and states the very things that many of "We the People" would like to say, and talks about loving our neighbors, giving a hand up instead of a handout to those who need a push start, and being proud of being a part of the greatest nation GOD ever placed on this orb we call Earth, the United States of America, he is berated by other politicians, skewered by lies, in-

nuendos that are perpetrated and spread by most of the newspapers and news broadcasters.

Suddenly, the BLM, Antifa, and all the other haters of the United States are deeply interested in history. Not the history of our great nation, or its heroes they have degraded by statue demolition, but the history of one man whom they fear, knowing that if he gets back into the office of President, things will change.

We need to support men that tell it like it is. We ban the Bible from our classrooms and then invite drag queens to read stories of Lil' Johnny who wants to become Lil' Joanie, and then we teach sexual aberrations instead of the three "R's." Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. I had a clock with the square root sign at every major time marking. I asked a sixteen-year-old what was at the top of the clock with the square root of 144. Her answer, "That's the sign for the power of." We're raising children that believe when they graduate from high

school they ought to be driving a new car, have a penthouse apartment, the newest cell phone, and all the things some of their moms and dads had to work two jobs, scrape by just to buy them fashion clothing (with holes in the knees, and everywhere), so they could compete with "everybody else."

If I were sent home with a note from the teacher, my folks did not run to the school to file a complaint that I was being picked on. My dad had a sure cure for the problem that had nothing to do with the teacher. It was called a razor strop, and it never failed to leave an impression. I am not talking about politics. I am talking common sense. Robert Kennedy is a Democrat that has common sense, and a deep love for our nation. Donald Trump is talking common sense and loves this great nation. They have a deep respect for each other and that is the way it should be. Let us shed our ignorance and get educated.

Stupid is forever! And we are not stupid!

Byrd: Some tests are now optional

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students not having a device to take the test. In other areas where that may not be the case,

College Board, the company that distributes the test, provides devices to students to take the test.

The major advantage of a digital test is that students no longer have to wait weeks to get results. Now students get results in a matter of days.

These days, post-Covid, many universities are test op-

tional, meaning they no longer require SAT scores for admission.

During the pandemic, there were many barriers to students being able to take the SAT so colleges moved away from the requirement.

This is a welcome change for many concerned about testing inequities for students who don't have access to expensive test prep courses or private tutors.

But these results are still very important as they are used for qualifying here in Florida for the Bright Fu-

tures scholarship. This state scholarship is given to students who achieve a certain grade point average, SAT or ACT score and complete a certain number of volunteer or work hours. The award pays for either 75% or 100% of state college/university credit hour tuition.

It's a great deal for our Florida students and a way for all students to have access to higher education.

For more information on the new SAT format, visit collegeboard.org.

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.

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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. **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

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Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.).....	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.).....	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Daniel Webster (Dist. 11).....	352-241-9220
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

Fire: Permanent fire station construction will cost \$4.3 million

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ern region comprised of AdventHealth and the Northwest Distribution Center; the communities of Emerson Park, Breckenridge, Apopka Woods, Magnolia Park Estates and Marden Ridge Apart-

ments; and toll roads 429, 414 and 451.

The December 2017 opening of the temporary Fire Station 6 coincided with the opening of the then-new campus of the AdventHealth campus, which had relocated from its Park Avenue,

Apopka, facility.

On January 3, the Apopka City Council approved 5-0 to award Miller Construction Management a construction manager at risk contract for permanent Fire Station 6 with the guaranteed maximum price of \$3,677,800

and an added 10-percent contingency for a total of \$4,310,580.

The \$4.1-million Harmon Road extension opened in August 2023 to grant better access to AdventHealth Apopka from the east as well as to fire and ambulance vehicles.

The \$26.3 million expansion of AdventHealth Apopka will bring the campus' licensed bed count to 158 and result in the creation of over 20 high-paying jobs. AdventHealth is expected to finish the project by mid-May of this year.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Apopka City Council will consider an update to the Comprehensive Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 3029
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 3029 will be held in the Apopka Council Chambers, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703 on the following date and time, or shortly thereafter, to consider said Amendment:

Planning Commission - Public Hearing:
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

City Council - First Reading:
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

The proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element may be inspected by the public at the Apopka City Hall, in the Community Development Department at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Telephone number: 407-703-1712.

All interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to these hearings. 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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DeSantis sign legislation to stop squatters takeovers of homes

By Andrew Powell
The Center Square

Governor Ron DeSantis signed legislation Wednesday, March 27, that he says will end the problem of squatters taking over homes in the Sunshine State.

DeSantis stated that squatters have taken over homes in states like New York and in some cases, have been murdering the homeowners when they attempt to evict them from their properties.

"Today, in the state of Florida, we say very simply, what passes muster in New York and California, is not passing muster here," DeSantis said. "You are not going to be able to commandeer somebody's private property and expect to get away with it."

DeSantis stated that the "squatters' scam" is going to be ended once and for

all. He added that House Bill 621 would allow homeowners to quickly and legally remove a squatter from their property and increase penalties for those squatting.

DeSantis added that because of outdated laws, squatters knew there was a long process involved in getting them removed from a property and noted that the legislation would make this process more efficient.

"What you can do now if you're the victim of squatting, you can simply fill out a form, give it to your local sheriff, and the sheriff is instructed to go and remove the people who are inhabiting your dwelling illegally," DeSantis said.

DeSantis noted that because of the new legislation and the swiftness in which law enforcement can act, people will be more reluctant to occupy a dwelling in

Florida illegally.

"You see these trends that happen in these other parts of the country, I think good leadership is looking and saying ok, we're not going to repeat what is going on in these failed jurisdictions," DeSantis said. "So the Legislature was up to the task, and then here today we're signing this into law, is going to show the state of Florida is up to the task."

DeSantis stated that he and the Legislature believe in the rule of law, and in private property rights and added that he thinks it's good that people can aspire to own their own homes, including those who own seasonal homes in Florida.

"The squatters' scam ends today with my signature on this piece of legislation and the state of Florida will be better for it," DeSantis said.

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Puzzle Solution

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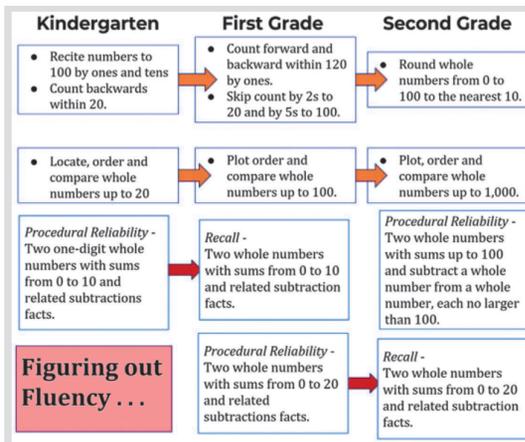
Students prepare to do their best by reading, reading, and reading



From Principal Sarasty:
We are in full swing with prepping all students to perform at their best for our final state assessments in May. Students become better readers the more they read and are read to. No matter what grade level, this is a valuable use of time. Please encourage and read with your child every night. Below are the areas for each grade level with math. It takes us working together to give our students the best opportunity for success. Let's Lovell Up, Wildcats! Game On!

PTA will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. 4:30 – 5:30 pm. They will be having their elections for next year's board at this meeting.

School News:
March 28th, Academic Night will be on Thursday.
April 1st, Lovell Up Monday Wear your favorite game shirt and jeans to show your support in being ALL IN this year.
April 2nd – 4th & 5th Grade Writing State Assessment.
April 3rd, Paraprofessional Appreciation Day.
April 4th, School Librarian Appreciation Day.
April 8-12, National Assistant Principal Week.
April 22nd, Beautifica-



Math to Know

3rd, 5th

MULTIPLICATION!

- Know facts 1-12 QUICKLY
- Understand two and three digit multiplication

Division

- 3rd single digit
- Know what strategy works best for them

House News:
February House winners... Meraki! Great Job!
April 24th, Administrative Professional's Day.
Congratulatio- n Day.
April 24th, Administrative Professional's Day.
House News:
Congratulatio- n Day.

Counselor's Corner:
Character Resiliency Trait for March is **Critical**

Thinking. Critical Thinking means gathering information to think through and determine the best choice. We are running a small food drive for our Food

Pantry. Items needed are, pasta, oatmeal, rice, cereal, and macaroni and cheese. We would be appreciated any help you could give.

CommUNITY Celebration



The CommUNITY Celebration at Wekiva High School will take place on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This collaborative event is presented by Wekiva High, Piedmont Lakes Middle, and

Lakeville Elementary. There will be a wide array of activities and attractions including complimentary food, interactive games, a petting zoo, face painting, bounce houses, and DJ mu-

sic. Attendees will get a chance to explore valuable school and community resources while indulging in culinary delights available for purchase from featured food trucks.

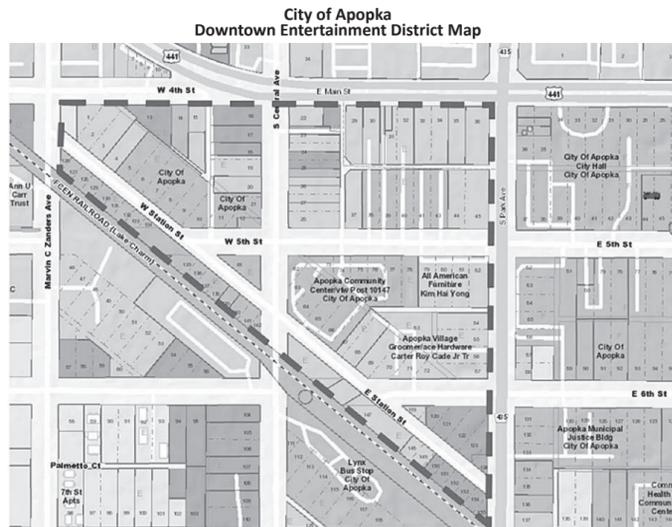
This event serves as a platform to foster community engagement and showcase the diverse offerings of the Apopka area. Wekiva High School is located at 2501 Hiawasse Road, Apopka.

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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AMENDMENTS TO APOPKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Apopka proposes to amend the Code of Ordinances and the Land Development Code of the City of Apopka, Florida in accordance with Florida Statutes 166.0413(3)(c) to revise sections as specified within the Ordinance Number 3050 title. The proposed amendments affect or may affect the use of property, the development of building and structures, and the development review process for land located within the jurisdiction of the City of Apopka, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 3050
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; ADDING DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS FOR OBTAINING AN OPEN CONTAINER PERMIT; SETTING FORTH VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES; ESTABLISHING THE DOWNTOWN APOPKA ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; AMENDING ARTICLE 4, "USE REGULATIONS," OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO CLARIFY ALCOHOL SALE RESTRICTIONS FOR MOBILE FOOD VENDORS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Notice is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3050 will be held by the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**; and 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, April 17, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** AND **Wednesday, May 1, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**

Interested parties may appear at this meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office for inspection.

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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