

Hayden: Civics teaches our history

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those we called neighbors.

We do not need schools to indoctrinate our children with the forerunner of communism, which is socialism. There is not one nation in the world that has ever benefited through socialism, NOT ONE!

Our education system is failing our children because of the government's involvement. The only class that we desperately need (outside of the reading, writing, and arithmetic) is civics, taught by teachers that understand that we are a Democratic Republic, governed by a Constitution that puts the power of the government into the hands of the people through delegates that have been chosen by the people.

Our government today is completely out of control. There is only a handful of representatives that are looking to their employers (you and me) for directions on how we want the job that we hired them for, to be done.

Anytime a government can charge you and harass you for what they think you are thinking, it is time to rearrange that government by spending time at the voter's box!

Our children are being taught and encouraged to do self-evaluation about whether they are really the correct gender and if they want to change. Why, according to these bubbleheads, men can get pregnant and have babies. On the other hand, the ones who have been created to give birth are marching in the streets for the "right" to kill the babies in the womb, and have it paid for by taxpayers, of which, 75 percent are against abortion upon demand.

Common sense is completely gone, replaced by idiotic ideas that are more fanatical than any fairy tale ever read. At least the fairy tales of yesteryear taught basic lessons that would give us a greater advantage in obtaining a peace-filled life by being good people.

When you go to the ballot box remember this: A government that is big enough to give you everything you want, is also big enough to take away everything you have.

It is time to go back to kindergarten and start all over!

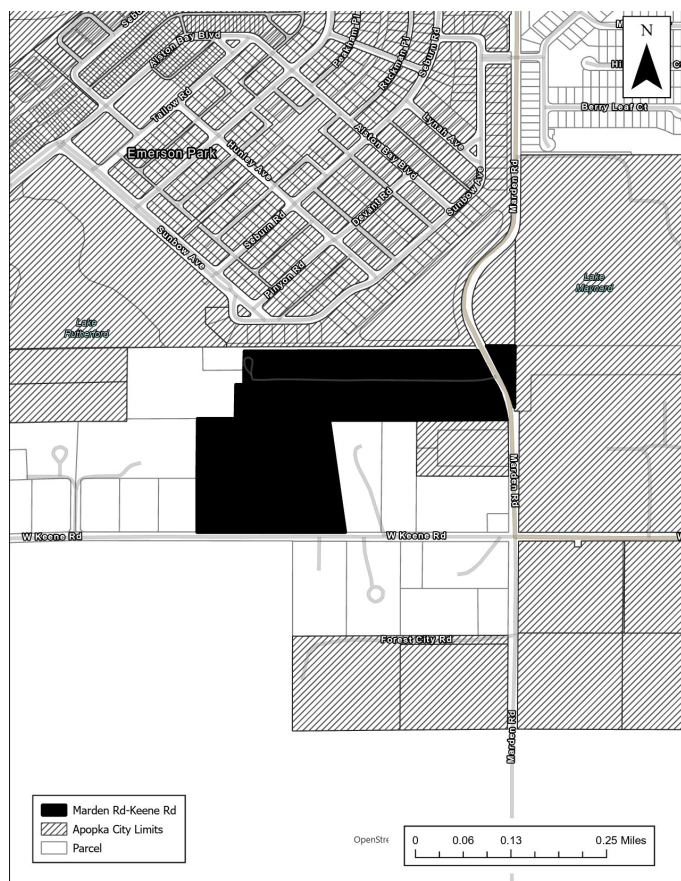
Let us get the basics taught again, and let us start with the ones who work for "We the People!"

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 **JIM HALL** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of properties located at west of Marden Road and north of W. Keene Road. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3049

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 THE JAMES H. PAGE LIFE ESTATE AND THE ANNETTE H. PAGE TRUST; LOCATED NORTH OF W. KEENE ROAD, AND WEST AND EAST OF MARDEN ROAD, COMPRISING 32.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 20-21-28-0000-00-016, 20-21-28-0000-00-004, 20-21-28-0000-00-032, 20-21-28-0000-00-032, 20-21-28-0000-00-029, 20-21-28-0000-00-033, 20-21-28-0000-00-014, 20-21-28-0000-00-012, 20-21-28-0000-00-018
 Contains: 32.0 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3049 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, May 1, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, May 15, 2024 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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Heat protections for outdoor workers could have prevented worker's death

Dear Editor:

Our Florida state lawmakers recently assured us that Florida employers provide safe workplaces for their outdoor laborers. How, then, do they explain the untimely death of a 26-year-old man from Mexico working on a sugar cane plantation in South Florida in September 2023?

A press release issued by OSHA on April 15th states that the young worker "suffered fatal heat-related injuries while working in an open field as the heat index reached 97 degrees." The OSHA notice goes on to say that the employer "could have prevented his death by implementing safety rules to protect workers from heat-related hazards. These include using an effective plan to help workers acclimate to the weather conditions."

Yet, just last week Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law HB 433, or the heat and wage pre-emption bill, that denies local governments in Florida the right to enact heat stress and heat exposure safety measures, including possible life-saving training, for outdoor workers in their communities.

At the behest of large agribusiness and construc-

tion industry associations, Florida lawmakers chose to vote in favor of a bill to prohibit heat protections for workers rather than for a bill to protect those outdoor workers through basic safety measures, such as water, shade, breaks and training. These are exactly the points that over 90 organizations told DeSantis in two separate letters they sent to the Governor, encouraging him to veto the anti-worker bill HB 433. In spite of this overwhelming support by many labor, faith and environmental organizations in the state, the Governor put his signature on the bill for it to become law.

A man is dead. All he wanted was to do honest work to make a living. Instead, he lost his life. And a family has lost a son. This did not have to happen. There are proven precautions that can protect workers from the increasingly high temperatures and Florida's high humidity.

The argument of the business lobby against heat stress protections is that businesses are already taking care of their workers. This tragic death proves otherwise. Without basic safety protections, outdoor workers are not safe from extreme heat. In the

case of the young man who died tossing sugar cane for planting in the ground, the OSHA press release states, "The field in which he worked is about an hour west of West Palm Beach, 20 minutes from the closest road and 22 miles from the hospital to which he was transported and where he later died, stricken by heatstroke."

This should not have happened. It must never happen again! Those who do the work we all benefit from must not put their lives at risk to make a day's pay!

Enough! Basta ya!

Jeannie Economos
 Coordinator, Pesticide Safety and Environmental Health Program
 The Farmworker Association of Florida

The Farmworker Association of Florida is conducting heat stress protection trainings for farmworkers across the state with a goal of training a minimum of 850 farmworkers this year on how to protect themselves from heat exposure, recognizing the signs and symptoms of heat exposure, heat stress, and/or heat stroke, and what to do in case of an emergency.

Moore: Attend meeting in Zellwood

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2050 will substantially restructure our current comprehensive plan, putting an emphasis on resiliency, placemaking, affordability, context-driven planning, and performance-based development.

With your help, the county will craft a plan that protects our environmentally sensitive lands and the rural lifestyle that is cherished by so many of our residents, while preserving

and enhancing the character of our established residential neighborhoods.

By directing growth to previously urbanized areas that are located near existing or planned transit corridors, Vision 2050 seeks to promote new urban development through infill and redevelopment, with a greater mix of uses and enhanced walkability.

Before you attend the meeting on Monday, April 29, in Zellwood, I encourage you to visit the coun-

ty website at www.ocfl.net. In the Search Box, type in Orange County Code.

You will at least be able to familiarize yourself with place types and placemaking standards and be able to ask questions, but, don't worry ... if you can't visit the website prior to the meeting, just show up.

We will have several stations where you will be able to see example plans and get questions answered. See you there!

Byrd: Community event was fun

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The tables also had games and prizes or other items to give away which made it even more fun. Chick-fil-A gave away gift cards and one of our local churches gave away gas cards!

Outside, the fun continued with our own Apopka Fire Department showing one of their big, beautiful engines to families and a DJ playing fun music. There were several games on the courts for kids to play, face painting, a bounce house and lots of food!

Commissioner Nick Nesta (who is a proud Piedmont Lakes alumni) donated hot dogs for the event which the families enjoyed and there were a few other food trucks there as well. The kids enjoyed snow cones, popcorn and sweet treats also.

One of the most enjoyable features of the event was the petting zoo, provided by the Wekiva High School and Piedmont Lakes Middle School FFA clubs. They had goats, rabbits, chickens and ducks out for the kids to pet and learn more about. But the best part was, the groups were able to recruit future

members who were very interested in learning how they could work with the animals at school.

Re-Imagine Communities was also there giving away books, bookbags, games and prizes to the kids.

The Apopka Police Department had their Community Policing group there to answer questions, and the Orlando Health Teen Express bus was there providing services and information as well.

It truly was a community event full of fun and I can't wait to do it again next year!

Everybody has an opinion. Why not share yours?
 Send a letter to the Editor online www.theapokkachief.com

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

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www.theapokkachief.com, news@theapokkachief.com

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. www.apopka.net

Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept.	407-836-8550
Hunting/Fishing Lic	888-347-4356
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
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
 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