

# Apopka Woman's Club installs new officers at meeting

Nine new officers for the GFWC Apopka Woman's Club were installed by Beverly Winesburgh at the monthly May 21 meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Apopka. The theme "Sharing with Sharon Fisher" emphasized how much time, talent and treasure the volunteer officers and club members contribute to assist their president each year. The club raises thousands of dollars annually at their popular Art and Foliage Festival and fundraising special events. All monies are given back to the



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community through scholarships, donations, sponsorships and a variety of community volunteering. The new officers pictured (l to r) are Festival Chairman Joann Castillo, Festival Treasurer Lorena Potter, Board Secretary Geri Unrue, Corresponding Secretary Jacquelyn Daly, Treasurer Virginia (Ginny) Iafrate, Second Vice President Charlotte White, First Vice President Diane Harrison, Immediate Past President Susan Bornmann, and President Sharon Fisher.

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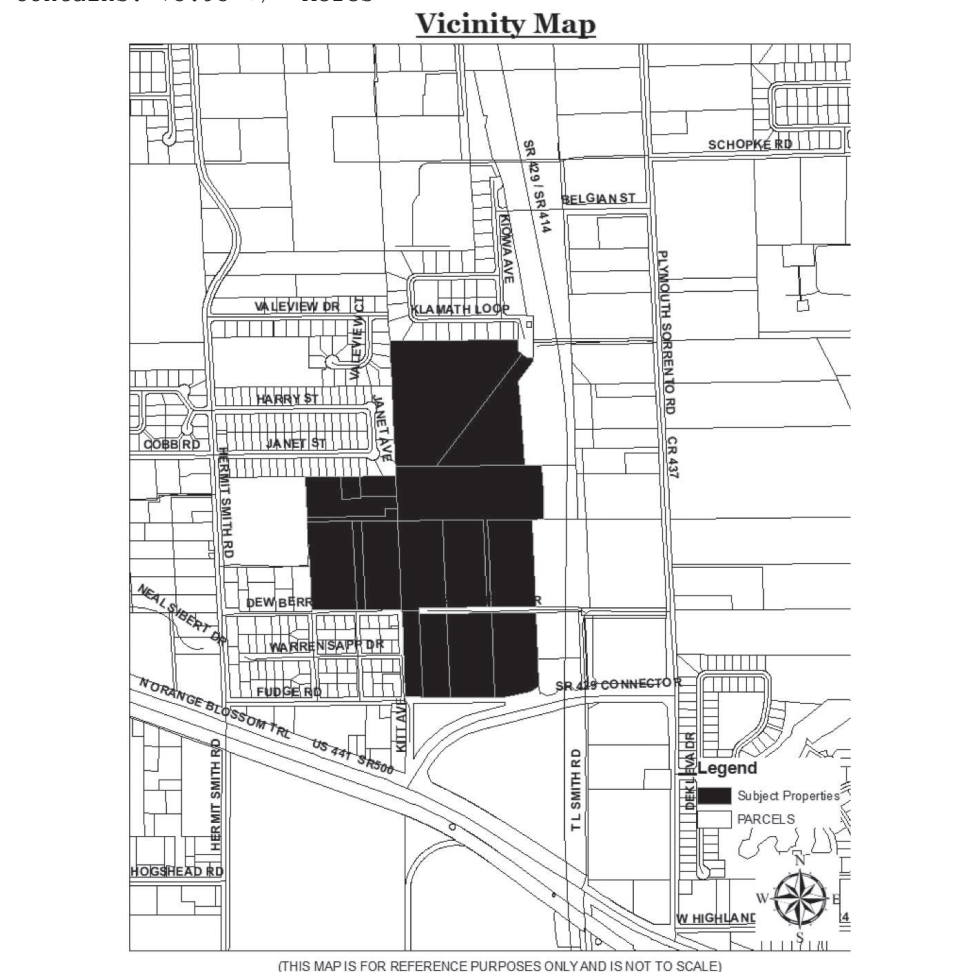
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## CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **Floridian Apopka Phase 1 Owner, LLC** has made application relating to the following described property.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3060**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2840, WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE "FLORIDIAN TOWN CENTER" PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD), GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF W. ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL AND WEST OF S.R. 429, COMPRISING 73.93 ACRES MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Parcel Identification Number(s): 27-20-36-0000-00-093; 27-20-36-0000-00-075; 27-20-36-0000-00-052; 27-20-36-0000-00-068; 27-20-36-0000-00-074; 27-20-36-0000-00-048; 27-20-36-0000-00-085; 28-21-06-7172-16-020; 28-21-06-7172-16-040; 28-21-06-7172-16-051; 28-21-06-7172-16-070; 28-21-06-7172-16-060; 28-21-06-7172-16-050; 27-20-36-0000-00-066; 28-21-06-7172-16-042; 27-20-36-0000-00-083; 27-20-36-0000-00-047; 28-21-06-7172-16-040; 28-21-06-7172-16-030  
Contains: 73.93 +/- Acres



Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3061 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, June 19, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M.**

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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# Memorial: Famous WWI poem is read

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Ingrassia was the memorial speaker at the city Memorial Day service at Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery on Monday, May 27. The service included special musical performance by House of Florida District 39 Representative Doug Bankson and his father Roger Bankson, a gun salute by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10147 members, and a wreath dedication for fallen heroes for every military branch.

According to Ingrassia, many people confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day; the latter is on November 11 when veterans are honored. Ingrassia said it's okay to thank a veteran on any day of the year, but most veterans don't accept or even like to be thanked for their service on Memorial Day.

"We would rather folks say, 'we remember' and 'we honor.' We, as veterans, truly reflect upon all our brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate price and offer our condolences to the families, to all those who lost a loved one," Ingrassia said.

To say "Happy Memorial Day" is an insult to our fallen heroes and their families, Ingrassia explained. Gold Star Families date back to World War I when military families displayed service flags featuring a

blue star for every immediate family member serving the armed forces. The star's color would change from blue to gold if the family lost a loved one in the war, hence the term gold star family.

On June 4, 1928, 25 mothers in Washington D.C., orchestrated by Grace Darling Siebold, gathered to start a national organization that would be known as American Gold Star Mothers, a non-denominational, non-profit and non-political group that honors mothers who lost their children in combat and uphold and sustain the values they fought and lost their lives for.

"Now I ask you to place yourself in the shoes of those families who lost a loved one in battle. They're defending the very freedoms that we, as Americans, get to enjoy and share on those beach days or summer barbecues. No one has ever asked anything from anyone where to stop enjoying the three-day weekend. All that is requested is, you take a single moment out of your day on Memorial Day to say a silent 'thank you' to those who gave their life for your freedom, and for some of them was not by their choice," Ingrassia said.

After the ceremony, Ingrassia distributed to civilians small business cards with pins of folded up American flags. She en-



Alice Boria (l), president of the VFW Post 10147 Auxiliary, and Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson participate in the wreath laying honoring fallen soldiers at the Memorial Day service.

couraged civilians to wear the pins which serve as a reminder to civilians of the sacrifice veterans made to the nation.

Alice Boria, president of the VFW Post 10147 Auxiliary, read the poem "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae. Published on December 8, 1915, in the British magazine *Punch*, the poem references the red poppies that grew over the graves and helped popularize the flower as a memorial symbol.

"Most of you probably have heard this over the years, but I don't know if

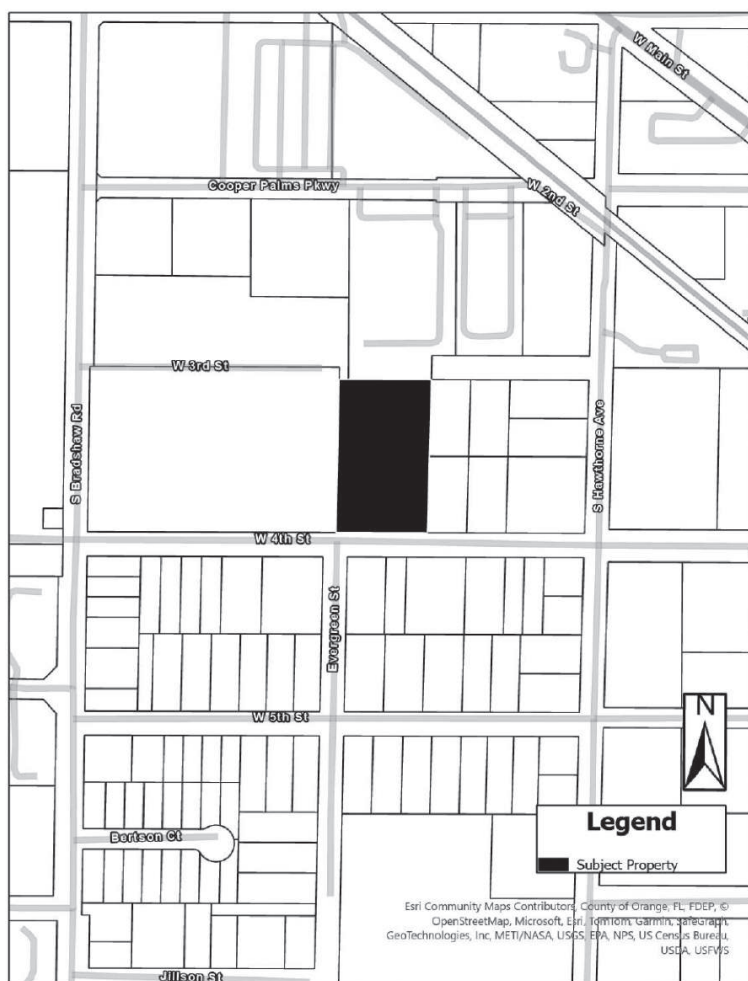
you know, that it was written by a young lieutenant colonel after one of his best friends was killed at Flanders field," Boria said. "Since he was the top officer there at that time, he had to conduct the funeral services saying of the words over the graves. They buried the soldiers that night, during the nighttime. The next morning these poppies had bloomed. They're called papaver poppies and it had been a farm. These poppies just popped up all over the place, the crimson red poppies. So he wrote this poem."

## 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 **ALBERT IGLESIA** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located north of Fourth Street, east of Bradshaw Road and west of Hawthorne Avenue. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3057

**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 SFL PARTNERS LLC AND JFJ REAL INVESTMENTS, LLC; LOCATED NORTH OF FOURTH STREET, EAST OF BRADSHAW ROAD AND WEST OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE; COMPRISING 1.97 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



Parcel Identification Number(s): 09-21-28-0868-01-510  
Contains: 1.97 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3057 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, June 5, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, June 19, 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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## Beware of developers' interest

Editor:

If you don't want rampant development on top of your own little piece of paradise, don't sell to developers and vote no in November on the half-penny sales tax increase on the ballot in November.

Orange County school board member, Melissa Byrd's report in the May 17th Chief lets us know that four new schools are slated to be built in the Apopka area in the next 10 years. All of this is based on the current expected enrollment from NEW DEVELOPMENTS. The good news is this happens if the school district can fund the new schools, and that depends entirely on the half-penny sales tax in Novem-

ber that will fund nearly 50 percent of their capital program for the next decade.

AND, I also learned from the Orange Code website that there is a pause in effect from May 28 through November 28 on the acceptance of certain new development applications that involve rezoning, special exceptions, and comprehensive plans text and map amendments. That sounds to me like they are waiting to see if the Sales Tax increase will pass in November.

The pause ordinance only affects unincorporated areas of the county, which includes me and everyone in the Zellwood vicinity, Sadler Road, Round Lake, parts of Kelly Park, parts of Ponkan and I'm sure more areas of unin-

corporated North West Orange County. I don't know. I'm not an expert on this, but I don't believe the realtors who come knocking on my door offering to buy my little piece of heaven telling me I'm going to get pushed out of my beautiful log home we built 30 years ago because of the development coming my way. Someone from Orange County needs to look into that also!

You can learn all about the development in your area by going to www.ocfl.net/Vision 2050 or just send them an email Vision2050@ocfl.net and get all your questions answered. They are very helpful.

Thank you.  
Ellen Heizman  
Apopka

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Rain sensor are required on all automatic irrigation systems;

Irrigation using a micro-spray, micro-jet, drip or bubbler irrigation system is allowed anytime;

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Irrigation systems may be operated at any time of day on any day for maintenance and repair purposes.

not to exceed 20 minutes per zone;

Irrigation is allowed at any time with a hand-held garden hose that is equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle;

New landscapes are allowed to irrigate on any day for one 30-day period. The irrigation must be limited to only the area where the new landscaping is installed.

To report new sod, or for questions regarding the water restrictions, please contact the Public Services Department at 407-703-1731.

## Moore: Use fertilizer responsibly

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septic systems once stood. This is happening now in the neighborhoods closest to the Wekiwa River and Springs.

Any time it rains or when your yard is watered, the potential exists for excess fertilizer to runoff into the stormwater system.

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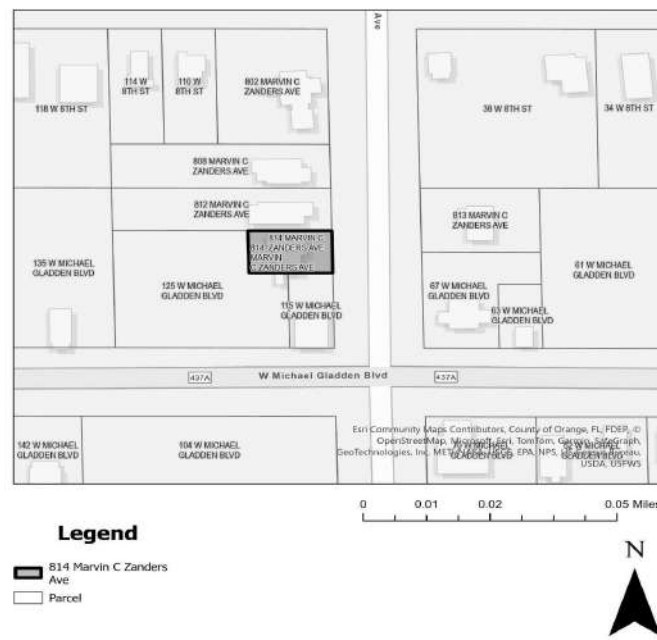
You'll find plenty of tips including how to calculate the exact amount of fertilizer to put on your yard and you can request a speaker for your group to explain how the ordinance works.

## 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 **CYNTHIA HENDERSON** 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 COMMERCIAL TO MIXED USE FOR 0.08 +/- ACRES**. This application relates to the following described properties:

### ORDINANCE NO. 3056

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 COMMERCIAL TO MIXED USE FOR CYNTHIA HENDERSON GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF E MICHAEL GLADDEN BOULEVARD, OWNED BY CYNTHIA HENDERSON, COMPRISING 0.08 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Numbers: 09-21-28-0196-70-384  
Contains: 0.08 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 3056 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 beginning at 5:30 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 3056 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, July 17, 2024 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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<b>U.S. Representative</b> Daniel Webster (Dist. 11)	352-241-9220
<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
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