

DeSantis signs \$116.5 B state budget, less than last year's

By Andrew Powell
The Center Square

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed the state budget during a news conference in Tampa on Wednesday, June 12.

The state budget, House Bill 5001, comes with a price tag of \$116.5 billion but is less than what was allocated in the fiscal 2023-2024 budget. DeSantis said the bottom line is providing historic support for education,

conservation efforts, transportation and infrastructure along with significant tax relief.

"We are proud to maintain a AAA credit rating," DeSantis said. "Florida is rated higher than the federal government and we're going to continue to keep it that way ... Since taking office, largely because we've been prudent and we've been fiscally responsible."

DeSantis noted that Florida has the lowest debt-

per-capita than any other state and added that it was important to keep spending in check and one way he did that was by using his line-item veto authority.

The two-term Republican governor used his line-item veto pen to slash \$949.6 million in spending from this year's budget.

"We did close to a billion dollars worth of line-item vetoes and part of that is just a reflection of what we wanted to keep the budget

within a certain parameter, some of the stuff I don't think was appropriate for state tax dollars," DeSantis said.

DeSantis pointed out that he has no issue vetoing unnecessary appropriations because he wants to prioritize paying down state debt, having large surpluses and growing the "rainy day fund."

"So, less spending than last year, record investments, this is the most we've ever spent for trans-

portation and infrastructure, for building roads, for doing all the things that we need to do," DeSantis said.

Since 2019, the state has provided over \$6 billion in tax relief for Florida businesses and residents despite not having a state income tax. DeSantis noted this is because Florida has the best policies and added that job growth in the private sector has increased by almost 250,000 jobs from April 2023 to the present.

DeSantis noted that his administration is responsible for the largest amount

of money ever provided for education, which includes scholarship programs and public universities. Environmental restoration and stewardship have also been top priorities for the Legislature.

"This budget will include \$1.25 billion that can only be used to increase teacher salaries," DeSantis said. "No money to unions, no money to bureaucracy, only for teacher salary and that is more than the state of Florida has ever done."

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Museum celebrating being '55 and Alive'

The Apopka Museum is marking its 55th year this month and the public is invited to celebrate.

The 55 and Still Alive celebration will take place on Saturday, June 22, 2-5 p.m. at the Apopka Museum, 122 E. Fifth St., Apopka.

There will be live music, free cake, dancing, games, fun prizes, and cash bar and food.

Apopka Historical Society President Maribel Brinkle said the museum's purpose in celebrating 55 years is to preserve Apopka's historical legacy, honor the work of older generations, and pass it on to the next generation.

"It is a torch we carry from the generations before us," she said according to a statement. "One we pass on with pride. It is about a commitment to our shared past, present, and future. This celebration is a statement to the dedication of the Apopka Historical Society and all you who support this initiation."

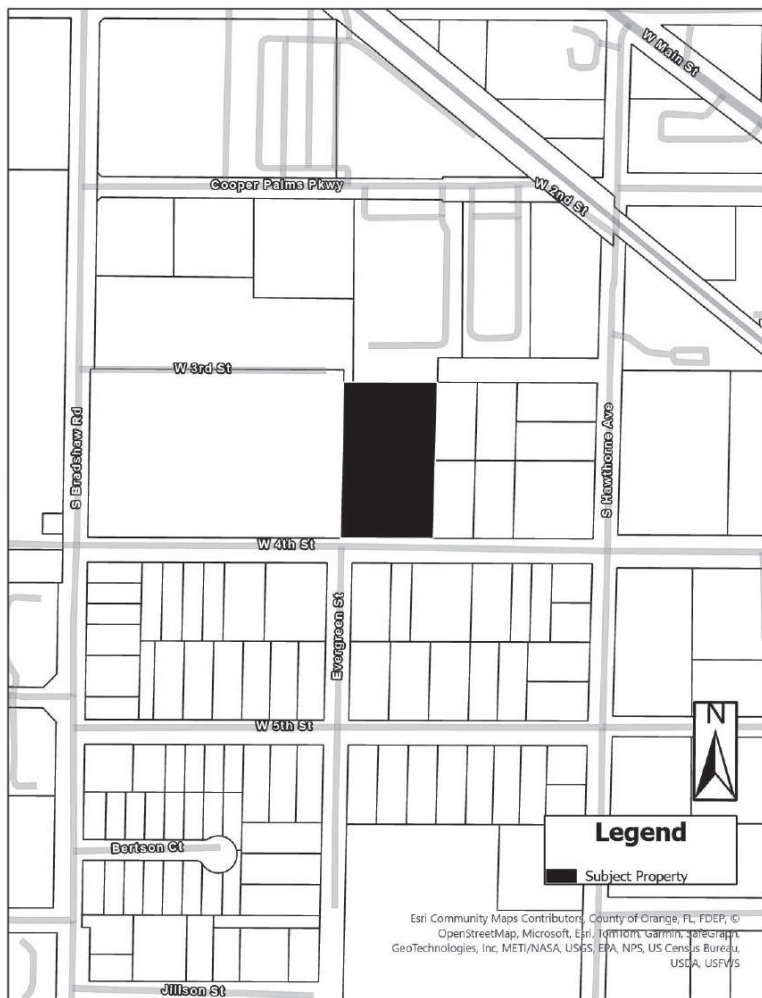
Visit theapokkamuseum.com for more information.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 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 **Albert Iglesias** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3058
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 RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM TO INDUSTRIAL FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 3059
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY R-2 (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY 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 the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, July 9, 2024 beginning at 5:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3058 and 3059 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, August 7, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** AND **Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications 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, Florida 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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In the period from June 2-8, the Apopka Police Department received 1,451 calls for service, responded to 31 crashes, issued 68 citations, and made 20 arrests. Juveniles were charged with vehicle theft-grand theft of motor vehicle (X8); burglary-unoccupied conveyance unarmed (X7); loitering or prowling (X6); damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more (X6); resist officer-obstruct without violence (X6); battery-cause bodily harm; burglary tools-possession of burglary tools with intent to use (X2); drug equipment-possession and/or use; marijuana-possession less than 20 grams cannabis; probation violation-child in violation of imposed conditions; larceny-grand theft \$750 less than \$5,000; damage property-criminal mischief over \$200 under \$1,000 subsequent offense.

The following adults were arrested and charged:
 Marcos Javier Alvarez-Rodriguez, 27, confidential, Mt. Dora, battery-touch or strike.
 Sakeinah Alisha Burgess, 33, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Garth Aston Crawford, 38, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.
 Valerie Lachelle Dixon, 38, 1220 7th St. W., Palmetto, drug equipment-possession and/or use; burglary-unoccupied structure unarmed; burglary tools-possession of burglary tools with intent to use.
 Octavius Denzell Dubose, 27, confidential, Apopka, battery-2nd or subsequent offense.
 Abed Jonathan Farah, 36, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).
 Gavin Edwin Fernandez, 28, 9428 Montello Dr., Orlando, burglary-unoccupied conveyance unarmed.
 Travis Garrick Hadley, 47, 932 Silvertip Rd., Apopka, battery-touch or strike; aggravated assault-with intent to commit a felony.
 Travis Ray Hall, 36, 590 Everett St., Deltona, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (fentanyl).
 Anthony Harris, 61, general delivery, Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.
 Laron Johnson, 18, 130 W. 12th St., Apopka, vehicle theft-grand theft of motor vehicle; burglary-unoccupied conveyance unarmed; loitering or prowling; damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more; contributing

to delinquent minor-cause child commit act of delinquent depend need; resist officer-obstruct without violence.
 Sabrina Mae Kimbell, 45, 800 Georgia Ave., Apopka, trespassing-structure or conveyance.
 Vu Van Lam, 35, 1618 Cobblebridge Ct., Apopka, resist officer refuse to accept sign citation or post bond.
 Ibrain J. Leon Castro, 34, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.
 Marven Noel, 36, 2990 Foxtail Bnd., Ocoee, larceny-other theft.
 Lehi Peralta-Ramirez, 31, general delivery, Mount Plymouth, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-breath alcohol 0.08 or more per 210L.
 Donald Alan Ridanpaa, 41, general delivery, Apopka, robbery with weapon; larceny-resist arrest commit theft, resist recovery of property.
 Jacord Keshawn Rouse, 33, 239 W. Ella J. Gilmore St., Apopka, battery on specified personnel (law enforcement officer); resist officer with violence; battery on specified personnel (security officers).
 Laura Ann Simon, 64, 3136 Cilia St., Mt. Dora, other agency warrant; trespassing-occupied structure or conveyance.
 Pablo Alberto Velez-Vega, 40, 5451 Millenia Lakes Blvd. #169, Orlando, larceny-other theft.

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 **APIAN ENGINEERING, INC. C/O LUKE M. CLASSON, P.E.** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located on the southwest corner of Ondich Road and Effie Drive. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3066
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 PM S-1 REO, LLC; LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONDICH ROAD AND EFFIE DRIVE; COMPRISING 54.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 11-20-27-0000-00-037, 11-20-27-0000-00-069, 12-20-27-0000-00-001, 12-20-27-0000-00-012, 12-20-27-0000-00-046, 12-20-27-0000-00-048
 Contains: 54.85 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3066 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, August 7, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** and **Wednesday, August 21, 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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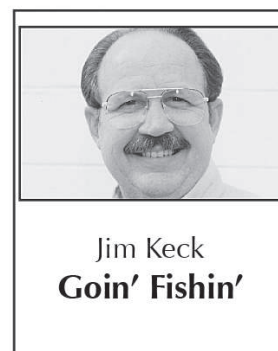
Butler chain has the best fishing

Hello Folks,

I'm in my office at home listenin' to the rain hittin' my house. It sounds so good. It looks like we are finally gonna get some rain this week, and I'm so thankful because we definitely need it. Hopefully it will help raise up the water levels in our lakes.

Well, the fishin' hasn't been too bad in most of the lakes and chains in our area. We have a full moon in a couple of weeks, so that would probably wrap up the bluegills and shellcracker season, for this year. If you want to try and catch some pan-fish, I would get some red worms, crickets, or some grass-shrimp and head out to East Lake or Lake Kissimmee for the best results.

The bass fishin' has been hit or miss in most of the chains and lakes in our area. The best bass fishin' has been in the Butler Chain. You will catch plenty of small- to keeper-size bass. You can catch 'em on plastic worms, slow sinkin' Senko-type baits, and chatter-baits. As always, keep a lipless crank-bait tied on to one of your rods in case the schoolers come up around the boat.



Jim Keck
 Goin' Fishin'

Last Saturday, X-treme Bass Series held a tournament on the St. Johns River. Congrats to John Kremer and Earl Lytle on their win. They weighed in 5 bass that hit the scales at 24.2 pounds. They also caught the big bass of the tournament weighin' in at 6.5 pounds. The team of Don Eady and Kenny Bivins won their tournament on the Kissimmee Chain. They were fishin' the X-treme Bass Series as well. They hit the scales with 5 bass that weighed 21.6 pounds. The big bass of the day went to Andrew Hall whose big bass hit the scales at 7.6 pounds. So, it seems the bass fishin' isn't doin' too bad in those two chains of lakes.

I would suggest you get on the water early or go late in the day so it won't

be so hot. Also, I wanted to send out congrats to John Brazzell and Josh Davis on their win on Johns Lake. They weighed in 5 bass that weighed 20.93 pounds. This is John's and Josh's third win of the year on the X-treme Bass Series team trail. Congrats guys on a great win.

If you are interested in fishin' a grassroots bass tournament like the X-treme Bass Series tournament in your area, you can go on facebook and look up the divisions that are in your area of the state. You can also go to Home-Xtreme Bass Series-series.com and get additional information about the trail.

Well, folks, I wish I had more information, but with the high temperatures and the low water levels, it has kept a lot of folks home. Folks just ain't fishin' as much as they do in the cooler months.

I hope you have a great week and I hope to see ya on the water *reel* soon.

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SUDOKU ANSWERS: PAGE 10A

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CLUES ACROSS

- Small Eurasian deer
- Irish county
- A major division of geological time
- Canadian province (abbr.)
- Human gene
- Two
- A famous one is blue
- Utter repeatedly
- Ring-shaped objects
- Spoils
- Occurs
- Commercial
- Near
- Products you may need
- Pledge thrown down as a challenge
- TV network

CLUES DOWN

- Make up for
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Salary
- Influential world body
- Engravers
- Declared as fact
- One who steals
- Jewelry
- Hospital employee (abbr.)
- Nonsense (slang)
- Town in Galilee
- Value
- A fake name
- Sheep in their second year
- Town in Surrey, England
- Appropriate for a particular time of year
- Creative works
- Recesses
- W. Pacific island group
- Tolkien character
- Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
- Pioneer
- Scribe
- Painted a bright color
- Lowest members of British nobility
- Actress Thurman
- Type of sugar
- Crest of a hill
- N. American people of British Columbia
- Device
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