

# Junior Rangers can receive a Florida 529 Savings Plan scholarship

Florida State Parks and the Florida Prepaid College Program are partnering to encourage families to get outside and explore Florida's award-winning state parks through the Junior Ranger Program as well as prepare for their little ranger's future with a risk-free college savings plan.

This year, ten Florida children will receive a \$1,000 Florida 529 Savings Plan scholarship, plus a Florida State Parks Junior Ranger gift pack and inflatable paddle board. Click here to enter the sweepstakes by June 23, 2024.

**How to participate in the Junior Ranger Program**

Visit any participating Florida State Park and ask for a Junior Ranger Kit.

If you are not at the park, you can be a Virtual Junior Ranger from anywhere.

This promotion is open to legal residents of the state of Florida over the age of 18 with children or grandchildren up to eighth grade who have fully and satisfactorily completed the scholarship entry requirements and are otherwise eligible to participate at time of entry. View full promotion rules.

**In-Person Junior Ranger Program**

The Florida State Parks Junior Ranger Program provides the opportunity for

young people to learn, serve and share Florida's natural and cultural resources. You can either participate in a scheduled park program or do it self-guided in the park.

Even if you're not at the park, you can do the Virtual Junior Ranger from anywhere.

Junior Ranger materials are also available in Spanish.

**What's Involved**

1. Visit any participating Florida State Park and ask for a Junior Ranger Kit.

2. Take the Junior Ranger Pledge and receive your member ID card and Official Junior Ranger Badge.

3. Complete the six

CORE Activities from the kit.

4. Turn in the six CORE Activities to park staff to receive your Official Junior Ranger Patch!

5. Complete more activities to earn stamps in your PASSPORT!

6. Turn in your completed PASSPORT to receive your Official Junior Ranger Pin!

7. Remember, being a Junior Ranger means more fun with family and friends.

**Where to find the Junior Ranger Program**

You can find participating Florida State Parks throughout the state.

**Learn the Pledge**

"As a Junior Ranger, I promise to protect the plants, animals, water, geological features, culture and history of Florida State Parks.

"I promise to continue to learn about parks and share what I have learned with others as I explore ... the Real Florida."

**Membership ID Card**

Junior Rangers can get their membership cards punched for one free entry into any Florida State Park. The entry is good for one vehicle with up to eight passengers except at Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park and Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, where the pass is good for two people.

Does not include Skyway Fishing Pier State Park, camping or other fees.

## Hope: Individuals can get help

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uncover new opportunities for those going through difficult times. Hope Navigators help individuals identify their needs, develop long-term goals, map out a path forward, and work to ensure all sectors of the community have a 'seat at the table' to be part of a lasting solution.

Since Hope Florida's launch, nearly 30,000 Floridians have reduced or are no longer reliant on government assistance,

which is estimated to save the State of Florida nearly \$800 million over 10 years. Hope Florida serves families, foster youth, veterans, individuals with unique abilities, vulnerable women, those facing crisis, and other Floridians in need.

"Law enforcement officers encounter individuals and families in some of their most challenging moments," said Department of Children and Families Secretary Shevaun Harris. "Under the leadership of First Lady Casey De-

Santis, we are thrilled to be able to provide officers with additional resources that they can use to help connect individuals to the Hope Florida program. Our Hope Navigators stand ready to assist and provide support as individuals and families work to overcome barriers to success."

Floridians who need support can connect with Hope Florida by visiting [www.HopeFlorida.com](http://www.HopeFlorida.com) or calling the Hope Line (850-300-HOPE).

## Moore: Protect your investment

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I must share the long list of accomplishments done with my partners - the Orange County Public Works Department, Apopka Professional Firefighters, and The People of Southern Apopka Community Association along Sheeler Avenue and Road.

Recent Sheeler Avenue Accomplishments: 3 branding banners erected; sidewalks repaired; trash picked up; sidewalk gap completed in the county section; trees trimmed up in the right-of-way; hedges trimmed down in the right-of-way; three homeless camps moved; complaints sent to RaceTrac corporate for poor maintenance of their property; requested improved intersection at Apopka Blvd./Sheeler; requested state and county improve the intersection at US 441 (\$500,000 price tag).

As I wrote to home-owners, the next step to take if we want to be successful, requires their participation. I follow law enforcement guidelines known as CPTED. They are best practices to keep people safe in their homes.

Number one is picking up trash. Criminals are attracted to areas where it looks

like people don't care or are unengaged. Second is trimming large tree limbs up and hedges down.

Third, law enforcement recommends adding lighting to your home and property. Small solar lighting is relatively inexpensive and readily available.

I will reprint this list of ideas which works in any community. I joke that too many folks hide behind weeds. There is some truth to this, however. Using a weed whacker to keep grasses down under 12 inches throughout the entire property, including the fence line, is vital.

Following is my list of recommendations, one more time.

Things to do to avoid crime and homeless activity: Lower all hedges to under 3 feet; hire a tree company to raise large tree canopies over 10 ft; reduce the amount of tall weeds on the property; trim vegetation over fence lines so the fence can clearly be seen; use a weed killer to keep grasses down on fence lines; place "No trespassing signs on the property".

I hope you implement these recommendations and join me in making all of District 2 safe and prosperous.

## Hayden: We must protect the U.S.

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people, who feed at their trough, in strategic positions throughout our government to provide support for the devious changes that we see happening right now.

Donald Trump was a "monkey wrench" that was not supposed to have happened. As a businessman, and not a politician, he immediately saw a problem in the workings of the bureaucracy. Even in his cabinet there were people situated in strategic positions to keep the "Deep State" from coming into the light of the American scrutiny.

As President Trump delved deeper and deeper into the quagmire of lies, deceit, and un-American behavior, the more of a threat he became to those who want to produce a ruling class (globalists) and the everyday American would soon become the ruled class.

The eyes of Americans are now being opened and we are beginning to see how deep corruption has crept into our Constitutional Republic. Our Founding Fathers would not even recognize our government

as it is being administered today. I am sure they would promote the utmost resistance to our government without delay.

James Madison (one of the writers of our Constitution) stated, "I believe there are more instances of the abridgements of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments by those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations." I fear for my great nation. Not since the Civil War have we ever been more divided.

Our Declaration of Independence declared we would be free from any one ruler, that we have the freedom of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness given to us as inalienable rights by our Creator.

Yet we see those who would pervert those rights and who are using the word "Democracy" to do it.

Remember, only in a Constitutional Republic is Democracy a healthy, viable tool. We Americans (you and I) owe it to our children, and their children to keep the banner of freedom lifted high. We have a sacred duty to overthrow those who would pervert our Constitution. Are you registered to vote?

## 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 **Investments Alliance, LLC** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3054

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 1/4 TO "CITY" RURAL SETTLEMENT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2518 HAAS ROAD, OWNED BY INVESTMENTS ALLIANCE, LLC., COMPRISING 4.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

and

ORDINANCE NO. 3055

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITIONAL) TO PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2518 HAAS ROAD; OWNED BY INVESTMENTS ALLIANCE, LLC., COMPRISING 4.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 07-20-28-0000-00-025  
Contains: 4.17 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3034 and 3035 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 hearing 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 FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka City Council  
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Community Development Department

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## 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.

[www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com), [news@theapokkachief.com](mailto: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](http://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

<b>U.S. Senators</b>	
Rick Scott (Rep.).....	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.).....	407-254-2573
<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
Bus routes.....	407-317-3800
Superintendent.....	407-317-3200
School Board.....	407-317-3200
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
The Apopka Chief.....	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans.....	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce.....	407-886-1441

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**407-889-4455**

is located in the same building as **The Apopka Chief & The Planter** newspapers.

## Garden Club installs officers



Photo courtesy of Foliage Garden Club of Apopka

The Foliage Garden Club of Apopka installs 2024-2025 Board at Vincent's Italian Restaurant on May 2, 2024. President Roberta Dougherty, First Vice President Pamela Smith-Groseclose, Second Vice President Charlotte White, Recording Secretary Ann Mixson, Treasurer Kathy Gill, and Corresponding Secretary Christy Faircloth. The FGCA strives to promote conservation and beautification of Apopka; observe Arbor Day (Live Oak planted at the Alonzo Williams Park); Scholarships to SEEK (Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) Conference, and Wekiva Youth Camp.

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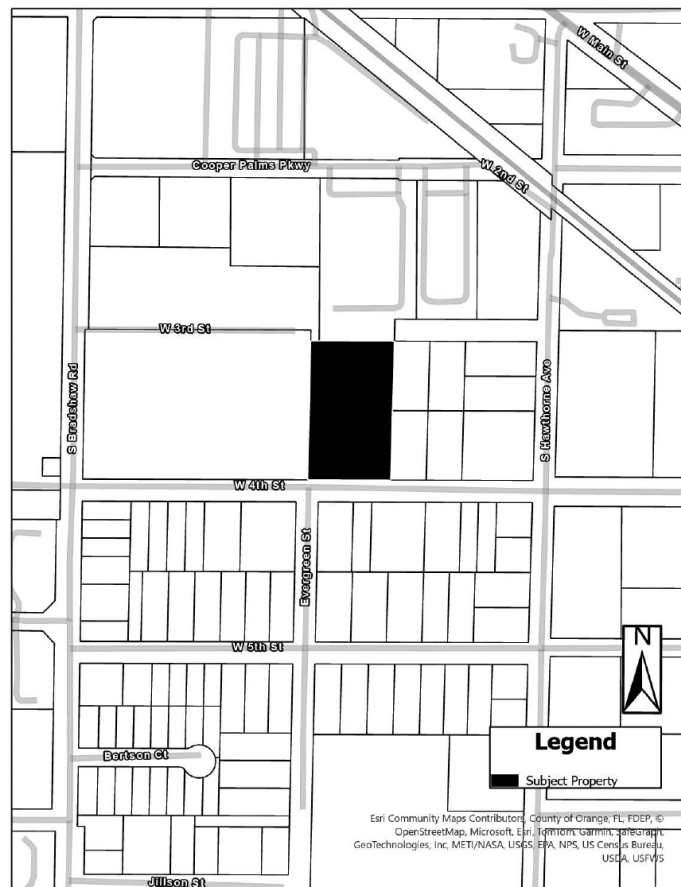
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **Albert Iglesias** has made application relating to the following described property.

**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 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, July 9, 2024 beginning at 5:30 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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