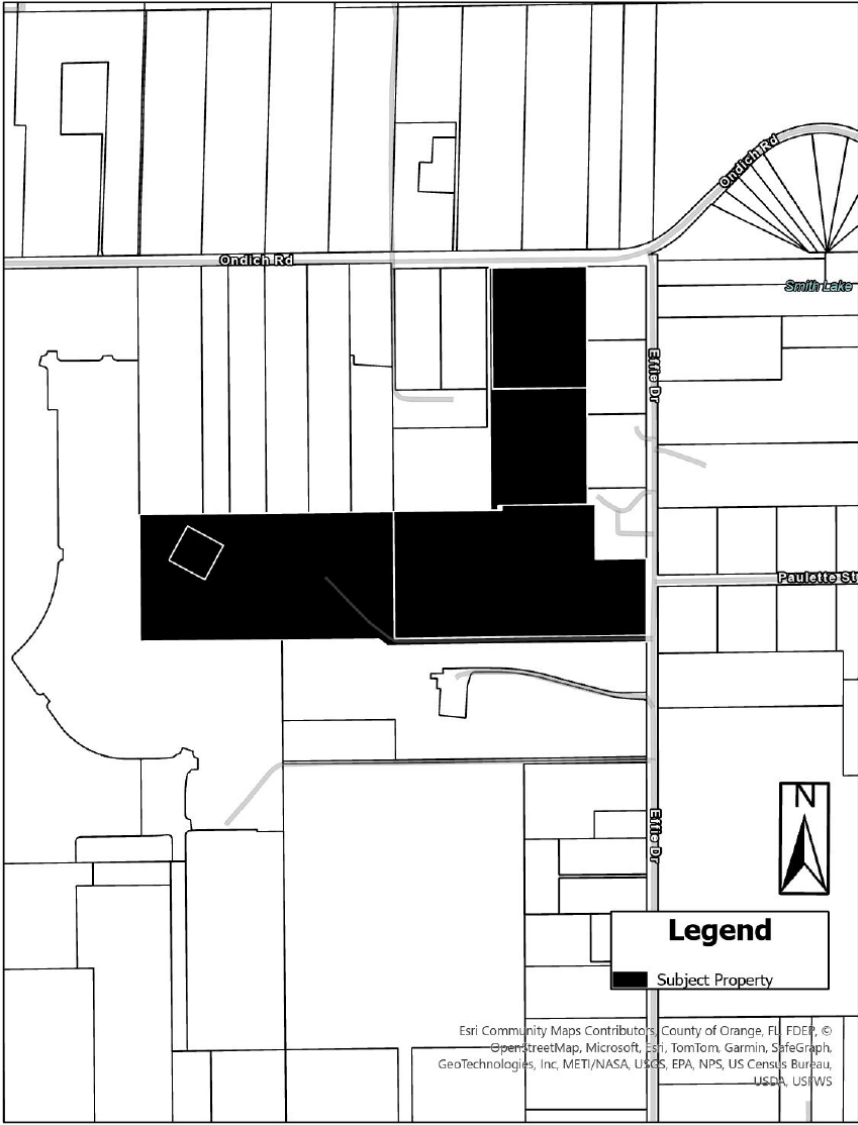


CITY OF APOPKA
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
LARGE-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE
AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

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 **Appian Engineering, LLC c/o Luke Classon, P.E.** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3067
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 TO MIXED-USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONDICH ROAD AND EFFIE DRIVE; COMPRISING 54.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; OWNED BY PM S-1 REO, LLC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 3068
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) DISTRICT TO KPI-MU (KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE – MIXED-USE) DISTRICT, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONDICH ROAD AND EFFIE DRIVE; COMPRISING 54.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; OWNED BY PM S-1 REO, LLC; PROVIDING FOR 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 a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3067 and 3068 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, January 15, 2025 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 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.

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Moore: Personalize your community

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become more like living rooms where residents meet and grow. It is safer to walk and bike and thus more chance meetups. We need to encourage builders to go back to smaller projects with duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes on grid-like streets. The big multinational building of subdivisions is harmful to our collaborative culture.

Today, most of us experience ugly, boring, too long to walk anywhere pleasant, high-speed corridors. Even upscale areas like Lester Road have long, unappealing brick walls with cars travelling at high speeds. Yet, the addition of benches, outdoor furniture, art installations, walking clubs, and, of course, pressure-washing could change all of this. Please, North Apopka residents, join our quarterly meetings at Wekiwa High School. Together, we can improve the culture along Lester Road.

Nevertheless, the pre-WWII downtown grids with shorter blocks and often brick roadways dissuade high rates of speed. They encourage greater pedestrian activity. While we aren't discussing blight and homeless issues in this column, these challenges can be remedied with the same solutions. Clean, appealing, unique streets which enjoy greater walkability and bicycle riding are a solution. These individual streets provide the basis for greater communication and engagement between citizens.

The Neighborhood Leader Program incentivizes and grows residents into leaders who in turn create art and grow that love of place along existing corridors. Government can never make all of this just

happen. However, the government can stop additional sprawl and incentivize more pre-WWII development or redevelopment.

I first discovered the truth of personalized schools while serving on the Orange County School Board. Prototype schools were great for efficiency and cost savings, but bad for creating a sense of ownership, care, and concern by students, staff, and parents. By adding art installations, murals, sculptures, and distinctive area pictures, students become connected to their community. I utilized corporate donations, small donors, and my office discretionary funds to make these projects come to life.

I am disappointed the staff at Clay Springs Elementary School took down a previous principal's donation of personal photographs of Wekiwa Springs. They were helpful towards teaching students to love the uniqueness of their school zone and community. Not every school is named after a Class I spring. I recently taught fifty students at a Clay Springs Teach-In event. The only students who knew that Clay Springs is really Wekiwa Springs were my two granddaughters. How tragic.

So, in our District 2 suburban communities, we are working on distinctives celebrating and promoting our best features. We cannot change the layout now of massive suburban subdivisions.

However, like the schools, we can personalize corridors. For example, we hired artist Delia Miller to paint a mural celebrating "Wekiwa Springs" on a blighted gas station at the corner of Thompson and

Votaw roads. Fence cup art declaring Eastern Apopka as "Wekiwa Springs" was erected on Wekiwa Springs Road near the Sprouts store. Rose art was painted on a blighted fence all along Rose Avenue. Lovely magnolia banners were erected along Magnolia Homes Road. A Lockhart historical mural was painted by artist Lisa Mikler along Edgewater Drive. A welcome to cyclists on the Coast-2-Coast trail painted – again by artist Delia Miller – at the corner of Pine Hills and Clarcona Ocoee roads.

I also had plans for "One Apopka" cup art installation along Clarcona Road, but that is when I broke my foot. I hope to complete this project in collaboration with Jarette Schofield next year.

The top leaders in the Neighborhood Leaders Program have studied the book, Love Where You Live by author Peter Kageyama of St. Petersburg, Florida. These leaders are now pondering more projects in their neighborhoods. Installations require fundraising, planning, and engagement of nearby residents. The people who work together on projects become – A TEAM. Once we are a team, we can accomplish anything.

We have much more work to do in 2025. Ideas and opportunities are infinite to restore the love of community and collaboration between neighbors. I kick off the 2025 Neighborhood Leader season with nationally recognized speaker, Edward Erfurt, Director of Community Action, from the Strong Towns Organization, on Thursday, January 16, at Wekiwa High School. I hope to see you there.

Hayden: Treat government as a business

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his choice of Secretary of Defense, Pete Hegseth. I do not want some pompous, educated idiot that has never experienced combat sending my grandkids off to a hellhole to die for his egotistical view of the United States as a world police force. I want someone in that office that knows the sound of a fire fight, who knows what it's like to have the pain of losing your buddy, the cost of endless, meaningless fighting for something you don't understand.

I want someone as Secretary of Defense that knows when to say "No" to sending our young men and women into situations in which we have no business, but when called upon to

defend our nation and our allies, will not back down, quit, or make excuses for not responding.

Every cabinet position is extremely important, but I feel the position of Secretary of Defense has to be filled by a person who is not afraid of war, but will consider diplomacy and common, sensible ways before sending people to die; and that is Pete Hegseth.

Donald Trump has promised to clean the sewer that is known as Washington, D.C., and the cabinet he is choosing is not only willing to do it but is committed to following the President's agenda to carry that out.

When President Trump took office the first time, he gained an enormous, eye-opening, education on the

corruption prevalent in our political arena. As a businessman, he knew he had to serve his clients, or he would suffer financially. With politicians, they felt as though the populace should serve them to keep the "freebies" they had "graciously" provided.

It all reminds me of the Turkish Proverb that says, "The forest was shrinking but the axe was clever and convinced the Trees that since his handle was made of wood, he was one of them." We've thrown the axe out of the forest and it's time to get down to the business of making America GREAT again!

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The First Quarterly Neighborhoods Leaders' Meeting will take place on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the media center of Wekiva High School, 2501 Hiawassee Road, Apopka.

The meeting's special

guest speaker will be Edward Erfurt, director of community action at Strong Towns, a nonprofit media advocacy organization that produces content that analyzes the failures of the post-war North American development pattern while

giving citizens the knowledge and tools to start making their places better.

For further details about the meeting, call Moore's office at 407-836-5850.

Fraud: 'Insurance fraud is not a victimless crime,' FBI agent says

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a victimless crime. It costs taxpayers millions of dol-

lars every year. The FBI will continue to collaborate with our partners to ensure those who engage in such deceptive actions are held accountable."

This case was investigated by the FBI Baltimore Field Office's Wilmington

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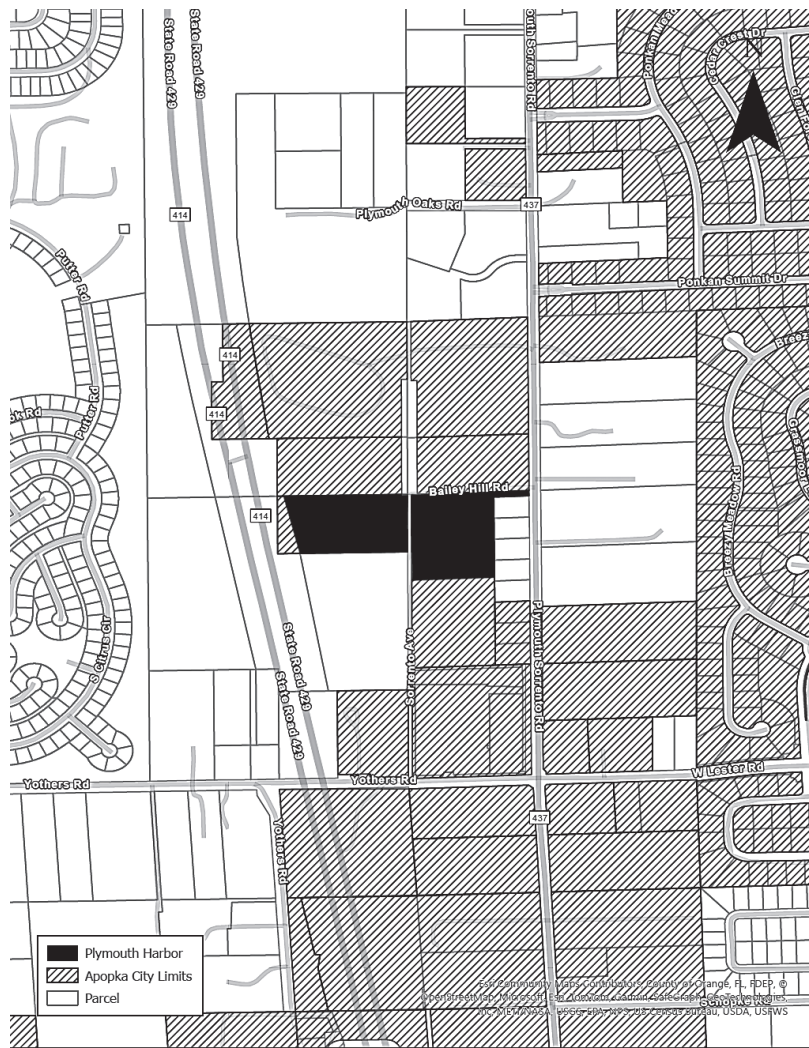


CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

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 **Geoff Summitt** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3091

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE DISTRICT) TO RSF-1B (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-LARGE LOT), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED 2260 PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD; OWNED BY PARMANI FARMS LLC; AND 2244 SORRENTO AVENUE; OWNED BY MACAULAY GEORGE, COMPRISING 9.51 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 30-20-28-0484-00-085,
25-20-27-0000-00-022
Contains: 9.51 +/- 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, January 14, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for **Ordinance Number 3091** 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, February 5, 2025 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Rezoning 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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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT

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ORDINANCE NO. 3078

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, CITY FLU-IN PROGRESS, AND CITY RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN TO MIXED-USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF W. KELLY PARK ROAD, AND EAST OF CHANDLER ROAD, OWNED BY ORCHID ESTATE HOA COMMUNITY, MEGA GNG, LLC, JACOB SNAVELY, 4625 CHANDLER ROAD, LLC, MATTHEW & DEBORAH SHAW, DAPHNE MARTIN, WALTER H. ROBINSON III, YOO SHIK UM IRREVOCABLE TRUST, PM-S1 REO, LLC COMPRISING 116.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 18-20-28-0000-00-132,
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Contains: 116.94 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing 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, January 15, 2025 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, Florida 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Remigius “Remi” Christopher Birko Jr.

November 10, 1979 *** December 06, 2024

Remigius “Remi” Christopher Birko Jr., 45, of Sorrento, Florida passed away on December 06, 2024. Mr. Birko was born on November 10, 1979 in Winter Garden, Florida. Mr. Birko is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Ray and Betty Birko; maternal grandfather Larry Fleetwood; as well as his brother Cameron Durand. He is survived by his mother Belinda (Lee) Hendrix; father Remigius Christopher (Gail) Birko Sr.; step-father Randy Durand; children Mason Millis, Kayla Birko, Jocelyn Birko and Nicholas Birko; siblings Wisty (Kalen) Birko-Guehl, Randall “Boo-Boo” (Amanda) Durand, Shannon (Frank) Birko, Jaxsen Hendrix and Dustin (Kristy) Hendrix; maternal grandmother Sharon (Gene) Foster; nephews James Gilvin, Damian Durand and Robbie Hudson; nieces Zoey Melendez, Kyleigh Yeager and Kandance Yeager; as well as a slew of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He will be dearly missed by his many loved ones and friends.




Mary Ann Moore Hembree

September 15, 1933 **** November 26, 2024

Mrs. Mary “Ann” Moore Hembree, age 91, of Rome, GA, passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Ann was born in Barnesville, GA, September 15, 1933, and graduated from Rome High School (GA) in 1952. She married her high school sweetheart, Otto Martin in November of 1951 and soon after her graduation, the couple moved to Orlando, FL where they made their home and brought up five daughters. Ann started working for Walt Disney World, November of 1971, and after 21 years, retired. She and her late husband, Billy Hembree, enjoyed attending church, traveling, and gathering with family. She taught the grandchildren her favorite card game and always enjoyed playing with them. A devout Christians, Ann and Billy were faithful members of Apopka Assembly of God in Apopka, FL and Heritage Church in Moltrie, GA. After Billy’s passing, she moved back to FL where she attended South Fern Creek Community Church in Orlando. She returned to Rome in the spring of 2023 where she lived in Armuchee. Ann loved to laugh and be silly, and never met a stranger. She was known to say, “It’s just as easy to be nice to people as it is to be mean...and a lot more fun for both.” After knowing a person for only a short time she would say good-bye with, “God bless you...I love you!”. As she aged, Ann often quoted the title from a book by Art Linkletter: “Getting Old Ain’t For Sissys!” but, living for over 90 years, she proudly wore the badge of, “Tough Ol’ Bird”. The last surviving child of 10 born to her late parents, Early Alvin and Mamie Lee (Thurman) Moore.

Ann was preceded in death by her daughter, DeLayne Martin; her husband, Billy Hembree, and all of her brothers and sisters, her granddaughter, Me Me King, and her grandson, Reggie Denny. Ann is survived by her daughters, Debbie Martin, Judy Denny (Randall), Cheryl Yates (Johnny), Gale Young (Alan), Wyndye Farley (Mark Rhodes), and her many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and her great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

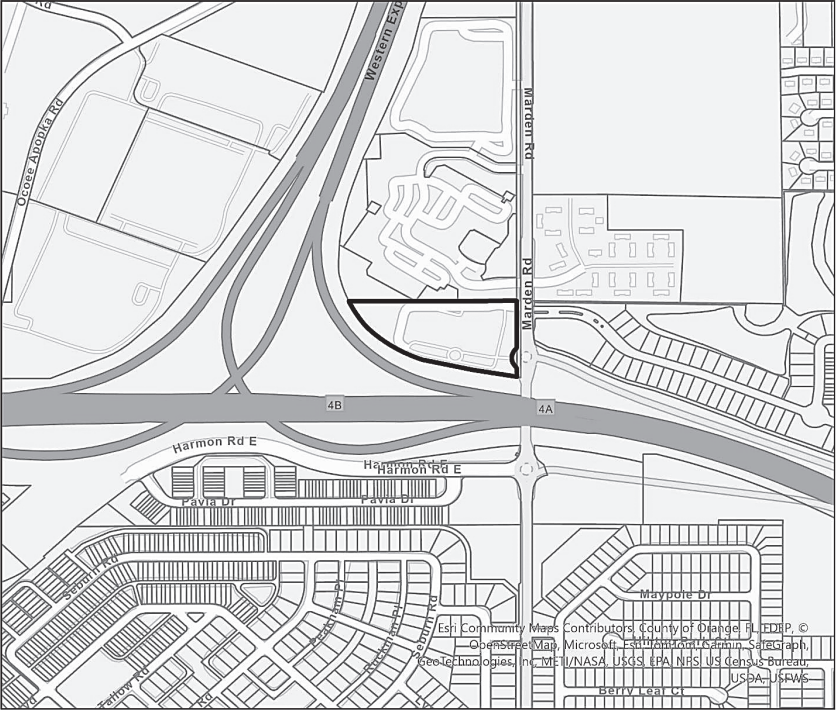
Ann was a loving and devoted mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother, aunt and friend and will be greatly missed. She will be interred in the Moore Family plot at Greenwood Cemetery, Barnesville, GA. Henderson & Sons Funeral Home, North Chapel, is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Mary Ann Hembree.



**CITY OF APOPKA
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
SPECIAL EXCEPTION**

NOTICE is hereby given that **ROWENA FLANDERS** 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 INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS ALLOWED FROM 600 STUDENTS TO 720 STUDENTS AT THE CENTRAL FLORIDA PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) ZONING DISTRICT.**

This application relates to the following described property located at 1800 Marden Road:



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1800 Marden Road
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Parcel Identification Number(s): 17-21-28-5501-01-000
Contains: 6.39 +/- 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, January 14, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.,** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Chief: Sanchez credited with boosting department morale following tragedy

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2015; to fire captain in November 2015; and to division chief of EMS in February 2020.

Rivera-Sanchez was promoted to deputy fire chief in October 2023 and promoted to interim fire chief last July.

After serving 22 years on the Apopka Fire Department that included the last five as fire chief, Wylam retired amidst controversy surrounding firefighter Austin Duran’s line-of-duty death in

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summer 2022 and the city’s subsequent handling of it.

Before the vote to appoint Rivera-Sanchez as fire chief, Mayor Bryan Nelson described what he called his “biggest” interaction with the interim chief when the city struggled with its EMS billing company, in that the city wasn’t getting near the amount of revenue it should be receiving. Nelson asked Rivera-Sanchez to look at the issue as the EMS coordinator. Sanchez was able to resolve the problem.

“We’re now probably,

with some additional additions that he’s been able to accomplish, we’ve probably added a million, \$2 million in revenue from our EMS billing,” Nelson said. “So, for the ambulance rides, because of some of the requirements the fed’s put on us and making sure that we’re billing at the right rate, he’s able to increase our revenue for the city \$1.2 million, \$1.3 million, all a lot in part to his efforts. So, not only is he good with the folks – because you can see them all (city firefighters), they’re all here tonight – but also good with the numbers. It’s not only a people job, but it’s also a numbers job.”

City commissioners directly praised Sanchez for his professionalism and his ability to boost the fire department’s morale in the time following Duran’s death.

“That was something that was very important following; sadly, you know – we all had a very dark time in the fire department with the death of one of our firefighters,” Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez said. “It was very hard to navigate through it. But you stayed on and you made sure to bring the morale up for that fire department, give them the confidence and the hope that we were moving forward and that things would get better for training and with the leadership.”

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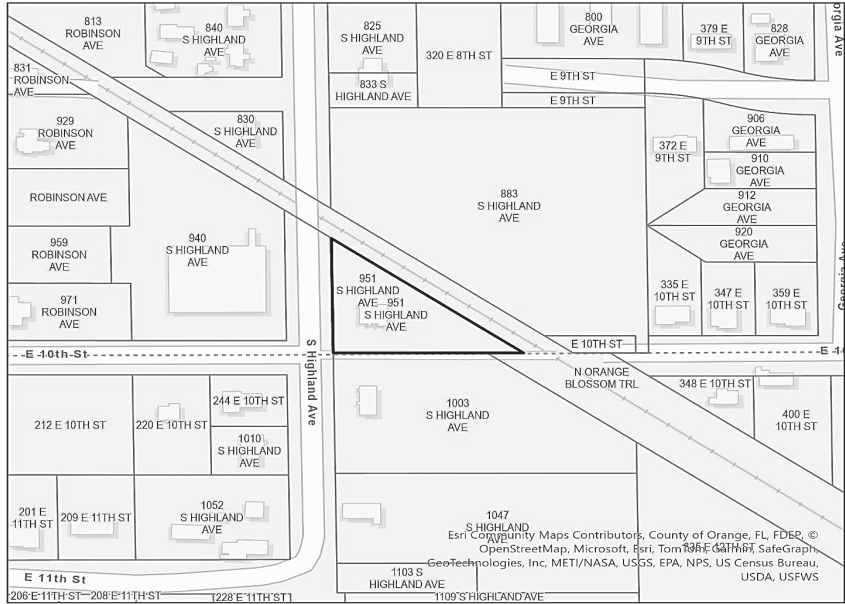
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
SPECIAL EXCEPTION**

NOTICE is hereby given that **JOSEPH LEWIS** 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 A WAREHOUSE IN THE MIXED-USE DOWNTOWN (MU-D) ZONING DISTRICT.**

This application relates to the following described property located at 951 S Highland Avenue:



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951 S Highland Ave
Parcel

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Parcel Identification Number(s): 15-21-28-0000-00-106
Contains: 0.57 +/- 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, January 14, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.,** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Police Beat

If a law enforcement agency charges you with a crime and this paper reports that information, please notify us within 90 days if the charge is dropped, or if you are found not guilty by the court. After verifying the information, we will be happy to publish it. Please

send notification to *The Apopka Chief*, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, 32704-0880. In the period from December 8-14, the Apopka Police Department received 1,359 calls for service, responded to 40 crashes, issued 31 citations, and made 11 arrests. Juveniles were charged with burglary-

unoccupied structure unarmed; damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more. The following adults were arrested and charged: Lorenzo Antonio Aguilar, 20, confidential, Apopka, battery touch or strike. Khimani Khamon Campbell, 21, 1971 Parkglen Cir., Apopka, failure to appear. Clint Jesse Chambers, 25, transient, Apopka, oth-

er agency warrant (X2). Tyson Kane Herzig, 50, 611 Business Park Blvd. #101, Winter Garden, other agency warrant. Eduardo Jaramillo, 39, 4606 W 5th St., Little Rock, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license 1st conviction. Nickolas William Mills, 40, confidential, Apopka, battery touch or strike.

Lo Ammi Vaughan Pierre, 21, 1230 Windward Dr., Apopka, hit and run-leave scene of crash involving damage to property, non-moving traffic violation-attach registration license plate not assigned. Jairo Ramirez-Gomez, 22, 618 Bradshaw Rd., Apopka, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license 2nd conviction. Shawn David Savage,

47, confidential, Apopka, contempt of court-violation injunction protection domestic violence. Joseph Carter Wren, 33, 1400 Wurst Rd., Ocoee, other agency warrant (X2); larceny-petit theft, merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction. Allan Jabeth Zamora Ramos, 36, 222 S. Apollo Dr., Apopka, crash DUI-property damage/personal injury.

Lake Jesup and Lake Monroe producin’ good amount of specks

Hello Folks,

I hope you are havin’ a great week and hopefully by now you have all your Christmas shoppin’ done. As you get ready for the season, please remember the reason for the season.

The fishin’ isn’t doin’ too bad right now. Folks are gettin’ on the water and catchin’ some specks. Lake Monroe and Lake Jesup have been producin’ some nice stringers of specks. Most of the specks that are bein’ caught in Lake Monroe are bein’ caught on minners by driftin’ open water. You will have to keep movin’ until you find’em, but



Jim Keck
Goin’ Fishin’

once you find the school, you should be able to drift back and forth over them, until they quit bitin’.

Kyle at Bitter’s Bait & Tackle reports some nice stringers of specks are still bein’ caught under the 417 bridge on Lake Jesup. Most of the specks are

bein’ caught on minners and a few are caught on jigs tipped with a minner. Make sure you are usin’ bright colored jigs for best results. White, chartreuse, pink, orange or green ... something that will get their attention.

We had a real nice bright full moon over the weekend so the fishin’ should continue to get better each week. We have some cooler weather comin’ but that shouldn’t bother the specks too much.

Kyle reports that the bass fishin’ hasn’t been too awful bad in most of the lakes in our area. Folks are happy that the Butler Chain

ramps are back open. Folks like to fish for bass in the chain and the wintertime is one of the best times to catch some bass out there.

I love to fish it as well, and look forward to this time of the year to get out there and catch some bass. You can catch’em on just about any type of bait. Folks like to use shiners and most folks like to use artificial baits to catch’em. Most of the guides like to free-line shiners over the submerged hydrilla and eel-grass throughout the chain.

Whatever you would like to try, just get out there

and fish.

As you folks know, I try to cover a few tournaments each year and I have mentioned the X-treme Bass Series this past year. I just wanted to let you know that they are havin’ a new division for 2025. The new division will be the Conway Chain Division in 2025.

That’s right. They are goin’ to hold tournaments on the Conway Chain. The new division will hold its tournaments on Wednesday nights. They will be holdin’ their first tournament on January 18th, 2025. If you are interested in fish-

ing in this new division, go to this website for the dates and times for next year. The website is www.Xtreme-BassSeries.com.

Well, we gotta go get ready for another Christmas Day celebration. It’s hard to believe that it is Christmas again. The older I get, the faster they come. I want to take a moment and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. I hope you and your family have a great day next week.

Tip of the week: Merry Christmas

Save a few and good luck!

HOF: From an early age McMillian knew sports was his future

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Apopka Memorial Middle School Seahawks.

40th McMillian has been a teacher at and coached the

From an early age, McMillian played sports

and was an established as well as experienced athlete when entering high school. The passion for the four

mainstream (in Florida) sports of baseball, football, basketball as well as track and field were developed at an early age, being named MVP of several teams. McMillian saw football as the vehicle providing a ride to college though. Playing in the NFL was the end goal.

However, between seeing football as the vehicle and taking action toward seeing football as the vehicle life cropped up with different plans for the defensive back. Football scholarships were offered to McMillian, but the first scholarships came from track and field coach-

es. Within hours of placing second in the 300-meter hurdles at the state championship meet during 1979, McMillian was offered the scholarship by the Rattlers coaches at Florida A&M University. So, when the football scholarships did come, McMillian had already gone through the process of changing gears. A second change of gears just didn’t match the value of staying the course McMillian had already decided to pursue.

McMillian was also a Warrior before his time at Apopka. The Blue Darters’ longest standing year-

ly rival of Apopka, McMillian graduated from West Orange High School in 1979. A bachelor’s degree was pursued on an athletic scholarship---in track and field instead of football. During 1985, McMillian graduated from Florida A&M and the Rattlers program with a bachelor’s degree in education. Certification is in the specific discipline of physical education.

Furthermore, part of changing gears was giving up summers spent at football practices and an oppor-

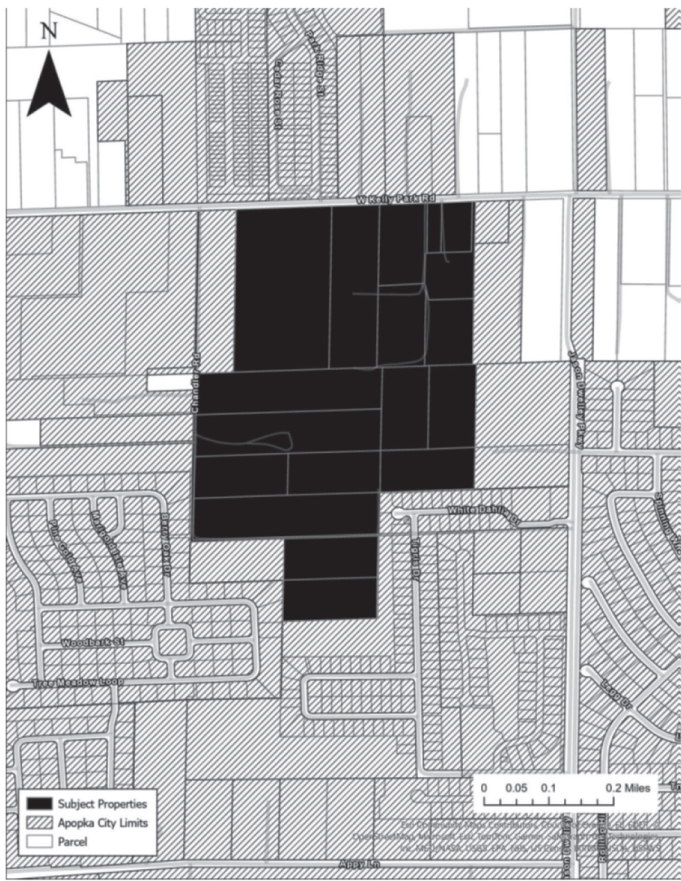
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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 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 **Jonathan Huels, Esq.** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3093

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL DISTRICT), COUNTY A-2 (FARMLAND RURAL DISTRICT), CITY T (TRANSITIONAL), AND RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE (RSF-1A) TO KPI-MU (KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE MIXED USE) WITH AN ASSIGNMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF W. KELLY PARK ROAD AND EAST OF CHANDLER ROAD; OWNED BY KELLY PARK ROAD PROPERTY, LLC; COMPRISING 117.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 18-20-28-0000-00-132, 18-20-28-0000-00-031, 18-20-28-0000-00-105, 18-20-28-0000-00-050, 18-20-28-0000-00-049, 18-20-28-0000-00-061, 18-20-28-0000-00-048, 18-20-28-0000-00-052, 18-20-28-0000-00-106, 18-20-28-0000-00-035, 18-20-28-0000-00-034, 18-20-28-0000-00-032, 18-20-28-0000-00-033, 18-20-28-0000-00-037, 18-20-28-0000-00-051, 18-20-28-0000-00-080, 18-20-28-0000-00-119, 18-20-28-0000-00-046, 18-20-28-00000-00-047
Contains: 117.16 +/- 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, January 14, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing 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, February 5, 2025 beginning at 1:30 P.M. AND Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE VARIANCE REQUEST CITY OF APOPKA

The City of Apopka Planning Commission, in accordance with Article II, Section 2.5.5.A of the City’s Land Development Code (LDC), herein advises you that **CHANDLER OAKS APOPKA, LLC** requests a **VARIANCE** from LDC, Section 5.16.5(B)(3)(d)(2) Off-Site or Near Site Improvements, to allow the owner to work with the City to provide a bond for their proportionate share to construct the right turn lane at the time the right-of-way becomes available. This application relates to the following described property:



Parcel Identification Number(s): 18-20-25-0000-00-058, 18-20-28-0000-00-102, 18-20-28-0000-00-122, 18-20-28-0000-00-123, 18-20-28-0000-00-027, 18-20-28-0000-00-138, 18-20-28-0000-00-001
Contains: 45.37 +/- acres

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held in the City of Apopka Council Chambers on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible. The variance application is available for review at the Community Development Department at Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

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

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