

HOLIDAY HISTORY

Christians remember Christ’s suffering on Good Friday

By Tim Price

April 18 is Mourning Friday, Long Friday, Silent Friday, and Holy Friday.

I’m sure you’re thinking to yourself: isn’t today Good Friday?

They actually are all one and the same — the day Christians remember when Christ was executed, put to death by the power of the state. The other names are used in languages such as German, Swedish, French and Spanish.

Why is it called Good Friday in English? Why would a day on which Jesus was beaten and killed be called good? After all, many churches will hold solemn services today, and some of those will end in darkness in the church.

While there are several theories on the origin of the name, the one that is most widely accepted is that it stems from a time when the word good was used to mean the same thing as pious or holy. So Good Friday has stayed with us since the Middle Ages.

Others think it may come from the expression “God’s Friday.”

When you think about it, it is a Good Friday for Christians because they know how the story ends. After his death and burial, Christ would rise on the third day, on Easter. Although he was crucified, they see his death as resulting not only from the actions

of the authorities, but also because of the sins of each person.

His death and resurrection meant salvation would be available to all mankind. The cross, intended to be a symbol of shame, became a symbol of victory.

For many, Easter itself has become associated with chocolate Easter bunnies (and Peeps), egg hunts, and gifts for children. Good Friday has remained primarily a religious holiday, although it is a government-recognized holiday in a number of countries and several U.S. states.

As with many holidays, there is a traditional food for Good Friday: hot cross buns. While hot cross buns as we know them originated in England, cakes marked with a cross may have been baked in Greece 1,500 years ago. Hot cross buns are still baked and eaten by many people today.

For example, Ree Drummond, known as the Pioneer Woman on her website and TV show, says “friends who gift one another with Hot Cross Buns every year are said to remain friends for life.”

Good Friday is part of Holy Week, which began last Sunday with Palm Sunday, a remembrance of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Editor’s note: Tim Price (1959-2024) was a MARC Media writer and account executive



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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 April 6–12, 2025, the Apopka Police Department received 1,261 calls for service, responded to 35 crashes, issued 53 citations, and made 18 arrests. Burglaries: 1 vehicle, 3 residents, 3 businesses. One juvenile was charged with probation violation.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Susan Fleming Brazzeal, 65, 808 Thalia Dr., Orlando, other agency warrant.

Andrew Chico, 37, 2385 Tom Jones St., Orlando, other agency warrant (X2); larceny-other theft; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Miguel Cocxo, 40, 2267 Boy Scout Rd., Apopka, burglary or unoccupied dwelling, unarmed.

Nelson Cruzucelo, 31, 2276 Mayflower Ave., Apopka, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 1st conviction.

Etzio William Cummings, 26, 4367 N. County Rd 426, Geneva, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Fredy Otoniel Juc Laj, 18, 313 N. Maine Ave.,

Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Viwe Kuse, 36, 272 Edisto Pl., Apopka, trespassing-structure or conveyance.

Darsell Justin London, 30, 1234 Pacific St. B6, Brooklyn, resist officer-obstruct without violence; larceny-other theft.

Cesario Lopez Velasquez, 46, 214 N. Thompson Rd., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Silverio Candelario Luciano, 23, 1136 S. Hawthorne Ave., Apopka, burglary of unoccupied dwelling, unarmed.

Juan Carlos Mariscal-Rodriguez, 30, 452 Red Cedar Ct., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Efren Salvador Mercado, 27, 1290 Marden Rd. #213, Apopka, other agency warrant.

Nelson Gudiel Miranda, 27, 119 W. 1st St., Apopka, burglary of unoccupied dwelling, unarmed.

Inmer Obed Orozco-Velasquez, 41, 342 Bluff Ln., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Lyangelyz Perez-Baez, 26, 305 Pathway Ct., Sanford, other agency warrant.

Nicolas Pimental, 39, 1244 Admiral Dr., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Gerardo Quippop, 34, 2437 Palmhurst Blvd., Apopka, burglary of unoccupied dwelling, unarmed.

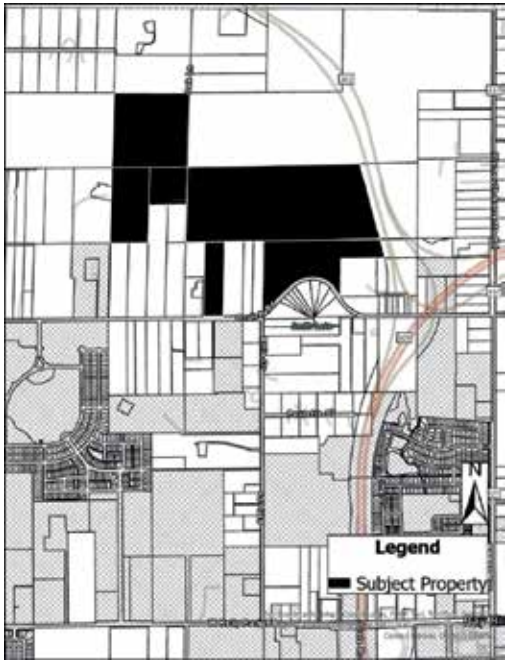
Peyton Daniel Sheyda, 26, 954 Counts Crest Cir., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

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 **APPIAN 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 the northwest corner of Ondich Road and SR 453/SR 429. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3107

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; HMF, LLC; CHARLES P. STALLINGS; KIM L. STALLINGS; EUELL E. STALLINGS, JR.; AND CRYSTAL DENISE STALLINGS; LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ONDICH ROAD AND SR 453/SR 429; COMPRISING 199.46 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 01-20-27-0000-00-007, 01-20-27-0000-00-034, 01-20-27-0000-00-053, 02-20-27-0000-00-010, 02-20-27-0000-00-011, 02-20-27-0000-00-020
Contains: 199.46 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3107 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 7, 2025 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, May 21, 2025 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.

**Apopka City Council
Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department**

April 18, 2025

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Dawn Renee Tyler

Dawn Renee Tyler [67] of Apopka Florida, was promoted to Heaven on April 9, 2025, surrounded by her immediate family who were singing Amazing Grace as she took her last breath. The attending nurse said he not seen anything so beautiful in 15 years of Hospice work. Renee' was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2023. She grew up in Flatwoods, Kentucky and attended Danleyton Elementary School and Wurtland & Greenup County High Schools. She moved to winter Park, Florida in 1974 where she graduated high school and later met and married the love of her life, Dr. Daniel Tyler in April 1979. Renee joined Dan in 46 years of Christian ministry throughout the US and foreign countries representing International Seminary. Dan and Renee were blessed with two daughters Cynthia and Andrea. Their family was made complete with the addition of two son-in-laws & three grandsons.

Renee' is survived by her husband, Dr. Daniel Tyler, Apopka, Florida; two daughters, Cynthia Hunnefeld (Andy) Mount Dora, Florida ; Andrea Stimson (Jason) Sevierville, Tennessee; three grandsons, Parker Harrigan, and Daniel and Lucas Hunnefeld, Mt Dora, Florida; two sisters, Joneta Whitt, Ashland, Kentucky, Teresa Christie (Randy) Kingman, Arizona and one sister-in-law, Sharon Sparks, Ashland, Kentucky. Plus many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a large church family.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**BARBARA
JEAN JOB**
1944-2025

Barbara Jean Job, 81, of Apopka, Florida, passed away Friday, April 4, 2025. Born in Johnstown, New York, she moved to Apopka in 1989 from Largo, Florida. Prior to Barbara's retirement she was a property manager. She is a member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church of Longwood, FL. Barbara is predeceased by her Daughter, Debra Meininger. She is survived by her Husband, George "Curt" Job, III of Apopka, FL; Son, Paul Curtiss Job (Joy Job) of Hickory, NC; 6 Grandchildren and 3 Great-Grandchildren and by numerous extended family and friends. Memorial services will be held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Longwood on Saturday, April 26th, 2025 at 11:00AM. Memorial donations may be made to St Stephen Lutheran Church or your favorite charity.

Donald Berry Grubbs 1951 – 2025

Donald Berry Grubbs, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather passed away at the age of 73. Donald graduated high school and went on to serve in The Vietnam War with tours in Vietnam and Germany.

Donald lived for thirty years in Apopka, Florida. He loved fishing, was an avid coin collector and loved reading and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Donald is survived by his wife, Mary Grubbs, his children Sheila Grubbs, Shelly Douglas, Donald Grubbs Jr. and Robert Grubbs, his grandchildren Ashley Griffith, Christian Peralta, Samantha Fulton and Sebastian Douglas and Great Grandchildren, Elijah Peralta and Sofia Peralta.

There is a Celebration of Life planned for April 26th at 4:30 pm at Gilbert Park in Mount Dora. 310 South Tremain Street in Mount Dora.



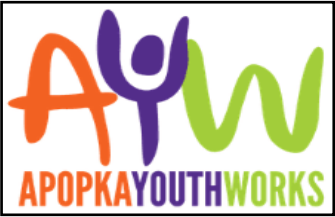
Apopka Youth Works seeking interns, employers this summer

Applications open through April 30

Staff Reports

Returning this summer, the yearly Apopka Youth Works program is taking applications now until April 30 from students ages 15 to 19 for internships and from businesses seeking interns. The program intends to equip area youth ages 15 to

19 with work experience, practical skills and career possibilities. To prepare youth for the workforce, Apopka Youth Works program will provide one week of work readiness training 1-5 p.m. from June 2 through June 4 at the Apopka Community Center. The training program will contain three different tracks, depending on age range, monetary incentive and lessons:



In Explore, students ages 14 and 15 years can make up to a \$1,200 incentive while learning about careers, college life and financial aid. In Engage, students ages 15 and 16 years can make up

to a \$1,200 incentive while being involved in different workplaces and growing a portfolio. In Experience, students ages 17, 18 and 19 years can make \$15 per hour for 30 hours per week during a four-week paid internship and one week of skills training. Apopka Youth Works is a partnership between city of Apopka and CareerSource Central Florida, which will pay the interns, thus alleviat-

ing participating employers from any financial burden while encouraging interns to succeed. Participating employers can guide and mentor youth, lend to area talent development, and foster relationships with budding employees. For participating businesses, the Summer Youth Program Experience Track will have two sessions, each four weeks long with interns

available to work 30 hours per week: Session A, from June 9 to July 6; and Session B from July 14 to August 8. Youth interested in joining Apopka Youth Works may visit shorturl.at/28dom for more information and to apply for the program. Youth who are Apopka residents can use AYW as referral code. Interested employers may visit shorturl.at/Zlqa4 to fill out an application.

Williams

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ship with the other Department Heads and City Council makes Radley a great choice. It is especially important as we go into the 2025–26 budget season to have someone in the City Administration position.” Williams will split his work schedule into two sections to focus on each position. As parks and recreation director, Williams will work from 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. at the Northwest Recreation Complex, then from 12:30 to 5 p.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

m. at City Hall to focus on his interim city administrator duties, according to Nelson’s email.

As he brings other parks and recreation colleagues into management positions, his hours as interim city administrator will increase until he transitioned full-time into his new position. “Please help me welcome Radley to his new role and I thank you in advance for your cooperation as we look forward to a smooth transition,” Nelson wrote in the email. Williams is succeeding Jacob Smith, whom Nelson

had terminated last month due to a communication breakdown between the two. The breakdown culminated in Smith deleting emails from the governor’s office and the Florida League of Cities, according to information from the city of Apopka information technology department. In the emails, the state Department of Government Efficiency was requesting municipalities to send reviews of their financial solvency for an April 8 deadline.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Mayor Bryan Nelson announced on April 17 that Radley Williams would become interim city administrator.

Former House speaker to attend prayer breakfast

Staff reports

Over 400 community leaders will gather for prayer and a message from keynote speaker Paul Renner, former speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, at the Apopka Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast next month. Sponsored by the Apopka Christian Ministerial Alliance (ACMA), the Apopka May-

or’s Prayer Breakfast will take place on May 1 at the Apopka Community Center, 519 S. Central Ave., Apopka. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast and the preliminary program. The formal program will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 8:30 a.m. The Apopka Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast coincides with National Day of Prayer, the first Thursday of every May.

The ACMA will also present the Community Pillar Award to an individual who has been an outstanding example of community service. Tickets are \$40 each. Table sponsorships on gold, silver, and bronze tiers are available for purchase. For more information and to purchase tickets and sponsorships, visit ACMAonline.org. In addition to being the

speaker of the Florida House of Representatives from 2022 to 2024, Renner is also a U.S. Navy veteran, former prosecutor and business attorney. As speaker of the Florida House, Renner supervised at least 500 employees, shaped two balanced state budgets totaling \$100 billion, appointed committee and subcommittee chairs, and established the agenda for all legislation in-

troduced and approved by the chamber. Raised in northeast Florida, Renner received his Bachelor of Arts in history at Davidson College in North Carolina, and a Juris Doctorate at the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. Renner calls Palm Coast home with his wife and their two children. “Paul is committed to reclaiming our institutions from



Paul Renner

the left and returning our country to its core foundations,” according to a press release from ACMA.

CITY OF APOPKA
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Camila Neira** 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 THE USE OF “CHILD CARE FACILITY ” IN THE RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE (RSF-1A) ZONING DISTRICT.**

This application relates to the following described property located at 4410 Chandler Road and 4420 Chandler Road:

Parcel Identification Number(s):**18-20-28-0000-00-030,18-20-28-0000-00-063**
Contains: 5.12 +/- 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, May 13, 2024, beginning at 5:30 P.M.,** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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, Florida 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 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 **Elisabeth Crane** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3098
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM “COUNTY” RURAL TO RVLS (RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED 2501 ROCK SPRINGS ROAD; OWNED BY BSC-ROCK SPRINGS EAST LLC COMPRISING 9.63 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

and
ORDINANCE NO. 3099
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITION) TO RSF-1B (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT—LARGE LOT), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED 2501 ROCK SPRINGS ROAD; OWNED BY BSC-ROCK SPRINGS EAST LLC COMPRISING 9.63 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Parcel Identification Number(s): **27-20-28-0000-00-072**
Contains: 9.63 +/- 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, May 13, 2025 beginning at 5:00 P.M.,** or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for **Ordinance Number 3098 and 3099** 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 4, 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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