

NORWF awards scholarship to Apopka High School student

Student to head to UCF to study computer engineering

Staff Reports

The Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated (NORWF) awarded Apopka High School student Tyler McKinley the \$2,000 Alice Miner Memorial Scholarship. NORWF Chairperson Marty Harrison gave McKinley the scholarship during the club's May 15 general meeting at the Apopka City Center Hilton Garden Inn. As a high school student, McKinley was in the Valencia College dual enrollment program, from which he will graduate with an associate in arts.



Courtesy of NORWF

Pictured (l to r) are Apopka Police Chief Michael McKinley and , parents of Tyler McKinley, NORWF Scholarship Chair Marty Harrison, scholarship recipient Tyler McKinley, and NORWF First Vice President Charlotte White.

He will attend the University of Central Florida to pursue a master's degree in computer engineering. At Apopka High School, McKinley was a cadet sergeant in the Marine Corps Junior Re-

serve Officers' Training Corps. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the National BETA Club. Throughout his life, McKinley has been captain of his soccer teams.

OCPS receives \$3,500 grant to encourage more in-school recycling



Photo courtesy of the Florida Beverage Association

David Klawitter, OCPS sustainability manager, holds the \$3,500 recycling grant certificate from the Florida Beverage Association. President and CEO Elizabeth DeWitt is third from the right.

Grant will cover 'bottles only' recycling bins in cafeteria, educational material

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The Florida Beverage Association and the American Beverage Foundation awarded Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) a \$3,500 grant to encourage better recycling habits in the district's 22 high schools and their 61,000 students. The money will pour into the installation of "bottles only" recycling bins in many high school cafeterias across the district. These bins are ex-

pected to contain 70,000 plastic bottles per year. The grant will also go toward the creation of educational materials like signs, posters and videos to drum up awareness of this new recycling opportunity. "We're incredibly grateful for this grant," David Klawitter, OCPS sustainability manager, said in a May 14 statement. "This grant will allow us to bring recycling into cafeterias, capture more plastic bottles and get closer to our goal of diverting 75% of our solid waste from landfill by 2030." Located in St. Augustine, the Florida Beverage Association represents companies that make, market, bottle and distribute non-alcoholic

beverages. The American Beverage Foundation "seeks to make a significant contribution to the health of local communities by providing grants to support organizations that work to advance both the physical health of their citizens and the environmental health of their communities," the foundation's website states. "Our industry is working hard to improve recycling of our valuable containers, including our PET plastic bottles." Elizabeth DeWitt, president and CEO of the Florida Beverage Association, said in a news release. "Supporting our local community, and particularly our youth, is a critical part of that effort and we're thrilled to play a role."

COMMUNITY NEWS



Courtesy of Foliage Club of Apopka

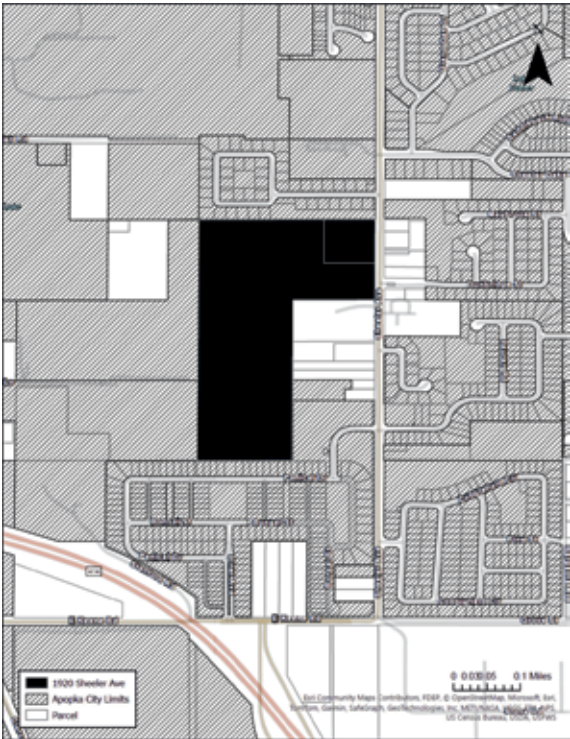
The Foliage Garden Club of Apopka (FGCA) installed its 2025-2026 Board on May 1. The FGCA 2025-2026 Board is comprised of (L to R) President Roberta Dougherty, First Vice President Pamela Grose-Close, Second Vice President Charlotte White, Officiant Jennifer Barber and Recording Secretary Christy Faircloth. Absent is Treasurer Kathy Gill. Barber was installed as the new District VII Director. The FGCA is actively involved in many local programs and projects, including a new tree planting in Apopka on Arbor Day, youth camp and student sponsorships and promotion of local conservation.

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 **Lauren Korn** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a properties located at 1920 Sheeler Ave. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3112

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 BDT IRREVOCABLE INCOME ONLY TRUST; LOCATED AT 1920 Sheeler Ave, COMPRISING 40.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 22-21-28-0000-00-073 and 22-21-28-0000-00-227
Contains: 40.16 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for **Ordinance No. 3112** will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. AND Wednesday, July 2, 2025 beginning at 1:30 P.M**

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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May 23, 2025

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.

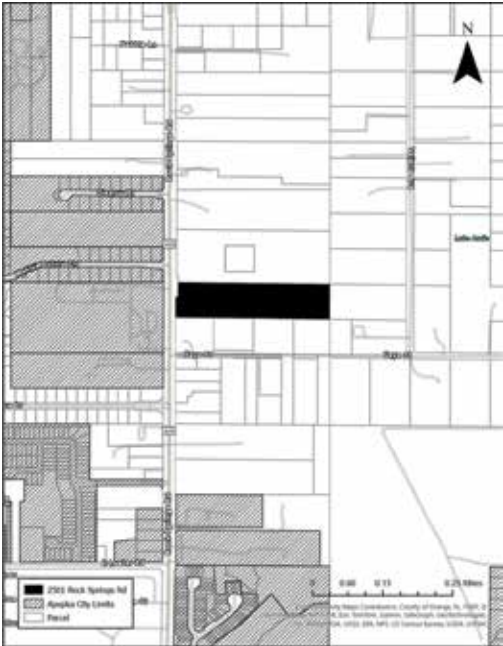
ORDINANCE NO. 3098

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 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 18, 2025 beginning 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 FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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The Harris Chain has been on fire for anglers



GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

I hope everyone is havin' a great week and you got a chance to get out and do some fishin'.

I don't want to sound like a broken record, but the bluegills and shellcrackers are bitin' like crazy in Lake Kissimmee. Some folks are still catchin' their limits by 10 or 10:30 a. m. The fish are bi-

tin' on grass shrimp and red worms. It's gettin' really hot, so get out there early and catch a mess of panfish before the sun gets up too high and you start gettin' dehydrated.

I'm a little late, but National Safe Boating Week is this week. It runs from May 17th until May 23rd. The bass fishin' is still really good in most of the lakes in our area.

The Harris Chain has been on fire. The American Bass Anglers held a tournament out of Ski Beach in Lake Harris last weekend. Congrats to Jeremy Smith from Auburndale, who won the tournament with five bass that hit the scales at 32.04 pounds.

Jeremy had a 7.86-pound big bass to anchor his five bass. Jeremy won the Pro Division and a check for \$4,000.

Bobby Bakewell from Central Florida came to the scales with five bass that weighed 25.94 pounds. Bobby also had the tournament's big bass, which weighed 8.18 pounds. Bobby had another bass that hit the scales at 8.17 pounds, so 16 pounds of his five fish came from those two big bass. Bobby caught all of his bass on the new Yo-Zuri Pro Series jerk bait.

Twenty-six boats fished the tournament, so it's safe to say that the bass fishin' on the Harris Chain is pretty hot

right now.

Another hot lake right now is Lake Yale. I've been gettin' some good reports from folks who are catchin' lots of bass on the lake. It was a little slow for a while due to the sprayin' that took place there. Some anglers are reportin' that they are havin' some good days on Lake Yale, so give it a try this weekend and next week.

The bass fishin' on the Butler Chain is still about the same. Folks are gettin' on the water early before the sun gets up. They are catchin' a few schoolers that are feedin' on the bait fish throughout the chain. Top water baits early,

then lipless crank-baits on the schoolers.

You can fish the offshore pepper grass patches and the submerged eel grass throughout the chain. Swim-jigs and speed worms in those areas work well, too. When that ol' sun gets up, try fishin' a Carolina rigged creature bait or drop shot creature baits, which will get you some bites as well. Watermelon with red glitter and junebug, or green pumpkin, are good colors to try.

We still need some more rain, so keep those prayers goin' for rain in our area. The water levels are low, so be careful while you are out on

the water.

Well, that's it for this week. I hope you get a chance to do some fishin', especially this weekend. We will celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, so hopefully you will be off and you get a three-day weekend.

I want to give a salute to all of those who have given their lives in service to our country.

There will be plenty of boats on the water this weekend, so be extra careful. See you next week.

Tip of the week: God bless our troops

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK

Softball

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(1.145), home runs (13), runs (41), hits (37), RBIs (44) and triples (2).

She ranked fifth in the state in home runs and 15th in RBIs.

The best part about it is that Smith is only a junior, so she'll return next year for Apopka.

The Blue Darters had other batters tearing it up this season, including Ava Gonzalez, Skyla Durand, Sydney Bartkin and Alicia Lopez. Those four combined had a batting average of .400 and contributed 104 of the team's 303 total runs and 98 of the team's 238 RBIs.

The only senior Apopka will lose is Durand, with the other three returning for their senior seasons.

Gonzalez was by far Apopka's defensive anchor this season with a .975 field-

ing percentage. The Blue Darters collected 14 double plays this season, with Riley Ford leading the team with four. Apopka committed 52 errors this season for an average of 1.86 per game.

The Apopka pitching staff had moments of greatness and mediocrity this season. The team finished the season with an ERA of 3.15. All of Apopka's pitchers performed very similarly over this season, but Ava Millspaugh was the team's No. 1 pitcher in more ways than one.

Millspaugh averaged almost three innings per game (2.93) and finished the season with 82 innings, while Apopka's two other pitchers combined for 71 and 2/3 innings. Millspaugh finished the season with a 3.07 ERA, 12 wins, two losses, one save,



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Apopka softball players kneel down in front of their chosen teachers on Teacher Appreciation night on April 16.

one shutout, two no-hitters, and one perfect game in 26 appearances on the mound.

Bartkin and Mia Aeschilman were right behind her, both having great seasons. Bartkin finished with a 3.04 ERA, three wins, two

losses, two saves, one shutout, one no-hitter, and one perfect game in 18 appearances.

Aeschilman was injured for much of the season, so she only saw the mound 12 times. But in those 12 ap-

pearances, she collected a 3.27 ERA and two wins.

All three of the Blue Darter pitchers were juniors, so next year will be an even stronger season for the pitching staff as they enter their senior seasons.



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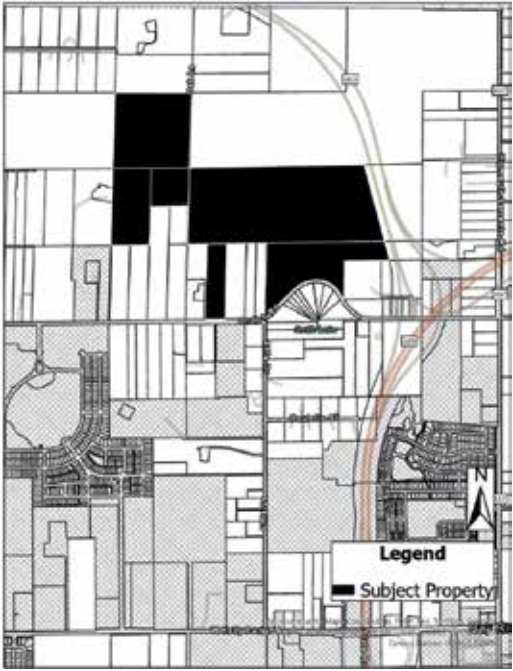
Apopka's Ava Millspaugh pitched 82 innings this season, more than Sydney Bartkin (42) and Mia Aeschilman (25.2) combined.

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 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 196.83 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: 196.83 +/- 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, June 4, 2025 beginning at 1:30 P.M and Wednesday, June 18, 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.

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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL-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 **Bill Maki** has made application relating to the following described property.

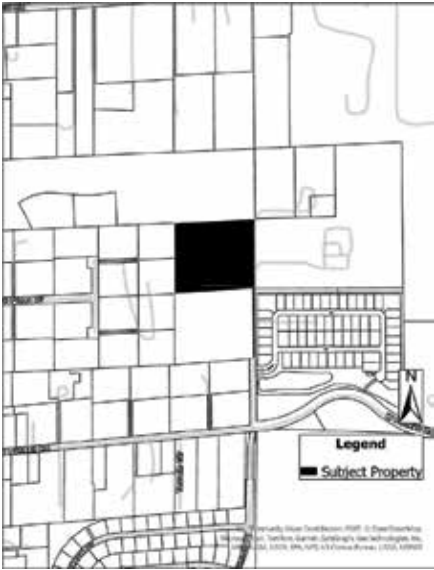
ORDINANCE NO. 3110

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 MIXED-USE TO RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ROSEVILLE FARMS, LLC; GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF PONKAN ROAD, WEST OF PONKAN PINES ROAD AND JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY; COMPRISING 21.43 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

and

ORDINANCE NO. 3111

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM MU-ES-GT (MIXED-USE — GATEWAY — EAST SHORE) TO RSF-1B (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY — LARGE LOT) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY ROSEVILLE FARMS, LLC; GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF PONKAN ROAD, WEST OF PONKAN PINES ROAD AND JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY; COMPRISING 21.43 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 19-20-28-0000-00-010 Contains: 21.43 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3083 and 3084 will be held by the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, June 10, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3083 and 3084 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 1:30 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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