

Assassination attempt was made

Editor:

We humans love to sanitize words, make them more palatable. Acceptable. Less threatening.

Assassinate is one of those words that just can't be sanitized. It is what it is defined as:"to murder (usually a prominent person) by sudden or secret attack often for political reasons; to injure or destroy unexpectedly and treacherously."

That's what happened this weekend ... someone attempted to kill President

Donald Trump.

I'm not here pretending to break some news story. That event became a major news story right before our very eyes.

I don't know where one had to be to have missed it. Nevertheless, there are, and will continue to be, multitudes of reports about it for a long time to come. And rightly so.

I guess what I'm doing is thinking out loud, trying to make sense of a senseless act. Something that's

been possible, but ...

I called it shocking, but not surprising.

Who can be surprised that a young man who may, or may not, be able to separate himself from all the anti-conservative, anti-Donald Trump rhetoric and absurdly "real" events we've watched play out on a world-wide stage?

The shooter may have been "sick," who knows? There is one thing I do

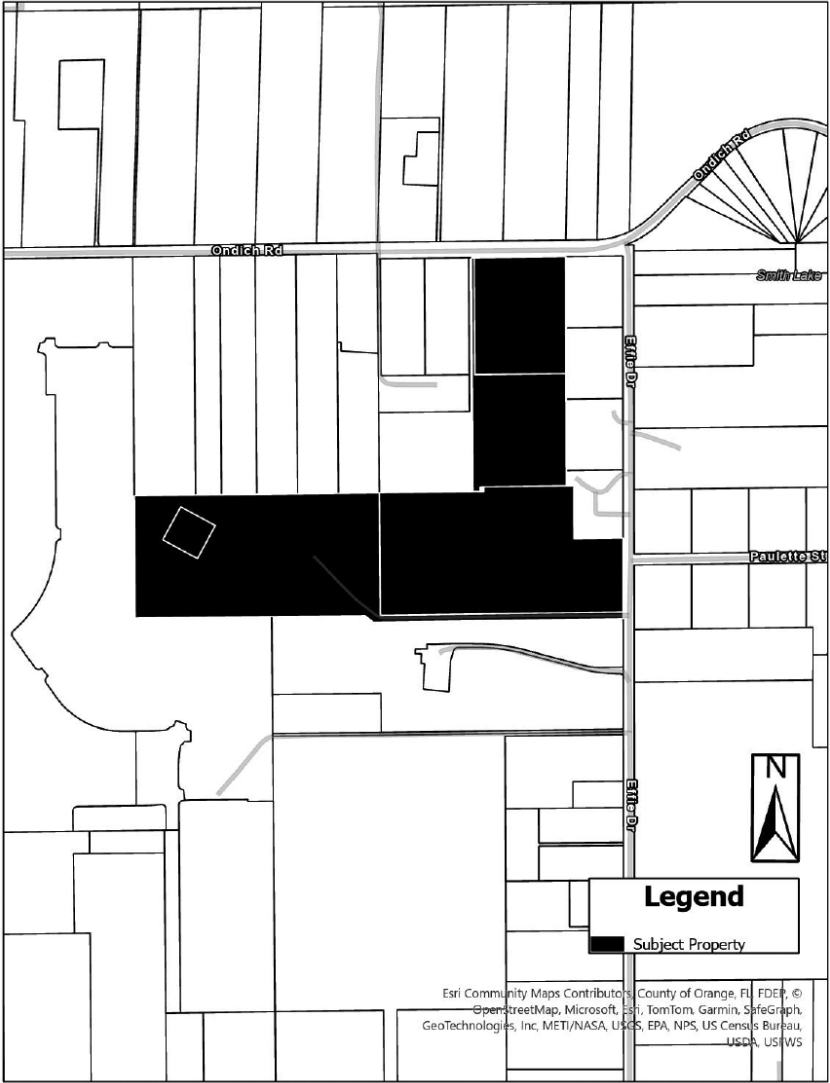
See LETTER Page 7A

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 Ondich Road and Effie Drive. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3066

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY PM S-1 REO, LLC; LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONDICH ROAD AND EFFIE DRIVE; COMPRISING 54.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3066 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, August 7, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M and Wednesday, August 21, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Annexation can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka City Council
Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department

July 19, 2024

Publish: The Apopka Chief

177073

Byrd: Consider shopping, sharing

Continued from page 2A

ity to learn new information. Making sure your kids aren't shell-shocked the first week of school when they have to get up early for the first time in a while, can be really helpful for your child and the teachers!

This is also the time to make sure your child has any required sports physicals or immunizations for school. For instance, the state of Florida requires all seventh graders to have the T-dap vaccine.

OCPS requires all high school student-athletes to get an ECG/EKG, a basic, non-invasive heart test once during their high school career. These tests have been offered at many schools for \$20 from our health partners if your pediatrician doesn't perform them. There are also sports physicals being done at various sites around the district. If you need help

finding a resource for a physical or ECG, please reach out to your school.

Another important thing to do in the next couple of weeks is make sure that your students have the important supplies needed for a successful year. Many schools have already released the supply lists.

Please check out local non-profit organizations or contact your school if you need help obtaining school supplies. There are many backpack and supply drives throughout the community to help families during this time. Be sure to like my Facebook page @MelissaByrdOCPS, where I share these events when I see them.

And, if you are able, please consider purchasing twice your child's school supplies and donating the extra set to one of the organizations putting together these drives or to your local school directly. There is

so much need in our community and you can make a difference in a local child's educational success.

Don't forget about the Florida Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, July 29 - August 11, 2024. The following qualifying items are exempt from sales tax during this time: Clothing, footwear, and accessories with a sales price of \$100 or less; school supplies with a sales price of \$50 or less; learning aids and jigsaw puzzles with a sales price of \$30 or less; and computers and related accessories with a sales price of \$1,500 or less, when purchased for non-commercial home or personal use.

It's a great time to get your child back into the swing of things and excited to start a new year. But until that new year starts, continue to make memories, have fun and read together. The time is sure to fly by!

Moore: Housing projects are needed

Continued from page 2A

ment. Initial entitlements, construction plans, platting, and horizontal and vertical construction all take time. I'm anxious because I do believe a lack of housing supply leads to higher home prices and rents. The reviews for a new subdivision are detailed and costly. Anything local government can do to expedite projects will go a long way to creating much needed new housing.

I have five projects moving on towards completion in all of District 2:

Wekiva Reserve Subdivision on Votaw Road (71 units), Thompson Heights (26 units), Plymouth Sorrento – Affordable House Project (300 multi-family and 180 senior living units), Sable Village on Beggs Road (24 units), and Grassmere in Zellwood (153 units – left 70 percent of land passive)

Remember, impact fees are not paid until the very end of the project. Thus, unfortunately, it is impossible to add capacity before the folks move into the homes. This is like what happens with new schools

and portables. In a perfect world with all the money necessary, these things wouldn't happen.

I am blessed, as are many of you, to live in a suburban subdivision with large lots. However, I'm learning that none of us want to pay enough taxes to keep the necessary roads in good condition in these suburban areas. We are in tough times to make it all work out. I look forward to partnering with *you* and sharing enough information for *you* to help *me* make the best decisions possible.

Enjoy your summer!

Hayden: Wars won by Americans

Continued from page 2A

ocrats against Republicans we have Independents against everyone else, and it goes on and on and on. They seem to forget that we sent them to Washington to work for the American people, *not* the party of their choice.

It seems as though their main concern is revenge against the other party or how they can get re-elected without doing anything for their constituents. It used to be that you could look over the field of nominees and find people with your concern in mind, in both parties.

They are so focused on trying to change things that they cannot see the things that are working for the American people and have been since our Republic's founding. It's time We the People remind politicians they are to represent our

desires for our country and *not* for a certain political party, or their agenda. We need to remind the different political parties that they are to work as a team *for us*, their employers. They need to remember that neither Democrats nor Republicans won World War One or World War Two; it was we Americans that won the victory in both those wars.

Our politicians need to get over themselves and start acting like representatives of We the People. The Democrats are in power now, and they want to make their presence felt, but they're going about it the wrong way.

We have an election coming up on November 5 that will *hopefully* change the way America is being run.

If the different political parties can't get along, then we are going to have to be like a mommy and daddy

and separate our children when they start fussing and fighting together. The rhetoric and name calling that is going on by the different parties is not good for the United States of America, nor is it good as an example to the rest of the world.

I want our nation to be recognized again as the "city on a hill," and I want to show the rest of the world that we Americans *can* and *will* govern ourselves.

By the grace of GOD, we have just averted a tragedy, and the candidates for the Presidency of the United States of America should be aware of the consequences of talking trash!

Please keep the United States of America in your prayers and remember those that are running for office.

Do your duty:
VOTE!

**Everybody has an opinion.
Why not share yours!**
Send a letter to the Editor online
www.theapopkachief.com

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

Established 1923
(USPS 545-440)

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.theapopkachief.com, news@theapopkachief.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	

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
www.orangecountyfl.net	

Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Daniel Webster (Dist. 11)	352-241-9220
State Representatives	
Doug Bankson	407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45)	unknown
State Senators	
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11)	407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
Orange County Public Schools	
Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
Miscellaneous	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441