

Report indicates that Florida’s growing population needs more physicians

By: **Andrew Powell**
(The Center Square) —

A new report says many people in Florida don’t receive needed health care because they lack easy access to adequate services.

Florida TaxWatch recently released its report, Social Determinants of Health: Health Care Access and Quality. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, social determinants of health are environmental factors

that can impact individuals’ health outcomes.

These include health care access and quality; education access and quality; social and community context; neighborhood and built environment; and economic stability.

According to the report, these factors can majorly impact a person’s health, well-being and quality of life. The report notes that 80 percent of a person’s health is determined by social factors,

while the remaining 20 percent results from receiving medical care.

In Florida, many people lack access to health care services, with the biggest barrier being the cost. In a 2019 survey of 1,200 Floridians, 55 percent had experienced health care cost burdens, while 78 percent worried they would not be able to afford health care in the future.

The report states Florida ranked 41st in 2021 for

overall health care and access, which was attributed to the growing number of uninsured adults, rising insurance costs and policies that make health care less accessible.

The report further notes that Florida has consistently ranked in the bottom 10 states for uninsured citizens.

Florida currently has a physician shortage and the report notes this plays a role in access to quality health care.

With Florida’s popu-

lation growing, especially in rural areas, the number of physicians in the Sunshine State is insufficient. By 2030, an additional 22,000 physicians are needed to bridge the gap.

The report notes that as of 2023, only 40 percent of Florida’s population has employer-sponsored health insurance, while the rate of uninsured Floridians was 11.2 percent in 2022 — higher than the national average of 8 percent. Also, in 2022,

Florida ranked 46th in the nation for the uninsured population.

Compounding this are the 979,000 people who have been disenrolled from Medicaid, 460,000 of whom are children.

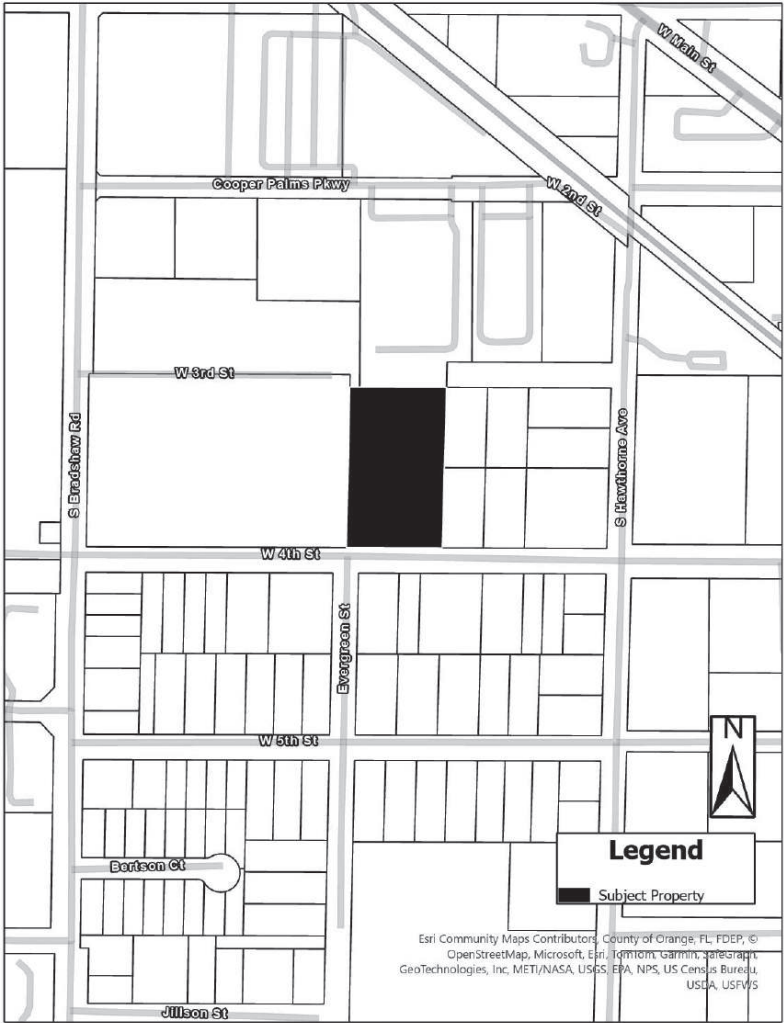
Furthermore, access depends on where the person lives. In rural areas, there are roughly 1.3 physicians for every 1,000 people available in the U.S., while urban areas have around 3.1 physicians for every 1,000 people.

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 **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 LOW 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.



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Zellwood Church of God celebrates its 100th year on August 3 and 4

The Zellwood Church of God will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a celebration all weekend.

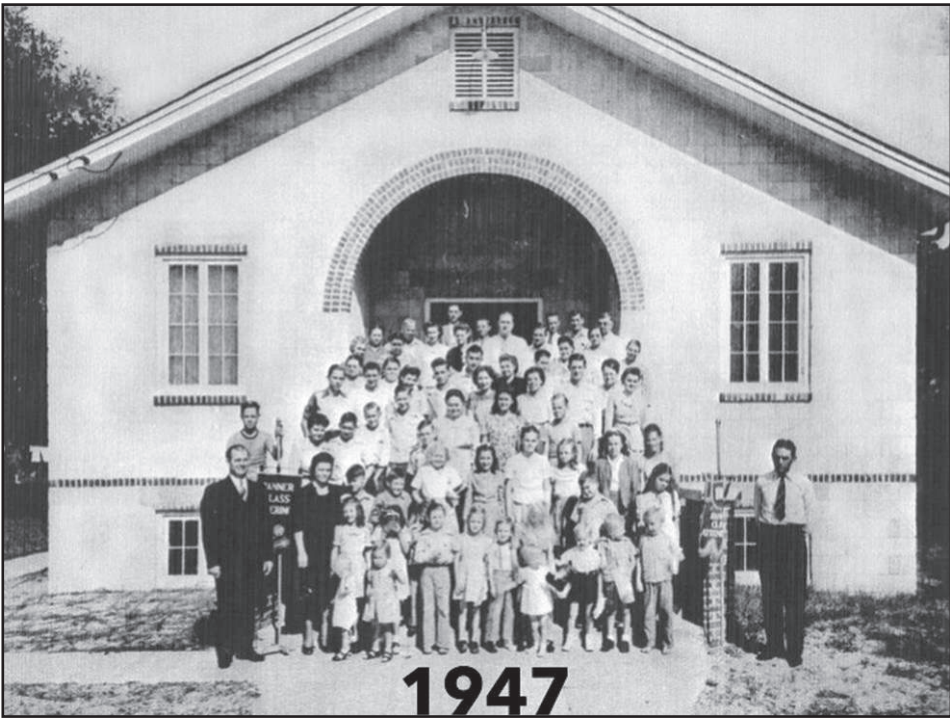
First, a 100th anniversary celebration will take place on Saturday, August 3, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. There will be free food, DJ music, games and prizes, and a bounce house and water slide for the children. The Zellwood Church of God is located at 5213 King Ave., Zellwood.

The two-day event will then culminate on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. with a morning service. Special guest speaker will be Bishop Stanley Holder, the newly appointed State Overseer of the Florida Church of God, and his wife Dr. Teresa Holder. There will be no Sunday School this Sunday only.

The Zellwood Church of God was established on August 3, 1924.

The 100-year-old Zellwood Church of God in 1947 and as it appears in its 100th year.

Photo courtesy of Zellwood Church of God

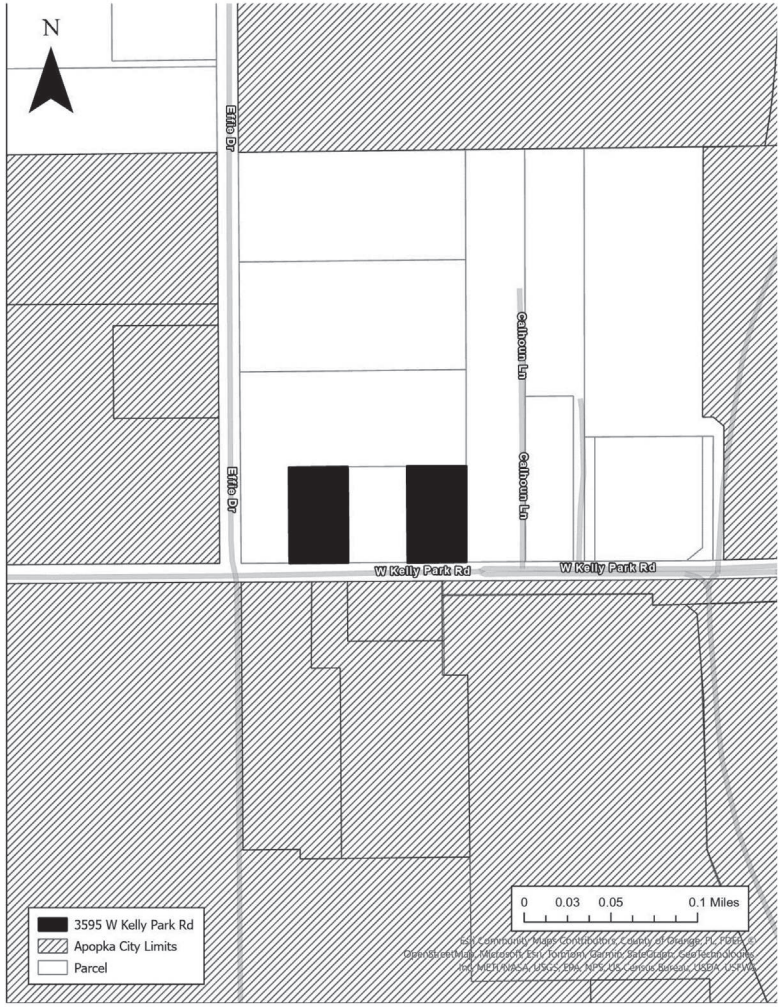


PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

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 **Jesse Anderson** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located at 3595 W Kelly Park Road and 3611 W Kelly Park Road. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3069

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 EFFIE ROAD HOLDINGS LLC; LOCATED AT 3595 W KELLY PARK ROAD AND 3611 W KELLY PARK ROAD, COMPRISING 2.32 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 12-20-27-0000-00-018, 12-20-27-0000-00-016
Contains: 2.32 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for **Ordinance No. 3069** 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 at 7:00 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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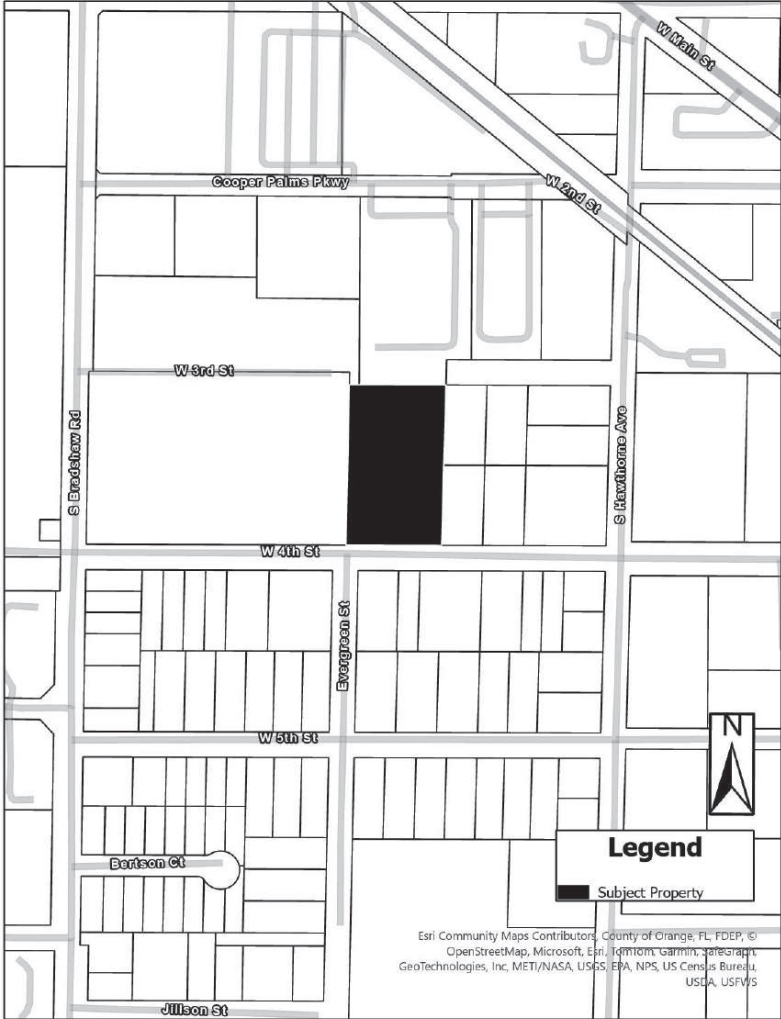
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

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 **ALBERT IGLESIAS** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located north of Fourth Street, east of Bradshaw Road and west of Hawthorne Avenue. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3057

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 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 public hearings for Ordinance No. 3057 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.** 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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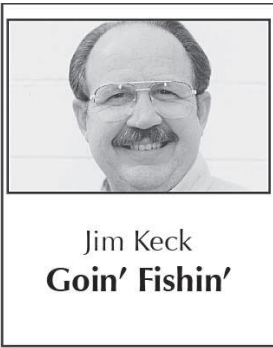
23.82 pounds wins X-treme Bass Series Tournament on Harris chain

Hello Folks,

I hope you are havin’ a great week, and you are lookin’ forward to goin’ fishin’ this weekend. We might have a little interruption due to the storm, but hopefully, we will just get some rain out of the system. It’s been kinda hot and it looks like we are goin’ to have the hottest month of July on record since they started keepin’ records. If you are on the water, make sure you have plenty of water and Gatorade on board so you can stay hydrated.

The panfishin’ has slowed way, way down durin’ the month of July. It’s been so hot folks just ain’t fishin for panfish. Kyle at Bitter’s Bait & Tackle reports that they are only sellin’ a few cups of red worms each day due to the heat.

They are sellin’ a few shiners for bass fishin’ early in the mornin’ or late in the day. If you can find a shade tree and float a shiner out near the grass or pads, you just might get a Florida Bass to bite. Folks are catchin’ a few bass in the Harris Chain. It’s been a little slow due to the heat. You will have to be very patient because the bite has been slow. You can try fishin’ the fish finders through-out the chain. They help



find the pads that provide lots of shade for the bass. You can also try fishin’ off-shore grass beds in deeper water.

The X-treme Bass Series held their monthly tournament on the Harris chain last weekend and it took 23.82 pounds to win. The team of Colbie Cagle and Braden Robinson took home their 2nd win of the season. Congrats guys on a job well done, especially in this hot weather. The team of Mathew Elixson and Hunter Pruitt came in 2nd place, and they also had the big bass of the tournament which weighed in at 8.27 pounds.

The bass fishin’ on the Butler Chain is a little slow, but is still fishin’ better than most lakes in our area. You will do best by gettin’ on the water early and takin’ advantage of the early mornin’ bite. Also keep a eye out for schoolers comin’ up and feedin’ on bait-fish. Always have

a rod with a lipless crank-bait tied on, so you will be ready for some great fun catchin’ those schoolers. You should be able to catch plenty of keeper-size bass especially if you have a little breeze blowin’ durin’ the day.

The Wednesday night Shootout held on John’s Lake was a little slow as well. If you fish their tournament, you are allowed to weigh in 3 bass. They hold their tournament from 5:15-9 p.m. The team of Leandro Saratt and Erico School won the 11-boat event with 3 bass that hit the scales at 8.30 pounds. Big bass was caught by the team of Chad Hayes and Ronnie Durden which weighed in at 5.90 pounds.

Well, that’s it for this week. I wish I had better news to report, but it’s that time of the year when it’s the dog days of summer. The dog days of summer start on July 3rd and run through August 11th. These 40 days are usually the hottest 40 days of the year. In Florida, those days may go into September as well.

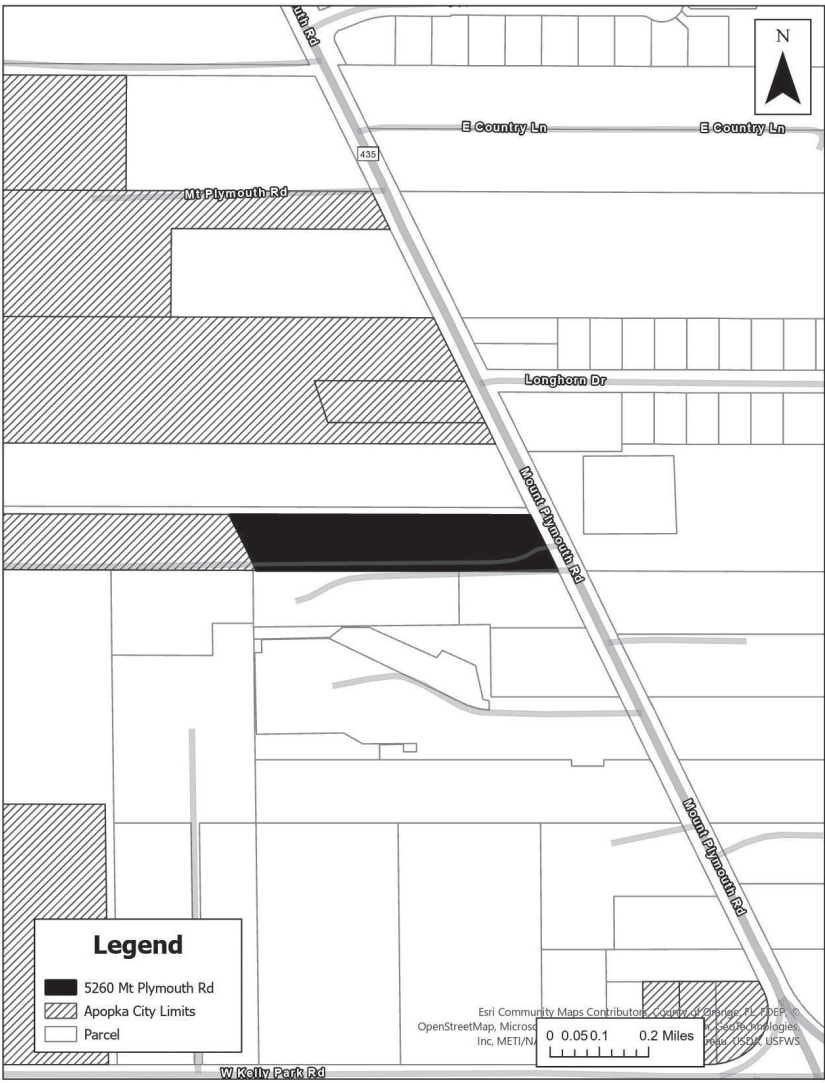
I hope you have a great week, and I’ll see ya next week.

Tip of the week: Dog Days.

Save a few and good luck!

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 **Julian R. Coto** requests a **VARIANCE** from LDC, Section 3.2.3. AG: Agriculture District, to allow a minimum Lot Area of 103,163 square feet and a minimum Lot Width of 145 feet for a single-family housing development in lieu of a minimum Lot Area of 108,900 square feet and a minimum Lot Width of 150 feet in specific locations within the property located at 5260 MT PLYMOUTH ROAD. This application relates to the following described property:



Parcel Identification Number(s): 09-20-28-7608-00-132
Contains: 2.37 +/- Acres

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held in the City of Apopka Council Chambers on **Tuesday, August 13, 2024 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.

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In the period from July 21-27, the Apopka Police Department received 1,568 calls for service, responded to 20 crashes, issued 60 citations, and made 16 arrests. Juveniles were charged with out-of-county warrant.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Bernardo Nicolas Beira, 61, confidential, Apopka, resist officer with violence (X2); battery-touch or strike; battery on specified personnel; health-safety nuisance injurious to health.

Trinidad A’dore Carthers, 20, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Nivea Enid Cruz, 46, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Ka’Nayziah Ke’Niya

Edwards, 21, confidential, Leesburg, battery-touch or strike.

Lisa Hellena Houston, 55, 1991 S. Apopka Blvd., Apopka, aggravated battery on pregnant victim.

Michael Alphonso Jackson Burnett Jr., 30, confidential, Orlando, battery-touch or strike.

Keisha Jackson, 29, 45 W. 10th St., Apopka, trespassing-trespass occupied structure or conveyance; resist officer-obstruction without violence.

Rafiq Al Fatir Hamin Osborne McDonald; 33, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; obstructing Justice-hinder witness communicating information to law enforcement officer/ a life/capital proceeding.

Modesto Perez-Mendez, 379109, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Samuel Rodriguez-Cherena, 44, confidential, Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; drug equipment-possession and/or use; simple assault-intent threat to do violence.

Jason William Scott, 46, 18 N. Terry Ave. 144, Orlando, burglary- dwell-

ing/structure cause damage \$1,000+.

Shaina Marie Stouffer, 34, 1507 Camel Ct., Apopka, drugs-trafficking fentanyl/fentanyl analogues 4 grams+; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (alprazolam); drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Maria Edith Timperio, 62, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Dorian James Tinsley-Gary, 23, confidential, Mt. Dora, contempt of court-violation injunction protection domestic violence (X2).

Ingrid Yolany Vasquez-Reyes, 23, 1367 Orange St., Apopka, obstructing justice-tamper with evidence in criminal proceeding; DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs; moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license; hit and run-leave scene of crash involving damage to property.

Tyler Cain Worrick, 28, 19023 Park Pl. Blvd. A, Eustis, out-of-county warrant.

Davison: Balancing school, football

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football and his academics has always been easy because of the work ethic instilled in him by his parents from a very young age. Davison says that because he started taking academics so seriously at such a young age and has always been balancing his athletic and academic lives that now it’s just second nature.

“Oh, I feel like that’s been the easy thing for me. My parents have instilled the importance of an academic mindset in me from when I was a baby. So, I just grew up knowing how to do it. Like, I don’t play video games during the week. I make sure that I’m zoned in from when I get home to when it’s time to go to sleep. I make sure I get all my work done. And it’s really just me wanting to reach that highest level, to reach my ceiling, as quickly as I can. Since I was so young, it wasn’t really anything for me, and now I’m able to keep it up. I’m seeing the benefits from it. I’m reaping the benefits of all that work

now.”

Leadership and chemistry go hand in hand a lot of the time. Without a good leader, there will be no chemistry in a team. So, leadership got us talking about chemistry and how the Blue Darters and Davison himself grow and foster that brotherhood that’s needed in a winning program.

Davison told me that chemistry on the field starts off the field. He said that he helps some of his teammates with homework, they play games together in their free time, and on the field at practice is where a lot of joking around and friendships start. Davison also said he’s always checking in with his guys whether at school, practice, or in free time just to make sure they are ok, and that everything is going well.

“Right now, we’ve been focusing big on brotherhood. So, we as a team feel like as long as you can fight for your brother, you can do anything. And so that man next to you means the world to us, and we’re going to keep it like that

for a while.

I asked Davison what strategies or methods he uses to keep his morale high after a tough play or big hit during a game.

“You know, you can’t really live in the play or in the past too much as a quarterback. It’s all about keeping your composure and looking into the future. But sometimes, I’ll ask when we get into the sideline to see the play I messed up on, and then communicate to all the coaches so I can figure out what I can do to make that play better and the rest of the game better for us as a team.”

When we talked about preparations during the off-season Davison talked about the importance of rest. He said the boys and himself have been focused on relaxing and alone time to figure out what would work best for everybody for the upcoming season. He talked about the obvious physical work that they have focused on this off-season with condition-

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Speed: May wants his red hat



The car pictured is May’s grandfather’s Datsun 240Z that set the land speed record in October of 2021. This is the car May will attempt to set his record in.

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true story about Burt Munro building a motorcycle to beat the land speed record at Bonneville.

May’s grandfather Red will be attempting to break a speed record that he put in place just three years ago. In October of 2021, May’s grandfather put down a record-breaking land speed of 244 miles per hour beating the previous record of 220 that stood untouched since 1988. May will be joining him the first week of August as his grandfather tries to beat the record he set in 2021 while May will try to set his own record.

May’s dream is to be the youngest person ever to receive a *red hat*. To get a *red hat*, you must set a land speed record over 200 miles per hour. Right now, the youngest person to break a land speed record over 200 miles per hour is a 17-year-old, so May will be the youngest by a good margin if he can pull it off. I will say this... I’m not the biggest car guy, but I know a little bit and this car that May will be driving is no joke.

The car is a 1972 Datsun 240Z that has been fitted with a Toyota 2JZ-GTE inline-six- and a 72-millimeter turbo. Now to some

that may sound like gibberish but in layman’s terms this car is probably faster than any car you’ve ever seen. The car pushes out a peak of 859 horsepower.

May’s grandfather will be trying to break the record on Saturday, August 3, and will try again the following Sunday. Depending on if May’s grandfather breaks the record, May will try to create his own record the following Monday.

I hope May can make his dream come true, and stay tuned next week for updates and an interview with May to tell all about his trip and what his next dream will look like.