# **Moore:** Shelter locations needed

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Our manager suggested the groups need to all utilize the same management system and work more collaboratively.

2. Increase shelter capacity. A work group has been tasked with finding new shelter locations throughout the county, specifically targeting east and west Orange County.

Orange County is partnering with the City of Orlando to utilize the Work Release Center on Kaley Avenue as an additional shelter space.

3. Launch new initiatives, Erect steel modular units or comparable struc-

tures to expand supportive housing.

Operate a 24/7 Dropin center to provide bridgehousing and case management for clients aged 55 plus and diversion from

Provide transitional housing and wellness services for individuals with co-occurring behavioral disorders.

Utilize Housing Connector & Zillow to increase access to housing.

Add emergency bridge housing with services (30 more rooms).

Expand the partnership with their Valencia Accelerated Skills Training Program

**CITY OF APOPKA** 

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** 

**SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE** 

**AMENDMENT** 

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 G L Summitt

Engineering, Inc. c/o Geoffrey L. Summitt, P.E. has made application

ORDINANCE NO. 3074

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:

OWNED BY TIMOTHY BURCHFIELD, ROBERT AND STACY MOSS; LOCATED

WEST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, SOUTH OF NIGHTSHADE GROVE LANE AND

SADLER ROAD; COMPRISING 19.76 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING

Parcel Identification Number(s): 14-20-27-0000-00-025 and 14-20-27-

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3074

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, December 4, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and December 18, 2024 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.

FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

relating to the following described property.

Expand the Faine House for youth aging out of foster care

House Bill 1365 prohibits the county or cities from authorizing or allowing any person to regularly engage in public camping or sleeping. The law declares that the County may not authorize or otherwise allow any person to regularly engage in public camping or sleeping. The enforcement provision begins January 1, 2025, where residents, business owners, or the Attorney General may bring a civil action against the County or City if not in compli-

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# Scholarship: Full audit is planned

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lando Sentinel. Sasso was appointed by DeSantis to serve on Disney World's governing board that later hired Gilzean in 2023. DeSantis then appointed Gilzean to run Orange County's elections in March 2024 after longtime elections supervisor Bill Cowles resigned abruptly in his term.

"While Chair Sasso was not directly involved in this contract, we do share a passion for empowering the next generation," Gilzean said in a statement.

The controversy has put the school district and the college system in an awkward position.

"The Orange County Supervisor of Elections approached Valencia College about creating an educational partnership to support workforce development in Orange County. College officials worked with him on different options, which resulted in the final scholarship agreement," Valencia College offered in a statement. "The college relied on his representation that he, as an Orange County constitutional officer, had the authority to enter into this agreement.

The college has not been contacted by county officials and, as al-

ways, welcomes their partnership."

Orange County Public Schools did not respond to a request for comment Monday afternoon or say whether the upcoming pep rallies will be canceled or delayed.

Since Gilzean did not seek another election supervisor term, Karen Castor Dentel won Tuesday's election to replace him.

Castor Dentel said she already planned to ask for a full audit into the Supervisor of Election's office to look at contracts, spending and business practices before she learned of Gilzean's scholarship program. Castor Dentel, who is currently an Orange County School Board member, said "scholarships are certainly a worthy cause" but said she didn't think it was appropriate for the election supervisor to fund them. "The mission and mandate of the office is to run effective elections," she said.

Editor's note: The funding source for the scholarships is now under investigation to determine whether taxpayer dollars remaining in the 2024 Supervisor of Elections budget can be used to fund the planned scholarships. The name of the Orange County Supervisor of Elections has already been removed from the title.

### Byrd: Technical education is a must

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him to raise a large family and create a life he loved.

That is why career and technical education is so special.

This is more than just a new building, it is a gate-way to success, to a bright future for years to come for the students bold enough to step through the doors. For them and their families.

For nearly a century,
Orange Technical College
has evolved to meet the
changing needs of our students and the job market.
This campus is a testament
to that evolution. It's modern, clean, and designed
to prepare students for the

future

Our programs on this campus are focused on preparing today's students to be tomorrow's leaders in their chosen fields. The skills learned on these campuses are desperately needed.

Let's be honest, Orange County is expanding and we need more welltrained professionals to step in and fill the talent gap so many industries are experiencing!

The fact that this campus can act as a stepping stone into these fields for so many local adults and young people is incredibly important. Not just for them and their futures, but

for our community.

These new facilities are our promise to everyone that OCPS will always fully support Career and Technical Education and the students who benefit from it.

Career and Technical Education changes lives every day, and I'm so proud of our district for recognizing that and continuing to prioritize it.

Most of all, thank you to the Orange County voters who overwhelmingly approved yet again, the renewal of the half-cent sales tax that made this building possible as well as all the other new buildings yet to come for our community!

# Hayden: Solving problems important

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headlights to act the way I described.

Sweeping up dogfood didn't seem so bad after all! I don't know what GOD saved me from, but I'm glad I was straightened out and my attitude was sweetened before a service tech showed at my door. After the mess was cleaned up, the cat was mollified and forgave me for my clumsiness. The service technician came in and took care of our TV problem without any interruptions, or problems

lems.

I've often thought
about all the times my
schedule has been rearranged because I had experienced delays, caused by
something we would call

problems, and afterwards we see how there was a disaster awaiting had we been on schedule!

I've learned, for today, that sometimes we are put on hold for our benefit and for our salvation. That song, "Didja' Ever" by Elvis Presly ends with these words, "Didja' ever get one of those days when you should have stayed in bed?"

Today started out as one of those "Didja' Ever" days, but I'm so thankful I didn't stay in bed. I think of all the clumsy things I performed that changed my day from "ho hum" to expectation of what's next and the challenge of facing it. My Mama used to say, "Ikie you're as clumsy as a cow with a crutch, but even

a cow with a crutch can be gracefully clumsy!"

I'm still trying to learn grace from my clumsiness, but I know Mom is well pleased with my attitude of expecting learning to come from mistakes, using them as stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks!

Didja' ever get one of those days? Thank GOD for it! Whatever delayed, stopped, or detoured you, might have saved your life or given you the wisdom to enjoy the scenery, even on a detour!

Socrates once stated, "Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers."

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### ALL ABOUT APOPKA

# The Apopka Chief

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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.

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#### City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

.407-703-1700 Mayor's Office ..... .407-703-1701 .407-703-1649 City Administrator... .407-703-1704 City Clerk 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 .407-703-1743 .407-703-1731 Solid Waste Collect. Street Maintenance.. .407-703-1731 Utility Billing. .407-703-1727 Medical, fire emergency.. 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.

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Building Dept407-836-8550
County Mayor407-836-7370
County Commission 407-836-7350
County Attorney407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue407-836-3111
Solid Waste407-836-6601
Garbage Collection407-703-1731
Health Dept407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept407-836-6200
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Rick Scott (Rep.) 202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)407-254-257
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Daniel Webster (Dist. 11)352-241-9220
State Representatives
Doug Bankson 407-476-678
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45)unknowi
State Senators
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11) 407-297-204
Orange County Commissioner
Christine Moore407-836-7350
Orange County Public Schools
Pupil assignment 407-317-323
Bus routes407-317-380
Superintendent407-317-320
School Board407-317-320
Miscellaneous
The Apopka Chief407-886-277
Museum of the Apopkans 407-703-1703
Chamber of Commerce407-886-144

## Food pantry starts accepting holiday donations

Loaves and Fishes is asking the community to prayerfully consider helping the food pantry's 300 qualified families during the upcoming holiday season.

Current needs for holiday food items are boxed/instant potatoes, boxed stuffing, Hamburger Helper, canned yams, canned fruit, and macaroni and cheese.

Current needs for toys are Barbie clothes, toys for girls/boys ages 3-8, Lego sets, sports balls, arts/crafts items, and trucks/cars.

Donors can also make a holiday food pledge by making a monetary donation. Loaves and Fishes will then buy the items for donors in bulk. Donate online at LoavesandFishesApopka.com. If mailing a check, send to Loaves and Fishes at 407-886-6005.

Loaves and Fishes, 206 E. Eighth St. Apopka, 32703.

Thanksgiving distribution is November 25-27. Christmas distribution is December 9-19. Loaves and Fishes will be closed Friday, December 20 through Sunday, January 5, 2025. It will reopen Monday, January 6, 2025

For more information, call

## **UCF** will perform holiday concert

The UCF Symphony Orchestra and Singing Knights will perform a free, family-friendly holiday concert at the Apopka Amphitheater on December 14, 5-7 p.m., at the Apopka Amphitheater, 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka.

The city of Apopka and the University of Central Florida School of Performing Arts invites the community to attend "Silent Knights: A Jolly Holiday Concert."

For more information visit Apopka.gov.

# Veterans: Downtown banners display service members' names

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ing spirit. Even though all those members of those different branches and all the ones there have different background and history and experiences, they're all different. How ever they come together, there's one thing that unites them: duty and sacrifice. A great group of people," said Webster.

Richardson encouraged his fellow veterans to continue sharing their values with other citizens, as well as sharing experiences and knowledge. Richardson cited faithfulness, loyalty, submission to authority, and honor as values.

"Contribute on, share your stories, share your Richardson experiences,"

said. "Share the things that you overcome. Share the things that you learned. Because we have a nation that needs it. We have a generation that needs it. We have a generation that doesn't understand some of the values that you and I hold so dearly and so truly to ourselves. These values helped us win many wars around the globe. And I believe these same values will help us keep America great."

Richardson asked veterans and civilians to come together and help other veterans, especially those who were in combat, with their struggles, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, loss of comrades, family disruption, and physical wounds. Richardson said there are

several governmental and private groups that are willing to help veterans.

Richardson ended his message with his testimony as a Christian. He called his surrender to Jesus Christ as the most important and helpful part of his transition from military to civilian life. That transition began in 1978 in college, where he met a woman who would become his wife for 44 years, who led him back into a relationship with Jesus.

During his scriptures studies, he found many similarities between what was said in the Bible and "the things that I have held dearly from my time in the military," Richardson said. "In doing so, it helped me through a myriad of personal challenges. My faith in Him has been everything for me."

"So, I encourage you that are out there: If you're going through things, I would encourage you not to iust seek physical and psychological help, but seek spiritual help and guidance for your soul. Because in the end, there is a life eternal, and we all have an opportunity to sit, to be a part of that life," Richardson

Prior to Veterans Day. on Sunday, November 10, the U.S. Marine Corps Ball took place at the Apopka Community Center in celebration of the Marine Corps' 249th birthday, Mayor Nelson said.

Alice Boria of the VFW Post 10147 Auxiliary read the poem "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae. Published on December 8, 1915, in the British magazine *Punch*, the poem references the red poppies that grew over the graves and helped popularize the flower as a memorial symbol.

#### **Hometown Heroes**

Before reading a proclamation recognizing November 11 as Veterans Day, Mayor Bryan Nelson discussed the VFW's Hometown Heroes program. In Hometown Heroes, 30 banners - each bearing a veteran's name and his/her branch of military service - are displayed throughout downtown Apopka. Each

banner is five-feet high and two-feet wide.

The goal is to increase the number of banners from 30 to 100 by next November, Nelson said.

Mike McFadden of the VFW said he wants to begin promoting the program in early 2025. He was inspired to set up Hometown Heroes when, this past August while in Pennsylvania for a class reunion, he drove from Allentown to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton metropolitan area. Taking the back roads, he noticed banners honoring veterans on both sides of the streets in several small towns.

These banners were what he wanted to see in Apopka, McFadden said.

### **CITY OF APOPKA** PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE **AMENDMENT** AND CHANGE OF ZONING

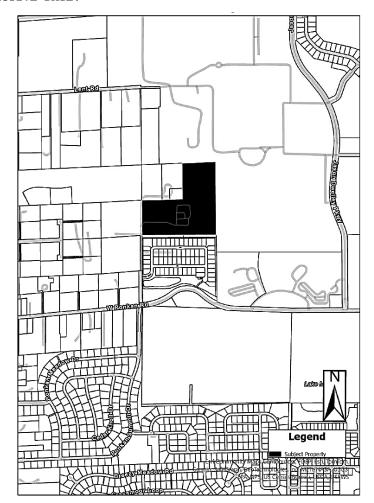
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that Bill Maki has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3083

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, EAST OF PONKAN PINES ROAD AND WEST OF JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY; COMPRISING 28.44 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

ORDINANCE NO. 3084

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, EAST OF PONKAN PINES ROAD AND WEST OF JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY; COMPRISING 28.44 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 19-20-28-0000-00-010 Contains: 28.44 +/- Acres

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, December 4, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and December 18, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

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Apopka City Council Apopka Planning Commission Community Development Department ing to the room. On Monday, some of the

The First Methodist Church Apopka ladies are busy putting the final touches to all the creative handmade items to be sold at the 50th Christmas Bazaar in the fellowship hall at the Church, 201 S. Park Avenue, Apopka, FL on November 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The ladies have met every Monday in the Bazaar room all day long, all year long. Some ladies work at home and bring in exquisite, "one of a kind" items. Members of the church keep supplies of fabrics, ribbons, buttons, unused craft kits, etc. com-

Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, November 16

ladies were randomly asked "how they felt about the bazaar". Here are some of the comments: "Most fun classroom I've been in"; "It is a mood elevator"; "I enjoy the smell and the people"; "It is better therapy than tranquilizers, you get lost in the learning"; "Flabbergasted that such a small group of women can put on such show year-after-year"; "During the last few days,

it gets very busy and people

can get cranky, but the Lord

always pulls us through". You can start the day off with Apple Fritters and cof-

fee. And, lunch is served at 11:00 a.m. This year's theme is "The Country Store Christmas" What will you find in this special store? Christmas ornaments, scarfs, blankets,

tree skirts, jewelry, fabric, yarn, Christmas table arrangements and wreaths to fit all your Christmas needs. Stop by and find items to get your Christmas shopping off to a good start.

For further information, call 407-889-2628





DETAILS OF OFFER: Offer expires 1/31/2025. Not valid with other offers or prior purchases. Buy one (1) window or entry/patio door, get one (1) window or entry/patio door 40% off, and 12 months n money down, no monthly payments, no interest when you purchase four (4) or more windows or entry/patio doors between 11/1/2024 and 1/31/2025. Additional \$200 off your purchase, minimum purchase of 4, taken after initial discount(s), when you purchase by 1/31/2025. 40% off windows and entry/ patio doors are less than or equal to lowest cost window or entry/patio door in the orde Subject to credit approval. 12-month Promo Period while no payments are due, interest accruse but is waived if the loan if not liber for the Promo Period expires. Any uppaid balance wed aff the Promo Period plus accrued interest, will be paid in installments based on the terms disclosed in the customer's loan agreement. Financing provided by various equal opportunity lenders. Saving comparison based on purchase of a single unit at list price. Available at participating locations of differ applies throughout the service area. See your local Renewal by Andersen location for details. Licens numbers available at renewal/byandersen.com/license. Some Renewal by Andersen locations are independently owned and operated. "Renewal by Andersen" and all other marks where denoted ar trademarks of their respective owners. © 2025 Andersen Corporation.All rights reserved. RBA13669