

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 Drop-in center to provide bridge-housing and case management for clients aged 55 plus and diversion from jail.

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

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.

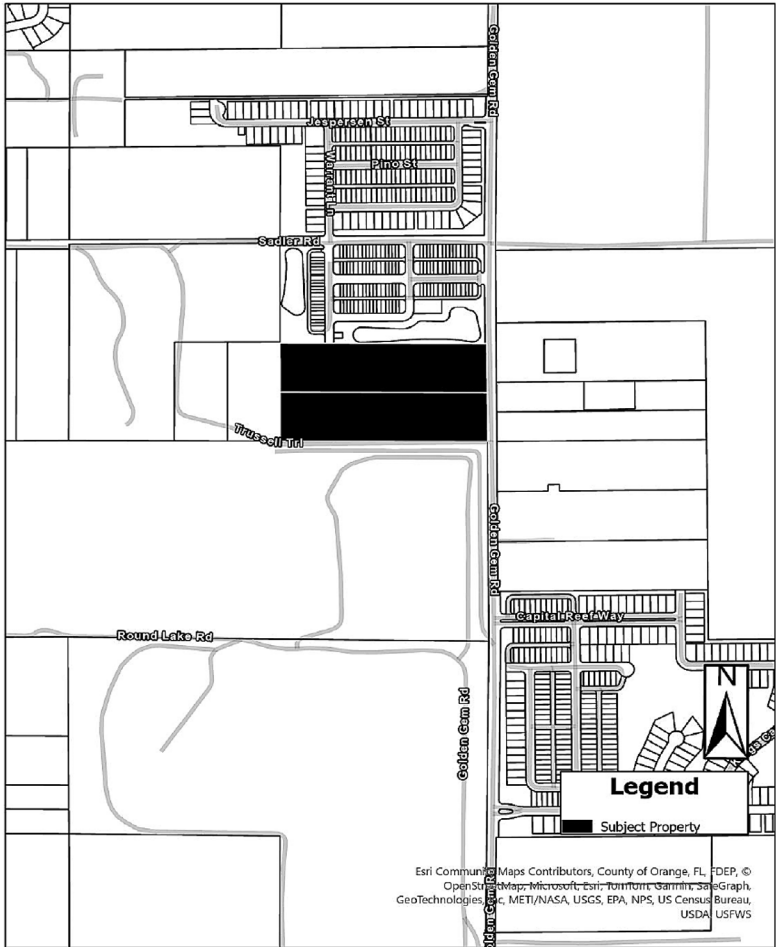
Editor’s note: The funding source for the scholarships is now under investigation to determine whether taxpayer dollars remaining in the 2024 Supervisor of Elections budget can be used to fund the planned scholarships. The name of the Orange County Supervisor of Elections has already been removed from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

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 relating to the following described property.

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 FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 14-20-27-0000-00-025 and 14-20-27-0000-00-083
Contains: 19.76 +/- Acres

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.

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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 gateway 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 well-trained 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.

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, “Ikke 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.”

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

