

Being thankful – are you acting thankful or are you *really* thankful?

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Which day of Thanksgiving week do you like the most, Thursday or Friday? Are you happier feeling gratitude or shopping?

Thanksgiving is not a one-day holiday or a time of year but a continuing action and attitude of our incomparable gratitude for a Savior and the blessings He has given us.

Ephesians 2: 8 “For by

grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” Faith is a belief system but it is also a feeling. It is an emotional belief that requires greater strength than simply possessing knowledge.

The Bible states in John 3: 16 “Whosoever believes in Him.” That is a complete statement to insure eternal life. But is that belief with the mind or is it an emotional belief? And, is there a difference that can be separated outside the individual heart and mind?

“Whosoever” includes every living soul on the face of the earth! Jesus stated in John 3: 17 “For God sent not his Son into the world

to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

The words “the world” in that verse from the Book of John appears to leave out no one willing to believe, repent and confess that Jesus is Lord and through Him and only Him can we be saved (Philippians 2: 10-11).

Romans 10: 9-10 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Notice in the last line

of verse ten above that man believes with the heart but salvation is acquired through confession. Confession includes both confession of our sins (Romans 3: 23) and also belief in the Lord Jesus as crucified for the remission of sin and resurrected.

To confess/admit/state we believe is a requirement for salvation. Romans 1: 16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

It is only by His spilt blood we have remission of sin. Hebrews 9: 22 “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.”

Books have been written and sermons preached on the horrors of the process of scourging and crucifixion. For an American (and most in the free world) that has quick access to emergency rooms and pain killing drugs, the pain is unimaginable inflicted by crucifixion.

John 15: 13 “Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends.” We mere mortals think of our friends as being a select few. Jesus on the other hand, regarded all the world as His friends because He created

us. (John 1: 3, Colossians 1: 16).

God Jesus even created the non-believer. That is why He commanded us to “preach this Gospel to all nations.” The connection that exists between Jesus and His creation is not within the comprehension of the human mind.

James 2: 18 “Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.” We are not commanded to do good works. We know (Ephesians 2: 8) we are saved by grace through faith. Works demonstrate our faith and it also demonstrates our gratitude for what God Jesus has done for us.

To serve the Lord is an honor and a privilege. He has been so good to us. How can we not show our thankfulness through our actions? Acts of service will not buy us a one way ticket to Heaven and we do not expect them to.

Our service to God is a blessing to ourselves and those we serve. The question of “callings” in the Christian faith has been one of intrigue to many. All I can offer is my own thoughts and I’ve had the belief for many years; if God provides an opportunity, that’s a calling. Yes, giving thanks is definitely an

action but it is also an attitude. Just as Romans 10: 10 states “with the heart man believeth unto righteousness,” with the heart man also gives thanks.

1 Chronicles 16:34 “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever” God is never going to stop loving you. Once you believe and His spirit enters in to you (Matthew 3: 11), you are His for all eternity (John 10: 28-29).

Our greatest action of thanksgiving after our own confession and repentance is to tell someone about the saving power of our Lord Jesus. The scriptures have proven themselves true over and over. There is no room for doubt; there is only acceptance and sharing.

A life of humility and thanksgiving is essential. God does not want an arrogant, dogmatic Christian sharing Him with the world. 1 Peter 3: 15 “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinance, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **STEVEN ANDERSEN** has made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council for a **CHANGE IN THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMERCIAL TO INDUSTRIAL FOR 2.28 +/- ACRES.** This application relates to the following described properties:

**ORDINANCE NO. 3085
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 COMMERCIAL TO INDUSTRIAL FOR STEVEN ANDERSEN GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF MARSHALL LAKE ROAD, OWNED BY ANDERSEN APOPKA LLC, COMPRISING 2.28 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



Parcel Identification Numbers: 09-21-28-5451-01-000
Contains: 2.28 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 3085 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024 beginning at 5:30 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 3085 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, January 15, 2025 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** or soon thereafter.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use 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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Some improvements made to the current facility include:
Temporary Portable Air Conditioning for the Summer in the Kennels:
*Installation of a temporary portable air conditioning unit and associated ductwork for the dog kennels.
*Temporary air conditioning was provided for the Summer of 2022 and Summer of 2023 and will be utilized for the summer

months until the new shelter is finished.
Interaction Yard Shade Sail Infill:
*Additional shade sails were added to infill the shade sails over the west interaction yards.
*The approximate cost was \$60,000 and the work was completed in May 2023.
Roof Coating for Heat Relief:
*Roof of Building 300, used for dog housing, coated in white sealant, completed in August 2019.

*Upper windows closed and painted to block sunlight.
*Surface temperature on roof dropped from 120 – 135 degrees to 88 – 92 degrees.
*The approximate cost was \$50,000 and the work was completed in August 2019.
The shelter is always looking for volunteers in many capacities: Please take a look here: Volunteer, Orange County Animal Services

Byrd: Challenges make job important

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Thank you to all the students in all three schools who spent time chatting with me.
Also this week, I was sworn into office again at the Investiture ceremony

Tuesday night along with the other three newly elected board members who took the oath of office. I am honored to once again be trusted to represent my community on the school board for another four years.

This work, while challenging at times, is so important and I truly feel like this is exactly where I am supposed to be - serving my community, our students and our schools.
Thank you for trusting me!

Hayden: Be grateful for everything

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tude. When you wake up grateful for everything your day will provide, it is almost impossible to find fault in situations you may encounter when you just expressed your thankfulness for it. I believe it will cause us to wait for the opportunity to find good in it, and trust GOD that He will

make it all work out.
Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”
Melody Beattie once wrote, “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order,

confusion into clarity, a meal into a feast, a house into a home, and a stranger into a friend.”
Are you willing to try it? I promise it will work if you start off with a heart of gratitude. Try the extra “thank you,” or “please,” and see if your day is rewarded with more smiles and pleasantries.
THANK YOU!!!

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

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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.

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City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall407-703-1700
Mayor's Office407-703-1701
City Administrator407-703-1649
City Clerk407-703-1704
Community Devel.407-703-1712
Code Enforcement407-703-1738
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Fire (non-emerg.).....407-703-1756
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Police Chief407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.).....407-703-1771
Job Line407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.....407-703-1731
Street Maintenance407-703-1731
Utility Billing407-703-1727
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 Mayor407-836-7370
County Commission.....407-836-7350
County Attorney407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court.....407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor.....407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue407-836-3111
Solid Waste407-836-6601
Garbage Collection.....407-703-1731
Health Dept.407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.407-836-6200
Property Appraiser.....407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint.....407-836-4357
Utilities407-836-5515
All other departments407-836-3111
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 Bankson407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45).....unknown
State Senators
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11) 407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner
Christine Moore407-836-7350
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 Chief407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans.....407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce.....407-886-1441

Virtual Magnet Fair promotes specialized learning programs

To promote its specialized learning programs, known as magnets, Orange County Public Schools is hosting a virtual Magnet Fair. All parents and students are invited to learn more about the 41 magnet programs offered in 29 sites across elementary, middle and high schools. These award-winning, focused programs encourage academic excellence in highly specialized areas of study and often pave a road into post-secondary schools and colleges.

All OCPS magnet programs offered at the elementary, middle and high school level are outlined in the magnet brochure. Parents must complete an application for their students to apply for a magnet program. For more information, visit SchoolChoice.OCPS.net. The window to apply is November 1 through February 17, 2025.

Spotlight programs include:
Dr. Phillips High School's Center for International Studies

This program provides a strong academic curriculum with an international dimension. Students develop the skills, attain the knowledge, and cultivate an attitude of cross-cultural awareness that will assist them in whatever direction they pursue in their future. Students are exposed to major concepts and issues in international affairs, politics, history, world religions and humanities. As part of their commitment to international studies, students become proficient in a foreign language. This is a Magnet School of Distinction, a national merit award from Magnet Schools of America.

Liberty Middle School's Cambridge Middle School Academy

The Cambridge curriculum prepares students for life, helping them to develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. The focus of the program is to provide an opportunity for middle school students to explore rigorous high school level course-

work requiring knowledge, understanding, application and skills through research projects, investigation, and written response, as well as practical oral labs relying on student-supported perspectives. This is a Magnet School of Distinction, a national merit award from Magnet Schools of America.

Sally Ride Elementary School's Aviation and Aerospace

This magnet program provides an enhanced curriculum focusing on science with connections to the worlds of aviation and aerospace. Students will have the opportunity to learn science content through hands-on, minds-on experiments in a science lab and in the regular classroom. For the applicable science units, teachers extend the concepts to include any aviation or aerospace links, creating a web of understanding between the state standards and the magnet topic.

The Office of School Choice Services in Orange

County Public Schools works to increase awareness among parents and community members about voluntary public-school

choice options in Florida. School choice means providing parents the opportunity to be involved in selecting the school their

child will attend. It also means providing services and assistance to help children receive the instruction that best meets their needs.

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Carolyn Driggers Farmer

December 23, 1931 • November 10, 2024

Carolyn Driggers Farmer, born December 23, 1931, was called to her heavenly home on November 10, 2024. From the moment you met Carolyn, it was clear to anyone that she had two great loves: her deep, unwavering faith in the Lord and her immense pride in her family. She had a way of making everyone feel loved and valued, and her warmth and kindness drew people to her. Carolyn was a gifted cook, and until recent years, she could always be counted on to prepare a meal for someone in need or simply to brighten someone's day.

Her friendships were a treasure to her, and she was surrounded by many dear friends who loved her as much as she loved them. Above all, her children were her greatest joy. She poured her heart into raising her six children, and in doing so, many others came to know the love of a second mother. Her home was a place

where not only her own children found support and care, but where countless others were welcomed and embraced as part of her family.

It is hard to fully express the impact Carolyn had on the world, but to all who knew her, she was truly a gift. Her legacy of love, faith, and generosity will continue to live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her husband John Farmer, parents, Green and

Dora Strawn, her sister Gloria Strawn, her son Darrell Driggers and her grandson Brian Driggers. She is survived by her children Andrew "David" Driggers (Gloria), Danny Driggers (Kathy), Lucinda Walker (Ernest), Lorrell Bush (Gary), Durwood "Woody" Driggers (Tina), Charlotte Federline, her sisters Frances Durham and Theresa Smith, 15 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Carolyn's life will be held on November 30, 2024, 11:00 AM at Reallife Christian Church 31205 Round Lake Rd, Mt Dora, FL

Carolyn Farmer loved her little church, so in lieu of flowers please make a donation in her honor to the building fund at Golden Triangle Church of Christ, PO Box 509, Eustis FL 32726 or you can donate electronically via ZELLE using her cell phone # 352-552-1703 in her name.



Gas: Velazquez will serve alongside Smith on board

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body on the board might want to serve in that position."

Velazquez said she learned that Arrowsmith resigned from the board when she attended a recent LANGD grant presentation.

"When I attended the grant presentation I had learned that our former vice mayor, Bill Arrowsmith

had resigned, but they had said they were looking for another elected official. That is why I followed up and asked to return to the board because I had sat on the board before," Velazquez explained at the City Council meeting.

"I was unaware of Mr. Bill Spiegel (wanting) to serve. That wasn't mentioned at Lake Apopka (grant presentation," Velazquez later said.

Velazquez previously served on the board of directors in 2016, also representing Apopka.

She will now serve alongside fellow City Commissioner Alexander H. Smith, who was appointed to his first board term in May 2022.

Each LANGD Board member serves a two-year term.

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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 **Kelly Park Road Property LLC** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3076
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 RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN TO MIXED-USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF W. KELLY PARK ROAD, AND WEST OF CHANDLER ROAD, OWNED BY KELLY PARK ROAD PROPERTY, LLC COMPRISING 45.37 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

and

ORDINANCE NO. 3077
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE (RSE-1A) TO KPI-MU WITH AN ASSIGNMENT OF TRANSITION OVERLAY, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF W. KELLY PARK ROAD AND WEST OF CHANDLER ROAD; OWNED BY KELLY PARK ROAD PROPERTY, LLC; COMPRISING 45.37 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 18-20-25-0000-00-058, 18-20-28-0000-00-102, 18-20-28-0000-00-122, 18-20-28-0000-00-123, 18-20-28-0000-00-027, 18-20-28-0000-00-138, 18-20-28-0000-00-001
Contains: 45.37 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing 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 at 1:30 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing 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, Florida 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.