

Groundbreaking

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“The Mira, which is where we are right now, will be the family-oriented apartment community, which will provide homes with attainable rent for 300 families,” said Devon Quist, Dominion’s vice president and project partner. “The Stillwaters, behind us near the lake, will provide affordable homes for 180 senior households. When the two developments are complete, they’ll have fitness centers, playgrounds, dive bars, a pool, outdoor grilling and recreation areas, as well as walking trails.”

The Mira and The Stillwaters have benefited from Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings’ “Housing for All” Task Force.

“The Housing for All Task Force made some recommendations about what we could do to move the needle to increase the production of affordable workforce housing in our community that would be available to our low-income families,” Demings said at the groundbreaking.

As a result of the task



Photo by Sarah Merly

Commissioner Christine Moore speaks at the ceremony.

force, Demings and Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore established the Orange County Housing Trust Fund. This trust fund — the first of its kind in the area and one of only a few in the nation — will grant at least \$160

million to affordable housing efforts over 10 years.

“Having an affordable place to live and raise a family can transform lives,” Demings said. “Orange County is proud to partner with Dominion and approve over



Photo by Sarah Merly

Mayor Demings, Commissioner Moore, and others shovel dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony.

\$789,000 in impact fee waivers for The Stillwaters 180-unit affordable housing development for seniors.”

Demings said the county also approved \$15 million to support The Mira, a 300-unit affordable housing develop-

ment for families.

“These two communities are a fantastic example of all the different parties — the city, the county, the state agency — working together to ensure appropriate housing opportunities and smart

growth development,” Quist said. “These future communities would not be a reality without consistent leadership from Orange County, and we’re delighted that these communities will come to be over the next couple of years.”

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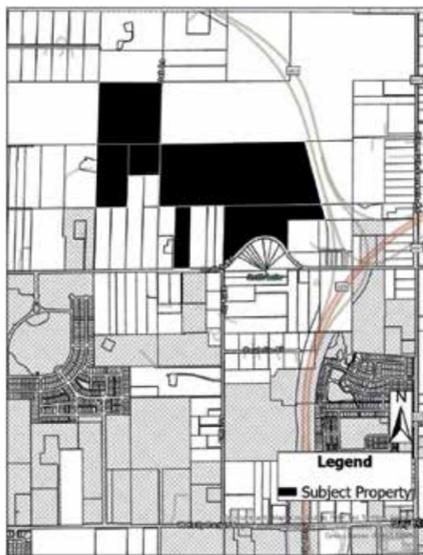
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

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 **PULTE HOMES COMPANY, LLC C/O AARON STRUCKMEYER, 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 the northwest corner of Ondich Road and SR 453/SR 429. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3107

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; HMF, LLC; CHARLES P. STALLINGS; KIM L. STALLINGS; EUELL E. STALLINGS, JR.; AND CRYSTAL DENISE STALLINGS; LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ONDICH ROAD AND SR 453/SR 429; COMPRISING 196.83 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 01-20-27-0000-00-007, 01-20-27-0000-00-034, 01-20-27-0000-00-053, 02-20-27-0000-00-010, 02-20-27-0000-00-011, 02-20-27-0000-00-020 (portion of)
Contains: 196.83 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3107 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, June 18, 2025 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, July 2, 2025 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**
May 30, 2025

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. 3110

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, WEST OF PONKAN PINES ROAD AND JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY; COMPRISING 21.43 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

and

ORDINANCE NO. 3111

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, WEST OF PONKAN PINES ROAD AND JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY; COMPRISING 21.43 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 19-20-28-0000-00-010 Contains: 21.43 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3083 and 3084 will be held by the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, June 10, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**

FURTHER 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, July 2, 2025 at 1:30 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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Apopka post office collects almost 9K pounds in food donations

Loaves & Fishes will allocate food to community

Staff Reports

The Apopka Post Office picked up a total of 8,785 pounds of food for Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 10, according to Loaves & Fishes.

Once food donations were brought to the Apopka Post Office on Park Avenue, the donations were unloaded from trucks and weighed before delivering to Loaves & Fishes, the Christian

ministry food pantry on East Eighth Street in Apopka. Loaves & Fishes volunteers were on hand to help.

Organized by the National Association of Letter Carriers, (NALC) organizes the yearly Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, which falls on the second Saturday of May nationwide.

For Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, people leave their donations of non-perishable food items next to their mailbox for the letter carrier to pick up while delivering mail. Food collected in Apopka are taken to Loaves & Fishes for allocation to the community.



Courtesy of Loaves & Fishes

Volunteers transfer food donations for the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.



Courtesy of Loaves & Fishes

Pictured (L to R) are Mayor Bryan Nelson; Rich Carter, Apopka Post Office postmaster, Flo Nelson, Mayor Nelson's mother who has been a Loaves & Fishes volunteer for 40 years; and Jerry Maynard, Apopka division chief of fire safety.



Courtesy of Linda Boucher

LaVerne Schwitzgoebel and Dawn Haynes laughing.

Apopka resident LaVerne Schwitzgoebel celebrates 100th birthday

By Sarah Merly
Correspondent

Apopka resident LaVerne Sylvia Schwitzgoebel celebrated her 100th birthday with friends on Sunday, May 25, at Gator's Dockside.

LaVerne says she feels "both happy and sad" to be 100.

"I've lost so many ... my

husband, family, friends," she said. "Yet I have so many new friends."

LaVerne was born on May 22, 1925, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to Charles and Elizabeth Ostermann, according to a statement from friend Dawn Haynes. After she graduated from Sheboygan High School, LaVerne married Alvin "Al" Joseph Schwitzgoebel on October

23, 1948.

The Schwitzgoebels arrived in Apopka 75 years ago in their one-bedroom trailer. They cultivated a fruitful life as they watched the city grow. While Al worked as a handyman, LaVerne served as a financial secretary for John's Nursery, retiring after 27 years.

LaVerne is also an active charter member of St. Paul

Lutheran Church, where she sang in the choir and served as social secretary and financial assistant. She still participates in church activities in her spare time, in addition to reading and playing the piano.

"I've always been surrounded with good people like my husband," LaVerne said. "I appreciate everything."



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LaVerne Schwitzgoebel at Gator's Dockside for her 100th birthday.



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est storms. That's part of the reason why critical service providers like hospitals, fire stations, and emergency management centers depend on natural gas to stay up and running during critical times.

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It's not just about dependability either. Natural gas is also the smarter economic choice. Thanks to high-efficiency appliances

and its lower cost, natural gas homes enjoy annual utility bills that are approximately 49% lower than those of comparable all-electric homes, according to the American Gas Association.

That said, making the switch requires some planning to fulfill your natural gas service installation. That's why we encourage homeowners to act now, before a storm is on the horizon.

In addition to exploring reliable energy options, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends creating a full preparedness plan that includes keeping an emergency preparedness kit stocked and at the ready, knowing your evacuation routes ahead

of time, creating a communication plan with family members and other important steps that you should take to help you and your family stay safe during hurricane season. Learn more at <https://www.fema.gov/>.

Don't wait until a storm is in the forecast. Now is the time to prepare and equip your home with natural gas to make sure you're storm ready before hurricane season arrives.

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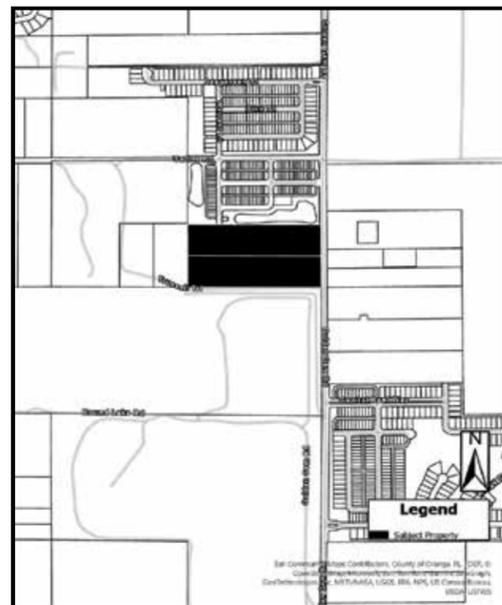
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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

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 **G L Summitt Engineering, Inc. c/o Geoffrey L. Summitt, P.E.** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3102

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) TO KPI-MU (KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE – MIXED-USE, ASSIGNMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT OVERLAY, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, SOUTH OF NIGHTSHADE GROVE LANE AND SADLER ROAD; COMPRISING 19.76 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; OWNED BY TIMOTHY BURCHFIELD, ROBERT AND STACY MOSS; 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 3102 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, June 18, 2025 beginning at 1:30 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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May 30, 2025