

## New restaurant

Hicks Seafood of Apopka is open for business. See page 12A.



## Sports

Former WHS baseball player Logan Gilbert is an All-Star See page 1B.



Subscribe  
online  
today for  
52 editions  
a year!  
\$30 in  
Orange  
County

(\$35 out of county)  
Price Includes E-Edition

# The Apopka Chief

Your trusted local news source

©2024 The Apopka Chief

Volume 102 Number 28

Friday, July 12, 2024 / 50 cents

## Apopka City Council tables FY2025 millage rate

By Teresa Sargeant  
Apopka Chief Staff

The Apopka City Council decided to table setting the city's 2024-25 millage rate for the Wednesday, July 17, regular meeting.

The City Council made its decision at its special meeting on Wednesday, July 10, which was

meant to approve and set the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2025 millage rate.

For the July 17 meeting, City Council members would submit their recommended budget line items to add to the FY25 budget. The city staff will then come back with the recommended millage that will match the line items.

Compared to other Orange

County municipalities, the city of Apopka is at 4.18, one of the lowest in the county, said city administrator Jacob Smith at the July 10 special meeting. He recommended increasing millage rate to 4.4376, a 15 percent increase over the current rate.

Smith observed the trends regarding the millage rate in the last six years. The millage rate

increased in 2018 and 2020. In 2021, the millage rate was rolled back to its current rate and hasn't changed since.

From 2021 to 2022, the city had about a \$1.8-million increase in revenue. At that same time, public safety combined, which takes up right now, 60 percent of the city budget had a \$3.5-million increase in operations and per-

sonnel.

In 2022-23, the city had about a \$4.2-million increase in revenue from the year prior to the next year; in the public safety budget, it went up \$6.4 million. In 2023-24, the city had an increase of about \$5.5 million. Then the budget for public safety went up

See MILLAGE Page 5A

## City downtown brought up as concern for FY25 funding



Murals line the walls of buildings in downtown Apopka, painted last June as part of the Main Street Apopka program, which aims to beautify and revitalize the area.

By Teresa Sargeant  
Apopka Chief Staff

The city is considering setting aside funds in the fiscal year 2025 budget for a downtown revitalization program, while the city is searching for a new community development director – who will also serve as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) District director – following the previous one's retirement.

At the first of three budget workshops for the fiscal year 2025 city budget on Monday, July 8, City Commissioner Nick Nesta suggested tentatively putting a line item for \$50,000 in community development

for Main Street Apopka in the fiscal year 2025 budget and moving that around as needed "because it looks like they're underspending in that department this year by \$700,000."

Main Street Apopka is a revitalization program dedicated to building a strong economic foundation for downtown Apopka's business district. The program is based on Main Street America, a federal program that has been helping strengthen and reenergize downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts.

Nesta said he wanted to make sure the city has been allocating funds to Main Street Apopka so that

no special budget amendment is needed for this in the future.

The request for a Main Street Apopka budget allocation hasn't been approved yet due to an ongoing review of a service agreement that the city has been working on, according to Michelle Boylan, city economic development director.

Boylan explained that the city would need to identify the appropriate budget for the Main Street Apopka funds to come from as well as other details such as who would be responsible for the oversight of the contract, and who would col-

See MAIN Page 4A

## OCPS seeks help with bus service

Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) is currently looking for help from families that plan on using transportation services for the 2024-25 school year.

In order to best prepare with the most efficient routing, Transportation Services is asking for families to register their intentions with the district. Families can access their Skyward Parent Portal account today and complete the OCPS School Bus Registration Form. If families have issues accessing their Sky-

See OCPS Page 3A

## Veterans Advisory Council awards retired sargeant

The Orange County Mayor's Veterans Advisory Council's Veteran of the Year Committee recently selected Sgt. Fred Robinson, USMC, Retired, as the recipient of the Orange County Veteran of the Year Award 2023 for his exceptional service and dedication to veterans and his continued willingness to serve the community.

As Chair of the Orange County Mayor's Veterans Advisory Council, Robinson has been at the forefront for the advancement of active-duty military and veterans. He has an impressive history of service to generations of veterans in Central Florida and has served on several Congressional policy advisory boards that impact large veteran communities in Central Florida.

"It makes me proud that I've been recognized

by my peers and the veterans' community for the dedication and work I've done to make a difference in the lives of veterans and their families," said Robinson, a 24-year resident of Apopka. "It's been a humbling experience to work with these dynamic individuals."

The Advisory Council determined that honoring a local veteran with this annual award was the right thing to do given the tireless efforts of so many veterans who make significant contributions to Orange County veterans, military members and their families.

"It's always an honor to recognize those who serve or have served in the military to protect our freedoms," said Mayor Jerry L. Demings, "and it was a

See SARGEANT Page 3A



Photo courtesy of Orange County government

Last week, the Orange County Mayor's Veterans Advisory Council's Veteran of the Year Committee recently selected Sgt. Fred Robinson, USMC, Retired, as the recipient of the Orange County Veteran of the Year Award 2023. Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings (l) shakes Sgt. Fred Robinson's hand at the Orange County Administration Building in Orlando.

## New citizens take oath on Independence Day



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services presented 20 Orlando-area residents to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida for naturalization during a special ceremony on, Thursday, July 4, at Hope Community Center on North Park Avenue in Apopka. Judge Leslie Hoffman Price is administering the oath of allegiance.

Photo courtesy of Hope Community Center/  
Facebook

## This week Section A

Opinion ..... 2A  
Public Notices .... 4,6A  
Bus. Review ..... 7,8A  
Dining & Ent. .... 9A  
Kapers ..... 10A  
Worship ..... 11A

## Section B

Sports ..... 1B  
Legal ads ..... 5-12B  
Classified ..... 12-14B  
Service Dir. .... 14B

Find Public Notices  
Online at: TheApopkaChief.com/  
public-notice OR  
FloridaPublicNotices.com





Apopka Event of the Week

On Saturday, July 20, from 10:15-11 a.m., at the North Orange Branch Library, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., in the computer lab, is the Microsoft Excel-Formulas and Functions. Use the Function Library to find the best fit for your project. Insert financial, logical, lookup, math and text functions. Ages 13-Adult. Must know Microsoft Excel 4. Required skills: None.

Quotable

There will be a re-sorting of the work tasks humans do and the work tasks that technology — specifically AI — will do.

Possible changes to be made to future education presented by a NC State University professor

Opinion

The Apopka Chief  
A weekly newspaper founded in 1923

**Publisher**  
John Ricketson  
**Consultant Emeritus**  
John Peery  
Mar. 28 1956 - Oct. 12, 2023

**Reporters**  
Teresa Sargeant  
Marshall Tempest  
Neal Fisher

**Marketing Director**  
Jackie Trefcer  
**General Mgr Emeritus**  
Neoma Knox  
Feb. 12, 1929 - Sept. 18, 2021

Our position

Future education may change to training system

**Mike Walden**  
Professor, North Carolina State University

At the numerous presentations I give during the year, I am frequently asked this question: What is the most important issue facing the country? Since I know the question is coming, I'm always thinking about it. Also, since I've been making public presentations for almost half a century, my answer has often changed.

What is my current answer? I think the most prominent issue today is ensuring we have a training system in place that qualifies workers to perform the tasks needed in the future.

Notice the words I've chosen. I used "training system" instead of "education" to emphasize that there are ways of learning skills in addition to formal education programs.

Also, recognize I used the word "tasks" rather than "jobs" or "careers." This, too, was on purpose. As I will explain, many experts think modern technology will eventually divide many jobs into tasks done by machines and tasks performed by people.

The major reason I see our training system for the tasks of the future is our most pressing issue is because I think both key components of my statement, training and tasks, are facing pressure to change. Consider the formal educational system, which dominates today's broader training system. Many K-12 schools are struggling to recover from the educational losses suffered during COVID. Also, many K-12 schools are still trying to find educational methods and tools that can achieve success for all students.

At the higher education level, the two big issues are relevance and cost. Recently, more employers — one survey found half — have concluded college degrees are no longer needed for many jobs. At the same time, the surge in college tuition and accompanying student debt are putting higher education out of reach for many young people.

While questions about training are being asked, technological developments appear poised to change the nature of work in a dramatic way. Of course, this is not new. Beginning at least 300 years ago, the creation of machinery and new tools changed what workers did.

The most recent version of this was the development of the computer. I've had a front-row seat to watch the

implementation of the computer in numerous jobs, including mine as a college professor.

But many observers say the next phase, artificial intelligence, will generate impacts we've never seen before. The new and unique impact of AI is that it will be able to accomplish cognitive tasks, something that up to now, only humans have been able to do.

The conclusion is the workplace will be shaken up like never before. There will be a re-sorting of the work tasks humans do and the work tasks that technology — specifically AI — will do. For people, this means a big change in the training we will need for the redesigned human tasks.

This is why I believe understanding the restructuring of workplace tasks and the necessary training for humans to do those tasks pose our most important future challenge.

It shouldn't be surprising that there are pessimists and optimists about our ability to succeed with this challenge. Some pessimists see traditional technology combined with AI ultimately performing most of the work tasks needed in the economy. Hence, there will be little work left for humans. As a result, most households would need to be supported with public financial payments. Education and training would be confined to teaching people how to enjoy life and pursue hobbies. While some may consider this result desirable, pessimists argue such a lifestyle would leave a void of purpose that most humans need.

The optimists think human work will not disappear, but it will be very different. Perhaps ironically, many optimists predict the very technology generating the job disruption, AI, could be used to quickly train workers for new tasks.

How would this happen? One idea is using AI to create personalized learning instructors for students, potentially for all levels of education. The AI tutor would use information about the student's academic strengths and weaknesses to develop customized learning programs implemented at a pace specifically for the student. Rather than a one-size fits-all method of teaching, the AI tutor would be the ultimate in a "specific size for each student" approach.

In the fast-paced changes anticipated in the future job market, there is



Prepare now for Corridor of the Year

As is my practice, during summer, I conduct a preliminary assessment of the four streets competing for Corridor of the Year. I provide feedback for the teams - People of Lockhart, People of Southern Apopka, People of Wekiwa Springs, and People of Clarcona-Ocoee. I'm still hoping for a fifth team representing northern Apopka. Lots of work could be done along Lester Road. I'm just waiting on you.

I assist and plan strategies during the first half of the year in collaboration with the teams. However, in the final two months, the "people groups" must plan their own strategies to increase points. I have found that the neighborhood entranceways without HOAs take the most work and require the most volun-

County Commissioner  
District 2



Christine Moore

teers. However, mandatory HOAs have a harder time attracting people. Thus, mandatory HOAs lose points in the engagement category, while generally posting higher base scores.

I have also developed better strategies along the segments with individual property owners. I send multiple letters and generally, property owners participate in the contest. It is truly an inspirational and motivational program.

The judges in Novem-

ber will look at law enforcement safety standards. Here are the total expectations for the friendly competition. Pressure-washed sidewalks, trees trimmed up at least six feet, hedges trimmed down under three feet, grass mowed and the absence of trash, walls clean, entranceway signage in good condition, and finally, some amount of healthy landscaping and fresh mulch at each entranceway. Five points out of 30 can additionally be earned if residents volunteer.

I only have one neighborhood currently with a perfect score — that is Rose Cove. Rose Cove is a mandatory HOA located on Rose Avenue led by Corridor Chiefs Larry and Su-

See MOORE Page 6A

School bus drivers are needed

Last week, WFTV Channel 9 ran a story discussing the bus driver shortage in Orange County Public Schools and what is being done to combat the problem.

So how bad is the bus driver shortage? Well, the district is currently short about 100 drivers. The last time the district had enough drivers was 2008/2009 school year.

The district holds multiple job fairs trying to recruit new drivers but the applicants just aren't there.

It is a vocation that not

Orange County School  
Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

many people are interested in, particularly driving around and chaperoning school kids, and we compete in Central Florida with multiple theme parks and with Amazon's significant

growth, whose drivers can make substantially more.

Unfortunately, because of how our budget is set, we simply can't afford to match the salaries of private, for-profit companies. Not to mention we are also competing with Lynx for drivers.

I agree that we should pay our drivers more. They deserve more.

The budget of the local public school district is controlled by the state. All the money received from

See BYRD Page 6A

This Week In God's Word

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." —1 Peter 5:8

Mema Says

Be seated correctly and you will fulfill your purpose.

The Apopka Chief is published every Friday and entered as Periodicals, postage paid at Apopka Post Office, under the Act of Congress of March 23, 1879. The Apopka Chief newspaper is published by Foliage Enterprises, Inc., every Friday at 400 N. 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, PO Box 880, Apopka, Fla., 32704-0880.



See AI Page 6A

People today do not answer July 4th question as Independence Day

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

The crying shame is that most of our children don't even know the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. When I was a child, every morning started our school day with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer for our protection and our learning throughout the day. Today we have



Ike Hayden

erased both of those exercises from our educational system. And then we wonder why children seem to grow up with no direction or motivation toward social unity.

Yesteryear, our chil-

dren were brought up to respect our nation, our flag, and to love the United States of America. We were taught to have pride in our nation and all of our accomplishments as Americans. In today's educational system, our children are being taught things that would not even be spoken of 100 years ago. I am afraid the woke generation has infiltrated our schools and they are doing their best to dumb down our children because the easiest people to control are

people that are not educated and they're ignorant of the wiles of the globalists.

A one-world government is what they seek where the lower class will be dominated by the elitists that are some of the wealthiest people in the world. I have no doubt that one day we will be dominated by a one-world government and that it will be ruled by a tyrant that has full support of those same elitists. I will hold that off just as long as I am able, and I will defend our Con-

stitution and its amendments because that is the one document that is keeping the United States a sovereign nation under law. You see this administration today trying to do an end-run around Constitutional law, even ignoring the third branch of our ruling authority, the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

We just celebrated Independence Day, and sad to say, many people don't even know what that day represents. They inter-

viewed different people on the street asking what July 4th celebrations were about, and 65 percent stated that they were celebrating July 4th. We're talking about college-age people as well as older people on the street. They had no idea what the 4th of July was about. When they were told why we celebrated July 4th as Independence Day, one young college student was quoted as saying, "that ended

See HAYDEN Page 6A



# Sargeant: County invites people to join advisory council

Continued from page 1A

special honor to give this award to Sgt. Fred Robinson, who not only served his country with distinction, but who continues to selflessly serve others.”

Comprised of military members, veterans service organizations and community partners, the Advisory Council’s function is to advise Mayor Demings on issues of importance to military members, veterans and their families based on input from the veteran community. The Council also communicates with various groups relative to veterans’ issues and promotes veter-

an-related events and functions within the County.

“We’re always looking for ways to raise the bar to educate, as well as provide new resources, updated information and services,” explained Robinson. “We’re constantly advocating for our senior veterans who deal with challenges and who don’t have the support or resources to secure the benefits and services they’ve earned.”

Robinson stressed how important it is to work together as a community and combine resources in order to provide veterans with all their specific needs.

“We (veterans) joined

the military because we wanted to be a part of something bigger than ourselves,” he asserted. “There’s always information being shared between the different organizations that are part of the Council and others that attend our meetings. We collaborate on events and ceremonies, and Council membership is diverse and inclusive like our military.”

Anyone who is interested in participating in the Orange County Mayor’s Veterans Advisory Council may visit [shorturl.at/eLybV](http://shorturl.at/eLybV) to complete the partnership application form.

# OCPS: District aims to reduce bus delays

Continued from page 1A

ward account, they should reach out to their assigned school for assistance.

The form will have a dropdown to choose ridership for each child, in the morning, afternoon, both, or not at all. This will allow Transportation Services to assign and balance routes across the district prior to the start of

school. This registration is only for families eligible for bus service.

Even though the district has worked to fill as many positions as possible, there is still a nationwide shortage of commercial drivers and OCPS is still being impacted. The purpose of this registration is to reduce bus delays and allow for the streamlining of routes to meet the

transportation needs of our families.



**REGAL**

Fri., July 12, 2024 thru  
Sun., July 14, 2024

**3D SHOWINGS**

**DESPICABLE ME 4 (PG) 2:20**

**DESPICABLE ME 4 (PG)**  
11:00A; 12:00; 1:20; 3:50; 4:50;  
6:20; 7:10; 8:50; 9:40  
**LONGLEGS (R) 11:10A; 2:00;**  
4:40; 7:20; 10:10  
**INSIDE OUT 2 (PG) 11:20A;**  
1:50; 4:20; 6:50; 9:20  
**HORIZON: AN AMERICAN**  
**SAGA CHAPTER 1 (R) 11:30A;**  
3:30  
**A QUIET PLACE: DAY ONE**  
(PG-13) 11:40A; 2:10; 5:00;  
7:30; 10:20  
**MAXXXINE (R) 11:50A; 2:30;**  
5:10; 7:50; 10:40  
**FLY ME TO THE MOON (PG-**  
13) 12:20; 3:40; 7:00; 10:00  
**BAD BOYS: RIDE OR DIE (R)**  
7:40; 10:30

**Early Bird and Tuesday Value**  
Day prices now require a  
Regal Crown Club card.  
Early Bird: \$8 plus tax.  
Value Day: \$5.99 plus tax.

**TUES. VALUE DAYS**  
**NOW ONLY \$5.99 + TAX**  
(EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS)

**WEKIVA**  
**RIVERWALK**  
WEKIVA SPRINGS RD, APOPKA  
[www.regmovies.com](http://www.regmovies.com)

**JULY 20**



**VFW POST 10147**  
**519 S. Central Ave., Apopka**  
invites you to its 3rd Saturday  
**FUNDRAISING**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**SAT., JULY 20**  
**8 a.m.-10 a.m.**

- Scrambled Eggs
- Sausage Links • Pancakes
- Biscuits and Gravy
- Orange Juice • Coffee • Water

**ALL FOR \$7.00!**

Children under 5 free with paid adult

- Door Prizes • Drawings •

Sponsored by  
**Rotary Club of Apopka**  
Every Fourth of July, Americans celebrate  
this pivotal moment in our history, which set  
into motion the development of a  
land of freedom and opportunity  
unequalled in the world.

**Please Support These Businesses**  
**& Service Organizations.**  
They Care About You & Are  
Investing in the Community.



**Get Your E-edition today!**  
*Read page by page.*  
*Anywhere, Anytime, and on Any Device*

**In Print. Online. On the Go.**

Your Local News. Your Way!

**Staying connected is easier than ever...**

Complete Local News Coverage  
Social & Political Changes  
Dining & Entertainment  
Lifestyle & Local Events  
Business & Economic News  
Youth Sports & School News  
Weather & Traffic  
Church News  
Classifieds  
and so much more

**Get Your E-edition**  
**Call or Subscribe Online!**  
**The Apopka Chief**  
Your Trusted Local News Source  
E-mail: [News@TheApopkaChief.com](mailto:News@TheApopkaChief.com)  
Ads@TheApopkaChief.com  
[www.TheApopkaChief.com](http://www.TheApopkaChief.com)

Like us on Facebook. Get important news when it happens.  
400 N. Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32712  
Phone: 407-886-2777 • Fax: 407-889-4121





**Lawn Maintenance**  
**Pressure Washing**  
**Yard Clean-Up**  
**Leaf Removal**

**Total Ground Maintenance**

**352.729.2507**  
[www.faithworkstotalground.com](http://www.faithworkstotalground.com)

**IN NEED OF A CHURCH HOME?**  
*Perhaps a Sunday service is not the best time for you.*

**Ministries of Good Life**

*Offers a nondenominational service every Saturday at 11AM.*  
*Join us for praise and worship and the word of God.*

Pastor Glenn and Myrna Morris • 2501 Apopka Blvd., Apopka, FL  
For more information email [MinistriesofGoodLife@gmail.com](mailto:MinistriesofGoodLife@gmail.com)  
*Watch us live on Facebook @ 11 AM Saturday mornings!*



**FREE ESTIMATES 407-889-8042**  
**Hours: Monday - Friday 7AM - 5PM**

Environmentally Friendly Company!  
**Licensed & Insured**  
**State Certified**

**Emergency Services**  
**Available After Hours**

6505 W. Jones Ave.,  
Zellwood, FL 32798



**WORKPLACE**  
SCREENING INTELLIGENCE  
*Helping Employers and Employees*  
*Get Back to Work Safely and Stay COVID Free*

**LABORATORY TESTING**

- ✓ Drug Screening Nationally
- ✓ Covid Screens
- ✓ Titer Testing
- ✓ New Transferrin Gold TB Test

Call: 800-338-5515 or Email: [info@workplacescreening.com](mailto:info@workplacescreening.com)  
[www.workplacescreening.com](http://www.workplacescreening.com)



**Rock Springs Realty, LLC**  
*Residential & Investment Real Estate*

- **Selling:** What's your home worth in the current market?  
Call for a No-Obligation "Home Evaluation" Report
- **Buying:** Search "ALL" homes for sale in Apopka  
[www.RockSpringsRealty.com](http://www.RockSpringsRealty.com)

**CALL Joe Bornstein, Broker: (407) 252-8092**  
*VOTED "BEST OF APOPKA" REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL*



**EVANS**  
**ROOFING**

**NEW ROOF & REPAIRS**  
**407.295.4944**

**The Best Compliment**  
**You Can Give Is A Referral.**  
Please support these local businesses  
and organizations.



**LET THE PROS HANDLE IT!**

Say "NO" to Cleaning Out Your Gutters.

Protect Your Home With LeafFilter.

**20% OFF** + **10% OFF**  
Your Entire Purchase\* Seniors + Military

USA ACCREDITED BUSINESS ++ We offer financing that fits your budget!

**CALL TODAY FOR A FREE INSPECTION! 1-866-549-6518**

\* See Representative for full warranty details. \*One coupon per household. No obligation estimate valid for 1 year. †Subject to credit approval. Call for details. AR 36620922, AZ 802, 344027, CA 1025795, CT 040, 07150, FL 32728, 32729, 32730, 32731, 32732, 32733, 32734, 32735, 32736, 32737, 32738, 32739, 32740, 32741, 32742, 32743, 32744, 32745, 32746, 32747, 32748, 32749, 32750, 32751, 32752, 32753, 32754, 32755, 32756, 32757, 32758, 32759, 32760, 32761, 32762, 32763, 32764, 32765, 32766, 32767, 32768, 32769, 32770, 32771, 32772, 32773, 32774, 32775, 32776, 32777, 32778, 32779, 32780, 32781, 32782, 32783, 32784, 32785, 32786, 32787, 32788, 32789, 32790, 32791, 32792, 32793, 32794, 32795, 32796, 32797, 32798, 32799, 32800, 32801, 32802, 32803, 32804, 32805, 32806, 32807, 32808, 32809, 32810, 32811, 32812, 32813, 32814, 32815, 32816, 32817, 32818, 32819, 32820, 32821, 32822, 32823, 32824, 32825, 32826, 32827, 32828, 32829, 32830, 32831, 32832, 32833, 32834, 32835, 32836, 32837, 32838, 32839, 32840, 32841, 32842, 32843, 32844, 32845, 32846, 32847, 32848, 32849, 32850, 32851, 32852, 32853, 32854, 32855, 32856, 32857, 32858, 32859, 32860, 32861, 32862, 32863, 32864, 32865, 32866, 32867, 32868, 32869, 32870, 32871, 32872, 32873, 32874, 32875, 32876, 32877, 32878, 32879, 32880, 32881, 32882, 32883, 32884, 32885, 32886, 32887, 32888, 32889, 32890, 32891, 32892, 32893, 32894, 32895, 32896, 32897, 32898, 32899, 32900, 32901, 32902, 32903, 32904, 32905, 32906, 32907, 32908, 32909, 32910, 32911, 32912, 32913, 32914, 32915, 32916, 32917, 32918, 32919, 32920, 32921, 32922, 32923, 32924, 32925, 32926, 32927, 32928, 32929, 32930, 32931, 32932, 32933, 32934, 32935, 32936, 32937, 32938, 32939, 32940, 32941, 32942, 32943, 32944, 32945, 32946, 32947, 32948, 32949, 32950, 32951, 32952, 32953, 32954, 32955, 32956, 32957, 32958, 32959, 32960, 32961, 32962, 32963, 32964, 32965, 32966, 32967, 32968, 32969, 32970, 32971, 32972, 32973, 32974, 32975, 32976, 32977, 32978, 32979, 32980, 32981, 32982, 32983, 32984, 32985, 32986, 32987, 32988, 32989, 32990, 32991, 32992, 32993, 32994, 32995, 32996, 32997, 32998, 32999, 33000, 33001, 33002, 33003, 33004, 33005, 33006, 33007, 33008, 33009, 33010, 33011, 33012, 33013, 33014, 33015, 33016, 33017, 33018, 33019, 33020, 33021, 33022, 33023, 33024, 33025, 33026, 33027, 33028, 33029, 33030, 33031, 33032, 33033, 33034, 33035, 33036, 33037, 33038, 33039, 33040, 33041, 33042, 33043, 33044, 33045, 33046, 33047, 33048, 33049, 33050, 33051, 33052, 33053, 33054, 33055, 33056, 33057, 33058, 33059, 33060, 33061, 33062, 33063, 33064, 33065, 33066, 33067, 33068, 33069, 33070, 33071, 33072, 33073, 33074, 33075, 33076, 33077, 33078, 33079, 33080, 33081, 33082, 33083, 33084, 33085, 33086, 33087, 33088, 33089, 33090, 33091, 33092, 33093, 33094, 33095, 33096, 33097, 33098, 33099, 33100, 33101, 33102, 33103, 33104, 33105, 33106, 33107, 33108, 33109, 33110, 33111, 33112, 33113, 33114, 33115, 33116, 33117, 33118, 33119, 33120, 33121, 33122, 33123, 33124, 33125, 33126, 33127, 33128, 33129, 33130, 33131, 33132, 33133, 33134, 33135, 33136, 33137, 33138, 33139, 33140, 33141, 33142, 33143, 33144, 33145, 33146, 33147, 33148, 33149, 33150, 33151, 33152, 33153, 33154, 33155, 33156, 33157, 33158, 33159, 33160, 33161, 33162, 33163, 33164, 33165, 33166, 33167, 33168, 33169, 33170, 33171, 33172, 33173, 33174, 33175, 33176, 33177, 33178, 33179, 33180, 33181, 33182, 33183, 33184, 33185, 33186, 33187, 33188, 33189, 33190, 33191, 33192, 33193, 33194, 33195, 33196, 33197, 33198, 33199, 33200, 33201, 33202, 33203, 33204, 33205, 33206, 33207, 33208, 33209, 33210, 33211, 33212, 33213, 33214, 33215, 33216, 33217, 33218, 33219, 33220, 33221, 33222, 33223, 33224, 33225, 33226, 33227, 33228, 33229, 33230, 33231, 33232, 33233, 33234, 33235, 33236, 33237, 33238, 33239, 33240, 33241, 33242, 33243, 33244, 33245, 33246, 33247, 33248, 33249, 33250, 33251, 33252, 33253, 33254, 33255, 33256, 33257, 33258, 33259, 33260, 33261, 33262, 33263, 33264, 33265, 33266, 33267, 33268, 33269, 33270, 33271, 33272, 33273, 33274, 33275, 33276, 33277, 33278, 33279, 33280, 33281, 33282, 33283, 33284, 33285, 33286, 33287, 33288, 33289, 33290, 33291, 33292, 33293, 33294, 33295, 33296, 33297, 33298, 33299, 33300, 33301, 33302, 33303, 33304, 33305, 33306, 33307, 33308, 33309, 33310, 33311, 33312, 33313, 33314, 33315, 33316, 33317, 33318, 33319, 33320, 33321, 33322, 33323, 33324, 33325, 33326, 33327, 33328, 33329, 33330, 33331, 33332, 33333, 33334, 33335, 33336, 33337, 33338, 33339, 33340, 33341, 33342, 33343, 33344, 33345, 33346, 33347, 33348, 33349, 33350, 33351, 33352, 33353, 33354, 33355, 33356, 33357, 33358, 33359, 33360, 33361, 33362, 33363, 33364, 33365, 33366, 33367, 33368, 33369, 33370, 33371, 33372, 33373, 33374, 33375, 33376, 33377, 33378, 33379, 33380, 33381, 33382, 33383, 33384, 33385, 33386, 33387, 33388, 33389, 33390, 33391, 33392, 33393, 33394, 33395, 33396, 33397, 33398, 33399, 33400, 33401, 33402, 33403, 33404, 33405, 33406, 33407, 33408, 33409, 33410, 33411, 33412, 33413, 33414, 33415, 33416, 33417, 33418, 33419, 33420, 33421, 33422, 33423, 33424, 33425, 33426, 33427, 33428, 33429, 33430, 33431, 33432, 33433, 33434, 33435, 33436, 33437, 33438, 33439, 33440, 33441, 33442, 33443, 33444, 33445, 33446, 33447, 33448, 33449, 33450, 33451, 33452, 33453, 33454, 33455, 33456, 33457, 33458, 33459, 33460, 33461, 33462, 33463, 33464, 33465, 33466, 33467, 33468, 33469, 33470, 33471, 33472, 33473, 33474, 33475, 33476, 33477, 33478, 33479, 33480, 33481, 33482, 33483, 33484, 33485, 33486, 33487, 33488, 33489, 33490, 33491, 33492, 33493, 33494, 33495, 33496, 33497, 33498, 33499, 33500, 33501, 33502, 33503, 33504, 33505, 33506, 33507, 33508, 33509, 33510, 33511, 33512, 33513, 33514, 33515, 33516, 33517, 33518, 33519, 33520, 33521, 33522, 33523, 33524, 33525, 33526, 33527, 33528, 33529, 33530, 33531, 33532, 33533, 33534, 33535, 33536, 33537, 33538, 33539, 33540, 33541, 33542, 33543, 33544, 33545, 33546, 33547, 33548, 33549, 33550, 33551, 33552, 33553, 33554, 33555, 33556, 33557, 33558, 33559, 33560, 33561, 33562, 33563, 33564, 33565, 33566, 33567, 33568, 33569, 33570, 33571, 33572, 33573, 33574, 33575, 33576, 33577, 33578, 33579, 33580, 33581, 33582, 33583, 33584, 33585, 33586, 33587, 33588, 33589, 33590, 33591, 33592, 33593, 33594, 33595, 33596, 33597, 33598, 33599, 33600, 33601, 33602, 33603, 33604, 33605, 33606, 33607, 33608, 33609, 33610, 33611, 33612, 33613, 33614, 33615, 33616, 33617, 33618, 33619, 33620, 33621, 33622, 33623, 33624, 33625, 33626, 33627, 33628, 33629, 33630, 33631, 33632, 33633, 33634, 33635, 33636, 33637, 33638, 33639, 33640, 33641, 33642, 33643, 33644, 33645, 33646, 33647, 33648, 33649, 33650, 33651, 33652, 33653, 33654, 33655, 33656, 33657, 33658, 33659, 33660, 33661, 33662, 33663, 33664, 33665, 33666, 33667, 33668, 33669, 33670, 33671, 33672, 33673, 33674, 33675, 33676, 33677, 33678, 33679, 33680, 33681, 33682, 33683, 33684, 33685, 33686, 33687, 33688, 33689, 33690, 33691, 33692, 33693, 33694, 33695, 33696, 33697, 33698, 33699, 33700, 33701, 33702, 33703, 33704, 33705, 33706, 33707, 33708, 33709, 33710, 33711, 33712, 33713, 33714, 33715, 33716, 33717, 33718, 33719, 33720, 33721, 33722, 33723, 33724, 33725, 33726, 33727, 33728, 33729, 33730, 33731, 33732, 33733, 33734, 33735, 33736, 33737, 33738, 33739, 33740, 33741, 33742, 33743, 33744, 33745, 33746, 33747, 33748, 33749, 33750, 33751, 33752, 33753, 33754, 33755, 33756, 33757, 33758, 33759, 33760, 33761, 33762, 33763, 33764, 33765, 33766, 33767, 33768, 33769, 33770, 33771, 33772, 33773, 33774, 33775, 33776, 33777, 33778, 33779, 33780, 33781, 33782, 33783, 33784, 33785, 33786, 33787, 33788, 33789, 33790, 33791, 33792, 33793, 33794, 33795, 33796, 33797, 33798, 33799, 33800, 33801, 33802, 33803, 33804, 33805, 33806, 33807, 33808, 33809, 33810, 33811, 33812, 33813, 33814, 33815, 33816, 33817, 33818, 33819, 33820, 33821, 33822, 33823, 33824, 33825, 33826, 33827, 33828, 33829, 33830, 33831, 33832, 33833, 33834, 33835, 33836, 33837, 33838, 33839, 33840, 33841, 33842, 33843, 33844, 33845, 33846, 33847, 33848, 33849, 33850, 33851, 33852, 33853, 33854, 33855, 33856, 33857, 33858, 33859, 33860, 33861, 33862, 33863, 33864, 33865, 33866, 33867, 33868, 33869, 33870, 33871, 33872, 33873, 33874, 33875, 33876, 33877, 33878, 33879, 33880, 33881, 33882, 33883, 33884, 33885, 33886, 33887, 33888, 33889, 33890, 33891, 33892, 33893, 33894, 33895, 33896, 33897, 33898, 33899, 33900, 33901, 33902, 33903, 33904, 33905, 33906, 33907, 33908, 33909, 33910, 33911, 33912, 33913, 33914, 33915, 33916, 33917, 33918, 33919, 33920, 33921, 33922, 33923, 33924, 33925, 33926, 33927, 33928, 33929, 33930, 33931, 33932,







**Millage:** Set millage rate cannot increase, but can decrease

Continued from page 1A

\$7.7 million.

"This revenue, that ad valorem (tax) as well as the sales-related taxes are not keeping up with the amount that's being put into 60 percent of the budget, which is public safety. So, there's a trend there. Now we've hit that point where we've crossed over, where we've been using reserves that

that revenue has not caught up, the expenses are caught up to that revenue line, and now it's crossing. That is the issue we have here. To complicate that more, we have not included in this budget those (fire) union negotiations, which could be in the neighborhood of \$2-\$3 million in asking."

City attorney Cliff Shepard explained that once a millage rate is set,

whatever that number is doesn't go up, but could only go down.

"For the public's understanding, setting it at a number of whatever it is, millage does not mean that's where you end up. It means you have now the flexibility to figure it out. 'Okay, well we want more parks and more roads, we don't want to cut either one.' Which if you don't

have it high enough, something's got to get cut."

Mayor Bryan Nelson clarified that the millage is only for general funds, and not for any budget for any department.

The first FY2025 city budget workshop, which occurred on Monday, July 8, covered administrative legal services, city clerk human resources, community development, and eco

economic development budget

The second budget workshop, on Tuesday, July 9, covered information technology and public service. The third budget workshop, on Wednesday, July 10, covered fire

and police. The special City Council meeting to set and approve the millage rate followed this workshop.

The new fiscal year begins on October 1 and runs until September 30, 2025.



*Would like to invite you  
and your family to join us*

Sunday school @ 9:00am  
Sunday morning service @ 10:15am  
Evening service:  
Sunday/Wednesday @ 6:00pm

Worship music and message  
from GOD's word

Everyone welcome!

584 N. Wekiwa Springs Road Apopka, FL 32712  
407-886-7864 • [www.wsbcapopka.org](http://www.wsbcapopka.org)



## INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME WITH NATURAL GAS AND SAVE MONEY.

At Lake Apopka Natural Gas, we're helping families connect to affordable, reliable, and efficient natural gas, with appliances that pay dividends for years to come. Studies show a home with natural gas has a **6% greater resale** value than an all-electric home.



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.



**Lake Apopka**  
**Natural Gas District**

**[www.langd.org](http://www.langd.org) 407-656-2734 ext. 307**



**K2 MEDICAL  
RESEARCH**



# FREE VIRTUAL MEMORY SCREENINGS

EXCLUSIVELY FOR  
PATIENTS NEW TO K2  
& METRO HEALTH!

**AVAILABLE TOUR DATES: JULY 29 & JULY 31 2024**

**CALL OR SCAN CODE TODAY TO RSVP FOR  
A TOUR, REVIEW YOUR RESULTS PLUS  
RECEIVE A FREE GIFT CARD!**

## 407-803-4622





**METRO**  
HEALTH OF APOKHA  
*Dedicated Primary Care for Seniors*  
**Plus the Medicare  
Educational Center**

**701 S. ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL  
APOKHA, FL 32703**



**Colin Watts, M.D.**  
*Physician*



**Julaine Beth Harding, RN.**  
*Nurse Practitioner*



**It's more than just cremation;  
it's a tribute to a life well-lived.**

Explore our compassionate cremation options at  
Highland Memory Gardens and Funeral Home.

  
**HIGHLAND FUNERAL HOME**  
**HIGHLAND MEMORY**  
 GARDENS



3329 East Semoran Blvd.  
 Apopka, FL 32703  
 407-869-1188  
[highlandfh.com](http://highlandfh.com)

**We Make It Personal.®**

The average person waits

# SEVEN YEARS

to get their hearing checked.

That's **seven years** of missed laughs.  
**Seven years** of missed conversations.  
**Seven years** of missed moments.

Schedule an appointment  
to hear what the next  
seven years hold for you.

**407.358.7045 | APOPKA**  
**352.326.5253 | LEESBURG**





**CENTRAL  
FLORIDA**  
*Audiology*

Amy Davis, Au.D.  
Cynthia Quintana, Au.D.

200 North Park Ave, Ste B  
Leesburg  
1108 W Dixie Ave  
CentralFloridaAudiology.com

# BUY Something! SELL Something!

## Perhaps you may want to TRADE something!

*As always, a good deal can be yours when you use the*

### *Classified Section of* **The Apopka Chief & The Planter**

## Place your Ad Today!

VISIT US ONLINE: [www.theapopkachief.com](http://www.theapopkachief.com)

Or EMAIL us at

[classifieds@theapopkachief.com](mailto:classifieds@theapopkachief.com)

Or CALL 407-886-2777 or FAX to 407-889-4121.

***15 Words are only \$9.50 when you prepay,  
or \$11.50 when billed. You can run your ad  
4 weeks for the price of 3.  
That's only \$28.50 for the 3/4 special.***

Classification: # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(15)

\_\_\_\_\_

*Ad Deadline: Monday at 5 p.m. for that week's paper.*

*If using this form, mail to P. O. Box 880, Apopka, FL  
32704-0880, or bring it by 400 N. Park Ave., Apopka  
32712. Cash, check or credit cards are ok for payment.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Byrd: State law requires school districts provide bus transportation

*Continued from page 2A*

the state is categorized to be spent on certain expenses.

We are required by state law to provide transportation to all students who live more than two miles from their home school, but the funding received from the state covers less than half of what is needed and it is not keeping up with the cost of inflation.

I'm not exaggerating here. Here are the numbers:

\*In Fiscal Year 2020, transportation expenses were \$60,815,524, categorical revenue from the state

was \$30,180,510; fifty percent of our costs was covered.

\*Fiscal Year 2021, expenses were \$55,603,679, categorical revenue was 30,535,040; 55 percent of our costs was covered.

\*Fiscal Year 2022, expenses were \$62,994,571, categorical revenue was \$29,998,479; 48 percent of our costs was covered.

\*Fiscal Year 2023, expenses were \$72,381,245, categorical revenue was \$33,624,162; 46 percent of our costs was covered.

\*Our fiscal year 2024 budget estimates expenses at \$77,362,898 and our categorical revenue at

\$34,960,759; 45 percent of our costs was covered.

Over the past four years, the cost of providing transportation has increased nearly \$20 million, but funding from the state has only increased by \$5 million over the same time period.

So how do we pay for the rest?

We pay from other parts of our operating budget, which means less money for operating costs that often limits our ability to provide all of the educational options we would like or provide the salaries we would like.

So "pay them more"

is not always as easy as it sounds, though we certainly try. In fact, the district is currently offering numerous bonuses like a \$1,500 perfect attendance bonus, a \$300 safe driver bonus, a sign-on bonus of \$2,000, up to \$9,000 in bonuses for drivers who drive combo routes and a \$300 referral bonus. The district will also pay for a new hire to get their commercial driver's

license training.

As I've shared before, this is just another example of the grossly underfunded public education system in Florida. Education is now only around 40 percent of the state budget where it used to be around 60 percent in 1985. Our public K-12 schools are receiving less of that 40 percent as well with the increase in funding for the

state university system, charter schools, and now homeschooling and private school vouchers.

Remember, there is no state law that requires any of them to provide transportation. That is only applicable to your public K-12 schools. Thus, a private school can use your tax dollars for anything

See BYRD Page 8A

## AI: Overhaul of education is necessary

*Continued from page 2A*

also a worry that educational institutions won't be able to adapt quickly enough to the new tasks workers will perform. As a result, some experts anticipate more companies training their hires on the job.

Many higher education programs would then focus primarily on basic skills like communication and use of technology. As a result, the average time spent in college or university could be reduced to one or two years. But would this limit students' exposure

to broader topics like history and literature, and what would be the consequences?

Of course, most of this discussion is speculative. Still, I think there is a coming overhaul of education and training as a result of the upcoming disruption in the labor market due to technology like AI. Do you think this is the biggest issue facing us in the future, and if so, how should we respond? You decide.

Mike Walden is a Reynolds distinguished professor emeritus at North Carolina State University.

## Moore: Maintenance is important

*Continued from page 2A*

san Branan. They have a gorgeous patriotic eagle carved out of a live oak near the entranceway. Their neighborhood's walls and sidewalks are pressure washed. The entranceway beds contain healthy plants and fresh mulch. The couple is additionally working with neighborhoods along Rose Avenue. Lockhart is a strong contender in 2024.

People of Southern Apopka have held four clean-ups on Sheeler Ave north of Apopka Blvd. Everyone I speak with is impressed with the progress. Trees have been trimmed, hedges cut back, and new sidewalks installed. The

team is led by Pam Welker, Sharon Lust, Justin Dierks, Tracy Hollingsworth, and Dave Durre. Sheeler Avenue and Road is very long. Plus, the Lockhart Team is tough to beat. If you live in this Sheeler Road or southeastern area of Apopka, please call my office at 407.836.5850 or email me at District2@ocfl.net. I will get you in touch with the leaders of POSA.

Heading south, is a mish mash of jurisdictions. I think we need to have the attitude that if it needs fixing – just do it. The three lowest scoring neighborhoods were Royal Oaks, Dunbridge, and Silver Oaks. I would expect the team to focus on

recruiting residents from these three neighborhoods and scheduling clean-ups in September and October. Royal Oaks is likely to take two Saturdays with so much frontage. The railroad section also needs weed-whacking and weed control. Both gas stations need a nudge. Go talk to the managers and tell them about the contest.

Maintenance is the name of the game. The Corridor of the Year Contest is about making maintenance a social, fun, engaging, and rewarding experience. If you like gardening or simply making sure your neighborhood always looks its best – "We Need You!"

## Hayden: Our future depends on us

*Continued from page 2A*

the civil war, right?" I would like to give the young man credit for perhaps thinking about the Emancipation Proclamation, but even if that was his thought, neither one ended the civil war.

It's easy for us to find fault or to make light of situations like that, but that is what America has become. We can't blame anyone else except ourselves for what's going on. Our whole nation has fallen into apathy, and if it doesn't affect us, just let it go. Some of us older folks have decided to check out of the American way of life and let sleeping dogs lie. After all, the dumbing down of America will not have much effect on the rest of our lives. I'm not talking about today's youth. I'm talking about the generation that fought their way through World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam War. The generation that wouldn't give up.

Now we want to turn a deaf ear to the demise of our wonderful, exceptional nation. I wish there was a switch I could throw or window I could uncover to let the light shine in and rejuvenate the spirit of American pride that once prevailed in our hearts for the United States of America.

We have allowed *illegal* immigrants to completely inundate our borders and

our border states. Oh, we complain about it, and we want to do something about it, but we don't.

The people that are coming in *illegally* do not care about assimilating into the American way of life – their only concern is what they can get and how much we are willing to change our way of life to be compatible with their lifestyle.

Why should they assimilate? We're willing to bend over backward, and to make sure that they're comfortable with clothing, food, exceptional housing, and enough money to make sure they have their needs met.

This is not immigration. In any other nation it would be called an invasion! Where are the voices of the taxpayers that are footing the bill? Our culture is being homogenized with all of the other cultures coming across our border. Our teachers can't teach, our law enforcement can't enforce the law, and we are subjected to television advertisements and announcements that are given in a foreign language.

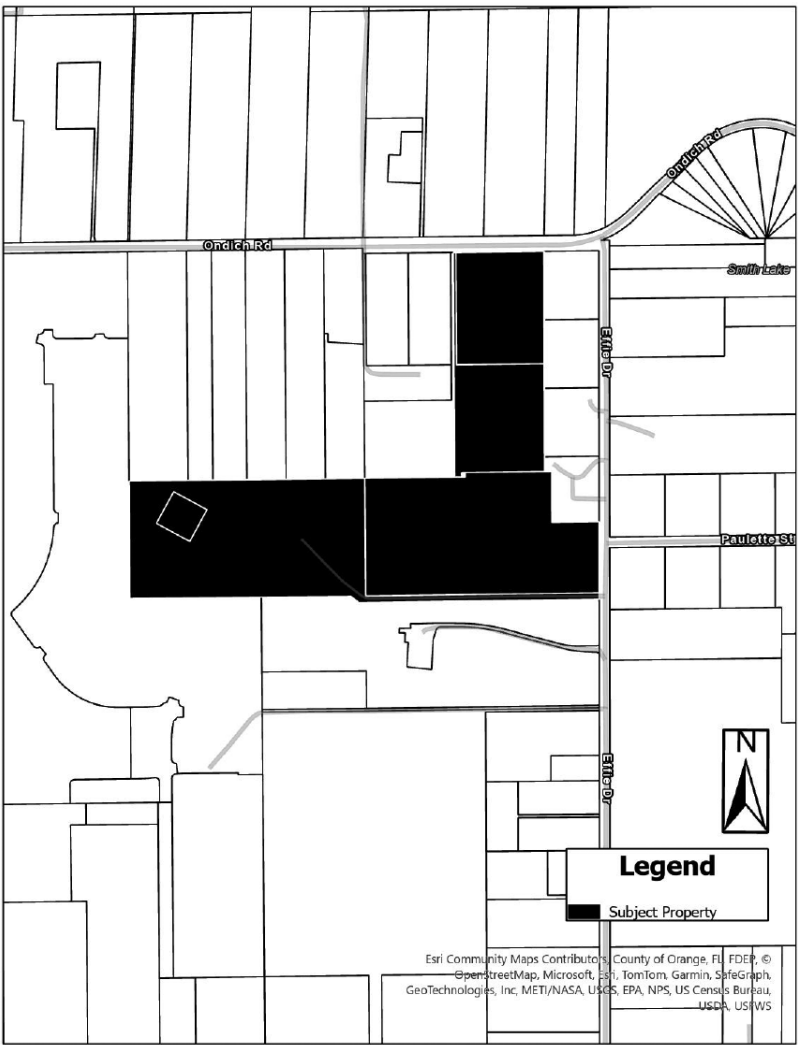
I do not run into many *illegal* aliens because they are living a lifestyle I cannot afford. When I come across someone that can't speak English, I tell them to get a translator, as I am not going to learn a foreign language to make someone comfortable in my nation with their culture!

## 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 **APPIAN ENGINEERING, INC. C/O LUKE M. CLASSON, 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 Ondich Road and Effie Drive. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3066

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; LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONDICH ROAD AND EFFIE DRIVE; COMPRISING 54.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 11-20-27-0000-00-037, 11-20-27-0000-00-069, 12-20-27-0000-00-001, 12-20-27-0000-00-012, 12-20-27-0000-00-046, 12-20-27-0000-00-048  
Contains: 54.85 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3066 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, July 17, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** and **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.

Apopka City Council  
Apopka Planning Commission  
Community Development Department

July 12, 2024

Publish: The Apopka Chief

176981

## 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 Folio 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.theapokkachief.com, news@theapokkachief.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. <b>www.apopka.net</b>	

### 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
<b>www.orangecountyfl.net</b>	

### Other Area Numbers of Note

<b>U.S. Senators</b>	
Rick Scott (Rep.) .....	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.) .....	407-254-2573
<b>U.S. Representative</b>	
Daniel Webster (Dist. 11) .....	352-241-9220
<b>State Representatives</b>	
Doug Bankson .....	407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45) .....	unknown
<b>State Senators</b>	
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11) .....	407-297-2045
<b>Orange County Commissioner</b>	
Christine Moore .....	407-836-7350
<b>Orange County Public Schools</b>	
Pupil assignment .....	407-317-3233
Bus routes .....	407-317-3800
Superintendent .....	407-317-3200
School Board .....	407-317-3200
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
The Apopka Chief .....	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans .....	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce .....	407-886-1441



# Main: City conducted three budget workshops this week

Continued from page 4A

last year for a salary study, so that was no longer in the HR budget. That was implemented in fiscal year 2024.

The community development budget increased about 4.59 percent.

The building inspections

budget reflected a slight increase about 1.38 percent.

The economic development budget increased 30.76 percent due to increases in contractual services of \$20,000; memberships, \$17,000; and training, \$4,525.

There were slight increases in the transportation impact

fee fund for various new projects over the next year. However, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) budget currently reflects a decrease because it currently doesn't include any carry-over projects.

Once the CRA approves the projects in the budget, the city will incorporate that final budget

into the city's budget, Sherman said.

The second budget workshop, on Tuesday, July 9, covered information technology and public service. The third budget workshop, on Wednesday, July 10, covered fire and police.

Following the third budget workshop, the City Council held

a special meeting on July 10 to approve and set the proposed fiscal year 2025 millage rate.

The new fiscal year begins on October 1 and runs until September 30, 2025.

Tell them you saw it in  
The Apopka Chief

## BUSINESS PROFILE

### Your Guide to Local Businesses

### Prepare now for storms that can wreak havoc on weak and stressed trees, causing property damage

Hurricane season is here. Is your property prepared?

Severe storms and hurricanes often bring high winds that can topple trees and damage irrigation systems, while heavy rain can lead to flooding and erosion. One way to prepare for any storm is by trimming your trees. A well-maintained landscape can play a crucial role in mitigating threats. Properly pruned trees are less likely to fall, while healthy root systems help prevent erosion.

To have safe and healthy trees, it's essential to have your trees inspected and pruned annually. This can be done quickly and will save you money in the long run. Routine maintenance of your trees is far less expensive than removing and replacing them. This can help ensure that your trees are healthy and reduces the risk of storm damage to your home or property.

"Being prepared for any storm can reduce fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disasters. Most Florida home and business owners are familiar with the damage that can come from severe storms. If not, it's important to brush up on the topic. Professional tree trimming or pruning helps make trees more stable and stronger as well as healthier, all of which makes them more unyielding when bracing against strong winds," noted James Maltby, owner and operator of Maltby's Tree Service and Landscaping.

One of the greatest dangers to life and property during severe



Now is the time to have your trees professionally trimmed in preparation for a storm. Call Maltby's Tree Service and Landscaping today at 321-689-5866 to schedule your free residential or commercial evaluation and estimate

storms or hurricanes is posed by falling trees and limbs. Larger trees in leaf will catch more wind and be subjected to increased stresses. Preparing trees for a high-wind event should be done in advance of the storm season. However, it's not too late to start preparing now before the hurricane warnings begin. To help lessen some of these dangers, it's important to have a qualified tree care provider evaluate your trees. Doing this will help reveal potential weaknesses and dangers, stated Maltby.

Trees at risk that need professional service can have:

- Dead or partially attached limbs hung up in higher branches
- Hollow or decaying areas on the trunk or main limbs
- Peeling bark or gaping wounds in the trunk
- Branches that are rubbing each other or rubbing wires on your home or business
- Branches that are touching or laying on your rooftop
- Low hanging

branches that obstruct the street or sidewalk

•Branches that appear diseased or insect infested

If you have a tree that has grown too large for your property, is damaging your foundation, or is in danger of breaking or falling on the roof of your home, this poses a major concern. Call Maltby's Tree Service and Landscaping today before potential damage occurs. Their trained professionals evaluate each situation and offer the best in customer service. They pride themselves on a fast response time, professional service and the best prices are guaranteed.

Maltby's Tree Service and Landscaping is a local, full-service tree company that offers tree trimming, tree removal, landscaping, and monthly maintenance. They provide free stump grinding with tree removal services and always provide free estimates. Whenever they perform a tree removal service, their employees work quickly and efficiently, while adhering



to the highest standards of safety at very competitive prices. They're fully licensed and insured, including Workers' Compensation on all employees.

Maltby's Tree Service and Landscaping is reachable 24 hours-a-day for any after-hours emergency service. For your convenience and peace of mind, a management team member is always on-site for all services and property evaluations. They can easily assess the condition of your trees and property and then suggest the best course of action to take.

Maltby's Tree Service and Landscaping will be happy to quote commercial tree trimming or removal jobs. With over 20 years in business, you can rest assured you're in good hands with a company that prides itself on a job well done.

Call them today at 321-689-5866 to set an appointment and see why Maltby's Tree Service and Landscaping are the local experts you can count on.

Advertisement

## MALTBY'S

### Tree Service & Landscaping

Do you have trees that need attention before a storm hits? If so, call us today!  
**LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED  
CELEBRATING OVER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

- Tree Trimming & Removal
- Landscape Installation
- Stump Grinding
- Grapple Truck Services

## 321-689-5866

Call us today for a free consultation and estimate.

**JAMES MALTBY**  
Owner

Licensed  
& Insured

CHECK OUT THE PICTURE BOOK I JUST GOT FROM THE LIBRARY!

THEY ALLOW DOGS IN THERE?

OK, FINE, I SNATCHED IT FROM A GUY GOING TO THE PARKING LOT.

BUT IT WAS AT THE LIBRARY.

**Best of Apopka!**  
**PARK AVENUE ANIMAL HOSPITAL**  
847 N. Park Ave., Apopka FL  
**WWW.PARKAVENUEVETS.COM**

**STOP BY TODAY!**  
**407-880-9446**

## Gracework

### Community Church

#### SATURDAY SERVICES

**Bible Study 10:00 AM**  
**Worship 11:30 AM**  
**Livestream:**  
**tinyurl.com/4ak7933j**

**9913 Bear Lake Rd., Apopka, FL**  
**graceworxccc@gmail.com**  
**321-228-4599**

### INFORMATION YOU CAN USE TO KEEP IN TOUCH:

**Web site:** [www.theapopkachief.com](http://www.theapopkachief.com)  
**E-mail:** [news@theapopkachief.com](mailto:news@theapopkachief.com)  
[ads@theapopkachief.com](mailto:ads@theapopkachief.com)  
**Phone:** 407-886-2777  
**Fax:** 407-889-4121  
**400 N. Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32712**

# LET US TELL YOUR BUSINESS STORY!

**E-mail [ads@TheApopkaChief.com](mailto:ads@TheApopkaChief.com)**  
**or call 407-886-2777 to find out about our Business Profile program.**  
**Visit [www.theapopkachief.com](http://www.theapopkachief.com)**  
**Helping you is our business!**

### Be prepared before the next power outage.

### It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase\* - valued at \$535.

**Call 407-753-7287 to schedule your free quote!**

**GENERAC**

\*Terms and Conditions apply.





## J & K Automotive

FAIR • HONEST  
DEPENDABLE  
All Work Guaranteed  
Serving Satisfied Customers  
Since 1987

CERTIFIED AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALISTS • COMPUTER DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT

**Now Hiring  
Mechanic**

Now Offering ANYWHERE CARE  
National Limited Warranty  
& 24-Hr. Roadside Assistance

1012 E. Semoran Blvd. Apopka  
Mon.-Fri. 8-5:30 • Closed Saturday  
www.JandKAutomotiveinc.com

Become a Fan on Facebook: J & K Automotive

- Wheel Balance & Alignments
- Tune Ups • Brakes
- Shocks
- Fuel Injection
- Service Oil Change
- C.V. Joints
- Tires

407-880-3530

ASAPER  
ST. REG. #NV05682

VISA



## AOK TIRE MART

For the Finest in Tires & Service!

**MICHELIN**

**CrossClimate® 2**  
60,000 Miles Manufacturer's  
Treadwear Limited Warranty (H.V.)  
• Wet & Dry Traction • Long-lasting Treadlife  
ALL-SEASON PERFORMANCE

FREE ROAD HAZARD WARRANTY

**VALUABLE COUPON**  
Cooling System & Radiator Flush  
**\$1500 OFF**  
• The Reg. Price  
• Dexcool Extra  
• Most Vehicles

• Drain, Flush & Refill Cooling System  
• Add up to 2 Gallons Antifreeze  
• Inspect Belts & Hoses  
Expires 7/31/24. Not valid with other promotions or offers. Redeem only at AOK Tire Mart.

Choose from a wide selection of Michelin® and BFGoodrich® brand tires!

200 W Main Street Apopka, FL 32703  
**407-889-7074**  
www.aoktiremart.net

**MICHELIN BFGoodrich**

"If you're on a mission to fix your transmission call..."

# ATW

## ALLTRANSMISSIONWORLD

Central Florida's Oldest & Largest Transmission & Total Car Care Company

Se Habla Español

- Transmission
- Clutches • CV Axles
- Foreign & Domestic

1150 E Semoran Blvd. Ste. B  
Apopka, FL, 32703  
**407-880-9300**  
alltransmissionworld.com

Chamber of Commerce  
ACCREDITED BUSINESS



## GLENN JOINER & SON, INC

NATIONALLY KNOWN, FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1937

# AUTO PARTS

Import • Domestic Tractor • Golf Cart  
Marine • Heavy Truck • Light Truck  
Lawn Mower • Industrial Supplies  
Paint & Body Supplies  
All Car Care Needs  
New & Old

SPONSOR OF CHASE ELLIOT CAR #9

250 E. 3rd St., Suite B, Apopka  
407-889-5222  
napaonline.com

13202 W. Colonial Dr., Winter Garden  
404-656-4141

## Postal carrier is hero

Editor:  
On Wednesday, June 12, we had a substitute mail carrier.

Please know that he went well beyond his job description. At 12:00 noon, he saw me lying in the middle of my driveway, unable to move, and helped me to my feet.

He then moved me to a bench nearby and was especially concerned about my well-being before leaving to continue his route.

In this hurry-hurry

world, his taking the time to help is greatly appreciated. Others drove by.

It was an especially hot 90 degree day; I am 85 years old and could not have moved on my own.

Please let him know he may have saved my life. I have a head concussion and injured my left side enough to require the temporary use of a cane.

HE IS MY HERO.

Thank you!  
Dawn E Haynes,  
Apopka

## Byrd: Funding is goal

*Continued from page 6A*

it would like, but Apopka High School is required to offer transportation to around 2,600 children.

Perhaps all of the state-mandated expenses that are not funded should be separated so we can truly compete - or mandate transportation for all schools accepting your tax dollars, but that's a different conversation.

Solving the bus driver shortage issue is not as easy as it seems but the district is continually looking for more solutions.

I and other school board members will continue to go to Tallahassee and advocate for more investment in our public schools. I encourage the public to do the same!

**Need to send or receive a fax? You can use ours!**  
APOPKA OFFICE SUPPLY, 400 N. Park Ave., Apopka  
Call us at 407-889-4455 • Fax 407-889-4121



# KEEP THOSE WHEELS ROLLING...

## Well-maintained tires during summer months ensures optimal performance, safety, and longevity

Most people associate summer with fun at the beach and family vacations. But your tires can experience summer differently. As the summer temperatures rise, the friction from your vehicle's tires rolling, turning, and braking combined with extreme pavement temperatures could lead to potential trouble while on the road.

Hot weather causes a drastic heat build-up and weakens car tires, leading to wear and tear and suspension imbalances that could jeopardize your safety and the safety of other motorists on the road.

Tires are something some drivers take for granted. However, ignoring your tires can come at a cost - worn out tires can reduce the control you have of your vehicle, decrease gas mileage, and result in a less comfortable ride. So, when the rubber hits the road, **A.O.K. Tire Mart** wants to make sure your tires are in optimal shape.

Since 1988, **A.O.K. Tire Mart** has been a neighborhood, family-owned tire center serving the needs of customers in Apopka and Sanford. For years, they have been able to provide the benefits of

an established national entity while maintaining the personal touch of a family-owned business. They understand that your vehicle is a major investment, and that is why they care for each customer's vehicle as if it were their own.

**A.O.K. Tire Mart** offers much more than their name would lead people to believe. Although focusing on the retail and commercial end of new and used tires, they're also experts in all types of auto and tire repairs, specializing in auto and diesel engine repairs, mufflers, A/C repairs, transmission service, tune-ups, oil changes, brakes, shocks, and alignments.

They have highly skilled technicians that offer valuable insight into the specific needs of a vehicle based on its make, model, and usage patterns. This knowledge allows car owners to make informed decisions about their vehicle's needs, which results in *improved performance*.

**A.O.K. Tire Mart** is a family-owned and operated business, with owner Don Williams personally overseeing the company's daily operations. Using his 'hands on' approach,



**A.O.K. Tire Mart** has been the trusted name in regular maintenance, auto repair, and tire service. They are conveniently located in down-town Apopka at 200 W. Main Street or call 407-889-7074 for more information.

he ensures that each customer is handled with complete honesty and is given the best service at the most competitive prices available in the area.

Their knowledge of automotive care truly sets **A.O.K. Tire Mart** apart from other automotive repair businesses. **A.O.K. Tire Mart** works with commercial and/or fleet vehicles, and they provide free safety inspections of your tires.

If you're looking for any type of tire, from lawn mower or wheelbarrow tires to heavy equipment or semi tractor-trailer tires, the staff at **A.O.K. Tire Mart** is always ready to assist

you. And, for the car enthusiast, you'll find a wide assortment of custom wheels and custom dual exhaust systems for those who want that extra special feature added.

Remember, the next time you need your vehicle serviced in any way, stop in, and see for yourself why **A.O.K. Tire Mart** is leading the way in automotive service. They are open six days a week for your convenience. Their hours are Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Advertisement

**ROUTINE MAINTENANCE WILL HELP motorists address minor issues before they become more complicated and more expensive repairs.**



# D-I-WHY?

Take back your weekends. The businesses in our service directory are here to handle all of your home improvement needs.

**Check out the Service Directory Pages**

The Apopka Chief & The Planter  
www.TheApopkaChief.com





# J & K Automotive

FAIR • HONEST  
DEPENDABLE  
All Work Guaranteed  
Serving Satisfied Customers  
Since 1987

CERTIFIED AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALISTS • COMPUTER DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT

**Now Hiring  
Mechanic**

Now Offering ANYWHERE CARE  
National Limited Warranty  
& 24-Hr. Roadside Assistance

1012 E. Semoran Blvd. Apopka  
Mon.-Fri. 8-5:30 • Closed Saturday  
www.JandKAutomotiveinc.com

Become a Fan on Facebook: J & K Automotive

- Wheel Balance & Alignments
- Tune Ups • Brakes
- Shocks
- Fuel Injection
- Service Oil Change
- C.V. Joints
- Tires

407-880-3530

ASAPER  
ST. REG. #NV05682

VISA

## Postal carrier is hero

Editor:

On Wednesday, June 12, we had a substitute mail carrier.

Please know that he went well beyond his job description. At 12:00 noon, he saw me lying in the middle of my driveway, unable to move, and helped me to my feet.

He then moved me to a bench nearby and was especially concerned about my well-being before leaving to continue his route.

In this hurry-hurry

world, his taking the time to help is greatly appreciated. Others drove by.

It was an especially hot 90 degree day; I am 85 years old and could not have moved on my own.

Please let him know he may have saved my life. I have a head concussion and injured my left side enough to require the temporary use of a cane.

HE IS MY HERO.

Thank you!  
Dawn E Haynes,  
Apopka

## Byrd: Funding is goal

*Continued from page 6A*

versation.

Solving the bus driver shortage issue is not as easy as it seems but the district is continually looking for more solutions.

I and other school board members will continue to go to Tallahassee and advocate for more investment in our public schools. I encourage the public to do the same!

it would like, but Apopka High School is required to offer transportation to around 2,600 children.

Perhaps all of the state-mandated expenses that are not funded should be separated so we can truly compete - or mandate transportation for all schools accepting your tax dollars, but that's a different conversation.

**Need to send or receive a fax? You can use ours!**  
APOPKA OFFICE SUPPLY, 400 N. Park Ave., Apopka  
Call us at 407-889-4455 • Fax 407-889-4121



# AOK TIRE MART

For the Finest in Tires & Service!

**MICHELIN**

**CrossClimate® 2**  
60,000 Miles Manufacturer's Treadwear Limited Warranty (H.V.)  
• Wet & Dry Traction • Long-lasting Treadlife  
ALL-SEASON PERFORMANCE

FREE ROAD HAZARD WARRANTY

**VALUABLE COUPON**  
Cooling System & Radiator Flush  
**\$1500 OFF**  
• The Reg. Price  
• Dexcool Extra  
• Most Vehicles

• Drain, Flush & Refill Cooling System  
• Add up to 2 Gallons Antifreeze  
• Inspect Belts & Hoses  
Expires 7/31/24. Not valid with other promotions or offers. Redeem only at AOK Tire Mart.

Choose from a wide selection of Michelin® and BFGoodrich® brand tires!

200 W Main Street Apopka, FL 32703  
**407-889-7074**  
www.aoktiremart.net

**MICHELIN BFGoodrich**



## Well-maintained tires during summer months ensures optimal performance, safety, and longevity

Most people associate summer with fun at the beach and family vacations. But your tires can experience summer differently. As the summer temperatures rise, the friction from your vehicle's tires rolling, turning, and braking combined with extreme pavement temperatures could lead to potential trouble while on the road.

Hot weather causes a drastic heat build-up and weakens car tires, leading to wear and tear and suspension imbalances that could jeopardize your safety and the safety of other motorists on the road.

Tires are something some drivers take for granted. However, ignoring your tires can come at a cost - worn out tires can reduce the control you have of your vehicle, decrease gas mileage, and result in a less comfortable ride. So, when the rubber hits the road, **A.O.K. Tire Mart** wants to make sure your tires are in optimal shape.

Since 1988, **A.O.K. Tire Mart** has been a neighborhood, family-owned tire center serving the needs of customers in Apopka and Sanford. For years, they have been able to provide the benefits of

an established national entity while maintaining the personal touch of a family-owned business. They understand that your vehicle is a major investment, and that is why they care for each customer's vehicle as if it were their own.

**A.O.K. Tire Mart** offers much more than their name would lead people to believe. Although focusing on the retail and commercial end of new and used tires, they're also experts in all types of auto and tire repairs, specializing in auto and diesel engine repairs, mufflers, A/C repairs, transmission service, tune-ups, oil changes, brakes, shocks, and alignments.

They have highly skilled technicians that offer valuable insight into the specific needs of a vehicle based on its make, model, and usage patterns. This knowledge allows car owners to make informed decisions about their vehicle's needs, which results in *improved performance*.

**A.O.K. Tire Mart** is a family-owned and operated business, with owner Don Williams personally overseeing the company's daily operations. Using his 'hands on' approach,



**A.O.K. Tire Mart** has been the trusted name in regular maintenance, auto repair, and tire service. They are conveniently located in down-town Apopka at 200 W. Main Street or call 407-889-7074 for more information.

he ensures that each customer is handled with complete honesty and is given the best service at the most competitive prices available in the area.

Their knowledge of automotive care truly sets **A.O.K. Tire Mart** apart from other automotive repair businesses. **A.O.K. Tire Mart** works with commercial and/or fleet vehicles, and they provide free safety inspections of your tires.

If you're looking for any type of tire, from lawn mower or wheelbarrow tires to heavy equipment or semi tractor-trailer tires, the staff at **A.O.K. Tire Mart** is always ready to assist

you. And, for the car enthusiast, you'll find a wide assortment of custom wheels and custom dual exhaust systems for those who want that extra special feature added.

Remember, the next time you need your vehicle serviced in any way, stop in, and see for yourself why **A.O.K. Tire Mart** is leading the way in automotive service. They are open six days a week for your convenience. Their hours are Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Advertisement

"If you're on a mission to fix your transmission call..."

# ATW

## ALLTRANSMISSIONWORLD

Central Florida's Oldest & Largest Transmission & Total Car Care Company

Se Habla Español

- Transmission
- Clutches • CV Axles
- Foreign & Domestic

Chamber of Commerce

ACCREDITED BUSINESS

1150 E Semoran Blvd. Ste. B  
Apopka, FL, 32703  
**407-880-9300**  
alltransmissionworld.com



# GLENN JOINER & SON, INC

NATIONALLY KNOWN, FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1937

## AUTO PARTS

Import • Domestic Tractor • Golf Cart  
Marine • Heavy Truck • Light Truck  
Lawn Mower • Industrial Supplies  
Paint & Body Supplies  
All Car Care Needs  
New & Old

SPONSOR OF CHASE ELLIOT CAR #9



250 E. 3rd St., Suite B, Apopka  
407-889-5222  
napaonline.com

13202 W. Colonial Dr., Winter Garden  
404-656-4141

**ROUTINE MAINTENANCE WILL HELP motorists address minor issues before they become more complicated and more expensive repairs.**



# D-I-WHY?

Take back your weekends. The businesses in our service directory are here to handle all of your home improvement needs.

**Check out the Service Directory Pages**

The Apopka Chief & The Planter  
www.TheApopkaChief.com







# Carrot cake with crushed pineapple, glazed, then frosted, is the best!

From, Susan Nethercote, a dear friend, we have Grampa's Spaghetti Sauce! This comes from her own family documentary, *The Jones-Morris Family Treasury* (contributed to and compiled by the family). Grampa was officially Henry Ernest Morris (alias Grampa).

From *Pot Pourri of Zellwood*, we have Suzie Turner's Eggplant Supreme. Suzie says to brown this skillet dish under the broiler, but you can surely use a hot oven if you don't use a broiler for browning.

A delightful recipe from *Southern Living's All-Time Favorites* is Crispy "Fried" Onion Rings. They are fried for only a minute or so, then finished in the HOT oven. There is also a version for Beer Battered "Fried" Onion Rings. Who doesn't love onion rings?

The recipe for Double Chocolate Pie is from AllRecipes.com and said to be "rich and chocolaty, a truly sinful pie!" Chocolate fans will love it! And, it is NOT out of a box! Garnish each slice with whipped topping.

Carrot Cake... Yumm. From the 1997 edition of *Southern Living Annual Recipes*, we have their Best Carrot Cake! And the Glaze for the top as well as Cream Cheese Frosting. This recipe was contributed by Phyllis Vanhoy of Salisbury, North Carolina.

**GRAMPA'S SPAGHETTI SAUCE**  
Henry Ernest Morris, alias Grampa  
Recipe from  
*The Jones-Morris Family Treasury*  
**1-1/2 pounds hamburger**  
**4 onions, chopped**  
**1 can of water at beginning**  
**2 (1-pound) cans whole tomatoes, chopped fine (Grampa uses the can top)**  
**1 can tomato paste**  
**1 tablespoon A1 sauce, or Worcestershire, according to taste**  
**Tabasco, according to taste (Grampa uses a whole lot! It's very hot.)**  
**1 clove garlic, minced**  
**Herbs: Oregano, parsley flakes, and Salt, pepper – all according to taste**

Cut up one section of garlic, add oregano, a few parsley flakes, salt, pepper. Add to sauce, stir good, and put on low to simmer for about 3-4

hours.  
One hour before dinner, cut up 4 onions finely and fry for about 1/2-hour, turning often, over a low heat. Put onion into sauce. Fry up about 1-1/2 pounds of hamburger. Turn hamburger in fry pan until brown, about five minutes. Add all to sauce. Simmer for additional hour and serve. Plenty for 6-8 servings. (Add 1 can of water to sauce at the beginning.)

**SUZIE TURNER'S EGGPLANT SUPREME**  
Recipe from *Pot Pourri of Zellwood*  
**1 tablespoon bacon drippings**  
**1 medium eggplant, cubed small**  
**1 medium green pepper, chopped**  
**1 medium onion, chopped**  
**1 clove garlic, minced**  
**1 can tomatoes**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**1/4 teaspoon pepper**  
**Dash of Tabasco Sauce**  
**2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese**  
**2 tablespoons crumbled bacon**  
**2 slices bread, toasted and cubed**

Cook first 9 ingredients in large skillet until tender. Top with cheese, bacon, and bread cubes. Brown under broiler.

**CRISPY "FRIED" ONION RINGS**  
Recipe from  
*Southern Living All-Time Favorites*  
**1 large sweet onion**  
**1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk**  
**1 egg white**  
**1/2 cup all-purpose flour**  
**2 tablespoons olive oil**  
**Vegetable cooking spray**  
**1/2 teaspoon coarse kosher salt**

Cut onion into 1/4-inch thick slices, and separate into rings. Select largest 12 rings, reserving remaining onion slices for another use.

Whisk together buttermilk and egg white in a small bowl until blended.

Dredge onion rings in flour; dip into buttermilk mixture, coating well. Dredge again in flour, and place on a baking sheet.

Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Tilt pan to coat bottom of skillet. Add 4 onion rings to skillet, and cook 1 minute on each side or until golden. Wipe skillet clean. Repeat procedure twice with remaining onion rings and oil. Place fried onion rings on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 400 degrees for 3 minutes. Turn onion rings, and bake 3 more minutes. Remove from oven, and sprinkle with salt. Serve immediately.

**BEER-BATTERED "FRIED" ONION RINGS:**  
Prepare as directed through the first step. Reduce buttermilk to 1/4 cup, and whisk together with 1/4 cup light beer and 1 egg white. Proceed with the rest of the directions as directed. Makes 3 servings.

**DOUBLE CHOCOLATE PIE**  
Recipe from AllRecipes.com  
**Ingredients:**  
**1 9-inch pie crust, baked**  
**1-1/2 cups white sugar**  
**1/3 cup cornstarch**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**3 cups milk**  
**3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips**  
**2 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, chopped**  
**4 egg yolks, beaten**  
**1 tablespoon vanilla extract**  
1) Combine sugar, cornstarch, and salt in a 2-quart saucepan. Stir in milk gradually. Add chocolate chips and unsweetened chocolate. Place over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute. 2) Place egg yolks in a medium heatproof bowl. Gradually pour half of chocolate mixture into egg yolks, whisking constantly. 3) Whisk egg yolk mixture back into mixture in saucepan. Place over medium heat and bring back to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla extract. 4) Pour mixture into baked pie shell. Press a layer of plastic wrap onto filling. Refrigerate at least 4 hours but no longer than 48 hours. Remove plastic wrap before serving and top with whipped topping.

**BEST CARROT CAKE**  
Recipe from  
*Southern Living All-Time Favorites*  
**2 cups all-purpose flour**  
**2 teaspoons baking soda**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**2 teaspoons ground cinnamon**  
**3 large eggs**  
**2 cups sugar**  
**3/4 cup vegetable oil**  
**3/4 cup buttermilk**  
**2 teaspoons vanilla extract**  
**2 cups grated carrot**  
**1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained**

**1 (3-1/2 ounce) can flaked coconut**  
**1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts**  
**Buttermilk Glaze**  
**Cream Cheese Frosting**  
Line three 9-inch round cake pans with wax paper; lightly grease and flour wax paper. Set pans aside. 2) Stir together first 4 ingredients. Beat eggs and next 4 ingredients at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth. Add flour mixture, beating at low speed until blended. Fold in carrot and next 3 ingredients. Pour batter into prepared cake pans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Drizzle Buttermilk Glaze evenly over layers; cool in pans on wire racks 15 minutes. Remove from pans, and cool completely on wire racks.

Spread Cream Cheese Frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake.

Yield: 1 (3-layer) cake.

**BUTTERMILK GLAZE**  
Recipe from  
*Southern Living All-Time Favorites*  
**1 cup sugar**  
**1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda**  
**1/2 cup buttermilk**  
**1/2 cup butter or margarine**  
**1 tablespoon light corn syrup**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla extract**  
Bring first 5 ingredients to a boil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Boil, stirring often, 4 minutes. Remove from heat, and stir in vanilla.

Yield: 1-1/2 cups.

**CREAM CHEESE FROSTING**  
Recipe from  
*Southern Living All-Time Favorites*  
**3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened**  
**1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened**  
**1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese, softened**  
**3 cups sifted powdered sugar**  
**1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract**  
Beat first 3 ingredients at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Add powdered sugar and vanilla; beat until smooth.

Yield: 4 cups.

View Kitchen Kapers by Nancy online at [www.theapokkachief.com/recipes](http://www.theapokkachief.com/recipes)

## JULY 2024 ★ ★ EVENTS ★ WEEKLY ★ UPCOMING ★ ONGOING ★ ★

**SCHOOL IS OUT** Traffic patterns changed. Stormy weather comes and goes! Be careful with your umbrellas. And always watch out for those pedestrians... and ducks. DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING - Please! YOU WILL PAY A FINE.

Children must be five years old on or before September 1 to start kindergarten. To enter first grade, a child must be six years old on or before September 1 and must have successfully completed kindergarten (Florida Statute 1003.21). Immunizations must be current.

**UNLESS CHANGED:** School Start Times for Elementary School & K-8: 8 a.m.; Middle School: 9:30 a.m.; High school: 7:10 a.m.

City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwellley Parkway, Apopka 32712, 407-703-1784. On any given weekend, you can see many, many families in attendance at the beautiful complex setting participating in various organized sport programs, Amenities at the complex include: Soccer Fields, Softball Fields, Baseball Fields, Multi-Purpose Fields, Sand Volleyball Courts, Outdoor Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, **Walking Trail**, Amphitheater, Playground, Concession Stands.

11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) (opened in 2015) on Lake Apopka shores, by entering from Lust Road off Binion Road, about a mile south of Camp Wewa in the Plymouth area, for one-way drive, 10 miles per hour, with possible wildlife spotting stops. **DO NOT FEED THE GATORS - IT MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL** If you are stopping, drive will take more than 1 hour. Drive runs by canals used in muck-farming days. The one-way drive exits on Jones Road in Zellwood. You will see a freshwater marsh system and wildlife dependent on that type of system. The drive is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and federal holidays and is controlled by the county. Open during daylight hours only (one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset). Official sunrise and sunset hours can be found online. The road is closed on other days due to ongoing restoration work. The trail is 11 miles long.

**WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK** is a 7,000-acre Florida State Park in Apopka, Florida. It is located 20 minutes north of Orlando, off Interstate 4 at exit 94, near Altamonte Springs and Longwood. The park also contains the head water of the Wekiwa River. Address: 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka 32712, open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call 407-884-4311

FRAN CARLTON CENTER OPEN,

for seniors - senior activities at Fran Carlton Center. CALL 407-703-1642 FOR INFORMATION .

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, FRIDAYS** at 9:00 a.m. at 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center.. Call 407-703-1642 for information.

**CENTRAL FL CHRISTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, 1806 S Bay St., Eustis, has Fellowship Friday meetings. For complete details of all chamber events, visit [cfchristianchamber.com/events-chamber](http://cfchristianchamber.com/events-chamber). Contact: [latrondra@cfchristianchamber.com](mailto:latrondra@cfchristianchamber.com)

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

**VFW POST 10147** continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the the third Saturday of the month (JULY 20) from 8-10 a.m. at 519 S. Central Avenue. Cost is only \$7.

**MUSEUM OF APOPKANS**, Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E. FIFTH STREET, APOPKA. Managed by Apopka Historical Society. Call 407-703-1624 for info.

**AVIAN RECONDITIONING CENTER**, for birds of prey, 323 Lester Rd., Apopka, hours: 9:30-1:30 p.m., The center is open on Saturdays to the public, weather permitting. Call 407-461-1056 for information.

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

### MONDAY, JULY 15

**FITNESS CLASS, MONDAYS** 9-10 a.m. 11 N. Forest Ave at Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**CRAFTS & CHATTER:** 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave.Masks required. Temperature taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 S. Highland Avenue. If you have a problem with food – overeating, anorexia, bulimia – there is a solution for you. For more information, visit [OA.org](http://OA.org) or call Carrie 781-867-1071.

**TOASTMASTERS:** Forest Lake Church by Zoom. Time: 7 p.m., Open to everyone interested. For information, call 407-761-2943. Club Number: 4899556, District 84, Area D42. Orators of Excellence

### TUESDAY, JULY 16

THE SERTOMA CLUB meets the

first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 11:30-noon, at Beef 'O' Brady's in The Back Room, 1410 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka. Interested community members are encouraged to attend and get acquainted. Meetings have resumed on first and third Tuesdays. Masks are encouraged.

**SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE**, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave. at Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**ART CLASS.** 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperature taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

**The Altamonte Springs / Apopka VFW POST 10147.** is NOW OPEN Wednesday and Saturday Mornings from (TIME CHANGE) 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts. (other hours by appointment only). 3rd Saturday of the month is VFW's fundraising breakfast. Also, evenings of Tribute music are planned. Call 407-889-8266, or email [info@vfwpost10147.com](mailto:info@vfwpost10147.com) for information. The VFW Auxiliary has been formed and is active as well. Don't forget to visit its excellent Military Museum.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS**, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info..

**SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE**, 10-11 a.m., Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., . Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

**CITY OF APOPKA DRC** (Development Review Committee) meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m.-10 a.m. (or as long as necessary) at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka. Check for the online version.

**BRIDGE CLASS.** 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave.Masks required. Temperatures taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**TOPS CHAPTER #646.** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), TOPS, a non-profit organization, will help you reach a weight goal with support from friendly, caring members, education, and rewards. Each Thursday weigh-in begins at 9:00 a.m. – meeting ends at 10:15 a.m.. Come to its

NEW location 220 W. Horatio Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 to meet with others who have a like-minded goal to lose weight. No products, no specific diet to follow, no meds. Call 407-580-0897 for more information.

**MUSEUM OF APOPKANS**, Open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 12 noon-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E Fifth St. 407-703-1642 for info.

**EARLY BIRD BINGO** at Bahia Shrine Center, 3101 E. Semoran Blvd.. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the early bird game starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call 407-660-8811.

**TOASTMASTERS:** still meeting every WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., by zoom. For more information, call 407-765-2629 or visit [www.Apopkatoastmasters.com](http://www.Apopkatoastmasters.com).

### THURSDAY, JULY 18

**SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE**, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**ROTARY CLUB OF APOPKA** - For information, call 407-415-6588. Call for updated information on meetings and location.

**MUSEUM OF APOPKANS**, Open from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. 120 E Fifth St. Call 407-703-1624 for info.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS**, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadline is September 6 for applications to be received from students who are interested in becoming a member on the Apopka Youth Council. Visit [apopka.gov](http://apopka.gov) Apopka Youth Council

### ONGOING EVENTS

Florida Railroad Museum, 101 S. Boyd Street, Winter Garden, is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11-3 each week excluding holidays. For info, call 407-656-0559. . Must see.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** are public and will also be broadcast on this shortened link: <https://bit.ly/2ABrmsb>, and are normally held the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. Subject

to change with notice. For info., call City Clerk 407-703-1704. Agenda and minutes of meeting can be found online. Once posted, check for any revisions by Tuesday at 5 p.m. before the meeting

**FOLIAGE GARDEN CLUB OF APOPKA**, meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at 9:45 a.m. at the Alonza William Park / Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., Apopka. Contact: [apopkatgca@gmail.com](mailto:apopkatgca@gmail.com)-NO MEETINGS JUNE-AUGUST.

**FREE PLANT CLINIC** in Apopka is open on Tuesdays. Do you have problems with your plants or lawn? Let a Master Gardener help. Orange County residents can bring their questions and samples to UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener volunteers at the UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research Education Center (MREC), 2725 Binion Road, Apopka, 32703; 9 a.m.-12 Tuesdays; 407-254-9200. Questions and photos can be emailed to [orangecounty@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:orangecounty@ifas.ufl.edu). to be answered by Master Gardeners. A free plant clinic for commercial growers is open Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. at the same location.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF APOPKA** IS now meeting MONTHLY on the 3rd Tuesday at 8 a.m. at Seacoast Bank, 345 E Main Street, Apopka. Contact 407-464-4606 for information

**BROWN BAG LUNCH** - Third Saturday of each month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit at the corner of Highland and 6th St., Apopka, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., offer to all who come a brown bag lunch. In addition, men's socks, flip flops, stuffed animals, some clothing, children's books and pet food which is donated by My Pet World, Apopka, may be available. If interested in volunteering, call Debbie at 407-620-5081 for information.

**APOPKA FOLIAGE TOASTMASTER'S CLUB**, Monday, 7 p.m., on Zoom, Apopka. 407-765-2629.

**NWOC FFA Alumni** – Monthly meetings (usually the 4th Monday evening in a month during the school year) are open to anyone. (Looking for more information)

**MUSEUM OF APOPKANS**, 122 E 5th Street, Hours open: Wednesday to Friday, from noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.... Admission is free. Contains displays and information about Apopka's history, and has history books for sale. Monthly meetings of Apopka Historical Society are normally held on a Sunday afternoon. For more information, go to [www.theapopka-museum.com](http://www.theapopka-museum.com).

THE APOPKA ELKS LODGE 2422

meets first and third Tuesdays of month, 201 W. Orange. For more information, call 407-886-1600 or email [apopkaelks@aol.com](mailto:apopkaelks@aol.com) Bar Bingo every Monday night at 7 p.m. promptly.

**GFWC APOPKA WOMAN'S CLUB**, meets at First Methodist Church, 201 N. Park Avenue. Call 407-880-2111 for more information.

**CITY OF APOPKA PLANNING & ZONING** - usually the second Tuesday of the month. 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. All meetings open to the public. Subject to change with notice. For info., call David Moon, 407-703-1739.

**BRIDGE GAMES AND CLASSES:** Every Monday and Friday morning at 9:15 a.m., at the Lake County Duplicate Bridge Club, 510 W. Key Ave., Eustis. For more information, call 352-315-9934 or visit [lakeduplicate.com](http://lakeduplicate.com).

**COMPUTER CLASSES** in both English and Spanish: Available daily or weekly at OCLS North Orange Branch.\* Classes are: Computer Basics, Excel, Word Resume Writing, Email for Seniors, ELLIS English Lab, Word, Online Job Searches, Power Point, Internet, Open Lab, How to use a mouse and keyboard, etc. Call OCLS North Orange Branch\* for more details.

**HABITAT VOLUNTEERS:** Go to [www.habitatseminoleapopka.org](http://www.habitatseminoleapopka.org), click on volunteers. There are a number of opportunities available at the Restores. Call 407-696-5855 or 407-880-8881 to sign up for information.

\*\*\*\*\*

(OCLS) North Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran) and Thompson Road. [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info). To reserve a space, call 407-835-7323. The library is now open again Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.. and Sunday afternoons

\*Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, 180 E. Main St., Apopka. For more info, call 407-886-1441

### COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR INFORMATION

Events, fund raisers, and non-profit organizations Info: fax 407-889-4121, or email [ads@theapokkachief.com](mailto:ads@theapokkachief.com) Subscribe to The Apopka Chief E-Editon or Home Delivery Call 407-886-2777 or Visit [www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com) In County: \$30 with E-editon, or \$25 for just postal delivery. Out-of-County: \$35 with E-Editon or \$30 for postal delivery ....



# Obituaries


**WILMAR A. SCHULTZ**, 73, of Apopka, passed away on June 26, 2024. Mr. Schultz was born

on November 3, 1950 to the late Abe and Myrtle Schultz in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Mr. Schultz

is preceded in death by: siblings, Bernice Schultz, Homar Schultz. He is survived by: wife, Paulette Schultz; son, Jason (Kristyn) Schultz; two grandchildren; siblings, Delmar Schultz, Marilyn Penner, David Schultz. ...

*Wilmar A Schultz*

Wilmar A Schultz, 73, of Apopka, Florida passed away on June 26, 2024. Mr. Schultz was born on November 03, 1950 to the late Abe and Myrtle Schultz in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Mr. Schultz is preceded in death by his siblings Bernice Schultz and Homar Schultz. He is survived by his loving wife Paulette Schultz; son Jason (Kristyn) Schultz; grandchildren Ava and Nolan; as well as his siblings Delmar Schultz, Marilyn Penner and David Schultz.



He will be missed by his many loved ones and friends. In Lieu of Flowers donations to Pancreatic Cancer at :https://donate.cancer.org/

**Honor Your Loved Ones**

Call **407-886-2777** to find out about our designed Obituaries and Memorials or visit **www.TheApopkaChief.com/obituaries**



Do you have church news you would like us to publicize?

Use Our Online Forms: [www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com)

Call **The Apopka Chief & The Planter** at 407-886-2777, fax 407-889-4121, or email [news@theapokkachief.com](mailto:news@theapokkachief.com)

## Count Your Blessings, Not Your Problems

The world is full of problems, and not a day goes by that we don't have to deal with some of them, whether it is mechanical devices not working, or people getting sick, or problems caused by natural disasters like storms or earthquakes. And it is only natural that much of our waking hours are therefore spent fixing or cleaning up after these problems. We do well to try to prevent their damage in the first place. An ounce of prevention is indeed worth a pound of cure.

There is a reason why everyone who drives a car needs auto insurance and why everyone who has a physical body needs health insurance. But if we spend too much time focusing on the problematic aspects of life our well-being will

be adversely affected and we might even find that we have added unnecessarily to our problems by causing undue anxiety.

We should take time every day to count our blessings, that is, to think about what we can be thankful for. A simple meal or a cup of coffee and a donut can be a real pleasure. And often the things that bring us the most joy cost nothing. A beautiful sunset or a walk in the woods with a friend or loved one can lift our spirits and have a lasting positive effect on our outlook.

So focus on the positive, and even when you have some problems to solve, consider it a blessing that you have the resources to do so. – Christopher Simon



**LOOMIS FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES**  
VISIT OUR ONLINE OBITUARY  
[LOOMISFUNERALHOMES.COM](http://LOOMISFUNERALHOMES.COM)

But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

**In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**  
Matthew 5:16

**Add Your Church To Our List. Call (407) 886-2777**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Holy Tabernacle Church**  
2501 Apopka Blvd.  
Call for more info: **407-928-8617**

**407-886-3388**  
"Attend your place of worship this week"  
**MARVIN C. ZANDERS FUNERAL HOME**  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, Florida 32703

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.  
Proverbs 14:26

 **State Farm**<sup>TM</sup>  
Shren Yeager  
49A East 3rd Street, Apopka  
407-880-3167  
Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Apopka Auto Upholstery**  
48 W. 4th Street, Apopka (behind Advance Discount Auto)  
**407-889-0011**  
In business 45 years  
Charlene & Paul Fitzgerald, Owners

**Maximize your marketing dollars by FOCUSING your advertising campaign on a concentrated market!**

**Visit us online at TheApopkaChief.com**

Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Proverbs 4:7

But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

**When you advertise in this section, you get the best of both worlds: low-cost ads AND targeted advertising!**

**Newspaper readers are ACTIVE CONSUMERS!**  
**As a group, they have tremendous buying power!**

- AME**  
St. Paul AME  
407-889-4464
- Anglican**  
Anglican Community Fellowship  
Find us at: theacf.net
- Apostolic**  
Apostolic Church of Jesus  
407-886-2556
- Assembly of God**  
Apopka Assembly of God  
407-886-2806  
One Church  
Markham Woods  
407-774-0777
- Baptist**  
Apopka First Baptist  
407-886-2628  
First Antioch Missionary Baptist Church  
407-963-5398  
First Baptist Church of Mount Dora  
352-385-2222  
First Baptist Church of Sanlando Springs  
407-788-6801  
First Baptist Sorrento  
352-383-2241  
First Baptist Church of Sweetwater  
407-862-3893  
First Baptist Church of Tangerine  
352-383-7920  
First Baptist Church of Zellwood  
407-889-0509  
Forest Avenue Baptist Church  
407-886-4374  
Fountain of Life Baptist Church  
407-884-4443  
One Way Christian Church  
[www.onewaychristianchurch.com](http://www.onewaychristianchurch.com)  
The Church at Oak Level  
407-656-1523  
Pleasant View Baptist Church  
407-886-6717  
Riverside Baptist Church  
407-295-3850  
Springs Community Baptist Church  
407-889-2240  
St. Luke's Full Gospel Baptist Church  
352-735-9199

## Count Your Blessings, Not Your Problems

(See message above.)

“Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”  
Psalm 103:2 NIV



- Trinity Baptist Church  
407-886-2966  
Wekiwa Springs Baptist Church  
407-886-7864
- Bible**  
Bear Lake Bible Chapel  
407-563-3931
- Biblical Science**  
IDMR  
321-948-3298
- Catholic**  
St. Francis of Assisi  
407-886-4602
- Charismatic Episcopal**  
Ascension Church, CEC  
407-880-9555
- Christian**  
Christ Centered Christian Church  
321-331-0036  
Journey Christian Church  
407-884-7223  
Real Life Christian Church  
352-735-LOVE
- Christian Science**  
Christian Science Church  
407-389-4200
- Church of Christ**  
Apopka Church of Christ now with Plymouth\*  
Central Church of Christ  
407-869-1419  
Plymouth (and Apopka) Church of Christ\*  
407-886-1466  
Church of Christ of West Orange  
407-656-2770  
Tri-City Church of Christ  
407-920-1757  
10th Street Church of Christ  
407-884-4835
- Church of God**  
Church of God of Zellwood  
407-886-3074  
Grace Street Church of God  
407-298-9188  
Healing Waters Church of God  
407-886-3780  
Park Avenue Worship Center  
407-886-2696  
Sorrento Church of God  
352-735-4245
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Apopka Ward  
407-880-9877
- Episcopal**  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
407-886-1740
- Faith and Word**  
Word of Life  
407-886-7427
- Full Gospel**  
Millenium of Glory  
407-814-0041

- New Covenant Perfecting Ministries  
407-880-8898
- Holiness**  
St. Elizabeth Church of God by Faith  
407-886-6290  
St. Matthew Holiness  
407-889-2274  
Temple of Faith Church  
407-884-6960
- Independent**  
True Temple of God  
407-880-8181
- Interdenominational**  
New Vision Community Church  
407-886-3619  
Northwest Community Church  
407-578-2088  
One Accord Christian Fellowship Church  
407-523-3002
- Jewish**  
Congregation Beth Am  
407-862-3505  
Congregation of Reform Judaism  
407-645-0444
- Lutheran**  
St. Paul Lutheran  
407-889-2634
- Methodist**  
First United Methodist  
407-886-3421  
Bear Lake United Methodist  
407-862-1531  
Zellwood United Methodist  
407-889-4426
- Moravian**  
Rolling Hills Moravian Church  
407-332-8380
- Nazarene**  
Calvary Church of the Nazarene  
407-889-2148  
Apopka Springhill Church of the Nazarene  
407-884-8322
- Non-Denominational**  
Anointed Word Family Worship Center  
407-886-4989  
Casa De Oración Internacional  
321-239-7680  
Center of Faith Church for All People  
407-464-9375  
Church on the Edge  
407-869-1133  
City of Destiny (The)  
407-884-6322  
Compass Community Church  
407-880-6110

- Dayspring Community Church  
407-814-4996  
Everlasting Covenant Christian Center  
407-884-8598  
Faithworks Church  
302-293-1391  
Freedom Fellowship  
407-299-6311  
Freedom Ministries  
407-886-6006  
Grace Gospel Church  
321-438-4554  
Grace Pointe Church  
407-889-3383  
Graceworx Community Church  
321-228-4599  
Happy Hill Ministries  
407-889-0583  
Holy Tabernacle Church  
407-928-8617  
Hosanna To The Highest Ministries  
407-491-4266  
Inspire  
407-415-6218  
Ministries of Good Life  
407-703-7464  
New Life Praise Worship Center  
407-880-3421  
New Beginning Worship Center  
352-455-9173  
New Life Word of Faith  
321-460-8205  
Orlando Church of Christ  
407-823-7370  
Philemon Ministries  
407-718-7179  
Rejoice in the Lord Ministries  
407-814-7643  
Remnant Christian Center  
407-703-7346  
Renewal Church  
407-410-5378  
Servants of God Ministries  
407-814-8255  
Sorrento Christian Center  
352-735-4447  
Spirit of Life Christian Church  
407-886-4570  
Tangerine Community Church  
352-383-4173  
The Shabach Church  
407-445-1230  
True Words of God  
Tabernacle of Meeting  
407-227-8829  
Victory Church World Outreach Center  
407-889-7288

- Pentecostal**  
Church in the Son  
407-246-0001  
Faith Fellowship Church  
407-741-3750  
Ministerios Getsemani  
407-310-8672  
Prince of Peace Pentecostal Missionary Church, Inc.  
407-889-9269  
Pentecostals of Apopka  
407-889-3802  
Way of Grace Ministries  
407-292-9998
- Presbyterian**  
First Presbyterian of Apopka  
407-886-5943  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
407-293-6802
- Reformed Church in America**  
Rolling Hills Community Church  
407-886-7664
- Seventh-day Adventists**  
Apopka Seventh-day Adventist  
407-889-2812  
Florida Living SDA Church  
407-284-7472  
Forest Lake  
407-869-0680  
Franco-Haitian  
407-296-4368  
Genesis Spanish  
509-264-4873  
Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist  
407-290-1800  
Mount Olive  
407-886-0430  
Orlando Filipino Seventh-day Adventist  
407-292-9210  
Orlando Vietnamese Seventh-day Adventist  
407-339-4974  
Patmos Chapel SDA  
321-870-8583  
Pine Hills  
407-291-4816  
Plymouth-Sorrento  
407-884-0595
- Templo Bíblico**  
Templo Asamblea Bíblica Lake Howell Branch Chapel  
407-814-4465
- Unity**  
Unity Church of Christianity  
407-295-9181
- Ukrainian**  
St. Mary's (Protectress) Ukrainian  
407-880-1640 • 386-848-9888

## FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Congress cannot make a law that favors the establishment of one particular religion; that prohibits the free exercise of religion; or that restricts freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people to gather and engage in peaceful demonstration and to petition the government for redress of their grievances.

**[www.TheApopkaChief.com](http://www.TheApopkaChief.com) | [news@theapokkachief.com](mailto:news@theapokkachief.com) | 407-886-2777**

**Please support these advertisers that support your freedom to worship.**



# ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE!

Email: [ads@theapokkachief.com](mailto:ads@theapokkachief.com)  
or call 407-886-2777  
to find out about our  
Business Profile program or  
Visit [www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com)

*Helping you is our business!*

## SMILE WITH Confidence!

**Schroeder Dental Group**  
**Katrina M. Schroeder, DMD**  
COSMETIC & GENERAL DENTISTRY  
Call Now For An Appointment **407-886-1611**



**\$20 Exam**  
Get-Acquainted Special!  
• Oral Exam D0150  
• 4 Bitewing X-rays D0274  
• Cancer Screening  
• Gum Disease Screening

Valid for new patients only. Not to be combined with any other offer.  
\*Transferable. Please share with your family and friends. Exp. 7/31/24.

**New Patients Welcome!**

**MyApopkaDentist.net**    Emergency Appointments Available  
527 Wekiva Commons Cir., Apopka, FL    **invisalign/ZOOM!**

# Consumer Cellular®

# NO HIDDEN FEES. NO HIDDEN ANYTHING. FREEDOM CALLS.

Plans start at just \$20/month.

**AWARD-WINNING CUSTOMER SUPPORT**  
**15 TIMES IN A ROW.**  
We've been ranked "#1 in Customer Service among Wireless Value MVNOs, 15 Times in a Row."

**100% U.S. BASED CUSTOMER SUPPORT.**  
All of our support teams are just a call or click away.

# 844-759-1652

© 2024 Consumer Cellular Inc. Terms and Conditions subject to change.  
For J.D. Power 2024 Wireless Customer Care Value Mobile Virtual Network Operator Study award information, visit [jdpower.com/awards](http://jdpower.com/awards).

## Hicks Seafood House of Apopka cuts ribbon



Hicks Seafood House of Apopka held its ribbon cutting on Wednesday, July 10. Its location is 60 E. Main St., Apopka, in the former building of Chuck's Wagon Home Cooking. Business leaders, community members, Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, and elected officials attended the event. Restaurant hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

## DeSantis signs some of the last bills to wrap up 2024 legislative session

**By Andrew Powell**  
The Center Square

Governor Ron DeSantis recently signed some of the last bills to wrap up the 2024 legislative session.

**House Bill 1347** allows consumer finance companies to increase annual interest rates, of which they can charge up to 36 percent on the first \$10,000 of principal amounts; 30 percent on amounts that exceed \$10,000 up to \$20,000; and 24 percent on amounts between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

DeSantis vetoed a bill in 2023 that would have implemented the same changes. The bill went into effect on Monday.

**Senate Bill 1600** streamlines the Florida licensure process for people who have licensed professions in other states or territories.

New laws would require boards in the Florida Department of Professional Regulation, or the department itself if no board exists, to allow licensure by endorsement for any applicant who meets the specified criteria.

The Florida Department of Health would be required to issue a license by endorsement to a qualified applicant within seven days of receipt of required documents for specific health care professions, including certified nursing assistants, registered nurses, radiation technicians, midwives, occupational therapists and pharmacists.

**SB 770** amends the Property Assessed Clean Energy program, which allows property owners to make qualifying improvements, such as enhanced energy efficiency, wind resistance and sustainable building improvements, to their properties and finance the cost through annual non-ad valorem tax assessments.

The bill restructures the program to enhance protection for consumers entering into program contracts, ensuring oversight for contractors installing improvements, and expands the list of improvements this financing could be used for installing improvements.

**SB 736** changes various services and programs administered by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Specifically, it revises the requirement for a rightful heir to transfer ownership of a motor vehicle or mobile home if the previous owner died with a legal will. DHSMV or tax collectors would also be unable to charge an additional fee for reissuing a certificate of title if it is lost.

**HB 619** revised statutes that treat contractors providing monitoring and inspecting services for the state as agents of the state for the purpose of sovereign immunity protections.

Under the bill, liability protections are extended from consultants to contractors performing monitoring and inspection services for the Florida Department of Transportation that are required for state road and infrastructure projects.

# Shelley's Septic Tanks



**FREE ESTIMATES 407-889-8042**

**Hours: Monday - Friday 7AM - 5PM**

**Environmentally Friendly Company!**  
**Licensed & Insured**  
**State Certified**

**Emergency Services Available After Hours**

**6505 W. Jones Ave., Zellwood, FL 32798**

The BEST of APOPKA 2021

## Would You Like Extra Copies?

**You may purchase The Apopka Chief at the following locations in and around Apopka**

- 7-11, Highway 436 & Thompson Rd.
- 7-11, Highway 441 & Piedmont-Wekiva Rd.
- 7-11 (Mobil), Highway 441 (Errol Pkwy Errol Estate entrance)
- Ace Meat & Grocery, 439 S. Central Ave. & 5th St.
- Apopka Chief rack, 400 N. Park Ave.
- Apopka High School
- Apopka Quick Mart (BP), Hwy 436 & Lake Cortez Dr.
- Apopka Vape, N. Park Ave. (across from the old Fla. Hosp. location)
- CenturyLink headquarters, SR 436
- Chevron Diamond Gas – Hwy 441 & Plymouth-Sorrento Rds
- Chevron Market, Hwy 441 & Roger Williams Rd.
- Chuck's Wagon, Main St., (Hwy 441)
- Circle K & BP, Hwy 441 S. of Walmart
- Circle K, Keene Rd / Clarcona

- Citgo, 441 & Boy Scout Blvd (Plymouth)
- Citgo, Rock Springs Rd. (behind store by mail boxes)
- CVS #3748 - corner of Park Av & Hwy 441
- Discount Beverage & Smoke (Across from Checkers, Highway 441)
- Circle K (Shell) #2404, Sheeler Rd at corner of Apopka Blvd.
- Circle K (Marathon) #6157, S. Park Avenue
- Circle K (Shell) #2334, Rock Springs Rd & Kelly Park Rd
- Circle K #1288, Welch Rd & Wekiva Springs Rd.
- Circle K (Marathon) #1063, Zellwood, 2691 Highway 441
- Compare Fresh Market, 436 behind Aaron's
- Crosby's Motor Inn, Hwy 441 & Errol Parkway (Errol Estate)
- Lula Mae's Eatery, Central Ave S.

- Marathon, Main St. (midland downtown)
- McDonald's, Highway 441 (downtown)
- Mobil, (Citgo) Hwy 441 (next to Burger K)
- Orange County Service Center, N. Park Ave.
- Perkins Restaurant Hwy 441, in Victoria Plaza Parking Lot)
- Plymouth Post Office, Plymouth/Sorrento Rd
- Porkies BBQ, Highway 441 (downtown)
- Post Office, N. Park Ave. (Martin St)
- Publix, Park Ave/Rock Springs Rd. & Welch Rd.
- Sam's Discount, Overland & Apopka Blvd.
- Sun Resort, 3000 Clarcona Rd.
- Sunoco Happy Foods, Hwy 441 & Plymouth-Sorrento Rd.
- Trader Mae's, Rock Springs Rd
- UPS Store (The), Rock Springs & Welch Rd. (Publix shopping center)

- Walgreens, corner of Park Ave and Hwy 441
- Walgreens, N. Park Ave/Welch Rd.
- Wawa Store, 449 W. Main St. - corner of Hwy 441 and Bradshaw
- Wawa Store, 441 & Piedmont Wekiva across from Walmart
- Wekiva High School, Hiawassee Rd.
- Winn Dixie #2246 – Hwy 441 (beside Lowe's)
- Zellwood Station (inside MHP)
- Zellwood Truck Stop Diner, Hwy 441
- Zellwood Water Users, Inc., 3262 Robinson St.

**Subscribe today for only \$25 per year in Orange County - delivered with your mail! Add E-Edition for an additional \$5.**

**Subscribe Online at [www.TheApopkaChief.com](http://www.TheApopkaChief.com)**

**Office Location: 400 N. Park Avenue, Apopka**

**[www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com) • Ph: 407-886-2777 • Fax: 407-889-4121 • email: [news@theapokkachief.com](mailto:news@theapokkachief.com) • [ads@theapokkachief.com](mailto:ads@theapokkachief.com)**



We are really excited to be...

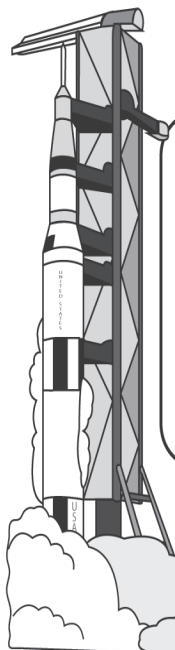
learning about NASA and its space program.

Kids: color stuff in!

www.readingclubfun.com

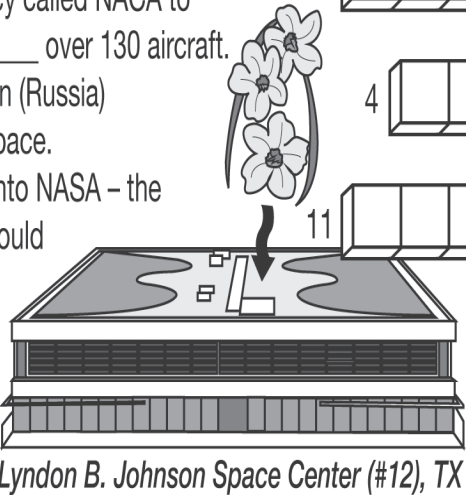
Annimills LLC © 2024 V26

# NASA – the U.S. Space Program



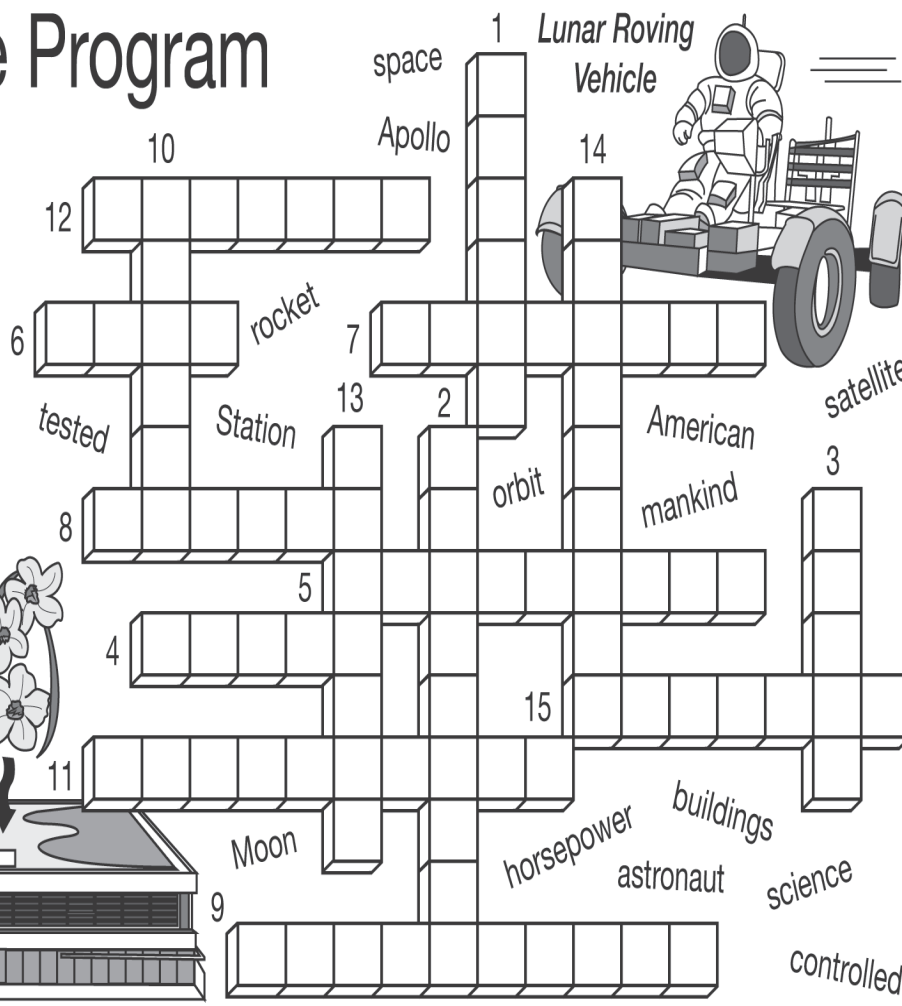
Have you ever heard of “NASA?” NASA is the space program of the United States. Its Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas is where astronauts train. The Mission Control Center, also located there, monitors every space flight. Rockets are launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. **Read the clues below to learn more about NASA and to fill in the crossword puzzle.**

1. Years after the Wright Brothers made a powered airplane flight (1903) the government started an agency called NACA to research flight (1915). It built and \_\_\_\_\_ over 130 aircraft.
2. In 1957, The Soviet Union (Russia) launched Sputnik, the world’s first artificial \_\_\_\_\_, into space.
3. On July 29, 1958 President Eisenhower changed NACA into NASA – the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. NASA would not only research traditional flight, but \_\_\_\_\_ flight too.
4. Russia also had a space program and on April 12, 1961 Yuri Gagarin became the first human to \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth.
5. On May 5, 1961 Alan Shepard became first U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ to travel into space. He traveled 116 miles high, and his flight lasted 15 1/2 minutes.
6. In September 1961, President John F. Kennedy gave a speech saying, “We choose to go to the \_\_\_\_\_” hoping to inspire Americans to support a historic space mission.
7. In 1962, John Glenn became the first \_\_\_\_\_ to orbit the Earth.
8. Saturn V \_\_\_\_\_, to be used for moon mission, completed first test flight in 1967.
9. Apollo 11 used 5 F-1 rocket engines. These engines had 32 million \_\_\_\_\_ EACH – as powerful as 35,000 NASCAR race cars.
10. July 16, 1969 – \_\_\_\_\_ 11 launched from Kennedy Space Center in Florida with Col. ‘Buzz’ Aldrin, Lt. Col. Michael Collins and Cmdr. Neil Armstrong aboard.



Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center (#12), TX

Wildflowers growing on the rooftop of the building help to lower the energy needed to heat and cool it.

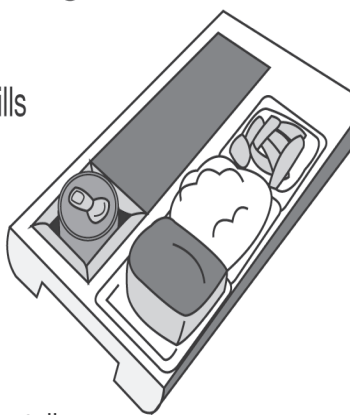
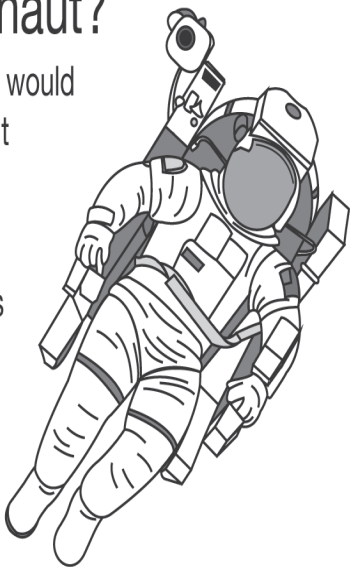


11. The Apollo 11 rocket was launched in Florida, but the mission was \_\_\_\_\_ from Houston, TX almost 1,000 miles away!
12. July 20, 1969 – Cmdr. Neil Armstrong took the first steps on the moon and said, “One small step for a man, one giant leap for \_\_\_\_\_.”
13. November 20, 1998 – NASA worked with space programs from four other countries to launch the International Space \_\_\_\_\_ (or ISS).
14. NASA started with only 4 major \_\_\_\_\_ and about 8,000 employees. Today, NASA has more than a dozen locations and over 18,000 people.
15. NASA continues to explore and research to try to understand our universe through \_\_\_\_\_. Someday, NASA may put a person on Mars!

## So, *You* Want to be an Astronaut?

What skills or background do *you* think that you would need to have to even be considered for astronaut training? **Read the clues below. Circle A or B.**

1. education
- A. a college degree; for example: biology or computers
- B. a junior high school diploma
2. experience
- A. no experience needed
- B. three years of professional work or 1,000 hours piloting an aircraft
3. personality
- A. strong leadership, teamwork and communication skills
- B. short temper, bossy but funny
4. eyesight
- A. “eagle eyes” – able to read a book from a mile away
- B. perfect 20/20 vision, (with eyeglasses is okay)
5. height
- A. must be between 5 feet, 2 inches and 6 feet, 2 inches tall
- B. must be over 7 feet, 2 inches tall to reach controls



## Astronaut Training

What kinds of training do you think people need to become astronauts? **Match the first part of the clues below to the second part to show that you understand the training.**

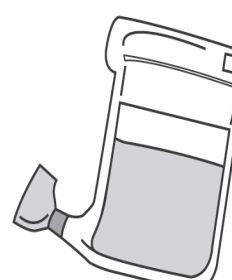
1. spin around at high speeds (in a centrifuge)
2. rising and falling inside an airplane that is flown in an arc
3. spend time in life size spacecraft ‘mock ups’
4. swim in a huge indoor pool while wearing a full spacesuit (in the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory)
5. learn the Russian language
6. take classes on medicine and First Aid
- A. to practice living in tight spaces
- B. to prepare for intense gravity
- C. to be able to give aid when hurt or sick
- D. to practice moving in microgravity
- E. to practice being weightless
- F. to talk to foreign astronaut teams

## Everyday Inventions

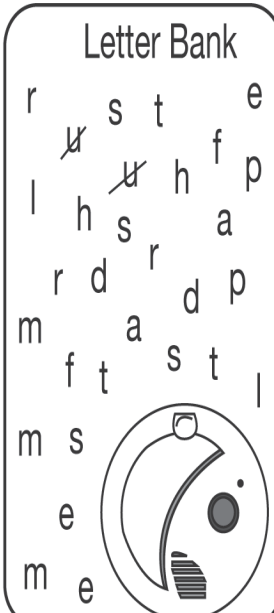
Thanks to the research, experiments and inventions done at NASA, companies have been able to design and make items that help people every day. **Read the phrases below to fill in the missing letters to name some of these items. (Hint: only one letter is needed for each item.)**



1. computer mouse
2. ea\_\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_\_momete\_\_\_\_\_s
3. \_\_\_\_\_reeze dried \_\_\_\_\_ood
4. sp\_\_\_\_\_ce bl\_\_\_\_\_nkets



5. \_\_\_\_\_e\_\_\_\_\_ory foa\_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ig\_\_\_\_\_way grooves
7. enriche\_\_\_\_\_ baby foo\_\_\_\_\_
8. artificia\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_imbs
9. scra\_\_\_\_\_ch resis\_\_\_\_\_an\_\_\_\_\_ glasses
10. wirele\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ head\_\_\_\_\_et\_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_ortable com\_\_\_\_\_uters
12. smok\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_t\_\_\_\_\_ctors







CA1817219

**NICK'S**  
AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

**HVAC PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

- ✓ Duct Cleaning
- ✓ Attic Insulation
- ✓ HVAC Maintenance and Installation
- ✓ Equipment and Duct Repair

**407-489-5060**

More Info  
[www.nicksacandheat.com](http://www.nicksacandheat.com)





**COMPASS HEALTH**  
YOUR PLAN. YOUR CHOICE.

**LET US GUIDE YOU**

- HEALTH
- MEDICARE
- CREMATION
- ACCIDENT
- DENTAL
- LIFE
- CRITICAL ILLNESS

SE HABLA ESPAÑOL

**Compass Health Insurance.com**  
**3030 East Semoran Blvd., #184**  
**Apopka, FL 32703 407-758-9487**  
Next to Gators Dockside (in Colonial Shoppes at Bear Lake)  
Your Local Agency for  
**Florida Blue**

**It's Literally Money on Wheels**



**Sell Your Car at**  
**mullinax** 

**No Hassle** **Best Appraisal** **Offer good for 7 days**

See salesperson for details.  
1551 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL  
[www.MullinaxFordFL.com](http://www.MullinaxFordFL.com) • 407-972-1678

### School Crossing Guards needed

Adult school crossing guards are needed by Orange County. Paid positions are open near most neighborhood schools.

Adult school crossing guards are employed by the Sheriff of Orange County to protect children attending elementary and middle schools in all parts of the county. School crossing guards are paid \$17.31 per hour and only work two hours a day.

Cash allowances are paid for recruiting assistance and good attendance. Training, protective clothing and safety equipment are provided at no expense to the guards.

Candidates for employment must meet the minimum requirements which are: be able to perceive potential traffic hazards; be

sufficiently agile to move swiftly to avoid danger; be able to comprehend and communicate fluently in verbal and written English; be legally eligible to work in the United States, be at least 18 years of age, and have a clean criminal history (any arrest history will be individually evaluated).

To view job postings and/or to apply online, visit the school crossing guard unit on the website at [www.ocso.com](http://www.ocso.com), or call 407-836-4082.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office is an equal opportunity employer.

Its address is: OCSO, Human Resources Division, 2500 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando 32804, or Post Office Box 1440, Orlando, FL 32802-01440.

**NORTH AMERICA'S**  
**#1 Selling** Walk-In Tub  
Featuring our **Free Shower Package**

*Now you can finally have all of the soothing benefits of a relaxing warm bath, or enjoy a convenient refreshing shower while seated or standing with Safe Step Walk-In Tub's **FREE Shower Package!***

- First walk-in tub available with a customizable shower
- Fixed rainfall shower head is adjustable for your height and pivots to offer a seated shower option
- High-quality tub complete with a comprehensive lifetime warranty on the entire tub
- Top-of-the-line installation and service, all included at one low, affordable price

*Now you can have the best of both worlds—there isn't a better, more affordable walk-in tub!*

**Call today and receive a FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF**  
FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY  
Call Toll-Free 1-855-951-4780

**SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB**

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-In Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase.

CSLB 1082165 NSCB 0082999 0083445



**Call Today for Your Free Shower Package**  
**1-855-951-4780**

FINANCING AVAILABLE WITH APPROVED CREDIT

Send us Your News • Email: [news@theapopkachief.com](mailto:news@theapopkachief.com)

**Need to send or receive a FAX?**

Use our fax:  
**407-889-4121\***  
*\*There is a small fee for this service.*

**Apopka Office Supply**  
400 N. Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32712

**AOS**  
**407-889-4455**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Read Florida's public notices in this newspaper or online to find out.

Foreclosures

Property Auctions

Ordinances

Notices to Contractors

Warnings to Appear

Bid Notices

Hearing Notices

And More!



**IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW**

**The Apopka Chief Newspaper**  
[www.TheApopkaChief.com](http://www.TheApopkaChief.com) | 400 N. Park Ave., Apopka | 407-886-2777 | [www.FloridaPublicNotices.com](http://www.FloridaPublicNotices.com)