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Former golf course at Errol Estate is on market for \$7.5M

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

After years of struggling with what to do with it, 5th Hole Investments LLC put the former golf course at Errol Estate on the market for \$7.5 million.

Comprised of 380 gross acres and 170 net usable acres, the former golf course is located west of Wekiwa Springs State Park and north of U.S. 441 in the city of Apopka, as listed by the Orlando commercial real estate firm Foundry Commercial.

“As a former golf course, the property presents a unique development opportunity in the rapidly growing market of Apopka and west Orange County,” states the Foundry Commercial marketing brochure about the property.

“With its close proximity to major road networks, including US 441 and the 429 Expressway, the property is well suited for developers and users seeking the next location for a residential community of various product types.”

5th Hole Investments, controlled by the family of golf course owner Julian (Larry) Klein, who died in 2018, put the property up a “few weeks ago,” said Andrew Klein, Julian Klein’s grandson. A Foundry Commercial marketing brochure shows drone photos of the former golf course taken on August 27.

“We just want to be done with it and move on,” Andrew Klein said.

The prospect of the former

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Image courtesy of Foundry Commercial

A screenshot of a drone photo taken on August 27 shows a view of the old clubhouse site facing north. The image is featured in the Foundry Commercial marketing brochure about the Errol Estate former golf course, which recently went on the market for \$7.5 million.



Bill Weinaug (center), a local engineer and owner of Wekiwa Island in Longwood, speaks about the significance of protecting the Florida springs outside the St. Johns River Water Management District Apopka Service Center on South Binion Road, Apopka, on Thursday, September 12.

Public says state committed ‘dereliction of duty’ in protecting state’s springs

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The public called out the DeSantis administration for its “dereliction of duty” from protecting the state’s springs.

On Thursday, September 12, people gathered

outside the St. Johns River Water Management District Apopka Service Center, on South Binion Road in Apopka. Afterward, the public attended the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Outstanding Florida Springs Harm Rule public

workshop.

According to a notice of meeting/workshop hearing, the general subject matter of the workshop was “Section 373.219, F.S., requires the Department, for Outstanding Florida

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City Council ratifies fire union contract, 5-0

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

On Wednesday, September 18, the Apopka City Council approved

and ratified a collective bargaining agreement between the city and the Apopka firefighters union. The collective bargaining agreement be-

tween the city and the Apopka Professional Firefighters Association, Local 5293 union, was ratified.

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Horticulture expert honored



Photo courtesy of UF/IFAS (Facebook)

Liz Felter was awarded the 2024 Gene A. Batson Award on Tuesday, September 10, at Highland Manor in Apopka at the Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association (FNGLA) Action Chapter Action Chapter’s 29th Gene A. Batson Award luncheon. Pictured are Felter (center) with Barbara and Gene Batson, the very man the award is named after. See story, photos on page 11A.

Event raises awareness of rare medical condition

In honor of September as Chiari Malformation Awareness Month, an event took place at Apopka City Hall on Friday, September 13, when the building was lit purple.

Mayor Bryan Nelson met with several patients and their families on the steps to present a signed proclamation declaring September to be Chiari Malformation Awareness Month in Apopka.

“We are grateful that we were able to at least get together for the lighting of City Hall,” said event organizer Jeni Adair in an email to *The Apopka Chief*. “We are especially grateful that Mayor Nelson took time

out of his busy schedule to meet us there to present us with the Proclamation declaring September to officially be Chiari Malformation Awareness Month in Apopka.”

According to the Mayo Clinic, “Chiari malformation is a condition in which brain tissue extends into the spinal canal. It occurs when part of the skull is misshapen or smaller than is typical. The skull presses on the brain and forces it downward. Chiari malformation is not common, but increased use of imaging tests has led to more diagnoses.”

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Photo courtesy of Jeni Adair

Pictured (l to r) are Olivia Engel, Jeni Adair, Sean Adair, Mayor Bryan Nelson, Paige Ridley, and Jayden Adair, at the Friday, September 13, Chiari Malformation Awareness Month event on the front steps of City Hall.

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Apopka Event of the Week

4th annual 15K Memorial run benefitting the Armando Borjas Jr. Foundation begins 7:15 a.m. on Sat., September. 28, at the amphitheater, NW Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwelley Pkwy. Race begins at 8 a.m. Info: runpositivepvusa@gmail.com

Quotable

The governor said he does not believe it is “in the best interest” of the state to have “the same federal agencies that are seeking to prosecute Donald Trump leading this investigation.”

Executive order is signed by Gov. DeSantis to investigate assassination attempt

Opinion

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Our position

Florida should be investigating the assassination attempt

By Amber Jo Cooper

West Palm Beach, Fla. –

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced he has signed an executive order assigning the case involving the attempted assassination of President Donald Trump to the Office of Statewide prosecutor, under the supervision of Attorney General Ashley Moody.

“The suspect Ryan Routh, is believed to have committed state law violations across multiple judicial circuits in the state: Palm Beach Judicial Circuit, the Judicial Circuit, including Martin County, as well as perhaps the Judicial Circuit represented by Broward County,” DeSantis said.

Fifty-eight-year-old Ryan Wesley Routh appeared in federal court on Monday and is being charged with possession of a firearm by a prohibited person (convicted felon) and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, according to the initial complaint. More charges are reportedly expected.

DeSantis said the state of Florida has jurisdiction “over the most serious, straightforward offense, which is attempted murder.”

The governor said he does not believe it is “in the best interest” of the state to have “the same federal agencies that are seeking to prosecute Donald Trump leading this investigation.”

DeSantis said the public deserves to know the “truth.” He said the results of the investigation will be made public.

The governor said as soon as he heard the news of the assassination attempt, he ordered FDLE to immediately “save the social media” accounts before the accounts were taken down.

DeSantis noted the suspect

was “recruiting people” to go fight in Ukraine.

“This guy was in Ukraine. This guy was giving interviews to the New York Times. This guy was doing a lot of stuff – he’s got a rap sheet, he’s recruiting people to go fight there, he’s talking about Taiwan,,” DeSantis explained.

“Man, we need answers on this,” DeSantis said.

DeSantis went back and forth with a reporter over Florida seeking to file attempted murder charges against Trump assassination suspect versus the federal government.

He noted the federal government does “not have jurisdiction to bring an attempted murder charge.”

“We have the ability to pursue potentially life in prison under state law. They cannot pursue charges to the extent we can,” DeSantis said.

The governor said he spoke with President Trump, and he was in “good spirits.”

“He did remark that on that sixth hole, he was in pretty good shape for a potential birdie, and if you know the former president, that matters a lot to him,” DeSantis said.

DeSantis said there will be more information “as the investigation unfolds.”

Moody called out President Joe Biden at the press conference.

“It was really disappointing to hear the President [Joe Biden] say that President Trump should be put in a bulls eye just days before we saw the first assassination attempt, and then weeks later, at the DNC, say that that threat was still very much alive, and now, again, in under 30 days, another assassination attempt,” Moody said.



Volunteers are being recognized

When I can share some of the good things that happen every day in our schools, I jump at the opportunity. Often, we only see negative things in the news or on social media and yes, those things happen. But there are far more positive things happening on a daily basis, and those deserve to be recognized as well.

This week I would like to share what some of our amazing community members have done for our schools.

In October, the School Board has a special recognition meeting where each school board member can recognize a community member who

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

has had a positive impact on a local school.

This year, I decided to ask my schools to share with me names of any special volunteer or partner who deserves this recognition. Well, it's no surprise that I received several great nominations, and, while I cannot recognize all of them at the meeting, I wanted to take this time to recognize them here.

First up, Apopka High School principal Lyle Heinz jumped on the opportunity to recognize two very special gentlemen who dedicate a huge amount of time to the the Blue Darter Band despite their own children graduating from the school years ago.

Carl Reda and Joe Chandler are vital to the band program and “embody all that is right with the world of educational support,” the school told me.

These two men helped secure Big Blue, the beautiful semi-truck that hauls our band equipment all over the

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OCFL Atlas will provide answers

I often promote the varied functions performed by Orange County Government. This column is yet another chance to share how vital the OCFL Atlas can be to you. The OCFL Atlas is a mobile and web application that encourages citizens to become more engaged in the growth of their community by pinpointing new construction projects whether they're on the road or you see site work being done on a piece of property.

County Commissioner District 2



Christine Moore

What makes the Atlas especially useful is you can access real-time development data, board meeting details about the project, and project locations. Let me give you an example. If you want to see what's happening

construction-wise near your home, the Atlas will detail the type of project. Let's say you've seen workers on a road near your house and wonder exactly what's happening. The OCFL Atlas will tell you if it's road paving, pedestrian safety upgrades, etc.

Another highlighted feature if a project on the OCFL Atlas is under our Development and Planning Department, you will find the name of

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This Week In God's Word

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24

Mema Says

Give yourself permission to fail trying.

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Colors are blended together to create a masterpiece of teamwork

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty, and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box. They do not argue about differences in colors, the usage of one more than the other, which color is used more than others, they get along in the box named Crayons.

There is a saying that goes, “It’s amaz-



ing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit.” When you use crayons, you use them for the end result, i.e., a complete and beautiful pic-

ture, using all the colors at your disposal, all that are in the box!

Thinking on these things, we need to realize we also have a grand Artist that uses each one of us in His creation of our daily life, hour by hour. When we recognize we are all from the same box, and our desire is to be a part of a larger picture by taking part, we will be more receptive to the other colors being used. Then we can join in

the effort to present the masterpiece as a team-participation work-of-art!

The United States of America is still in the process of being completed, and my prayer is: I hope the process for completion never ends. We are still a nation of growth, and as crayons in the Master’s hand, He chooses which color works best in His masterpiece, and in what place.

I know the argument about how different look-

ing we are, and yet the Bible says we are all created in His image. If we were talking about a mirror image, it would be impossible to explain, but let’s look for an answer in GOD’s Word. We recognize GOD as being three Persons in one: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Bible speaks of men and women also being three in one: Hebrews 4:12: For the word of God is quick, and power-

ful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

How does this match GOD’s image? We know the flesh of GOD, it is Jesus Christ. We know the Spirit of GOD (the Holy Spirit), and we know the

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Errol: Golf course was one of more than 1,000 to have closed

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golf course getting sold is “very likely. Land is scarce and a good portion of this property is suitable for development,” Klein said.

The impact the former golf course sale would have on Errol Estate as a whole would depend on the buyer and whatever the buyer may intend to do, according to Klein.

The future land use for certain parcels on the golf course was amended in 2018, according to the Foundry Commercial listing, allowing for a mixed-use of residential and commercial uses.

Over the years, the former golf course has faced challenges in maintaining viability and undergone much public discussion about its fate. Developers such as Signature H, a Celebration real estate devel-

oper, approached the golf course owner with revitalization proposals.

In 2018, Signature H proposed to transform the former golf course into New Errol, complete with a revitalized golf course, a large-scale community water park, a boutique hotel-lodge, a community recreation trail, a fitness center, and several parks with playgrounds and pavilions. However, Signature H and 5th Hole Investments had a falling-out. Since then, the golf course, clubhouse, and tennis courts have closed. Later, the clubhouse was razed.

The process of forming a recreational district began in October 2019, when the Klein family first reached the city and also a few homeowner associations in Errol Estate.

In 2020, the Errol Estate Recreation District Advisory Committee met to

research options for possibly forming the Errol Recreational District. The committee’s task included reviewing acquisition options, selecting amenities for pricing and rebuilding, and electing recreational district board members. The committee was to ne-

gotiate with 5th Hole Investments.

Over the last several years, golf courses all over Florida shuttered, though the state once had more of them – at over 1,250 – than any other state.

“I am disappointed that the Klein family walked

away from a pretty good proposal that had been vetted by a core group of Errol residents,” Mayor Bryan Nelson said in an emailed September 18 statement. “I think the family will find it hard to sell the property without community buy-in. The Errol folks have been

burned once and will need some assurances from a new buyer before they support the sale.”

The Apopka Chief reached out to Foundry Commercial for comment but have not received one as of press time.

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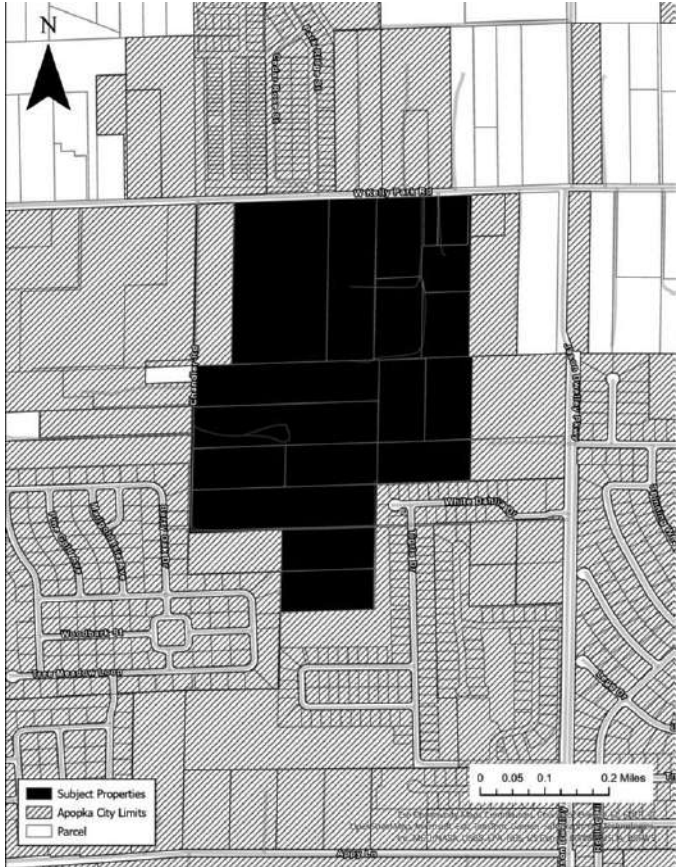


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FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3078
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RURAL, CITY FLU-IN PROGRESS, AND CITY RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN TO MIXED-USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF W. KELLY PARK ROAD, AND EAST OF CHANDLER ROAD, OWNED BY ORCHID ESTATE HOA COMMUNITY, MEGA GNG, LLC, JACOB SNAVELY, 4625 CHANDLER ROAD, LLC, MATTHEW & DEBORAH SHAW, DAPHNE MARTIN, WALTER H. ROBINSON III, YOO SHIK UM IRREVOCABLE TRUST, PM-S1 REO, LLC COMPRISING 116.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, October 16, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use Application can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Byrd: Volunteers are positive influences

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state so that our 200-plus band members can effectively travel to events. They also give up their time to **OCFL** the semi for the band when they travel. To top it off, they also dedicate countless hours setting up Roger Williams Field each and every Friday for our band and the visiting bands for the games!

At Wolf Lake Middle School, Jacqueline Alexander, from a suspension alternative site called Keeping Up Apopka, is an amazing community partner. When students go there as an alternative to suspension, she not only ensures they are receiving instruction, she counsels and mentors them.

Alexander is often found on campus following up with students she has seen to continue her mentorship and she also

mentors some young parents in the community, as well.

John Dempsey of Journey Christian Church has brought more than 60 volunteers to Piedmont Lakes Middle School two separate times to do beautification projects including bringing new plants, mulch, painting and cleaning projects. They have stocked the school's food pantry and donated and organized the clothing closet for families in need as well.

Dempsey and his volunteers have also worked on projects to bring a positive environment to students and staff.

The school told me "The love that they have brought each time can be felt, not only in those actual days, but also as students come to school and see the changes made."

These incredible

volunteers are just some of the examples of community members making a real difference in the lives of our students each and every day in our local schools.

Last year, OCPS had more than 76,000 volunteers working in our schools district-wide and over 5,000 partnerships helping our schools. Our community is incredibly supportive of our local schools, and we are so thankful for the support.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or partner, there are always numerous opportunities available. Our schools are always looking for help in many different ways.

Feel free to reach out directly to a school or visit the Community Outreach page on ocps.net.

It's a great way to share your talent and time!

Moore: Register to use the Atlas

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the county Planner assigned to the project, and you can email him or her with questions. Consider this your "one stop shop" for those questions you have when you see changes occurring in your community.

Finally, you can be-

come a registered user of the Atlas, and this will enable you to receive emails about all upcoming development in unincorporated Orange County.

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I use mine on my cell phone and find it works very easily. I hope you do, too. If any questions, contact: gis@ocfl.net or 407.836.0066.

Hayden: Study, then be sure to VOTE

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soul of GOD. The soul is where our emotions, commitments and love are manifest, as in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

So, we know how GOD created all of us in His image, but He also gave each one of us a free will, both to either accept His Gift of Jesus, or reject Him. Whichever way you choose, GOD's going to use you in His masterpiece called the United States of America by allowing you, with wisdom and understanding, to use the common sense He ordained you with to take proper action when you enter the voting booth.

Do not vote your worldly emotions, but take time to study the candidates, and their platform and then use your God-given wisdom to fill in the oval spaces.

When voting for the amendments, think

about the ramifications your vote could produce. Amendment #1 gives us a choice of knowing the political party of each candidate for school board membership. The way I see it now is that the candidates **OCFL** **OCFL** which political party platform they stand for. At least by naming the party they support, we would have a better idea of their ideology and what their goals are for our kids.

Amendment #3 touts all the benefits of legalizing marijuana – which are mostly lies. They talk about how it will cut down on street dealers, provide billions of dollars for our schools, free up our local police force for serious crime (do they think our police don't know how to prioritize?), and how it will be regulated **OCFL** **OCFL**? Just what we need ... another stupefying drug that will end up by giving us more DUI's, and young and old will know exactly who to go to for their daily high.

Amendment #4

would give the opportunity to those who profit from murder (abortion) to live "high on the hog" and keep the population down. When I see the live birth of a baby, I consider it a miracle. From the time a baby is conceived until he or she is welcomed into the outside world by birth, or C-section, they are completely at the mother's mercy.

The baby knows his or her mom, can hear her singing, is comforted when mom lies down for a rest, and at all times depends on his or her mom to **OCFL**. The amendment they are trying to get passed does away with parent notification ("no law shall interfere"), does away with when the baby may be murdered by having no restrictions, and can be decided by a "Health-care Provider," not even a physician.

Let's use our God-given common sense when we go to vote. Remember, we all are in the same box! Get out and VOTE.

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Union: Agreement to remain in effect until September 2026

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fied by a vote of bargaining unit members, which took place on Wednesday, September 11, and Thursday, September 12. Upon approval and ratification, this agreement is to remain in effect until September 30, 2026.

The funding source is the city general fund.

"Today marks a historic milestone in the long history of the Apopka Fire

Department. Over the past two days, your Apopka Firefighters have cast their votes and officially fulfilled their part in ratifying the first-ever Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Apopka Fire Department since its founding in 1882," states a September 12 Facebook post from the Apopka Professional Firefighters Association, Local 5293.

According to the union's post, "If ratified by the City Council on Sep-

tember 18th, this agreement will bring our firefighters' wages and benefits up to competitive levels with those of surrounding communities. Before this, our base wages had remained stagnant for five years, and our paramedic incentive had not been improved in over 20 years. Our firefighters have faced challenges, watching other departments make steady progress, and we have, unfortunately, lost excellent

firefighters to those municipalities. We aim to reverse this trend, ensuring we retain our best and attract the highest quality personnel to serve our City."

The union board expressed gratitude to several people including their firefighting colleagues, contract committee members, the family of Austin Duran (the Apopka firefighter who died in July 2022 from sustained line-of-duty injuries), interim Fire Chief Wil

Sanchez, the leadership of the State and International

Union, attorney Rich Siwica, and local union leaders.

Chiari: Fundraiser to return in 2025

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Chapter of The American Syringomyelia and Chiari Alliance Project, Inc. (ASAP) recognizes the people within the community who live with these conditions every day, as well as helping to highlight the need for more attention,

funding, and research to find better treatments and, ideally, a cure.

"We are excitedly looking forward to starting preparations for our Walk & Roll's Triumphant return in September of 2025!" said Adair, adding that money raised from the Walk & Roll events go to ASAP.

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The Way I See It

Patti Bankson

As Time Goes By

Last August I wrote an article entitled, "Love is," explaining why I felt, at that time, I needed to stop writing this column. My husband was the reason.

He had been in and out of the hospital for the prior eleven months and was, at that time, at home again. I wanted and needed to be there ... to take care of him, the best I could. More than that, to *BE* with him. For us to spend more alone-with-each-other time, which hospitalization doesn't allow much of... something we were used to and really enjoyed.

I've often heard discussions questioning whether *Love at First Sight* is a real thing. My answer is a definite "Yes!" I first met Denny in a radio station in Honolulu, Hawaii, where I was born and raised. He was stationed there with the Marine Corps and had arrived in the islands just a few months before. He was at the radio station auditioning for a band I sang in, and I knew the moment I saw him that he was *The One* I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. Even during the less-than-Fairy-Tale times that happen in real life, I never changed my heart or mind. Just nine days before our anniversary last year, he went to be with The Lord, and today, September 20, 2024, would have been our 66 Wedding Anniversary.

I know I'm not the only

widow out there. I know there are many who know what I mean when I say his leaving left a huge hole in my heart, but those are only words, and they're a completely inadequate description. Someone asked me months ago what "it's" like. If asked today, I'd have to say the same thing I thought then... I don't know. I've never been here before.

My question, even after almost a full year, is... how long does this pain last? Maybe, I think, as long as the memories? If that's the answer, then I know I'll survive because I've got a lifetime of wonderful memories of an incredible life, with an incredible man.

We met and fell in love as teenagers, and, on the last days of his life, we still loved each other the way we did then. In fact, this is the note that came, with beautiful roses, from him on that last anniversary: "*Happy Anniversary, Sweetheart. Circumstances are not what either one of us would like them to be, but you are the only circumstance I need. I love you more today than ever!! Love, Denny.*"

You may be wondering why I'd share something so personal in such a public way, and my answer would be that maybe it will help another woman who finds herself alone, suddenly... a woman who lives in a house she had been sharing with someone she loved deeply, who finds herself left with only his echo ... that she'll feel that someone out there understands, and she'll feel a little less alone.

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Lake Apopka Natural Gas District Continues to Lend a Helping Hand

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In partnership with Heart of Florida United Way, LANGD's Helping Hand has proven to be a vital resource for our community. The program was initiated after a \$5,000 investment by LANGD's board of directors, and thanks to the generosity of community members, vendors, LANGD employees and even fellow customers, it has continued to grow. In just over three years, the program has provided thousands of dollars in assistance, helping dozens of families keep their showers hot, and meals cooked.

The success of the Helping Hand reflects on LANGD's deep-rooted commitment to our community. We are your neighbors, we live in the communities that we serve and when the COVID-19 pandemic surfaced in 2020, nobody could have imagined how it would affect so many families trying to make ends meet. The Helping Hand program was founded a year into the pandemic to provide critical financial assistance to families facing unprecedented economic challenges at the time, and its impact today is as strong as ever.

In addition to our Helping Hand program, the District also encourages customers to explore the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and how it can also help low-income households with their energy bills. As a federally funded initiative, LIHEAP provides crucial support that ensures that more families have access to consistent, safe, and reliable natural gas, especially during challenging economic times. Learn more at <https://acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/liheap>.

LANGD's Helping Hand is more than just a financial assistance program; it is a testament to our belief in the power of community. We understand that everyone needs someone to lean on from time to time, and we are proud to offer that Helping Hand.

If you or someone you know is a LANGD residential customer facing financial hardship, you may qualify for assistance. Applicants must be a customer of record or authorized on the account, have a past-due balance, and are not involved in tampering-related criminal activity. Assistance is available up to twice a year or up to \$350 per household within a 12-month period. If you want to donate to the Helping Hand fund, check out www.langd.org to learn more or contact us at (407) 656-2734. We are grateful for the generosity of our customers, employees, our vendors, and other community members who have donated to Helping Hand, and we believe the best is yet to come.

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Obits

VIRGINIA “GINNY” FAITH ROLLER, 84, of Apopka, passed away on September 5, 2024. Mrs. Roller was born on March 27, 1940 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Walter M. Pyott and Emma Mayberry. She is preceded in death by: husband, George H. Roller. She is survived by: siblings, Mary Sands and Carl (Chic) Reichel; children, Beth (Joe Hale) Brubaker and George Jr. (Cindy Giles) Roller; one grandson.

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Virginia “Ginny” Faith Roller

Virginia “Ginny” Faith Roller, 84, of Apopka, Florida passed away on September 05, 2024. Mrs. Roller was born on March 27, 1940 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Walter M. Pyott and Emma Mayberry. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years George H. Roller. She is survived by her children Beth (Joe Hale) Brubaker and George Jr. (Cindy Giles) Roller; grandson Zach Roller; as well as her siblings Mary Sands and Carl (Chic) Reichel.

In the summer of 1969, Mr. Roller helped open the Apopka Chapter of the Elks Lodge; through their entire lives Mrs. Roller stood by his side through the inception and growth of the lodge. She eventually became a member herself and enjoyed every minute of it. She will be dearly missed by her many loved ones and friends.

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The rest of the Book

of Acts and the letters of Paul might be described as recounting the effects of this experience and how it led him to a lifetime of conversion. It wasn't that Paul was converted suddenly and then became a fully formed Christian, but rather that this experience led him to struggle for the rest of his life with what his faith required of him.

The apostles were justifiably dubious about his conversion and he disputed with them for the rest of his life on a variety of issues. Read the Acts of the Apostles and the epistles to gain a better understanding of Paul's ongoing conversion to Christianity. He was a disciple who took up his cross daily.

– Christopher Simon

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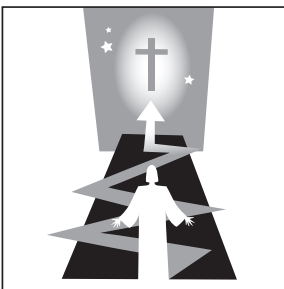
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Spirit of Life Christian Church
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Try the two potato recipes – Apopka is the ‘potato eating place’

Rachel Pfaender's Cuban Chicken is from First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda in their own publication, *A Taste of Heaven*. This is a one-dish meal, and it is a far cry from "the same old chicken!" You probably don't have to wash the rice anymore, though!

According to Robert, the contributor to AllRecipes.com, "This crab cake recipe is the true crab cake with no fillers and no heavy spices, all crab meat. It has been in my family for generations." A reviewer observed, "I used Old Bay seasoning instead of parsley and didn't use mayo and it still came out great!"

Here is a recipe titled Fried Raw Potatoes as well as Allegheny Home Fries (Country-Fried Potatoes) which is a larger recipe. The recipes comes from *Hearty Country Cooking* by Mark Sohn. He says, "To make Fried Raw Potatoes, we use peeled, diced potatoes. I like to fry them in a little oil over low heat. You can make fried raw potatoes with finely diced (1/4-inch cubes), medium-diced (1/2-inch cubes, or coarsely diced (3/4-inch cubes) potatoes. With larger cubes, more potatoes will fit in a single layer in the skillet, but they will need to cook longer. Allow 1/3-teaspoon salt and 1/3-cup diced onions for each cup of diced potatoes, but do not crowd the pan – these are not hashed browns.

Miz Emily Meggett's Collard Greens looks like a winner. She says collard greens have a special place in African American culture. I have some news for that fine lady: they have a special place in MY OWN culture, as well! I love collard greens and fix a potful for myself just about every couple of weeks. But if I don't have collards, I use turnip greens. I season my greens with smoked ham, onion, garlic, salt, and a little bit of cayenne pepper. I use a tablespoon of unfiltered apple cider vinegar at the end of cooking. I don't use any sugar or sweetener. I must confess, though, I cheat: I usually use frozen collards. But I do like fresh if I can find them.

Verlina's Calamondin Pie recipe came from one of our readers a while

back. Our contributor, Verlina Keener said, "This is in response to your encouraging Apopkans to send in their traditional family recipes." She adds, "The Calamondin is a small citrus fruit that is a cross between a lime and mandarin orange. It is grown in Southeast Asia and the Philippines. They were imported from China and have been grown throughout Florida since the early 1900s. Growing season is in the early spring and summer months. I get mine from my father's tree or the Asian supermarket (Dong Ah Supermarket on Mills Avenue). I am part Filipino and make this traditional pie for my family."

RACHEL PFAENDER'S CUBAN CHICKEN

Recipe from First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda, *A Taste of Heaven*

- 1 cup Uncle Ben's converted rice, uncooked
- 1/4 cup salad oil
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 tablespoons minced onion
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 chicken, boiled, cut from bones
- 1 cup cooked ham, slivered
- 1/2 cup stuffed olives, sliced
- Asparagus tips & peas, cooked
- Pimento strips

Wash rice; heat salad oil and pepper in large fry pan; add onion, garlic and rice. Cook over low heat until yellow. Add stock, salt and paprika. Cook tightly over low heat until rice is cooked. Add chicken, ham and olives. Heat thoroughly and place in center of large platter. Surround with cooked asparagus tips and peas and garnish with strips of pimento.

TRUE MARYLAND CRAB CAKES

By Robert on AllRecipes.com

- Ingredients:
- 3 tablespoons pancake mix
- 1 tablespoon prepared yellow mustard
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise, or to taste
- 1 egg beaten
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1 pound cooked crabmeat, flaked
- 3 cups vegetable oil for frying
- Directions:
- 1) In a medium bowl, stir together

the pancake mix, mustard, mayonnaise, egg and parsley until well blended. Fold in the crabmeat. Form into 3-inch patties. 2) Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium to medium high heat. There should be enough oil to reach halfway up the sides of the crab cakes. When the oil is hot, carefully place the patties in the pan. Fry until golden brown on each side, about 8 minutes per side. If patties are browning too fast, reduce the heat. Drain on paper towels, and serve immediately. Yield 8 crab cakes, about 4 servings.

MARK SOHN'S FRIED RAW POTATOES

Hearty Country Cooking

- 1 tablespoon butter, olive oil, or bacon grease (just enough to barely cover the bottom of the pan)
- 3 cups medium-diced firm new potatoes
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 cup diced onions (optional)
- 1) Wash the potatoes and remove any brown spots. If you dice the potatoes ahead, store them in the refrigerator in a bowl of water. 2) In a heavy-bottomed frying pan over low-medium heat, melt the butter and add the potatoes. Cover and fry 10 to 15 minutes. 3) Turn the potatoes, and if they are cooked through to the center, remove the lid, add the onions, and increase the heat to medium. 4) Cook another 10 to 15 minutes, turning them every 5 minutes, or until they have browned on all sides. Serve. Yield: 3 servings.

Note: Healthy choice alternative: You can fry potatoes in little or even no oil. In this recipe, I have already reduced the butter to one quarter tablespoon per serving, but you can further reduce it by using nonstick cooking spray. Omit the salt and offer it at the table. Serve these potatoes with green beans, corn bread, and pork chops, or for breakfast with fresh fruit, Buttermilk Biscuits, Country Ham and Red-Eye Gravy, White Sausage Gravy, or Potato Gravy.

MARK SOHN'S ALLEGHENY HOME FRIES (COUNTRY-FRIED POTATOES)

Hearty Country Cooking

Home Fries are not fried potatoes. To make home fries, double the above recipe. The onions are NOT option-

al. Cut the potatoes in half and then slice them. Slice the onions. Layer the sliced potatoes and onions in a frying pan. Cook, covered, over low heat for 30 minutes, turning after 15 minutes. Cook uncovered an additional 15 minutes. With low heat and so many potatoes in the pan, these fries will be steamed and soft, but tasty. Yield 6 servings.

EMILY MEGGETT'S COLLARD GREENS

Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

- 1 bunch collard greens (1/2 pound)
- 1 (14-ounce) smoked ham hock
- 2 1/2 to 3 quarts water
- Crushed red pepper
- 1-1/2 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar, or 2 packages sweetener
- Nature's Seasons, to taste

1) Wash the collard greens in cold water three or four times to remove any sand or dirt. Pat dry using a paper towel. 2) Strip the collard greens, removing the center stem. Cut the collard greens lengthwise into small, bite-sized pieces. 3) Wash the ham hock. In a large pot, combine the ham hock and water, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium, then add the greens, covering them in the water. 4) Add crushed red pepper to taste, the vinegar, sugar, and Nature's Seasons to taste. Increase the heat and bring back to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium and cook the greens for at least 2-1/2 hours. After 2-1/2 hours, taste the greens to test flavor and tenderness. Add more Nature's Seasons and cook longer if necessary.

VERLINA'S CALAMONDIN PIE

Recipe from Reader of

The Apopka Chief and *The Planter*

- 5 egg yolks, beaten
- 1 can of condensed milk
- 1/2 cup freshly squeezed Calamondin juice
- 1 pre-made graham cracker crust

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix first three ingredients together. Pour into graham cracker crust. Bake for 15 minutes. Cool to room temperature and then refrigerate until chilled.

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SEPTEMBER 2024



EVENTS

WEEKLY

UPCOMING

ONGOING

SCHOOL BEGAN AUGUST 12 – Traffic patterns will change. Stormy weather comes and goes! Be careful with your umbrellas. And always watch out for those school children ... 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: 8:45 a.m., Middle School: 9:30 a.m., High school: 7:20 a.m.

City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwell-ey 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, SEPTEMBER 20

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 cfchri-tianchamber.com/events-chamber. Contact: latrondra@cfchri-tianchamber.com

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

VFW POST 10147 continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the **third Saturday on September 21** 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, SEPTEMBER 22

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 DID FALL COME WITH COOLER WEATHER?

FITNESS CLASS, MONDAYS 9-10 a.m. 11 N. Forest Ave at Fran Carlton Center. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

CRAFTS & CHATTER: 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks not required. 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 or call Carrie 781-867-1071.

TOASTMASTERS: Apopka Foli-age Toastmasters #840, meets Wednesdays promptly at 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., in person and zoom at the Museum of Apopkans, 122 E. 5th St., Apopka, 32703. Call 407-765-2629 for information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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 no longer required. 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, SEPTEMBER 25

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 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 are no longer required. 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 are no longer required/ Pre-registe-r. 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. 10:15 a.m.-1 p.m. (approximately) at Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks are no longer required. 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 407-860-8811.

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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks are no longer required. 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 are no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 'Apopka Proud' concert set for October 5 at the amphitheater beginning at 5:30 p.m. with Sawyer Brown and John Anderson performing. Tickets available at eventbrite.at/Ex4Ci

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/2ABrbsb>, 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: apopkafgca@gmail.comNO 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 orangecomgv@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, Wednesdays, 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.

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 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.

TEMPORARILY CANCELLED: 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. **BUILDING CLOSED. PERHAPS IT WILL OPEN IN OCT.**

HABITAT VOLUNTEERS: Go to 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) Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran and Thompson Road. www.ocls.info. **This branch library has been temporarily closed (beginning July 2024) due to inclement weather damage.**

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

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Commissioner hosts town hall



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