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High school cadets attend Military Ball 2024



Cadets from the Wekiva High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) program and Apopka High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) programs had their Military Ball 2024 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2093 on Edgewater Drive in Orlando on Friday, December 20. Pictured are the Wekiva High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps key staff and the Apopka High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps members. Pictured in the first row (l to r) are Cadet 1st Sgt Gavin Conner, Cadet 2nd Lt. Matthew Theriot, Mayor Bryan Nelson, Cadet Capt. Walker Mathis, Cadet Lt. Col. Ethan Kirtley, and Cadet Captain James Rabinek. Pictured in the second row (l to r) are Cadet 1st Lt. Riverd, Cadet/Major Trinity Eckhart, Cadet/Major Sarah Lefkowitz, Cadet/Lt. Col. Prince and Cadet Capt. Diego Hernandez.

Photo courtesy of Mia Rodriguez.

Cities, OCPS at odds over current SRO negotiation

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

Following the December 16 Wisconsin school shooting tragedy, the city of Apopka is asking Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) to reconsider its pending negotiation for School Resource Officers (SROs) on several OCPS campuses in municipalities, including Apopka.

OCPS currently has a one-year contract with the law enforcement agencies in Apopka, Ocoee, Winter Garden, Winter Park, and Windermere, which secures SROs on campuses for the 2024-25 school year in compliance with the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

The district has a three-year contract with the remaining four agencies: Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando Police Department, Maitland Police Department, and Eatonville Police Department.

The Orange County School Board conducted a Tuesday, December 10, work session to discuss

the possible use of school guardians on campuses located in the five municipalities.

The school board provided direction for staff to continue contract negotiation on January 14, 2025, with the hopes that a deal can be reached to maintain SROs on the 30 school campuses served by the five municipalities.

If an agreement cannot be reached, the Guardian Program is the only option allowed by Florida law to provide the added security to school campuses, according to OCPS in a news release from early December.

The email that OCPS drafted and scheduled for sending to families on December 17 preceded the tragedy in Madison, Wis., according to OCPS spokesman Michael Ollendorff.

On December 16, a 15-year-old girl at Abundant Life Christian School shot and killed a teacher and a student as well as wounding six others before

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City extends its current roadway resurfacing project to end of January

The city of Apopka extended the last date of the roadway resurfacing project from January 10 to January 24, 2025, for three subdivisions: Meadows of Maudehelen, Pines of Wekiva, and Spring Ridge.

Roadway resurfacing began on December 2.

The city will use the following methods in this year's resurfacing program: mill and overlay, and cape/micro seal in this year's resurfacing program.

Maintenance of transportation will be setup with one lane closures. Drivers are advised to plan accordingly for any traffic delays.

Homeowners are asked to remove any vehicles on the road, trash bins, and any other debris that can hinder the paving process. Delays on the start time may occur due to weather or storm events.

The Apopka City Council voted 5-0 on November 6 to approve a \$1.7-million budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 roadway resurfacing pro-



As found on the city of Apopka website, this map depicts all the roads within Meadows of Maudehelen that are due to undergo resurfacing in this year's resurfacing program.

gram pavement improvements to cover about 9.4 miles of roadway in the three subdivisions.

The \$1.7-million budget comes from this fiscal year's street improvement fund, and is a decrease from the fiscal year 2023-2024 roadway budget of an

allocated \$2 million. That fiscal year's program encompassed 218 miles of roadway.

The resurfacing will be for the following subdivisions:

Mill and Overlay (three weeks to complete from

January 6, 2025 to January 24, 2025)

Meadows of Maudehelen Subdivision

*Blue Meadows Court (Johns Road to end)

*Johns Road (Beardsley Drive to end)

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Water meter maintenance to take place

The city of Apopka will be utilizing Aqua Water to help provide maintenance on the city's reuse and potable meters in designated subdivisions. This work will occur periodically over the next six to eight weeks in designated subdivisions. Aqua Water representatives may be in the areas, and will appreciate understanding and patience as they help ensure the reliability of water services.

Due to the meter maintenance/replacement program, the actual water consumption may be higher than the estimated water consumption previously billed. Utility Billing will

be reviewing each account to provide a billing adjustment, if necessary.

If any additional assistance is needed with the adjusted bill, contact Utility Billing to discuss a payment plan at 407-703-1727.

For any questions or concerns regarding the maintenance process, reach out to Public Services at 407-703-1731.

Locations/Subdivisions

- *Alexandria Place
- *Ambergate
- *Apopka Hills
- *Apopka Terrace
- *Arbor Ridge
- *Bentons Rep
- *Bluegrass Estates

- *Breckenridge
- *Breezy Heights
- *Bridle Path
- *Chandler Estates
- *Charleston Park
- *Charter Oaks
- *Chelsea Park
- *Christiana Gardens
- *Cimarron Hills
- *Clayton Estates
- *Clear Lake Estates
- *Clear Lake Landing
- *Cobblefield
- *Country Address
- *Country Landing
- *Cutter Corner
- *Deer Lake Chase
- *Deer Lake Run
- *Dovehill
- *Dream Lake
- *Dunbridge
- *Emerson Park

- *Errol
- *Errol/Dunhill
- *Forrest Cove
- *Golden Estates
- *Greenbrook/Errol
- *Hackney Property
- *Hawthorne Oaks
- *Hidden Lakes
- *Hilltop Reserve
- *Holly Creek
- *Holly Estates
- *Kelly Park Hills
- *Lake Doe
- *Lake Francis/Errol
- *Lake Hammer
- *Lake Heiniger
- *Lake Jewell
- *Lake Opal
- *Lake Pleasant Cove
- *Lake Pleasant Estates
- *Lakeside
- *Landings at Rock

Springs

- *Las Alamedas
- *Lovell Terrace
- *Magnolia Oaks
- *Magnolia Park Est.
- *Magnolia Woods
- *Maine Ave Villas
- *Mainline Villas
- *Marbella Reserve
- *Marden Meadows
- *Martin Place
- *Maudehelen
- *Morrison
- *Mount Plymouth
- *Mt. Plymouth Lakes
- *Northcrest
- *Northcrest/Fairfield
- *Oak Acre
- *Oak Hill Reserve
- *Oak on the Lake

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Apopka Event of the Week

Built by the Apopka High School Engineering Class with funding by the Rotary Club of Apopka, the New Year's Ball will be dropped at the strike of midnight on December 31-January 1 at 2209 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka. The celebration is from 8 p.m. to midnight, with live music, champagne toast and more.

Quotable

"This edition of *The Chief* was issued from the new plant.
Do you wonder why Miss Apopka smiles? Let's all smile with her, and go forward to make Apopka a better town."
As shared in our last issue, the editorial reflects on the past, but expresses hope for the future.

Opinion

The Apopka Chief
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Our position

From 1921 to the present time,
The Apopka Chief continues

The following copy was taken from the front page of an Apopka, Orange County, Fla., March 7, 1921 issue of The Apopka Chief. The cost back then was \$2.00 per Year. The top banner had a box on the right that included the following copy: STAND FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP THEN YOU STAND WITH THE CHIEF and the slogan under the picture of a head of an Indian Chief said "WHERE ALL THE TIME IS SUMMER AND THE FLOWERS NEVER DIE." In addition, there was a box of copy on the left side of the banner that can be partially read that includes the words ...LIVE COMMUNITY ... PER THAT COVERS ... FIELD AND WILL ... WIN ITS WAY.

As we are about to begin a new year, we wanted to share what it was like back in 1921 for *The Apopka Chief*. The copy below was included in a frame on the bottom right side of the front page with a full-page drawing of a Miss Apopka holding a pencil drawing of the new building. The copy reads as follows:

"The beautiful Miss Apopka, whose permanent dwelling place is in the heart of Summerland, where the flowers never die, presents for public inspection and favor today, the new wigwam of The Apopka Chief and home of the Apopka Printing Company, Incorporated.

You can tell from the expression on the young woman's face that she is pleased and proud of this fine new acquisition to her resources. The picture she holds in her hand does not do the building justice, as it was made from a pencil drawing before the building was finished. The plant was built in record time, under the supervision of

Lee F. Lovell, of Apopka, and is 80 feet long and 35 feet wide. It has a handsome front of pressed brick and heavy plate glass. It is of tile, brick and concrete construction.

As it stands today, finished, with all equipment installed, it is the most complete printing establishment in Orange County and one of the very best in the State. It is a credit to Apopka and this is why the lady smiles.

The equipment includes a Single Keyboard Model, 14 Linotype, with sufficient magazines to carry seven faces of type. This is the finest machine ever turned out by the Mergenthaler Linotype Company and cost upwards of \$5,000. It was delivered through the New Orleans agency.

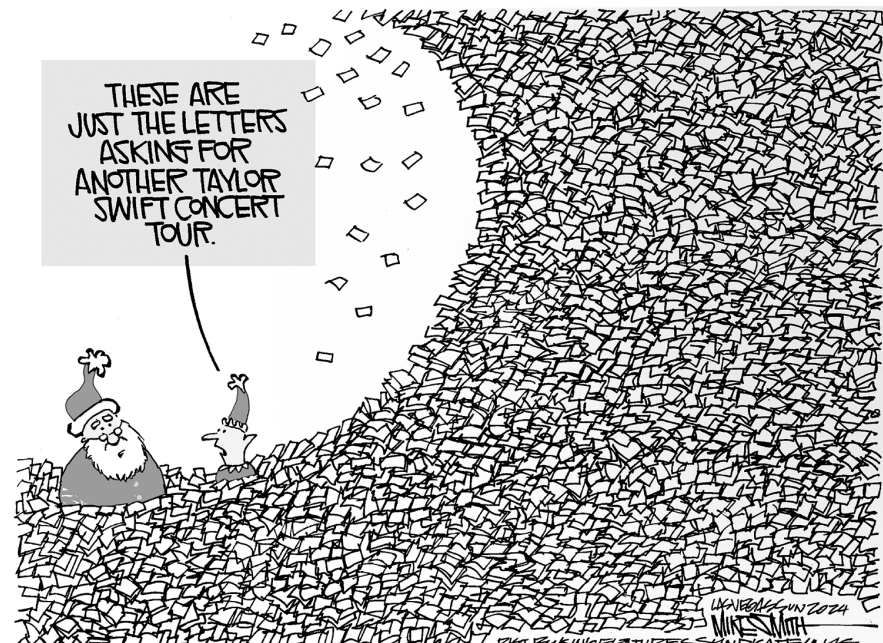
The balance of the equipment came from the Atlanta agency of American Type Founders Company and is of the very highest class. It includes an improved Campbell cylinder press for newspaper work; a Lee cylinder press for book and pamphlet work, a Chandler and Price jobber; an Eclipse folding machine, which cuts, folds and pastes 8, 10 and 12 page newspapers, and a Wire Stitcher, Fal-mouth Punching machine, Miller Saw Trimmer, etc.

Each machine is operated by direct drive from its own individual electric motor.

The job printing department carries more than 100 popular faces of new type, with the latest improved cabinets, cases and all necessary accessories.

This edition of *The Chief* was issued from the new plant.

Do you wonder why Miss Apopka smiles? Let's all smile with her, and go forward to make Apopka a better town."



As we grow, we must manage growth

I've written about Vision 2050 many times this past year and I am always looking for a way to best sum up the goal of the county's new, long-term comprehensive plan. Simply put, as we prepare for the next 30 years in Orange County, we must change the way we manage growth.

Vision 2050 as proposed right now will focus on five key P's:

- Preserve established neighborhoods.
- Protect natural places and rural spaces.
- Promote walkability.
- Prioritize affordable housing.
- Practice smart, sustainable, and responsible growth.

County Commissioner
District 2



Christine Moore

A change in the comprehensive plan is needed because it hasn't been updated since the 1950s when development was based on how land is used. The outdated practice doesn't work now for several reasons. For example, homes, shops, offices, and restaurants were kept separate from each other. It's why we have such sprawling communities and why it

feels for so many of us that we can't do anything without a vehicle!

With Vision 2050, the county is looking to change old zoning rules. The new development rules are called simply Vision 2050. Think of Vision 2050 as the end destination, and Orange Code as the road map to get the county there.

A key element of the plan is to direct growth to the right places. This means preserving established suburban neighborhoods, rural places, and natural spaces. It also means steering most new development to the urban sector, which is where 44 percent of the future population growth in

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How medicare premiums are determined

Dear Rusty: Please explain the Medicare premium increase based on income reported to Social Security? For those of us that waited to draw Social Security until age 70, and who are still working – drawing a salary, and planning to retire at age 75 after RMDs kick in at age 73 – how do we make sure that Social Security reports our earnings accurately, so we don't wind up with increased Medicare premiums? Why not charge increased Medicare premiums when we are younger, instead of waiting to sneak up on us when we are older? Signed:

Confused about Medicare Premiums

Dear Confused: I believe you are referring to Medicare's "Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount," or "IRMAA." IRMAA increases the Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium amounts for those whose combined income from all sources exceeds specified levels for their IRS tax filing status. Social Security (and Medicare) get your earnings information from the IRS and use your reported IRS income (on your income tax return) to calculate your Medicare premium each

year. But there is a twist – they use your reported combined income (also known as your "MAGI" or "Modified Adjusted Gross Income") from 2 years ago to determine your current year's Medicare premium. For example, they will use your 2023 MAGI to determine your 2025 Medicare Part B premium (and your Part D premium if you have Part D). So, if your income reported to the IRS on your tax return in 2023 is correct, Social Security will use that amount to determine next year's Medicare

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This Week In God's Word

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. — 2 Corinthians 13:11

Mema Says

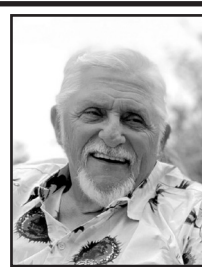
The greatest tribute to the dead is not grief, but gratitude.

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We need the circus clowns to come help our confused politicians

Remember when the circus was the up and going thing? Barnum & Bailey had one of the largest shows ever presented. It was amazing to see the "Flying Trapeze," the Lion & Tiger Tamer in the cage with those beasts that could easily tear him to pieces; the elephants parading around just inside the center ring; and everything happening at one time, in the center arena! If something unusual happened that might be detrimental to the performances, or



Ike Hayden

the performers, the lights would switch to the first ring, and out would burst the clowns, as a distraction, and diversion.

Well, something unusual has happened in the form of unidentified

drones, and behold; HERE COME THE CLOWNS!!

U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Andy Kim (D-NJ) are panicking; surely, we are being invaded (finally). These are those who watched (with their boss "Uncle Joe") as a Chinese Spy balloon drifted across our nation slowly gathering, and sending information to those Chinese who were monitoring, and recording it all. "No problem," they told us. Just a

weather balloon that got loose and broke away.

The spying technology on board that balloon, and the steering capability told another story. If the politicians in charge of transparency were Pinocchio's, we would have a forest of noses! The drones they are hyperventilating over are following all the requirements for night flying (lighting, and so on), and I can't believe Chinese, or Russian spy drones would want to be that bold with who they are (see spy description in

Wikipedia).

Now, our beloved N.J. leaders are telling us they are missing radioactive waste! May I ask, why would anyone steal radioactive waste, put it on, or in drones, and then give us a light show in the sky to show us where they are? I'm sure this administration and their cohorts know exactly what they are, and who they are, and if this were the Trump administration, our beloved, patriotic General Mark Milley would have called Commu-

nist China to warn them of any planned aggressive action toward them.

Mark Milley also said, "U.S. troops take an oath to the Constitution and not a 'wannabe' dictator," an apparent swipe at former President Donald Trump. We do not take an oath to the Constitution! Our oath is taken to *protect* the Constitution of the United States of America, and to follow the commands of our officers. "Ours is not to

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Trinity Christian School inducts new members into beta clubs

The Elementary, Jr. and Sr. Beta Clubs at Trinity Christian School recently held a combined induction ceremony to welcome new members into the three clubs.

The National Beta Club is the largest independent, non-profit, educational organization in America. For more than 80 years, it has prepared today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

The ceremony was called to order by Lauren Johnson, Sr. Beta Club President. Elementary Beta Club officers, Tessa Schanne, Kaylin Muniz, and Troy Risner, led the pledges. Mrs. Beverly Lunneen, Sr. Beta Club Spon-

sor, introduced the officers and guests while Mrs. Cindy Skeen, Elementary Beta Club sponsor, and Mrs. Edie Bentley, Jr. Beta Club sponsor, presented the annual service reports for the respective clubs. Ms. Nicole Mutters, school administrator, presented service awards to students and sponsors.

The fourth and fifth grade inductees who took the Beta pledge and were presented their credentials by Elementary Beta Club president Eliana Claudio included: Zoe Ajani, Joanna Bass, Alexa Bigelow, Alia Bigelow, Evangeline Busch, Arthur DeSouza,

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Trinity Elementary School held a combined induction ceremony to welcome new members into three Beta Club Schools, including Elementary Beta Club (pictured).

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Time and guidance is best

Dear Editor:

“Oh Boy! What a waste of time and money that sports is, *especially* for kids in school!” THAT is what I used to believe.

Let me explain: I am a person who can remember being curious about “why is everyone jumping up and down and being happy?” They were celebrating the fact that *THE WAR* (World War II) was finally over. For me, I was just learning that bubble gum was finally available!

I was raised when sports for girls was pretty much playing dodge ball at recess in third grade. Climbing trees and riding my bike - after I finally got one at nine years old - were the only sports I ever took part in.

After reading about the accomplishments of people like Bruce McMil-

lian and Sheronda Wright in last week’s *Apopka Chief* newspaper, I realize: THEY - and people like them - are the heroes of our developing generation of children.

Just think: Hundreds, perhaps thousands of children’s lives have been steered in a much better direction as a result of their interactions with coaches of the caliber of McMillian and Wright. And these coaches actually CARE about the children they coach, possibly more so than any other person in the kids’ lives. Yep. THEY are the heroes in our culture.

I now realize that group sports teaches children to work together; it teaches kids organizational skills: “Well, first I must catch it. Then, I must... not even think about it... just throw it to the right person.” This takes them to the

skill they have developed because of their activities in sports that they were introduced to at an even younger age.

All these things that are part of making decisions in group sports are preparatory to the decisions made later in life, such as, “Should I go to college?” “Should I marry this person?” “Should we have kids?” “Should I buy this car... or that house?” All this thinking that is developed during sports activities can be a part of the stepping stones for a life of making decisions.

Kids in sports, I now realize, absolutely have a leg up on life when comparing their abilities to people who are not exposed to sports at a young age.

Just my opinion.
Nancy Thomas
Apopka

Premiums: Income determines cost

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premium.

IRMAA uses a sliding income scale to determine your Medicare premium. If you filed your 2022 taxes as “married/jointly” and your combined income for that year was \$206,000 or less, for 2024 you are paying the standard Medicare Part B premium of \$174.50, and there is no additional amount added to your Part D premium. But if your MAGI as a married couple was over \$206,000 your Medicare premiums will be more – e.g., MAGI up to \$258,000 makes your Part B premium \$244.60 and results in a Part D supplement of \$12.90 per month. And so on – as your

MAGI further increases, so will your Medicare premiums until you reach the maximum. MAGI over \$750,000 means a Part B premium of \$594/month and a Part D supplement of \$81/month. Thus, Medicare premiums are “means-tested” (those with higher income pay higher premiums).

A word about “MAGI” – MAGI starts with your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return, to which is added any non-taxable interest you may have had, and 50% of the Social Security benefits (if any) you received during the income tax year. The total of those three amounts is your MAGI, from which your Medicare premium is de-

termined for the forthcoming year.

So, if your 2023 combined income (your “MAGI”) as a couple was under \$206,000 you will pay the standard 2025 Medicare premium which, for Part B, will be \$185/month. If your 2023 MAGI as a married couple is more than \$206,000, you will pay higher Medicare premiums in 2025 due to IRMAA.

Why not pay higher Medicare premiums when we are younger?

Well, that’s because IRMAA only applies when you are enrolled in Medicare, and your premium relates to your income while receiving Medicare benefits.

Moore: Vision 2050 offers guidance

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Orange County is expected to go.

Vision 2050 identifies six distinct areas within Orange County that are defined by their existing characteristics and development potential. These areas or sectors serve the purpose of addressing new

development, where the development should be limited, and areas that should be protected or preserved. A guiding principle of Vision 2050 is to protect and strengthen existing neighborhoods while creating healthy and sustainable new communities.

In Spring of 2025, we the commissioners are ex-

pected to be asked to vote on the new Vision 2050 plan.

I am asking all of you to please look at what is proposed at: <https://www.ocfl.net/PlanningDevelopment/ComprehensivePlanning/Vision2050.aspx>

Thank you and Happy 2025!

Hayden: Our nation is a blessing

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question why; ours is just to do or die!” Anyone that has served has heard that ditty more than once. On top of all the distractions and misinformation being promoted, we have terrorist activities that are taking lives and disrupting family celebrations over the birth of the “Prince of Peace.”

The secular world is doing all it can to dampen our outlook for a new year and ruin our expectation of the triumph of the American Spirit. America is not our government, nor any political bias; America is every man, woman, schoolboy or girl that has a heart that beats a little faster when “Old Glory” is paraded by, and when standing and covering their heart when “The Star-Spangled Banner” is played.

America is helping a

fallen neighbor with a hand up, protecting those that cannot protect themselves, standing for righteousness, and ethical living as an example to the young people in all communities. When called upon to stand between Americans and all the “isms” that would enslave our populace, to stand fast and not back down!


Every day I give thanks to GOD for allowing me to be born in this magnificent nation. Not only during this season, but throughout this year I’ve been privileged to see people helping people.

There is the story of an old man who had just lost his wife of 65 years and was sitting on his back porch, and on the porch with him was the neighbor’s little girl. The mother was upset when the little girl came home, and she chided the little girl for dis-

turbing him in his grief. The little girl responded with, “but Momma, all I was doing was crying with him.”

Sometimes we need to remember that someone just needs a shoulder to cry with, or when a reason for rejoicing appears, we need to rejoice with them. There was a Sunday School Class I was so encouraged by, in the Rock Springs Baptist Church. The name of the class was “JOY,” and it was an anagram for, Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last. When I think of being an American neighbor, I think of that class of older ladies that practiced what they preached and exemplified what being a Christian and an American is all about!

My hope and prayers for everyone is for health and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



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City Hall407-703-1700	Animal Services.....407-836-3111	U.S. Senators
Mayor's Office407-703-1701	Auto/Boat Tags.....850-617-2000	Rick Scott (Rep.) 202-224-5274
City Administrator407-703-1649	Building Dept.407-836-8550	Marco Rubio (Rep.).....407-254-2573
City Clerk407-703-1704	County Mayor407-836-7370	U.S. Representative
Community Devel.....407-703-1712	County Commission.....407-836-7350	Daniel Webster (Dist. 11).....352-241-9220
Code Enforcement407-703-1738	County Attorney407-836-7320	State Representatives
Finance Dept.....407-703-1725	Clerk of the Court.....407-836-2065	Doug Bankson.....407-476-6787
Fire (non-emerg.).....407-703-1756	Elections Supervisor.....407-836-2070	Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45).....unknown
Parks and Rec. Dept.....407-703-1741	Fire/Rescue407-836-3111	State Senators
Police Chief.....407-703-1769	Solid Waste407-836-6601	Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11) 407-297-2045
Police (non-emerg.).....407-703-1771	Garbage Collection.....407-703-1731	Orange County Commissioner
Job Line407-703-1743	Health Dept.407-836-2600	Christine Moore407-836-7350
Solid Waste Collect.....407-703-1731	Hunting/Fishing Lic888-347-4356	Orange County Public Schools
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Medical, fire emergency.....911	Sheriff Administrative.....407-254-7000	Superintendent.....407-317-3200
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	Medical, fire emergency.....911	Museum of the Apopkans.....407-703-1707
	www.orangecountyfl.net	Chamber of Commerce.....407-886-1441

Watch the ball drop on New Year’s Eve

The Apopka High School Engineering Class, with funding provided by The Rotary Club of Apopka, will do the honorary drop at this year’s New Year’s Eve Ball Drop at the Party in the Plaza. The event will take place December 31, 8 p.m. to midnight, at Hurricane Grill and Wings Apopka, 2209 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka. Admission is free.

Anna Samuel named to fall 2024 dean’s list

Anna Samuel of Apopka was named among the students who qualified for Belmont University’s fall 2024 dean’s list, according to a Friday, December 20 press release from the university. In Belmont University’s recently released dean’s list for the fall 2024 semester, approximately 53 percent of the university’s 7,175 undergraduate students qualified for the achievement. Dean’s list eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C. Belmont University is located two miles from downtown Nashville, Tenn.

Water: Maintenance will be for 6-8 weeks

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- *Oak Ridge

*Oaks at Wekiwa

*Oakwood Estates

*Overlook at Parkside

*Parkside at Errol

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*Partnership Hills

*Piedmont Lakes

*Piedmont Park

*Pines of Wekiva

*Pitman Estates

*Plymouth Heights

*Plymouth Hills

*Pros Ranch

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*Rolling Green

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*Rock Springs Ridge

*Savannah Oaks Lane

*Sheeler Hills

*Sheeler Oaks

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*South Apopka

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Looking Ahead

Does anyone feel like I do, that the longer I live, the shorter the years get? Before we've had a chance to gather all the gift boxes, shiny wrapping paper and bows, and take them out to the curb ... before we've had a chance to put our feet up to relax and adjust to the quiet our departed company has left behind ... before we're ready to even *think* about taking the decorations down and packing them away for the year, we're rushed into the next holiday. We're caught up in reviews of what's happened throughout the year that was newsworthy, followed by *Fireworks*, the *Times Square Ball Drop*, and *Auld Lang Syne*. And, of course, there's the inevitable, never-ending talk about New Year's Resolutions.

Although there have certainly been times when some areas of my life could have benefited from resolve and resoluteness, I've never made New Year's resolutions. Maybe it's because I'm as aware as the next person that the success rate for them is pretty dismal. I've known a few who have followed through on their resolutions for the first couple of weeks in January. Maybe.

I'm not sure many people actually intend for them to last very long anyway. It just seems to be a thing to do. A kind of wishful thinking. Or an ice-breaker ... *"Have you made any resolutions for the new year?"* *"Yes, I did. I'm going to quit _____; I'm going to start _____, I'm going to stop _____."* Uh huh. Then, in spite of all their good intentions, life happens, and resolutions are forgotten. Then, before they know it, another year is ending, and looking back, they realize it looks very much like all the years before. Nothing much has changed. *They're still going to quit _____, stop _____ and still mean to start _____.*

Actually, I wrote the above in December, three years ago. I was talking about taking a pro-active approach to the coming new year. Little did I know that in two more years, I would find myself needing to take my own "advice", that I would be a widow ... that I would find myself frozen in time ... unable to envision my own future ... a future in which I would be, suddenly, half of the whole that had been "me" for my entire adult life. My suggestion was to *not* say, *"Here comes the new year"*, but, instead, to say, *"New Year here I come!"* Because the first is so passive. It's wondering what's going to happen, over which you have no control ... wondering whether it will be a good year or a bad year. Reading my own words now, I'm tempted to take those words back, and say, *"Duh!"*, Apologize for my arrogance, born out of ignorance. At the same time, I can't help thinking it's probably not bad thinking, and something from which I could probably benefit. Songs and music have always been a large part in my life, and this brings an old country song to mind, *I've Got A Tiger By The Tail*. Do I? Maybe not at this moment, but isn't that, resolutions or not, what a new year is about

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NEW Home Construction is exploding in Apopka. But is it a better value for you than buying a resale home?

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In addition, Bornstein noted that many people are not aware of the dramatic change



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Rewarding resolutions that won't require a major commitment of time

Much like money, time does not grow on trees. That reality is all too familiar to busy adults juggling multiple responsibilities at work, at home and other places where they spend their time.

A time crunch can make it hard to commit to a New Year's resolution. But resolutions, which are often focused on self-improvement, can be worthwhile endeavors. So what are busy adults to do? Perhaps the best approach is to choose resolutions that don't necessarily require much time.

• Read more:
Adults across the globe lament a lack of time to curl up with a good book. But some brief reading before bed each night can help adults achieve this goal and can even improve their quality of sleep. In fact, a 2021 study published in the peer-reviewed medical journal

Trials found that reading in bed before going to sleep improved sleep quality compared to not reading a book in bed.

• Exercise more:
A commitment to getting fit and being more physically active is a popular New Year's resolution. Though choosing such a path may seem like it requires a significant time commitment, the Physical Activity Guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommend that adults perform at least 150 to 300 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity or 75 to 150 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity each week. That might seem like a lot, but it can be combined with other leisure activities you already engage in. For example, a sports fan

can watch the big game while on a treadmill or elliptical, while readers can swap the couch with an exercise bike as their go-to reading spot. Doing so for as little as a half hour per day can help you get the recommended amount of daily exercise without taking up a large chunk of your time.

• Journaling:
Journaling is another worthy resolution that won't take up much time. Individuals can take 15 minutes out of their day to write down their thoughts and feelings and reflect on the day's comings and goings. That simple activity can produce profound results, as the University of Rochester Medical Center notes that journaling helps people prioritize their problems, fears and concerns; reduce stress; cope with depression; and identify negative thoughts and behaviors.

• Become more organized:

This resolution won't take up much of your time. In fact, becoming more organized should free up time. A lack of organization can make it harder to meet work deadlines, keep a house clean, tackle everyday tasks, and keep a clear mind. By taking steps to be more organized, whether that's through using a daily organizer, avoiding procrastinating in regard to cleaning up around the house or other means, individuals will gradually discover they have more free time to use as they see fit.

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- *Sanderline Point Loop (from Beardsley Dr to Maudehelen Street)
- *Maudehelen Street (from Sanderline Point Loop to Blackbird Drive)
- *Scrub Jay Road (from Maudehelen Street to end)
- *Willet Avenue (from Maudehelen Street to end)
- *Chickadee Drive (from Willet Avenue to Maudehelen Street)
- *Clapper Trail (from Willet Avenue to Maudehelen Street)

- *Scrub Jay Road (from Willet Avenue to Maudehelen Street)
- *Blackbird Drive (from Willet Avenue to end)
- *White Bird Way (from Willet Avenue to Blackbird Drive)

Pines of Wekiwa Subdivision (two weeks to complete from December 2, 2024 to December 11, 2024)

- *Wekiwa Pines Boulevard (from Osprey Way to Rock Springs Road)
- *Pine Forest Place (from Wekiwa Pines Boulevard to end)
- *Pineview Place (from

Pineforest Place to end)

- *Wyndham Pine Drive (from Wekiwa Pines Boulevard to Foxforrest Circle)
- *Foxforrest Circle (from Wyndham Pine Drive to Wyndham Pine Drive)
- *Osprey Way (from Wekiwa Pines Boulevard to Loop)

Cape/Micro Seal Spring Ridge Subdivision (one week to complete from December 9, 2024 to December 13, 2024)

- *Spring Ridge Boulevard (from Mount Rainier Court to West Lester Road)
- *Mount McKinley Court (from Spring Ridge

Boulevard to end)

- *Mount Ranier Court (from Spring Ridge Boulevard to end)
- *Mount Logan Drive (from Spring Ridge Boulevard to end of old)
- *Mount Baker Court (from Spring Ridge Boulevard to end of old)
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ROSA LEE ONDICH, 99, of Zellwood, passed away Monday, December 23, 2024. Rosa was born on January 18, 1925, in Pee Dee, North Carolina to parents Curry and Martha Wilson. Rosa is predeceased by: daughter, Donna Korb. She is survived by: son, Philip Hale; daughter, Janet Ondich; two grandchildren.

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Rosa Lee Ondich

Rosa Lee Ondich, 99, a resident of Zellwood, passed away Monday, December 23, 2024.

Rosa was born January 18, 1925, in Pee Dee, North Carolina to parents Curry and Martha Wilson. Her sister was Betty Wilson/Bowles. Rosa Lee graduated from Leesburg High School, and then Florida Southern College with a BS in Business and Home Economics.

In 1950 she married Jack Hale, and had a son James Philip and a daughter Donna Louise. In 1958, Rosa Lee re-married and in

1960 with Michael Ondich Jr had a daughter Janet Lee.

She is survived by Philip Hale, son, Willcox Arizona, Janet Ondich, daughter, Orlando FL, Kevin Korb, grandson, Orlando FL, Megan Ford, granddaughter, Daytona Beach FL, and predeceased by Donna Korb, daughter, in 2021.



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Beta: Reception followed inductee program

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Nathalia Hutchinson, Mila Johnson, Mason Leichering, Isaac Richards, Isaac Rojas, Jace Tahner, and Jordyn Washington. Milana Datilma, Jr. Beta Club pres-

ident presented the membership card and pin to the following middle school students: Gisele Bennett, Audriana Camargo, Kris Donawa, Jayden Dunn, Amariah Gibson, Christian Lechuga, Luna Valen-

tina Matias, Eleazar Portalatin, Ethan Runyon, Skyler Smothers, Alice Underwood, and Miranda Zhu. High school students Jaxon Marshall and Sebastian Saldarriaga were inducted into the Sr. Beta Club.

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