



# Summer was busy in Apopka in 2011

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Apopka Chief Staff

The following is a review of the news events as seen in the pages of *The Apopka Chief*. This week covers July, August, and September 2011.

**JULY** – Besides the brides who lost their deposits and wedding reception location when the Highland Manor closed for lack of rent payments, some 40 employees are still reeling from losing their jobs in this economy ... The

Orange County Commission approved a contract for the construction of the new Apopka Loop Connector Trail that will run from Magnolia Park to the north shore of Lake Apopka ... A Zellwood veteran, Torstein Jacobson, 88, who was born in Norway, but fought in the U.S. Army, received the highest military award given by the Norwegian government.

The Apopka Rotary Club distributed \$41,000 in checks to a number of local charities ... To no one's surprise, Ty Darlington, son of Apopka

head coach Rick Darlington, committed to play football for the Oklahoma Sooners, turning down several others, including Auburn, Stanford and Navy ... For the second year in a row, former Blue Darters baseball and football star Robert Beary was the starting catcher as South Carolina won the NCAA championship over the Florida Gators.

Winn-Dixie's \$5 million remodeling of its Apopka store at Errol Plaza, dubbed a transformational store by the company, is right on schedule for the grand opening scheduled for August 3 ... As the result of some outstanding performances at the Sarasota Y.M.C.A. Invitational Swim Meet, Apopkan Kaitlyn Whelen, 18, landed a berth in the Olympic time trials in Omaha, Neb. in June

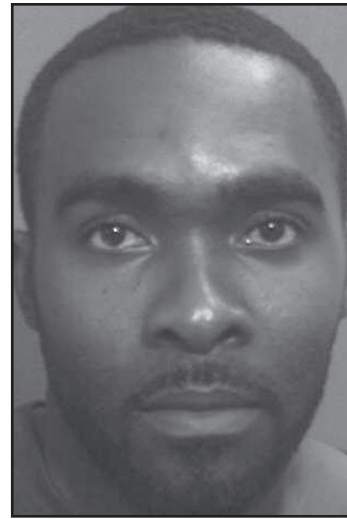
2012. Florida Hospital Apopka's new administrator Jennifer Wandersleben, who replaced Verbelee Nielsen-Swanson, said of her predecessor, "She has done a great job leading Florida Hospital Apopka, and I would like to build on her vision" ... A Tavares woman, Cheryl Coffey, suffered fatal injuries when the 2007 Jeep SUV she was driving collided with rear of a stopped LYNX bus on U.S. Highway 441 near Fudge Rd. in Apopka ... After six years as Apopka High's athletic director, Russell Wambles resigned to take the same position at Dr. Phillips High.

City of Apopka officials have had several unexpected requests from residents who

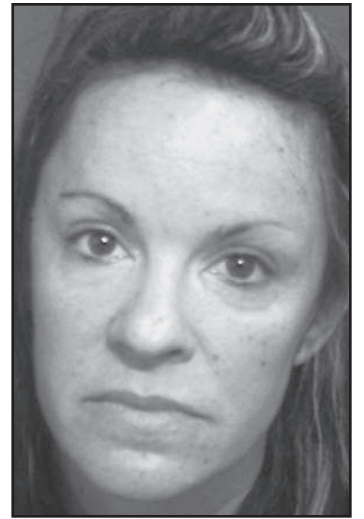
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Apopka Police Chief Rob Manley speaks with members of the media on Tuesday, January 10.



Renald Wilder



Holly Eckert

## Ring: Man, woman arrested

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Police arrested Renald Wilder, 31, of Miami and Holly Eckert, 43, of Coral Springs. Wilder, who has since bonded out, was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of cocaine, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Eckert faces charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Manley said each likely faces fraud and theft charges as the investigation broadens.

The police chief said Wilder had 38 prior arrests, while Eckert has more than 20.

In addition to the merchandise bought online with the stolen credit cards, officials found three handguns in the house.

The police chief said the investigation began after a burglar alarm went off at the house. The responding officer "felt something wasn't right (at

the house), but he couldn't put his finger on it," Manley said.

The officer notified the department's detectives who began investigating and eventually obtained a warrant this week's raid. Manley said the driver's licenses in the house were for people living throughout Florida, from Homosassa Springs to Miami. In addition, a few driver's licenses were stolen from Kelly Park north of Apopka, the police chief said.

The investigation has been turned over to the FDLE's Cyber Crimes Investigation Unit, which has recently been formed, said Jim Madden, assistant commissioner of FDLE, who was in Orlando this week for other issues.

"It has a major impact on the state of Florida, not to mention the victims who are spanning the entire state, also," Madden said. "It's definitely a significant issue."

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### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO VACATE DRAINAGE EASEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Apopka City Council, in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 336.10, has received an application from **BRAD & JULIE BUTTERSTEIN** to vacate a portion of an existing drainage easement located at 290 Kentucky Blue Circle (aka Lot 34, Bluegrass Estates Phase II Plat), being more particularly described as follows:

A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON LOT 34, BLUEGRASS ESTATES PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 49, PAGES 129, 130 AND 131, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 34, BLUEGRASS ESTATES PHASE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 49, PAGES 129, 130 AND 131, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE S88°48'56"E, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 34, A DISTANCE OF 332.19 FEET TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 34 AND THE EASTERLY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN DRAINAGE EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON AFORESAID PLAT OF BLUEGRASS ESTATES PHASE II; THENCE N32°39'06"W, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID DRAINAGE EASEMENT, A DISTANCE OF 86.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N32°39'06"W, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID DRAINAGE EASEMENT, A DISTANCE OF 69.38 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EASTERLY LINE RUN S89°05'22"W, A DISTANCE OF 20.15 FEET; THENCE S00°54'38"E, A DISTANCE OF 59.00 FEET; THENCE N89°05'22" E, A DISTANCE OF 56.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the **CITY OF APOPKA CITY COUNCIL** will consider this vacate application at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Hall City Council Chambers on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012**, at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible AND on **Wednesday, February 1, 2012**, at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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, including testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703, Telephone (407) 703-1704, not later than five (5) days prior to the proceedings.

January 13, 2012

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**Calendar of Events**

January 2012						
<b>5</b> 2:00 pm Dominos	<b>6</b> 2:00 pm Coffee and Tea Social	<b>9</b> 1:30 pm Bingo	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Alcohol in Older Adults	<b>11</b> 9:30-10:30 am 10:30-11:30 am Zumba Classes	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Smoking Cessation & Addictions 2:00 pm Dominos	<b>13</b> 11:30 pm Lunch 12:30 pm Patient-Centered Medical Home Talk 2:00 pm Ice Cream Social
<b>16</b> 1:30 pm Bingo	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Falls Risk and Balance Screening	<b>18</b> 9:30-10:30 am 10:30-11:30 am Zumba Classes	<b>19</b> 2:00 pm Dominos	<b>20</b> 2:00 pm Celebrating January Birthdays	<b>23</b> 1:30 pm Bingo	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Grief, Loss and Bereavement with VITAS

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**The Apopka Chief**

Established 1923 (USPS 545-440)

The Apopka Chief is published every Friday and entered as Periodicals, postage paid at Apopka Post Office, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. The Apopka Chief newspaper is published by Foliage Enterprises, Inc., every Friday at 439 W. Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka, Fla., 32712-3417. An annual subscription is \$18 in Orange County and \$23 outside Orange County. Phone 407-886-2777. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, Fla., 32704-0880.

The Apopka Chief is a consistent award-winning community weekly newspaper and a member of the Florida Press Association. The newspaper won the group's award as its best newspaper in 1982, 1987, and 1988, the only three-time winner. Letters to the editor are welcome, but must be signed and include a daytime telephone number, address, or email address for verification. Management reserves the right to edit letters.

[www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com), [news@theapokkachief.com](mailto:news@theapokkachief.com)

**City of Apopka Telephone Numbers**

City Hall.....407-703-1700  
Mayor's Office.....407-703-1703  
City Clerk.....407-703-1704  
Community Devel.....407-703-1712  
Code Enforcement.....407-703-1738  
Finance Dept.....407-703-1725  
Fire Chief.....407-703-1750  
Fire (non-emerg.).....407-703-1756  
Parks and Rec. Dept.....407-703-1741  
Police Chief.....407-703-1789  
Police (non-emerg.).....407-703-1771  
Job Line.....407-703-1721  
Solid Waste Collect.....407-703-1731  
Street Maintenance.....407-703-1731  
Utility Billing.....407-703-1727  
Medical, fire emergency.....911  
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is nearly 40,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi.

[www.apopka.net](http://www.apopka.net)

**Orange County Telephone Numbers**

Animal Services.....407-254-9140  
Auto/Boat Tags.....407-836-4145  
Building Dept.....407-836-5760  
County Chairman.....407-836-7370  
County Commission.....407-836-7350  
County Attorney.....407-836-7320  
Clerk of the Court.....407-836-2065  
Elections Supervisor.....407-836-2070  
Fire/Rescue.....407-836-9111  
Garbage Collecting.....407-836-6601  
Health Dept.....407-836-2600  
Hunting/Fishing Lic.....407-836-4143  
Parks and Rec. Dept.....407-836-6280  
Property Appraiser.....407-836-5000  
Sheriff Administrative.....407-254-7000  
Non-Emerg. Complaint.....407-836-4357  
Utilities.....407-836-5515  
All other departments.....407-836-3111  
Medical, fire emergency..... 911

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**Other Area Numbers of Note**

**U.S. Senators**  
Bill Nelson (Dem.).....407-872-7161  
Marco Rubio (Rep.).....1-202-224-3041

**U.S. Representatives**  
Corrine Brown (Dist. 3).....407-872-0656  
Daniel Webster (Dist. 8).....407-654-5705  
Sandy Adams (Dist. 24).....1-386-756-9798

**State Representatives**  
Bryan Nelson (Dist. 38).....407-884-2023  
Scott Plakon (Dist. 37).....407-262-7520

**State Senators**  
Andy Gardiner (Dist. 9).....407-428-5800  
Gary Siplin (Dist. 19).....407-297-2071

**Orange County Public Schools**  
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Bus routes.....407-317-3800  
Superintendent.....407-317-3202  
School Board.....407-317-3236

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