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August 26, 2022 Message from Mayor Lee Davis

In the past two years, Walden has undergone a planning process that has yielded a land-use plan for future Walden development. This Town of Walden Plan is a guide for potential developers and landowners.

There hasn't been a new grocery store proposal made to the Town of Walden. It is my understanding that the current owners of the Lines Orchids property are discussing that possibility with Publix.

I have asked the Lines Orchids property owners to look at the plan for guidance in their development plans. As you know, Walden has no sewer system, and a proposed project must address how it will handle sewage, stormwater, increased traffic, and other issues.

Walden encourages responsible growth and development and welcomes Publix to submit a proposal that follows the guidance of the Town of Walden Plan. If they offer a proposal that follows the land-use plan, it will be well received. If they submit a strip center proposal, it will not be supported. The court ruled that the previous strip center plan was an illegal violation of the town zoning ordinances.

I encourage Walden residents to continue to be active in Town matters. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm for our Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Lee Davis