



## 2021 EDITION ONE

# APOPKA NEWSLETTER

## THE LATEST NEWS, EVENTS, AND INFORMATION

### Calendar

February 3, 2021:  
City Council Meeting 1:30 PM  
at City Hall Council Chambers  
Live Streaming on YouTube Channel

February 6, 2021:  
Saturday Sounds Concert 5 PM to 7 PM  
at the Apopka Amphitheater

February 9, 2021:  
Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 PM  
at City Hall Council Chambers  
Live Streaming on YouTube Channel

February 13, 2021:  
Saturday Sounds Concert 5 PM to 7 PM  
at the Apopka Amphitheater

February 17, 2021:  
City Council Meeting 7 PM  
at City Hall Council Chambers  
Live Streaming on YouTube Channel

February 20, 2021:  
Saturday Sounds Concert 5 PM to 7 PM  
at the Apopka Amphitheater

February 27, 2021:  
Saturday Sounds Concert 5 PM to 7 PM  
at the Apopka Amphitheater

Apopka Farmers Market  
Every Thursday  
5:30 PM to 8 PM  
at Kit Land Nelson Park  
[www.apopkafarmersmarket.com](http://www.apopkafarmersmarket.com)

**Please continue to visit  
our COVID-19 page for  
updates & information**  
[www.apopka.net/covid19](http://www.apopka.net/covid19)

### Apopka Citizen Police Academy Begins February 2021!

Contact Officer Jason Wiggins  
at 407-703-1771 for additional  
information & requirements.

## SATURDAY SOUNDS

Join us at the Apopka Amphitheater for free  
family-friendly concerts from 5 PM to 7 PM  
every Saturday through May 29, 2021.

Seating will be social distanced in both the  
Amphitheater and the lawn area. Be sure  
to bring your chair or blanket to enjoy the  
concerts in the lawn section.

Visit [www.apopka.net/events](http://www.apopka.net/events) for dates,  
artists, and additional information.

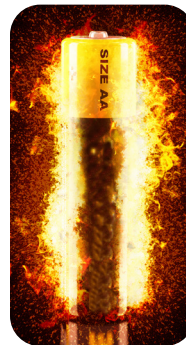


Please Note: Select Saturday concerts  
might require paid tickets.

## Solid Waste: How to Dispose and Recycle Batteries

With billions of batteries  
sold each year in the United  
States, Public Services: Solid  
Waste Division would like  
to remind everyone that  
some batteries can be safely  
thrown in the trash, while  
other types must be recycled.

Batteries, if disposed of  
improperly, can release heavy  
metals and toxic substances  
into the air and water. It can  
also cause fires in the City's  
garbage trucks, which can be  
dangerous and costly.



**Did you know not  
all batteries can be  
thrown  
in the trash?**

**Some must be  
recycled in order to  
prevent fires.**

### Types of Batteries to Trash

- Alkaline Batteries
- Lantern Batteries
- Lithium Batteries (Tape the terminals  
before throwing away)

### Types of Batteries to Recycle

- Rechargeable Lithium Ion Batteries (LI-ion)
- Battery Packs
- Button Batteries
- Nickel-Cadmium Batteries (Ni-Cd)
- Nickel Metal Hydride Batteries (NiMH)
- Old-style Cell Phone Batteries
- Portable Power Tool Batteries
- Small Sealed Lead Acid Batteries
- Wet Cell Lead Acid Batteries

### Where to Recycle Batteries

- Visit [Call2Recycle.org](http://Call2Recycle.org) to find a retailer.
- Visit [www.orangecountyfl.net/  
WaterGarbageRecycling](http://www.orangecountyfl.net/WaterGarbageRecycling) for Orange County's  
Household Hazardous Waste locations.

The Florida Department of Environmental  
Protection has provided this information  
as a guide to help limit the harmful effects  
on human health and the environment.  
Additional information available at  
<https://floridadep.gov/>

## Apopka Fire: Carbon Monoxide

As the colder weather approaches, the Apopka Fire Department wants to remind you of the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO). CO is an odorless gas that can escape from any fuel-burning appliance, such as a gas furnace, water heater, stove, fireplace, chimneys, or space heater.



Here are some tips to keep your household safe:

- Install CO alarms outside sleeping areas and every level.
- Know the sound of the CO alarms and test monthly.
- If the alarm sounds, immediately move to fresh air and call for help.

Follow us on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/ApopkaFireDepartment](http://www.facebook.com/ApopkaFireDepartment)

## Apopka Police: Online Safety Tips

Valentine's Day is almost upon us, and millions of people will be purchasing gifts for those that they love, and many more will be looking for love online via the myriad of dating websites.



Trust your instincts, people online aren't always who they say they are. Here are some tips to keep you safe, and have Happy Valentine's Day!

- 1 Tip One: Don't disclose private information on online dating sites.
- 2 Tip Two: Keep initial contact on the dating platform.
- 3 Tip Three: Never send money to anyone that you are talking to, no matter what their story.
- 4 Tip Four: Talk to friends & family about your online relationship.
- 5 Tip Five: Always tell someone where & when, if you decide to meet. Meet in a public place.
- 6 Tip Six: Get to know them in the 'real world' before inviting them into your home & personal life.

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## Apopka Fire: Change Maker Honoree

The Apopka Fire Department was recognized in November as one of this year's "Heart of Florida United Way' Change Maker Honorees."

This is given to those in the community that work to make Central Florida better.



Visit [www.hfuw.org/changemakers2020](http://www.hfuw.org/changemakers2020) to see this year's Change Maker Honorees.

## America Recycles Day 2020

On November 19, 2020 the City of Apopka, in partnership with Waste Management, Modern Design Solutions, and Apopka Elementary School, held a shredding and recycling day for residents at Edwards Field. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.

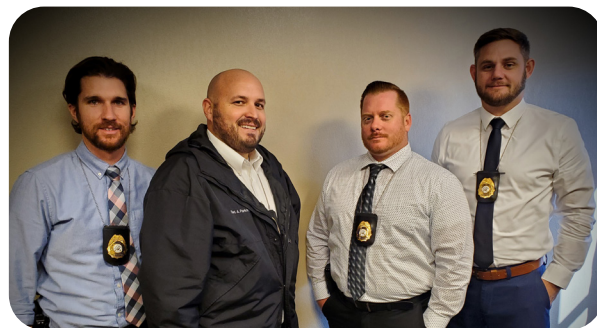
1000 lbs. of  
Shredding Recycled

1300 lbs. of  
Electronics Recycled

3 Receptacles of  
Plastic Bags Recycled

## No Shave November Update

The Apopka Police Department participated in "No Shave November." This year the annual charity drive was for the Special Olympics. Officers donated \$25, which allowed them to grow a beard for the entire month of November. This year a total of \$800 was raised.



Apopka Police Officers at the end of No Shave November.



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