

NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST NEWS, EVENTS, AND INFORMATION

Special Coronavirus (COVID-19) Message from Mayor Nelson

I am writing to provide an update on measures we are taking here at the City to minimize unnecessary risks and navigate the ever-changing environment. Here at the City, we anticipate a two million dollar sales tax shortfall in the 2019-2020 budget. In addition, we anticipate at least a two-million-dollar pension shortfall in the 2021-2022 budget. As such, we have made the decision to eliminate new hires unless it is for a critical position. We have eliminated new spending on projects. We have also eliminated employee travel.

City Specific Measures as of March 2020:

- Streaming Council Meetings on our YouTube Channel
- Encouraging customers to pay City bills online, using our drive thru, or at Amscot
- Encouraging customers to apply for permits over the phone, email, or online
- Postponing large City-sponsored events
- Refunding deposits for organizations and individuals that have rented our City facilities
- Canceling all fingerprint services through our Police Department until further notice
- Shifting spending to our Utility Fund projects, which are impact fee generated money
- Trying to refinance Municipal bonds at the historically low interest rates
- Moving our School Resource Officers to police routes while the schools are closed
- Limiting public access to certain areas of the fire stations – we are asking no visitors in the living quarters to limit exposure
- Stopping all Fire Department and Police Department community-relation events until further notice
- Making sure all First Responders are trained in proper procedures for handling COVID-19 calls

As of March 26, 2020 at 11 PM an Executive Order was put in effect by Jerry L. Demings, Orange County Mayor, until April 9, 2020 at 11 PM for a Stay at Home Order.

We continue to monitor all CDC updates and make adjustments accordingly. We ask that you take the necessary precautions as well. For the latest updates, we encourage you to continue to visit www.apopka.net/COVID19 as we continue to update as more information becomes available.

- Mayor Bryan Nelson

**This information was accurate at time of publication.
Please visit www.apopka.net/covid19 for the latest information.**

In Your Hometown: Martin's Pond Update

On February 27, 2020 at Martin's Pond, located by the new City Center and Highland Manor, 137 Carps were released into the water. These carps will eat the aquatic vegetation, thereby reducing the need for herbicides.

Picture Left: Putting Carp in bucket to release in pond. Picture Right: Mayor Nelson releasing Carp into Martin's Pond.



CALENDAR

May 6:
City Council Meeting 1:30 PM
at City Hall Council Chambers
Live Streaming on YouTube Channel

May 12:
Planning Commission Meeting
7:30 PM
at City Hall Council Chambers

May 15:
Postponed: Friday Night Music
6 PM
at Apopka Amphitheater

May 20:
City Council Meeting 7 PM
at City Hall Council Chambers
Live Streaming on YouTube Channel

May 25:
City Hall & Utility Billing Closed
in Observance of Memorial
Day

May 25:
Postponed: Memorial Day
Service 11 AM
at Edgewood/Greenwood Cemetery

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

Please continue to visit our online calendar for the latest updates on all our events in the City of Apopka.

We have established a COVID-19 page on our website for all the latest information and helpful resources for our residents.

Please visit this page for updates and information
www.apopka.net/covid19

Apopka Police: Vehicle Burglary Prevention Tips

The Apopka Police Department would like to remind everyone that vehicle burglaries can lead to other crimes. It is important to be aware of your surroundings and if you see something suspicious to call the police. Most vehicle thefts occur when valuables are left unattended. Often the property stolen is left in plain view. This crime can be prevented by taking a few steps to make your car unattractive to potential criminals.

- Lock and alarm your vehicles, since the majority broken into are found unlocked.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Hide or remove all valuables from vehicle. Often times items in the open are the biggest target.
- Close window, doors, and tops.
- Take your garage door opener with you when leaving your vehicle.
- Install an anti-theft device.

For more tips from the Apopka Police Department visit www.facebook.com/apopkapolicedepartment.



Secure your valuables.
Lock your car.
Take your keys.

Apopka Fire: Seat Belt Safety

One of the safest choices drivers and passengers can make is to buckle up. Many Americans understand the lifesaving value of the seat belt – the national use rate was at 89.6% in 2018. Seat belt use in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 14,955 lives in 2017. Understand the potentially fatal consequences of not wearing a seat belt and learn what you can do to make sure you and your family are properly buckled up every time.

Guidelines to buckle up safely:

- The lap belt and shoulder belt are secured across the pelvis and rib cage, which are better able to withstand crash forces than other parts of your body.
- Place the shoulder belt across the middle of your chest and away from your neck.
- The lap belt rests across your hips, not your stomach.
- Never put the shoulder belt behind your back or under an arm.

Buckling up is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash. Air bags are designed to work with seat belts, not replace them. Make sure the seat belt is a good fit for you. Contact the dealer or manufacturer if you need a seat belt adjuster or to retrofit for an older car. There are specific recommendations for children and pregnant women. Visit www.nhtsa.gov for more information.



Telemarketers Spoofing City of Apopka Phone Numbers



The City of Apopka has seen an influx of caller ID spoofing over the last few months. Spoofing is when a caller purposely changes the information transmitted to your caller ID to disguise their identity. Deceitful telemarketers or scammers will use phone numbers similar to your phone number to increase the probability that you will answer the call. They will also use phone numbers from a business or a government agency that you may recognize and trust. If you answer, do not respond to questions that can be answered with a “yes” or “no”, nor should you provide any personal information. Scammers will try to steal

your money or valuable personal information which can be used in fraudulent activity at a later time.

If you get a phone call from someone who says they represent a business or a governmental agency, hang up and call the phone number on your account statement or the government agency’s website to verify the legitimacy of the request. If you don’t recognize the phone number, it is best not to answer the call. If the call was important enough they will leave a voice message for you.



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