



South Apopka

Safe Neighborhood Association

A newsletter about issues important to you and your neighbors...

Important Orange County Numbers

Orange County Customer Service
3-1-1

Sheriff's Non-Emergency
407-836-HELP (4357)

Sheriff's Emergency
9-1-1

Crime Line
407-423-TIPS (8477)

Drug Enforcement
407-521-2400

Parking Enforcement
407-836-0800

Seniors First
407-292-0177

Housing, Food, Social Services
2-1-1

Find hurricane and COVID-19 resources at
WWW.OCFL.NET



Contact 407-836-4200 or ocneighborhoods@ocfl.net for information about Safe Neighborhoods.

Holiday Safety *Courtesy of the Orange County Sheriff's Office*

CRIME PREVENTION HOLIDAY TIPS

PACKAGE THEFT

- Ask your delivery company to place your packages out of view
- Have a trusted neighbor pick up your packages
- Place a hold on mail delivery before going on a trip
- Take your holiday gift boxes (e.g., TV, computer, stereo, etc.) to one of the free Burglar Box Program recycle bins

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

- Never leave gifts or valuables visible in your car
- Do not become distracted. Stay aware of your surroundings
- If it seems suspicious, Say Something
- Stay alert for vehicles that may follow you home
- Look for pedestrians at cross walks
- Do not drive impaired. Have a designated driver



BURGLARY BOX LOCATIONS

North West (Sector 1)

OCSO Sector 1 Sub-Station
1111 North Rock Springs Rd
Apopka, Florida 32712

OCSO Sector 3 Sub-Station
475 West Story Road
Ocoee, FL 34761

East (Sector 2)

Burlington
1250 North Alafaya Trail
Orlando, Florida 32828

West (Sector 3)

Saint Lukes
United Methodist Church
4851 South Apopka Vineland Road
Orlando, Florida 32819

Central (Sector 4)

Sedano's Supermarket
Southchase Plaza
12981 South Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, Florida 32837

South West (Sector 5)

Winn Dixie
11957 South Apopka Vineland Road
Orlando, Florida 32836

Publix Supermarket
Williamsburg Downs Shopping Center
5350 Central Florida Parkway
Orlando, Florida 32821

Multi-Level Marketing Program Warning Signs

If you are looking for opportunities to earn extra money, there is a good chance you have come across **multi-level marketing (MLM)** programs. MLM programs typically involve selling products or services, while recruiting other people who will also sell the same. While there are some legitimate MLM programs, several MLM programs are pyramid schemes in disguise. If you see a company doing any of the following, it is probably best to avoid their MLM program.

1. They make promises of a large earning potential. **This is seldom true** for MLM programs. Most participants in MLM programs earn very little money, and some participants even lose money.
2. You will only make money **if you recruit new participants** in the program. If you cannot make money by simply selling products, there is a good chance the program is a pyramid scheme.
3. They put a lot of **pressure on you to join** the program. If they are pressuring you, it is likely because their earning is based more on recruiting than selling.

Visit <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/multi-level-marketing-businesses-pyramid-schemes> for more information.

SEPTIC UPGRADE REBATE

If you are a homeowner and do not have a sewer connection, you may be eligible for a **rebate of up to \$10,000** on an advanced treatment septic system, designed to protect water quality in area springs from algae growth and other problems.

For more information contact ocneighborhoods@ocfl.net

407-836-5895



Where There's Smoke, There's Air Pollution

Burning yard waste may seem convenient, but it releases harmful smoke that can drift into nearby homes, affecting vulnerable groups like the elderly, children and those with asthma. Open burning not only impacts your neighbors but also releases toxins that harm the environment and air quality.

Instead of burning, consider these safer, eco-friendly alternatives:

1. **Curbside Disposal:** Bundle, bag, or can yard waste for weekly curbside collection. It's easy and keeps the air clean.
2. **Composting:** Turn leaves, grass clippings and small twigs into compost for your garden. It's a sustainable way to reduce waste.
3. **Mulching:** Use leaves and pine needles as mulch to nourish your plants and conserve moisture.

Orange County residents can learn more about proper yard waste disposal and collection at www.ocfl.net/GreenClean.

For guidelines on open burning, visit www.ocfl.net/OpenBurningRules.

Remember, where there's smoke, there's air pollution—let's keep the air clean and protect our community!

SHRED EVENT

Saturday, February 15, 2025, from
9:00 a.m. until noon, Wekiva High
School, 2501 Hiawassee Rd, Apopka

Visit the Orange
County Sheriff's Office
Facebook page for
event information



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(this message or box will not be printed)

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