

Minutes of Meeting of POWS (People of Wekiwa Springs)

Date: 1/3/23

Time: 6:00 pm (Leaders Pre-meeting)

Attendance: Independently taken by Kathy Marsh

Discussion centered around developing a plan for communicating back to homeowners in the POWS area. The website calendar was discussed further.

Time: 7:00 pm (Start of Meeting)

Opening with Prayer and Pledge by Dr Robert Arnold, Pastor Lockhart Church

Reading of 12/6/2022 Minutes by Bob Samson

Name tags and notebooks for attendees were discussed and handed out.

HOA Highlight of the Month – Kathy Gill of Wekiva Terrace, part of the Wekiva Springs Rd corridor discussed how their HOA communicates to their owners. The main method was signage at the entrance. Ms. Gill emphasized writing and using community grants to improve a play area within their common area. \$5k was obtained. Encouraged any HOA to use the grant process.

Apopka Historical Society presented and handed out brochures. Reminded residents that the museum was open M W F from 9 to 5 and Saturday from 9 to 1. The brochure is attached to the minutes.

Ms. Teresa Jones from Orange County Code Enforcement presented what is a violation. Encouraged everyone to use the 311 apps for reporting violations. A brochure is attached to the minutes. Her contact information is Teresa.jones@OCFL.NET. Phone is 407.836.3011

Monthly clean up is scheduled for the lot opposite the convenience mart on Votaw and Thompson Rd. Jeff Englebrecht is planning an 8 am to 10:30 am work time. Bring gloves, pole saws, chain saws, shears, and heaving pruning cutters. Park diagonally across the street on the empty county lot.

Delia Miller, who is painting the mural on the convenience mart passed around a signup sheet for people to help.

Caitlyn Kasheta of Kasheta Farms on Votaw provided a monthly calendar of events. A request was made for both volunteers and fruit box drinks, water, and snacks for her children's programs. There is a reading program and one targeting autistic children. Their calendar is attached.

The Apopka Run Club presented. Website is www.apopkarunclub.com and contains locations and schedules for groups to get together for non-competitive running and walking together. Their group signed up to clean half of Votaw Road on a regular basis.

Meeting was closed at 8:30 pm



Secretary, Bob Samson

Wekiwa Springs Area

2022 Improvement PLAN – assessment

A) Infrastructure:

County Role:

- 1) Speed studies on major roadways – county staff - completed
- 2) Upgrade major street lighting to LED – county & Duke Energy
 - A) Wekiwa Springs Road - completed
 - B) Fight for Votaw Road to get streetlights – Cmsr. Moore - ongoing

Community Responsibilities:

3) Corridor maintenance

“Corridor chiefs and captains” – not executed

Wekiwa Springs S – Gail Hoover Richmond

Wekiwa Springs N – Sue Henesy

Votaw – Cynthia Pratt, Pat Russell

Thompson S – open Leah McMurray

Thompson N – open

Welch – Kathy Marsh & David Robinson

4) Corridor of the Year Contest October 1st - completed

Leader: Jeff Engelbrecht– Thompson Rd. – 2022

Votaw Rd. - 2023

B) Economic:

- 1) Voluntary HOA for Wekiwa Manor – Mike Balcolm, Rachel Stawski - ongoing
- 2) Petition to CVS to upgrade location to a “health hub” – not done
- 3) Continue to work with non-HOA communities on entranceways through Corridor of the Year, Corridor Chief program, and other

efforts to apply for grants, organize and decorate for holidays - ongoing

C) Safety:

- 1) **Reducing littering is number one goal** - ongoing
New *Corridor Chief* will maintain a map of corridor with volunteers or captains who will pick up trash weekly
- 2) Voluntary HOAs develop By-Laws which – *Wekiwa Park* should address safety & number of rental homes -
Christine Moore & Daniel Vanegas
- 3) Newsletter & website to report crime statistics – once a year
Kathy Marsh

D) Social:

- 1) *Wekiwa* area mailed newsletter (once per year) *Kathy Marsh* – not done
- 2) *Wekiwa Springs* Walking Breakfast Bus *need volunteer* – not done
- 3) *Wekiwa Springs* Annual Leader's picnic *need volunteer* – not done
- 4) Neighborhood Leader's Collaborative Dinner *Gail Richmond* - done

E) Sustainability:

- 1) Septic to Sewer MSBUs – *various leaders in eight neighborhoods* - done
- 2) More work on Fertilizer Ordinance education – partially done
- 3) Many opportunities here – just be mindful of sewer work n/a

Become a Member
of the

APOPKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email Address _____

- ___ Annual Individual Membership \$15
- ___ Annual Family/Couple Membership \$35
- ___ Annual Business Membership \$75
- ___ Lifetime Individual Membership \$200
- ___ Lifetime Couple Membership \$300
- ___ Lifetime Business Membership \$500

**Want to get involved?
Volunteer at the Museum!**

___ Research _____ Genealogy _____

___ Museum Displays _____ Education _____

___ Event Planning/Socials _____ Computer work _____

Other _____ Docent _____

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Apopka Historical Society is to collect, preserve, and present the history and culture of Apopka and Northwest Orange County through programs that educate and promote pride and interest in the heritage of Apopka and its citizens through the operation of the Museum of Apopkans that shall be open to the public. The Apopka Historical Society is also dedicated to historic preservation and education.

The Museum of the Apopkans is supported by the Apopka Historical Society membership, the generosity of the public, and the City of Apopka. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

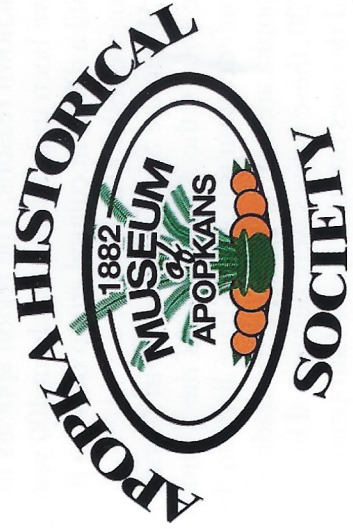


FREE ADMISSION

Museum Hours
Wednesday through Friday
12:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday
9:00am - 1:00pm

Prearranged group tours are available!

*The Past is my Heritage
The Present is my Responsibility
The Future is my Challenge*



122 East 5th Street
Apopka, Florida 32703
407-703-1707

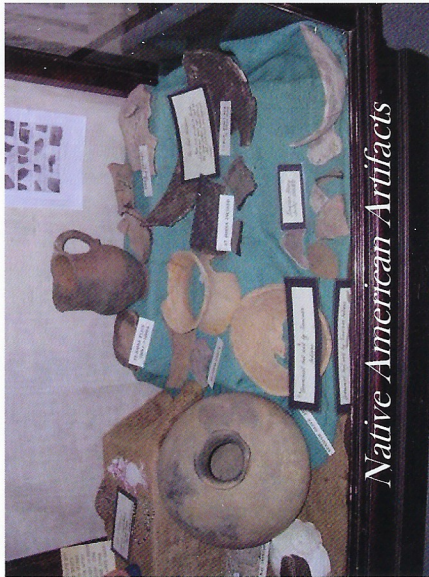
theapokmuseum@gmail.com
www.theapokmuseum.com



WHO ARE WE?

From about 7500 B.C. until about 100 A.D. Native Americans lived on the shores of Lake Apopka, then they disappeared for unknown reasons. The region appears to have been uninhabited for about 400 years, until a different cultural group came to the lake around 500 A.D.

When the Spaniards arrived in Florida in the 1500's, the Acuera tribe of the Timucua Confederation was said to have lived in the Apopka area, growing crops and trading. By 1730, these natives were decimated by war and diseases brought by the Europeans, and they soon disappeared.

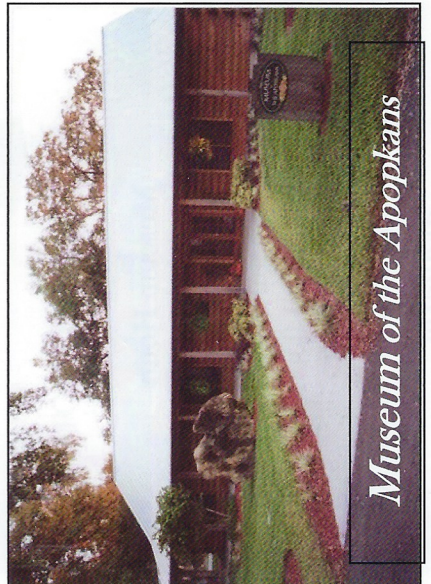


Early in the 1800', there was a Seminole village on Lake Apopka, or Ahapopka, as they spelled and pronounced the name. The village remained active until the outbreak of the Second Seminole War in the mid-1830s. Coacoochee (Wild Cat), one of the most famous and influential war chiefs, was born in the area and ruled as chief until this village was evacuated, and the natives sought refuge in the swampy areas around the St. Johns River.

The Armed Occupation Act of 1842 brought settlers to the Apopka area. They received 160 acres if they could settle 5 acres of land for 5 years. These pioneers began converting the area into what it is today.



After the Civil War, the climate and the agricultural opportunities in Apopka attracted developers and settlers, and the town became an important trading center in the 1850s. The Freemasons were particularly active with the creation of Orange Lodge No. 36 in 1857. Nicknamed "The Lodge", the building was completed in 1859. Today it is the oldest running lodge in Florida and is standing on its original site at Alabama Avenue and Highway 441.



It was around this building that the town grew in the 1860s and 1870s and ultimately became the Town of Apopka City, incorporated in 1882.



Progress continued and today Apopka is still an important hub of commerce. One of the fastest growing cities in Orange County, it is home base to more than 51,800 citizens in the greater Apopka area today.



WHAT DO WE DO?

As the preservers of the history of Apopka, we have collected many artifacts and documents that are in the Museum of the Apopkians.

Be a part of the on-going effort to preserve Apopka's history by becoming a member of the Historical Society. There are many ways you can become involved.

What Is Code Compliance?

Compliance with the relevant codes is vital for the preservation of health and safety standards within neighborhoods. Code Inspectors are ambassadors for Orange County Government and work to strengthen neighborhoods by encouraging compliance with the relevant codes to reduce blight, mitigate unsightly and unpermitted structures, and increase neighborhood pride.



Four Ways to Report a Code Violation*

- 1. Call**
Dial 311 or 407-836-3111
- 2. 311 Help & Info**
ocfl.net/Home/311HelpInfo.aspx
- 3. 311 Online Request**
311onlinerequests.ocfl.net/portal/default.aspx
- 4. Smartphone App**



Apple



Android

For more information contact:

Orange County
Neighborhood Services Division
Code Compliance Office
2450 33rd Street, 2nd floor
Orlando, FL 32839
407-836-3111
coderesearch@ocfl.net
www.ocfl.net/codecompliance



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What Is a Code Violation?

A violation of any provision of the code, or any provision of local, state, or federal law or regulation needed to preserve the health, safety, and quality of life standards in a neighborhood.

Abandoned or Disabled Vehicles

Parking an abandoned or disabled vehicle at a residential property is not permitted unless it is parked inside an enclosed garage or parked completely under a carport and covered with an auto cover. An abandoned or disabled vehicle can be described as dismantled, wrecked, having flat tires, no license plate, expired registration, or landscaping growing under the car.



Dual Rear Wheel Vehicles

Dual rear wheel vehicles (motor truck, trailer, semi-trailer or tractor/trailer combination) are not permitted in residential areas.

Recreational Vehicles & Boats

Unoccupied recreational vehicles (RV) may be stored in most residential districts, after the owner obtains a permit from the Zoning Division. A permit from the Zoning Division is required to store boats

longer than 24 feet in a residential district. Boats less than 24 feet may be parked in the front yard on an approved surface and do not require a permit. All boats must be registered to the owner or lessee of the property.

International Property Maintenance Code and Unsafe Residential Buildings

Property owners must ensure buildings, structures, and the exterior property are maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. There are standards pertaining to cooking facilities, structural soundness, plumbing, electrical systems, fire hazards, ventilation, heating and sleeping facilities. Residential buildings or structures that are unsafe, unsanitary, and/or unfit for human habitation, which constitute a fire hazard, are otherwise dangerous to human life, and are subject to demolition.



Construction

Approval from the Zoning Division and a permit from the Building Safety Division are required for a building or structure to be erected, altered, or enlarged.



Maintaining a Property

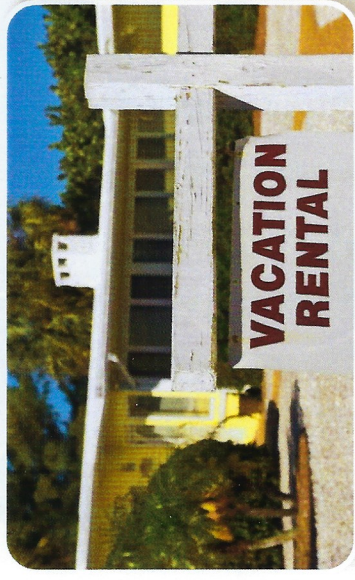
The accumulation of trash, junk, and debris on a property is a code violation. Additionally, grass and weeds taller than 18 inches are a violation of the code. In these instances, a lot cleaning may be conducted to bring the property into compliance.

Signs

Signs may not be placed in the right-of-way unless a "Temporary Weekend Directional Sign" permit is obtained by the Zoning Division. Signs in violation may be removed and those placing such signs are subject to a fine.

Short-Term Rentals

The operation of a short-term rental or transient rental is a code violation in most residential areas.



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TDD Dial 7-1-1 for the Florida Relay
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TTY Marque 7-1-1 para el Servicio de
Retransmisión de la Florida

JANUARY 2023

KASHETA FARMS - 841 VOTAW RD. APOPKA, FL 32703

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Store Open 10-3pm			Store Open 12-5pm	Store Open 12-5pm	Store Open 12-5pm <u>Autism Awareness & Appreciate Day aka A-Day 5:30-6:30pm</u>	Store Open 9-6pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Store Open 10-3pm <u>Makers' Movement Market 10-3pm</u>				Store Open 12-5pm <u>Cultivating Confident Readers 5:30-6:30pm</u>	Store Open 12-5pm	Store Open 9-6pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Store Open 10-3pm				Store Open 12-5pm	Store Open 12-5pm	Store Open 9-6pm <u>Chili Cook-Off Competition 4-7pm</u>
29	30	31				
Store Open 10-3pm						



To learn more about Apopka Run Club's community and conservation efforts, please visit our web page at

www.ApopkaRunClub.com

