



# 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**



### Community Highlights

Lake Opal Estates put the Holiday spirit on display this year, uplifting the entire community with joyful and festive lights for all to enjoy.

#### Christmas Scenery



From Lake Opal  
Estates

### Yard of the Month



Congratulations to Lake Opal  
Estates Yard of the Month  
recipient, Jarette Schofield.

### Code Compliance Question & Answer

**Q:** Code Compliance says junk vehicles are not allowed. **What constitutes a junk vehicle?**

**A:** Flat tires, undergrowth, dismantled, wrecked, no license plate, expired tag or **registration**. After a code violation notice is issued, if owners do not remove or repair the vehicle in 15 days, the County contractor can tow it away.

Contact 407-836-4200 or [ocneighborhoods@ocfl.net](mailto:ocneighborhoods@ocfl.net) for information about Safe Neighborhoods.

UF IFAS Extension UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

FLORIDA MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

"SUSTAINABLE GARDEN PARADISE"

**SATURDAY**  
MARCH 2, 2024  
8:30AM - 3:00PM

**UF/IFAS EXTENSION ORANGE COUNTY**  
6021 South Conway Rd.  
Orlando, FL 32812

ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT FLORIDA

**GARDEN FESTIVAL & PLANT SALE**

Event Partner: **OUC** The Reliable One

**Festival Activities**

- Garden Tours
- Plant diagnostics
- \$2 pH Soil Sampling
- Plant Vendors
- Artisans and Crafters
- Food Trucks
- Cup Auctions
- Classes and Workshops
- Children's Activities
- and More!

**Plants for Purchase**

- Ornamentals
- Annuals / Perennials
- Pollinator Plants
- Succulents / Cacti / Bromeliads
- Vegetable Plants
- Fruit Trees
- Herbs / Mushrooms
- Vermicompost
- and More!

\*Service animals only

**OCSO Events**

**Women's Self-Defense**  
April 19, 2024  
Valencia College School of Public Safety, 8600 Valencia College Lane, Orlando, Florida 32825  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Registration opens on March 1, 2024 at [OC.SO.COM/SELF-DEFENSE](https://www.ocso.com/self-defense)

**Shred-A-Thon**  
May 18, 2024  
Oak Ridge High School  
**FREE EVENT. No registration needed. DRIVE THRU ONLY.**  
Please place your items to shred in trunk of the vehicle.

**Summer Safety Splash**, June 1, 2024, YMCA Dr. Phillips, 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, Florida 32819 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.—We will have a cookout, free swimming lessons, bounce houses and more.

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