

Police Beat

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In the period from November 10-16, the Apopka Police Department received 1,634 calls for assistance, responded to 34

crashes, issued 32 citations, and made 10 arrests. Of the arrests, two were juvenile arrests. The juveniles were charged with out-of-county warrants X two and battery touch or strike (domestic violence).

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Argelio Pupo, 32, confidential address, aggravated battery-cause bodily harm or disability, aggravated battery major injury-offender knew or should have known victim was pregnant, harassing communication-permit obscene

or harassing phone calls, cruelty toward child-aggravated child abuse, neglect child with great bodily harm.

Amy Francis Schmidt-Belcher, 37, 801 Monroe Ave., Apopka, drugs-possess controlled substance without prescription includes marijuana over 20 grams.

Christopher Lee James, 36, 911 Haas Ave., Apopka, failure to appear for felony offense.

Gary Lee Simmons, 55, 1402 Clarcona Rd., Apt. 1, Apopka, failure to appear-felony warrant, out-of-county warrant, drug equipment-possess and/or use, drugs-possess cocaine.

Morgan Alexandra

Keene, 27, confidential address, cruelty toward child-aggravated child abuse, neglect child with great bodily harm, sex assault-victim under 12 perpetrator over 18 years of age sexual battery victim under 12 years of age.

Victoria Wood, 25, 405 West Station St., Apopka, drugs-possess controlled substance/heroin, failure to appear for felony offense.

Ivan Chacon Hernandez, 33, 113 W. Magnolia St., Apopka, moving traffic violation-drive while license suspended 3rd or subsequent offense.

Donald M. Benevento, 42, 1711 Nesbitt St., Deltona, out-of-county warrant.

Wreaths event will honor fallen vets

The city of Apopka, in partnership with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will host the Wreaths Across America ceremony where fallen heroes will be honored by placing wreaths on the graves of veterans.

The ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 19, at noon at the Edgewood/Greenwood Cemetery, 141 South Edgewood Drive,

Apopka. Three hundred-fifty veterans are buried in the Edgewood/Greenwood Cemetery.

The goal is to lay a wreath at each and every grave. Volunteers are needed to help accomplish this task.

The cost is \$15 a wreath and donations can be made on www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Moore: One neighborhood leadership group has had its 1st meeting

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ronmental (infrastructure), and the natural environmental system.

Respect for democracy demands citizens participate in their government and their community. The ultimate responsibility lies with its citizens. If we choose not to participate, then we are acquiescing

to whatever state the area might find itself. What I find is most people simply do not know how to get engaged. I suggest, first of all, familiarizing yourself with the institutions and leaders through social media. It is quite easy to subscribe to newsletters and follow government pages on social media.

I'm also starting

neighborhood leadership groups. We held our first one for the north Pine Hills/Clarcona-Ocoee area last Wednesday night. I found an outside-eating area in a restaurant and we spoke with one another sharing complaints, dreams, and best practices. While only a dozen neighborhoods attended, I never despise small beginnings. As word gets out that these relationships are beneficial, the group will grow.

We are in the beginning stages of a tree planting program along Clarcona-Ocoee and erecting rural-style fencing (privately funded) in the Clarcona Rural Settlement. We

are looking to Sheriff Mina's leadership and staffing to slow down traffic along this corridor. This area has rural, suburban, and urban character. Eventually, the group will lead itself and simply call the commissioner to handle county responsibilities.

Kercher adds more by recommending core performance management. He recommends an independent, transparent, and real-time performance evaluation to be an integral part of an overall equity system. This way, performance is examined in a constructive way to enable the town to learn how to improve and innovate. Secondly, trans-

parently tracking every public action establishes connections between the town's actions, strategy, and vision.

Lastly, he wants to instill trust into the system by exposing the inner workings of the city to its citizenry. I look forward to my area groups wanting to spend a Saturday morning effectively evaluating their community. This might take a year or two.

A continuum of thought connects big plans with detailed actions. Governance requires constant commitment to a vision. The vision drives strategy which in turn directs all of its actions. This completes

a continuum between vision, strategy, action, and back again to vision. I encourage all leaders to consider their vision for the area for which they live.

My district office has a strategic plan and we review data every December. I'm a bit concerned that with the pandemic, we will not meet many of our goals. It has been challenging moving meetings to all virtual settings. Yet, rereading Kercher's book keeps me fresh and energized to continue the work.

These are tough times. However, we must move forward. Let's work harder on our smaller towns and communities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test will be held November 30, 2020, 8:00 a.m. for testing and final inspection of the voting equipment to be used in the City of Apopka Run-off Election and Early Voting prior to being sealed at the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Warehouse, 119 West Kaley Street, Orlando, Florida. Early Voting is November 30, 2020 through December 4, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office, 119 West Kaley Street, Orlando, Florida. The Run-off Election is December 8, 2020, Apopka Community Center / VFW Post #10147, 519 South Central Avenue, Apopka, Florida, and Northwest Recreation Center, 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka, Florida.

Candidates, or their representatives, may test the machines pursuant to Section 101.5612, Florida Statutes, during the public test.

AVISO PUBLICO

Por el presente AVISO se comunica que el lunes 30 de noviembre del 2020, a las 8:00 a.m. la prueba pública de los sistemas del equipo de votación usado para las boletas utilizadas para la Elección de Segunda Vuelta y la votación anticipada antes de que sean sellada en el almacén de la Oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Orange ubicada en 119 West Kaley Street, Orlando, Florida. Votación anticipada comenzará el lunes 30 de noviembre del 2020, a las 9:00 a.m., hasta el 4 de diciembre del 2020 a las 5:00 p.m. La votación tendrá lugar en la Oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Orange ubicada en 119 West Kaley Street, Orlando, Florida. La Elección de Segunda Vuelta comenzará el martes 8 de diciembre del 2020 de 9:00 a.m a 5:00 p.m. y tendrá lugar en el ubicada en Apopka Community Center / VFW Post #10147, 519 South Central Avenue, Apopka, Florida, y ubicada en Northwest Recreation Center, 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka, Florida.

Los candidatos, o sus representantes, pueden probar los sistemas del equipo de votación durante la prueba pública de acuerdo con las leyes del Estado de la Florida.

City of Apopka, Florida / Ciudad de Apopka, Florida
Linda F. Goff
Election Clerk / Secretaria de la Elección
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Byrd: It's nice to hear teachers complimented

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meeting with Apopka that I wrote about a couple weeks ago. These students expressed their frustrations with some issues but also expressed their appreciation for how well that learning at home was going for many of them.

I asked all the groups to give me their honest review of how they felt this unusual school year was going. Much to my surprise the kids were overall really happy with their learning situations.

Students learning face-to-face said they liked the smaller number of students in all their classes, that they felt safe, and that the schools were doing a great

job of following safety procedures.

The LaunchEd kids admitted that there were some technology issues that teachers had to work through in the beginning of the year, but that things are going much better and teachers are doing an amazing job teaching virtually.

It was really nice to hear kids compliment their teachers who have been working so hard. I also found it insightful that the students seem fine with the current situations. I think sometimes as adults we don't give kids credit for being as resilient as they really are.

Some things they expressed frustration with

were bigger issues like too much homework or better mental health classes and some were smaller school issues like frustration over not being able to wear headphones during breaks and too many healthy snacks in the vending machines.

Everything the kids share with me I take notes on and share with district staff so they can be addressed. I share frustrations and feedback on programs with the staff members who handle the subject area.

All the department heads have been very happy to receive the feedback and input.

They had some great ideas as well, like having a

district-wide culture awareness day where students can dress up in their traditional cultural clothing and share their heritage with their peers. One student talked about having more opportunities for college credit and more magnets in our area.

My time spent talking with students this month has been so insightful and enjoyable. I'm so glad to have the opportunity and look forward to meeting with the groups again in the spring.

If you haven't had a chance lately, strike up a conversation with a teen. They have a lot to say and are excited to share their ideas with someone who will listen.

Corbeil: Left wants to get rid of foundation

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ued violence and rioting, all of which are far-Left, anarcho-Marxist groups who share the same goal: The end of America as we know it.

"The well-funded movement has already taken root. We see it nightly in Portland; we've seen it in action in cities like Chicago, Seattle, New York City, and smaller communities like Kenosha, Wis., and Lancaster, Pa. Right now, the 'trigger event' has been police shootings, but after November, the trigger will be whoever won the election.

"The groups sponsoring the 2020 rioters are hostile to the U.S. of America as it currently exists. They have long since made common cause with some of our most dangerous enemies. Now, what they want is not reform. Phrases like 'Black Lives Matter' are a deliberate obfuscation, a time-honored tactic of radical left groups used to make themselves and their goals less threatening," Faddis writes.

"The objective, he says, is the same. Marxist revolution. An anti-democratic country. No more Constitution, at least in

its current form. No more America.

"That is why it is profoundly delusional to believe the riots of the past three months will end with the November election. They will not," Faddis explains.

"The point is this: A Trump election victory will indeed spark additional violence and unrest. But so, too, will a Biden victory; the only difference is which president will resist and which one will cave to the Marxist mob.

"There is no doubt that Biden's presidency will be run by leftists like his vice

president, Kamala Harris, and Bernie Sanders adherents. The Left wants to get rid of America as founded; they don't want reforms at the edges.

"Trump, by comparison, will fight to preserve our country with every tool available. Biden will be his prime target."

"A naughty person. A wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord." Proverbs 6:12-14.

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

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www.theapopkachief.com, news@theapopkachief.com



City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor's Office	407-703-1701
City Administrator	407-703-1649
City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel.	407-703-1712
Code Enforcement	407-703-1738
Finance Dept.	407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.)	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.)	407-703-1771
Job Line	407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.	407-703-1731
Street Maintenance	407-703-1731
Utility Billing	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency	911
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. www.apopka.net	

Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept.	407-836-8550
County Mayor	407-836-7370
County Commission	407-836-7350
County Attorney	407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor	407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection	407-703-1731
Health Dept.	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic.	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-836-6200
Property Appraiser	407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative	407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint	407-836-4357
Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency	911
www.orangecountyfl.net	

Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Val Demings (Dist. 10)	321-388-9808
State Representatives	
Jennifer Sullivan (Dist. 31)	352-742-6275
Kamia Brown (Dist. 45)	850-717-5045
State Senators	
Randolph Bracy (Dist. 11)	407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
Orange County Public Schools	
Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
Miscellaneous	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441