

NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST NEWS, EVENTS, AND INFORMATION

Upcoming Events in Apopka

"Health, Hope, & Unity"

Apopka Christmas Parade

**December 12, 2020
from 10 AM to 12 PM**

The Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka & The City of Apopka present the 44th Annual Christmas Parade. The route runs northbound on Park Avenue from First United Methodist Church of Apopka to Votaw Road.

Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra

HOLIDAY POP

**December 12, 2020 from
5 PM to 7 PM at the Apopka
Amphitheater**

The City is proud to host this free event, featuring a special family-friendly concert to celebrate the holidays.



Wreaths Across America at Edgewood/Greenwood Cemetery

December 19, 2020 at 12 PM

This event will remember and honor our veterans with remembrance wreaths placed on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.



To learn more visit
www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org

Eagle Scout Project at Veterans Memorial

December 19, 2020 at 12 PM

During the Wreaths Across America ceremony, Apopka High School senior and local Scouts BSA member of Troop 4773, Julia Shepherd, will be presenting her Eagle Scout project at the Veterans' Memorial. This project includes adding flagpoles to represent each branch of the military and updating landscaping.

At the Market

The Apopka Farmers Market is every Thursday at Kit Land Nelson Park from 5:30 PM to 8 PM

America Recycles Day at the Apopka Farmers Market

November 19, 2020 from 4 PM to 7 PM at Edwards Field

This free event will feature shredding, electronics recycling, and plastic bag recycling. Hosted by City of Apopka, in partnership with Waste Management & Modern Design Solutions. Residents can bring up to 3 boxes per vehicle (no businesses).

Tree Lighting at the Apopka Farmers Market

December 3, 2020 at 6 PM at Kit Land Nelson Park

The City welcomes you to join us for our annual Tree Lighting, as we light up Kit Land Nelson Park for the holidays. Come out and shop at the holiday market.

Holiday Market and Craft Fair at the Apopka Farmers Market

December 10 & 17, 2020 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM

Shop for the holidays at the weekly Apopka Farmers Market.

Please note: The Market will be closed on November 26, December 24, and December 31, 2020.

CALENDAR

December 2, 2020:

City Council Meeting 1:30 PM
at City Hall Council Chambers

December 3, 2020:

City Tree Lighting 6 PM
at Kit Land Nelson
(During Apopka Farmers Market)

December 8, 2020:

Planning Commission Meeting
5:30 PM at City Hall Council Chambers

December 10, 2020:

Apopka Farmers Market / Holiday
Craft Fair 5:30 PM to 8 PM
at Kit Land Nelson

December 12, 2020:

Apopka Christmas Parade 10 AM
on Park Avenue to Votaw Road

Holiday Pops Orlando
Philharmonic Orchestra 5 PM
at Apopka Amphitheater

December 16, 2020:

City Council Meeting 7 PM
at City Hall Council Chambers

December 17, 2020:

Apopka Farmers Market / Holiday
Craft Fair 5:30 PM to 8 PM
at Kit Land Nelson

December 19, 2020:

Wreaths Across America 12 PM
at Edgewood/Greenwood Cemetery

December 24, 2020:

Christmas Eve
City Hall & Utility Billing Closed

December 25, 2020:

Christmas Day: City Hall & Utility
Billing Closed No refuse collection

Apopka Winter Camp

December 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30,
& 31, 2020 at the Fran Carlton Center
www.apopka.net/wintercamp

Please continue to visit our
online calendar for updates.

Visit www.apopka.net/events for event & vendor information.

Highlights for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

ADOPTED BUDGET

Total Budget \$105,961,977

Budget Highlights

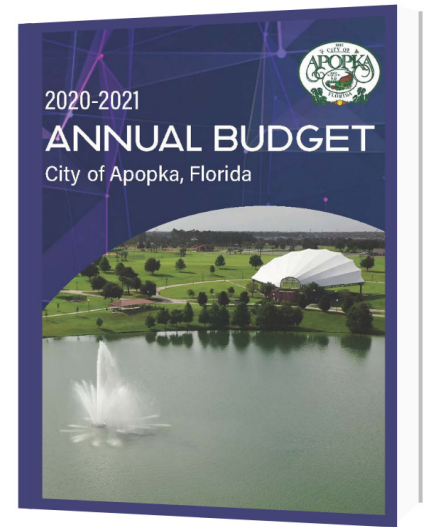
- City's tax base increased over \$296 Million; providing an additional \$1 Million in ad valorem tax revenues (property taxes).
- General Fund balanced using \$926,914 of reserves.
- No new or eliminated positions.
- Performance based merit pay up to 3% for all full-time employees.
- Grounds division operation moved to Parks and Recreation.
- Health insurance increase of 11.5% (City paid).
- Property, casualty, and workers compensation insurances increased approximately 8%.

New for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

- Sidewalks repairs, contract mowing, speed humps program, lighting improvements, street sweeping, and stormwater improvements.
- Water, wastewater and reclaimed water infrastructure improvements.
- Garbage rate increase of 3% for residential service and 6% increase for commercial services.

Infrastructure Improvements

- Design and construction of traffic light at Vick and Lester Road.
- Harmon Road extension design.
- St. Johns River Water Management District site road improvements.
- West Kelly Park Road capacity and safety study.
- Peterson Road and King Street improvements.
- New sidewalk funding.
- Stormwater and pipe lining funding.
- Additional restroom facility and ADA walkway at the Northwest Recreation Complex.
- Grossenbacher water plant well upgrade.
- Plymouth regional water plant well upgrade.
- West Kelly Park Road 16-inch water main.
- Golden Gem Road 16-inch water main.
- Effie Drive 16-inch water main.
- Highway U.S. 441 16-inch water main.
- Lift station upgrades.
- West Kelly Park Road 12-inch sewer main.
- Golden Gem reclaimed water plant.
- Northwest reclaimed water transfer pump station.
- Golden Gem Road 30-inch reclaimed water main.



The budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was approved by Budget Resolution 2020-30 on September 16, 2020.

Millage Rate

The Millage levy for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 was set at **4.2876** with Resolution 2020-29.

2020 Improvements

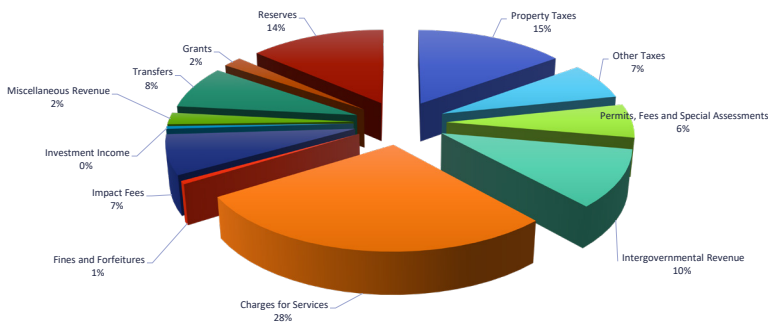
Sidewalks: \$119,497
Street Resurfacing: \$810,072
Street Signs: \$43,600

The City has reduced debt over \$7 Million since Fiscal Year 2018.

Major Capital Items

- Replacement ambulance
- Brush truck pump replacement
- Fire air packs replacement program
- 12 police vehicles
- Computers
- ADA compliance funding
- Asset management software
- Community Center / V.F.W. flooring
- A/C unit replacements
- Fleet service truck replacement
- Recreation field equipment and mowers
- Museum sealing and repair
- Automated side load garbage truck

2020/2021 BUDGET CHARTS

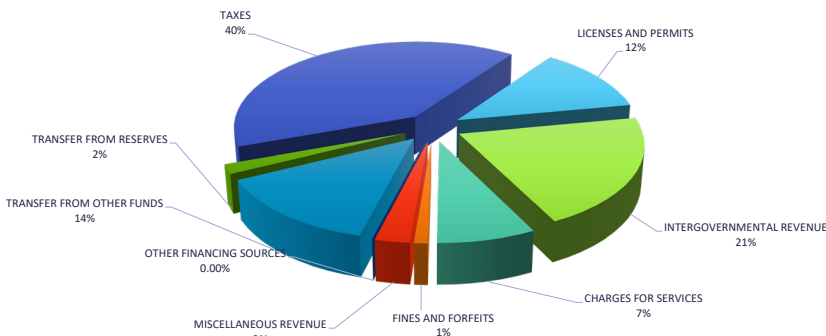
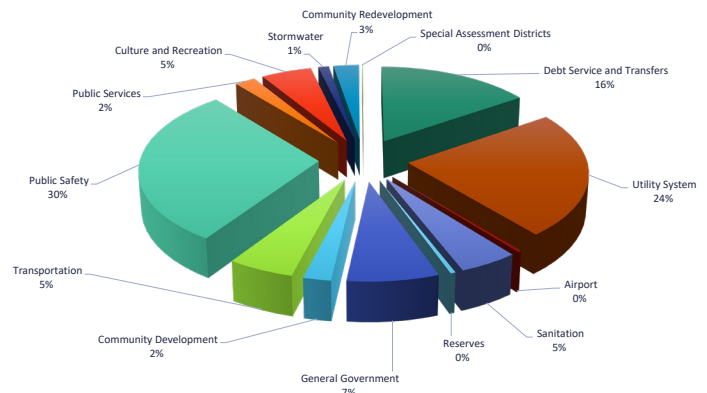


Citywide Revenue Summary Chart

Reserves 14%, Grants 2%, Transfers 8%, Miscellaneous Revenue 2%, Investment Income 0%, Impact Fees 7%, Fines and Forfeitures 1%, Charges for Services 28%, Intergovernmental Revenue 10%, Permits, Fees and Special Assessments 6%, Other Taxes 7%, Property Taxes 15%.

Citywide Expenditure by Function Chart

Culture and Recreation 5%, Public Services 2%, Public Safety 30%, Transportation 5%, Community Development 2%, General Government 7%, Reserves 0%, Sanitation 5%, Airport 0%, Utility System 24%, Debt Service and Transfers 16%, Special Assessment Districts 0%, Community Redevelopment 3%, Stormwater 1%

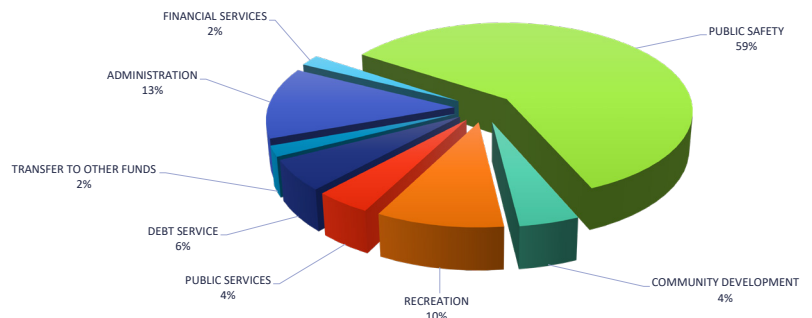


Budget Overview General Fund Revenue Chart

Taxes 40%, Transfer from Reserves 2%, Transfer from Other Funds 14%, Other Financing Sources 0%, Miscellaneous Revenue 3%, Fines and Forfeits 1%, Charges for Services 7%, Intergovernmental Revenue 21%, Licenses and Permits 12%.

Budget Overview General Fund Expenditures by Function Chart

Financial Services 2%, Administration 13%, Transfer to Other Funds 2%, Debt Service 6%, Public Services 4%, Recreation 10%, Community Development 4%, Public Safety 59%



Please visit our website to learn more about the 2020/2021 Budget. The complete booklet will be posted on our website once it has completed accessibility remediation.

www.apopka.net/budget

Utility Billing Customer Update

The City of Apopka will resume disconnections for non-payment effective November 16, 2020, unless a payment plan is approved. Late fees for past due balances will resume effective January 1, 2021. If you need a payment arrangement, please contact Apopka's Utility Billing Department at 407-703-1727 for more details.

Landscape Irrigation Schedule Update

When clocks change by one hour for Eastern Standard Time (November 1), Apopka residents should also remember to change their irrigation timers to one day per week. This change is in effect until Daylight Savings Time on March 14, 2021.

- Odd numbered addresses water on Saturday.
- Even numbered addresses water on Sunday.
- Non-residential properties water on Friday.

COMING IN 2021!

Apopka Citizens Police Academy

Applications are now available for the next Academy beginning February 2021. To learn more contact Community Policing Officer Jason Wiggins at JWiggins@Apopka.net or 407-703-1777

Apopka Saturday Sounds Concert Series

at the Apopka Amphitheater
Free concert series from January 9 to May 29, 2021.
Visit www.apopka.net/events for the latest information.

Senior Events in Apopka

Activities will resume in January 2021, including Chair Exercise, Zumba, & Painting Classes. Current membership is needed to participate in senior events. Contact the Fran Carlton Center at 407-703-1642 for details.

Spring Sports

- Flag Football registration runs through November 22, with games starting on January 16, 2021.
- Spring Soccer registration is January 11 through February 14, 2021, with games starting April 3, 2021.
- Basketball registration will be March 22 through April 25, with games starting in June 2021.

Visit www.apopka.net/recreation to find out more.

Upcoming City Holiday Closures

- Thanksgiving Holiday: November 26 & 27
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: December 24 & 25
- New Year's Day: January 1, 2021

**Reminder: No Trash Collected on
Thursday, November 26 and Friday, December 25.**



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Apopka Proud,
the City's weekly newsletter at
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Apopka Fire: Christmas Safety Tips

Did you know that Christmas trees result in 13 million dollars (annually) in property damage? When showcasing a live tree in your home, the combination of tree dryness, electrical malfunction with lights, and poorly located heating sources can make for a deadly combination. Here are some helpful tips from the Apopka Fire Department.

- 1 Tip One:** Keep the tree at least 3 feet away from any heat source such as a fire place, radiator, candle, heating vent, and lights.
- 2 Tip Two:** Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- 3 Tip Three:** Never use candles to decorate the tree.
- 4 Tip Four:** Always turn the tree lights off when leaving the house or going to bed.

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Apopka Police: Holiday Safety Tips

The following holiday safety shopping tips were compiled, in cooperation with the Apopka Police Crime Prevention Unit, to contribute to the safety and security of people during the holiday season. The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes. Please share this information with family, friends, and neighbors. The Apopka Police Department wishes you a safe, happy, and peaceful holiday season.

- 1 Tip One:** Avoid overloading yourself with packages. Have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- 2 Tip Two:** Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay with credit card or check.
- 3 Tip Three:** Stay alert to your surroundings and be aware of strangers approaching.
- 4 Tip Four:** Shop during daylight hours when possible, or shop with a friend or family at night.

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