



# Salute to Veterans

## Honoring All Who Served

# A history of Veterans Day over the years



### Veterans Day Timeline

#### 1919

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

#### 1926

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

*Whereas* the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

*Whereas* it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

*Whereas* the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday; Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the

United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

#### 1938

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor Veterans of World War I,

#### 1954

In 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the Veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American Veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation” which stated: “In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all Veterans, all Veterans’ organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.”

#### 1958

In 1958, the White House advised VA’s General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chair-

man of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee’s chairman.

#### 1968

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with

this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

#### 1971

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978.

This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.



Thank you for safeguarding our freedom, protecting our country and preserving our way of life. To all who have served and all who continue to serve, we thank you for your courage, sacrifice and dedication.

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## Honoring All Who Served

Veterans Day marks the perfect occasion to celebrate the many individuals who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. military.



The U.S. military is made up various branches, each with its own unique missions and responsibilities. Veterans Day marks the perfect occasion to celebrate the many individuals who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. military.

Each November, people across the United States and its territories honor the brave men and women who serve and have served in the various branches of the country's military. Veterans Day is observed annually every November 11 and honors the service of all U.S. military veterans. The day should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is celebrated each year in May and honors all military personnel who have died in service. Veterans Day is a great time for anyone to learn more about the various branches of the U.S. military.

### Army

The U.S. Department of Defense notes that the Army is the largest and oldest service in the

country's military. The Army provides the ground forces that protect the United States. Members of the Army are trained to defeat enemy ground forces and to seize and control enemy lands and resources. Army also is trained to control and interact with the general population in countries where members are stationed.

### Marine Corps.

It might surprise some to learn that the Marine Corps. is a component of the Department of the Navy. That's one reason why it maintains amphibious and ground units for contingency and combat operations. The Marine Corps. is divided into four groups: the operating forces that fight; the headquarters for

leadership; the supporting establishment that provides logistical support; and the Marine Corps. Reserve.

### Navy

The Navy protects America at sea. Despite its massive land mass, the United States is a maritime nation, which underscores how important a strong Navy is to the safety of the country and its residents. The Navy works alongside American allies and partners to keep the seas open and free.

### Air Force

**The Air Force** has five core missions: air superiority; global strike; rapid global mobility; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; and command and control. The Air Force defends the country and its residents in

air, space and cyberspace and is capable of delivering forces anywhere in the world within hours.

### Space Force

The existence of the Space Force may come as a surprise to many Americans. Organized under the Department of the Air Force and established in 2019, this branch of the military organizes, trains and equips space forces in order to protect the interest of America and its allies in space.

### Coast Guard

During peacetime, the Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security. In times of war, it operates under the Navy. The Coast Guard provides law and maritime safety enforcement as well as environmental protection. In addition to promoting national security, border security and economic prosperity in the maritime environment, the Coast Guard saves those in peril on the sea.

### National Guard

The National Guard is comprised of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. The National Guard has a diverse array of responsibilities that range from supporting combat missions to responding during domestic emergencies to assisting in humanitarian efforts and more.

## Gestures anyone can embrace in support of veterans

Veterans Day is commemorated each year on November 11, to honor the individuals who served in the armed forces for their respective countries.

Community-wide events tend to be held on November 11, but any day of the year is a good time to pay respect to veterans. On a local level, people can do much to thank veterans for their service and sacrifice.

- Provide a free restaurant meal. Offer to take out a veteran for breakfast, lunch or dinner. If you see a veteran eating in a restaurant, anonymously pay the bill for that person.

- Send care packages. Communities can gather resources and chip in to make care packages for veterans who live in town, and even to send to troops stationed elsewhere. Include foods and comforts from home.

- Buy from veterans. Seek out veteran-owned businesses in the area, and then make purchases from their retail stores or utilize their services.

- Volunteer at a VA hospital. Spend time with veterans where they receive care for current health needs or past injuries suffered in combat.

- Decorate cemeteries. Honor fallen veterans by placing flowers or flags by their gravesites.

- Ask a veteran to speak. If you work in a school or a community center, ask veterans to share their experiences with area youth.

- Visit local memorials. Spend time visiting memorials nearby and paying homage to the veterans who devoted their time, or even their lives, to service.

Community members have plenty of opportunities and ways to give back to veterans in the area.



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**Mayor Bryan Nelson**  
**wife Debbie & family**





# This Veterans Day, people can consider these eight unique ways to honor the veterans in their community



Millions of people make considerable sacrifices to protect the freedoms of their fellow citizens. According to the Pew Research Center and data from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Census Bureau, there are currently more than 18 million living veterans in the United States.

The term “veteran” refers to a person who served in the active military, naval, air service, or space service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. In the U.S., there are five types of protected veterans, according to the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974. Under VEVRAA, a veteran may be classified as a disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, active-duty wartime or campaign badge

veteran, or Armed Forces service medal veteran.

Veterans deserve respect and admiration all year long, but also get their own holiday each November. Veterans Day celebrates veterans’ patriotism and willingness to sacrifice and serve. This Veterans Day, people can consider these eight unique ways to honor the veterans in their community.

1. Attend events. Organize or participate in local Veterans Day celebrations, such as parades and ceremonial events.
2. Get involved with veterans’ affairs. Support veterans by volunteering with organizations that assist them, such as the VA, local veteran’s groups, VA hospitals, or charities dedicated to veteran services.
3. Petition for veteran speakers. Reach out to schools, scout troops or other groups and arrange opportunities for veterans to share their stories and contributions. Learning about the sacrifices these men and women made can heighten individuals’ appreciation for veterans.
4. Support the families of veterans. Reach out to veterans’ families, who also must make sacrifices and concessions. Anything from shopping, babysitting, doing chores, or making a meal can help the families of veterans.
5. Make a donation. If finances allow, make contributions to reputable charities that provide

services for veterans like those that offer mental health counseling or job placement services. If there isn’t a charity that fits with your vision, begin one.

6. Hire veterans to work. If you are a business owner or hiring manager, consider hiring veterans for open positions at your company. It can be challenging to re-enter the workforce after service, so make it known that your firm welcomes veterans.

7. Offer personal acknowledgements. Take the time to speak to veterans and thank them for their service. If possible, when dining out, ask the server if you can pay for the meal of a veteran who also is dining that day.

8. Don’t forget the fallen veterans. Although Memorial Day is designed to honor those who lost their lives through military service, people still can honor the fallen veterans on Veterans Day by sharing stories or placing flags at veteran cemeteries.

*Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11, marking an opportunity to express one’s gratitude and support for the scores of veterans who have served honorably.*

## Apopka Veterans Day Events

### Veterans Day Program 2024

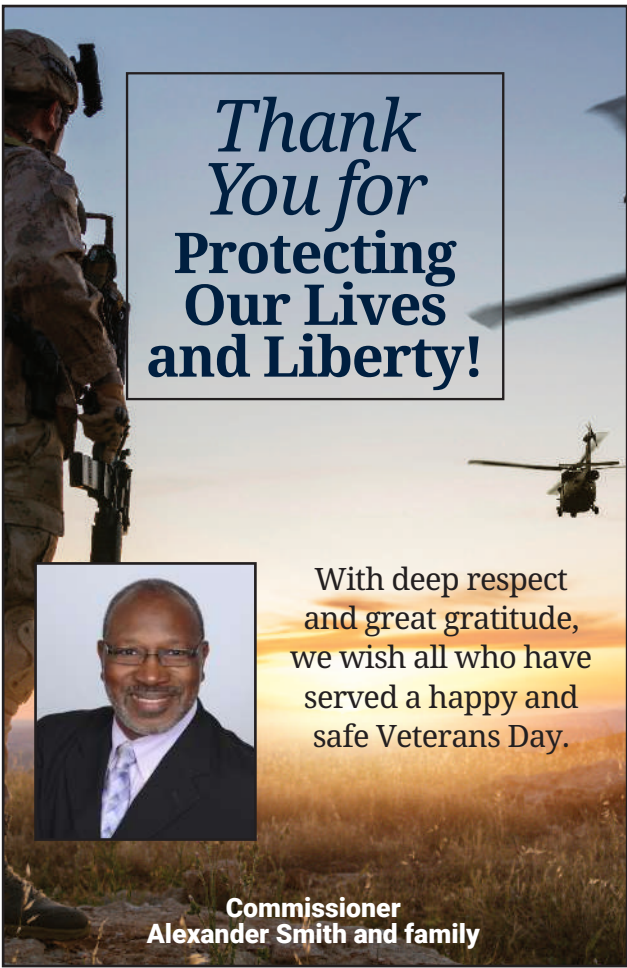
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### Veterans Day Service 2024

#### Monday, November 11, 2024

Hosted by the Apopka VFW Post 10147. Join us on November 11, 2024 at 11 AM at Kit Land Nelson Park followed by food & beverages at the Apopka Community Center.



*Let us never take our freedom for granted.*

On this Veterans Day, let’s remember the sacrifices our veterans and their families have made. Join with us in honoring and thanking all those who have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces.



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## Scott wins second Senate term

By Steve Wilson  
The Center Square

In defiance of polling that showed a tight race, U.S. Senator Rick Scott, R-Fla., easily won a second term with a 1.38-million vote margin over former U.S. Rep. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell on Tuesday night.

According to preliminary results from the Florida secretary of state's office, Scott won with 55.73 percent of the 10.54 million ballots cast. Mucarsel-Powell got 42.65 percent of the vote.

Scott, who was a former Florida governor, barely beat then-incumbent U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-

Fla., with 50.1 percent of the vote in 2018 or slightly less than 4.1 million votes.

That mirrors President Donald Trump's big victory in preliminary results, as Trump took 56.25 percent of the 10.75 million ballots cast, far outperforming his tallies in both 2016 (4.62 million votes or 49 percent) and 2020 (nearly 5.7 million votes for 51.22 percent).

Two polls released in the last weeks before the election showed a 4-point lead for Scott and another from the University of North Florida showed him with an even-slimmer 3 percent lead.

Scott took big victories in Miami-Dade

(580,851 to 472,081 for Mucarsel-Powell), Brevard (202,974 to 134,613), Lee (254,954 to 125,152), Hillsborough (329,923 to 309,784), Pinellas (258,628 to 238,913) and Polk (201,468 to 135,253) counties.

He also overperformed in some deep-blue counties such as Palm Beach County, which he lost by only 10,614 votes.

In a post on X, Scott celebrated his victory to another six-year term.

"THANK YOU, FLORIDA!" Scott said. "I'm honored to serve as your Senator for another 6 years! Tomorrow, we begin the fight to Make Washington WORK Again!"

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The Crossword Puzzle is found on page 2B



# First, WWI Army Cake and then, Thanksgiving's pumpkin cake

November 11, is Veterans Day. It was first called Armistice Day by Woodrow Wilson on November 11, 1919, as he addressed the American people and spoke of our enemies laying down their arms “a year ago today...”

Bills calling for observance have been issued and approved in Congress with the final amendment in 1954 replacing the word “Armistice” with “Veterans,” and so it has been known since.

We cannot let this special day go by without printing the recipe for First World War Army cake that we found printed in the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc., *Paths of Sunshine* book, and which just happens to be a special favorite of ours.

Bob Warden has written a book titled “*Great Food Fast*,” and there is a recipe for Steak Chili “that’s fit for a meal”, Bob says. “This steak chili made with pinto beans makes a warm and satisfying meal, especially when served over rice or pasta. I like to use sirloin steak but cheaper cuts of beef, especially cubed stewing beef, work great, too.”

Lemon Buttered Carrots looks to be a tasty dish. The recipe comes from the cookbook titled *Paths of Sunshine* put out by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. This book was gifted to us years ago with the notation, “Compliments, Joan Lasek.”

I have a little paperback cookbook titled *The Original Country Cookbook* published in 1976 by Paragon Products, Inc., in Pompano Beach. I found a recipe for Scrapple therein, which may have some interest among our readers. I can remember my mother sometimes cooking Scrapple for breakfast when I was a child. I have heard people on the radio sneering at Scrapple, but the ingredients for this breakfast item are made from only the finest pork items.

Mrs. C. M. Bell shared her Pumpkin Cake in *Stew-Pot Favorites of Zellwood*. And this dandy little book of

recipes was loaned to us by Claire Elington. I rue the day when she comes back to claim this treasure. Mrs. Bell doesn’t indicate what kind of frosting to use, so we will use a recipe for Cream Cheese Frosting from all-recipes.com. Reviews say this is “the best cream cheese frosting.” It should be terrific on this Pumpkin Cake.

## FIRST WORLD WAR ARMY CAKE - 1918

Recipe from Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

*Paths of Sunshine Cookbook*

- 1 3-ounce box raisins**
- 3 cups water**
- 1/2 cup lard (no substitute for this, recipe says)**
- 2 cups white sugar**
- 5 cups sifted flour**
- 1 tablespoon baking soda**
- 1 heaping teaspoon salt**
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon**
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg**
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves**
- 1 cup chopped walnuts**

Boil the box of raisins in 3 cups of water for 15 minutes and let cool. Drain and reserve water. Cream the lard and sugar. Add alternately the dry ingredients and two cups of reserved water from raisins. Add chopped walnuts. (Fruit may be added instead of nuts.) Add cooked raisins. Pour into greased and floured loaf pans and bake at 325 degrees for about 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Test for doneness. NOTE: This is an Heirloom Recipe.

## STEAK CHILI

From *Great Food Fast*, by Bob Warden

- 1-1/4 cups pinto beans (not canned)**
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil**
- 1-1/2 pounds sirloin steaks, cubed**
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped**
- 1 tablespoon chili powder**
- 1 green bell pepper chopped**
- 3 large tomatoes, chopped**
- 1 (28-ounce) can tomato sauce**
- 5 cups beef stock or broth**
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic**
- 2 teaspoons sugar**
- 1/2 teaspoon salt**
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper**

Soak pinto beans for 30 minutes as your prep the remaining ingredients. Drain and rinse the soaked beans. 2) with the cooker’s lid off, heat oil on HIGH or “brown,” until melted and sizzling. 3) Place the steak and onion in the cooker, and cook until steak is lightly browned, about 5 minutes. 4) Stir in chili powder and cook 1 additional minute. 5) Add remaining ingredients, securely lock the pressure cooker’s lid, and set for 24 minutes on HIGH. 6) Let the pressure release naturally for 10 minutes before performing a quick release for any remaining pressure. 7) Add any additional salt and pepper to taste before serving.

Note: Make it Yours! Serve this chili smothered with your favorite toppings. Try Cheddar or pepper-jack cheese, sour cream, sliced jalapenos, diced red onion, or even a dollop of guacamole!

## LEMON BUTTERED CARROTS

Recipe from

*Paths of Sunshine Cookbook*

- 3 tablespoons butter**
- 6 medium carrots, sliced**
- 1 medium apple, peeled and sliced**
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley**
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel**

**Salt**  
In medium skillet combine butter or margarine and carrots. Cook, covered, about 10 minutes or until almost tender, stirring occasionally. Add apple and continue cooking about 5 minutes. Stir in parsley and lemon peel; salt lightly. Serve hot. Serves 4 to 5.

## SCRAPPLE

Recipe from Paragon Products, Inc., *The Original Country Cookbook*

- 1-1/2 lbs pork shoulder**
- 1/4 lb pork liver**
- 1 cup corn meal**
- 2 teaspoons salt**
- 1/4 cup chopped onion**
- Dash ground cloves**
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme**
- 1 teaspoon dried sage**
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram**
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper**

Combine liver and pork shoulder in a saucepan with 1 quart water and

cook slowly for 1 hour. Drain, reserving broth. Discard bones and chop meat fine. Blend salt, 1 cup water, 2 cups broth, and corn meal in pan. Cook, stirring constantly until thick. Stir in meat, onions, along with spices and herbs. Cover and simmer 1 hour. Pour into loaf pan and cool until firm. Cut into slices, dust with flour, and fry in a small bit of fat until crisp.

## MRS. C. M. BELL'S PUMPKIN CAKE

Recipe from

*Stew-Pot Favorites of Zellwood*

- 2-1/4 cups flour**
- 3 teaspoons baking powder**
- 1/2 teaspoon salt**
- 1-1/2 tablespoon cinnamon**
- 1/2 tablespoon ginger**
- 1/2 tablespoon allspice**
- 1/2 cup butter or shortening**
- 1 cup brown sugar**
- 1/2 cup white sugar**
- 1 egg and 2 yolks**
- 3/4 cup buttermilk**
- 3/4 cup pumpkin**
- 1/2 cup nuts**
- 2 teaspoons lemon extract**

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and spices three times. Cream butter and sugar gradually; add egg and yolks, one at a time. Beat until light. Add flour, alternately with buttermilk. Add pumpkin, nuts and extract. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool, and frost.

## CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

Recipe from allrecipes.com

- 2 8-oz pkgs cream cheese, softened**
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened**
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract**
- 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar**

1) Beat cream cheese and softened butter in a medium bowl until smooth and creamy. 2) Mix in vanilla. 3) Gradually add sugar, beating after each addition until incorporated. Continue to beat until frosting is very smooth. 4) Store in the refrigerator after use.

**View Kitchen Kapers by Nancy online at [www.theapokkachief.com/recipes](http://www.theapokkachief.com/recipes)**

## NOVEMBER 2024 ★ ★ EVENTS ★ WEEKLY ★ UPCOMING ★ ONGOING ★ ★

**SCHOOL BEGAN AUGUST 12** – Traffic patterns will change. Stormy weather comes and goes! Be careful with your umbrellas. And always watch out for those school children! ... and ducks. DONT TEXT WHILE DRIVING - Please! YOU WILL PAY A FINE.

Children must be five years old on or before September 1 to start kindergarten. To enter first grade, a child must be six years old on or before September 1 and must have successfully completed kindergarten (Florida Statute 1003.21). Immunizations must be current.

**UNLESS CHANGED:** School Start Times for Elementary School & K-8: 8:45 a.m., Middle School: 9:30 a.m., High school: 7:20 a.m.

City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwell-ey Parkway, Apopka 32712, 407-703-1784. On any given weekend, you can see many, many families in attendance at the beautiful complex setting participating in various organized sport programs.

Amenities at the complex include: Soccer Fields, Softball Fields, Baseball Fields, Multi-Purpose Fields, Sand Volleyball Courts, Outdoor Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, **Walking Trail**, Amphitheater, Playground, Concession Stands.

11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) (opened in 2015) on Lake Apopka shores, by entering from Lust Road off Binion Road, about a mile south of Camp Wewa in the Plymouth area, for one-way drive, 10 miles per hour, with possible wildlife spotting stops. **DO NOT FEED THE GATORS - IT MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL** If you are stopping, drive will take more than 1 hour. Drive runs by canals used in muck-farming days. The one-way drive exits on Jones Road in Zellwood. You will see a freshwater marsh system and wildlife dependent on that type of system. The drive is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and federal holidays and is controlled by the county. Open during daylight hours only (one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset). Official sunrise and sunset hours can be found online. The road is closed on other days due to ongoing restoration work. The trail is 11 miles long.

**WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK** is a 7,000-acre Florida State Park in Apopka, Florida. It is located 20 minutes north of Orlando, off Interstate 4 at exit 94, near Altamonte Springs and Longwood. The park also contains the head water of the Wekiwa River. Address: 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka 32712, open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call 407-884-4311

**FRAN CARLTON CENTER OPEN,** for seniors - senior activities at Fran Carlton Center. CALL 407-703-1642 FOR INFORMATION.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, FRIDAYS** at 9:00 a.m. at 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center.. Call 407-703-1642 for information.

**CENTRAL FL CHRISTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, 1806 S Bay St., Eustis, has Fellowship Friday meetings. For complete details of all chamber events, visit [cchristianchamber.com/events-chamber](http://cchristianchamber.com/events-chamber). Contact: [latrondra@cchristianchamber.com](mailto:latrondra@cchristianchamber.com)

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**SATURDAY SOUNDS CONCERT** Nov 2., 5-7 p.m., Apopka Amphitheater, 3710 Jason Dwell-ey Parkway, featuring The After Five Band.

**VFW POST 10147** continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the **third Saturday each month**. Next one is Nov. 16 from 8-10 a.m. at 519 S. Central Avenue. Cost is only \$7.

**MUSEUM OF APOPKANS**, Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E. FIFTH STREET, APOPKA. Managed by Apopka Historical Society. Call 407-703-1624 for info.

**AVIAN RECONDITIONING CENTER**, for birds of prey, 323 Lester Rd., Apopka, hours: 9:30-1:30 p.m., The center is open on Saturdays to the public, weather permitting. Call 407-461-1056 for information.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS DAY - THANK YOU!**

**FITNESS CLASS, MONDAYS** 9-10 a.m. 11 N. Forest Ave at Fran Carlton Center. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**CRAFTS & CHATTER:** 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks not required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 S. Highland Avenue. If you have a problem with food – overeating, anorexia, bulimia – there is a solution for you. For more information, visit [OA.org](http://OA.org) or call Carrie 781-867-1071.

**TOASTMASTERS:** Apopka Folio-age Toastmasters #840, meets

Wednesdays promptly at 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., in person and zoom at the Museum of Apopkans, 122 E. 5th St., Apopka, 32703. Call 407-765-2629 for information.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**THE SERTOMA CLUB** meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 11:30-noon, at Beef 'O' Brady's in The Back Room, 1410 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka. Interested community members are encouraged to attend and get acquainted. Meetings have resumed on first and third Tuesdays. Masks are encouraged.

**SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE**, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave. at Fran Carlton Center. Masks no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

**ART CLASS.** 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperature taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

The Altamonte Springs / Apopka **VFW POST 10147** is NOW OPEN Wednesday and Saturday Mornings from (TIME CHANGE) 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts. (other hours by appointment only). 3rd Saturday of the month is VFW's fundraising breakfast. Also, evenings of Tribute music are planned. Call 407-889-8266, or email [info@vfwpost10147.com](mailto:info@vfwpost10147.com) for information. The VFW Auxiliary has been formed and is active as well. Don't forget to visit its excellent Military Museum.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS**, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info..

**SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE**, 10-11 a.m., Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., . Masks are no longer required! Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

**CITY OF APOPKA DRC** (Development Review Committee) meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m.-10 a.m. (or as long as necessary) at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka. Check for the online version.

**BRIDGE CLASS.** 10:15 a.m.-1 p.m. (approximately) at Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks are no longer required. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**TOPS CHAPTER #646.** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), TOPS, a non-profit organization, will help you reach a weight goal with support from friendly, caring members, ed-

ucation, and rewards. Each Thursday weigh-in begins at 9:00 a.m. – meeting ends at 10:15 a.m.. Come to its NEW location 220 W. Horatio Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 to meet with others who have a like-minded goal to lose weight. No products, no specific diet to follow, no meds. Call 407-580-0897 for more information.

**MUSEUM OF APOPKANS**, Open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 12 noon-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E Fifth St., Apopka. Contact: [apopkafgca@gmail.com](mailto:apopkafgca@gmail.com). NO MEETINGS JUNE-AUGUST.

**FREE PLANT CLINIC** in Apopka is open on Tuesdays. Do you have problems with your plants or lawn? Let a Master Gardener help. Orange County residents can bring their questions and samples to UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener volunteers at the UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research Education Center (MREC), 2725 Binion Road, Apopka, 32703: 9 a.m.-12 Tuesdays; 407-254-9200. Questions and photos can be emailed to [orangecmgv@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:orangecmgv@ifas.ufl.edu). to be answered by Master Gardeners. A free plant clinic for commercial growers is open Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. at the same location.

**TOASTMASTERS:** still meeting every WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., by zoom. For more information, call 407-765-2629 or visit [www.Apopkatoastmasters.com](http://www.Apopkatoastmasters.com).

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

**SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE**, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks are no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**ROTARY CLUB OF APOPKA** - For information, call 407-415-6588. Call for updated information on meetings and location.

**MUSEUM OF APOPKANS**, Open from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. 120 E Fifth St. Call 407-703-1624 for info.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS**, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks are no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**CLASSES AT NORTH ORANGE** Branch Library, 1211 E Semoran Blvd are now being held again. Go online to see schedule. [www.ocfls.info](http://www.ocfls.info).

### ONGOING EVENTS

Florida Railroad Museum, 101 S. Boyd Street, Winter Garden, is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11-3 each week excluding holidays. For info, call 407-656-0559. . Must see.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** are public and will also be broadcast on this shortened link: <https://bit.ly/2ABrmsb>, and are normally held the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. Subject to change with notice. For

info., call City Clerk 407-703-1704. Agenda and minutes of meeting can be found online. Once posted, check for any revisions by Tuesday at 5 p.m. before the meeting

**FOLIAGE GARDEN CLUB OF APOPKA**, meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at 9:45 a.m. at the Alonza William Park / Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., Apopka. Contact: [apopkafgca@gmail.com](mailto:apopkafgca@gmail.com). NO MEETINGS JUNE-AUGUST.

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**KIWANIS CLUB OF APOPKA** IS now meeting MONTHLY on the 3rd Tuesday at 8 a.m. at Seacoast Bank, 345 E Main Street, Apopka. Contact 407-464-4606 for information

**BROWN BAG LUNCH** - Third Saturday of each month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit at the corner of Highland and 6th St., Apopka, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., offer to all who come a brown bag lunch. In addition, men's socks, flip flops, stuffed animals, some clothing, children's books and pet food which is donated by My Pet World, Apopka, may be available. If interested in volunteering, call Debbie at 407-620-5081 for information.

**APOPKA FOLIAGE TOASTMASTER'S CLUB**, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., on Zoom, Apopka. 407-765-2629.

**NWOC FFA Alumni** – Monthly meetings (usually the 4th Monday evening in a month during the school year) are open to anyone. (Looking for more information)

**MUSEUM OF APOPKANS**, 122 E 5th Street, Hours open: Wednesday to Friday. from noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.... Admission is free. Contains displays and information about Apopka's history, and has history books for sale. Monthly meetings of Apopka Historical Society are normally held on a Sunday afternoon. For more information, go to [www.theapopka-museum.com](http://www.theapopka-museum.com).

**THE APOPKA ELKS LODGE 2422** meets first and third Tuesdays of month, 201 W. Orange. For more information, call 407-886-1600 or email [apopkaelks@aol.com](mailto:apopkaelks@aol.com) Bar Bingo every Monday night at 7 p.m. promptly.

**GFWC APOPKA WOMAN'S CLUB**, meets at First Methodist Church, 201 N. Park Avenue. Call 407-880-2111 for more information.

**CITY OF APOPKA PLANNING & ZONING** - usually the second Tuesday of the month. 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. All meetings open to the public. Subject to change with notice. For info., call David Moon, 407-703-1739.

**BRIDGE GAMES AND CLASSES:** Every Monday and Friday morning at 9:15 a.m., at the Lake County Duplicate Bridge Club, 510 W. Key Ave., Eustis. For more information, call 352-315-9934 or visit [lakeduplicate.com](http://lakeduplicate.com).

**NORTH ORANGE BRANCH LIBRARY HAS RE-OPENED.** COMPUTER CLASSES in both English and Spanish: Available daily or weekly at OCLS North Orange Branch. \* Classes are: Computer Basics, Excel, Word Resume Writing, Email for Seniors, ELLIS English Lab, Word, Online Job Searches, Power Point, Internet, Open Lab, How to use a mouse and keyboard, etc. Call OCLS North Orange Branch\* for more details.

**HABITAT VOLUNTEERS:** Go to [www.habitatseminoleapopka.org](http://www.habitatseminoleapopka.org), click on volunteers. There are a number of opportunities available at the Restores. Call 407-696-5855 or 407-880-8881 to sign up for information.

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(OCLS) Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran) and Thompson Road. [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info). **10-28-24: LIBRARY HAS RE-OPENED.**

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# An Open Heart

Often the first step toward opening our hearts to others is to be open and forgiving of ourselves. The sooner we realize and accept that we are fragile, imperfect beings the sooner we can accept this in others.

One of the ironies of forgiving others is that we are quicker to notice flaws in others than in ourselves, and often the things we dislike the most about others are the very flaws which we ourselves have.

For instance, people who are fastidious and like everything done a particular way are often critical of this character trait in others. The other person has his or her own way of doing things and we simply cannot abide it

because it is not the way we like to do it.

The person who is stingy or materialistic will often be quick to criticize this trait in others. And often the person who criticizes others for being selfish is really just saying that others should be giving more to them.

Once we realize how flawed we are ourselves, we are a bit less likely to criticize others. Take time to examine your own flaws, but then accept them and forgive yourself for being imperfect. Just open your heart and mind to who you are, and then open your mind and heart to the true nature of others.

– Christopher Simon

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(See message above.)

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# Floridians reject recreational marijuana, abortion rights in November 5 election

By Steve Wilson  
The Center Square

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Florida voters gave a victory to Gov. Ron DeSantis on Tuesday by rejecting two ballot initiatives on recreational marijuana and abortion rights that the second-term Republican opposed.

Amendment 3, a proposed recreational cannabis program in the state, failed with 55.75 percent approving out of 10.35 million ballots cast and 44.25 percent opposed according to preliminary results from the Florida secretary

of state's office.

Ballot initiatives require 60 percent of the vote to pass.

Voters also shot down Amendment 4, which would've enshrined abortion rights in the constitution, with 57.02 percent saying yes out of 10.33 million ballots cast. Those opposed were 42.98 percent.

In a post on X, former Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy praised the vote.

"The polls are closed in Florida and Amendment 3 and Amendment 4 both failed to pass," Dungy said. "Thank you to all the Flor-

ida residents who helped to protect the lives of the unborn. And we want people to realize that those expectant mothers who need help will still be able to get it.

"Pregnant women with health risks can get treatment. The exceptions for rape and incest are still in place. But this is a victory for babies."

Safe & Smart Florida raised \$153 million for Amendment 3, most of it (nearly \$145 million) coming from cannabis retailer Trulieve, according to data from the secretary of state's office.

Floridians Protecting Freedom put Amendment 4

on the ballot and the group received \$108 million in contributions, according to state data, with most of those funds coming from the Service Employees International Union and the American Civil Liberties Union.

There were six amendments on the ballot and only two passed. Amendment 5, which would modify certain homestead exemptions, passed with 66.05 percent of the more than 9.85 million ballots cast. Amendment 2, which created a right to fish and hunt, finished with 67.4 percent of the 10 million ballots cast.

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