

WEKIVA TERRACE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

ORANGE COUNTY'S FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Key Details of the Ordinance

- **Restricted Days:** Fireworks are only permitted on **July 4, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day**. This change was made in response to community complaints about noise disturbances and safety concerns related to frequent fireworks usage throughout the year.
- **Fines for Violations:** The ordinance establishes a tiered fine system for violations:
 - **\$200** for the first offense
 - **\$400** for the second offense
 - **\$500** for each subsequent violation, which will also require a court appearance.
- **Enforcement:** Enforcement of the ordinance may be initiated based on recorded evidence, such as video or audio clips of fireworks being used outside the permitted days. This aims to address the concerns raised by residents about disturbances caused by fireworks.
- **Community Response:** The ordinance was implemented after residents expressed frustration over nightly disruptions caused by fireworks, which often frightened pets and disturbed sleep. The county commissioners aimed to balance the enjoyment of fireworks with the need for community peace and safety.

This ordinance reflects Orange County's commitment to addressing community concerns while still allowing for the celebration of major holidays with fireworks. For more detailed information, you can refer to the official announcements or the county's code of ordinances.

FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025 AT THE APOPKA AMPHITHEATER

Mark your calendars and join us on Friday, July 4, 2025, at the Apopka Amphitheater for our FREE, family-friendly event! Event and concert starts at 6 PM with fireworks at 9 PM.

This annual celebration includes food, kid activities, music from Private Stock Band, and a spectacular fireworks show to end the evening.

Our musical guest, Private Stock Band (PSB), is a powerhouse of world-class talent delivering non-stop, high-energy entertainment. Guests will enjoy a range of Top 40, Motown, Classic Rock, Latin, Country and Tributes to Billy Joel, Stevie Nicks with a Whitney Houston Finale tribute to America. Enjoy the live “non-stop” concert followed by fireworks.

The Apopka Serves Foundation is excited to lead the food & shopping vendor experience at this year’s event! Enjoy a vibrant mix of mouthwatering food, refreshments, one-of-a kind local treasures, and fun for the whole family.



Free & Open to the Public

Event admission is FREE. Concessions are available onsite located throughout the venue. All food vendors are permitted by and come under the supervision of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Kid Zone

Get ready for high-flying thrills and inflatable fun! Experience the adrenaline rush of a trampoline bungee jump, conquer the towering rock wall and dive into a world of inflatable games. Admission is free.

Allowed Items

- Pop-Up Tents/Canopies - maximum size 10' x 10' with no sides
Note: Signs, tents, canopies and umbrellas in the amphitheater must be taken down at 5 p.m. All others must be taken down at sundown.
- Blankets/Tarps - no bigger than 10' x 10'
- Folding/Beach Chairs only
- Personal Soft-Sided Coolers - must be carried in by shoulder strap or single handle (no wheels)

Restrooms

There are over 65 portable restrooms and two park restrooms located throughout the site. Handicap accessible restrooms and hand wash stations are available at all restroom locations.

Traffic & Parking

Event parking is available at the Altamonte Mall and surrounding areas. Review the traffic map for road closures, traffic tips, recommended routes and more information on going to and from the eve

After the fireworks are over, many streets will become one-way to help facilitate the ride home. In general, people driving to the event should try to park in the direction they need to go when it is time to leave.



PARTY IN THE PARK & FIREWORKS

Friday, July 4
6:00 – 10:00 pm

Entertainment & Activities: Start at 6:00 pm

Fireworks Display: 9:15 pm

Newton Park on Lake Apopka, 31 W. Garden Avenue

FREE ACTIVITIES!

Party in the Park is a FREE event for the community. The SPECTACULAR fireworks display is over Lake Apopka and preshow entertainment includes live music, family activities, and more for all ages.

Bring a chair or blanket and pack a picnic (**no alcohol is permitted**) for a fun night under the stars and colorful sky.

PLEASE NOTE: No personal fireworks or alcohol are permitted.

ACTIVITIES & LIVE MUSIC

*Family-Friendly Games & Activities *Kids' Arts & Crafts * Face Painting *Jugglers *Food & Merchandise Vendors *Relic Classic Rock



FIREWORKS AND YOUR PET: TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE

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Break out your grills, lawn chairs and festive food, because it's that time of year again—Independence Day is just around the corner! The Fourth of July is always a great day to celebrate our nation with friends, family and furry ones alike. Like many of us, you may anticipate catching a fireworks show at the end of the evening, or you may be planning to light up the sky yourself. While fireworks are a longstanding tradition for this summer holiday, for some pets, fireworks are not a reason to party, but a reason to panic.

On and around the Fourth of July, the ASPCA [Animal Poison Control Center \(APCC\)](#) sees an increase in calls concerning pets who have ingested fireworks, or are having issues due to the loud noises they make. However, with a little planning, you can ensure that your four-legged friends enjoy the holiday just as much as you do.

If your pet has a fear of or aversion to loud noises:

- Something as simple as turning on some soft music and moving your pet into an interior room with no windows can be helpful.
- An anxiety vest may work in some cases—if you don't have one, try a snugly fitting t-shirt.
- If you and your veterinarian do decide that anti-anxiety medication is your pet's best bet, there are a few things to remember. First and foremost, give a practice dose of the medication before the big night to see how your pet responds to the medication. Second, never share the medication with another pet or give more than the recommended amount. If you do, you may end up spending the holiday at your local veterinary emergency clinic.
- While noise phobias are not as common in cats, they can and do happen. Fortunately, cats tend to hide when frightened. Checking in on your cats, having some quiet music on and keeping them indoors during the height of the fireworks is always a good idea.

If your pet is the type to taste new and unusual things:

- While cats are typically a little smarter than this, some dogs will eat anything, regardless of how it tastes—including fireworks! Never underestimate your pet's level of curiosity.
- Fireworks contain several types of chemicals and heavy metals. If you set off fireworks at home, make sure you thoroughly clean up the area before letting your dog have access again.

