

## **Polk County Sheriff Opens Criminal Investigation Into APV Unpermitted Landfill In Solivita**



**APV is accused of creating illegal criminal landfill on Solivita parcel only accessible through entrance at APV Public Works Depot to dump waste in order to avoid Polk County landfill waste disposal fees.**



**APV Attorney, Manager and Board Member**

**Who is responsible for this? How could this happen?**

## **Unpermitted Landfill Discovered in Poinciana**

**The Polk County Sheriff's Department has filed a criminal investigation into an unpermitted landfill located within the Solivita section of Poinciana. After receiving tips from unidentified homeowners, Polk County asked their code enforcement and deputies from the sheriff's environmental crimes unit to check things out. The parcel is owned by the Poinciana Developer Avatar and according to property records lies within the Solivita subdivision.**

**The parcel is located at 2200 Marigold Avenue in an undeveloped portion of Solivita. According to the property records, it is adjacent to Marigold Avenue but the only access appears to be through the APV Public Works Depot located at the same address off Marigold Avenue. Without public access Polk County Code enforcement could not check out the property. The sheriff deputy could and what was found caused a citation to be written up. After the visit by the deputy, supposedly APV promised to have things cleaned up. Apparently that is happening with dump trucks being seen moving large amounts of trash and tires out of the property but who knows whether the material is actually being transferred to the Polk County landfill or perhaps someplace else?**

**Congratulations are in order for Polk County management, sheriff and code enforcement for taking care of the problem. There are many federal and state laws regarding the proper storage and disposal of tires. They are highly flammable and having that many tires illegally dumped near populated residential areas like Solivita and Poinciana Villages is very scary. Likewise the storage of paint and gasoline cans near canals flowing into the Lake Marion Creek preserve owned by the South Florida Water Management District seems like a dangerous situation as well. One would think that both APV and Avatar would know better than to break environmental laws regarding unpermitted landfills in a zoned residential area like Poinciana?**