

Antonini, Lisa

From: Bonnie Kurowski <bonniekurowski1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 4:46 PM
To: Art.Woodruff@sanfordfl.gov
Subject: Edgar county Watchdogs beware!

My name is Bonnie and I am an investigative journalist in IL. I live in Clermont, FL. It has come to my attention that a antigovernment hate group I am reporting on there, is coming to Sanford.

I know you will think this is ridiculous, but we had to develop a first aid kit for Mayors and Supervisors because of them. They are VERY dangerous and are not training watchdogs, but insurgents that will destroy your government. Please read our first aid kit and I am willing to share more if you call. Their AMMO is to weaponize the FOIA act, sue for millions, shake people down for money while going after elected officials, their families, friends, businesses, etc.with false accusations making it appear you have done illegal things. You will have no recourse because of SLAPP laws.They have forced over 400 good elected officials to quit in IL already.

Right now I am covering 2 cases of this in IL across the state. When I saw they are leaving there for FLorida I panicked. This is not good news.

I have reported them to the FEDS, Attny General, States Attorney, BAR, IRS and more already since February and most tell me 8-12 weeks till I even get a call.

Here is our website first aid kit. <http://www.edarcountywatchdogs.com>
My number is 630-300-8141

Bonnie Kurowski
IL Reporter
Investigative Journalist

Here is their postcard.

FEATURE, UNCATEGORIZED

American Watchdogs training in Sanford, Florida - June 15, 2021

BY JOHN KRAFT & KIRK ALLEN
QUINT 03, 2021

SANFORD, FL (ECWd) -

Updated with new date: June 15, 2021.

American Watchdogs, Inc. will hold its training event on June 15, 2021, at the Chianti Event Center in Sanford, Florida.

There is a maximum of 100 people, and you can get your free ticket by clicking [HERE](#) or click the picture below.



FREE! Watchdog Training
TUES, June 15, 2021
6 pm TO 10 pm

Chianti Event Center
695 Towne Center Parkway, Sanford, FL.

Join us if you want to know more about how your local government operates and how you can get involved.

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Fostering accountability, trust, and transparency in local government

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American Watchdogs, Inc

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 10:48 AM

SEMINOLE COUNTY EVENT

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/watchdog-training-free-tickets-154243288829>

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About this event

TUESDAY - JUNE 15, 2021
Dinner available.
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Date and time
Tue, June 15, 2021
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM EDT
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Location
695 Towne Center Blvd
695 Towne Center Boulevard
Sanford, FL 32771
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LINKS

Facebook

- John Kraft: <https://www.facebook.com/JohnKraft>
- Kirk Allen: <https://www.facebook.com/KirkAllen>
- American Watchdogs, Inc: <https://www.facebook.com/American-Watchdogs-Inc-1802356260040124> (Nationwide group founded by Kraft and Allen)
- Edgar County Watchdogs: <https://www.facebook.com/Edgar-County-Watchdogs-243466689007262> (Original group Kraft and Allen established)

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From: Erwin, Hollie <Hollie.Erwin@Sanfordfl.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:00 AM
To: Perkins, Trekelle
Cc: Scavotto, Jennifer
Subject: **EXEMPT** Edgar County Watchdogs
Attachments: American Watchdogs Inc.pdf; GovPlates.pdf; Bonnie Kurowski Alicea and American Watchdogs.pdf; Bonnie Kurowski Alicea Clermont PD report 21C07617.pdf

Good morning, D.C. Perkins.

In reference to the event that is mentioned below, both myself and CA Crystal Mercado looked into it. From what we were able to find, there does not appear to be any intel found regarding issues with the Edgar County Watchdogs. The group is spearheaded by two men, John Kraft and Kirk Allen. The group appears to focus on holding governments and officials accountable, as well as teaching others to do the same. They utilize their knowledge of the Freedom of Information Act, open records, and meeting laws.

As for the person, Bonnie Kurowski-Alicea, that sent the email to our mayor, she has sent the same type of emails/letters to other officials elsewhere. She ran for mayor of Bolinbrook, IL in 2009 and lost. She filed a Federal lawsuit against Bolinbrook in March 2010, which was dismissed in September 2010. A recent candidate for DuPage Township supervisor alleges that Kurowski started a smear campaign against her. Kurowski shows as living in Clermont, with multiple businesses listed in Sunbiz (IL Reporter LLC, Fight for IL INC, and Project Change Consultants LLC). Even though she lives in Clermont, she is rather involved with what is going on in IL, even creating a GoFundMe last month "Raising Money to Protect Illinois Democracy."

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From: RAIMONDO, ANTHONY <ANTHONY.RAIMONDO@Sanfordfl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Erwin, Hollie <Hollie.Erwin@Sanfordfl.gov>
Cc: Scavotto, Jennifer <jscavotto@seminolesheriff.org>; Perkins, Trekelle <Trekelle.Perkins@Sanfordfl.gov>
Subject: FW: Edgar county Watchdogs beware!

Hollie,

Please review the chain below and determine if any actionable intel about this group exists. You may want to pass on to DSD to see if they have a work up on the group. I confirmed with the owner of Chianti's that they will be on site June 15th.

Capt. Perkins,

This is an FYI to keep you in the loop right now.

Tony

From: RAIMONDO, ANTHONY
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Bonaparte, Norton <Norton.Bonaparte@Sanfordfl.gov>; Woodruff, Art <Art.Woodruff@Sanfordfl.gov>
Cc: Smith, Cecil <Cecil.Smith@Sanfordfl.gov>
Subject: RE: Edgar county Watchdogs beware!

All,

Ian called me back today and confirmed that this group is coming to Sanford. It was just never placed on the event calendar that his managers can see. At this point, I will reach out to the reporting person to gather information and to Domestic Security to determine if action is required.

Thanks for your patience,

Tony

From: RAIMONDO, ANTHONY
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 9:50 AM
To: Bonaparte, Norton <Norton.Bonaparte@Sanfordfl.gov>; Woodruff, Art <Art.Woodruff@Sanfordfl.gov>
Cc: Smith, Cecil <Cecil.Smith@Sanfordfl.gov>
Subject: RE: Edgar county Watchdogs beware!

All,

I followed up again with Chianti's this morning. There is no event scheduled for this date and time. I am waiting for a call back from Ian to discuss it more in depth.

DCR

From: Bonaparte, Norton
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Woodruff, Art <Art.Woodruff@Sanfordfl.gov>
Cc: Smith, Cecil <Cecil.Smith@Sanfordfl.gov>; RAIMONDO, ANTHONY <ANTHONY.RAIMONDO@Sanfordfl.gov>
Subject: RE: Edgar county Watchdogs beware!

Thanks Mayor. I have included Chief Smith and Deputy Chief Raimondo on this email. I was not able to see the website he refers to <http://www.edarcountywatch> [REDACTED]

Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., ICMA-CM
City Manager