

Bracy Davis wins Senate District 15 primary election

State representative to face Montague on Sept. 2

By Sarah Merly
Correspondent

Florida Senate District 15 primary voters chose state Rep. LaVon Bracy Davis as the Democratic candidate for the upcoming special general election in a landslide victory Tuesday night.

“I am humbled and hon-

ored to have earned the trust and support of the people of Senate District 15,” Bracy Davis said in a statement provided to The Apopka Chief. “Tonight, we won decisively not just with votes, but with a vision. The voters have made it clear: they want bold, principled leadership that lifts up our communities, builds on our shared progress, and delivers results.”

With all 102 precincts reporting, Bracy Davis garnered 5,533 votes, good for

almost 43% of the vote in a four-way race. Coretta Anthony-Smith finished a distant second with 28.31% of the vote, followed by former U.S. Congressman Alan Grayson (16.72%) and Randolph Bracy III (12.02%), who is the brother of Bracy Davis.

“I’m happy that we had this opportunity to offer the voters a real choice and to provide hope for a better tomorrow,” Grayson said in a statement to the Chief.

Bracy Davis is the daughter of two prominent civil rights activists and currently resides in Ocoee with her husband. After receiving her law degree from Florida A&M University College of Law, Bracy Davis worked as a senior attorney at the Florida Department of Children and Families.

As state representative, she advocated for juvenile justice reform and acquired



Courtesy of LaVon Bracy Davis

SENATE DISTRICT, 3A LaVon Bracy Davis

Rankin retiring after 44 years

Local banker reflects on long career

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

A common thread through everything David Rankin does—from his vocation as a banker to his several roles in community service—has been that one gets out of something what one puts into it.

In addition to his 44-year banking profession, Rankin has been active in the Apopka community for decades. He was a founding director of the John H. Land Apopka Community Trust, which was started in the late mayor’s honor and gives scholarship money to youth programs. He sat on the trust board for 10 years before stepping down in 2024, but still plays a role in the trust’s annual fundraiser, the John H. Land Legacy Gala.

Rankin also served with the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce for 25 years, including as board member, treasurer and president; a Rotary Club member for over 30 years, including serving on the board and as president; and a Foliage Sertoma Club member.

“I had a football coach many years ago, and he said, ‘Everybody hates football practice,’” Rankin said. “He said ‘but you get out of



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Dave Rankin, pictured at One Florida Bank this week, is all smiles as his career draws to a close.

it only what you put into it.’ That goes with anything. I’ve always subscribed to that.”

Rankin, 67, is retiring on June 30 as executive vice president of two One Florida Bank branches, one located on East Third Street in Apopka, and the other one in south Orlando.

Over the years, Rankin worked at several banks. Those include Barnett Bank, which is now Bank of America across the street from One Florida Bank, and United American Bank, owned by Orlando Magic co-founder

Jimmy Hewitt.

In 2019, with banker and former City Commissioner Bill Arrowsmith, Rankin launched the two One Florida Bank branches. After 50 years in banking, Arrowsmith retired in 2024.

“We were competitors for years,” Rankin said. “We said if we get the opportunity, we need to join forces. And it’s worked out very, very well. The bank is doing extremely well.”

While One Florida is thriving, Rankin has decided it’s time to wrap up his ca-

reer due in part to health concerns.

“We’ve had a lot of fun, but I’ve been doing this for 44 years, and it’s time,” he said. “I’ve had a couple health issues, and it’s kind of caused me to pause and reflect. My wife’s been retired for almost two years. We just said maybe this is God’s way of saying it’s time for you to cool your heels a little bit.”

During his career, Rankin has enjoyed working with people and developing

RANKIN RETIRES, 6A

Chief bringing back Best of Apopka

Chief tradition celebrates businesses throughout city

By Sarah Merly
Correspondent

For the first time since 2020, the Best of Apopka Readers’ Choice Awards will return on Friday, Oct. 3.

Sponsored by The Apopka Chief, the Best of Apopka Readers’ Choice Awards honors the achievements of businesses, entrepreneurs, and individuals in the Apopka area.

“I’m thrilled to see the Best of Apopka returning,” former Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce President Paul Seago said. “When we first launched the program, our goal was simple: to shine a spotlight

on the businesses that make this community great. It gave residents a voice and local businesses a well-earned moment of recognition.”

The Best of Apopka Readers’ Choice Awards are a way for the local community to give a formal “thank you” to businesses that residents frequently visit because of their quality of services and/or products they provide.

“These are the businesses that make the Apopka area a place that we can be proud to call home,” said J.C. Derrick, the Chief’s publisher. “We are excited to bring back this local tradition with a fresh feel and new technology to make the online voting process a breeze.”

Competition benefits

BEST OF APOPKA, 6A



Chief file photo

St. Germain family and employees at the 2011 Awards Announcement.

Q&A: Rep. Bankson reviews recent legislative session

State rep discusses tax credits, funding local charities

By Sarah Merly
Correspondent

State Rep. Doug Bankson, R-District 39, finished the 2025 Florida legislative session on June 6.

During the session, Bankson introduced three bills the



Photo by Marshall Tempest

State Rep. Doug Bankson speaks at a recent bill signing in Apopka.

BANKSON, 4A

Apopka City Council votes to move \$10M in investment funds

City also explores how to grow cemetery fund

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka City Council unanimously approved moving \$10 million out of a bank as well as modifying the city’s investment policy statement (IPS) to allow for

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West Orange Trail improvements represent community-wide efforts

I have spent significant time the last few years coordinating and inspiring improvements along the West Orange Trail through Apopka. It has been a journey to striving to make the trail through District 2 the envy of Central Florida.

We truly have it all along our portion of the West Orange Trail – shade, beauty, mature trees, community park, food options, winding scenic portions, art installations, and a bridge and “pass.”

So, what was the impediment to this trail section being activated sooner?

We didn’t have cleanliness and safety. I rode all last year early on Sunday mornings before church to only find myself and poor souls sleeping. I don’t mind if anyone uses the trail, in fact I want everyone feeling comfortable. I particularly love seeing children and families.

In addition to my advocacy with MetroPLAN Orlando to secure funding for the Welch Road Trail extension, I formed a group called the *People of Southern Apopka*. This group has been responsible for cleaning up portions of the trail, Apopka Blvd., Sheeler Rd., Old Apopka Rd., and Clarcona through South Apopka.

They meet once a month, on the fourth Tuesday at Brixton Landing at 7 p.m. They host informational speakers and offer monthly clean-ups or community events. The *People of Wekiwa Springs* sent some wonderful ladies to facilitate the organizational side of painting the Apopka “Pass.”

Most of the improvements are completed by volunteers with

County Commissioner
District 2



Christine Moore

the county supporting their initiatives by repairing sidewalks, trimming trees, and erecting road safety measures.

Orange County Parks and Recreation contributed a tremendous amount of work along the trail. Staff regularly trims trees, resurfaced the pavement and rebuilt the structural and aesthetic aspects of the West Orange Trail Bridge. Even last week, Dunkin’ contributed by completely remodeling the inside and outside of their facility.

The Apopka Run Club is offering multi-evening and morning runs both north and south of the bridge from the Propagate Coffee House on 5th Street. They are also planting trees this month near the Forrest Avenue Baptist Church. I truly enjoy seeing the pictures of the Run Club as they pass through the “pass.”

The Apopka football team (Coach Marcus Neeson) and Student Government Association (Tracy Hough) sent students to assist. Recently they painted the Apopka Pass at the north end. I’m hoping Apopka High School athletes will run along the trail during daily conditioning activities. Activation is key to overall improvement.

There is much more to be done to fully activate the West Orange Trail from Keene Road north to Lester Road. Nevertheless, I hope to see you using the trail, joining me on a project, or even coming up with a project of your own.

As you can see, it will take all of us to revitalize the West Orange Trail. For more information, call 407.836.5850.

City begins pumping down lakes

Apopka Mayor



Bryan Nelson

The city is happy to report that the pumping down of the Piedmont-Wekiwa chain of lakes has begun—after clearing one final hurdle.

Preliminary plans had water flowing directly from Blue Lake to Lake Piedmont using a stormwater pipe under Wekiwa-Piedmont Road, but this would require over a foot of water to be added to Lake Page before the drainage well could take on additional water.

With help from St. Johns River Water Management District (SJR-WMD), we quickly secured the additional permit from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to pump water directly from the ditch into the drainage well, but we needed to add one more pump to do it.

We needed to make sure the Orange County 100-foot storm-drain under Piedmont Wekiwa was clean to allow maximum water flow, which required our stormwater crew to blow out all the obstructions in the underground culvert.

We also needed to make sure that the vegetation in the ditch taking water from Blue Lake to the culvert was cleaned out as well. Our team at Apopka Public Services was permitted to dam up the stormwater ditch next to the Christ International Church and pump water directly out of ditch coming from Blue Lake and into the drainage well on Lake Page. This will save us over a foot of additional capacity in Lake Page for the rainy season.

The SJRWMD has allowed the city to pump down Border Lake

from the current elevation of 76.74 ft. to 75 ft., Lake Jackson from 80.7 ft. to 79.5 ft., Lake McDade from 80.61 ft. to 79.5 ft., Lake Piedmont from 80.13 ft. to 79.5 ft. and Blue Lake from 77.32 to 76.5 ft. These lake drawdowns will give us plenty of capacity as the summer rains begin. Each of the five pumps will be monitored daily.

I would like to give a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to our engineering team, Apopka’s water and wastewater crew, the stormwater team, Orange County Public Works, SJRWMD and DEP for helping us to resolve this crisis. Each partner played an important role in making sure we got to the finish line. We can now focus on the long-term solution to move excess water from these lake basins and add that to our reclaimed water inventory. I have already had contact with DOT and Mayor Demings about our collective roles in solving the long-term flooding in the Border Lake-Lake Cortez basin.

First rule of the road: If you’re not driving, good luck surviving

It is doubtful that anybody who has ever seen a track meet might call what I do “running.” Or even “jogging.” Maybe “slogging” would be the word for it.

My guess, just from what little eye contact I can make, is that the people who share the road with me would simply call it a “dadblamed nuisance.”

This particular day I was on Sugarloaf Road in Hendersonville, N.C., a country lane about wide enough for two cars from ditch to ditch, or maybe most of one big pickup truck and a little over half a car.

The vehicles alone have enough trouble with each other. Nowhere in anybody’s traffic plans was room left for one old man who is doing something that might one time have been called running.

The law supposedly favors pedestrians, but I’ve been doing this since I was in the Army over 50 years ago, and I have yet to meet a motorist who is aware that I have the right of way. Sometimes I wonder why I keep this up.

I have been told that I look like someone who is hurrying to the restroom, so it is apparent that I am not out to impress anybody. I’m certainly not making myself popular with local motorists.

The standard justification is that I am exercising because it is

Columnist



Jake Vest

good for my health, but I don’t think that holds up to close scrutiny.

I breathe enough exhaust fumes to qualify as a heavy smoker, and there’s not a part of my body that I haven’t injured. My Achilles tendon causes the doctor at the VA hospital to make exasperated noises, and my meniscus one time did whatever it is that a meniscus does to cause it to swell up and hurt, and I had to hop 3 miles home in a hailstorm.

Another time in Kansas City a rabbit darted across my path and I tried to jump over it, which left me with a sprained wrist, a torn hamstring and some blood on my baseball cap.

Poison ivy, dog bites, bee stings and a tree branch in the eye have been other health benefits. I have donated blood to sidewalks around the country while scraping off enough knee and elbow skin to

build a whole new idiot.

I guess I could claim it is educational. A few thousand miles of hoofing along in running shoes on the same pavement used by cars and trucks has taught me how much I really matter to other people.

I have come to realize that my life is worth about four miles an hour of speed. That’s how much the average driver will slow down in an effort to not kill the average pedestrian. Any more than that would be an inconvenience well beyond the value of anybody who gets in the way.

This can be depressing, but sometimes there is at least a little bit of grim humor involved. I just happened to be the third occupant of this little road when a car and a pickup truck passed going in opposite directions. The car was on my side kicking up gravel and dust. I tried to get over but there wasn’t much room on the roadside. A rearview mirror came by at about 50 miles per hour, just a few inches from my face. The driver showed no sign of noticing me.

I could just make out the words on the bumper sticker as it sped away:

ALL LIVES MATTER.

Left unsaid was the message he delivered with his driving: EXCEPT YOURS, IF YOU GET IN MY WAY.

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millions in arts funding. Bracy Davis will run against Republican Willie Montague on Sep. 2 in the general special election.

“I also dedicate this victory to my father, Rev. Dr. Randolph Bracy, Jr., a man whose life was a testament to faith, perseverance, and purpose,” Bracy Davis said. “Though he is no longer physically with me, I feel his presence in every step I take and every decision I make. His example continues to guide me, and tonight’s victory is as much his as it is mine.”

Anthony-Smith and Grayson had previously shared their visions for the district at a forum held in Apopka, although the Bracy siblings did not attend.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

A LaVon Bracy Davis supporter holds a sign at an Ocoee voting location Tuesday.

The governor announced the special election after Sen. Geraldine Thompson died from knee surgery complications on Feb. 13. Following three decades of service in the Orange County education system, Thompson served in both

the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. She also authored Black America: Orlando, Florida, establishing herself as a historian.

“I recognize that I am standing on the shoulders of the greats who came before me —

especially my mentor, the late Sen. Geraldine F. Thompson,” Bracy Davis said. “I promise to carry forward her legacy with integrity, courage, and a deep commitment to justice.”

The western side of Florida Senate District 15 covers Apopka, Lockhart, Clarcona and Ocoee, with Florida’s Turnpike serving as its southwest border. I-4 serves as the eastern border, and it intersects with Florida’s Turnpike just north of the district’s southeastern border.

Bracy Davis announced in April her resignation, effective Sept. 1, from her House District 40 seat to run for the open Senate seat. Her legislative aide RaShon Young won Tuesday’s Democratic primary to fill her current seat in the

House. Young credits Bracy Davis as his mentor.

“RaShon has been in the trenches with me from day one,” Bracy Davis said on Young’s campaign site. “He knows the district, he knows the issues, and he knows the people. I wholeheartedly and proudly endorse him to be my successor.”

Young ran against former state Rep. Travaris McCurdy, who had served as legislative aide to both Thompson and Bracy. McCurdy posted a statement on Instagram after the loss.

“While tonight’s results weren’t what we hoped for, I remain proud of the campaign we built, the conversations we had, and the vision we put forward for District

40,” McCurdy said. “Your belief in a better future fuels me to keep fighting, in the community, through advocacy, and wherever I’m called to serve next.”

Orange County will hold the special general election for both races on Sept. 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“To everyone who knocked a door, made a call, said a prayer, or cast a vote: thank you,” Bracy Davis said. “We ran a campaign rooted in truth, compassion, and service, and the people responded. I look forward to running this same caliber of race for the general election in September.”

Bracy and Young did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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long-term cemetery fund investments in low-fee equity and cash funds.

On June 18, Morgan Stanley financial advisors Trisha Mingo and Glenn Scott presented the City Council with an overview of the city’s investment portfolio and advised how to manage it.

After giving an overview of the interest rate trends and economic forecast, Scott recommended the IPS modification to allow for investments

in low-fee, passive, broadly based equity funds and low-yield cash funds. This would create a diversified portfolio that balances equity and cash exposure, ensuring long-term capital appreciation.

Scott said it was “probably a good idea” to move the \$10 million out of Synovus and invest it in only treasuries.

“I don’t think there’s any reason to be going out and doing any ... highly rated corporate securities,” Scott said.

“Stay safe. Stay liquid, keep it simple. Keep it safe just as we go into these uncertain times.”

The city’s 2025 first quarter portfolio has \$136 million in cash, \$24 million in money market funds and \$64 million in fixed income securities, with a book yield of 4.298%, according to Mingo.

The breakdown of investment buckets is as follows: 61% in demand deposits at Seacoast and Synovus banks, 26% in U.S. govern-

ment treasuries, 10% in local government investments (State Board of Administration, or SBA), 2% in corporate notes, and 1% in money market funds.

Because Synovus exceeded the 50% threshold per the investment policy, \$10 million must be moved out of that bank. Mingo presented three options for where the \$10 million should be moved to: Seacoast Bank, which is yielding 3.45% as of the end of May;

the SBA, which was yielding 4.48%; or new securities that could be found for the city to invest in.

“Normally, we will do two \$5 million investments for the city, but we just need to go ahead and get that money moved out of there to get back in alignment with the IPS (investment policy statement),” Mingo said.

During council discussion, Scott recommended that commissioners give his firm

discretion to decide based on the rapidly changing economic environment. He asked for two weeks to select which bank to transfer the \$10 million to and whether it should be all at once or split up.

Commissioner Nick Nesta said he was comfortable with the proposed investment strategy and asked how much was earmarked in the cemetery fund. City finance director Blanche Sherman said about \$130,000.

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governor then signed into law and co-sponsored nine other successful bills. This week, he shared his written reflections on the session in response to questions from The Apopka Chief, including following up on the predictions he made in February.

This interview has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: In an earlier interview with the Chief, you predicted that the legislative session would prioritize immigration, insurance, and fiscal policy. How were those priorities handled?

Bankson: Though these were all a part of the overall focus, the main priority seemed to be fiscal policy and the tax environment overall, with a bit of battling as to how to get it accomplished. The end result was a balanced budget and a \$1.3 billion reduction in taxes. We were also able to replenish the popular My Florida Home funds as the state and homeowners continue to recover from the past storm damage and harden homes against future storms.

I was pleased that my bill to repeal the tax on the purchase of precious metal bullion under \$500 was included in the tax package. This will especially benefit those on the lower end of the economic spectrum to be able to begin building their future economic stability.

I'm also thrilled to announce that we were able to completely end the business rent tax, which will be a real benefit to small businesses.

The budget is, of course, still subject to the governor's approval or line-item veto. If



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Bankson (third from left) watches as Gov. Ron DeSantis signs legislation in Apopka last month.

it is approved, the budget will go into effect on July 1.

Q: You also mentioned that House Speaker Daniel Perez asked representatives to use the word "budget" instead of "appropriations." Do you believe that slight change in language made a difference?

Bankson: Yes, I do, not only because of the imagery it creates to think like the average Floridian must with their own budget, but it was his constant theme. He stressed both parties taking ownership of spending patterns and remembering that the economy best flourishes when in the hands of the citizens. We had a couple years of increased spending due to COVID money flowing in, but if we continued on that course, we would burden future legislatures, ourselves and our children with difficult challenges. I am pleased with his principled approach to being

responsible with the future as well as meet the needs of today.

Q: Your top priorities this session were education and workforce. What did their respective committees accomplish this session?

Bankson: I am pleased that we were able to raise teacher salaries for the third straight year—actually the fourth under the governor—and continue to face the challenges of funding education overall while preserving the wildly popular school choice agenda. Following up with last year's bill to deregulate the public schools, we continued to focus on ways to better the whole picture of education in Florida, again turning the focus to the student and empowering parents to make the best choice for their child.

There were some bills that had promise that didn't make it through the process,

but we were able to pass the Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Program Funding bill (HB 681 Melo/DiCeglie), which reduces bureaucracy to prevent administrative costs from draining resources while aiming to strengthen Florida's skilled workforce. The bill will provide individuals with invaluable hands-on training while preparing them for successful careers.

Another great bill was the Aerospace Industry bill (SB 1516 Wright/Kendall), which the governor signed into law at the Paris Air Show. This bill establishes the intentional aerospace innovation fund (IAIF) administered by Space Florida. IAIF will accelerate global aerospace innovation by funding collaborative research and development projects, workforce development initiatives and commercialization efforts.

He also signed the trans-

portation bill in Paris, which was a bill I co-sponsored (SB 1662 Collins/Abbott/Bankson). This bill included the vertiports legislation I've championed for the last couple of years, finally making it into law and encouraging the further development of industry and jobs in an emerging market.

Q: How did your work on the Apopka asbestos pipe replacement turn out this session?

Bankson: I am thrilled to report that we were able to get this to the governor's desk with an amount of \$1,057,500 in local funding toward the project. This was a challenge, but I made it a top priority of mine and have sent a follow-up letter to the governor asking for his support to keep this in the budget.

I'll also mention I was able to get \$1,750,000 in the budget for the Winter Garden Crest Ave. Wastewater Treatment Facility, which affects our beloved Lake Apopka. Special thanks to Senator [Keith] Truenow for his support in getting both of these projects through on the Senate side.

Q: How will the city of Apopka improve as a result of this session?

Bankson: As a state representative, I now serve not only Apopka, but much of western Orange County and part of western Seminole County as well. With approximately 185,000 constituents, my thinking must be broad-based. However, my heart is still home here in Apopka. I believe all that we have done will benefit all of the district and individuals in particular.

I was pleased to get fund-

ing for Camp Thunderbird, which serves our developmentally challenged community. The STEPS facility in Apopka was also included in the budget, providing much needed funding for women's residential integrated treatment services.


I was also able to get funding included for Ocoee Fire Station 38, which borders our city and serves our residents on the southern side.

The varied tax holidays will also benefit us, from the permanent back-to-school tax holiday for the entire month of August to the new hunting, fishing and camping sales tax holiday from Sept. 8-Dec. 31. We've also permanently eliminated sales tax on disaster preparedness supplies.

We also included a \$35 million tax credit program to spur private capital and job growth in Florida's rural communities, as farming is such an important part of our local economy.

We also have made allowance for local governments to reduce or repeal certain local discretionary sales surtax by a two-thirds vote of the body and require local government to propitiate the use of local CST [communications services tax] revenue for the timely processing of right-of-way permit applications for utilities.

Finally, we created the Home Away from Home Tax Credit to incentivize donations to help house families of critically ill children receive the care they need, as well as providing property tax relief for leased spaces used by high-quality, gold seal-certified childcare facilities.



Philip Smith

1970 – 2025

Philip Todd Smith, affectionately known as "Todd," passed away on May 4, 2025, at the age of 55. Todd was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, the son of Philip Smith and the late Joanne "Jo" (Cocchi) Smith. Todd attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he graduated with honors and received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a minor in mathematics. He went on to receive his MBA from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Todd was an engineer for over 25 years and continued his education, taking coursework in his interest in artificial intelligence. Todd landed his dream job at Full Sail University in Florida as a professor teaching A.I. Beyond his professional life, Todd was a man of many talents and passions. He enjoyed reading, writing poems, and composing music. Todd was learning and mastering the piano. Todd loved hiking, rock climbing with his son, and especially cooking for relaxation. Todd was a chef in the kitchen, teaching his wife and son, passing along his Italian family recipes from his late grandmother (nonna) Doris, and learning Mexican and Spanish recipes from his wife.

To cherish his memory, Todd is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and son, Giovanni; beloved pets, Sophie, Lulu (the dogs) and Snowball the cat; his father, Philip; his sister, Tara Moretti, his nephew (godson) Ethan, and nieces Francesca and Ava; as well as many extended family members.

Todd was predeceased by his mother, Joanne "Jo" (Cocchi) Smith; his grandparents, (nonno) Mario L. Cocchi and (nonna) Doris (Guerra) Cocchi, and Richard A. Smith and Rita Smith.

"His family and all who knew him will miss him dearly." "His legacy will always live in our hearts until we meet again."

A Celebration of Life in honor of Philip Todd Smith will be planned by the family and announced at a later date.



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Apopka Police Department swears in 6 officers

New members talk interests, aspirations

Staff Reports

The Apopka Police Department added six new officers on June 19.

Each officer took an oath to serve and protect while Apopka Police Chief Michael McKinley swore them in. All new officers selected family members to pin their police badges to their uniforms. The city of Apopka congratulated the new officers in a statement released the next day and wished them success and safety.

Officer Brandon Ciesielski was born in Buffalo, New York. Ciesielski attended Valencia College School of Public Safety for Basic Law Enforcement Academy and graduated from Hilbert College with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, exploring Dis-



Courtesy of City of Apopka

Officers stand with officials at the swearing-in ceremony.

ney with his wife, and visiting the beach. He hopes to work in DUI investigations and prevention.

Officer Kayla Jimenez was born in Boynton Beach, Florida. She graduated from the Valencia law enforcement academy and received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Jimenez loves reading, going to the gym and traveling with her husband, and she hopes to get experience in as many specialized units as possible.

Officer Hirbin Manzanares was born in East

Meadow, New York. After serving in Iraq for the U.S. Army, he attended the Valencia law enforcement academy. He loves working out at the gym and running marathons, and like Ciesielski, he hopes to join the DUI unit.

Officer Yangel Morales was born and raised in New York City. After graduating from an architectural high school in the Bronx, he moved to Florida in 2013 and attended the Valencia law enforcement academy. When he's not working, Morales

loves cooking, taking his dog to the park and watching movies with his wife. He aspires to join a K-9 unit for its high work tempo, teamwork, and proactivity.

Officer Diego Pulice was born in Orlando. Pulice completed his law enforcement training at Seminole State College after graduating from Apopka High School and receiving his associate's degree from Valencia. Pulice loves weightlifting and grappling, and he hopes to join the SWAT team.

Officer Jeshua Ramirez-Lopez was born in San German, Puerto Rico. Ramirez earned a bachelor's degree in criminology from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico and completed his law enforcement training at Valencia. Ramirez loves playing basketball and going to the gym. He hopes to become a Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation (MBI) agent and serve as an instructor.

Police Beat

If you are charged with a crime and are found not guilty, please notify the Chief at news@theapokkachief.com.

In the period from June 15–21, 2025, the Apopka Police Department received 1,327 calls for service, responded to 26 crashes, issued 60 citations, and made 13 arrests. Burglaries: 2 vehicles, 4 businesses. Juveniles were charged with out-of-county warrant.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Jonathon Ross Carrien, 42, 2747 Spicebush Loop, Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Jazzlyn Denise Cobb, 23, St. Cloud, battery-touch or strike.

Rakya Leticia Davis, 23, 8531 Jarrett Ln., Orlando, robbery-no firearm or weapon; resist officer-obstruct without violence; damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more; battery-touch or strike; larceny-grand theft \$750 less than \$5,000; larceny-grand theft of firearm.

Drashy Bruce Gerbier, 22, 10609 Huntridge Rd., Orlando, obstruct police-deprive of means protection or communication; resist officer with violence; battery on specified personnel; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Ashley Indira Gopaul, 34, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Anthony Harris, 62, 359 W. 17th St., Apopka, simple assault-assault on specified personnel; resist officer-obstruct without violence; trespassing-structure or conveyance.

Zamara Larkisa Houston, 22, 2458 Mercury Dr., Cocoa, battery-touch or strike.

Brandon Jamal Johnson, 30, 1031 Eagles Forrest Dr., Apopka, robbery-no firearm or weapon; larceny-grand theft \$750 less than \$5,000; battery-cause bodily harm; other agency warrant (X2).

Shaniya Ashanti Miles, 22, 4420 Medallion Dr., Orlando, robbery-no firearm or weapon; battery-touch or strike; larceny-grand theft \$750 less than \$5,000; larceny-grand theft of firearm; damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more.

Manolo Danilo Roblero-Gonzalez, 35, 203 Sharp St., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-breath alcohol 0.08 or more per 210 L.

Roger Eugene Smallwood, 61, Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm.

Naviela Mirtha Telcy, 22, 101437th St. NW, Orlando, neglect child without great bodily harm; larceny-grand theft \$750 less than \$5,000; larceny-grand theft of firearm; aggravated battery-cause bodily harm or disability; robbery-no firearm or weapon.



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- Horatio ____ of "Ragged Dick" fame
- Not cooked
- This and desist
- *Torso, pl.
- Wrath
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- *Body part, not Elvis
- *Part of blood, not type of TV
- *Lung filler
- Same as on top
- Seth MacFarlane's bear
- Helps
- Genus, pl.
- Paper unit
- Comme ci, comme ça
- Burdened
- Egg on
- *Pumps blood, not tires
- Type of nuclear missile, acr.

- River in West Africa
- Fraternity recruitment season
- Purse to go with evening gown
- "Annie Hall" star
- Urban myth, e.g.
- Kenan Thompson's TV show, acr.
- Target of a joke
- Cemetery jar
- *Fingers, not numbers
- *Muscle, not skeletal or cardiac
- Enticed (2 words)
- ____ Baba
- Scary movie consequence
- "____ came a spider..."
- Old towel, e.g.
- Nail salon file
- *Gallbladder contents
- ____ of Sam
- Poet ____ Alighieri

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- Hoofbeat sound

- Princess Fiona, by night
- Unit of magnetic flux density
- Ken Jennings' forte
- *Part of an eye, not a flower
- "Cheers," e.g.
- Moved under the rug
- Witnesses
- *Part of a hand, not a tree
- Continent
- Tyrannosaurus follower
- "____ of Love" by The Dixie Cups
- Like one from Dublin
- Lincoln lumber
- Battery's partner
- *Torso, not part of a tree
- Fear-inspiring
- Cannabis, in South Africa
- Not talker?
- Umberto Eco's "The ____ of the Rose"
- Marks on a manuscript
- Old episode
- *Part of an ear, not blacksmith's block
- Swimming competition
- Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
- Monotonous hum
- Dressing a priest, e.g.
- Bolt's partner
- Washed away
- Nicholas I and Alexander III
- Marilyn Monroe's original name
- Cold cuts shop
- Graven image
- Departed
- Manual communication gesture
- Thirteen-year-old, e.g.
- Wagner or Powers in a TV classic
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Rankin Retires

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relationships with customers, working with three generations of customers from same families. He praised his Apopka bank staff as outstanding.

“They’re the best I’ve ever encountered,” he said. “And I don’t say that with any hesitation.”

Being a banker comes with its challenges too, especially with what he called a “tough” regulatory environment and evolving technology. As he spoke with The Apopka Chief, Rankin was waiting for someone to arrive at his office to fix his locked-down computer.

“But being a communi-



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Rankin spent the last six years of his career at One Florida Bank.

ty banker is, it’s just very rewarding, seeing people that you’ve helped out and watching them and their businesses succeed,” Rankin said.

Rankin recounted a customer he first had in the 1990s, to whom he loaned \$25,000 to start a business and whose father co-signed

the loan. Now that business makes over \$2 million, and the customer keeps over \$1 million on deposit with Rankin’s bank.

An advice Rankin would give to young bankers are the importance of hard work and finding solutions rather than excuses.

“There are two kinds of people in this world ... those that find a way, and those that find an excuse,” Rankin said. “I’ve always been one of those that says, ‘Don’t tell me I can’t do something, because I will find a way.’ But hard work ... With this industry and being a community banker, you get out of it what

you put into it. So, people that give it a halfway effort, you won’t make it, but you won’t make it in anything.”

Born in Danville, Kentucky, Rankin moved to Sebring, Florida, in 1966, before settling in Apopka in 1985. He married his wife Gini in 1985 and they have one child, Andrew. Their son is a graduate of the University of Central Florida and served in the Marine Corps. He currently lives in Colorado and recently became engaged.

Amaris Diaz, One Florida Bank Apopka branch vice president and manager, has known Rankin for over 20

years and described him as a mentor. She praised him as someone who is authentic, brutally honest, and has a strong work ethic.

“My banking career has taken a turn for the better,” she said. “If it weren’t for him, I would have left banking years ago.”

Rankin now lives in rural Lake County, but still often eats out with people from Apopka.

“Just because I’m retired doesn’t mean I don’t want to see my friends or change my routine,” Rankin said. “If I can help in anyway, something in Apopka, call me. I’ll be happy to do it.”

Best Of Apopka

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not only consumers, but also businesses in different ways, especially during challenging times. It has pushed for innovative thinking, updating or improving customer service, and a better understanding of needs regarding customer preferences.

“The Best of Apopka Readers’ Choice Award is a roadmap to those businesses and are chosen by voters, the residents, and patrons who rely on them,” said Jackie Trefcer, who leads business development efforts for the Chief. “Winning an award like this raises the profile of a business and ultimately grows business by promoting their win. The participation and results each year clearly show that many area businesses are doing the right thing by their customers and clients.”

To help businesses pro-

mote their participation in this annual event, the Chief will make promotional and marketing tools available at www.theapokkachief.com. More details will follow in the weeks leading up to the voting window.

“This year as businesses ramp up, we expect it to be more competitive and exciting as more and more readers and businesses participate,” Trefcer said. “This event is taken seriously by our local businesses. Many invest a lot of time, money, and many hours to set the highest standards to achieve the greatest goals for their businesses. In return, they’ve become an inspiration to our community, but most importantly, they have earned the respect and trust of their patrons.”

The online-only voting will begin on Monday, July 28, and close on Wednesday,

Aug. 27. During this month-long window, everyone can vote for whatever local store, restaurant, business or person he or she feels should hold a 2025 Best of Apopka title.

Once the voting ends, results are tallied and the top three businesses in each category will be notified. The deadline for submitting ballots will be noon Wednesday, Aug. 27. Placements will be announced in the 2025 Best of Apopka Reader’s Choice Awards publication that is scheduled to be published Oct. 3 in The Apopka Chief.

“More than just a title, ‘Best of Apopka’ became a powerful tool for local marketing and pride,” Seago said. “Businesses showcased the honor on their storefronts, websites, and advertising. It brought visibility, credibility, and energy to our lo-




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Former publisher John Ricketson and others stand for the Pledge of Allegiance at the 2011 awards announcement.

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In Loving Memory of Bobby Richmond

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Bobby Richmond on June 14, 2025 at his home in Apopka, Florida. Bobby was a compassionate, joyful man who loved animals (especially his rescued pets), listening to classic rock, collecting die-cast automotive memorabilia, and feeding squirrels and crows outside his garage man cave. An excellent cook, he was a professional barbeque pitmaster for over 20 years, serving up some of the best BBQ in central Florida. He drew profound joy from sharing his cooking with friends, family, and neighbors.

He is survived by his wife Gale Hoover-Richmond, who was his high school sweetheart and the love of his life. He is also survived by son Daegan Richmond and family, son Chase Richmond, daughter Tiffany Summer Richmond, and by his stepchildren Stephen Rogers, Stephanie Chindamo, RT Rogers, and Brandon Soulier. He is also survived by his sister Doris Marion Richmond, niece Mimi Richmond Anderson, and aunt Linda Britto.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Bobby's name to Great Dane Love of Central Florida Rescue, Inc. 321-759-3263, gdlcf.org.

Bobby will be missed tremendously, and his humor and love of life will never be forgotten by those who knew him.

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Huhtamaki acquires Zellwin Farms Company

Sustainable packaging company expands molded fiber operations

Staff Reports

Huhtamaki has acquired Zellwin Farms in an effort to support Huhtamaki’s growth within the molded fiber industry, specifically for egg cartons and egg flats. “This acquisition is attractive for us as legislation in North America continues to shift packaging choices in the egg industry toward more renewable and recyclable options, such as molded fiber,” President Ann O’Hara of Huhtamaki North America



Photo by Sarah Merly

A temporary sign hangs over the Huhtamaki office door.



Photo by Sarah Merly

An old Zellwin sign still directs shipping operations.

enhancing acquisition fits our criteria perfectly and is EPS accretive from year 1.” Located at 6052 W. Jones Avenue in Zellwood, Zellwin Farms spanned 5,000 acres, according to the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame. The late Zellwin Farms president and founder Kenneth “Ken” Jorgensen filed the business with the Florida Department of State in 1947. Before his induction into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame in 1999, Jorgensen presided over the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, won the University of Florida’s Honor Society of Agriculture Merit Award, and served on the Zellwood Drainage and Water Control District.

St. Johns District continues work on \$204M water projects

Wekiva River is home to many state springs

Staff Reports

The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) continues to focus on the Wekiva River in Apopka and its surrounding area as part of the agency’s various science-based initiatives to help safeguard Central Florida’s water future. According to an SJRWMD press release, the district continues to establish and update Minimum Flows and Levels (MFLs), which are science-based thresholds created to protect serious harm



Courtesy of St. Johns River Water Management District

The health of Wekiwa Springs is a part of the district’s work.

to rivers, lakes and springs from water withdrawals. Seven existing MFLs in Central Florida are being re-evaluated. A new one is proposed for the Little Wekiva River to boost protection of smaller springs like Palm, Sanlando and Starbuck. With the Central Florida

population now at 3.4 million and counting, the district is helping to create comprehensive water supply plans that would help maintain Central Florida resources’ sustainability decades into the future. Such efforts are part of the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI), a collaborative partnership between the St. Johns River, South Florida and Southwest Florida water management districts, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, local governments, utilities and other stakeholders. To date, the SJRWMD

has put \$35.7 million in CF-WI-area projects that collectively total \$204.5 million in value. “Ensuring a sustainable water future requires foresight, innovation and strong partnerships,” SJRWMD assistant executive director Mary Ellen Winkler said in a statement. “By working together and planning ahead, we’re building a resilient water supply not just for today, but for the next generation.” The Wekiva River — designated as both a National and Florida Scenic and Wild River — and its surrounding region is home to many Outstanding Florida Springs, which spring systems that are granted protection and spe-

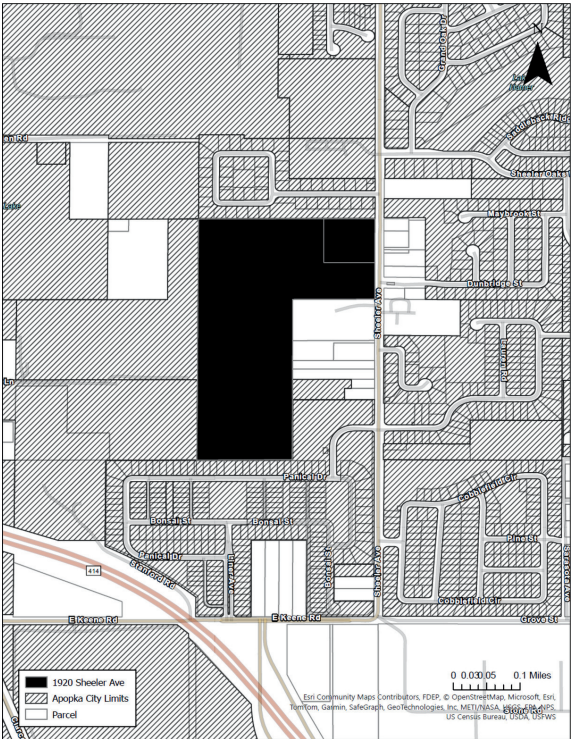
cial recognition under the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act. The SJRWMD collaborates with local agricultural operations like Cherrylake in Lake County, which has completed six cost-share projects to increase irrigation efficiency, conserve water and improve water quality. In addition, the district keeps investing in water conservation programs and groundwater recharge projects that expand existing supplies and protect natural systems including Florida’s springs. For more information about the SJRWMD’s water supply program, visit SJRWMD.com/water-supply.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **Jonathan Huels** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a properties located at 1920 Sheeler Ave. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3112

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY BDT IRREVOCABLE INCOME ONLY TRUST; LOCATED AT 1920 SHEELER AVE, COMPRISING 40.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



**Parcel Identification Number(s): 22-21-28-0000-00-073 and 22-21-28-0000-00-227
Contains: 40.16 +/- acres**

NOTICE is given that public hearings for **Ordinance No. 3112** will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 1:30 P.M. AND Wednesday, July 16, 2025 beginning at 7:00 P.M**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Annexation can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

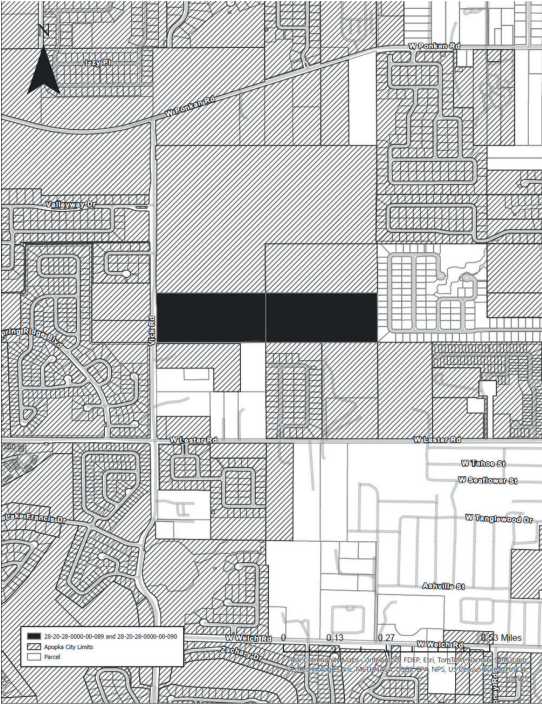
**Apopka City Council
Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department
June 27, 2025**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **Daniel T. O’Keefe** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located on the located on the east side of Vick Road approximately ¼ of a mile north of the intersection of Vick Road and W. Lester Road. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3113

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY PALUCCI ACRES, LLC; LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF VICK ROAD APPROXIMATELY ¼ OF A MILE NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF VICK ROAD AND W. LESTER ROAD; COMPRISING 39.8 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



**Parcel Identification Number(s): 28-20-28-0000-00-089, 28-20-28-0000-00-090
Contains: 39.8 +/- acres**

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3113 will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 16, 2025 beginning at 7:00 P.M and Wednesday, August 6, 2025 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Annexation can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

**Apopka City Council
Community Development Department
June 27, 2025**

Davison transfers to Ocoee for senior season

Three-year starter wants to improve his scouting opportunities

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

After weeks of rumors and speculation, The Apopka Chief confirmed this week that Tyson Davison, Apopka football’s starting quarterback for the last three seasons, will be playing for the Ocoee Knights for his senior

season. The confirmation comes from multiple sources, including the Davison family and Jett Davison, the current Ocoee High School offensive coordinator and former Apopka High School offensive coordinator. Coach Davison and Wendell Davison, Tyson’s father, told the Chief that Tyson would play for the Ocoee Knights football squad this fall. Both sources confirmed that Tyson has been practicing with the Knights for the past few weeks but has

been waiting to make an official announcement until he was enrolled at Ocoee High School. “I am excited for this new opportunity and a chance to compete with this new group of guys,” Tyson Davison said in a phone interview. In a separate phone interview, Tyson’s father said college recruiting was one of the biggest reasons Tyson decided to step away from the Blue Darters football team. As a senior, Tyson is in the middle of one of the most critical six-month periods in his ath-

letic career. It’s all or nothing right now as he tries to get an offer from a Power Four school. His father also said that Tyson is working hard to graduate by December so that he can start training with his college team in the spring. Tyson’s father said college recruiters told him they need to see certain things out of Tyson this year, which they have not seen in his film at Apopka. He needs to start the season off hot and on a



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Former Apopka quarterback Tyson Davison finds open space for a big run in last year’s season opener against Ocoee.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Jhenelle Francis redefines meaning of student-athlete

Francis claims 4.0 unweighted GPA, national ranking in flag football

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

Jhenelle Francis is a recent graduate of Apopka High School who was a keystone in the success of both the girls basketball and flag football teams. But Francis was more than just an exemplary athlete — she was a top student and standout member of the Apopka community.

Flag Football

Francis is ranked nationally in multiple flag football stats and was awarded the Orlando Sentinel’s Flag Football Player of the Year. She was ranked 113th in passing yards (1,527 yards), third in rushing yards (1,733 yards), 29th in total points (137), 31st in total touchdowns (20), and 32nd in total yards (3,300 yards).

Francis was the No. 1 option on offense, both on the ground and through the air, in her first year as Apopka’s starting quarterback. She compiled 1,527 of the team’s 1,582 passing yards and all 14 passing touchdowns. She also tallied 1,733 yards of the team’s total 1,780 rushing yards and all 20 rushing touchdowns.

Every point scored by the Apopka flag football offense this season came from either Francis’ arm or feet.

“I enjoyed playing quarterback because it was so much more difficult,” Francis said. “I’ve never been put in a situation like that where I had to throw the ball and make



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Jhenelle Francis uses her speed to escape the pocket and find a first down in Apopka’s 27-0 win over Mandarin High School in the state tournament.

decisions on that side of the ball. I’m just usually the one catching it.” Francis led her team to a monumental season, during which they competed for the 4A FHSAA Girls Flag Football Region 1 championship. The team piled up 11 wins and only one loss before entering the postseason, leading Apopka to a No. 1 seed in the district tournament. After winning district, Francis led Apopka to wins over West Port and Mandarin, 41-0 and 27-0, respec-

tively. But in the regional championship, the Blue Darters faced an undefeated Spruce Creek squad that would go on to beat Apopka, 19-6. Francis said flag football has been a big part of her life since she was a young athlete, but she never saw it becoming such a popular sport. “I remember in middle school when I first started playing, I honestly didn’t even know it was a thing,” Francis said. “I just tried out to try out, and now, seeing

that there are younger girls than me playing, it just means so much to me.”

Basketball

Francis is not just a star on the football field, though. She has been on the varsity girls basketball team since the 2022-2023 season. Francis said basketball was never really her first love — it was more of a chip on her shoulder. “Most people looked at

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT, 3B

Athletic director provides coaching, complex updates

Apopka to start interview process for new baseball coach in July

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

Apopka High School Athletic Director Aaron Crawford says the search for a new baseball coach is progressing, although more slowly than the rapid search to fill the school’s open football coach position.

In early June, Apopka’s former coach, Bobby Brewer, stepped down after six seasons at the helm of the program. After compiling a 91-48 record, a 2022 regional semifinal appearance, and three district championship game appearances, Brewer cited a loss of joy as his reasoning for stepping down. “You got to have fun doing this,” Brewer said. “It’s just to the point where things ain’t like they used to be.”

Crawford last week that the school had just begun the process of searching for a new baseball coach. He said that he and Principal Lyle Heinz have many quality candidates. Crawford said the interview process would start in July. Crawford said his tentative goal is to have someone in place for baseball by the end of July so he can start in time for fall ball. “We have received resumes from several qualified candidates for the head baseball position,” Crawford told The Chief this week. “Our goal is to thoroughly review them at the start of July and have a coach in place in time for the fall season, which starts on the Tuesday after Labor Day. We feel that the position is an attractive one, especially with the unique history of the program, combined with what we feel is one of the best communities in Central Florida to support it.” Crawford clarified that

Crawford told The ATHLETICS DIRECTOR, 3B



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Former head coach Bobby Brewer walks back to the dugout after speaking with his pitcher on the mound.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

A young camper finds an open lane to the basket on a fast break.

Apopka summer basketball camp to return in July

High school players to serve as coaches

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

The Apopka basketball team’s annual summer camp for Apopka area kids will return at the end of July. Head coach of the Apopka basketball team, Scott Williams, said the exact date for the opening day of camp has not yet been decided. The camp itself is structured in a group and team format based on

age and level of skill. This is done in order to match the level of instruction to their skill level. Coach Williams and the players of the Apopka High School basketball team are the coaches for the camp. Last year Williams said that kids ages 10-13 are in the NBA league and kids ages 7-9 are in the NCAA league. Each league has a few teams or groups with one or two varsity or junior varsity players as their coaches while Williams and the rest of the coaching staff looked over the drills, officiated scrimmages, and kept

score. The camp is an integral part of the Apopka basketball team’s funding for the season. Coach Williams and the program do not charge their players for any aspect of their program. The team provides everything they need from the summer months, from the travel tournaments to the regular season. The camp is also a great opportunity for the program to be hands-on with the community and help the next generation of Apopka basketball players.

Gary Batchelor and Lou Gibbs win the Wednesday Night Shootout



GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

Hello Folks,
The fishin' isn't too bad even with all this heat, and folks are gettin' on the water real early and takin' advantage of the mornin' bite. You will do best with noisy top-water baits to get their attention. It's one of the most ex-

citin' bites there is when that ole big bass blows up on your lure.
Once the sun gets up you will have to move to deeper and cooler water. Try and find some submerged hydrilla and eel-grass beds, or shell-beds. Folks are catchin' some nice bass in the Harris Chain by fishin' these three areas. Also, docks are good durin' this time of the year.
We have a new moon this week, so that should get the fish to bitin' in most of the lakes in our area. Folks are still catchin' plenty of panfish in most of the lakes.

The Kissimmee Chain is still producin' some nice stringers of panfish. Red worms and grass-shrimp have been workin' the best.
The bass are still bitin' real good in West Lake Toho. Folks are takin' 4-hour trips and catchin' some nice bass on shiners.
The Head Waters is still fishin' good for bass. Folks are gettin' on the water real early and catchin' some bass on shiners as well.
The bass fishin' on the Butler Chain is about the same. Folks are gettin' on the water early and catchin' some

keeper size bass.
Most all the lakes are fishin' good, with Lake Butler and Lake Tibet producin' some nice bass. Most of the bass are bein' caught on lipless crank-baits, plastic worms, and slow sinkin Senko type baits. You can also catch some bass on the chain by usin' a top-water bait at first light.
Once that ole sun gets up, you need to fish the submerged hydrilla and pepper grass patches throughout the chain.
On Wednesday nights there is a local bunch of guys

who fish a 3-bass tournament on Johns Lake. They call it the Wednesday Night Shootout. Last week the team of Gary Batchelor and Lou Gibbs won with 3 bass that hit the scales at 12.50 pounds. They also had a big bass that weighed in at 7.85 pounds. So if you want to get out of the heat durin' the day, try fishin' at night.
If you have been on Lake George lately you will see the efforts of the FWC efforts to restore fish and wildlife habitat on Lake George. The FWC started this program back in 2020. They planted

over 110 acres of eel-grass in the lake. The lake had lost a lot of it's eel-grass due to hurricane Irma.
Please be careful if you're fishin' along the shoreline and make sure you see the fenced-in areas where the eel-grass is growin'. They have reflective tape on top of the poles for night-time navigation.
Well, that's it for this week. I hope you get a chance to do some fishin' and have a great week.
Tip of the week: Get on the water early.
SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

Davison

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roll, as most teams will have made recruiting decisions by the end of the season.
With a young and inexperienced team left in the wake of other transfers and the departure of head coach Jeff Rolson, Tyson had to make some tough decisions, Wendell Davison said.
Tyson has been and always wanted to be a Blue Darter, according to his father, and bleeds blue and white. He said Tyson was a part of the program before he was even on the high school team.



Courtesy of John Peery

Former Apopka coach, Jett Davison, directs a drill at practice as an Apopka coach in May 2022.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Former head coach of the Blue Darter football team, Jeff Rolson, talks with Tyson Davison (1) and a running back during spring practice in May.


made this decision independently after weighing all his options and prioritizing his future.
Tyson and his father agreed that the Apopka football program and its coaching staff deserve praise for their efforts. Still, they acknowledged the need for a different environment. Tyson's father said he appreciates and respects Rolson and his coaching staff more than anyone could know.
"Honestly, if you look at his record, Coach Rolson has done more with less than anybody in the state," Tyson's father said. "Just look at what he's done. He's gone to the state title three times, and each of the three times he went to the state title game, he's done

it against these power teams."
But the landscape of high school sports is changing. The transfer portal and the formulation of stacked programs have put Apopka football in a tight spot. Apopka football has always been about home-grown Apopka kids who work harder than anyone else to put a winning team on the field. Tyson's father said that's not enough to compete with these power teams anymore, as we have seen these past few seasons.
This summer has been busy for Tyson as he has visited different colleges and universities and worked out with their football programs. He recently returned from visits to the University of West Virginia and Arkansas.

Tyson has a 4.0 unweighted GPA and a 5.0 weighted GPA, sparking a lot of interest from Ivey League schools.
"A lot of people are not aware that he's a high GPA kid, and that's all thanks to Apopka," Wendell Davison said. "They put him in this position. He's been educated in Apopka his whole life. That's a very big deal to him and one of the reasons he's so proud of being a Blue Darter."
Over the last two seasons, Tyson put up 1,346 passing yards, eight passing touchdowns, seven interceptions, and a completion rate of 47.6%. He also racked up 1,399 rushing yards and seven rushing touchdowns.
Coming into the spring

game against Jones last month, Tyson said he was excited for his senior year as a Blue Darter. Now, he will play his final year of high school football as an Ocoee Knight.
Tyson wanted everyone to know how important his time at Apopka was in his development as a player and a man.
"Apopka football was extremely important and I am thankful to coach Rolson for the trust he put in me early on to lead the team," Tyson said. The biggest lessons I learned from Apopka were that hard work and discipline are essential to being a student-athlete and part of building character while representing your team, school, city, and yourself."

Apopka and Ocoee are set to face off in their annual season opener at Ocoee on Friday, Aug. 22. Apopka has won all three matchups since the two schools started opening their seasons against each other. Tyson said he is looking forward to a hard fought game and knows that Ocoee and Apopka will treat this game like a playoff game.
"We're not going to look back," Tyson's father said. "He's going to give the same effort to the Ocoee Knights. So, it's going to be different coming out of a different tunnel and seeing Apopka across the field from him. But that game on August 22 will be charged up, so everybody get your ticket loaded."



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Senior Spotlight
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me as more like a track athlete,” she said. “Once I heard that people were doubting me and doubting my basketball skills, I made sure that I focused on that and proved them wrong.”

In the 2023–2024 season, she averaged 4.5 points, three rebounds, two assists and 2.7 steals per game. This season, Francis averaged 11.5 points, 2.2 rebounds and 4.9 steals per game.

The team had a less-than-spectacular run, finishing with a 9–13 record, but Francis had a great season. She had a season-high of 23 points against Osceola in mid-January and three games with 20 or more points.

A standout student

Francis is an elite athlete, but when paired with a 4.0 un-weighted GPA, a 5.6 weighted GPA, an AP Scholar Distinc-



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Jhenelle Francis weaves through traffic in the lane, finding an open look at the basket.

tion, being the vice president of Beta Club, historian of Mu-Alpha-Theta, Senior Class Council vice president, as well as being a member of a plethora of other clubs focused on creating a better community,

including the Apopka Youth Council, her resume becomes truly remarkable.

Balancing responsibilities as an athlete and an AP and dual-enrolled student was hard for Francis, but she at-



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Jhenelle Francis finds open space on the court and puts a jump shot from the low post.

tacked it head-on.

“I’m someone that really likes to be challenged,” Francis said. “So I make sure I demonstrate that throughout my coursework and my workload. I really enjoy taking AP

and dual enrollment classes, so I make sure that I have a schedule that’s jam-packed with those because they really interest me.”

Francis has not made her final decisions about the

next steps in her academic and athletic journey as of late June. Her love for flag football makes her want to keep playing, and her dedication to her academics makes her want to attend a top university, but there are no Division I flag football programs. If she wants to continue to play, she might have to sacrifice where she wants to attend school.

“It’s hard because it’s such a unique choice that you have to make, especially with flag football,” Francis said. “I am stuck between two career paths after graduation, and I still have no idea what college I want to attend.”

No matter what the next step in Francis’ journey is, she has cemented her legacy at Apopka High School. Her impact on the field, the court, the classroom, and the community has set a standard for what it means to be a student-athlete.

Athletic Director
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the school and the athletic department still need to establish a new time frame for finishing the new baseball and softball complexes before proceeding with the coaching search.

The new Apopka baseball and softball complexes were supposed to be finished and operational by the start of the 2025 season, but that didn’t go as planned for Apopka High School.

By the start of the season, both field and complexes were far from being completed, leading to Apopka baseball and softball teams playing on the road for the

first half of their seasons. The softball team played its first 10 games of the season on the road, posting a stellar 8–2 record. The baseball team played 14 straight road games to start the season and compiled an 8–6 record.

By March, Apopka baseball and softball had yet to play a home game. Apopka High School and the Orange County Public Schools acting chief facilities officer, Rory Salimbene, stated that the facilities were still unfit for occupancy.

Beyond delayed construction issues, players, parents, and fans of the baseball team

raised other concerns. Problems with design and construction consistency, a lack of safety features like foul netting, and the removal of a viewing window in the concession stand left those in the Apopka baseball community unhappy.

By late March, Apopka baseball and softball were allowed to use their fields, but they were far from finished products. Also, at the end of March, OCPS and Apopka High School said they would take the summer to fix all the remaining problems with both facilities.

Coach Mike MacWithey

of the Apopka softball team was very happy with how their field and complex turned out even after the delay. He said that now that the facility is so amazing, the quality of play needs to be improved as well.

“We challenge our players to put a product and team on the field that matches the quality of the facility,” head coach Mike MacWithey said after their first home win of the 2025 season. “We’ve done our part (in building the complex); you need to do your part on the field. It’s your responsibility to do that part.”



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Apopka baseball players, parents, and fans raised concerns with design inconsistencies between the two dugouts on March 19.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."
—1 Samuel 16:7

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Friday, June 27

Great American Block Party Weekend – 5 p.m. at Boxi Park Lake Nona – 6877 Tavistock Lakes Blvd, Orlando. Celebrate the stars and stripes with four days of live entertainment, food & drink specials, and patriotic fun. Free.

Sunset at the Zoo – 5 p.m. at Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens – 3755 W Seminole Blvd, Sanford. Celebrate diversity, community, and inclusion with local vendors, food trucks, and music. \$6 advance tickets; Family 4-Pack with food & drinks for \$44.

Coffeehouse Concert feat. Aria Fiori & Ben Wozniak – 7 p.m. at Fable Coffee & Pastries – 11909 E Colonial Dr, Orlando. Fable Coffee hosts a free Songwriters in the Round performance featuring Aria Fiori and Ben Wozniak. Free.

Tip “T.I.” Harris featuring the HaHa Mafia – 7 p.m. at Funny Bone Comedy Club – 9101 International Dr, Ste 2310, Orlando. Grammy-winning rapper and entrepreneur T.I. brings the laughs with HaHa Mafia in this comedy event. \$55–\$85.

Cat Ridgeway & The Tourists – 7 p.m. at Judson’s Live – 445 S Magnolia Ave,

Orlando. Orlando’s award-winning indie-rock powerhouse Cat Ridgeway performs a harmony-driven acoustic set as part of a two-night residency. \$25–\$40.

The Purple Madness: Tribute to Prince – 7:30 p.m. at House of Blues – 1490 E Buena Vista Dr, Lake Buena Vista. Enjoy an electrifying tribute to Prince in this all-ages general admission show. \$20–\$120.

Hairspray: Pre-Professional Production – 7:30 p.m. at Dr. Phillips Center – 445 S Magnolia Ave, Orlando. Watch rising stars from the AdventHealth School of the Arts bring the iconic ‘60s musical to life. Tickets start at \$30.

Pedro Gonzalez Comedy Show – 7:30 p.m. at Timucua Arts Foundation – 2000 S Summerlin Ave, Orlando. Bilingual comedy from Pedro Gonzalez covering life as an immigrant, dad, and husband. 1.5-hour show in Spanish. \$25 suggested donation.

Kobalt 27 – 8:00 p.m. at Rock’N Rev Ocoee – 8969 W Colonial Dr, Ocoee. Local band K27 brings the best of ‘90s and alternative rock to Ocoee’s newest venue. Free.

Orlando Contemporary Chamber Orchestra – 8:00 p.m. at Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts – 460 E New England Ave, Winter Park. OCCO presents “Bending



Courtesy of Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Gardens

Sunset at the Zoo returns Thursday, June 27, with music, food, and local vendors at Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens.

Lightward,” a program of new music led by Music Director Todd Craven. \$24–\$30.

Saturday, June 28

No Complain Race – A BlackBull x Complain Dept. Race – 8 a.m. at 17922 Old YMCA Rd, Winter Garden. Push your limits with this adrenaline-filled endurance event. \$100.

Apopka Birding Park Plant Removal Event – 9 a.m. at 2923 Lust Rd, Apopka. Help Orange Audubon Society restore native habitat by removing invasive plants from this future nature center site. Free.

Women Rise Conference: A Women’s Conference to Empower Her Path – 9 a.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church – 604 W Jackson St, Orlando. A day of empowerment, purpose, and community connection for women

in all walks of life. \$30–\$60.

Fully Alive Men’s Health Summit – 10 a.m. at Center for Health & Wellbeing – 2005 Mizell Ave, Winter Park. Free in-person summit focused on mental, physical, and emotional health for men.

Netflix Beauty in Black Cast Meet & Greet – 5 p.m. at Orlando Public Library – 101 E Central Blvd, Orlando. Meet your favorite stars and enjoy a night of fun and glamour. \$20 general admission; \$50 VIP.

Lady Lake Fireworks Celebration – 6 p.m. at Guava Street Athletic Complex – 221 W Guava St, Lady Lake. Live music, contests, food trucks, kids zone, and fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Free; VIP tent packages \$50.

Havana Nights 1950’s Theme Party & Guaya-

bera Contest – 7 p.m. at Orlando Elks Lodge – 12 N Primrose Dr, Orlando. Live salsa band, full bar, and 1950s Cuban vibes. \$25.

Daniela Soledade & Nate Najar – Love and Bossa Nova – 8 p.m. at Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts – 460 E New England Ave, Winter Park. A night of Bossa Nova from Brazilian vocalist Soledade and jazz guitarist Najar. \$40.

Comedy Show: Sara Huntington – 8:30 p.m. at Bonkerz Comedy Club at The Corner – Orlando. Viral comedian Sarapoptarts brings her fierce, awkward, and hilarious style to the stage. \$25–\$55.

Sunday, June 29

Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Field Day – 9 a.m. at Central Winds Park – 1000 Central Winds Dr, Winter Springs. Explore voice, morse code, satellite, and beginner-friendly ham radio stations with the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society. Free.

Pamper Party hosted by Sandals! – 2 p.m. at The Beauty Society and Co – 646 E Plant St, Winter Garden. Chair massages, bubbly, fairy hair, collagen coffee, and glam stations. Free with RSVP.

Comedy Show: Zoltan Kaszas – 6:30 p.m. at Funny Bone Comedy Club – 9101 International Dr,

Suite 2310, Orlando. From viral cat jokes to packed theaters, Zoltan brings sharp, smart comedy and unmatched storytelling to the stage. \$32–\$62.

Monday, June 30

Robert Aiosa: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow – 8:30 a.m. at Valencia College East Campus – 701 N Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando. Explore architectural visual arts at the Anita S. Wooten Gallery with Robert Aiosa’s evolving exhibit. Free.

Audubon Park Community Market – 5 p.m. at Audubon Park Garden District – 1842 Winter Park Rd, Orlando. Weekly local market featuring fresh produce, handmade goods, live music, and community vibes. Free.

Tuesday, July 1

Taylor Swift Trivia – 7 p.m. at Two Bridges Pub & Eatery – 16112 Marsh Rd, Winter Garden. Calling all Swifties—put your fandom to the test in this interactive trivia night full of fun and folklore. \$10.

Thursday, July 3

Shake, Rattle & Roll Dueling Pianos – 8:30 p.m. at Ole Red Orlando – 8417 International Dr, Orlando. Sing, laugh, and clap along at this all-ages, high-energy dueling piano concert—part of Ole Red’s summer series. Free.

Enjoy German rice, pineapple upside cake, baby greens with strawberries

Louise Ustler contributed her recipe for Hot German Rice to *Sharing Our Finest Cookbook*, a publication from the Apopka Citizen Police Alumni Association. She says, “I use Minute Rice. These ingredients can be adjusted according to taste. I use more pepper and onion and a small jar of pimento. All can be adjusted, more or less according to your individual taste.”

Southwestern Corn Bake comes from *Pot-Pourri of Zellwood*. This particular recipe was the 1st Prize Winner of NOCIA’s 1981 Zellwood Sweet Corn Festival. The recipe calls for fresh-cut corn, of course!

From the book, *Field to Feast*, we have a wonderful fresh salad using baby greens, strawberries and lime vinaigrette. The recipe comes from Gary Wishnatzki, third generation owner of Wish Farms, who is the grandson of Russian immigrant Harris Wishnatzki, a fruit and vegetable pushcart peddler in 1920s New York City. The summarization of this recipe says: “The citrusy tang of lime vinaigrette is a great match for the sweet strawberries. If you don’t like blue cheese, you can swap it for soft goat cheese, or leave it out altogether.”

Mrs. Meggett says, “I learned how to make this dish at the Dodge House. But I made it my own by creating my own brown sugar crust, the real star of this dessert. Pineapple upside-down cakes can be found throughout the American South, but my cake is one of the lightest and perfectly sweet versions in South Carolina. If time is short, you can use a yellow cake mix instead of the cake batter.

We also have Mrs. Meggett’s, Whipped Cream instructions below. It is a wonderful all-around complement to many of our desserts.

Charleston Receipts shares Coffee Punch from Mrs. Louis Y. Dawson, Jr. It looks like a chilled dessert for coffee lovers. And... it is for 50-60 servings. Perfect for your large gathering!



LOUISE USTLER’S HOT GERMAN RICE
Recipe from *the Apopka Citizen Police Alumni Association*

- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 8 slices bacon
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons green pepper
- 1 tablespoon onion
- 2 tablespoons pimento
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 boiled egg, sliced

Cook rice according to package directions. Fry bacon. Set aside. In bacon drippings, cook green pepper, onion, and pimento until soft. Combine rice, sugar, vinegar, water, celery seed, and salt. Cook until all liquid is gone, stirring constantly. Crumble bacon and toss with rice, saving some bacon for garnish. Garnish with sliced egg and crumbled bacon.

SOUTHWESTERN CORN BAKE
Recipe from *POT-POURRI OF ZELLWOOD*,
Published by The Zellwood Community Center

- 1 dozen ears corn, cut cream style (cut and scraped)
- 2 eggs beaten
- 3/4 cups yellow corn meal
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 6 tablespoons salad oil
- 1 4-ounce can green chili peppers, finely cut
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese

Mix together all ingredients except chili peppers and cheese. Divide mixture in half. Place one half in a greased 8 x 8 x 2-inch baking dish. Mix together chili peppers and cheese; lay on top of corn mixture in the dish. Cover with the remaining corn mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for about 35 minutes.

GARY WISHNATZKI’S BABY GREENS WITH STRAWBERRIES AND LIME VINAIGRETTE
Recipe from *Field to Feast*, by Pam Brandon, Katie Farmand, and Heather McPherson
3 tablespoons vegetable oil

- 1-1/2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar
- 1-1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 8 cups lightly packed baby greens
- 1 pint strawberries, stemmed and sliced
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped red onion
- 6 tablespoons toasted and chopped pecans
- 6 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese
- 6 tablespoons crumbled cooked bacon

- 1) Whisk together oil, vinegar, lime juice, honey, salt, and pepper. Set aside.
- 2) Toss together baby greens, strawberries, and onion. Add vinaigrette and toss to coat. Top each serving with 1 tablespoons pecans, 1 tablespoon blue cheese, and 1 tablespoon bacon.

EMILY MEGGETT’S PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE
Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

- For the crust:**
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 20-ounce can pineapple slices
- 1/2 10-ounce jar maraschino cherries, drained
- For the cake batter:**
- 2 large eggs
- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2-1/2 cups cake flour, preferably Swans Down
- 2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk, whole or 2-percent
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1) Preheat the oven to 350 deg Fahrenheit. 2) **Make the crust:** In a medium mixing bowl, combine the brown sugar and butter. Using a spoon, press the mixture into the bottom of a 10-inch round cake pan, ensuring that the bottom is fully covered. 3) Open the pineapple can. Drain the pineapple juice from pineapples, saving the pineapple juice. Place the pineapple rings on the brown sugar

mixture in an arrangement of your liking. Place a cherry in the center of each pineapple ring.

4) **Make the cake batter:** In a large mixing bowl, using an electric mixer, beat all the ingredients and 1/3-cup of the reserved pineapple juice together. Once combined, pour the mixture over the pineapple. 5) Bake the cake for 45 minutes, or until done – an inserted toothpick should be clean when removed. 6) Remove the cake from the oven and allow it to cool completely. Once cooled, turn the cake upside down onto a cake plate. You will get to see your pineapple and cherries on the top. Slice and serve with whipped cream, if you’d like. See recipe below for Sweetened Whipped Cream.

EMILY MEGGETT’S SWEETENED WHIPPED CREAM
Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

- 1 pint whipping cream
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
- In a medium-sized mixing bowl, with an electric mixer on high speed, beat the cream until peaks begin to form. While mixing, add the sugar. Continue to mix until stiff peaks form, 3 to 4 minutes total. Add a spoonful of this topping to each piece of pie before serving.

MRS. LOUIS Y. DAWSON, JR.’S COFFEE PUNCH
Recipe from *Charleston Receipts*, America’s Oldest Junior League Cookbook in Print,
A Cookbook by The Junior League of Charleston, Inc.
1 gallon strong coffee
1 quart cream
2 quarts vanilla ice cream
5 teaspoons vanilla
5 tablespoons sugar
Chill coffee. Whip cream; add sugar and vanilla. Place ice cream and whipped cream in punch bowl and pour coffee over it. Mix well before serving. (If using block ice cream, slice it into thin slices before placing in the punch bowl.) 50-60 servings.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 2024-CA-009982-O
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, not in its individual capacity but as trustee for NRZ Pass- Through Trust XVI-B, Plaintiff, v. GGG INTERNATIONAL LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 9, 2025, in Case No. 2024-CA-009982-O, in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, that the Clerk of this court, Tiffany Moore Russell, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on-line at https://www.myorangedclerk.realforeclose.com on July 16, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the real property, improvements, fixtures, and personal property being located in Orange County, Florida, and being more particularly described as: Lot 13, Block D, HIAWASSA HIGHLANDS THIRD ADDITION UNIT ONE, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page(s) 5, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated at Orange County, Florida, this 12th day of June, 2025.

/s/ David E. Peterson
David E. Peterson
Florida Bar No. 0373230
Lauren E. Beames
Florida Bar No. 1040341
Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.
215 North Eola Drive
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
NOTICE PURSUANT TO AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities who require special accommodations are entitled to certain assistance.

*If you are a party to a court proceeding and have a visual disability that requires court documents be made available in a specific format, email the Clerk of Courts ADA Coordinator or call (407) 836-2215.

*If you are required to participate in a court proceeding and need special assistance, please contact the Ninth Circuit Court Administration ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Ninth Circuit Court Administration ADA Coordinator
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
June 20, 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2024-CA-006985-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, vs. Plaintiff,
SYLVERE MALONGA, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX
TO: GREGORY M. HARAS, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF GREGORY M. HARAS, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
19425 MARWOOD AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44135
LINDA DE FALCO HARAS, DECEASED
19425 MARWOOD AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44135
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on JUNE 16, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-006985-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IX
Unit Week 16 in Unit 8523, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29 of JULY, 2025 online at www.myorangedclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on JUNE 16, 2025.
DATE JUNE 16, 2025.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #110523.1990
MRHC #Orange
June 20, 27, 2025

Lake Fairview Marina
4503 N. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32804
PUBLIC NOTICE
You are hereby notified that a public sale will be taking place on July 12, 2025 from 10-4pm at Lake Fairview Marina 4503 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32804 for the following boats:
2015 Com-Pac/Suncat
VIN: #ABV174561415
June 20, 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2025-CA-005648-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JERRY L. BUTLER, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS

TO COUNT VIII
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: PHILIP S. BUNTING, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF PHILIP S. BUNTING, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
259 ALLIES PASS
FROSTPROOF, FL 33843

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT VIII

16 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: T52806 & T52807 & T52808 & T52809 & T52810 & T52811 & T52812 & T52813 & T52814 & T52815 & T52816 & T52817 & T52818 & T52819 & T52820 & T52821) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 4000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 17th day of June, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
BY: /s/ St Green
As Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 2130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this document. If hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#126435.9536/MP113
#100284557
June 27, July 4, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2025-CA-005648-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JERRY L. BUTLER, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XI
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: RAYMOND H. DUNHAM, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND H. DUNHAM, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
2317 BALDWIN RUN
THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT XI

Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 973134 & 973135 & 973136 & 973137 & R26535 & R26536 & R31435 & R31436) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated August 22, 2019, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND 10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: G13012 & G13013 & G19146 & G19147 & G19148 & G19149 & G19150 & G19151 & G19152 & G19201) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commence-

ment Date of January 01, 2015 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement) AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 17th day of June, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
BY: St Green
As Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 2130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this document. If hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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June 27, July 4, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2025-CA-005648-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JERRY L. BUTLER, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XIV

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: CHALA LOVE SALISBURY, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF CHALA LOVE SALISBURY, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
5 CRESCENT LAKE WAY
ORMOND BEACH, FL 32174-6798

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT XIV

9 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: DB4825 & DB4826 & DB4827 & DB4828 & DB4829 & DB4830 & DB4831 & DB4832 & DB4833) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2250 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2024 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 17th day of June, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
BY: /s/ St Green
As Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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#100368130
June 27, July 4, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2024-CA-006985-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. SYLVERE MALONGA, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII
TO: MICHAEL C. MOHART
56 HANOVER ST.
SILVER CREEK, NEW YORK 14136-1525
AMY L. MOHART
10392 CHESTNUT RD
DUNKIRK, NEW YORK 14048-9607

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on JUNE 16, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-006985-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the proper-

ty situated in said County described as:

COUNT VIII
Unit Week 51*X in Unit 8423, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29 day of JULY, 2025 online at www.myorangedclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on JUNE 16, 2025.
DATED JUNE 16, 2025
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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MRHC #Orange
June 20, 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2025-CA-004346-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN S. TOMASELLO, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT X

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: DUSTIN EARL SOLT
174 COTTAGE LN
LODI, CA 95242-9716
DUSTIN EARL SOLT
1951 WAUDMAN AVE
STOCKTON, CA 95209-1752
AND
JENNIFER NICOLE SOLT
174 COTTAGE LN
LODI, CA 95242-9716

The above named Defendants not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT X

8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P60501 & P60502 & P60503 & P60504 & P60505 & P60506 & P60507 & P60508) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of April 01, 2017 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 23 day of June, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts
Clerk of the Court
BY: /s/ Lauren Scheidt
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
425 N Orange Ave Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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MRT #8104841
June 27, July 4, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2025-CA-005648-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JERRY L. BUTLER, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT IX

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: ROBERT JAMES HALVORSON, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ROBERT JAMES HALVORSON, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
PO BOX 931683
LOS ANGELES, CA 90093-1683

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant

and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT IX

4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: V40229 & V40230 & V40231 & V40232) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of June 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 17th day of June, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
BY: /s/ St Green
As Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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June 27, July 4, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on **07/18/2025** at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78.
2014 Chevy 1G11C5SL3EF249549
Publish: The Apopka Chief
June 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2024-CA-006985-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. SYLVERE MALONGA, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I

TO: SYLVERE MALONGA
1475 BASSWOOD DRIVE
BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS 60490
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on JUNE 16, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-006985-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT I

Unit Week 42*X in Unit 0120, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29 day of JULY, 2025 online at www.myorangedclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on JUNE 16, 2025.
DATED JUNE 16, 2025
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #110523.1982
MRHC #Orange
June 20, 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.

If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Ninth Circuit Court Administration
ADA Coordinator
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
Dated: June 12, 2025
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler
By: Brian L. Rosaler
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard
Suite 400
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Telephone: (954) 360-9030
Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
Published in: THE APOPKA CHIEF
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June 20, 27, 2025

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Northwest Orlando Storage at 5330 N Pine Hills rd Orlando, fl 32808 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 07/21/25 at approx. 9:00 am. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to add'l terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. #B029 – Ja'leel Jackson – #B037 – Jude Louis – , #B039 – Ameal Mclean – , #B046 – Marc Metelus– #C062-Corliza-ia Bess/ Corlizia Bess- #E020-022-Nikia Robinson ...
June 27, July 4, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2024-CA-006985-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.
SYLVERE MALONGA, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XI

TO: MICHAEL C MOHART
56 HANOVER ST
SILVER CREEK, NEW YORK 14136-1525
AMY L MOHART
10392 CHESTNUT RD
DUNKIRK, NEW YORK 14048-9607
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on JUNE 16, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-006985-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XI

Unit Week 12"E in Unit 8627, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29 day of JULY, 2025 online at www.my-orangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on JUNE 16, 2025.
DATED JUNE 16, 2025
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #110523.1992
MRHC #Orange
June 20, 27, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2025-CC-010671-O
HIGHLAND RIDGE COMMUNITY

HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff, vs.
JOANNA D'ARC DE PAULA, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOANNA DARC DE PAULA
12368 Bracco St.
Winter Garden, FL 34787
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you to Foreclose a Claim of Lien for unpaid Assessments owed to the Plaintiff on the following real property, lying and being situated in Orange County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
"Lot 224, of HIGHLAND RIDGE PHASE 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 111, Page(s) 6-13, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida."
This property is located at the street address of: 12368 Bracco St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon Garfinkel Law, Attorneys' for Plaintiff, whose address is: 300 North Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Witness my hand and Seal of said Court this 19 day of June 2025
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
Clerk of the Court Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
BY: Karina Taveras
AS Deputy Clerk
GARFINKEL LAW
300 N. Maitland Avenue
Maitland, Florida 32751
Tel: (407) 539-3900
Fax: (407) 386-8486
Karen M. Marcell, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 51640
Primary email address:
karen@garfinkel.law
Secondary email address:
rachel@garfinkel.law
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Orange County, ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, Fax (407) 836- 2204; at least 7 days before your court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days of your receipt of this notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
This law firm is a "debt collector" under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
June 27, July 4, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2024-CA-006985-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.
SYLVERE MALONGA, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XI

TO: SYLVERE MALONGA
1475 BASSWOOD DRIVE
BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS 60490
JACQUELINE MONDJI
1475 BASSWOOD DRIVE
BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS 60490
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on JUNE 16, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-006985-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT III

Unit Week 19"E in Unit 5401, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29 day of JULY, 2025 online at www.my-orangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on JUNE 16, 2025.
DATED JUNE 16, 2025
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #110523.1984
MRHC #Orange
June 20, 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2024-CA-005729-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.
NORMAN C. AMONDSEN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX

TO: LINDA DE FALCO HARAS, DECEASED
19425 MARWOOD AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44135
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 28, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-005729-O the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IX

4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 719442 & 719443 & 719444 & 719445) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement date of January 1, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 9th of July, 2025 online at www.my-orangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on June 17th, 2025.
DATED June 17, 2025.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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OUR FILE #129710.0087
MRHC #ORANGE
June 20, 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2024-CA-006985-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.
SYLVERE MALONGA, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X

TO: JOHN S. KOPCSO
1951 HUNTERS POINT LN
WESTLAKE, OHIO 44145-3625
TERESA L. NOVAK
1951 HUNTERS POINT LN
WESTLAKE, OHIO 44145-3625
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on JUNE 16, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-006985-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT X

Unit Week 20 in Unit 8619, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29 day of JULY, 2025 online at www.my-orangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on JUNE 16, 2025.

DATED JUNE 16, 2025.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #110523.1991
MRHC #Orange
June 20, 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2023-DR-013299-O
Division: DIV 47
Dorcas Deloris Daley and
Desinor Hyppolite.
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR Dissolution of Marriage Diligent Search and Inquiry

TO: Desinor Hyppolite
2809 Grassmere Ln
Orlando, FL 32828
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Divorce has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Dorcas Deloris Daley whose address is 2403 Elderwood Ct Orlando, Fl 32808, on or before 7/17/25, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N Orange Ave, Orlando, Fl 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
{If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located.}
N/A
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
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Dated: 6-13-2025
Tiffany M. Russell
Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By:
(Deputy Clerk)
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 24-DR-11913-O
Division: 30
Cheri Sineway
Petitioner,
and
Henry Sineway II,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Henry E. Sineway II
467 New Meadows Ct.
Cooee Fl, 34761
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Cheri Melissa Sineway whose address is 467 New Meadows Ct. Cooee Fl, 34761 on or before 7-31-25, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave Orlando FL 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided:
N/A
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Dated: June 5, 2025
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By:
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CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 2025DR3397-O
Division: 31
ANGEL RAFAEL VARGAS TORRES
Petitioner
and
LILLIETTE GONZALEZ
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: LILLIETTE GONZALEZ
1138 S Amulet, Mesa AZ 85208
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANGEL RAFAEL VARGAS TORRES, whose address is 12652 Victoria Place Cir. Orlando FL 32828, on or before 7/17/2025, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave Orlando FL 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
(If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located) N/A
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Dated: 5/22/2025
Tiffany Moore Russell
Orange County Clerk of the Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: JOSELYN SIMMONS
(Deputy Clerk)
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 25-DR-2847-O
Division: 29
Marc T. Montrose,
Petitioner
and
Sara Morillas
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR Dissolution of Marriage

TO: Sara Morillas
420 SW Ave
Boynton Beach FL 33433
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Divorce has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Marc T. Montrose, whose address is P O Box 682365 Orlando FL 32868, on or before 7-10-25, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave Orlando, FL 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
(If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located),
Orange County
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Dated: 05-23-2025
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By:
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CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2025

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of FYAH Kitchen Global Mashups, with a mailing address of 1317 Edgewater Drive #4227, Orlando, FL 32804 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida

Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Italy Enterprises LLC
June 27, 2025

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Unveiled Voyages By Dream Vacations, with a mailing address of 8622 Tavistock Lakes Blvd., Orlando, FL 32827 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Triumph Virtual, LLC
June 27, 2025

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Holler Ford, with a mailing address of 1011 N. Wymore Road, Winter Park, FL 32789 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: HFWR, Inc
June 27, 2025

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of PMI Ohana Orlando, with a mailing address of 255 South Orange Ave South STE 104 #2010, Orlando, FL 32801 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Ohana Real Estate Sales And Services LLC
June 27, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE

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SALE DATE JULY 29, 2025
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June 27, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 2017-CP- 003404-O
DIVISION Probate
IN RE: RUTH M HARKER
DECEASED

NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROBATE FUNDS

DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 733.816, Florida Statutes, unclaimed probate funds of \$2,229.57 are being held for MIRIAM CHINTALL and \$1,672.19 are being held for EDWARD HARKER in the registry of court, deposited per order of 04/02/2019 in the Estate of RUTH M HARKER, deceased; case number 2017- CP-003404-O.
The Clerk of the Circuit Court will deposit these funds with the Department of Financial Services no less than six months after the posting or the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Any person or entity entitled to such funds may obtain them by compliance with applicable provisions of Section 733.816, Fla. Stat., within 10 years from the date of deposit with the Department of Financial Services, after which time the funds will escheat to the state.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of this Court, on this the 27th day of May 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Orange County
Clerk of the Circuit Court
425 N. Orange Ave.,
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Orlando, FL 32801
By: /s/ Mayra I Cruz
Deputy Clerk
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