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Nelson headed to Tallahassee to talk SB 180

Apopka staying out of SB 180 lawsuit for now

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson plans to travel to Tallahassee on Tuesday, Oct. 14, to meet with state lawmakers about controversial legislation that has riled local municipalities around the state.

The Legislature passed SB 180 during the 2025 session with the focus on helping Floridians rebuild after hurricanes. But a last-minute amendment to the bill nullified land-use regulations and comprehensive plans adopted from Aug. 1, 2024, to Oct. 1, 2027.

The city of Apopka is monitoring how other local governments respond to SB 180, especially regarding the lawsuit that 25 Floridian municipalities and counties — including Orange County — filed on Sept. 29 challenging the law's legal-

"I think we're going to kind of monitor what the other cities and counties are doing, and obviously we want to help where we can, and make sure we get some clarifications on what the true intent is," Nelson said in an Oct. 3 phone interview with the Chief. "From what I gather, they're going to do a tweak to the bill that will make it less onerous on municipalities. So, we're hoping that that happens this [coming] legislative session."

Weiss Serota Helfman Cole + Bierman filed the complaint on Sept. 29 in the Second Judicial Circuit Court in Leon County. The town of Windermere is the only Or-

ange County municipality that is among the plaintiffs.

At the Oct. 1 Apopka City Council meeting, Nelson announced that due to SB 180, the state rejected the city's revised comprehensive plan, which is what prompted his Oct. 14 trip to Tallahassee.

Later at the meeting, Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez asked city attorney Cliff Shepard whether the city would join the SB 180 law-

Shepard said the city

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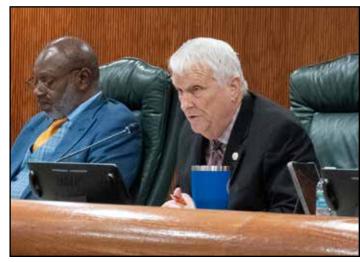


Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Mayor Bryan Nelson will travel to Tallahassee on Oct. 14 to meet with state law makers about Senate Bill 180.

CITY HALL CENTENNIAL



Courtesy of City of Apopka

From left to right: Commissioner Alexander H. Smith, Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez, Commissioner Nick Nesta, Commissioner Nadia Anderson and Mayor Bryan Nelson celebrate the centennial anniversary of City Hall on Friday, Oct. 3. After Nelson read a proclamation detailing the building's history, the Apopka City Council unveiled a commemorative plaque to the left of the entryway. It reads: "Dedicated in 1925 as Apopka High School | Converted to Apopka City Hall in 1966."

Three Odd Guys Brewing to close Oct. 31

Brewery announced closure Oct. 5 on Facebook

By Sarah Merly Correspondent

Three Odd Guys Brewing announced the closure of its 48 E. 5th St. location in an Oct. 5 Facebook post.

"After five years of serving the Apopka community, it is with heavy hearts that we announce the closure of our Three Odd Guys Brewing Apopka location on October 31, 2025," Three Odd Guys Brewing said in the post. "This was an incredibly difficult decision, and we are grateful for the support you have shown us since we first opened our doors during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Three Odd Guys attributed the closure to "rising operational costs." The brewery no longer serves pizza at its Apopka location but did thank customers for purchasing its craft beer.



Photo by Sarah Merly

Three Odd Guys Brewing will close on Oct. 31 after serving Apopka for five years.

"Our membership programs, existing orders, gift cards, and scheduled events will be honored at our other company locations such as: Three Odd Guys Brewing (Longwood, Florida) and Broken Strings Brewery (Orlando, Florida)," Three Odd Guys said in the post.

In a comment on an-

other Oct. 5 post from Three Odd Guys, Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez credited Three Odd Guys with bringing more guests to Fifth Street and reminisced about her time at the

"It was the only place downtown for a long while for the candidates during those long campaign days &

nights @ Apopka Community Center," Velazquez said. "We All survived those long days & night hours having 3OG Pizza[.]"

Velazquez wished Three Odd Guys well as it continues serving Longwood.

"Your unique brewery & entertainment has made a name for itself," Velazquez said.

Anderson denounces stalking, harassment aimed at her family

Actions include cars circling home, attacks toward daughter

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Apopka City Commissioner Nadia Anderson has denounced the hostile actions she and her family have endured, including stalking and harassment at her home and business, and she is calling on her colleagues to stand with her against such actions.

During her report at the Oct. 1 City Council meeting, Anderson recounted harassing and stalking her claims to be there." and her daughter both online and in person. A few weeks prior to the council meeting, Anderson said several cars had circulated her home. Last Christmas, her daughter was riding her scooter outside but ran inside the house because someone was sitting outside watching her.

As a result of these incidents, Anderson said she and her family had to relocate and move three times.

"With that being said, I challenge every commissioner [and] the mayor that is sitting on this dais to understand this: Any commissioner I feel engages in or condones this hateful stalking behavior is equally responsible and guilty," she

said. "It is a clear indication that you show support for this type of action."

Anderson noted social media posts were sent to her daughter. The commissioner read an example of one on the record, highlighting how the poster was following Anderson at her place of business.

"I'm just going to read how it's written," Anderson said. "I as well agree with that. She also claims to have an office on Park Ave. but there's never anyone there. Yes, I've seen cars in the parking lot, so I stopped a couple of times, and the doors were locked, so I knocked and no answer. But I'm an expert. specific instances of people I know what I'm doing. She

> Anderson brought up some of this year's highprofile politically motivated violence such as the murders of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, and former Minnesota Rep. Melissa Horton and her husband, Mark Horton, as well as the assassination attempts on Minnesota Sen. John Hoffman, his wife Yvette, and their adult daughter.

> Anderson said she got an email informing her there is "a commissioner on this dais supporting certain behavior and also engaged with certain lawsuits that [were] filed against me." She never mentioned who that commissioner was by

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Photo by Marshall Tempest

City Commissioner Nadia Anderson denounces the stalking and harassment of her and daughter and calls on other Council members to stand with her.

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Fewer estimated bills will benefit everyone

Apopka Mayor

We have a team effort here at the city to drive the increasing costs of our water, wastewater and reclaimed water by making sure that everyone pays for the water they use, which, in turn, reduces the costs and the overall bill that utility payers are being charged.

In December 2020, we signed

a revenue sharing contract with

ISI Water Company of America to

identify revenues that weren't be-

ing collected by either unlisted ser-

vices, incorrect rates or meter con-

dition issues. ISI Water company

reviewed 2,382 accounts and iden-

tified 87 accounts that were sched-

uled for work orders. Of these, 35

had unlisted services, which in-

creased revenue to the utilities de-

51 accounts, which increased the

city revenue by \$349,072 per year,

and meter condition issues on one

had a value of \$1,923 per year. All

told, ISI Water increased our util-

ity revenue by \$484,557 per year

without impacting any current cus-

ing all uncollected revenue due the

city. We have found multiple prop-

erties that have tampered with the

meters or the flex-net (wireless

communication) that kept the city

from gathering the correct infor-

mation for billing. We have passed

the first reading of Ordinance No.

3127, which authorizes the city to

fine folks who have tampered with

the meter or flex-net \$250 for the

first offense, \$500 for the second

offense, and completely shutting

If we have approval at the sec-

off the water on the third offense.

Now to part two of recogniz-

Incorrect rates were found on

partment by \$133,555 a year.



ties will become law. We need everyone to pay their correct water usage bill, which will help lower the cost for residents who already comply with the law. We are also updating our charges for new meters, back-flow

valves, and labor costs to accurately reflect the inflationary market we are in.

The third prong was to attack the water meters, flex-nets and radio towers that are giving us inaccurate reads. We are in the process of replacing all nine towers and adding one new one to an area that has a weak signal. This will ensure the signal from the flex-net at the meter can transmit the information to the tower and on to utility billing. This also gives our utility customers the ability to look at their water consumption in almost realtime, thereby helping the homeowner to identify leaks or other is-

Our public services and utilbilling departments have been working hand-in-hand to reduce the number of meters that weren't reading at all or are estimating the water usage. In the last four months, we have reduced the number from 31% meters malfunctioning to 16% not working as of last week. We hope to have the number down to 12% by the end of the year and 8% by the end of March, which will be well within the norms of cities such as ours.

With these three huge steps, we are beginning to see real results and hope to have a much clearer picture of actual revenues and expenses that should help lessen the rate increases that we have experienced in the past.

Become an effective advocate

Many times, people describe leaders as "ineffective" or "effective." With years of experience on the school board and county commission, I would like to highlight how you can become an "effective" citizen advocate.

Let's first discuss getting the correct jurisdiction. If you contact my office with a complaint about your income taxes, child support issues, or labor relations in private businesses, I'm not able to help. However, if you are interested in new street lighting on county roadways, remedying poor trash service, help getting your non-profit in a pipeline for county contributions, filling potholes, trimming trees over sidewalks and roadways, animal or mosquito control issues — my county office can and will help

Contacting the correct jurisdiction is the first step toward "effective" advocacy.

Now, I must tell you one ineffective means of advocacy social media posts. While neither city nor county staff have sufficient employees to patrol areas for potholes, reporting deficiencies on social media doesn't mean they will get heard.

If notified, counties and cities can remedy decaying signage, downed trees, cracked side**County Commissioner** District 2



walks, etc. Thus, I led my "people group" teams to turn in observable deficiencies themselves utilizing the 311 App or city's See, Click, Fix program. This approach is much more likely to get

Teams that enter the Corridor of the Year contest always have an edge on securing comprehensive maintenance and improvements. Why? One reason is that I'm out there with them on foot observing deficiencies. More importantly, the teams have learned how to effectively report deficiencies, and they are singularly focused on improving one corridor at a time.

A few days ago, as I was traveling down Old Dixie Road, I observed Pastor Mark Jeter and a resident on the side of the road. I stopped to see what was wrong. Apparently, there had been an accident the night before. A car ran

through the entire church property and destroyed half their newly repaired playground. Using the 311 system, I was able to instantly report the downed sign and discuss additional traffic calming ideas for the curves.

I'm motivated to work for their streetlights and traffic calming devices as the North Apopka group and Dayspring Church have been working hard all of 2025 improving the community. The church hosted my volunteers and the Apopka football team in the heat of the summer. We did a tremendous amount of work that day on the Old Dixie curves.

Our work is a fun, team sport. It involves beautification, maintenance and infrastructure improvements. The entire Plymouth community has engaged to improve their section of unincorporated Orange County in Plymouth. They are competing against the Southern Apopka, Lockhart, Pine Hills, and Lee Road teams for Corridor of the Year on Nov.

The North Apopka team will be out at Dayspring Church at 8 a. m. this Saturday picking up trash, installing a cup art limerick, and removing weeds.

I hope you become an "effective" advocate for your neigh-

Xello helps students plan future

Have you heard of Xello? If you are a parent in OCPS, I hope the answer is yes. Xello is an online program that helps our students define their future goals and transform their aspirations into actionable plans for

OCPS uses the program at the center of its efforts to ensure students are college and/ or career-ready. It helps them build self-knowledge, explore their options, create a plan, and develop the 21st-century skills needed to thrive in the world of

All OCPS students, even our elementary age students, can access Xello and use it as a tool to support their college/career exploration, along with their school counselor and families.

As long as I've been a board member, I have advocated for a tool that would help students and parents navigate the vast choices available to them in one place, and Xello does just that.

Xello offers grade-level

Orange County School Board, District 7



lessons for K-12 students that allow them to explore various career clusters. These lessons are designed to offer students insights into experiences after high school. Better yet, it includes things like creating a post-secondary plan, writing resumes, learning interview skills, time management, and workplace skills.

These essential life skills are important ones that our business stakeholders have told us our graduates need to have when they graduate. They are so important that we've included

them in our new strategic plan for the next five years.

The ultimate goal is to help students explore specific pathways and have a plan upon graduation that aligns with their in-

As the student completes lessons, year to year, their data is rolled over and aggregated to provide the best possible match to careers and pathways. The program is designed to grow with the student, allowing them options as life experiences happen.

Parents are able to have their own Xello account that will allow them to monitor their students each year. They will be able to follow along with their students as they work through their Xello lessons. This is an amazing opportunity for parents to connect with their students and work with them on their journey.

To learn more about Xello, visit the OCPS Academic Services page or ask your school guidance counselor.

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Florida Institute of Dermatology cuts ribbon on Apopka location

Skin care center offers surgical, cosmetic services

By Sarah Merly Correspondent

The Florida Institute of Dermatology celebrated its new location in Apopka with a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct.

"We're so excited to have them right here in downtown Apopka, right behind the old Denny's, and [we] just can't wait to see the services they're going to provide the members here of the Apopka community," Mayor Bryan Nelson said.

The Florida Institute of



Photo by Sarah Merly

Mayor Bryan Nelson, Dr. Michael Wangia and Morgan Wangia cut the ribbon.

Dermatology offers treatments for conditions such as skin cancer and acne, in addition to providing cosmetic

procedures. Founded by Dr. Michael Wangia, who now serves as medical director, the Florida Institue of Dermatol-



Photo by Sarah Merly

Director of operations Morgan Wangia introduces her husband Dr. Michael Wangia and the new location.

ogy also operates locations in Winter Garden and The Vil-

According to Wangia's

wife and director of operations, Morgan Wangia, the Florida Institute of Dermatology previously operated from a suite at 201 N. Park Avenue. Its new location at 211 Edgewood Drive allowed the practice to operate out of its own building, which the institute renovated for two years.

Michael Wangia said he had asked physician assistant Eric Michaelis-Woodard to find a space in Apopka. One of Woodard's patients found the current building.

"I saw the space, and I was like, 'This is incredible," Michael Wangia said.

After thanking his wife for "the countless hours" of work and "dealing with general contractors," Wangia credited Floride "Flo" Nelson for being one of the Apopka location's most enthusiastic patients and supporters.

"Years ago, Mrs. Nelson said, 'They're coming to Apopka," guest Beverly "Bev" Winesburgh said at the ceremony. "So she's had us all waiting."

Michael Wangia also thanked God for the new location.

"His grace and guidance really has made it possible for us to really reach this point in opening this office," he said. "It's God's timing."

The Florida Institute of Dermatology is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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name nor if the individual's name was mentioned in the email.

She clarified that she will be working closely with the Apopka Police Department and Orange County Courts to seek an injunction order to ensure her daughter's safety.

Anderson acknowledged there are some people who dislike her or don't support her positions on issues as an elected official, but she said that is no reason for anyone to go after her daughter.

"I'm an elected official. I understand that, but my personal home, my personal business has absolutely nothing to do with the city, and I'm asking, I'm requesting all the residents at this time to please stop stalking, harassing, driving by my residence, in my business," Anderson said.

Immediately after Anderson, Commissioner Nick Nesta expressed sympathy for Anderson's situation during his council report.

"I definitely take your daughter's safety seriously, so I'm really sorry to hear that," he said. "I would genu-

inely say that she should not be experiencing that in any capacity."

Mayor Bryan Nelson said during his report he didn't know what Anderson was experiencing. He cited a newspaper article highlighting reporting American fans' behavior at the Ryder Cup that took place Sept. 26–28 in Farmingdale, N.Y.

According to Nelson, the article reported how Ryder Cup legend Tom Watson denounced American fans for their behavior at the biennial men's golf competition between European and American golfers.

"I'm a big golf fan, and if there's one sport that's about being collegial, [it's golf,]" Nelson said. "It's not about screaming, yelling. It's about if your opponent makes a great putt, and you high five him. That's the way we should be here, whether we agree or disagree, as Commissioner Anderson said."

After Nelson passed copies of the article to the commissioners, he called for returning civility to the public discourse, noting that even city staff members are "upset" and "petrified" about its hostile tone.

"We need to tone it down," Nelson said. "There's plenty of bad things going on. We can all agree to disagree, and we're here, as my decorum states, we can agree to disagree and constructive criticism is welcome here, but we've got to tone this down."

Since the meeting, Anderson has not responded to requests for comment on the matter.

In a phone interview,

Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez said she was surprised to hear about what Anderson has been experiencing.

"There is a lot of anger out there, and you have to be careful," she said.

Velazquez said when she was first elected commissioner, she also received her share of vitriol online.

"I've been around for 11 years [as an Apopka city commissioner]," she said. "I've had that issue for a while, but not to the extent Commissioner Anderson fac-















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Ecuagenera to host inaugural Tropical Plant Fest this weekend

Festival to feature vendors, food court and more

By Sarah Merly Correspondent

Family-owned nursery Ecuagenera will partner with D'Vine Plant Market to host dozens of plant, food and craft vendors for its inaugural Tropical Plant Fest from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. this Saturday, Oct. 11.

"I feel like it's gonna be one of the biggest events around this area," salesperson Jorge Portilla said. "We are well known in the business."

D'Vine Plant Market is helping Ecuagenera Apopka with the festival's marketing and vendor registration, according to branch manager and Portilla's cousin Dayaneth Portilla. Ecuagenera



Photo by Sarah Merly

Jorge Portilla claims the orchid species Masdevallia priscillana may be named after his mother.

Apopka will host the festival at its property on 3600 Plymouth Sorrento Rd.

An Italian priest and one of Jorge Portilla's uncles founded Ecuagenera in 1992 in Ecuador. The company specializes in conserving orchids and registers over 200 new orchid hybrids annually.

"Ecuador is known as the country of orchids, because we have the most amount of orchids per square feet," Jorge Portilla said.

Ecuagenera opened its



Photo by Sarah Merly

Ecuagenera has several greenhouses in Apopka, where they've grown plants for approximately six years.

Apopka location around the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the company still specializes in orchids, Ecuagenera also sells aroids and tropical plants. Vendors at the plant fest will reflect a similar variety, offering be-

gonias, succulents and more. Dayaneth Portilla expects a crowd of 500 to 1,000 guests on Saturday. The \$30 VIP package has sold out already, and Dayaneth Portilla had sold 500 tickets as of

Monday afternoon.

Jorge Portilla recommended Cattleya orchids and Anthurium luxurians for new plant buyers and collectors. He also recommended examining plant leaves to determine how easy they are to take care of.

"The thicker the leaf, the less difficult it is," he said.

As Ecuagenera co-owner Ivan Portilla's son, Jorge Portilla grew up attending plant shows with his father. But salesperson Tiffany Ward has just entered the plant business and said she discovers something new every day at Ecuagenera. She has also started paying closer attention to the plants surrounding her outney of Water exhibit at Walt Disney World.

"Everybody's playing with the water, and I'm like, 'Can I get over this fence?'" Ward said. "I was actually surprised with the plants they had — scindapsus, philodendron, bromeliad."

Ultimately, she loves how plants have connected her to various cultures.

"I feel like Ecuagenera connects everybody to the world," Ward said, referring to the wide variety of languages plant names come from. "I've learned a little bit of French, a lot of Spanish, and then I've learned some — even a little German."

To purchase general admission for \$10 per person, visit the D'Vine Market at Ecuagenera page at ecuageneraus.com.

Apopka cuts number of estimated water bills in half

City aims to reach 8% by March 2026

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The city of Apopka has cut in half the number of estimated water bills it is sending out and aims to further cut the number to single digits.

The city had 31% of its water bills estimated in October 2024, but that number had dropped to 16% last month, according to city interim administrator Radley Williams, who spoke at the Oct. 1 City Council meeting.

According to Williams, the city is aiming to reduce

the number of estimated water billing even further, to 12% (3,487 estimated water bills) by the end of this year, then down to 8% (2,325 estimated water bills) by March 2026.

The city's long-term goal is to reach a national average of 5% estimated water bills or better, according to Williams.

"We obviously want to be

5% or better because that'll give us the opportunity to make sure the corrections are made within the month before the bill cycle hits," he said.

Mayor Bryan Nelson praised the efforts of Williams, finance director Blanche Sherman, city engineer/public works director Vladimir Simonovski and utilities operations director Glen Brooks and their teams for making progress in water billing accuracy.

"I think we're going to see some major results," Nelson said. "Basically, it's water that we're delivering but not charging for. So, I think we're going to see a real impact on the amount of water that's

being charged versus water that's just going unbilled."

Estimated water billing happens when a reading can't be done on a meter for reasons such as inclement weather or a malfunctioning meter, so a previous actual reading is used to calculate the current



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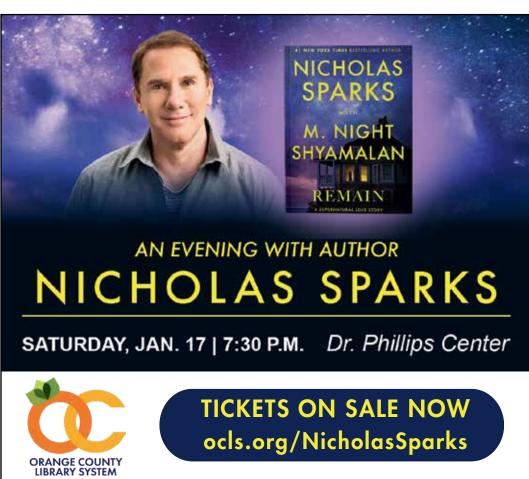




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Apopka extends joint planning agreement with Orange County

Vote marks fourth amendment since 2004 agreement

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Apopka City Council unanimously approved the fourth amendment of the joint planning area agreement (JPA) with Orange County, which entails a two-year extension on the agreement to allow renegotiation of its terms.

At the Oct. 1 City Council meeting, city planner Bobby Howell said the amendment proposes a two-year extension to renegotiate the JPA, which was first created between the city and county in 2004 as a settlement agreement to resolve pending litigation between both parties at the time. The original JPA includes a 21-year agreement.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Commissioner Nick Nesta asked how Senate Bill (SB) 180 would impact an agreement between the city and Orange County and potential liability issues.

"The city was sued over numerous issues, I believe, related to annexation," Howell said. "This is what my understanding is."

Since 2004, the JPA was amended three times, with the last one coming in 2019.

The City Council pre-

viously directed staff at the July 2 meeting to renegotiate the JPA terms between the city and Orange County. The agreement expires on Dec. 31 with an automatic renewal for another five years unless either party delivers a notice of non-renewal.

City and county staff agreed upon a two-year extension of the JPA to allow time to establish a negotiated framework for the JPA that will be mutually beneficial to both parties.

In discussion with the City Council, Howell said city staff met with Orange County staff in early September about modifying the JPA, which would include the new agreement to have a five-year term with a 90-day opt-out clause.

If the amendment is approved, the expiration date of the existing agreement will be Dec. 31, 2027.

Commissioner Nick Nesta asked Howell about how Senate Bill (SB) 180 would impact the JPA and potential liability issues.

SB 180 was approved during the 2025 legislative session with the intent to assist Floridians rebuild after hurricanes, but the final version also nullified land-use regulations and comprehensive plans — leading 25 municipalities and counties to sue.

know comp(prehensive) plan was kicked back due to some of those restrictions with this JPA, although it's not with the state; it's between two municipalities," Nesta said.

In response, Howell said anybody could challenge the

"When our comp plan was kicked back from the state, it was deemed null and void because it was restrictive and burdensome," Howell said. "The person I spoke to at Florida Commerce literally told me that you might get a different reviewer next time; you might get a different answer."

Seeing that the South Apopka annexation map is included within the JPA, Nesta asked if the city should put the South Apopka annexation on the ballot as a referendum.

Howell said the South Apopka annexation is a topic discussed during the JPA negotiation.

"It'd be something we'd look at incorporating into the new agreement, depending on what the outcome of the referendum is," he said.

According to city finance director Blanche Sherman, the city released a solicitation for a study of the South Apoka annexation on Sept. 28. A survey for residents is also planned. The timeline is expected to meet the March 2026 election deadline, Sherman said.

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners will take up discussion on the JPA at its Oct. 14 meeting, according to Howell.

City Council approves fines for construction outside posted hours

Fines will apply across the board including city projects

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The City Council unanimously adopted on Wednesday a resolution that establishes penalties for construction activity occurring outside of posted hours.

According to the Oct. 1 City Council staff report, any contractor, subcontractor, property owner, or other responsible party who is involved with or allows con-



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

The Apopka City Council unanimously passed a resolution that establishes penalties for construction activity occurring outside of posted hours.

struction activity outside the posted hours will be fined.

The fine structure is as follows: \$1,000 for the first offense; \$5,000 for the second offense; and for the third

and subsequent offenses, a stop-work order will be issued, halting all construction activity for seven consecutive calendar days.

John Hanson, the city

building official, clarified that the fines apply to the whole project, not just the specific home under construction.

Resident Albert McKimmie questioned the fairness of the construction fines and their effect on police resources. Living near Parkview Preserve and the Golden Gem water reclamation facility, which are both currently under construction, he asked if there will be exemptions for some people and not for others, including the city itself.

"All I see is a city trying to stamp everything so that they're in control and the things that they really need to be in control of, like dumping demolition rubble into ponds, which constitutes criminal activity by the city itself," McKimmie said. "You turn a blind eye. You're hypocrites."

Resident Rod Olsen asked about the current policy on fines and the rationale for the new resolution. In response, Hanson said that the new resolution aims to enforce approved construction hours more strictly.

"We just want to give the three strikes and you're out, start with \$1,000," Hanson said. "There are no warnings anymore. I mean, first time it's boom, \$1,000; second time, the \$5,000. And then we shut them down for

the week after that."

In reference to McKimmie's comments, Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez asked Hanson if the city is subject to the same rules.

neighbor "He's the of Golden Gem (Pond)," Velazquez said. "Do these rules apply to us as the city at Golden Gem?"

Hanson said that while he hasn't received complaints about city projects violating construction hours, the rules apply to everyone unless he and interim city administrator Radley Williams specifically grant permission for exceptions, such as early morning concrete pours. These exceptions are approved in advance and made public.

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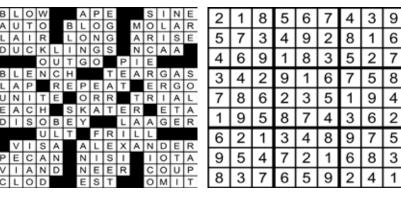
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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



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4. Feudal estates 5. Sour salad green

6. Atlantic Ocean, in a popular idiom

7. "Much ____ About Nothing"

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Apopka Woman's Club hosts annual Tea and Hat Celebration

Hat contest winners include Sharon Burroughs and Malvina Lindsey

Staff Reports

The GFWC Apopka Woman's Club launched a new year of community service with its annual Tea and Hat Celebration on Sept. 28 at First Methodist Church Apopka.

The free celebration was designed to attract new members to the club, which hosts the annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival and funds community projects such as scholarships and libraries.

Eighty members and guests attended the celebration, according to a press release. The event included live music by Tom Dougherty of "Off the Charts," games, and a hat contest. Malvina Lindsey won "Most Beautiful Hat" for her custom blue organza



Courtesy of Bev Winesburgh

Club President Diane Harrison, Tea Chairman Ginny Iafrate and other members of the Apopka Woman's Club Annual Welcome Back Tea Committee.

hat, while Sharon Burroughs won "Most Unique Hat" for her Toy Story hat and matching ensemble.

Nine club members organized the event, including club president Diane Harrison and

tea chairman Ginny Iafrate. Interested women may join the Woman's Club with a referral from a current member. For more information, visit www. apopkawomansclub.org.

OCPS, union agree on 4% raise for best teachers

New agreement awaits final approval from union membership

Staff Reports

Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) and the Orange County Classroom Teachers Association (CTA) have tentatively agreed upon a new compensation and working conditions package for the 2025–26 school year, OCPS announced on Friday, Oct. 3.

The agreement, which awaits final approval from the CTA membership, outlines significant salary boosts based on performance metrics.

Educators who received a "highly effective" rating will see a 4.01% raise in their base salary, while those rated "effective" will receive a 3.01% increase.

In a move aimed at rewarding long-serving educators, the district has earmarked \$2 million specifically to alleviate pay compression among veteran teachers — meaning longterm teachers who currently make close to the same amount as newer

Furthermore, supplements designed to incentivize teaching in critical, hard-to-fill positions will remain

Beyond the monetary aspects, the two parties also finalized several key changes to working conditions. A significant change guarantees 30-minute paid lunch breaks for most teachers.

The agreement also incorporates new language to address the growing role of artificial intelligence in classroom instruction. Addressing teacher protections, the parties also added new provisions concerning unfounded student allegations filed against teachers.

Lastly, the agreement makes it easier for staff to access donated sick leave by reducing the number of required days for use, and it introduces a new 12-month pay option for greater financial flexibility throughout the

Last year, OCPS and CTA reached an agreement in October 2024 for the 2024–25 school year, giving highly effective teachers a 2.25% raise and effective teachers a 1.7% raise.



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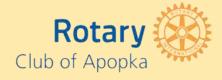
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POLICE BEAT

APD arrests 31 from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4

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In the period from Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2025, the Apopka Police Department received 1,547 calls for service, responded to 29 crashes, issued 80 citations, and made 31 arrests. Burglaries: 3 vehicles, 0 residence, 1 business. Juveniles were charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; batterycause bodily harm.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Tameka Ronise Anglin, 41, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

James Manuel Ascencio, 65, 4520 N. Hiawassee Rd., Orlando, trespassingfailure to leave property on order of owner.

Bobby Houston Bridges, 48, 1349 S. Highland Ave., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (X2); drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Bruce Stanley Brown, 33, 9332 Cardinal Cove Cir., Sanford, out-of-county warrant.

Konrie Baldwin Brown, 26, Apopka, resist officer with violence; escape prisoner-escape or attempt escape; obstructing justicehinder witness communicating information to law enforcement officer/judge felony 3rd proceeding; batterycommit domestic battery by strangulation; aggravated battery-on pregnant victim; robbery-sudden snatch without firearm/weapon; kidnap-false imprisonment of person; battery on specified personnel.

Jessica Lee Campinose, 47, 1901 Tindaro Dr., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Willie Lee Chastine, 47, 1328 Marvin C Zanders Ave., Apopka, battery-prior conviction, felon batterycommit 2nd subsequent bat-

Shane Michael Cooper, 46, 8631 SE 130th Ter., Dunnellon, out-of-county

Ka 'Raina Alora Francois, 23, 1556 Woodwind Dr., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Bryan Mark Gilman, 29, 79 Earls Ln., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Twananthony ne Hodge, 50, 325 E. 15t St., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (X2);

and/or use.

Patrice Andrea Jacob, 49, 131 SE 1st St., Miami, battery-touch or strike.

Rachel Noel Krapp, 33, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Edward Lee Leavitt, 42, general delivery, Orlando, burglary-unoccupied structure unarmed; trespassingtrespass posted construction site; larceny petit theft-property dwelling/curtilage less than \$40.

Anthony James Love, 42, general delivery, Apopka, other agency warrant.

Christopher Edward Madison, 46, 2934 Clear Way, Orlando, other agency warrant; family offense-civil writ of attach (X2).

Fletcher Rovelle Mc-Cray, 42, 1165 S. Central Ave., Apopka, other agency

Deborah Diane Mead,

drug equipment-possession 57, 3170 Cecelia Dr., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

> Jayvon Isaiah Mitchell, 38, Apopka, batterytouch or strike (domestic violence).

Amanda Ariel Morris, 38, 1260 Marden Rd., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Eddie Lee Nelson, 24, Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm-dating violence.

Yleisha Jonaly Perez, 22, Apopka, battery-touch or strike. Joseph Francisco Pizzu-

to, 27, 1016 Grand Hilltop Dr., Apopka, other agency warrant. Darryl Ladell Rutland,

62, 226 M.A. Board St., Apopka, other agency war-

Juan Sep Yat, 24, 3233 Yothers Rd., Apopka, crash driver license-no driver license, never had one issued: hit and run-leave scene of crash involved damage to

Kimberly St. Jean, 28, 2514 Conserve Cir. Apt. 307, Apopka, other agency warrant.

Jerome Antonyole Taylor, 29, 1211 S. Hawthorne Ave., Apopka, other agency warrant; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Jack Duncan Thomas, 47, 9209 Lake Mabel Dr., Orlando, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Mike Torres, 67, 1046 Royal Oaks Dr., Apopka, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Jarvis Sharod White, 40, Apopka, battery by strangulation; battery-touch or

Sharina Lakeysha Williamson, 30, 4524 Malibu Street, Orlando, batterytouch or strike (X2); larceny grand theft-property value \$750 -\$5,000.

SB 180 FROM 1A

could approach the lawsuit two ways: join it, which would cost a flat fee between \$10,000 and \$20,000, or use a lobbyist to influence lawmakers.

Shepard cited two issues most cities have with the bill: 1) It was supposed to be about storm recovery but applies to developments that a storm never impacted, and 2) the state could stop local governments from passing moratoriums on developments until at least Ocoee, earlier in the meet-2027.

"If you all want to have a discussion about which way you want to go, right now, we're not doing either thing, unless we are doing it through lobbyists, because I'm not a lobbyist," Shepard said.

Velazquez said she understood that Nelson had mentioned it to state Rep. Doug Bankson, R-Apopka, and state Sen.-elect LaVon Bracy Davis, D-

ing, after they recapped the 2025 legislative session.

"I feel like if we can join the cities, it becomes a much stronger front for Tallahassee to realize how it negatively is impacting all the local municipalities," Velazquez said.

In the Oct. 3 phone interview, Nelson said his original purpose for traveling up to Tallahassee on Oct. 14 was to see his friend get selected Florida

Senate president. He was referring to the Republican Caucus that will convene that day to select state Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Palmetto, as Senate President-designate for the 2026-28 legislative term.

Nelson wants to take the opportunity that same day to convince lawmakers about changing SB 180's retroactivity and the bill's language so it could better clarify the limitations it imposes on community development documents.

"We just need some clarification on what 'restrictive or burdensome' means [in the bill] because that can mean different things to different people," Nelson said.

According to the complaint, the plaintiffs say the SB 180 amendment removes local governments' right to manage growth and development in their communities.



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Cliff Shepard

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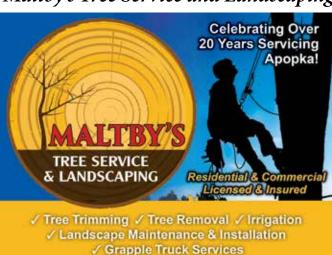
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Apopka resident releases debut novel

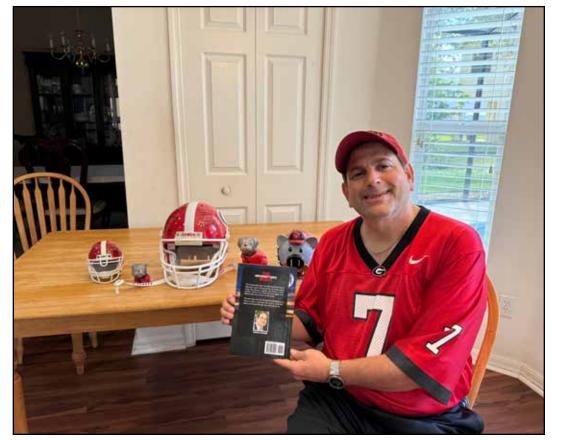


Photo by Sarah Merly

Samuel Shapiro is a proud member of the Central Florida Bulldawg Club.

'The Unforgettable Night' draws inspiration from author's college days

By Sarah Merly Correspondent

Longtime Apopka resident Samuel Shapiro recently released his debut novel "The Unforgettable Night," a thriller inspired by fraternity life at Shapiro's alma mater, the University of Georgia.

"It will make you feel like you're a college kid again," Shapiro said. "To me, those [were] the best years of my life, because you were free."

Shapiro's novel follows the story of sophomore Samuel Richardson, whom the book's teaser describes as "a good-looking fraternity boy living a typical college life, aspiring to graduate and become a lawyer someday." But after Richardson stumbles into a love triangle, one of the girls he loves is found dead — seemingly at his own hands.

Shapiro started writing his novel four years ago, when he wrote about a dream he had in the middle of the night. After he wrote three chapters on his computer, his wife and mother both approved of his writing.

"The next thing I knew, I started just typing away and typing away," Shapiro said. "About six to nine months later, it was completed."

"The Unforgettable Night" arrived on Amazon on Aug. 19 and is also available at Barnes and Noble. Although Shapiro said his book could serve as a cautionary tale, Shapiro said his novel's '80s pop culture references and portrayal of college life will also bring nostalgia to older generations.

"You'll feel that atmosphere [of] being a young sophomore at the University of Georgia, trying to struggle, trying to figure things out, going through love, going through parties, going to football games," Shapiro said.

Although Shapiro visits Georgia annually, he is also an Apopka resident of about 30 years and a proud member of the Central Florida Bulldawg Club. He hopes each reader, regardless of his alma mater, will relate to his portrayal of college life and growing up.

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Apopka's new baseball coach aims for excellence

Scott Garland to focus on player development, pride, accountability

By Vinnie CammaranoSports Reporter

Apopka's baseball program is bringing in a familiar face. Scott Garland, who is currently helping coach the fall ball team, is stepping into the head coach position for the spring.

Garland has spent nearly two decades in the Apopka community, coaching Little League, working with travel programs, and watching three of his sons come through the school. His youngest, a senior lacrosse player, will graduate this year.

"I've been part of the Apopka community for almost 20 years now," Garland said. "I love the people here, love the history, love the standards. We're expected to win, and I don't shy away from that."

Garland replaces former head coach Bobby Brewer, who stepped down last summer after six seasons on the job, including a 14–10 finish in 2025.

Garland brings a long résumé of local experience to the Blue Darter dugout. Right out of college, he began coaching Ocoee Little League before joining West Orange High as the junior varsity coach for four years. He first arrived at Apopka in 2008 as an assistant under longtime coach David Lee,

later spending time coaching his sons and serving as vice president of the local Little League.

He also held assistant coaching positions at Mount Dora Christian Academy, Windermere Prep, and most recently at Olympia High, where he spent the past four seasons helping guide the Titans to a district championship and state playoff run.

Now back where his roots run, Garland says his

NEW BASEBALL COACH, 3B



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Apopka High School's new baseball coach Scott Garland has deep ties to the community.

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Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Little Leaguers say 'Good Game!' Read story on B3

Apopka swimmer earns national honors

13-year-old freshman ranks among the nation's top distance swimmers

By Vinnie Cammarano Reporter

At just 13 years old, Apopka's own Keira Druck continues to climb swimming's national ladder. The Lake Brantley High School freshman capped off her season with top 10 national rankings in the 400- and 800-meter freestyle long course events.

She placed seventh and eighth and received her Florida Zone Team certificate at the annual Florida Swimming



Courtesy of Kristin Herman-Druck

Keira Druck receives her 3 certificates at the 2025 Florida Swimming Awards Banquet.

Awards Banquet on Oct. 4.

For Druck, it's another milestone in a long, dedicated journey. A year ago, she

was making headlines for her state and regional success with Patriot Aquatics in Longwood. Now, she trains with the Windermere Lakers, one of the top club programs in Central Florida — a move her mother called "the next level up."

"It's really different when you go to high school," Keira said. "The coaching goals are very different. It's a big change from middle school and club to switching to high school. It's a lot of fun being in a new season."

Joining a new club team brought its own adjustments. Druck said the transition to Windermere Lakers meant learning new training styles and building new friendships.

"The practices are very different and harder in general," she said. "They put a lot on paper, and it's hard to read

NATIONAL HONORS, 3B

Apopka volleyball snags 2 wins in single night

High energy fuels Blue Darters in Edgewater

By Vinnie Cammarano Reporter

Tuesday evening was a great night to be a Blue Darter. The girls volleyball team traveled to Edgewater (7-12) with high spirits and came away with two victories in one night.

Over a month ago, a home game was suspended due to slippery floors with Apopka up 2-1. The Blue Darters knew they only needed one set to add another win to their record, and they brought it.

In the first three sets of the matchup from Aug. 28, Apopka took the first two 25-16 and 25-18, but lost the third. In the fourth, Apopka was up 20-14 when play was stopped, but the set restarted from zero on Tuesday night.

The Blue Darters picked up right where they left off and won the set 25-18. They earned 19 points, mainly off the 13 sets from Taylor Cain and Olivia Ramos, who each had 23 and 15 assists respectively for the match. Bartkin chipped in 5 points, 4 com-

ing off of her elite serve. Hilliman was on fire at the net with 4 kills and a block, and that was only the beginning of her incredible night.

The final set wasn't just a victory for Apopka—it was a load of momentum heading into their next full match, minutes later. Coach Brian Mater was pumped about how much energy the girls brought through the night.

"As soon as we were in the building, there was a ton of energy," he said. "The girls were having fun, they knew that first set was gonna go towards our record. They came in right away and just played with excitement. They were excited on the bench, excited on the court."

Ramos got the second match going in one of her best performances of the season. She had 10 assists in the set, distributing well placed balls for kills from a plethora of Blue Darters.

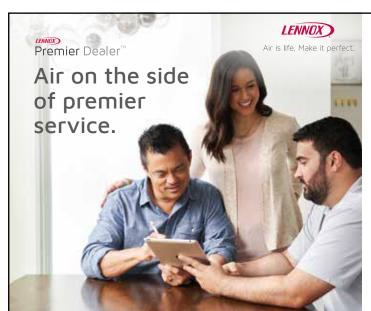
Hilliman picked up where she left off, commanding the frontline with 2 kills and 2 of her 3 blocks for the match. After a late back and forth scramble in

BLUE DARTERS WIN, 2B



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Blue Darters pose for a postmatch photo.





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Cooler weather ushers in fall fishing

Happy October to all, and I hope you're as excited as I am. I love this time of the year, with the holidays, the time with families, and all the good food. Everything that's pumpkin is fine with me.

We are supposed to be gettin' some cooler weather next week, and it couldn't get here quick enough for

The fall fishin' is all the same whether you're fishin' for specks or bass. If you like to catch speckled perch, they're catchin' 'em right now.

It's a little early, but you know what? They call me when they're bitin'. Well, they're bitin'. Kyle at Bitter's B&T confirmed that last week and again this week.

Folks're catchin' some specks in the St. Johns River and Lake Woodruff. Most of the specks are bein' caught on minners and jigs tipped with a minner.

Folks're also catchin' some specks in Lake Monroe



GOIN' FISHIN' Jim Keck Correspondent

while driftin' with minners.

The bass fishin' is still a little slow, in our area. Kyle reports that folks are catchin' some bass in West Lake Toho and Lake Apopka. It's takin' about 18 pounds or more on West Lake Tournaments to be in the money.

A few big bass are bein' caught around the hydrilla mats on West Lake, but you'll have to cover a lot of area to find 'em. Also look for some runnin' water if the locks are open. You'll find some bass hangin' around those areas feedin' on bait

Last week's Wednesday Night Shootout on Johns Lake was still slim pickin's. Congrats to the team of Neil Davis and David Simpson three bass that weighed 8.10 pounds. Big bass of the tournament was caught by the team of Dalton Ray and Marissa Maddox that weighed 3.95 pounds.

The bass fishin' on the Harris Chain is still doin' pretty good. The X-treme Bass Series held a tournament on the Harris Chain, and it took 24.47 pounds to

Congrats to the team of Mark Stanton and Bryan Moore who weighed in five bass that weighed 24.47 pounds. They also had the biggest bass of the tournament that hit the scales at 6.61 pounds.

I've gotten some re-

ports that Lake Apopka bass fishin' has picked up a little. Some anglers are gettin' on the water after work and catchin' a few bass before dark-thirty. And I've also heard that the bass fishin' is a little slow on Lake Apopka. All I can say is that a bad day's fishin' is better'n a good day at work... so go

who brought to the scales fishin' and see for yourself if they are bitin' or not.

> Trophy Catch Season 14 was launched on October 1st. If you aren't familiar with this program you can go to the FWC's website and get the rules and prizes information. This program is about catchin' an 8-pound bass or bigger, and releasin' it back into the water. This is a free bass fishin' program for anglers in pursuit of an 8-pound bass. Since this program was started, there have been 16,000 bass caught and documented and released back into the water. There have been 160 Hall of Fame bass caught, which is a bass that weighed over 13 pounds. If you fish for bass, you need to register for this program. You never know when your big bass is gonna bite.

> I hope you have a great week, and I hope to see you on the water real soon.

Tip of the week: Cooler Weather... Soon!

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

Gilbert puts Mariners on cusp of ALCS

Wekiva grad fires 6 innings of 1-run ball against Tigers By J. C. Derrick

Publisher

Apopka native Logan Gilbert put the Seattle Mariners on his back Tuesday night in Detroit. With the American League Division Series tied 1-1, Gilbert hurled a six-inning gem against the Detroit Tigers in an 8-4 win, pushing Seattle to within one game of its fourth-ever appearance in the American League Championship Series.

"I felt pretty good," Gilbert, 28, said during the postgame press conference. "In a game like this, you just don't want to get in deep counts all the time and beat yourself and walk guys. I tried to just force contact, make them swing it, and defense played great behind me."

Gilbert, a 2015 Wekiva High School graduate, executed his game plan to perfection. Over six innings of work, the right-hander allowed four hits and one run while striking out seven and walking none on 85 pitches.

Gilbert, a 2018 firstround pick out of Stetson University, broke into the majors in 2021 and quickly established himself as a steady presence in the Seattle pitching rotation. He led the majors in innings in 2024 and became an All-Star for the first time.

This year, a flexor strain in his pitching elbow sidelined Gilbert for almost two months, but he returned to form late in the season, going 2-0 with a 2.30 ERA over his five September

The Mariners lost Game 4 on Wednesday and will try again to win the series Friday night. Seattle is the only big league team to never appear in a World Series.

BLUE DARTERS WIN

FROM 1B

the set, the Blue Darters were able to scurry away with 4 of the last 5 points of the set to win 25-21.

The second set was pure Blue Darter dominance. Mater labeled it as likely their best set of the season.

"Our defense was huge, we actually earned 22 points. We earned it, and haven't done that before," he said. "Our errors were down to five, that's probably the lowest amount we had all season long. And the amazing thing is, we started bringing in players that don't always get to play. They were able to come out here and have fun"

Madeline Sherrer and Victoria Polusmak fueled Apopka's point party. Sherrer was a force in the middle



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

The Blue Darters celebrate their win.

with 6 kills, spiking balls way too hard for the Eagle blockers to stop. Victoria Polusmak was flying up the right side, pinpointing 5 kills all over the other side of the court.

They were being set up left and right by Ramos and



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Sherrer times her jump perfectly.

Cain, who had 11 and 6 assists each in the set. They never trailed in the set and won 25-15.

The third set was a battle, but the Blue Darters dug deep to seal a 25-22 win. Mater loved seeing a different mentality in the girls when the pressure was on.

"Even when we went down, just messing around a little bit, they still came back and fought hard and played as that team to get what they needed to," he said. "That one time they had two or three points on us... Normally, they would freak out about being down, and the energy level would bleed out, [but] they kept it up. They played hard."

Six different Blue Darters had a tally in the kill column for the set. Ramos finished with an incredible 28 assists, while Hilliman rolled strong along the net with 8 kills and 3 blocks. Sherrer and Polusmak were everywhere, combining for 15 kills.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." —James 1:17

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Mustangs volleyball flashes promise against tough opponents

Wekiva outscores Umatilla but can't complete the comeback

By Vinnie Cammarano Reporter

The Wekiva Mustangs fought hard but dropped their second straight match Tuesday night, falling to Umatilla (14-11) in a tightly contested 3–1 battle. The Bulldogs edged out the Mustangs 25-21, 16–25, 25–23, 26–24 in a match that could have gone either way.

Despite the loss, Wekiva showed flashes of promise, particularly in the second set, where the Mustangs found rhythm both offensively and defensively to even the match. Junior outside hitter Avianna Mater led the team again with 11 kills, while setter Isabella Espada kept the offense moving with 24 assists.

From the service line, Sarai McFadden sparked momentum with 5 aces that helped the Mustangs steal the second set and nearly extend the match to a fifth.

While the Bulldogs ultimately prevailed in extra points in the fourth set, the numbers told an encouraging story for Wekiva. The Mus-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Wekiva in position to return the serve.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Avianna Mater winds up for a thunderous spike.

tangs actually outscored Umatilla 93-92 across the four sets, showing how close the match truly was. The front was strong, with Sanchez and McFadden combining for 11 kills and 3 blocks.

The defense also stepped just one night after a tough

up, anchored by solid efforts in the back row by Mikayla Rivera and Espada that kept rallies alive and helped Wekiva battle point for point late in the match.

The narrow loss came

3-0 sweep at home against Winter Springs (12–11), where Wekiva fell 25-22, 25-17, 25–14.

The Mustangs came out strong in the opening set, trading points early and keeping within striking distance before the Bears pulled away late. Mater again paced the offense with 5 kills, and Espada contributed 11 assists in the effort. McFadden added two service aces, but the Bears' size and consistency proved too much as they tightened up defensively and capitalized on Wekiva's unforced errors in the final two sets.

Though the final scores from both nights show losses, the two matches highlight growth for the Mustangs. After struggling to sustain energy and execution against Winter Springs, Wekiva responded 24 hours later with one of its most competitive performances of the season. The team showed more balance on offense, greater aggression at the net, and improved serving — elements that nearly lifted them to a comeback win over Umatilla.

With the back-to-back losses, Wekiva dropped to 5–10 on the season. The Mustangs were set to host Oak Ridge on Thursday for senior night, which came after press

Apopka Little League kicks off fall ball

By Vinnie Cammarano Reporter

Opening day of Apopka Little League fall ball brought energy and excitement to the Northwest Recreation Complex on Saturday, where families filled the stands to cheer on the young players taking the field for the first games of the season.

The complex's 12 baseball and softball fields were packed with action as 34 teams across six age divisions began their 2025 campaign, featuring more than 360 kids from the community.

Gary Odom, Apopka Little League president, considers the day as one of the most rewarding moments of the year.

"It's the biggest day, the one day I look for," he said. "You stand out there and look back at the group, every team and player is here. Getting all these kids in great uniforms and coaches excited to get them advancing in the sport, it's amazing. The kids are what it's all about."

The fall ball season runs through November at the Northwest Recreation Complex.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano The Leagues littlest catcher.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano Little Leaguer moving like Sonic the Hedgehog.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano Little Leaguer lives for the ground

NATIONAL HONORS

changes."

Facing those challenges paid off. Druck's hard work produced one of her best seasons yet, earning national recognition in two long-distance events. What's more surprising? She said the races that landed her among the country's best felt smooth.

"When I swam those and got top 10 nationally, it felt like I was going easy — not really easy, but I've tried harder in the past," Druck said. "At

out because there's just a lot of Flags, I was trying my absolute hardest and was so out of breath. But when I got those top 10 swims, I wasn't that out of breath."

> Distance races have become Druck's specialty, from 200- and 400-meter pool races to the grueling open-water 5K. She said the 800-meter freestyle is her favorite event — though that wasn't always the case. "A year before, I hated it," she said with a laugh. "I wanted to get out halfway through. But as soon as I finished that race this

time, I was like, that's literally my favorite race in the whole world."

Balancing her new schedule as a freshman and full-time swimmer hasn't been easy. Between virtual classes and a heavy meet schedule that can sometimes include five meets in a seven-day span, Druck said she's been doing her best to manage her time and energy.

"It's hard to keep up when there's a meet every week," she said. "One week I had five meets, and the last one was

on Sunday. So with school the next day I was really tired and didn't have a break to just sleep the whole day."

Despite the workload, Druck continues to set new goals. She recently earned her Futures cuts in two events, qualifying her for next year's USA Swimming Futures Championships, one step below Junior Nationals.

"Futures is the one I was most excited for," she said. "Not many kids my age imagine doing that. I trained all season trying my hardest to get it, and when I finally did, it felt amazing."

Looking ahead, Druck has her sights set on even bigger milestones. She is aiming for a trip to Winter Junior Nationals, another run at Open Water Nationals in Virginia, and, down the road, the Olympic Trials.

"The longest-term goal is probably getting to Olympic Trials and possibly making the Olympics at some point," she said. "I don't want the practices to get easier... If I miss behind. I want to keep pushing myself."

practice, I feel like I'm falling

When it comes to college, she is aiming for a Division I scholarship with any school. Druck said if she had to choose, it would be Stanford or Texas — two of the top swimming programs in the country.

Over the next five weeks, Keira will be in the high school championship series where she hopes to qualify through the conference, districts, regionals, and into the state tournament.

NEW BASEBALL COACH

focus is on player development and restoring a culture of accountability and pride within the program.

"We're not just going to focus on wins," Garland said. "We're going to focus on developing the players, starting with the JV guys and working our way up. I want every level of this program to understand the system and the expectations so that by the time they

reach varsity, it's a well-oiled machine."

Garland said his practices are designed with structure and purpose. Each day is mapped out from warm-ups to batting practice, with detailed sessions on base running, individual defensive work, and competitive game-like drills.

"Practices will be completely mapped out. We'll go from stretching to defen-

sive relays, bunt defenses, and team competition," Garland said. "Batting practice isn't just about swinging for the fences. Every round has a goal. Line drives, situational hitting, bunting, all the small details that win games."

Garland also plans to strengthen the program's ties with the Apopka community. The Blue Darters baseball team recently attended a home volleyball game to support fellow student-athletes and will volunteer at local events throughout the fall, including helping sell pumpkins at the First Methodist Church and assisting with parking at the fair.

"I want our players to take pride not just in being part of Apopka baseball, but in being part of this community," he said.

As for expectations, Garland keeps his message sim-

"For the last few years, this group has knocked on the door of a district championship," Garland said. "I want this to be the year we kick that door in. It's been a long time since Apopka added a district title to the board, and I believe this group can do it."

For Garland, he takes

pride in leading Apopka.

"I may not have played at Apopka, but you won't find anyone prouder to wear that 'A' on their hat than me," he said. "I'm genuinely pumped up and excited and can't wait to get the season going, and I'm gonna do everything I possibly can to make sure that not just our team, but the entire school is going in the right direction."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To submit an event, you can email them to <u>news@theapopkachief.</u>

Friday, October 10

A Night of the Mystic Arts Festival 5 p.m. at Lake Concord Park, 95 Lake Triplet Drive, Casselberry, FL Seminole County's largest New Age, mysticism, and curiosities festival featuring live music, food trucks, photo ops, seasonal décor, performances, and unique vendors. Free.

Oktoberfest

5 p.m. at Downtown Avalon Park, 3651 Avalon Park Blvd East, Orlando, FL

A family-friendly Oktoberfest with community performances, free bounce park, a beer garden, and more. Free.

Art In The Alley

6 p.m. at 138 E Fifth Ave, Mount Dora, FL Mount Dora's outdoor art market showcasing local emerging artists and affordable original artwork. Free.

The Magic Show: **Halloween Edition**

7 p.m. at 4012 Central Florida Pkwy, Orlando, FL

AGT finalist Drew Thomas leads a Halloween spectacle of illusions with music, magic, and darkly enchanting performances.

Hauntingly Whimsical Tales

8 p.m. at Dr. Phillips Center, 445 South Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, FL Phantasmagoria XVI presents Edward Gorey's eerie yet whimsical tales through storytelling, dance, puppetry, and music in celebration of his 100th birthday.

Saturday, October 11

52nd Annual Autumn Art Festival 9 a.m. at Central Park, 111 N Park Ave, Winter Park, FL A two-day juried fine art festival

featuring over 180 Florida artists, live entertainment, food vendors, a beer garden, and children's activities. Free.

Florida Native Plant Sale

9 a.m. at Museum of Seminole County, 300 Eslinger Way, Sanford, FL

Shop native plants to support local habitats and biodiversity.

Make-A-Wish Charity Benefit at A Petrified Forest

9 a.m. at 1360 E. Altamonte Dr, Altamonte Springs, FL Family-friendly Kids Day with costumes, games, food trucks, and trick-or-treating to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. \$5.

Fall Festival & Corn Maze

10 a.m. at Great Scott Farms, 26216 County Road 448A, Mount Dora, FL Explore the 23rd Annual Fall

Festival featuring an "Under the Sea" corn maze, mini maze, farm activities, food, vendors, and themed night events. Admission \$16 online / \$20 at the gate.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop

11 a.m. at 1211 E. Semoran Blvd, Apopka, FL Join Apopka Police for a familyfriendly story time event with cookies and milk.

Flying Horse Big Band Concert

Noon at Central Park, 251 S. Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL Enjoy live jazz at the Autumn Art Festival with UCF's Flying Horse Big Band performing outdoors.

Día de los Muertos: Tie-Dye Workshop

Noon at Museum of Illusions, 8441 International Drive, Suite #250, Orlando, FL

Kids ages 5–12 create their own tie-dye T-shirts in a guided workshop. Space is limited.

17th Annual Gumbo Wars Charity Cook-Off

Courtesy of Avalon Park Orlando

Oktoberfest returns to downtown Avalon Park on Friday, Oct. 10, with community performances, a beer garden, and family-friendly fun.

1 p.m. at 202 S Sanford Ave, Sanford, FL Taste delicious gumbo, enjoy

live music, and support charity at this annual cook-off in historic downtown Sanford.

Domenic Marte & Banda Arkangel R-15 at Orlando Latino Fest

1 p.m. at Luminary Green Park, 437 N Terry Ave, Orlando, FL Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with live performances, food, raffles, and family fun. Free.

Breast Cancer Awareness Car & Truck Show

2 p.m. at Promenade at Sunset Walk, 3251 Margaritaville Blvd, Kissimmee, FL

A car and truck show benefiting Moffitt Cancer Center featuring trophies, raffles, and live music. Admission is free; show car entry \$30.

Wekiva Island's Seafood Boil

4 p.m. at Wekiva Island, 1014 Miami Springs Drive, Longwood, FL Enjoy a feast of shrimp, clams, corn, potatoes, sausage, and craft beer. Proceeds benefit the Central Florida Zoo. Tickets limited.

Heart & Soul Music Festival

4 p.m. at 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka, FL A ticketed music festival featuring live performances and entertainment.

Art on a Bottle at Three Odd Guys Brewing

5 p.m. at Three Odd Guys Brewing, Apopka, FL Create glowing lanterns from recycled bottles in a Halloweenthemed craft workshop. All materials provided.

Kids Night Out: Going Batty!

6:30 p.m. at Central Florida Zoo, 3755 W Seminole Blvd, Sanford, FL Kids ages 5–12 enjoy animal encounters, flashlight tours, games, crafts, and snacks at this Halloween-themed night out.

Eola Pets 6th Annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest & Parade

7 p.m. at Lake Eola, 195 N Rosalind Ave, Orlando, FL Dress your pets in costume and join the parade for prizes, treats, and family fun in downtown Orlando.

Sunday, October 12

Trick or Treat Safe Zone Noon at 101 E Central Blvd, Enjoy trick-or-treating through the History Center and Orlando Public Library with a scavenger hunt, creepy crafts, candy, games, and more. Costumes encouraged; candy bags provided. Free.

Sanford Food Truck Fiesta: Nightmare on 2nd Street!

1 p.m. at 202 S Sanford Ave, Sanford, FL

A Halloween-themed food truck rally featuring 40+ trucks, trickor-treating, golf cart parade, live music, vendors, and outdoor bars.

Punk Rock Saves Lives Charity Show

3 p.m. at Tuffy's Music Box, 200 Myrtle Ave, Sanford, FL An afternoon of live punk music featuring Debt Neglector, Paracosm, Follow Me Fox, and more, raising funds for Punk Rock Saves Lives Central Florida.

Freehand Fest

5 p.m. at Freehand Goods, College Park, Orlando, FL Celebrate local makers at the first annual Freehand Fest with shopping, food, and live entertainment.

Ultimate Santana Tribute Band LIVE

7 p.m. at Good Times Bar and Grill, 1720 Fennell Street, Maitland, FL Experience an unforgettable dinner show with the Ultimate Santana Tribute Band performing the best of Santana.

50th Anniversary Rocky Horror Picture Show

7:30 p.m. at Dr. Phillips Center, Orlando, FL Celebrate 50 years with a screening of the original cult classic, live shadow cast, costume contest, and appearances by Barry Bostwick, Nell Campbell, and Patricia Quinn.

Chef John's prime rib, Alice Beth Miner's Potatoes Del Monico, and more classics

Chef John from AllRecipes.com savs to have your prime rib out of the refrigerator for six hours at least to come up to room temperature. The math won't work if the roast is cold.



Alice Beth Miner, who passed several years ago and who was a dear friend of all Apopkans, shares her Potatoes Del Monico through the Apopka Historical Society's Preserving the Big Potato publication of mostly potato recipes.

Collards from Southern Living is a recipe I've used and loved for years. Here is a recipe from Jane Bradley in Southern Style. Bradley says, "Stories abound as to how hush puppies got their name. The most often heard is the story of Georgia hunters who were enjoying the fish they had just caught. Their hounds were making such a fuss that the men made up a cornmeal batter and fried it in the skillets the fish had been fried in. They threw the bits of fried cornmeal to the hounds, saying, "Hush, puppies!".

Mrs. Emily Meggett shares her recipe for Peach Pie, which serves 10. It has a 9-inch pie crust. We found this pie recipe in her book Gullah Geechee Home Cooking along with her recipe for pie crust.

CHEF JOHN'S PERFECT PRIME RIB

Recipe from ALLRECIPES.COM

Multiply the weight of the prime rib by 5 minutes. If your prime rib roast weighs 4 pounds, multiply by 5, which equals 20 minutes; 5.5 pounds 27-1/2 minutes rounded up to 28 minutes. Have your oven preheated to 500 degrees before putting the meat in the oven.

Mix in a bowl, 1/4 cup room-temperature unsalted butter and herbs de Provence (rosemary, thyme, and other Mediterranean herbs) along with a tablespoon of black pepper. Spread this softened, seasoned butter mixture all over the surface of the room-temperature roast; sprinkle ko-

roast into the 500-degree oven for howev- **chopped** er many minutes you have figured, then turn off the oven after that many minutes. Leave the roast in the hot oven. DO NOT PEEK! Don't even touch the oven door. Set your timer for two hours. Leave the roast in the oven for those two hours to finish cooking. Then you can take it out of the oven. It will be warm for serving. You don't have to let it sit for more time. It will be a perfectly cooked medium-rare prime rib roast.

Chef John says, however, you must have a full-sized, modern oven with a digital temperature setting that indicates when it is preheated. Older ovens with manual controls can vary greatly, and the doors may not have the proper insulation.

ALICE BETH MINER'S POTATOES DEL MONICO

Recipe from Apopka Historical Society's Preserving the Big Potato — A Collection of Potato Recipes

9 medium size red potatoes parboiled 1/2 pound sharp cheddar cheese, grated

1 teaspoon dry mustard 1-1/2 teaspoon salt Dash pepper

Dash nutmeg 1 cup heavy cream 1 cup milk

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Peel and grate potatoes and place in a buttered 1–1/2 quart casserole.

In a 1-quart saucepan, combine cheese, mustard, salt, pepper, nutmeg, cream, and milk. Stir over low heat until cheese melts. Pour over potatoes. Do not stir. Bake uncovered 45 to 60 minutes. This can be assembled in advance and refrigerated, covered. Bring to room temperature and bake as above.

SOUTHERN LIVING'S COLLARD GREENS 12 hickory-smoked bacon slices, finely chopped

sher salt all over the buttered roast. Put your 2 medium-size sweet onions, finely 3/4 pound smoked ham, chopped

6 garlic cloves, finely chopped 3 (32-ounce) containers chicken broth 3 pounds fresh collard greens, washed and trimmed

1/3 cup apple cider vinegar 1 tablespoon sugar

1 teaspoon salt

3/4 teaspoon pepper

Cook bacon in a 10-quart stockpot over medium heat for 10 to 12 minutes or until almost crisp. Add onion, and sauté 8 minutes; add ham and garlic, and sauté 1 minute. Stir in broth and remaining ingredients. Cook 2 hours or to desired degree of tenderness.

HUSH PUPPIES

Recipe from Southern Style by Jane Bradley

1-1/2 cups fine white cornmeal

3 tablespoons flour 1 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon baking soda 2 tablespoons butter, lard, or shorten-

ing, melted 2 eggs, beaten 1 cup buttermilk (additional may be

needed) 2 tablespoons finely minced onion

Oil or shortening for deep frying

1) In a medium bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Stir to blend. Add melted butter or lard or shortening; beaten eggs; buttermilk; minced onion and stir to blend. Mixture must be moist but must also hold its shape on a spoon. 2) Heat oil to 375 degrees Fahrenheit in a deepfat fryer or large saucepan. Oil needs to be about 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep. 3) Dip spoon into the oil or shortening, scoop up about a tablespoon of batter and push batter into the hot oil with another spoon. Don't crowd the fryer or saucepan; the

hush puppies will fry more evenly and will float and stop sizzling when cooked through. 4) Turn frequently until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. You can keep warm in a 250-degree oven until all the mixture has been cooked.

NOTE: If too much liquid is used, the hush puppies will not hold their shape and won't cook through. If not enough liquid is used, the hush puppies will be irregularly and roughly shaped and will not be light and fluffy. Test your mixture by cooking one hush puppy and either add another tablespoon of cornmeal or another tablespoon of water or buttermilk, as needed. Serves: 6 to 8.

EMILY MEGGETT'S PEACH PIE

Recipe from Gullah Geechee Home Cooking by Emily Meggett

6 peaches (about 2 pounds), peeled, pitted, and sliced

3/4 cup granulatedor

3/4 cup packed light brown sugar 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, cut into pieces

1 tablespoon all-purpose flour Juice from 1/2 lemon

Unbaked pie crust dough, one half of the dough used to line a 9-inch pie dish, one half rolled out for the top

1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. 2) Put the peaches in a mixing bowl with the sugar, butter, flour, and lemon juice. Stir until the peaches are covered. 3) Transfer to the unbaked pie crust. Cover the top with pie crust and pinch the pie crusts together around the rim to seal. With a fork or toothpick, punch a few holes in the top pie crust. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, until golden brown and bubbling.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Notice is hereby given that on 11/11/2025
at 07:00 AM the following vehicles(s) may
be sold at public sale at 3416 SHADER RD
SUITE 116 ORLANDO FL 32808 for the
amount owed on each vehicle to satisfy the lien for repairs, services and storage charges and any administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585. 1G11Z5S38LU101081

2020 CHEV 44811.20
The name, address and telephone number and public sale location of the repair shop claiming the lien for unpaid charge is:

Calming the near 16. 4.,55... Lienor Name: COLOR TECH OF CENTRAL FLORIDA INC Lienor Address: 3416 SHADER RD STE 116, ORLANDO, FL 32808-3418 **Lienor Telephone #:** 321-239-8425 MV License #: 95642 Location of Vehicles: 3416 SHADER RD STE 116,

ORLANDO, FL 32808-3418
The customer or person claiming an interest, or a lien may redeem the vehicle by satisfying the amount due in cash on or be fore the sale date and time. The customer or person claiming an interest in or lien on a vehicle may file a demand for a hearing with the Clerk of Court in the ORANGE County where the vehicle is held to determine whether the vehicle has been wrongfully taken or withheld from him or her. At any time before the date of sale a customer or person of record claiming a lien on the vehicle may post a cash or surety bond in the amount stated on the invoice with the Clerk of Circuit Court where the disputed

Public Notice is hereby given that Johnsons Wrecker Service, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, free of all prior liens, the following vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) that remain. unclaimed in storage, with charges unpaid, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Sec 713.78, to the highest bidder. The sale will be held at 7777 Narcoos-see Road, Orlando, FL 32822. The following vehicle(s) will be sold on 10/23/2025 at 0700.

Year Make. VIN

transaction occurred.

October 10, 2025

2007 Chrysler 2C3KA53G07H682710 Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No refunds will be made. Vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) are sold "AS IS," "WHERE IS," with no guarantees, either expressed or implied.

October 10, 2025

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The following vehicle(s) will be sold on 10/23/2025 at 0700.

Year. Make. VIN

2017 Nissan 1N4AA6AP5HC416187 2019 Freightliner 3AKJHHDR0KSKF8582 **2012 Chevrolet** 1G1PC5SH8C7211456

2016 BMW 5UXWZ7C52G0T43322 2013 Nissan 1N4AL3AP5DC121433

2007 Toyota JTNBE46K873034377 2012 Hyundai KMHCU4AE7CU244725 2018 Honda HGCV1F91JA013654 2020 SHIMANO NOVINELECTRICBIKE

2016 Jeep 1C4NJCEA8GD599447 2005 Acura 19UJA65505A028504 2014 International 1HTMMAAL2EH760625 2015 Infiniti

2015 Infiniti JN1CV6AP8FM500876 2004 Chevrolet 1GNEC13Z04J310914 **2014 Nissan** JN8AS5MV2EW702816

2005 COACHMEN 2009 Ford 1FMCU03G99KA15099

2013 Buick 2G4GS5EV7D9190736 2016 Nissan 1N4AL3AP0GC262544 2005 Scion

JTLKT324450209609 **2012 MINI** WMWZN3C58CT265685 Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No refunds will be

made. Vehicle(s)/ right to final bid. vessel(s) are sold "AS IS," "WHERE IS," with no guarantees, either expressed or implied. October 10, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on 11/03/2025 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. 2009 Hyundai 5NPET46C09H478165

Publish: The Apopka Chief October 10, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on 11/03/2025 at 08:30 AM the follow ing 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 Volk

1VWAS7A33EC043198 Publish: The Apopka Chief October 10, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on 10/28/2025 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, tow ing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.

2003 Toyota JTDBR32E530020323 Publish: The Apopka Chief October 10, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on 11/21/2025 at 08:30 AM the follow ing 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. 2023 Infiniti

JN1EV7BP2PM510575 Publish: The Apopka Chief October 10, 2025

MOTOR VEHICLE
Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585,
Auto Service Orlando LLC, will sell
at public sale for cash the following described vehicle(s) 2015 Dodge Durango
Vin#1D4SE5GT2BC664327 located at
lisear's public to se lienor's place to satisfy a claim of lien. Lien Amt: \$8,504.00. Sale Date: November 10th, 2025 08:00 AM. At Location Address 800 West Landstreet Rd Orlando Fl 32824, phone # 407-728-2730. Said Vehicle (s) may be redeemed by satisfying the lien pri-or to sale date. You have the right to a hear-ing at any time prior to sale date by filing a demand for hearing in the circuit court.

Owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle by posting a bond in accordance with F.S. 559.917. Any proceeds in excess of the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where the vehicle is held. county where the vehicle is held. October 10, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE OF

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2025-CP-002410-O IN RE: ESTATE OF

Myrtle V. Mickler

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Myrtle V. Mickler deceased, whose date of death was January 20, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk's Office / Probate, Orange County Courthouse - #355, P. O. Box 4994, Orlando, FL 32802-4994.
The names and addresses of the personal

representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against de-cedent's estate on whom a copy of this no-tice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by

a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE

TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERI-ODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS

BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is October 10, 2025. Personal Representative: Patricia M. McKenzie

3368 Washington Street Zellwood, Florida 32798 Attorney for Personal William J. McLeod Attorney Florida Bar # 322024 MCLEOD MCLEOD & MCLEOD PA 48 E. Main Street APOPKA, FL 32703 Telephone: (407) 886-3300 Fax: (407) 886-0087 E-Mail: wjm@mcleodlawfirm.com Secondary E-Mail: sallen@mcleodlawfirm.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case No.: 2025-CP-001871-O IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

GIL LOUIS SCHNUR

October 10, 17, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the Estate of Gil Louis Schnur Deceased, whose date of death was February 13, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file The time of the first had been selved that he their claims with this court ON OR BE-FORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF

THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS
AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLI-CATION OF THIS NOTICE

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS

The date of first publication of this notice is October 10, 2025 Jordan Schnur Petitioner Hallie Zobel Hallie L. Zobel Attorney Florida Bar Number:748218

StuderZobel Law 122 West Pine Street Orlando, Florida 32801 Telephone: (321) 800-2948 Fax: (321) 800-2948 E-Mail: hzobel@studerzobellaw.com Secondary E-Mail: bsingh@studerzobellaw.com October 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2025-CP-3095

IN RE: ESTATE OF KEITH LEGGETT AKA RAY KEITH LEGGETT, JR.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of KEITH LEGGETT AKA RAY KEITH LEGGETT, JR., deceased, whose date of death was January 24, 2025 is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 355, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and address es of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the

decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BE-FORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES

SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERI-ODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice: October 10, 2025

Personal Representative: PATRICIA BOYER 7423 Impala Lane Jacksonville, Florida 32244 Attorney for personal representative: NORBERTO S. KATZ, **ESQUIRE**

Florida Bar No.: 399086 931 Thistle Lane Maitland, FL 32751
Telephone: (407) 435-0252
E-Mail: norbertokatzlaw@gmail.com October 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2025-CP-002858-O Division 02 IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSE LEFKOWITZ SAVAGE,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Rose Lefkowitz Savage, deceased, whose date of death was May 14, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BE-FORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER

THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLI-CATION OF THIS NOTICE.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211 Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE

TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERI-ODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS

BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is October 10, 2025. Personal Representative: Carol E. Felsing Felsing,

LLC 1419 Gene Street Winter Park, Florida 32789 Attorney for Personal Representative: David J. Akins Florida Bar No. 454338 Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A. Orlando, FL 32802-234 Phone: (407) 841-1200 Fax: (407) 423-1831 Primary E-mail: dakins@deanmead.com Secondary E-mail: probate@deanmead.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-008315

October 10, 17, 2025

DIVISION 39

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$2,711.00U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

To Thurmond M. Harrison, and all persons who claim an interest in a \$2,711.00 U.S. CURRENCY seized on or about 7/14/2025 at or about 401 N. John Young Parkway, Orlando, Orange Co., FL. Said property is in the custody of the City of Orlando Police Dept. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienhold-er, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the abovestyled court. /s/Shannon Hesse Shannon Gridley Hesse

Police Legal Advisor Orlando Police Department 1250 W. South Street Orlando, Florida 32805 (407) 246-2464 Fla. Bar No. 528633 shannon.hesse@orlando.gov October 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023-CA-017678-O MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS. INC. Plaintiff,

vs. JOANNA MORALES, et. al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III TO: TUAN ANH DOAN 532 AMBERLY CT

BOSEVILLE CA 95747 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 6th, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-017678-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said

County described as: Unit Week 07 in Unit 7447, 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 bid-

der for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 19th day of November, 2025, online at www.myorangeclerk.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 October 7th, 2025. DATED this 7th day of October, 2025. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ. 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 the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately uled 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 #110513.2128

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023-CA-017678-O DIV NO.: 40 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS,

October 10, 17, 2025

INC. Plaintiff, JOANNA MORALES, et. al.,

Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I
TO: JOANNA MORALES
1656 DEL SUR BLVD., APT. 202 SAN YSIDRO, CA 92173 DANIEL GALLEGOS OLEA

1656 DEL SUR BLVD., APT. 202 SAN YSIDRO, CA 92173

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 6th, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-017678-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT I
Unit Week 49 in Unit 7604, 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 bid-

der for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 19th day of November, 2025, online at www.myorangeclerk.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 October 7th, 2025. DATED this 7th day of October, 2025. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ. 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 the ADA Coor-dinator, Human Resources, Orange Coun-ty, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (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 #110513.2126 MORI #ORANGE October 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-006259 DIVISION: 36

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF TO: GARVIN F. MARCELLUS

NOTICE OF ACTION
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orlando Police Department on the following property in Orange County, FL: \$30,458.00 U.S. Currency seized on or about 05/23/2025 at or near 668 n. Orange Ave., Apt. 3202, Orlando, FL, Orange County. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Senior Orlando Police Legal Advisor Shannon Gridley Hesse, Petitioner's attorney, 1250 W. South Street, Orlando, FL 32805, on or before on or before 30 days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture. DATED this 22 day of September 2025 TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL Clerk of the Court

BY: Naline S. Bahadur Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023-CA-017678-O DIV NO.: 40 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS,

INC. Plaintiff,

JOANNA MORALES, et. al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V
TO: MICHAEL FLOYD MCKINSEY
61804 OLEANDER DR JOSHUA TREE, CA 92252 LINNEA JANICE MCKINSEY 104 AIRLEIGH PL

RICHLANDS, NC 28574-8344 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 6th, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-017678-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: COUNT V

Unit Week 09 in Unit 7304 and Unit Week 10 in Unit 7304, 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 hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 19th day of October, 2025, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the sur-plus 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 Apopta Chief on October 7th, 2025.
DATED this 7th day of October, 2025.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to par-ticipate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coor-dinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (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 #110513.2130 MORI #ORANGE October 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023-CA-017678-O DIV NO.: 40 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,

JOANNA MORALES, et. al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II

TO: JESSE F. CLAY III
69 FALMOUTH ST CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 6, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-017678-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT II
Unit Week 20 in Unit 6205, 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 amend-

ments thereof.

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 19th day of November, 2025, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner said the date of the line. 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 October 7th, 2025. DATED this 7th day of October, 2025. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ. 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 the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (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 #110513.2127 MORI #ORANGE October 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2023-CA-017678-O DIV NO.: 40 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS,

Plaintiff. JOANNA MORALES, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV
TO: EDWARD A. MCHUGH
10229 CLAYBROOKE

DRIVE CHARLOTTE NC 28262-1438 BRIDGET E. MCHUGH 10229 CLAYBROOKE DRIVE CHARLOTTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 6th, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-017678-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described a

COUNT IV Unit Week 7 in Unit 6421, 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 hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 19th day of November, 2025, online at www.myorangeclerk.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 October 7th, 2025. DATED this 7th day October, 2025. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ. FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to par-ticipate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (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 #110513.2129
MORI #ORANGE October 10, 17, 2025

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

CASE NO. 2024-CA-001206-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

NEIL BARBER, et. al., NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II TO: ARTHUR P. BROWN 1027 DAVIE ST APT 597

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA V6C4L2 CANADA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursu-

ant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 29, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001206-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT II

Unit Week 04 in Unit 2514, in LAKE-SHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, ac-cording to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Re-cords 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 12th day of November, 2025 online at www.myorangeclerk.realfore-close.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 publica-tion to The Apopka Chief on September 30, 2025. DATED September 30, 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 be-fore 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 #126445.0022 MRHC #ORANGE October 3, 10, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-009478-O

DIVISION NUMBER: 37 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$12,815.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
COMPLAINT
TO: JOSE VAZQUEZ III
607 CYPRESS TREE CT.
ORLANDO, FL 32825 and all others who claim an interest in a \$12,815.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, which was seized on or about the 15th day August 2025, at or near 607 Cypress Tree Ct., Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 30th day of August 2025. /s/ Alex Weaver Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar No.91694 Orange County Sheriff's Office Legal Services P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 alex.weaver@ocsofl.com October 3, 10, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-009444-O DIVISION NUMBER: 36 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF

\$2,155.00 IN U.S.

\$2,155.00 IN U.S.
CURRENCY/
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
COMPLAINT
TO: MAIKEL A. BROCKETT
P.O. BOX 4970
ORLANDO, FL 32802
and all others who claim an interest in
\$2,155.00 in U.S. Currency, which was
seized on or about the 14th day of August,
2025, at or near 7800 East Colonial Drive,
Orlando, in Orange County, Florida. Said
property is in the custody of the Sheriff of

property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 26th day of September, 2025. /s/ Alex Weaver Alex Weaver, Esq.

Alex Weaver, Esq.
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Bar No. 91694
Orange County
Sheriff's Office
Legal Services
P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 Alex.Weaver@ocsofl.com October 3, 10, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2024-CA-001206-O DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY

CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

NEIL BARBER, et. al.,

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I TO: NEIL BARBER 16 WESTMORLAND CLOSE WESTWOODSIDE DONCASTER DN9 2DZ UNITED KINGDOM JULIE ANNE FLINT 16 WESTMORLAND CLOSE WESTWOODSIDE DONCASTER DN9 2DZ
UNITED KINGDOM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursu-

ant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 29, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001206-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 47 in Unit 2304, in LAKE-SHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Re-cords 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 12th day of November, 2025 online at www.myorangeclerk.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 September

DATED September 30, 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; Tele-

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phone (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 or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126445.0021 MRHC #ORANGE October 3, 10, 2025

STORAGE SENSE SELF STORAGE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Storage Sense Apopka Located at 2208 Stillwater Ave., Apopka, Florida 32703 Phone 407-703-8854 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property Under the Florida Facility Act Statutes. The Sale shall take place online at www.lockerfox.com and closes on the 22nd Day of October, 2025 at 10:00 AM Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 72 hours of purchase with a \$100 cash clean-

Ing Deposit. Christopher Held – Unit 1063 – Personal Property Angelo Basile – Unit 4034 – Personal Property Yasjmine Oeveraas – Unit 1026 -Personal Property
Amber Freeman – Unit 2074 Personal Property
Shavonda Campbell – Unit 1078 Personal Property
October 3, 10, 2025

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Northwest Orlando Storage at 5330 N Pine Hills Rd Or lando. 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 10/21/25 at approx. 9:00 am. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to add'l terms noted on the web-site. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Unit # - Name - Description: #A006-Violette Severe-

personal property, #B038-Wilma Rolle, #C019-021-Jamocia Mahone #C028-Ashari White, #E020-022-Nikia Robinson, #E023-Julius Hurd. #E058-Christina Garrett, #1034-Michaiah Wilson,

#1084-Snehal Srivastava

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2021-CC-009788-O AK FAMILY HOLDINGS, LLC, a Florida lim-

ited liability company

MULTIPATH, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; and ANDREW RUSSO, Individually,

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, JOHN
W. MINA, as Sheriff of Orange County,
Florida, under and by virtue of a Judgment and Writ of Execution, therein issued out of the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, dated the 30th day of June 2025, and have levied upon the following described real property, situated, lying and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: Any and all of the right, title and interest of MULTIPATH, LLC, in and to the following described real property, to-wit: Lot 12, JOHN'S LAKE HOMESITES, ac-

cording to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book W, Page 132, Public Records of Orange County, Florida; with a physical address of 100 Live Oak Rd, Winter Garden, FL 34787. SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES, JUDGMENTS, LIENS OF RECORD OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR DEED.

as the property of the above named defendant, of MULTIPATH, LLC, and that on the 30th day of October 2025, beginning at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon or soon there-after on said day at Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801, in Orange County, Florida. I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder at hand for cash on demand the above described property of said de-fendant, to satisfy said Judgment and Writ of Execution. Prospective bidders may register the day of the sale between the hours 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special

ceeding should contact Eric Nieves, Civil Process Sales Coordinator not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Orange County Sheriff's Office, at the address given on notice. Telephone: (407)836-4570; If hearing impaired 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. JOHN W. MINA, as Sheriff

Orange County , Florida BY: Sgt. Norberto Gonzalez As Deputy Sheriff September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2024-CA-001206-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY
CORPORATION A South Cardina Cor-

CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

NEIL BARBER, et. al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV TO: SOFIA GASQUE ALARCON CICLAMOROS 17
BOSQUE DE LAS LOMAS
CUAJIMALPA, DISTRITO FEDERAL 05120

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 29th, 2025, in the entered on September 29th, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001206-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

County described as:

COUNT IV

Unit Week 33 in Unit 9106, in LAKESHORE
RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to
the Declaration of Condominium thereof,
as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Or-ange County, Florida, and any amend-ments thereof.

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 12th day of November, 2025 online at www.myorangeclerk.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 Anopka Chief on Sentember 30th to The Apopka Chief on September 30th, 2025. DATED September 30th, 2025 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to par-ticipate 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 be fore 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 #126445.0024
MRHC #ORANGE October 3, 10, 2025

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

CASE NO.: 48-2011-CA-006343-O RICHARD SPENCER RHODES, JR,

ALFREDO JOSE LOMELLI,

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, JOHN
W. MINA, as Sheriff of Orange County,
Florida, under and by virtue of a Judgment
and Writ of Execution, therein issued out of the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, dated the 15 th day of July, 2025, and have levied upon the following described real property, situated, lying and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: Any and all of the right, title and interest of ALFREDO JOSE LOMELLI, in and to the following described real property, to-wit: LAUREATE PARK PHASE 4 98/122 LOT 101, according to the record, and all its attachments and amendments, as recorded in Official Records of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida. Together with an undivided interest in common elements and all appurtenances hereunto apper-

taining and specified in said Declaration of Condominium; with a physical address of 14691 Walcott Ave., Orlando, Florida 32827. SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES, JUDG-MENTS, LIENS OF RECORD OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR DEED.

as the property of the above named deferdant, of ALFREDO JOSE LOMELLI, and that on the 5 th day of November 2025, beginning at ten thirty o'clock in the fore-noon or soon there-after on said day at Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801, in Orange County, Florida. I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder at hand for cash on demand the above described property of said defendant, to satisfy said Judgment and Writ of Execution, Prospective bidders may register the day of the sale between the hours 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Eric Nieves, Civil Process Sales Coordinator not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Orange County Sheriff's Office, at the address given on notice. Telephone: (407)836-4570; If hearing impaired 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Helay Service.
JOHN W. MINA,
AS SHERIFF
Orange County , Florida
BY: Sgt. Norberto Gonzalez
As Deputy Sheriff
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CC-020068-O MATTHEW M. ROSS,

Plaintiff(s), BRANDON ALLAN WALKER and UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION,

nortice of action
To: BRANDON ALLAN WALKER
725 Crest Pines Drive,
Unit 436,
Orlando

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Possession and Damages has been filed against you and you are required been filed against you and you are require to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on John A. Morey, Esq., of the Morey Law Firm, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 250 N. Orange Ave. Suite 1220, Orlando, FL 32801, on or before November 3, 2025, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts

By: /s/ Brian Williams Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2025

NOTICE OF ACTION DAVID LEYER,

vs. MICHAEL DURANT,

Defendant. and STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHI-CLES, Defendant.
TO: MICHAEL DURANT

4549 Lakeway Dr. Orlando, FL 32839 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment has been filed and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff whose name and address is:

DAVID LEYER 5906 Harrington Dr. Orlando, FL 32808 on or before 30 days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff or immediately thereafter: oth erwise a Default Judgment will be entered

for the relief demanded in the Complaint

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-009436-O DIVISION NUMBER: 36

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF

IN HE: FOHELI UHE OF \$13,000.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY/ NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: WILLIE H. MURPHY, JR.

PO. BOX 4970
ORLANDO, FL 32802
and all others who claim an interest in \$13,000.00 in U.S. Currency , which was seized on or about the 14th day of August, 2025, at or near 7720 Arezzo Avenue, Orlando in Oranna County Florida Said lando, in Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932 701-707 this 26th day of August, 2025. /s/ Alex Weaver Alex Weaver, Esq. Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar No. 91694 Orange County Sheriff's Office Legal Services P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 Alex.Weaver@ocsofl.com

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2016-SC-893 CRIME PREVENTION SECURITY SYSTEMS,

October 3, 10, 2025

LLC, PLAINTIFF,

SHAKERIA SEGOVIA,

DEFENDANT(S)
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, John W. Mina, as Sheriff of Orange County, Florida, under and by virtue of a Judgment and Writ of Execution, therein issued out of the above entitled court in the above styled cause, dated the 14 th day of May, 2025, and have levied upon the following described property located, and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: 2021 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER, VIN: 5TD-FZRAH3MS064268. VEHICLE MAY BE SEEN THE DAY OF THE SALE BETWEEN THE HOURS 10:00 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. AT ACE WRECKER, 5601 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32809. SOLD AS IS AND WITH NO WAR-RANTY. SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES AND LIENS OF RECORD. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR BILL OF SALE.

as the property of the above named defendant. SHAKERIA SEGOVIA, and that on the 22nd day of October, 2025, beginning at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon or soor there-after on said day at ACE WRECK-ER, 5601 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM **TRAIL**, in Orlando, Orange County, Florida. I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder at hand for cash on demand the above described property of said defendant, to satisfy said Judgment and Writ of Execution. Prospective bidders may register the day of the sale between the hours 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Ace Wrecker, 5601 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Florida 32809.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceed ing should contact Eric Nieves, Judicial Process Sales Coordinator, not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Orange County Sheriff's Office, 425 North Orange Avenue, suite 240, Orlando, FL 32801. Telephone: (407)836-4570; If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. JOHN W. MINA, AS SHEDIEF

AS SHERIFF Orange County , Florida BY: SGT. NORBERTO GONZALEZ As Deputy Sheriff September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2025 DR 7855-O

Division: 42 Takeshia Machell Griffin, Petitioner

Tashell Michael Johnson, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR

Dissolution of Marriage
TO: Tashell Michael Johnson 5808 Harrington Drive Orlando Fl 32808
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action Divorce has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Takeshia Machell

Griffin, whose address is 201 W 12th St Grillin, whose address is 201 W 12(f) St Apopka F1 32703, on or before 11/13/2025, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave Orlando FI, 32801, before service on Petitioner or im-mediately 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).

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. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain

automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: 9/22/2025 Tiffany Moore Russell

Orange County Clerk of the Court CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(Deputy Clerk)
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2025-DR-005329-O
Division: 30
ALCIMAR CUNHA NEVES

JESSICA RIVERA NEVES

AMENDED

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
(NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)
TO: JESSICA RIVERA NEVES
120 ALCOTT PLACE
APT # 18 B

120 ALCOTT PLACE
APT # 18 B,
Bronx, NY, 10475
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 ALCIMAR CUNHA NEVES, whose address is 14050 OCEAN PINE CIR, ORLANDO, FL 32828 on or before 10/30/2025, and file the original with clerk of this Court at 425

N. Orange Ave, Orlando, FL, 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately there-after. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered demanded in the petition. The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: {insert "none" or, if applicable, 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)

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 Su-preme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

9-11-2025 Tiffany Moore Russell
Orange County
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CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
DV.

Deputy Clerk September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 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 Manny's Compressor, with a mailing address of 943 W. Taft Vineland Rd, Suite A, ORLANDO and a principal office located in Orange County

County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Manuel A. Garcia And MG RHINO, INC. October 10, 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 Zellwood Treasure Chest Storage Liquidators, with a mailing address of 5710 W. Jones Avenue, Zellwood Florida 32798 and a principal of-fice located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Susan Siegel October 10, 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 SUN & SOUL THERAPY, with a mailing address of 17178 OCEAN HILL DRIVE, WINTER GARDEN, FL 34787 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: SUN & SOUL THERAPY LLC October 10, 2025

NOTICE UNDER
FICTITIOUS NAME LAW
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 865.09
FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, designs to engage in business dersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Neighborhood Concierge, with a mailing address of 6900 Tavistock Lakes Blvd, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32827 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Divi-sion of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: ALTUVA Services LLC. October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025

> NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO

SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the un-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Sightline Strategies, with a mailing address of 1155 W State Road 434 Ste 115, Longwood, FI 32750 and a principal office located in Seminole County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida.

Owner: Sightline Strategies LLC October 10, 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 Zellwood Treasure Chest Storage Liquidators, with a mailing address of 2132 Votaw Road, Apopka Florida 32703 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: Susan Siegel October 10, 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 Marie Brews ky, with a mailing address of 501 N Orlando Ave STE 313-217, 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, Tallaha Owner: Focalpointz LLC

The Apopka Chief

accommodation to participate in this pro-

Legal Notices can also be found online at theapopkachief.com/public-notices or floridapublicnotices.com



Gilland: Time to step up to the plate

I remember it well—my first year as a Little League baseball player. Up to that point in my life, I don't think there was ANYTHING that brought more wonder to my young mind than America's favorite pastime.

I had gone through tryouts and had been assigned to a team: "General Tire," the name of a local tire store that sponsored our team and provided us with some truly amazing uniforms.

I am not even sure I slept a single wink before that opening day, a Saturday. All during the prep for the season, the coach had used me as an outfielder. But on opening day, and due to a sudden sickness in one of my teammates, my position changed to infield. I couldn't have been more

Where I played didn't really matter. I had looked forward to, even longed for, the moment that all those imaginations and daydreams were going to become reality—that moment when I stepped up to the plate as a batter.

But I remember something happening that I had not expected. A twinge of nervousness, maybe even a bit of fear suddenly occupied my mind. I had faced many pitchers in tryouts and practices, but now it counted. I had to step up to the plate and swing that bat.

It has been over 50 years since that very special day, and I, along with every other person in our world, must once again step up to the plate today. No, not home plate, and it isn't a game that we're playing.

It is life. Our life.

Much like that baseball game where I had to switch positions on opening day, we are all having to brace up for a flexibility that we could never have imagined. These are trying times, calling for courage and patience.

In trying times, my mind and heart races toward the Scriptures and a couple of verses in Psalms in particular. Palm 112:6-7 says:

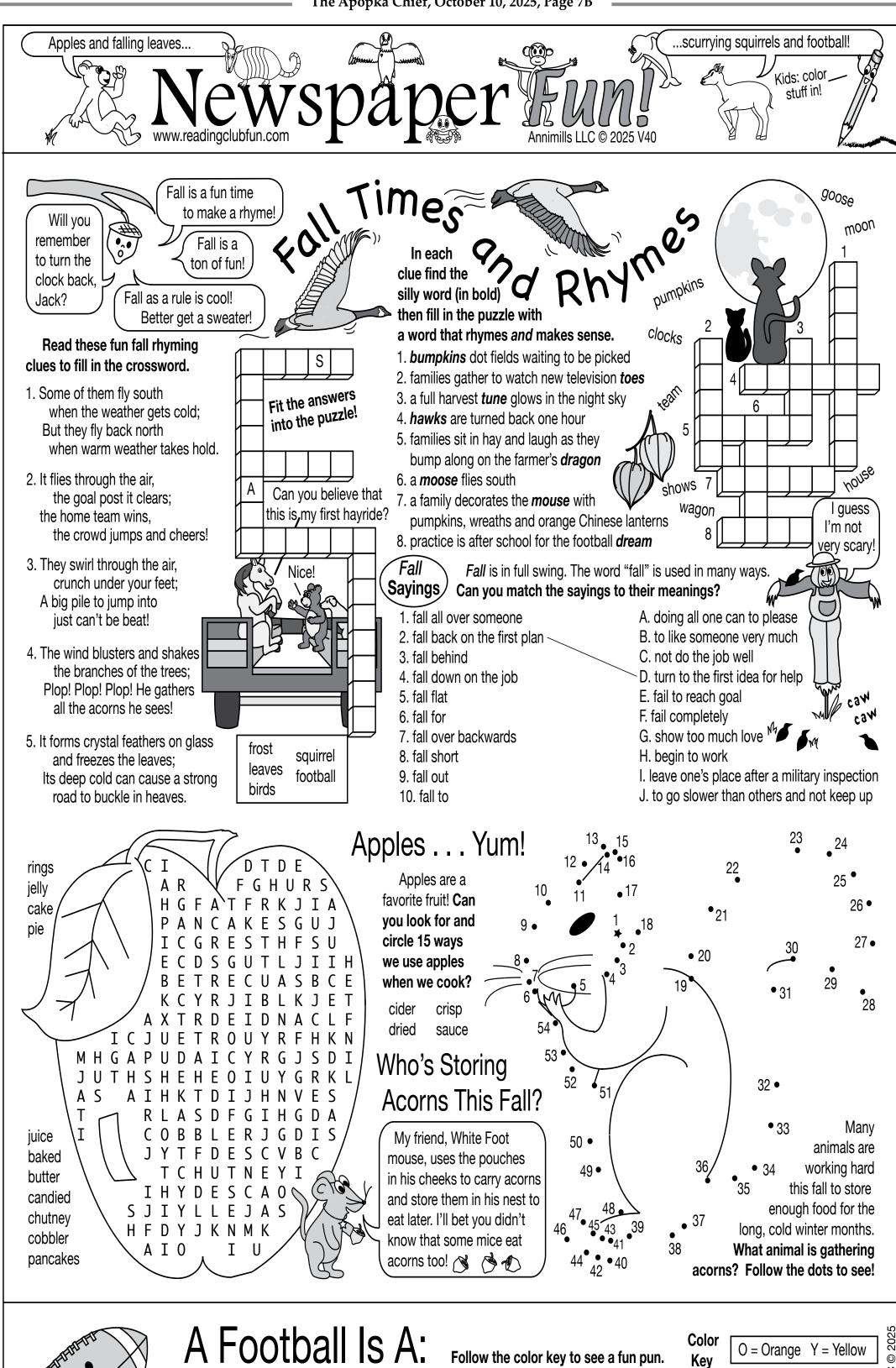
For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

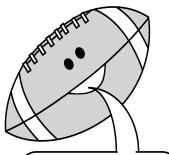
He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

This is a truly precious promise for every believer—the thought that we can step up to the plate to face bad news and have our heart held firm. It isn't firm because of our resolve, but because of the One who is holding our hearts steady. "Let not your hearts be troubled," he said in John

It is time to step up to the plate—time to be brave and courageous. It is time to trust the Lord.

> Mike Gilland is a longtime Gainesville pastor and operations manager for The Shepherd Radio Network.





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