

Lee Road wins 2025 Corridor of the year

Pam Welker named Citizen of the Year

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Local volunteer groups were recognized on Nov. 20 for their efforts in cleaning up and beautifying streets and areas throughout Orange County District 2, including Apopka, at what would be the final year of the Corridor of the Year contest.

Contest awards were given out at the Wekiva High School Media Center, where Lee Road, maintained by Lee Road Safe Neighborhoods, won the title.

This year’s competition went up and down Old Dixie Highway, Clarcona Road, U.S. Highway 441, Edgewater Drive and Lee Road.

District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore initiated Corridor of the Year in 2021, a yearly community improvement program in which volunteer groups called corridor teams work to enhance specific roads or areas in District 2, focusing on cleanliness, beautification and safety. Each team is led by a “corridor chief.”

“The challenges were significantly different, and it was incredibly different with all of these businesses,” Moore said. “We had fewer residential properties, and

it really presented us with some new challenges.”

Participants knew that with their diligence in Corridor of the Year, property values would go up and crime rates would go down, Moore said.

Contest standards are properly maintained sidewalks and curbs, trimmed trees and bushes, adherence to road safety and septic standards, clean and well-maintained fences free of limbs and weeds, trash removed from visible areas, and garbage cans neatly stowed on the side of the house.

Bonus points could be earned for new murals in the corridor, fence cup art, stained or artistically decorated fences, and wrapped or painted utility or post office boxes, and improvements to moldy/dirty structures.

Keith Landry, Spectrum News 13 multimedia journalist, was a co-presenter and guest speaker. He emphasized the impact of making a positive difference at the local level and praised the volunteers and Moore for their efforts in improving local communities for everyone.

“You may not think that Congress is particularly effective right now. And you may not think that your state government is the very best we’ve ever had right now, but I am here to tell you that

CORRIDOR, 3A



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Lee Road Safe Neighborhoods receives Corridor of the Year for cleaning up and maintaining Lee Road in Orlando. Pictured with them is Orange County District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore (standing, L).

Transportation tax may return in 2026

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Either the failed Orange County transportation sales tax, which voters rejected in 2022, or an infrastructure tax might make its way onto the ballot in November 2026, Mayor Bryan Nelson said during his report at the Nov. 19 City Council meeting.

In a meeting between Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings and municipal mayors including Nelson, Demings said he was considering putting either tax proposal up for voters’ approval, according to Nelson. No action was taken at the meeting.



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Traffic flows on U.S. Highway 441 in downtown Apopka.

Demings was out of town this week for the

Thanksgiving holiday, so he was unavailable for an interview, according to Amanda Dukes, Orange County spokesperson. However, she confirmed the mayors did have a meeting in which Demings gave an informational overview of potential paths forward to fund needed transportation improvements.

“The options discussed included a Charter County Transportation Tax, a Charter County Infrastructure Tax, or not pursuing either option,” the spokesperson

SALES TAX, 5A

Commissioners team up to give 500 turkeys



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Volunteers unload boxes of turkeys from the back of a truck on Tuesday.

Need increased due to SNAP cuts

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Headed by Apopka commissioners Alexander H. Smith and Nadia Anderson, local organizations came together Tuesday to distribute enough turkeys to feed 500 families and other foods.

Vehicles picked up the food at the Thanksgiving turkey drive at the Billie Dean Community Center. Some people even walked to the drive to pick up bags of tur-

keys and sides such as candied yam, stuffing, rice, fresh produce, macaroni and cheese and desserts.

Sponsors included Care Plus Health Plans, Humana, the Leach Firm and Lake Apopka Natural Gas District. Volunteers from New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Apopka — where Smith is the pastor — assisted in sorting and distributing food.

The federal government shutdown, which lasted from Oct. 1 through Nov. 12, caused people to lose their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

benefits, which heightened further need in the community. Some people haven’t gotten their benefits back yet, according to Smith.

“The need has grown,” Smith said. “So we’re just trying to meet the needs of the community to make sure that nobody goes hungry during this Thanksgiving season.”

For the last three years, Smith had organized a food drive with Lake Apopka Natural Gas District and Leach Law Firm. Anderson organized a separate Thanksgiving food drive last year.

“Last year we ran out of

turkeys, because we only had 150,” Smith said. “By combining our efforts, we were able to provide more turkey and make a bigger impact.”

The drive would welcome new partners who seek to help make a larger community impact, Smith said.

Hernando McQueen, an Apopka resident, received a turkey and enough food for at least 10 people. He said he hasn’t visited other food drives or pantries and learned about the church’s Tuesday food drive from a friend who called him.

“I feel very grateful,” McQueen said.

Apopka Chief launches inaugural Light the Way Holiday Drive

Donations to benefit Loaves & Fishes and Matthew’s Hope

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The Apopka Chief’s new holiday drive, Light the Way, arrived in Apopka Monday, benefiting Loaves & Fishes and Matthew’s Hope.

Baptiste Dentistry for Kids and Baptiste Orthodontics are the title sponsors of the drive and are joined by several other local business-

es that are serving as location sponsors.

“We have great relationships in the community from more than 100 years of history, so I think what distinguishes it is our ability as The Apopka Chief — with the help of The Shepherd — to rally the community in a way that’s unlike anybody else in Apopka,” Apopka Chief media advisor and drive organizer Gigi Cohen said.

Cohen said she borrowed the idea of an Apopka holiday drive from the Chief’s sister radio stations in Melbourne and Gainesville.



Courtesy of Mike Gilland

Mike Gilland, host of The Mike Gilland Show, stands with Matthew’s Hope president Shelley Bradford at the recording studio for the show.

“They do toy drives every year, and it generates a lot of community inter-

est,” Cohen said. “I thought, ‘Well, we could do something like that in Apopka,

but we need more than toys.”

Loaves & Fishes, a Christian nonprofit established in 1984, requests “gifts for low- and no-income neighbors,” including toys, non-perishable food and grocery store gift cards.

“I really feel like all of our donors are miracles from heaven,” Loaves & Fishes director Lory Reeves said during an interview on The Shepherd’s Mike Gilland Show. “They donate and they give so effortlessly of their hard-earned money and their donations.”

Matthew’s Hope, a char-

ity for the homeless named after Matthew 25:35-40, requests children’s toys and gift cards for older children, as well as cold weather clothing and blankets.

“Twenty-five to 30 people die every year in Central Florida from the cold,” Matthew’s Hope president Shelley Bradford said during the same episode of The Mike Gilland Show. “People don’t understand how deep our cold is because of the humidity and the wetness in our air.”

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Myriad Apopka parks upgrades underway

I would like to give you the latest updates on design and construction at our parks and recreation facilities across the city of Apopka. We have accomplished a lot in the last year, and more is being planned for the near future.

The plans for a tennis/pickleball facility located just south of Fire Station 5 at the Northwest Recreation Complex are now 90% complete. The courts are designed, parking and stormwater plans are under final review, and the next step is to bid out for the construction of the parking lot and courts.

The Kit Land Nelson Park gazebo replacement structure is complete, and the next steps are to construct the platform stage and brick façade.

The design contract for the \$13.1 million tourist development tax project at the Northwest Recreation Complex — which includes four new softball fields — has been awarded to CPH, an award-winning architecture and engineering firm. We

Apopka Mayor



Bryan Nelson

anticipate that we can go to construction at the beginning of the new year.

The TDT Apopka Amphitheater upgrades are at 30% plan design, which will include new bathrooms, a ticket booth, more ADA parking and designated pads for food trucks.

Also at Northwest, we are at 90% design for six new soccer fields in the northwest quadrant of the complex. Our next step is final review for the design of irrigation and drainage. These fields should come online in the fall of 2026.

At Camp Wewa, the old wooden deck at the main food hall has been removed and replaced with new concrete patio space. Our next steps there include new landscaping and furniture.

As you can see, our parks and recreation team along with our facilities and finance departments have been busy adding desired parks and recreation amenities that we can all be proud of.

Community cleanup cultivates solutions

Earlier in November — with assistance from Clerk of Court Tiffany Moore Russell’s volunteers and the L.A.N.E.S. young ladies — we picked up trash at the intersection of Old Dixie Highway and N. Maine Avenue. This area has been troubled for decades. These issues include severe blight, traffic and safety concerns, poor quality housing, and illegal dumping.

I’m always amazed by how much I learn by walking and picking up trash. Infrastructure concerns became more apparent. Homeless county services and sheriff enforcement are needed.

FDOT needs to work on a solution for the frequently-flooding Hawthorne Pond. The owners of the two corner lots need to fence in their properties and post “no trespassing” signage.

The city and county jurisdictions are terribly inefficient along Old Dixie. I’m proposing a swap of county and city roadway segments from Plymouth Sorrento Road all the way to Park Avenue.

Those interested in helping should join my new “people group” People of Northern Apopka (PONA) Monthly

County Commissioner
District 2



Christine Moore

meetings will invite city and county staff members. The inaugural PONA monthly meeting will take place Tuesday, Jan. 13. Special guests will include code enforcement officers and staff members from the county homeless services department.

Here are some solutions that developed after the cleanup:

The community should regularly pick up trash

The property owners must fence in vacant land and post “no trespassing” signs

The N. Maine residents must properly dispose of trash and stop parking on the right of way

The county should add speed humps on N. Maine, develop a crosswalk, and install intersection signalization

The city should install

streetlights from Boy Scout Road to Hawthorne Avenue

Homeless Services must send teams regularly to offer services

Now with a plan developed, my staff and I will turn in the above requests. Once a few of the infrastructure improvements are completed, I will write to the property owners and renters to do their part.

I already organized a few gentlemen to trim up the trees, mow down weeds, and remove debris. This will be a challenge to maintain until the infrastructure improvements are made. In fact, as the men were finished cleaning up dead tree limbs and palm fronds, a person arrived and dumped more tires. I hope you give it a good year to see solid improvement.

I have been doing this kind of work for about five years now. If you need to see end results, check out previous Corridor of the Year entries, such as Sheeler Road, Clarcona Road south of GH Washington, Wekiva Springs Road, Votaw Road, and Old Dixie Highway near Dayspring Church.

I hope you consider joining the new Northern Apopka team. Call 407.836.5850 for more information.

Remember to be grateful for blessings

Happy Thanksgiving! Yes, it’s that time of year again when we take some time to express gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. As the kids had this week off from school, my sincere hope is that each and every one of you had a wonderful week together, enjoying each other and making memories.

There is so much to be thankful for. As for me, I’m thankful for so many things personally, but I’m also incredibly thankful to be a part of a community that is caring and supportive of our local public schools.

This community is full of so many supporters and over the last several weeks, that love and support were so present. When our community faced the unimaginable loss of three young people, everyone pulled together for the families and schools.

From donations to cover final expenses to discounted funeral costs and community vigils, Apopka showed up. Apop-

Orange County School
Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

ka High School even had offers to bring therapy dogs in. Everyone just wanted to put their arms around the victims’ families and the schools that were left heartbroken.

I am so grateful for this community and that our students are growing up in a town that cares about them. They can feel it and that kind of caring matters.

As you know, I am always asking the community to help our local schools if you are able to do so. As we enter this season of giving, I again want to encourage all local business owners and community mem-

bers to visit our local schools and ask how you can support them.

We all know that many families are facing difficult financial times. Many of our children are living in circumstances that are very challenging — more challenging than ever.

Every school has some way for you to help these children. Several families will need holiday meals, and parents will need gifts for their children as well. These are all things that schools are collecting currently. Most of our schools have year-round food closets or clothing closets to help, but the need is even greater during the holidays.

However, we choose to celebrate this coming season. I hope that we all remember to be grateful for our blessings and remember to share those blessings with those around us. Everyone deserves some joy during this beautiful season. I wish you and yours a bountiful and blessed holiday season.

APOPKA HISTORICAL NOTES

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Orange Lodge No. #36 F. & A.M., the oldest Masonic Lodge in Central Florida, has been meeting in the same building longer than any other lodge in the state. In the early days, members met on the dates of a full moon so that those who had to ride or even walk for miles at night could better find their way. Thus it was designated as a ‘moon lodge.’ Chartered in 1856, the lodge building was used in the early days as a church and as the community’s first school. Part of the building also housed Apopka’s first store. The community, which evolved on the site, was known simply as ‘The Lodge’ until it was renamed Apopka in the 1870s.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It’s only once a year! On Saturday, Dec. 13, the Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka is proud to present the 49th annual Apopka Christmas Parade. Thousands of participants will come together with thousands of spectators along Park Avenue from the First Methodist Church to Votaw Road for one of Apopka’s most iconic seasonal events. The parade theme this year is “Miracle on Park Avenue,” and we eagerly anticipate enjoying the presentations from around 100 creative entries and floats.

The grand marshal for this year is former Orange County Commissioner Tom Dorman — our elder statesman who was instrumental in bringing professional sports to the Orlando area

via the Orlando Magic and the expansion of the Citrus Bowl/Tangerine Bowl stadium.

Judges invited to this year’s parade include Dr. Michael Armbruster, the deputy superintendent of Orange County Public Schools, Ms. Connie Gellner, community outreach and founder of the “Steem Team,” a community volunteer group within the Stanley Steemer organization, and Ms. Carol Stein, a renowned musician and co-founder of the Steinway Society. Each of their unique perspectives is sure to be beneficial in the difficult job of judging all the excellent parade entries. Awards are presented at the Apopka City Commission meeting in December.

The members of our club appreciate the outstanding sup-

port provided by major sponsors AdventHealth and Apopka Serves Foundation, The Apopka Chief and other loyal businesses and community groups who know the parade can’t happen without the financial backing of us all. It’s produced for our residents and families to enjoy. It’s for memories to be made. And it’s for the 2,000 or so individuals who are excited each year to be IN the parade.

We would like to extend our appreciation to area businesses, non-profits, school groups and clubs that have entered to make this year’s event the biggest in recent memory and growing every year!

Lorena Potter
Parade Coordinator
Foliage Sertoma
Club of Apopka

Some visions of sugar plums still dance in my head

Student hits teacher with makeshift blackjack. Two other students argue and trade insults before exchanging blows and wrestling each other to the floor. A 10-year-old girl throws a cup of hot tea into a teacher's face.

A "Blackboard Jungle" nightmare?

Nope, just Christmas season in my fourth-grade classroom. There's a lot I don't miss about teaching, but if I had a chance to relive those weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, I would do it in a heartbeat.

That was when we put on our holiday play, titled "A Classmas Carol" and we had us a Dickens of a time.

You can guess the plot. Mean, Scrooge-like teacher is visited by ghosts of his past, sees the error of his ways, reforms and has a happy ending. Simple enough — until the show takes on a life



OPINION
Jake Vest
Columnist

of its own.

For instance, we opened with Sir Nigel Fussypants and Dame Prunella Ample-bottom seated in front of a fireplace. They introduce the show, discuss it, disagree, and go from "Nigel, darling" and "Pruney old pal" to trading insults, ending with "you pompous Eurotrash nitwit" and "you frog-faced hill-billy!" He hits her with his derby hat, she pummels him with a plush Elf doll before putting him in a headlock and they roll to the floor.

The kids loved it. Principals — well, not so much.

Christmas Past is the ghost of the mean teacher's



Courtesy of Jake Vest

Vest and students on the set of A Classmas Carol.

own fourth-grade teacher, who arrives in the side-car of a motorcycle driven by a juvenile delinquent Elvis. Ms. McGillicuddy reviews the teacher's report card — all F's, including an F in ART.

The report card is turned to show "F-ART" and the crowd goes wild.

McGillicuddy reads off

things the mean teacher did as a kid, punctuating each with a whomp up the side of the head with a sock rolled up in a sock — a "sap" provided by the juvenile delinquent.

The Ghost of Christmas Present is Santa Claus, who takes the teacher to look through a window where

kids are doing homework and singing lyrics like:

"Other kids have a nice teacher, ours is like an evil creature. We don't mind a little work, but does he have to be a jerk?"

Final scene, Poor Old Obsolete Teacher home, (the POOT place...another big laugh). Kids portray the other fourth-grade teachers at the school as very old people. Other kids are grown-up versions of themselves coming to visit.

But there's one mean old teacher nobody visits. Two orderlies roll me out in a real wheelchair. I'm shivering, deaf, wearing a bald wig and am very crochety. The kids give me a blanket and "a cup of hot tea" (this is really just water).

They feel very sorry for the poor old guy nobody likes, until they read the medical chart to see who I am. "THAT'S MISTER

VEST! The guy who made kids do homework over the holidays!" One snatches the blanket away and says, "You don't deserve to be warm, you cold-hearted creep!"

And then we get to THE scene. The other orderly says, "You want some tea... well here's some tea you old coot!" And she throws the cup of water into my face.

There's more — it was all a dream...teacher mends his ways — but who cared? For a kid to see another kid, one of his own kind, do something like that to a teacher, it was as good as it gets. The fulfillment of hopes and dreams.

Putting that show together was exhausting, time-consuming, expensive and never much appreciated by anybody outside that room. And it was the most wonderful time of the year.

It felt like Christmas.

CORRIDOR

FROM 1A

you can effect change the most, the best and the most efficiently at the local level," he said. "That's what we're all about, meetings and everything you're doing, your community groups."

This is the last Corridor of the Year contest for Moore,

who has stepped down as District 2 commissioner to run for mayor of Apopka. She plans to remain in her seat until April 27, 2026. If elected mayor, she would be sworn in on April 28, 2026, she said.

The People of Southern Apopka group was recognized

for focusing on Clarcona Road from Keene Road northward to George H. Washington Street. The team tied with the People of Clarcona-Ocoee for Most Improved Corridor, while team member Pam Welker won Citizen of the Year.

"Think about where we were and where we are now," Sara Bircher, People of Southern Apopka membership chair, said. "It feels better. It looks better when we drive by."

The People of Northern Apopka won the People's

Choice Award and the Barn Burner Award for their work on Old Dixie Highway, from Errol Parkway to Plymouth Sorrento Road.

"I feel like it's not about us, though, just to see a difference in the neighborhood," Merry Lovern, People

of Northern Apopka corridor chief, said. "I think that's the biggest takeaway is the improvement just in that small, little run of road there. We had neighbors coming out whom we met by happenstance and helped clean up and took a really active role."



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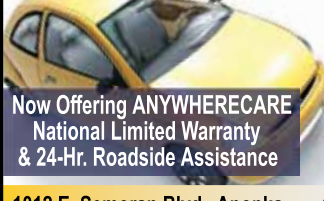
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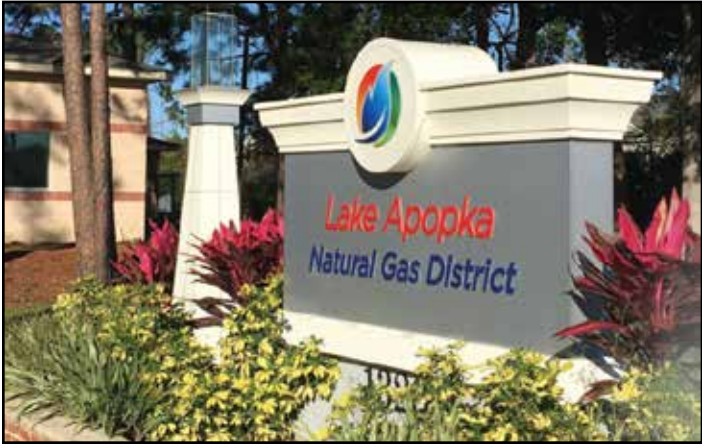
Lake Apopka Natural Gas District finishes 7 of 8 pipeline projects

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Lake Apopka Natural Gas District (LANGD) has completed seven of its eight pipeline projects and they are operating as intended, including many in Apopka neighborhoods, according to information presented at the district’s regular board meeting Monday.

All eight projects are to address natural gas distribution pipelines in several neighborhoods, including those in Apopka. Project eight, which is Fullers Cross Road located between Winter Garden and Ocoee, began construction on Nov. 12 with an anticipated wrap-up by the first quarter of 2026.

The U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is funding all of LANGD’s eight pipeline projects through the



Courtesy of LANGD

The Lake Apopka Natural Gas District is located at 1320 Winter Garden Vineland Road, in Winter Garden.

Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization (NGDISM) grant program.

NGDISM aims to increase public safety, preserve public health and cut down methane emissions from natural gas distribution equipment, per a past LANGD press release.

LANGD is currently working on its fiscal year 2025

PHMSA NGDISM grant application requesting \$14 million. Its status update has been delayed due to the federal government shutdown, which lasted from Oct. 1 to Nov. 12 because Congress failed to pass appropriations legislations for the 2026 fiscal year, Brent Haywood, LANGD CEO/general manager told the board Monday at the district’s Win-

ter Garden office. “Obviously, with the government shutdown, [there are] a lot of things that stand still,” he said.

In two years, PHMSA bestowed grant money twice to the district for the reconstruction, overhaul, and/or substitution of natural gas distribution pipeline systems.

In May 2023, PHMSA awarded the gas district \$3.1 million in initial funding. In November 2024, PHMSA awarded the gas district a second check for \$132,470.80.

Customer increase

From October 2024 to October 2025, LANGD is almost 1,400 customers “to the positive,” Haywood said. Previously, LANGD was predicting between 1,000 and 1,200 customers.

“We feel like that’s just showing the positive impact that natural gas has had in this past year,” Haywood said.

In May, LANGD announced it reached its 30,000-customer milestone in its 65th year of existence, reflecting 15-year growth.

Scholarships and internships

The LANGD has been promoting its scholarship and internship programs for local schools, including Wekiva High School, thus encouraging students to pursue a trade school.

LANGD has met with West Orange and Ocoee high school staffs, with positive results.

“The reception has been off the charts. All of the staff there at schools are so excited about us recognizing the fact that skilled trades are an important thing and that we’re not pushing necessarily the college route,” Haywood said. “I think Ocoee and a couple other schools are really looking at making harder pushes

towards skilled trade as well.”

LANGD also met with Wekiva High School and Acceleration Academy West about the scholarship and internship programs. These schools were also very receptive, due to understanding the scholarships’ purposes, not just that LANGD announced the resources.

Haywood credits LANGD’s public relations team, LANGD staff and himself for communicating that skills trades are “the next generation of generational wealth.”

“You’re going to make money based on what you can do with your hands, and not necessarily just what you can do with your mind,” Haywood said. “We’ve spent a whole generation teaching people that your mind is the most powerful tool, and now that we’ve got AI, it’s really the hands that are going to be the most powerful tool.”

5 Rock Springs Elementary students receive sensory support packages

Orange Lodge No. 36, I Gave a Duck donate packages

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

I Gave a Duck, a non-profit supporting families affected by autism, partnered with the Free and Accepted Masons at Orange Lodge No. 36 to deliver five sensory-support packages Nov. 21 to five Rock Springs Elementary students with autism.

“The whole thing behind I Gave a Duck — or just IGAD — was getting mon-

ey to the actual victims — the people who need it the most,” IGAD founding board member and Orange Lodge treasurer Gerald “Jerry” Rooks said in an interview with The Apopka Chief. “I wanted to bring that same concept into this and say, ‘I just don’t want to drop a check off at some office. Let’s find a way to get whatever it is directly to the families.’”

The children received tactile sensory pads, calming tools and fine-motor fidgets tailored to their individual sensory profiles, according to a Nov. 23 press release. Each device is designed with the goals of improving focus,



Courtesy of Jerry Rooks

Members of Orange Lodge No. 36 and IGAD, Inc. stand with teachers from Rock Springs Elementary after delivering sensory support devices to five students.

enhancing participation in the classroom and reducing anxiety.

“It’s sensory devices that the kids can actually take home, because in some fam-

ilies, they only get it while they’re at school, and they always want to take things home, and they’re just not allowed to,” Rooks said.

Rooks decided to let the teachers at Rock Springs Elementary select students who would most need the support.

“I have a full-time day job, so I can’t be driving all over central Florida trying to find a family,” Rooks said. “I think the best program is we work through the lodges, through the schools, through the teachers who can identify those children who need what sensory devices most.”

Rooks said his goal is

to establish the program throughout the 16th Masonic district in Florida and then expand to other districts. According to the I Gave a Duck website, an initial investment of approximately \$18 million is required to implement the donation program across the state.

“This isn’t about me,” Rooks said. “This is about a great way to help. I think that autism is just growing, growing, growing — and it shouldn’t be, but it is. Let’s do something to help.”

Those who wish to donate to I Gave a Duck may do so at igaveaduck.com.



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HOLIDAY HISTORY

St. Augustine hosted Thanksgiving in 1565

By Tim Price
Correspondent

The scene is familiar, matching the historic description of the first Thanksgiving: a group of grateful European settlers share a Thanksgiving feast with a local native tribe.

If that date seems a little early, that’s because it is. But history shows there was a Thanksgiving in what became the United States 56 years before the traditional first Thanksgiving, which was a three-day feast in 1621 with the Wampanoags, and the Puritan group better known as the Pilgrims.

The location is St. Augustine, Florida, and the date is Sept. 8, 1565.

This is how the National Park Service describes the earlier event, in wording used at the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument.

“On September 8, 1565, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés and 800 Spanish settlers founded the city of St. Augustine in Spanish La Florida.

As soon as they were ashore, the landing party celebrated a mass of Thanksgiving. Afterward, Menéndez laid out a meal to which he invited as guests the native Seloy tribe who occupied the site.”

The treatment of Native Americans since the early days of contact with Europeans has led many to diminish the story of the first Thanksgiving. Certainly, the realities of that feast are much more complicated than the construction paper turkeys and Pilgrim hats some of us cut out when we were in elementary school.

Some have even questioned the presence of the Wampanoags at the feast. There are two primary sources for their attendance, though: Edward Winslow and William Bradford, both of whom were there.

Tisquantum, or Squanto, the Patuxet hero of the story, was a real person. After being captured and taken to Europe, he was able to escape and return to North America, making him present when the Pilgrims arrived. He really did

show the Pilgrims where to catch fish and eels, and how to plant their corn, which led to their survival and their successful year.

President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving an annual holiday beginning in November 1863, in the midst of the Civil War. Here is how he began his proclamation;

“The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.”

Lincoln then made remarks about the war. To put the timing into context, Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address on Nov. 19. The Thanksgiving holiday he

proclaimed was just one week later, on Nov. 26.

In his way, Lincoln was echoing the words of George Washington, who in his very first year as president called for a one-time Thanksgiving celebration. That observance was also on the fourth Thursday of November—which fell on the same date as Lincoln’s proclaimed holiday in 1863.

History shows that progress is not always linear. Initial good relations between European settlers and Native Americans faltered, often with catastrophic results. Divisions already apparent at the time of George Washington’s presidency led to the Civil War in Lincoln’s.

Gratitude, though, is always available. Though we may spend much of the day binge eating, watching football, or trying to avoid arguing about politics, this is a day set aside to be thankful.

Editor’s note: Tim Price (1959-2024) was a feature writer for Mainstreet Daily News, which previously published a version of this story.

JUST LIKE MOMMA’S
THANKSGIVING DINNER



Courtesy of Valerie Sparkman

Virginia Street (left), Valerie Sparkman (center) and Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez smile during Just Like Momma’s Thanksgiving Dinner to feed those in need on Sunday, Nov. 23. The event also included free onsite blood pressure checks by Dr. Tamilia Fair.

SALES TAX

FROM 1A

said via email on Monday. “This discussion was purely informational in nature. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken. The intent of the conversation was simply to ensure that municipal leaders were aware of the potential options under consideration.”

To make either tax proposal more appealing, Orange County should “treat the cities like we’re equal partners,” Nelson said in a

Monday interview with The Apopka Chief. “Right now, we’re not.”

“We weren’t in favor of the last [transportation] sales tax because it wasn’t fair to cities,” Nelson said. “We’re one of the few cities that didn’t agree or didn’t send a letter of recommendation on the sales tax. So, I would have to see a lot more detail before I would be comfortable supporting it.”

In November 2022,

county voters rejected the transportation sales tax, a 1% sales tax increase for 20 years that would have generated about \$600 million per year. This money would have gone toward funding transportation projects to accommodate the county’s fast-growing population, which currently stands at over 1.5 million and is projected to reach more than 2 million by 2050.

HOLIDAY DRIVE

FROM 1A

In a statement, Baptiste Dentistry for Kids and Baptiste Orthodontics said they are excited to participate in the effort: “Supporting Light the Way is an absolute honor for our teams at Baptiste Dentistry for Kids and Baptiste Orthodontics. Apopka is our home, and we’re grateful for the chance to help lift up our neighbors through the incredible work of Loaves & Fishes and Matthew’s Hope. Coming together

as a community is what the holidays are all about.”

Light the Way spans eight drop-off locations, including the Chief’s office on North Park Avenue. The deadline for donations is Dec. 31.

The full list of drop-off locations, along with more detailed wish lists, is below and online at theapopkachief.com/holiday-drive/.

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- U.S. central bank
- Wilma and Fred’s hometown
- *Latke’s main ingredient
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- * ____ Obody of “It’s a Wonderful Life”
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- *Color on a Kwanzaa flag
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- Gawk at

- Wish harm upon, arch.
- One of The Beatles
- Pileus, pl.
- “The Road Runner” corporation
- Group of cows
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- *“The Nutcracker” step
- Certain cephalopod, pl.
- It’s sometimes humble
- *Chuck Berry’s “Run, ____, Run”
- Reason to strike
- Grass bristle
- Famous one, slangily
- Open-mouthed
- Like a well-defined muscle
- Hot alcoholic beverage
- Washing sponge
- Type of heron
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- *Santa’s beverage of choice
- Not well
- *Original home of Christmas tannenbaum
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POLICE BEAT

APD arrests 30 Nov. 16th-Nov. 22nd

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In the period from November 16-22, 2025, the Apopka Police Department received 1,720 calls for service, responded to 28 crashes, issued 116 citations, and made 30 arrests. Burglaries: 2 vehicles, 0 residence, 1 business. Juveniles were charged with:

Probation violation-child in violation of imposed conditions (X2); battery on specified personnel; battery-touch or strike; resist officer with violence; battery-touch or strike (domestic violence); intimidation written/electronic threat

to kill, bodily harm another; resist officer-obstruct without violence; other agency warrant.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Antony Jesus Aldana Nino, 23, 1901 Post Lake Pl. Apt. 115, Apopka, other agency warrant (X2).

Marco Borrayo Rodriguez, 42, 2720 Junior Ave., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Clemente Caal Suc, 22, 2107 Plymouth Sorrento Rd., Apopka, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 1st conviction.

Laura Elizabeth Calhoun, 39, 591 Martin Place Blvd., Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Angelina Starrin Cramer, 46, 803 E. Magnolia St., Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled sub-

stance without prescription (fentanyl).

Martin Johnson Flegel, 40, 1096 Linkside Ct., Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Adrian Omar Gonzalez, 33, 804 S. Highland, Apopka, drugs-possession intent to sell/manufacture/deliver controlled substance schedule II. Tekayta Shambaylia Leni Hardnett, 32, 309 New Ln. #304, Moore Haven, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Qwintez Haynes, 38, general delivery, Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Antonio Rashanda Hopkins, 26, 219 Lalla Ln., Apopka, larceny-petit theft, merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction; resist officer-obstruct without violence; trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Christal Janell Hopkins, 38, 1220 Titcomb St., Eustis, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-blood alcohol 0.08 or

more per 100ml.

Jason Cecil Johnson, 40, 101 Saunders St., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Willie C Johnson, 34, general delivery, Apopka, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction.

Raymond Van Johnson, 47, 2217 Rockwood Dr., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Lashawnda Marie Jones, 42, 1495 Lake Opal Dr., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Reginald Ernest King, 63, 241 E. 13th St., Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (cocaine).

Jacquelyn Grace Knapik, 38, 1038 Sheeler Hills Dr., Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm; larceny-grand theft, property value \$750-\$5,000.

Noelle Rose Perez, 47, 1038 Sheeler Hills Dr., Apop-

ka, battery-cause bodily harm, larceny-grand theft, property value \$750-\$5,000.

Isaiah Jashaun Phoenix, 18, 2452 Haskill Hill Rd., Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence; possession of weapon or ammo by Florida delinquent adult felony.

Jennifer Leigh Rabell, 43, 613 Sun Bluff Ln., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Jerry Miguel Rivera, 31, 38 W. 7th St., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamines); larceny-petit theft, merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction.

Brenden Boghos Sagherian, 37, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Jesse Sanchez, 36, Apopka, aggravated battery on pregnant victim; aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Ralph Rivera Sanchez, 45, Apopka, resist officer-ob-

struct without violence; simple assault-on specified personnel.

Reshawn Rovelles Sims, 37, 1165 S. Central Ave., Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Ricky Ohany Smith, 41, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

John Douglas Starcher, 47, 561 Monroe Ave., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Shonicka Denise Turner, 44, 1460 Marvin C Zanders Ave., Apopka, larceny-petit theft, merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction.

Larry Tremaine Varnado, 23, 1460 Marden Ridge Loop #110, Apopka, burglary-unoccupied conveyance unarmed; larceny-grand theft \$20,000 or more, less than \$100,000.

Shannon Robin Viereck, 44, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

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Classic dishes worth revisiting, from casserole to apple brown betty

From *Paths of Sunshine Cookbook*, we found Royal Wild Rice Casserole. You can use canned mushrooms if you don't have any fresh. They add a tip that "A lettuce leaf added to canned vegetables when heating will add fresh vegetable taste."

We bet your family has never had a pizza like *this* one before. It will take around 15 minutes to bake in a 450-degree oven. I think I'll have my pizza for breakfast, but then again, I love breakfast at any time of the day!

Emily Meggett, author of *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking*, Recipes from the Matriarch of Edisto Island, has instructions for cooking oven bacon for us that are so very simple. She wrote these instructions in her book, and here they are for you!

I have a small paperback cookbook titled *The Original Country Cookbook* published in 1976 by Paragon Products, Inc., in Pompano Beach. A friend gave me this little gem wherein I found a recipe for making Scrapple, which may have some interest among our readers. I can remember my mother cooking Scrapple for breakfast when I was a child. I've heard people on the radio sneering at Scrapple, but the ingredients for this breakfast item are made from the finest pork cuts and seasonings.

Emily Meggett says, "Apple Brown Betty was one of many desserts I learned how to make at the Dodge House. Layers of sugary crunch are in each and every bite, and the sweet and woody cinnamon flavor shines throughout the dish. The flavors of this dish represent fall and winter to me, so I bake this dish when I want a little spoonful of comfort during the cooler months. Serve this dish with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream for a real treat."



ROYAL WILD RICE CASSEROLE

Recipe from Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Paths of Sunshine Cookbook

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 pint fresh mushrooms*
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup wild rice
- 3 cups chicken broth
- Salt
- Pepper

Heat butter; add mushrooms, onion, garlic, and green pepper. Cook for 5 minutes. Add pecans and cook 1 minute. Wash rice well and drain. Mix with other ingredients, add broth and seasonings to taste. Turn into a well greased 2-quart casserole. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Holds well in a warm oven. May be frozen. Delicious!

*If fresh mushrooms are not available, use two 4-ounce cans of mushrooms sliced in butter sauce.

SUNNY-SIDE-UP PIZZA

By the Prevention Test Kitchen online

INGREDIENTS:

- Cornmeal, for baking sheet
 - Flour, for surface during shaping pizza
 - 1 pound pizza dough, thawed if frozen
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 2 ounces Gruyère cheese, coarsely grated (about 1/2 cup), divided
 - 2 ounces thinly sliced deli ham
 - 1 bunch spinach, thick stems discarded
 - 4 large eggs
 - Green salad, for serving
- ### DIRECTIONS:

1) Heat oven to 450°F. Lightly dust baking sheet with cornmeal. On floured surface, shape dough into 16-inch circle. Place on prepared sheet. 2) Spread

mustard over dough, then sprinkle with three-fourths of the Gruyère. Top with ham, spinach, and remaining Gruyère. 3) Working with 1 egg at a time, crack eggs into small bowl, then slide onto pizza. Bake until egg whites are set and crust is golden brown, approximately 15 to 17 minutes. Serve with salad if desired.

EMILY MEGGETT'S OVEN BACON

Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

- 12 slices thick-cut bacon
- 1) Preheat your oven's broiler to 500 degrees Fahrenheit, or its highest setting. 2) Arrange the bacon in a single layer in a rimmed baking pan and place it on the highest rack in your oven. Broil until browned on one side, about 2 minutes. 3) Turn the bacon and brown the other side. Watch the bacon closely. It will cook quickly, about 5 minutes total. 4) Remove from the oven and place the bacon on a paper towel to absorb the excess grease.

SCRAPPLE

Recipe from Paragon Products, Inc., *The Original Country Cookbook*

- 1/4 lb pork liver
- 1-1/2 pounds pork shoulder
- 1 qt water for cooking
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups broth from cooking
- 1 cup corn meal
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- Dash ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- 1 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Combine liver and pork shoulder in a saucepan with 1 quart water and cook slowly for 1 hour. Drain, reserving broth. Discard bones and chop meat fine. Blend salt, 1 cup water, 2 cups broth, and corn meal in pan. Cook, stir-

ring constantly until thick. Stir in finely chopped meat, onions, along with spices and herbs. Cover and simmer 1 hour. Pour into loaf pan and cool until firm. Cut into slices, dust with flour, and fry in a small bit of fat until crisp.

EMILY MEGGETT'S

APPLE BROWN BETTY

Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

- 6 slices white or whole-wheat bread
- 7 apples (2-1/2 pounds) preferably Granny Smith
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup packed brown sugar, plus more to taste
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice (from 1 orange)

1) Preheat your oven's broiler to 500 degrees Fahrenheit, or its highest setting. On your oven's highest rack, broil the bread on both sides, about 7 minutes total. Remove the bread from the oven and let it dry out until crunchy. 2) Cut the bread into squares, and place one half of the bread squares in the bottom of a greased 9- by 13-inch baking dish. 3) Set the oven temperature to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. 4) Wash, peel, core, and slice the apples. 5) In a large mixing bowl, combine the cinnamon, raisins, butter, brown sugar, and cornstarch. Add the apple slices and toss to coat. Spread half of the apple mixture over the bread in the baking dish and repeat the layering until the dish is full. Sprinkle the orange juice over the entire dish. Cover with foil and bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until the apples are cooked. Remove the foil and bake, uncovered, for 10 minutes until brown.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B.

ORDINANCE NO. 3143

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.2, SUBSECTIONS 4.2.2 AND 4.2.3, ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR THE REVIEW OF REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS FOR CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 397.487; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3143 will be held by the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, December 9, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3143 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, December 3, 2025 beginning at 1:30 P.M., and Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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

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Wekiva girls start basketball season 2-0



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Mustangs huddle after the first quarter.

Mustangs dominate Boone one night after beating Timber Creek

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Wekiva Mustangs girls basketball team opened the 2025 season with back-to-back wins, first earning a statement victory over Timber Creek before overwhelming Boone, 55-25, on Nov 20.

Last season, Timber Creek beat the Mustangs by 20, and head coach Jerry Middleton circled the match-up as a “revenge game” in the preseason. His team delivered, grinding out a 39-30 win behind relentless defense and calm composure late, keeping their fourth quarter lead. Jakayla Johnson led with 14 points.

“This was the very same team that went to the elite eight last year just minus one player,” Middleton said.

“Timber Creek is well respected throughout the state, so that was a big accomplishment for us.”

He added that backing up the high-emotion victory with a strong performance the very next night showed growth a year removed from a season filled with injuries and mid-year instability.

“That was the biggest takeaway,” he said. “To be up so high from a big game and the big crowd, now come

back the next game with not as much energy in the gym and still stick to the principles — that’s what helps us be successful.”

Wekiva carried that maturity into the meeting with Boone, using defense as its anchor once again.

Boone’s Naima Durandisse opened the scoring with six quick points, helping the Braves to an 11-8 lead after the first quarter. But Wekiva

GIRLS BASKETBALL, 2B

Wekiva boys stay undefeated



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Louvens Saint Pierre commanding the offense during Wekiva’s win over Lake Nona.

Mustangs dominate Seabreeze, outhustle Lake Nona

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Wekiva’s latest two games played out very differently, but the result was the same as the Mustangs moved to 4-0 on the young season. Wekiva did it with a dominant defensive showcase Monday against Seabreeze (1-2) after a fight to the finish against Lake Nona (1-2) on Nov. 21 — a game watched by nearly 2,000 fans.

The Mustangs rolled past Seabreeze 55-23 in the Metro vs. Florida Classic. Af-

ter an 8-8 first quarter, they blew the game open with a 19-3 second-quarter surge and smothered the Sandcrabs with relentless man-to-man pressure.

The lead ballooned quickly after halftime when Francillon hammered home a baseline dunk, buried a corner 3 on the next possession, and converted an and-one opportunity after two offensive rebounds through contact.

Eric Nichols capped a 13-0 run with his fingerprints all over the defensive end, piling up steals, rebounds and a chase-down block pinned against the backboard.

Wekiva led 42-16 entering the fourth and never

let Seabreeze breathe. Kaiden Jean-Louis opened the final frame with a jumper, and 3-pointers from Khai Orr and Darion Thomas stretched the margin to 30.

Francillon finished with 10 points to pace the Mustangs, Thomas added nine, Kenny Diejuste eight and Louvens Saint Pierre seven. Nichols earned game MVP honors for his all-around impact, especially defensively.

The real measuring-stick game came three days earlier, when Wekiva held off a late Lake Nona surge to win 59-52 in front of its loudest home crowd since its state championship era.

“We came out strong off adrenaline, but when that

fizzles, the game becomes mental,” head coach Gersino Lubin said. “We lost the third quarter because we relaxed, but I’m proud of how we figured it out defensively. That’s our staple — that’s who we are.”

The gym erupted early as Francillon scored the opening basket and Diejuste delivered two thunderous putback dunks, the second coming as he climbed over a Lake Nona rebounder to slam home a missed layup.

The run exploded into a 16-0 burst as Nichols drilled back-to-back 3-pointers, Saint Pierre hit a baseline fadeaway and then another

WEKIVA BASKETBALL, 3B

Apopka 13U Pop Warner team falls short in title game



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

13U Blue Darters explode out of the tunnel.

Blue Darters show heart in 39-27 loss to Westchase

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka’s undefeated season met its toughest test Sunday afternoon, and despite a furious late rally, the Blue Darters fell 39-27 to the Westchase Colts in the Pop Warner 13U Southeast Regional Division 1 Championship.

Westchase, led by nationally known speedster Blaze Ingram — a standout with college offers already — controlled the game from the start. The Colts marched downfield on the opening drive to score a touchdown and extra point to go up 7-0 with 5:47 left in the first quarter.

The Colts immediately stole another possession with an onside kick that

bounced off a Darter and into Westchase hands. They capitalized minutes later on a quarterback keeper to push the lead to 13-0.

After a quick three-and-out from Apopka, Westchase’s Raytron Ragin reversed field on a punt return and sprinted untouched into the end zone. After the extra point, Westchase held a 20-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Darters showed signs of life early in the second. They drove to the Westchase 30 before the series stalled. The Colts regained possession, and Ingram delivered a highlight with a 65-yard burst up the left sideline to make it 26-0 with 4:22 left in the half.

Apopka finally broke through on its next drive. Kaden Willis found space on the left sideline, hauling in a catch near the first

POP WARNER, 3B

Apopka goes down on final shot against Winter Park

Blue Darters lose a back-and-forth battle, 42-40

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The 3-point shot kept Apopka in the game all night, but a late basket with 2.1 seconds left lifted Winter Park (2-0) to a 42-40 win, spoiling a tense home opener Friday.

“We knew you don’t play Winter Park and not have to be in a battle,” head coach Scott Williams said. “We met the physical, mental and emotional challenge — they just made one more play.”

Apopka (1-1) opened the game firing from deep.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Jarquavion McClain with physical defense.

Noah Ferrer set the tone with a 3 on the opening possession, and the Blue Darters followed with three more triples in the first quarter — one each from Trent Jean, Ferrer

again and Alex Cogdon off the bench — to take a 12-10 lead after eight minutes.

The long-range theme continued early in the second as Jaden Andino buried

another, but the momentum quickly flipped. Winter Park rattled off a 9-0 run, all from behind the arc, with two from their shooter, Will Ryan.

Apopka called timeout down 19-15, and out of the break, senior guard Jarquavion McClain muscled in his first bucket. Xavier Bell added a 3 to keep Apopka within reach, but a buzzer-beating layup from Remington Ferrer sent Winter Park to halftime up 24-23.

Winter Park opened the third quarter with another quick burst: a 3 and a driving finish from Jagger Miller to force an early timeout. Bell responded out of the break with his second 3 of the night, then Zee Davis hit two tech-

nical free throws and later drilled a 3 to tie it at 31 with a minute left in the period.

Fuller Evans answered with a 3 for Winter Park, but a technical foul on the Wildcats’ bench sent Ferrer to the line for two free throws, trimming the deficit. Apopka trailed 34-33 heading into the fourth.

The Wildcats scored first in the final quarter, but Ferrer found Davis on the wing for a game-tying 3. Moments later, a travel call on Winter Park sparked another outburst from the Wildcats’ sideline, resulting in their third technical. Ferrer made one of two free throws to give Apopka a brief 37-36 lead.

After a Winter Park free

throw tied it and a Miller 3 swung the game back, Ferrer delivered one of the biggest shots of the night, a deep catch-and-shoot 3 off a quick series of passes with Rafi Betancourt to even it at 40-40 with 2:30 left.

Defense carried the final stretch. Ferrer came up with a clutch block in the lane, and with 40 seconds remaining, Apopka extended into a full-court press, nearly forcing a turnover. But Winter Park advanced the ball on a timeout and held for the last shot. Ryan drove hard and finished at the rim with 2.1 seconds left for the decisive bucket.

The Blue Darters played

APOPKA BASKETBALL, 2B

Look out for manatees movin’ to warmer waters

Hello Folks,
I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and you got to eat all of your favorite foods and then some. There is nothin’ better than Thanksgiving with family and friends.
If you are fishin’ on the Harris Chain or any waters in our state, you need to be on the lookout for manatees! They are movin’ to warmer waters in both fresh and salt water. You need to abide by all manatee protection zones.
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al watercraft users to reduce speed in certain areas or to avoid those areas altogether to prevent collisions that can injure or kill manatees.
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line. The number is 1-888-404-3922.
Believe me when I say that you can find ‘em in the Harris Chain, because just last year I had one swim right by my boat while I was fishin’ in Lake Beauclair. I used to fish a lot in the St. Johns River, and I have had ‘em come right up beside my boat and bump it and scare the heck out of me. So please be alert.
Up on the St. Johns River, folks are still gettin’ lim- its of specks in Lake Woodruff. Folks are havin’ a blast catchin’ ‘em... and eatin’ ‘em!

You can catch specks on jigs and jigs tipped with a minner.
Kyle at Bitter’s B&T reports the specks are still bitin’ in Lake Monroe and Lake Jesup. Most of the specks are bein’ caught in deeper water driftin’ with a minner fished naked — which means no bobber or weight is bein’ used; just put the minner on the hook and let it sink to the depth you want to fish. If it’s windy, you might have to add a little weight to the line to keep the minner down to the depth you want it. Most folks just drift usin’ this technique, and they are catchin’ ‘em!

The bass fishin’ has started to pick up in most of our lakes this past week. It may take some time to figure ‘em out, but once you find ‘em, you should be able to catch ‘em. Look for the bass to be feedin’ on or around the shell beds, submerged hydrilla, and eelgrass beds. You need to fish a variety of lures to see which one works the best for you. You can also fish with shiners over the submerged hydrilla and eelgrass beds.
The fishin’ is also startin’ to pick back up in the Butler Chain. Folks are seein’ some schoolin’ action on the chain.

Make sure you have a lip-less crankbait tied on to one of your rods in case the bass come up and start thrashin’ the water while they’re feedin’ on bait fish. They may only feed for a short time and you want to be ready for ‘em. You won’t have time to tie on another lure before the bass quit feedin’.
Well, that’s it for this week. Now that Thanksgiving is over, I hope you’re ready to go catch some fish!
Tip of the week: Go Fishin’!
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

FROM 1B

flipped the game immediately in the second.
Jakayla Johnson started the frame with a baseline jumper before Tiana Washington knocked down two free throws to give Wekiva its first lead. Johnson then buried a corner 3 off a kick-out from Makayla Bell in the post, prompting a Boone timeout with the Mustangs up 15–11.
Out of the break, Johnson hit another 3, and junior guard Ja’niya Poole scored on a crafty drive to stretch the lead. Wekiva closed the half on a 12–0 run, taking a 20–13 lead to the locker room as five different Mustangs collected steals during the defensive surge.
Freshman Alexis Hill drilled a 3 to open the second half, followed by a forced 10-second violation that led to yet another Johnson 3. Moments later, Johnson finished through contact in the paint, pushing the lead into double digits.
The Mustangs outscored Boone 18–4 in the quarter and led 38–17 entering the fourth.
With the Mustangs pressing every possession, Bell picked off her third steal of the night



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Ja’niya Poole takes a shot.



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Alexis Hill feelin’ good after nailing the triple.

and scored, then found Hill with an outlet pass for another basket. After two more Johnson free throws, the lead stretched to 26 before Middleton emptied the bench. In the final three quarters, Wekiva outscored Boone 47–14.
Middleton said the message at the first break was to push through fatigue.
“Don’t allow fatigue to change the expectations of what the standard is,” he

said. “The standard is to defend, sooner or later, we’ll impose our will.”
Johnson led the way with 21 points, three rebounds and three steals. Bell filled the stat sheet with 11 points, four assists and three steals. Hill added eight points, six rebounds and three steals, while Washington and Paris Blackwood provided key rebounding.
After a 2–0 start, Middleton believes this group is

capable of far more.
“Everything we need is in the locker room,” he said. “As long as we take care of the little things, the big things take care of themselves. The only thing that can stop Wekiva, is Wekiva.”
Wekiva heads to the National HoopFeast Thanksgiving Tournament to face Balboa and Palm Harbor University on Nov. 28–29, at Wiregrass Ranch Sports Complex in Wesley Chapel.

APOPKA BASKETBALL

FROM 1B

most of the second half without point guard Trent Jean, who fouled out after early foul trouble. His absence loomed large, Williams said.
Out of Apopka’s 12 field goals, 11 came from beyond the arc. Ferrer led with 17 points, four rebounds, three assists, a block and a steal. Davis added eight points, six rebounds, a block and a steal.
For Apopka’s younger players, Williams said, the early-season test was valuable.
“This is not for the faint,” he said. “Now they know what it really takes to handle those moments.”



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Trent Jean handling the ball.



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Noah Ferrer drills the contested three-point shot.

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FROM 1B

down mark and racing 62 yards to the three-yard line. Quarterback Ty'Rance Cook punched it in for six, and Jason Marshall barreled over defenders for an extra point to make it 26-7.

Westchase answered again, this time with a deep sideline throw to Ragin for a 33-7 lead. Apopka responded with one of its biggest moments of the day, as Cayden Dixon broke a tackle on the ensuing kickoff and outran the coverage to trim the deficit to 33-14 at halftime.

Once again, the Colts answered. After intercepting a pass on Apopka's opening possession of the third quarter, Westchase scored on 3rd-and-15 to extend the lead to 39-14.

Still, the Darters refused to fold.

A powerful run by Joel Georges Jr. set Apopka up at the 5, but a botched snap ended the scoring threat. The defense made up for it moments later, forcing a fumble at the 25. Conor Weed scooped it and sprinted 75 yards for a

defensive touchdown, pulling Apopka within 39-21 with 6:03 remaining.

Moments later, Frederick Carter Jr. intercepted a deep ball to give the Darters another spark. Georges Jr. hauled in a 25-yard catch on the next play while drawing a penalty, and Cook powered in again on a keeper to make it 39-27 with 1:28 left.

Apopka recovered the on-side kick, giving the crowd a final surge of hope, but Westchase held for a four-and-out and kneeled out the clock.

Afterward, assistant coach Tony Shuler praised his team's resilience.

"I'm so proud of our boys," Shuler said. "They fought all the way through. You can't teach heart, and these young men showed all of it today."

Head coach Cedric Bryant echoed that message.

"We always teach our kids to never give up," Bryant said. "We didn't capitalize like we were supposed to, but they fought hard, and I'm beyond proud of my boys."



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Kaden Willis catches a pass with nothing but grass in front of him.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Pass interference called on defense leads to a Blue Darter first down.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Kaden Willis almost makes it to the end zone on a 62-yard reception.



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Jason Marshall III deflects pass in the backfield and almost intercepts it.

WEKIVA BASKETBALL
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3, and the Mustangs' full-court press overwhelmed the Lions.

Wekiva led 20-9 after the first and 29-17 at halftime, fueled by 12 offensive rebounds and a 25-12 advantage on the glass.

But Lake Nona stormed back after halftime, twice trimming the deficit to five and eventually taking a 49-48 lead with 3:10 left. Suddenly on its heels, Wekiva needed a spark and got one. Orr entered out of a timeout, immediately grabbed a steal and hit Saint Pierre in stride for a go-ahead layup. A technical foul on the Lake Nona bench gave Nichols a free throw, and Wekiva regained control.

From there, the Mustangs took over. Diejuste

delivered a huge block, Nichols converted off a steal in transition and Saint Pierre knocked down three of four at the line as Wekiva forced four straight turnovers to seal it.

Saint Pierre finished with 17 points and Nichols added 15, while Diejuste produced a 10-point, 14-rebound double-double. Francillon chipped in 12 in the winning effort.

Lubin said the game "100% humbled" his team in the best way.

"It brought us back down," he said. "We weren't at full cylinder, but we figured it out defensively. That's who we are."

The Mustangs return to the court at 7:30 p.m. Monday at home to face Timber Creek (1-0).



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Kenny Diejuste finishes strong at the rack.



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Mustangs student section erupts after three-point basket forces a timeout.

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Attorney for Petitioner
November 21, 28, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-003391-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF BEVERLY N MORIARTY, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of BEVERLY N MORIARTY, deceased, whose date of death was December 4, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 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 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 PERIODS 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 November 28, 2025.
Personal Representative:
CERY PERLE
8252 Ludington Circle
Orlando, Florida 32836
Attorney for Personal Representative:
DAVID W. VELIZ, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 846368
DANIELLE WHITE, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 1035906
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Isantos@VelizKatzLaw.com
Attorney for Petitioner
November 28, December 5, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION 01
CASE NO. 2025-CP-3682-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF EUGENE CHARLES BRAY, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of EUGENE CHARLES BRAY, deceased, whose date of death was October 4, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Room 355, Orlando, FL 32801. The name and address 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 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. 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 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 SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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 BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is November 21, 2025.
Personal Representative:
JUDY B. ROSKOWSKI
P.O. Box 770670
Winter Garden, FL 34777
Attorney for Personal Representative:
KATHRYN C. PYLES
Florida Bar No. 1002555
The Pyles Law Firm, P.A.
P.O. Box 770670
Winter Garden, FL 34777
Telephone: (407) 298-7077
E-Mail: kathrynpyles@pyleslaw.com
November 21, 28, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 48-2025-CP-003713-O
IN RE: Estate of NORMA WALLACE a/k/a NORMA JEAN WALLACE, deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE ADMINISTRATION of the estate of NORMA WALLACE a/k/a NORMA JEAN WALLACE, deceased, File Number 48-2025-CP-003713-O is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida,

Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 335, Orlando, FL 32801. The name of the personal representative and personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All known or reasonably ascertainable, including contingent creditors of the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is November 28, 2025.
Personal Representative:
DONNA DUDICI
224 Keeneland Court
Collinsville, IL 62234
Attorney for Personal Representative:
GEORGE C. KELLEY, ESQ.
Florida Bar No. 098523
P.O. Box 1132
Apopka, Florida 32704-1132
Telephone: 407 886 2130
Email: attorney@ckelleylaw.com
November 28, December 5, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-3045
IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE CLIFFORD KOCH, AKA GEORGE C. KOCH, AKA GEORGE KOCH, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GEORGE CLIFFORD KOCH AKA GEORGE C. KOCH AKA GEORGE KOCH, deceased, whose date of death was August 23, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Room 335, Orlando, Florida 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 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. 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 PERIOD 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: November 21, 2025.
Signed on this 20th day of October, 2025.
BARBARA MASON
3415 Foxmeadow Court
Longwood, FL 32779
Personal Representative
AMY R. STEINER, ESQUIRE
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Attorneys for Personal Representative
November 21, 28, 2025

Notice of Public Sale
Notice is hereby given that Northwest Orlando storage at 5330 N Pine Hills Rd Orlando, Fl 32808 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 12/16/25 at approx. 9:00 am. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to add'l terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Unit # – Name – Description: #xxx – Tenant's name – description, #xxx – Tenant's name – description, #xxx – Tenant's name – description ...
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November 28, December 5, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 1001 S Semoran Blvd Orlando FL 32807, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash only at www.storageauctions.com on December 18, 2025 at 11:30AM.
ISAIAS BAUTISTA LOPEZ:
Buckets, contractor materials
DEWEY SHAWN HARDESTY:
Boxes, computer monitor, bags, toys
SHAWN HARDESTY:
Boxes, computer monitor, bags, toys
LESGABRIAN ACOSTA VELAZQUEZ:
Boxes, totes, storage drawers, luggage, stool

Publish: The Apopka Chief
November 28, December 5, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: CONO-14-12827
REMY SIMEON, Plaintiff,
vs.
JIMMY DORVILUS and BELKAY CONSTRUCTION, LLC, Defendant
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 8th day of August, 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 BELKAY CONSTRUCTION, LLC, in and to the following described real property, to-wit: **PINES OF WEKIVA SECTION 1 PHASE II TRACT D. Also known as 1288 Falconcrest Blvd, Apopka, FL 32712. SOLD AS IS AND WITH NO WARRANTY. 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 BELKAY CONSTRUCTION, LLC, and that on the 7 th day of January 2026, 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,** 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 Relay Service. JOHN W. MINA, AS SHERIFF
Orange County, Florida
BY: A/Sgt. Jesse Corrales
As Deputy Sheriff
November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009168-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
EARL F. JACOBS AS INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 EARL F. JACOBS AND CHRISTINE K. JACOBS INTER VIVOS REVOCABLE TRUST, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT V
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: BERGLIND ODDGEIRSDOTTIR
HOLTS/VEGUR 2, IB.401
GARDABAEI 210
ICELAND
The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT V
Unit Week 21 in Unit 4205, 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.
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 13 day of November, 2025.
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
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North 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
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#110523.2008/GV240
November 21, 28, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Pursuant to FL Self-storage Facility Act & to satisfy Owner's lien Storage Sense located at 10906 Moss Park Rd, Orlando, FL, 32832, 407-725-5277 intends to sell the personal property described below in order to satisfy Owner's lien. Everything sold is purchased AS-IS for CASH ONLY. See and bid on all units 24/7 ending on December 17th 2025, at 11:00 am @ www.lockerfox.com. Storage Sense reserves the right to refuse any bid or rescind any purchase until the winning bidder takes possession of the property. TERMS listed on auction,
Aaron Adamick-216- Household Goods;
Carl Powell-213- Household Goods;
Daniel Yu-104- Household Goods;
Robert Lopez-333- Household Goods;
November 28, December 5, 2025

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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 **17th Day of December, 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 cleaning Deposit.
6048 – Anthony Jones –
Personal Property
November 28, December 5, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009168-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
EARL F. JACOBS AS INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 EARL F. JACOBS AND CHRISTINE K. JACOBS INTER VIVOS REVOCABLE TRUST, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT VIII
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: CORNELIUS HOURIHANE
GALLARAS
BALLYSILLAGH OYLEGATE
WEXFORD
IRELAND
AND
CLIODHNA MAIRE KENNEDY
GALLARAS
BALLYSILLAGH OYLEGATE
WEXFORD
IRELAND
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT VIII
Unit Week 20 in Unit 7448, 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.
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 12th day of November, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: // S Gre
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N. Orange Avenue
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North 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.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#110523.2011/GV240
November 28, December 5, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
BARTLETT TOWING, INC. gives notice that on **12/22/2025** 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000015-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
PIETER VAN DE VYVER, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII TO: MICHAEL P GOOD, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL P GOOD, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
2181 DALLAS HWY SW
MARIETTA, GA 30064
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 11, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000015-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VIII
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: R12546 & R12547 & R12548 & R12549) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on December 16, 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 November 13, 2025. DATED this 13th day of November, 2025.
/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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November 21, 28, 2025

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 November 13, 2025. DATED this 13th day of November, 2025.
/s/ Edward N. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.7286
MORI #ORANGE
November 21, 28, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000015-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
PIETER VAN DE VYVER, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIII TO: CLIFTON O. MURPHY, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF CLIFTON O. MURPHY, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
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DRIVE
LUMBERTON, NC 28358
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COUNT XIII
5 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: AA3840 & AA3841 & AA3842 & AA3843 & AA3844) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1250 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of June 1, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on December 16, 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 November 13th, 2025.
DATED this 13th day of November, 2025.
/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources,

Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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November 21, 28, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000015-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
PIETER VAN DE VYVER, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII TO: KAYE M CHRISTIANSEN, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF KAYE M CHRISTIANSEN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
2919 BROOKCROSSING
DRIVE
FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28306
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 11, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000015-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VII
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: R04238 & R04239 & R04240 & R04241 & R04242 & R04243 & R04244 & R04245) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
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/s/ Edward N. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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November 21, 28, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009168-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
EARL F. JACOBS AS INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 EARL F. JACOBS AND CHRISTINE K. JACOBS INTER VIVOS REVOCABLE TRUST, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT VI
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: LINDA AUDLEY BOWEN
LIRO DOVER TERRACE
CHRIST CHURCH 00000
BARBADOS
The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT VI
Unit Week 42 in Unit 6423, 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.
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 12th day of November, 2025.

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Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: /S Gre
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N. Orange Avenue
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North 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.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#110523.2009/GV240
November 28, December 5, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000015-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
PIETER VAN DE VYVER, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIV TO: DARRELL D. HOUSTON, DECEASED
1114 COOL SPRINGS DR
NW
KENNESAW, GA 30144
MARY C. HOUSTON
1114 COOL SPRINGS DR
NW
KENNESAW, GA 30144
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COUNT XIV
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: AD7724 & AD7725 & AD7726 & AD7727) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of February 1, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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DATED this 13th day of November, 2025.
/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000015-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
PIETER VAN DE VYVER, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XV TO: JENELLE C. WADDINGTON
2828 PEACHTREE RD
NW #1802
ATLANTA, GA 30305-5115
HENRY R. WADDINGTON, DECEASED
2828 PEACHTREE RD
NW #1802
ATLANTA, GA 30305-5115
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 11, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000015-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT XV
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: AF2529 & AF2530 & AF2531 & AF2532) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as

such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement),
and
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: C55620 & C55621 & C55622 & C55623 & C55624 & C55625) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2014 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on December 16, 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 November 13, 2025.
DATED this 13th day of November, 2025.
/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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November 21, 28, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 06-04804
TRANS VOICE LLC,
as assignee of US BANK N.A., a foreign limited liability company, Plaintiff(s)
vs.
ALIX DUQUE and MARIA S DUQUE, individually, jointly, and severally, 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 17th day of September, 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 MARIA S DUQUE, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:
Lot 108, Laurel Hills Subdivision Unit 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page(s) 118, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida; with a physical address of 7221 Willowood Street, Orlando FL 32818. 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 MARIA S DUQUE, and that on the 6th day of January 2026, 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 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 Relay Service.
JOHN W. MINA, as Sheriff
Orange County , Florida
BY: A/Sgt. Michael Rowland
As Deputy Sheriff
November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001448-O
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,
vs.
MELISSA M. ATTAR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELISSA M. ATTAR; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; CASTLE CREDIT CO HOLDINGS, LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al., Defendant(s).
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 14, 2024 and an Order Granting Plaintiff's Ex-Parte Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated November 14, 2025, entered in Civil Case No.: 2024-CA-001448-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, and MELISSA M. ATTAR; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; CASTLE CREDIT CO HOLDINGS, LLC, are Defendants.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the

12th day of January, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:
LOT 127, SOUTH PINE RUN UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 47 AND 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.
If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Ninth Circuit Court
Administration
ADA Coordinator
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue,
Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
Dated: November 18, 2025
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler
By: Brian L. Rosaler
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
1701 West Hillsboro
Boulevard
Suite 400
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2025-CA-007032-O
DAVID JIMENEZ and, ERIKA JIMENEZ, Plaintiffs,
v.
TATIANA FERRARI and DR. JOSE A. URDANETA-JAIMES, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR SERVICE ON THE DEFENDANTS VIA PUBLICATION
TO: TATIANA FERRARI and DR. JOSE A. URDANETA-JAIMES
8434 Chilton Dr.
Orlando, Florida 32836
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action (a claim for negligence, gross negligence, and loss of consortium lawsuit) has been filed against you. Service of process has been attempted to be served upon you but you cannot be found or you are intentionally neglecting to be served. You are required to serve a copy of your written answer and written defenses, if any, to it on the Law Offices of David Jimenez (For the Plaintiffs) whose business address is 1133 Hempel Ave., Gotha, Florida 34734 on or before DECEMBER 8, 2025, AND file the original written answer and written defenses with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, Suite 320 before service on Plaintiffs or immediately thereafter.
If you fail to do so, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. 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 Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file a Notice of Current Address). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.
This lawsuit involves and includes a claim for damages and interests against you personally and that may affect your assets.
DONE AND ORDERED this, 5th day of November, 2025.
JAMES A. CRANER
Circuit Court Judge
November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 08-CA-8236
EAST COLONIAL INVESTMENTS, LLC, A Florida limited liability company, PLAINTIFF,
vs.
CARIBBEAN PALACE RESTAURANT & JERK LOUNGE, INC, d/b/a SEAFOOD DEPOT, A Florida corporation, DAVE A MARTIN, Individually, CYNTHIA F MARTIN, Individually, and VAL LEWIS, individually, 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 4th day of June, 2024, and have levied upon the following described property located, and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit:
2018 NISSAN ARMADA, VIN: JNBAY2ND7J9051808 & 2020 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500, VIN: 3GCPWCE4LG425604. 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 WARRANTY. SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES AND LIENS OF RECORD. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR BILL OF SALE.
as the property of the above named defendant, DAVE A MARTIN & CYNTHIA F MARTIN, and that on the 10th day of December, 2025, beginning at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon or soon there-after on said day at **ACE WRECKER, 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 proceeding 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 SHERIFF
Orange County , Florida
BY: A/Sgt. MICHAEL ROWLAND
As Deputy Sheriff
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CC-024495-O
ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION INC. D/B/A WATER MOLD INSURANCE REBUILD, a Florida Profit Corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
WYNNETTE HINKLE and LEOLA BRYANT, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION TO: LEOLA BRYANT
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a suit was instituted in the above-captioned action to foreclose a construction lien in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County by Advanced Construction and Renovation, Inc. d/b/a Water Mold Insurance Rebuild against the above-named Defendant.
The property involved is that certain parcel of land situated, lying, and being in Orange County, Florida, more particular described as follows:
RICHMOND ESTATES UNIT TWO
2/64 LOT 7 BLK 10
Street address: 2522 Willie Mays Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32811
Suit has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Plaintiff's attorney, Michael J. Friedman, Friedman Legal, whose address is 1001 Yamato Road, Suite 311, Boca Raton, FL 33431, on or before 30 days after the publication date of this notice of action, 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.
DATED on November 5, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts
/s/ Sandra Jackson
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000015-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
PIETER VAN DE VYVER, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX TO: WILLIE ADAMS, DECEASED
12420 ALAMANCE WAY
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772
GAIL CHAMBERLAIN ADAMS, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF GAIL CHAMBERLAIN ADAMS, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 12420 ALAMANCE WAY UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 11, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000015-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT IX
18 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: S79641 & S79642 & S79643 & S79644 & S79645 & S79646 & S79647 & S79648 & S79649 & S79650 & S79651 & S79652 & S79701 & S79702 & S79703 & S79704 & S79705 & S79706) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 4500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of November 1, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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DATED this 13th day of November, 2025.
/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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November 21, 28, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CC-024495-O
ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION INC. D/B/A WATER MOLD INSURANCE REBUILD, a Florida Profit Corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
WYNNETTE HINKLE and LEOLA BRYANT, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION TO: WYNNETTE HINKLE
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a suit was instituted in the above-captioned action to foreclose a construction lien in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County by Advanced Construction and Renovation, Inc. d/b/a Water Mold Insurance Rebuild against the above-named Defendant.
The property involved is that certain parcel of land situated, lying, and being in Orange County, Florida, more particular described as follows:
RICHMOND ESTATES UNIT TWO
2/64 LOT 7 BLK 10
Street address: 2522 Willie Mays Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32811
Suit has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Plaintiff's attorney, Michael J. Friedman, Friedman Legal, whose address is 1001 Yamato Road, Suite 311, Boca Raton, FL 33431, on or before 30 days after the publication date of this notice of action, 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.
DATED on November 5, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts
/s/ Sandra Jackson
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEA;
November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000015-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
PIETER VAN DE VYVER, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XI TO: VADIM TCHERE, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF VADIM TCHERE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 46 CASTLE DRIVE SHARON, MA 02067
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 11, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000015-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT XI
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: V79827 & V79828 & V79829&V79830 & V79831 & V79832 & V79833 & V79834) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of July 1, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on December 16, 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 November 13th, 2025.
DATED this 13th day of November, 2025.
/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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November 21, 28, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2025DR010222
STEPHEN H. PIGGOTT, Petitioner, And
MANAL ALFAR, Respondent.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT) TO: MANAL ALFAR
16435 Cedar Run Dr
Orlando FL 32828-6969
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 STEPHEN PIGGOTT, C/O Pedro Zasciurinskis Lopes, Esq., PD LAW TAMPA, LLC 1601 Park Center Dr. Suite 6, Orlando, FL 32835, (863) 216-8688 eservice@pzlopeslaw.com on or before November 28, 2025 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at the Orange County Clerk of Court - 425 N. Orange Avenue Orlando, FL 32801 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided:
Lot 254, Timber Isle - Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 61, Page(s) 98 thought 101, inclusive of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida.
Parcel ID number - 32-22-32-7951-02-540
Any and all personal marital property that may have accrued following the date of marriage of the parties.
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 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.
DATED: OCTOBER 30TH, 2025
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /S/ ROBERT HINGSTON
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, MECKLENBURG COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION MILADY SANTOS vs. MICHAEL JAMAINE JACKSON
FILE# 25CV052737-590
To: Michael Jamaine Jackson
1356 Anna Catherine Drive
Orlando, FL 32828
Take notice that an action seeking relief against you, has been filed in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Civil District Court, File #: 25CV052737-590. A responsive Pleading is required to be filed no later than December 31, 2025. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: **Absolute Divorce.**
You are required to make a defense of such pleading no later than December 31, 2025 to Mecklenburg County Clerk of Superior Court, 832 East Fourth St., Charlotte, NC 28202; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.
DATED: November 21, 2025.
Jessica Shaddock
Tom Bush Law Group
821 East Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28203
November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 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 Everyday Event Rentals, with a mailing address of 504 Pinesong Drive, Casselberry, Florida 32707 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: C&M Miranda Holdings, LLC
November 28, 2025

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