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Apopka launches special election to fill Nesta’s seat



Commissioner Nick Nesta resigned from Seat 4, effective Dec. 4, to run for mayor.

Aungst suspends campaign for mayor

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to adopt a resolution calling for a special election to fill City Council Seat 4, from which Commissioner Nick Nesta resigned on Dec. 4 to run for mayor. Because Nesta did not com-

plete his term as Seat 4 commissioner, a special election must be held within 60 days to comply with state election laws to fill the vacancy, according to the resolution. Nesta was first elected to Seat 4 in 2022 and was re-elected to the same seat in 2024. The special election will take place in conjunction with the March 10, 2026, municipal general election. If necessary, a runoff election will be held on April 14.

The qualifying period for the special election is slated for noon Jan. 5 and ends at noon Jan. 7. Qualifying by petition is not an option for the special election, according to the resolution, so candidates will have to pay a fee. The January qualifying period is for the special election only, not for the current qualifying period for the municipal election, which began at noon on Dec. 15 and will end at noon today.

“It’s not an extension of the qualifying that we have going on right now,” Susan Bone, city clerk, said at the Wednesday City Council meeting. Yesenia Baron, a retired law enforcement officer, is the only candidate who has filed to run for Nesta’s former seat. Nesta, a realtor, is running for mayor against Orange County District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore and incumbent Christine Moore and incumbent

SEAT 4 ELECTION, A5

APOPKA CHRISTMAS PARADE



Children perform on the 3D Motion Dance Center float during Saturday’s Apopka Christmas Parade. See pages B4-B11 for a Christmas special section, including more photos from the parade.

Charter school eyes site at Plymouth Sorrento, Lester Road location



Red Apple Development wants to build a charter school near West Lester and Plymouth Sorrento roads.

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Development Review Committee (DRC) on Wednesday reviewed a site construction plan for a proposed K-12 charter school for the corner of Plymouth Sorrento Road and West Lester Road, near the Wekiva Parkway.

Prepared by Bohler Engineering, the site plan shows that the charter school project would occupy nine acres and feature a two-story building totaling 91,163 square feet. The first floor plan comprises 53,719 square feet, while the second floor is for

CHARTER SCHOOL, A6

Orange County planning new park at Sadler Road, OBT

Commission greenlights 26-acre purchase for \$2.1M

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

On Tuesday, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) greenlighted the acquisition of 26.1 acres of land for \$2.1 million at the Sadler Road/Orange Blossom Trail intersection, where a new park will be constructed. Orange Blossom Trail is located on the west side of the property; Sadler Road is located on the north side. According to Commissioner Christine Moore, the new park will be a welcome addition as an amenity in the burgeoning northwest region of Orange County. As commissioner, she represents northwest Orange County, including Apopka, Zellwood and Tangerine. “This is an exciting ad-



The Orange County Board of County Commissioners approves the \$2.1 million purchase of a 26.1-acre property for the development of a new park in northwest Orange County.

dition to District 2 because we’ll be able to offer another park to our northwest residents,” Moore said in a

news release. “We’re looking at putting in ballfields

NEW PARK, A4

Apopka Run Club receives \$10K from DICK’S Sporting Goods

Funds to support local high schoolers in need

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The DICK’S Sporting Goods Foundation’s Sports Matter Program recently donated \$10,000 to the Apopka Run Club (ARC) to support local high school students in need. “Our intentions are to use these funds to help local students who may not have the ability to participate in school related running sports such as track and field and cross country due to financial difficulty,” ARC president Jay Kleinrichert said in an email to The Apopka Chief. ARC formally announced the donation at its regular club meetup Dec. 9. According to the grant proposal, ARC has three objectives for the grant: financial assistance, resource support and community engagement. To implement these objec-



The Apopka Run Club poses with a DICK’S Sporting Goods check at its Dec. 9 meetup.

tives, ARC will work with school athletic staff to identify students in need, organize fundraising activities, and more. Kleinrichert founded ARC in 2020. The club meets four times weekly and has over 1,900 members. According to the ARC website,

courses range from 1.97 to 8.85 miles. “Beyond our commitment to fitness, ARC is deeply invested in giving back to the community,” Kleinrichert said. “From organizing road cleanups to fundraising for lo-

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Grant program funds remodel

The city of Apopka was given the opportunity to secure funding from the federal government's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as an entitled entity, no longer under the Orange County umbrella.

The CDBG Grant program provides annual grants based on a formula to provide funding for improved housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate-income people.

The program was authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. CDBG grants can be used to acquire real property, demolition, rehabilitation of properties, construction of public infrastructure and assistance to private sector businesses that help with economic development, job creation and retention.

Apopka Mayor



Bryan Nelson

tion.

Each of the activities must benefit low or moderate-income people, prevent blight, or reduce the immediate threat to the health or welfare of these same individuals.

We received a CDBG grant back in 2021 with the thought of helping either rebuilding or remodeling older structures in Apopka. This \$750,000 grant, along with the city's \$250,000 match, will help to rebuild three homes

and do extensive remodeling on two other homes.

The selection committee received over 25 applications before selecting the five that we have funding for. Last Friday, we had a ribbon-cutting for the first house that we have completed, which is for the Ivey brothers at 708 South Washington.

We have another house on Eighth Street that should be completed next month. We are thrilled to be able to complete these projects with the help from our state and federal partners.

Each year, we can apply for a CDBG grant that will help improve the lives and livelihoods of low and moderate-income residents. We are excited to complete our first city of Apopka-only grant and look forward to continuing to look for additional opportunities to help.



Courtesy city of Apopka

The Ivey family celebrates their new home with a ribbon cutting last week.

County changes trash service days

Important information for all trash customers in unincorporated Orange County. Beginning Monday, Dec. 29, service days are changing across the county. This isn't affecting just District 2, but we're seeing changes in all parts of the county.

The big question — why? We're consolidating services to create a safer and more efficient collection process for crews on the street and you. Orange County Utilities remains committed to providing the same weekly curbside services — recycling, yard waste, garbage and large items — but with new assigned days and quicker routes.

Ten years after launching automated collection with roll carts and natural gas trucks with robotic arms, we are making the bold move to

County Commissioner
District 2



Christine Moore

have customers put out recycling and yard waste on one day and household garbage and large items on the other day of the week. This standard approach countywide will help prevent and/or reduce the wrong items ending up in loads and boost recycling quality. That's a win-win for residents and the environment.

Splitting up cart collection days gives residents more space at the curb to set out items correctly. In tight

areas like cul-de-sacs, limited room makes it tough to set two carts out properly, increasing the risk of cart damage.

To find out your new day, visit this webpage: www.ocfl.net/Collection-Schedule.

If you have questions, email SolidWaste@ocfl.net or call 407-836-6601.

Also, regarding trash collection, the only holidays when services are not provided are Thanksgiving (the fourth Thursday of November) and Christmas (Dec. 25). When these holidays fall on your regularly scheduled day, collection will move forward by one day for the rest of the week. Visit www.ocfl.net/HolidayCurbsideCollection for more information.

I hope you have a beautiful holiday season!

Local news matters more than ever

The Apopka Chief recently held its first-ever membership event this month in the downtown area. The gathering took place at Soulicious Vegan Kitchen at Hall's on Fifth, where owner Tiffany Emerson and her husband Dejon served up delicious dishes to members and Chief staff.

"On behalf of myself and my wife, Margaret, thank you for hosting last night's member event at Soulicious Vegan," member Keith Collier wrote in an email. "We both thoroughly enjoyed our conversation with you, to learn more about you personally and the mission and vision of The Apopka Chief."

Our vision is to continue delivering trustworthy local news as the Chief has done for 102 years. Our stories aren't filled with rumors and conjecture. Just real, on-the-ground reporting by trained journalists who are in our community.

The member event was a small but important start to a vital part of the Chief's future. While our content is now free — online and in print — the Chief still needs reader support to be a sustainable news business for

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our second 100 years.

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Membership is a way to partner in the work of local news while also earning some fun perks. The perks are like our way of saying thank you. They include an exclusive monthly email, ticket and gift card giveaways, and occasional events like the one at Soulicious.

But the biggest reason to become a member to is to help ensure Apopka continues to have a local news outlet we can trust.

Again, member Keith Collier said it well:

"The idea of membership with our local paper was foreign at first, but now it is very evident to us," he wrote. "This method of sup-

porting local journalism is much more than just to know what is going on — it is a way to build community as well. Having only been residents of Apopka for less than 5 years, we are always looking for ways to get to know our neighbors and relating to the people who call this town 'home.' I wish you all the best in continuing to reach central Florida with the idea of "local news matters."

A year ago, we conducted a reader survey, and you told us that you wanted more originally reported, local stories. I recently did a random spot check and found that a January issue of the Chief had six bylined stories in it. I counted in a recent issue and found 16 bylined stories. That's a 150% increase.

You asked, we delivered.

Now we're asking for your help to keep our work going. Will you become a member to help us finish the year strong? Just visit www.theapopkachief.com/become-a-member, or call our office at 407-886-2777 if you would like to learn more.

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Apopka community has much to celebrate

Well, we made it to the end of another year, and for our educators and students, it's time for winter break!

As we approach this holiday break, I sure hope everyone gets some much-deserved rest, relaxation and special time with those who mean the most to us. May we all slow down and enjoy moments that will create lasting memories for years to come, while taking some time to reflect on the past year.

Though there have been challenges, I hope we can see beyond them to recognize the blessings as well, because there have certainly been many.

As always, I am incredibly grateful to our community for supporting our public schools. Just recently, this has been more apparent than ever with how the community stepped up in every way to support the families and our



OPINION

Melissa Byrd
Orange County
School Board,
District 7

Apopka schools that suffered the unimaginable loss of students in a tragic car accident. From discounted funeral costs to private funding, our community showed its support in a very real way.

Just a few weeks ago, I was contacted by the John Land Community Trust and the Rotary Club of Apopka, which wanted to donate \$1,000 to each family affected by the terrible accident. These families have felt such love from our community.

Our community shows up for celebrations as well. Last week, I received a call from

the owner of The Backroom Steakhouse in Apopka after he learned that District 7 had three Stellar Award finalists. He offered each a \$100 gift certificate to his restaurant to congratulate them. It was a great surprise and another example of the wonderful community we live in.

My wish for the new year is that we can break through the noise out there that doesn't always focus on the great things our public schools are doing and continue to see the magic that happens in every school, every day. We see it, our community sees it, so let's continue to celebrate each other and spread the word. And let's continue to lend a hand where needed and support the work of our schools when we can.

May you all have a beautiful holiday season, and we will see you in 2026!

SERTOMA AND APOPKA ELKS TEAM UP FOR CHRISTMAS



Courtesy of Bev Winesburgh

For decades, the Apopka Elks Lodge #2422 and Foliage Sertoma Club have teamed up — with the cooperation of seven area elementary schools — to provide a “holiday experience” of a kids’ party, secret toy shopping for the parents and large boxes of provisions of holiday fare. Pictured here are part of the joint crew working on party day, December 14th. From left to right: Sertoma Club President Eric Mock, wife of the program’s founder Brenda Mizell, Mayor Bryan Nelson, Debbie Nelson and Lorena Potter. Also featured are overall coordinator for the program and daughter of the founder, Laura Mizell Taylor, with several of the many Elks Members contributing to make this event happen, including Karen Hill, Fred Kinney and Catherine Kinney. This event has grown from a couple of schools to the entire area and is funded by grants and both cash and in-kind donations, including a sizeable grant from Foliage Sertoma’s national organization, Sertoma, Inc.

Council delays Paulucci Acres zoning request to January

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka City Council unanimously approved delaying the conversation about the 1,034-unit Paulucci Acres zoning ordinance to the Jan. 7 meeting.

City planner Bobby Howell said the reason for the delay is that the planned de-

velopment agreement was not complete yet, and some outstanding legal aspects are still being resolved.

The ordinance would change the zoning of about 618 acres, which the development would go east of Vick Road and north of Ponkan Road, from residential to mixed-use.

The development’s appli-

cant, Daniel O’Keefe of the law firm Shutts & Bowen, requested a continuance of the first reading of the zoning ordinance to Jan. 7, with a second reading to follow Jan. 21, according to city documents.

Joshua McMillan is a resident who lives in the Bridal Wood subdivision directly across from where Paulucci Acres is proposed for de-

velopment. At the Wednesday council meeting, he opposed the development, citing its impact on wildlife and the community’s history.

McMillan, who said he is an eighth generation Floridian and a third generation Apopka, highlighted the area’s unique natural beauty and the ecological destruction caused by overdevelopment.

“What I’m trying to establish is how this piece of land, in particular and specifically, is incredibly special and unique to the city of Apopka and its residents,” he said. “Y’all are driving people like me and many others out of Apopka.”

This summer, the City Council approved the annexation of 39 acres of land for

Paulucci Acres.

On Dec. 9, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of Paulucci Acres’ rezoning and planned development master plan. At that meeting, concerns about the development’s potential impact on the surrounding area, including traffic and roadway capacity, took center stage.

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OCPS seeks to widen use of AI throughout district

District leaders worry about downsides of tool use, abuse

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

As Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) seeks to move forward with using artificial intelligence (AI) in several aspects of the district, leaders said they will manage the tool carefully to ensure it's a tool used for enhancement rather than a replacement for human judgment and critical thinking.

Maurice Draggon, chief information officer for OCPS, presented the strategic plan update on AI integration into OCPS and the technology's role in educational processes at the Dec. 9 Orange County School Board meeting in Orlando.

"Our AI initiatives are tailored to align with the OCPS's 2030 strategic plan and departmental priorities and not as standalone efforts," he said.

According to Draggon, OCPS is already using AI in its district operations and school classrooms.



Courtesy of Metro Creative Graphics

The Orange County School Board discussed AI use in the district at last week's school board meeting.

Currently, AI organizes and searches district information such as board policies, management directives and YouTube board meetings inside Google Notebook LM (Language Model); and to support educators with lesson planning, data analysis, translations, drafting communications and creating instructional media.

OCPS-approved GenAI platforms are ChatGPT, Google Gemini and Microsoft Copilot for staff use; and Adobe Firefly and Khanmigo for staff and student use.

In his presentation, Draggon said OCPS' next steps on AI include drafting a formal

AI policy with clear guardrails on privacy and academic integrity, expanding teacher training so staff can use approved tools responsibly, and developing resources for students and parents.

"Training and building capacity are critical components of our continued focus on AI," Draggon said. "We continue to focus on what I call the 'AI sandwich' process that begin with a human using AI and ending with a human making the final decision and application."

Draggon provided the definition of AI that, ironically, he said he got from Google Gemini: "Artificial intelligence refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are programmed to think like humans and mimic their actions. It can range from simple automation to complex machine learning algorithms that allow systems to learn from data, identify patterns, make decisions, and even understand natural language."

Board members praised AI's potential to assist people and better streamline operations and processes in offices and classrooms but also expressed concerns. Such worries include plagiarism and cheating, erosion of writing and critical thinking skills, student mental health risks from chatbots, and serious data-privacy threats if staff uploaded student information into public AI tools.

Board members urged tight guardrails, in-class writing without AI, and necessary training on responsible use and privacy before the district expands usage.

District 5 member Vicki Elaine Felder said she sees some value in AI for visuals and relieving teachers of paperwork but said she "[doesn't] trust AI" and "[doesn't] like it at all."

"The pedagogy, the art of

teaching it, I don't want that to be lost," she said. "I think if we're not careful, it will get lost, and children will not learn the mechanics of good writing, of critical thinking, they'll just go to Gemini."

District 1 member Angie Gallo raised concerns about student mental health and hallucinations stemming from AI use but acknowledged that this technology is here to stay.

"People, we can be afraid of it all we want, but it's not going anywhere," she said. "It's going to continue to grow, and we've got to stay ahead of it to ensure that that we are creating a safe environment for our students."

In a Monday interview with the Apopka Chief, District 7 Board member Melissa Byrd said Draggon "did a good job" with his presentation and praised him as the "right" person to lead OCPS in its continued integration of AI in its goals and support.

"He's very strict on the security around OCPS and the data and protecting student data," she said. "I think he did a good job of sharing all of that and listening to the board members and board members' concerns."

To Byrd, data privacy is

the single most critical ethical or privacy guardrail that OCPS should have in place before doing a full-scale AI rollout.

Byrd mentioned the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law that protects student education records and gives parents certain rights related to them. Under this law, generally, schools must obtain written permission or consent before it can release a student's records or information contained in them.

OCPS has implemented FERPA policies to protect students' privacy. However, AI could pose as a challenge to upholding those policies if employees use AI models that could leak sensitive information and train them to get smarter.

"What's most attractive about AI is the administrative tasks that it could help ease," Byrd said. "Things like writing a student's IEP [individualized education program] or reports like emails or reports to parents. If you have 150 students, you've got a lot of communication. You're always doing that kind of thing. It would be really helpful, but it has to be done on secure networks."

NEW PARK

FROM A1

and space for indoor and outdoor sports activities."

The new park would add to the existing Trimble Park in Mount Dora, and Magnolia Park in Apopka, according to the news release. Orange County Parks and Rec-

reation will also consider designing an aquatic recreational space.

"The new park comes as a result of years of planning," Moore said. "We project to build amenities in areas where we know popu-

lation is growing. Acquiring the land and making sure we have enough willing sellers can take years. I was grateful to be a part of the process."

In the BCC agenda media preview for the Dec. 16 meeting, the anticipated land

acquisition and its future development into a park will provide recreational opportunities such as athletic amenities, community events and playgrounds.

"Northwest Orange County is expected to con-

tinue experiencing residential growth due to major arterial roadways and planned developments, as identified in the 2021 Park Growth Analysis," the email stated. "The land purchase, for \$2.1 million, will provide

this growing community with park land to facilitate a wide range of community activities, including sports and recreation events, playgrounds, and aquatic recreation."

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Crave BBQ to open at Hall’s on Fifth

New vendor to replace Butcher’s Nook

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Crave BBQ will soon replace the Butcher’s Nook vendor at Hall’s on Fifth, since the latter vendor’s lease expired.

“Crave at Rock Springs is leveling up and rebranding into CRAVE BBQ at Halls on 5th!” Crave said in a Facebook post Monday. “We’re bringing the real deal, no-shortcuts, melt-your-soul BBQ back home where it belongs.”

According to Ella Duke, co-owner of Hall’s on Fifth, an official opening date has

not yet been determined, but she is grateful for the new vendor.

“We’re excited to welcome Crave and to once again have a brick-and-mortar BBQ concept in downtown Apopka,” Duke said in a statement to The Apopka Chief. “We can’t wait to see what Chef Rob brings to the food hall and the community.”

Crave has not yet released its new menu.

The restaurant formerly operated as Crave at Rock Springs, offering a variety of sandwiches, salads and more. Crave formally announced the closure of its Rock Springs Road location in an April 24 Facebook post.

“As the door closes on this chapter of our time with

you, we will always be appreciative of the unwavering support you have shown us,” Crave said. “This is NOT a goodbye, this is a see you again soon!”

According to its Facebook page, Crave began offering its bread pudding with toffee sauce at Propagate Social House in July. It would later serve BBQ 5-8 p.m. Mondays at Propagate and sell BBQ favorites at the Market on Fifth, offering pulled pork, baby back ribs and more.

Duke said Crave BBQ will no longer serve BBQ at Propagate or at a Market on Fifth pop-up location when Crave opens at Hall’s. She also said Crave’s opening will complement the food hall’s renovations well.

“We’re also in the process of upgrading our back patio to feature a new green space designed for experiences like movies on the lawn, fitness classes and more,” Duke said. “We’re looking forward to those gatherings being complemented by the delicious smell of BBQ from the lawn.”

Butcher’s Nook, a cuts and deli shop, will still operate its location in Mount Dora, according to a Monday Facebook post.

“We’re incredibly grateful for everyone who supported us at Hall on 5th, and even more thankful for the community that continues to stand behind us,” the post said. “This isn’t a goodbye — just a shift.”



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Apopka’s first food hall, Hall’s on Fifth, opened with a May 14 soft opening at 15 E. Fifth St., in the building of the former Hall’s Feed Store.

SEAT 4ELECTION

FROM A1

bent Bryan Nelson.

In November, Moore told the Chief she had submitted her resign-to-run paperwork. She plans to remain in her seat until April 2026, coinciding with the inauguration of Apopka’s new mayor. Following her departure, Gov. Ron DeSantis will have the authority to appoint a successor to

finish the rest of her term.

This situation mirrors the events of 2018, when then-Commissioner Bryan Nelson stepped down to run for the same mayoral office. At that time, Gov. Rick Scott appointed Rod Love to fill the vacancy until the following election, which Moore eventually won.

On Wednesday, attorney Matthew Aungst announced he has suspended his mayoral campaign, saying that to continue campaigning could mean dividing what he called the reform vote between himself and Nesta.

“Career politicians, whose records show they will not move Apopka in the di-

rection it needs to go, could reassert and deepen their hold on power,” Aungst said in a Wednesday statement posted to Facebook. “I entered this race to challenge that status quo, but with Nick’s entrance, I realized both of us could accidentally help preserve it by splitting the reform vote. When I saw this

risk clearly, I knew what had to be done — even if it meant setting aside my own aspirations.”

In addition to the mayoral race and the pending Seat 4 special election, Seats 1 and 2 are also up for re-election. Commissioner Alexander Smith is the Seat 1 incumbent, and Vice Mayor Diane

Velazquez holds Seat 2. Both incumbents’ terms will expire in 2026, and both have filed to run for re-election.

On Dec. 3, former city commissioner Sam Ruth, who served on the council from 2014 to 2016, filed to run to challenge Smith for Seat 1. Angela Turner has filed to run against Velazquez.

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 - *2025 MLB World Series winners
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 - Arch and ball locations
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 - March celebrants

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- Dam-like structure
- *Beyoncé's "Cowboy ____," 2025 Grammy winner
- King Kong and Curious George, e.g.
- Like a fox
- What Pinocchio did
- *Florida Panthers won this org.'s '25 championship
- *"Wicked: ____"
- *Late environmentalist and chimpanzee expert
- German submarine destroyer
- *2025 Ryder Cup loser
- Manuscript sheet
- Brazilian coins
- Roll-your-own one, for short
- To the left, on a boat
- Orpheus' instrument
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- DOWN**
- At room temperature, bar order

- Algae, sing.
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- Ready to be assembled
- Avian wader
- Farm sound
- China's goodwill "____ diplomacy"
- Collision, onomatopoeically speaking
- *Taylor Swift's "The ____ of a Showgirl"
- Affirm solemnly
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- Makes broader
- Why do they fall in love?
- *Aryna Sabalenka's seed
- Auto contents
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- *2025 Academy Awards Best Picture winner
- Faquir, alt.spelling
- Pilot's stunt
- Spring event
- Pneumonia symptom, pl.
- Be of use
- *Blue Origin's 2025 singing passenger
- Boll weevil, e.g.
- *____ Seek
- Shorthand typist, for short
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- 2016 Olympics host, for short
- Ram's horn at a synagogue
- Draw a conclusion
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- *Lady of "The Mayhem Ball"
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Apopka police arrest 24 people Dec. 7-13

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In the period from December 7–13, 2025, the Apopka Police Department received 1,979 calls for service, responded to 30 crashes, issued 53 citations, and made 24 arrests.

Burglaries: 4 vehicles, 0 residences, 4 businesses. Juveniles were charged with Loitering-loiter/prowl in unusual place or manner; battery-cause bodily harm.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Jonathan Albert, 25, 1348 Crawford Dr., Apopka, aggravated battery-cause bodily harm.

Brandy Michelle Bartholomew, 40, Apopka, bat-

tery-touch or strike.

Cornelius Anthonio Mutch Bass, 20, 460 Whispering Oak Ln., Apopka, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; homicide-murder dangerous depraved without premeditation.

Leslye R. Batista, 21, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Angel Luis Delgado, 44, 173 W. Magnolia St., Apopka, aggravated assault-with deadly weapon, without intent to kill.

Rashaad Lakim Guilford, 21, 244 E. 7th St. #14, Hialeah, other agency warrant.

Vanessa Wilveria Hardy, 31, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Gage Delane Horton, 27, 505 Ocean Ave., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Russchaine Garth Valentine Howard, 36, 4526 Day Ct., Orlando, other agency warrant.

Landon Scott Keister, 18, 1217 English Rd., Leesburg, loitering-loiter/prowl in unusual place or manner.

Obinna Eze Lewis, 50, general delivery, Apopka, oth-

er agency warrant (X2).

Donnell Varuael McClain, 46, 1642 Lucy Terry Ave., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Walter Junior McMath, 62, transient, Apopka, larceny-other theft; robbery with no firearm or weapon; burglary with assault or battery.

Alexander Joseph Mitchell, 31, 1906 Beacon Bay Ct., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Ilver Adelfin Ramirez Vasquez, 18, 139 W. Virgil St., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol 0.15 or higher.

Ramon Rodriguez-Rodriguez, 36, Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence; battery-touch or strike.

Carlos D’Enzel Rosa Rivera, 20, 213 N. Hawthorne Ave., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Ashad Demartri Milo Strozier, 30, 3859 Kennedy Cir., Cocoa, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Prince Devon Totman, 27, Florida, unknown, resist officer-obstruct without violence; other agency warrant.

Steven Kinchens Velas-

quez, 44, 548 N. Central Ave., Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (diazepam 10mg); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (cocaine); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine).

Rodney Terrell Wenze, 23, Apopka, battery-prior conviction, felon battery, commit 2nd subsequent battery; battery-touch or strike; moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation equivalent status.

Tristan Blake Whitney, 19, 31904 Parkdale Dr., Leesburg, loitering-loiter/prowl in unusual place or manner.

Aaron Colt Wilkinson, 36, 6211 Clearsky Dr., Jacksonville, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol 0.15 or higher or with person under 18 in vehicle.

Darien Quinton Williams, 29, 2140 Lakeview Ridge Cir. #201, Apopka, other agency warrant.

CHARTER SCHOOL

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37,444 square feet. Amenities include a football/athletics field and a tot lot.

The DRC evaluates development proposals for potential recommendation to the Apopka City Council. The discussion at Wednesday’s meeting did not include a timetable for when the charter school project may go before the council.

Key issues raised during the DRC meeting included parking requirements, biking facilities, and stormwater management.

During the review, senior city engineer Dale Smith warned that the drainage system the charter school intends to use is already insufficient for current stormwater levels, and the new campus could worsen the problem.

Smith recommended to Ryan Hileman, a civil engineer for Bohler Engineering, that the project team may need to alter how the school site connects to the nearby drainage pipe and redo some calculations to ensure the system is not overwhelmed once the facility is built.

“We can further discuss this in detail at a later date, but our design was meant to capture ev-

erything that we had in discharge at that particular rate,” Hileman said.

The charter school plan currently includes 198 permanent parking spaces, with additional spaces reserved for events. City staff requested the school’s maximum design capacity to verify code-required parking. Hileman stated he would submit a parking analysis and a narrative addressing the issue.

According to city planner Bobby Howell, the new charter school is exempt from public hearings under state statute because charter schools are treated the same as traditional public schools.

The project developer is Tampa-based Ryan Companies. The project owner is Scott Woodrey, president of Red Apple Development, a Fort Lauderdale-based charter school developer.

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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, that the City of Apopka proposes to amend the City’s platting and re-platting procedures.

ORDINANCE NO. 3128

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING THE CITY’S PLATTING AND REPLATTING PROCEDURES TO ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS; ESTABLISHING A PROCESS TO EXPEDITE THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS PRIOR TO RECORDING A FINAL PLAT; UPDATING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO MODEL SALES HOMES; UPDATING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3128 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, January 7, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing 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.

December 19, 2025

Apopka City Council
Community Development Department

O2B Kids to open Apopka location Jan. 5

Gainesville-based preschool promotes early childhood development

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Gainesville-based preschool O2B Kids held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday for its new location at 2810 W. Lester Road. The new location will officially open Jan. 5.

“Birth through 5 is the most important five years in anybody’s educational life,” O2B Kids co-founder and CEO Andy Sherrard said. “The brain that you take to kindergarten — it’s 85 to 95% wired when you enter kindergarten, so understanding not just the cognitive development, but the social, emotional development of a child is so important.”

The new location features several classrooms, playgrounds and an indoor play village with a dress-up



Photo by Sarah Merly

Mayor Bryan Nelson cuts the ribbon at O2B Kids’ ribbon-cutting ceremony in the playground.

room, market and more. O2B Kids uses its own fully-customizable online curriculum, Funnydaffer, to teach children to label, understand, question and succeed in the world, according to the website.

Mayor Bryan Nelson, who cut the ribbon at the ceremony, said northwest Apopka was the best location for the new preschool due to

the abundant growth in the region.

“We’ve got two or three schools here that are ‘A’ schools that they feed right in from what you will teach them here, right into Wolf Lake Elementary [and] Middle and also Kelly Park,” Nelson said. “This transition coming from here right on over to those other schools will be something that will

draw more people here to our Apopka community.”

Shannon Hart, who serves as the Apopka location’s facility director, said she started working at O2B Kids’ Altamonte location after dropping her kids off at an O2B-hosted birthday party in Oviedo.

“Back in 2008, when they opened the Altamonte location, I was one of the first



Photo by Sarah Merly

Facility director Shannon Hart stands in the play village, which includes a market, dress-up room and more.

parents to sign my kids up, and when I would drop them off every day, it just seemed like a really fun place to be,” Hart said. “The culture and the mission really resonated with me, so I made the decision to start working there as well, and I’ve been able to learn and grow with my kids, which has been a really beautiful thing for me personally.”

Hart, an Apopka resident,

spent nine years at the Altamonte location before transitioning to the new Apopka preschool. She said over 75% of the Apopka location’s staff is also transitioning from Altamonte.

“I really honestly feel that our goal is to kind of make the parents the hero of their story and work with them to make sure that we’re able to be their tribe and help their kids get prepared for kindergarten — and not just the academic side, but we want to teach them the life skills,” Hart said.

Hart said her decision to work for O2B was one of the best career choices she has ever made.

“It’s really nice to be able to feel like I’m making a difference for kids, especially early on, especially with the state of the world and different pandemics or things that are going on,” Hart said. “We know that they’re going to be safe and loved here and that we can make a difference for them.”

\$10K DONATION

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cal organizations, we strive to make a positive impact. This year, we achieved 501(c)3 nonprofit status, which has opened new opportunities to expand our reach and deepen our contributions to the community.”

According to Kleinrichert, this dedication to uplifting the community introduced the club to the “pressing need” for sports funding at local high schools.

“Through our community involvement, we’ve identified a pressing need to support local student athletes,” Kleinrichert said. “Many families in our area face financial challenges that make it difficult for students to participate in athletic programs. Expenses such as sports fees, equipment costs, and other related expenses can be significant barriers.”

One club member, Peter

Megna, is a district manager for DICK’S Sporting Goods. Megna joined the club after Kleinrichert “accosted” him on a bridge during a run, urging him to participate.

“He’s like, ‘I see you out here running all the time — you need to join my run club,’” Megna said. “[I] avoided him for about two to three weeks before I finally joined and went out and met with them. Now, some of my

best friends ever are in that club.”

After ARC became a 501(c)3, Megna said Kleinrichert could apply for a grant from Sports Matter.

“We raise, on average, from customers, probably around \$5 million dollars a year,” Megna said. “And then our company matches that.”

Megna said people often ask him if DICK’S can sponsor their organizations, but

he does not make those decisions. He did, however, recommend Kleinrichert’s application to DICK’S executive leadership.

“I am personally a part of this organization,” Megna said, describing what his recommendation note said. “I run with them every week. I would love to be able to help make sure that they get some sort of recognition.”

Megna said he loves the

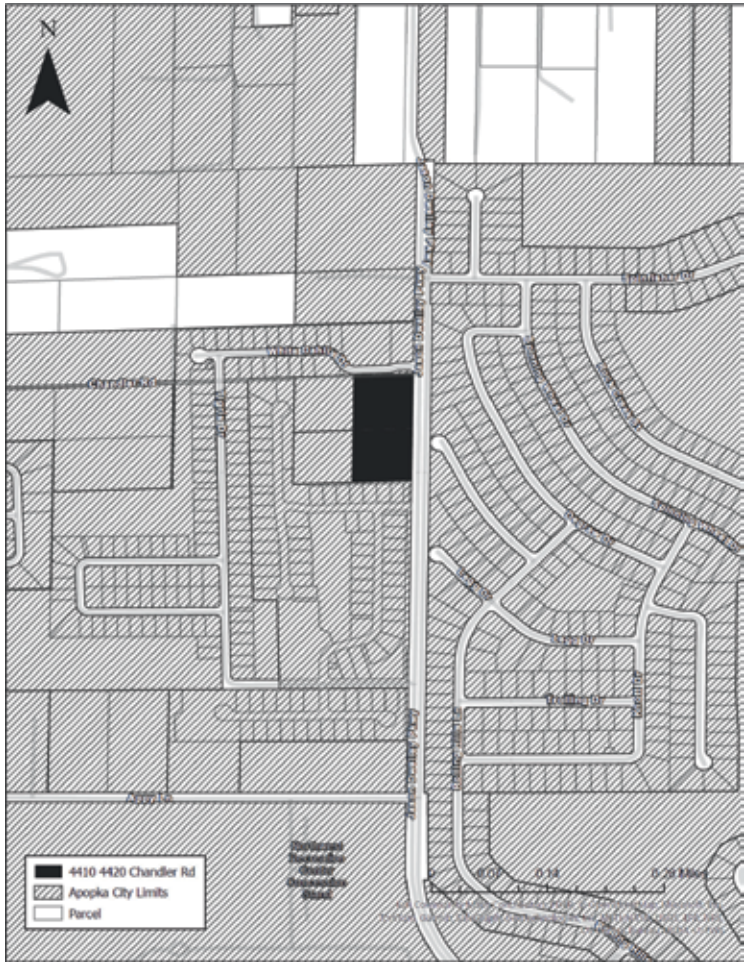
opportunities that sports provide for children to build close friendships, develop discipline, and learn life lessons.

“I think every kid deserves a chance to play some sort of sport,” Megna said. “At the end of the day, we’re trying to really help build the building blocks for kids to become better humans later on in life.”

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Camila Neira** has made an application, in accordance with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 4.2.2.C to the City of Apopka Planning Commission for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW THE USE OF “CHILD CARE FACILITY” IN THE RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE (RSF-1A) ZONING DISTRICT.**

This application relates to the following described property located at 4410 Chandler Road and 4420 Chandler Road:



Parcel Identification Number(s): 18-20-28-0000-00-030, 18-20-28-0000-00-063
Contains: 5.12 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the Special Exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, beginning at 5:30 P.M.,** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. 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, Florida 32703; Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

December 19, 2025

**Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department**

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

CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, a body politic and corporate, and an agency of the state under the laws of the State of Florida,
Petitioner,
v.
JOSEPH GUADALUPE; LAND TRUST SERVICE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE OF TRUST NO. 1209 DATED JUNE 20, 2006; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES; UNKNOWN TENANTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN POSSESSION; UNKNOWN HEIRS OR BENEFICIARIES; SCOTT RANDOLPH, ORANGE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR,

Respondents.

CASE NO.: 2025-CA-010944-0
Parcels: 31-203

NOTICE OF ACTION IN EMINENT DOMAIN AND NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS

TO: All Respondents named in Exhibit A, attached; all parties claiming interests by, through, under, or against the named Respondents; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in and to the property described in Exhibit B.
A Petition in Eminent Domain has been filed to acquire property interests in Orange County, Florida.

Each Respondent is required to serve written defenses to the Petition on Petitioner’s attorney, whose name and address are shown below, **on or before January 19, 2026**, and to file the original of the defenses with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Petitioner’s attorney or immediately thereafter, showing what right, title, interest, or lien respondent has in or to the property described in the Petition, and to show cause why that property should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in the Petition. If any Respondent fails to do so, a default will be entered against that Respondent for the relief demanded in the Petition.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Order of Taking Evidentiary Hearing is currently set before the Honorable Michael Deen on the 22nd day of January, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Hearing Room 11-A of the Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801.

At that time, an Order of Taking will be entered. All Respondents in this action may file a request to be heard at that hearing. Each party to be heard at that hearing shall notify the Court of the specific issue(s) to be addressed at the Order of Taking Hearing, and shall identify any exhibits, motions needed, and the time requirements for the presentation of their case. Any Respondent failing to file a request for hearing shall waive any right to object to the Order of Taking.
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 21st day of November 2025.

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, ESQUIRE
ORANGE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS
(COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ Rasheda Thomas
As Deputy Clerk
*See Americans with Disabilities Act Notice.

NOTICE

If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Ninth Circuit Court Administration ADA Coordinator, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida 32801 (407) 836-2303. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service within 2 working days of your receipt of this document.

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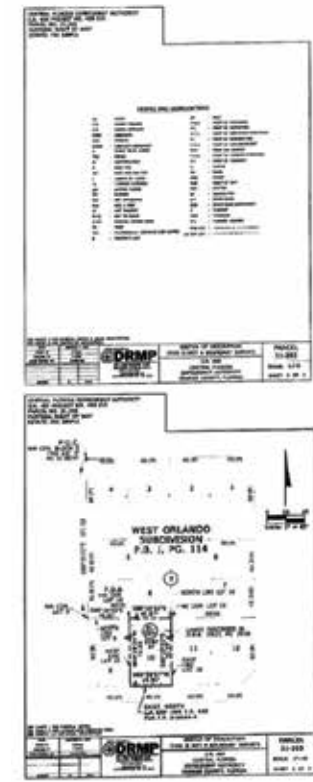
OWNERS AND ENCUMBRANCES
PARCEL 31-203

I, Joseph Guadalupe
5036 Dr Phillips Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32819-3310
Fee Owner by virtue of Trustee’s Deed with Lien dated July 1, 2013 and recorded August 19, 2013 in OR Book 10621, Page 2938 of the Official Records of Orange County, Florida

EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT B



From party dips to classic cakes, recipes for every table

We have the recipe for Buffalo-Chicken Dip from Amanda Thomas-Henke. It really is delicious and a big hit during holidays and sports events. You can cut back on the hot sauce if your taste buds aren't up to it. This is Amanda's concoction, but she uses a couple other recipes (allrecipes.com and franksredhot.com) on which to base her recipe. She recommends using rotisserie chicken from Costco, which she considers not only the *best rotisserie chicken* but also the *best deal* you're likely to find. No hype, simply based on her experience.

Oriental Rice is raw rice with onion soup, mushrooms, and water chestnuts, all canned to make it extremely convenient to put together and stick in the oven for an easy dish for your family's supper. We found this recipe in *Paths of Sunshine Cookbook*. I have prepared this dish many times, but instead of white rice, I use a rice medley which I find in the rice aisle. It is wonderful!

Chickpea Salad from thepioneerwoman.com website appears to be beautiful, delicious, AND nutritious! Plus... NO COOKING REQUIRED! Chickpeas and garbanzo beans are the same vegetable. The names are interchangeable in English and Spanish. They have been around for thousands of years; however, you can find them in the canned foods section next to all the other beans in your grocery store! This recipe makes six servings.

The Three-Day Coconut Cake is contributed by Isabel Beach, a reader in Summer-ville, SC. This cake is really meant for special occasions, and Christmas surely qualifies! It is spectacular, beautiful, and it is about 8-9 inches high. The hardest part is that you must leave it alone for three days to age properly in the refrigerator. Well, you are *supposed* to leave it alone... this is easier said than done. You may have to stand guard in front of the fridge and look very serious.

From an old friend at First Presbyterian Church of Apopka, *Treasures and Pleasures*, we have Sis Pitman's recipe for Peanut Butter Fudge. Sis has passed much to our sorrow, but we still have some of her recipes.



BUFFALO-CHICKEN DIP

Contributed by

Amanda Thomas-Henke, Reader

- 1 rotisserie chicken
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup minced sautéed onion
- 1 cup Frank's Red Hot (original or whatever you like)
- 16 oz cream cheese or Neufchatel
- 1 cup Blue Cheese dressing (Marzetti Ultimate Blue Cheese is the best - Lite-house is another good brand, and you can find both in the refrigerated section of the grocery store produce section)
- 1-1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese (fresh cheese that you shred is best)

1) Pick over the chicken, discard skin and bones, and shred the meat. I generally stick with the white meat and make stock with the rest, but feel free to use the whole thing. You'll end up with a lot of chicken in this dip either way. 2) Being careful not to let it scorch, heat the chicken, pepper, garlic, onion and hot sauce in a pot over medium heat until heated through. 3) Stir in cream cheese and blue cheese dressing, and cook, stirring until well blended and warm. 5) Mix in half of the shredded cheese and transfer the dip to a slow cooker. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top, cover, and cook on low until hot and bubbly. You can also bake it in a large baking dish in the oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 20 mins or more, until golden brown.

ORIENTAL RICE

Recipe from Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Paths of Sunshine Cookbook

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup long grain rice, uncooked
- 1 (10-ounce) can onion soup
- 1 can water
- 1 (6-ounce) can mushroom stems and pieces
- 1 (6-ounce) can water chestnuts, thinly sliced

Melt butter in casserole dish, set aside. Mix: rice, soup, water, mushrooms and water chestnuts. Pour into casserole with melted butter. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 45

minutes. Remove cover and continue baking for 15 additional minutes.

CHICKPEA SALAD

Recipe from

THEPIONEERWOMAN.COM

Salad:

- 1 15-ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 7 ounces feta, cubed
- 1 English cucumber, cut into half moons
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 orange bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 avocados, cubed
- 1 cup chopped Italian parsley
- 1/2 cup torn basil

Dressing:

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 grated garlic clove
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1) For the salad: In a large bowl, fold together the chickpeas, feta, cucumber, tomatoes, bell pepper, red onion, avocado, parsley, and basil. 2) For the dressing: In a medium bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, salt, black pepper, and pepper flakes until combined. Pour over the salad and gently fold to combine. Serve immediately.

Tip 1: Play around with your herbs by substituting dill, mint, or cilantro for the basil. Tip 2: If you are making the salad ahead of time, hold back on the avocado and parsley and basil. Stir these goodies in right before serving to ensure they are bright green and beautiful!

ISABEL BEACH'S THREE-DAY COCONUT CAKE

Recipe from Reader of

The Apopka Chief newspaper

- 1 cup butter flavor Crisco or Parkay margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 5 eggs
- 3-1/2 cups White Lily Self-Rising flour, sifted before measure
- 1 cup milk or coconut milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour and milk alternately. Add vanilla. Pour batter in three 9-inch pans. Line each pan bottom with a circle of wax paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool. Mix filling as follows.

Filling:

- 2 cups frozen coconut, thawed
- 2 cups sour cream
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

First, use two long lengths of plastic wrap to lay on the cake plate, then build the cake up from there with enough wrap to pull up the sides and lay on top to seal over the finished cake. **Split all three cake layers with thread so you end up with six layers.**

Put filling in between all layers but **NOT on top**. Then you frost the outside and top with stiff whipped cream or Cool Whip. Wash your hands well, then pack the coconut up the sides and on top of the cake. Sprinkle two cups coconut all over the top and around the sides of the cake. The coconut keeps the plastic from sticking. Cake will be about 8-9 inches tall when finished. Refrigerate for three days.

SIS PITMAN'S PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE DREAMS

Recipe from

First Presbyterian Church of Apopka, *Treasures and Pleasures*

- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup milk
- Few grains of salt
- 1 cup marshmallows
- 1/4 pound peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cook sugar, milk and salt to the soft-ball stage. Add marshmallows, peanut butter and butter just before removing from the stove. Cool, add vanilla and beat, then pour into a buttered pan.

NOTE: Peanut butter weight is: 1 pound = 1.89 cups, divided by 4 = 0.4725 cups, so you can probably do 1/2 cup (or little less) of peanut butter and be just fine. Or 1/4 pound peanut butter = 7-1/2 tablespoons.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To submit an event, you can email them to news@theapopkachief.com.

Friday, December 19

Christmas Wonderland

4 p.m. at 5250 International Dr., Orlando
A holiday attraction featuring themed scenes, choirs, ice skating, a festive train, Santa photos, and outdoor snow.

Sips & Sweaters Christmas Party

4 p.m. at 8986 International Dr., Orlando
An ugly sweater party with holiday games, a sweater contest, and a toy drive.

Holiday Friday Nights

5 p.m. at 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park
Free evening museum hours with live gallery music.

Fable Kid’s Craft Night

5 p.m. at 11909 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando
Craft night with guided activities, treats, and hands-on creative projects.

Living Nativity

6:30 p.m. at 3219 Chelsea St., Orlando
Nativity experience with live animals and music. Free.

The Office Holiday Party Musical Extravaganza Show

8 p.m. at 415 E. Princeton St., Orlando
A holiday musical parody inspired by *The Office* and *Parks and Rec*.

The Smoking Jackets

8:30 p.m. at 200 Myrtle Ave., Sanford
A tribute concert honoring

iconic artists to Willie Nelson, The Rolling Stones, and Bruce Springsteen.

Saturday, December 20

Breakfast with Santa

8:30 a.m. at 122 E. Fifth St., Apopka
A free, family-friendly holiday breakfast with pancakes, crafts, and games.

Coliseum of Comics Half-Off Holiday Outlet

10 a.m. at 8010 Sunport Drive, Orlando
A weekly warehouse sale with discounted comics, collectibles, toys, and holiday finds.

Card Show and Blind Box Pop-Up: Christmas Edition

11 a.m. at 8602 Universal Blvd., Orlando
A collectible card show.

Bithlo Park Winter Fest & Movies in the Park

4 p.m. at 18501 Washington Ave., Orlando
Community event with Santa, and a double-feature movie night.

AfroSocaLove: Orlando One Love Festival

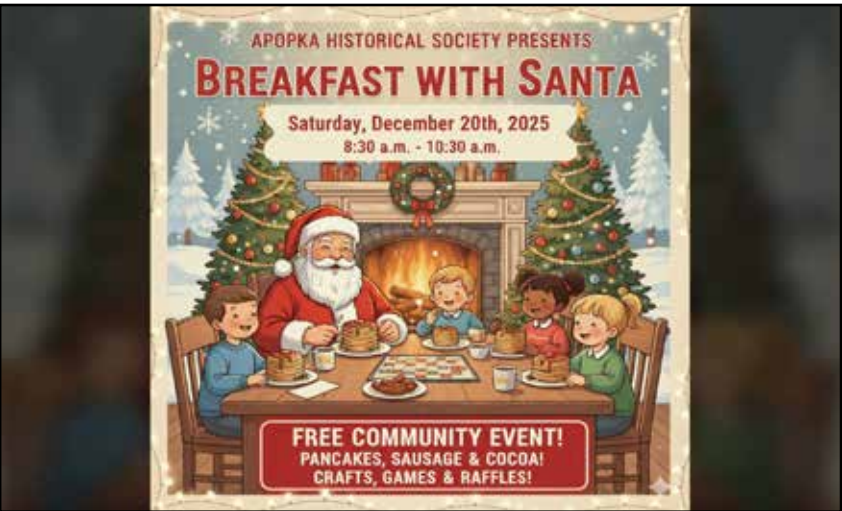
5 p.m. at 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka
A music festival celebrating Afrobeats, soca, reggae, hip-hop, and R&B.

Holiday Heartstrings: A CeCe Teneal Experience

6 p.m. at 445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando
A holiday concert featuring soulful classics.

Visit from Clark Griswold & Cousin Eddie

6 p.m. at 1014 Miami Springs



Courtesy of The Apopka Museum

Enjoy breakfast with Santa, pancakes, crafts, and games this Saturday, Dec. 20 at The Apopka Museum.

Drive, Longwood
A holiday-themed character meet-and-greet at Wekiva Island's Winter Wonderland.

AdventHealth Santa’s Twilight 5K

6 p.m. at 685 W. Montrose St., Clermont
A run featuring festive lights and seasonal scenery.

The Promise: A Christmas Love Story

7 p.m. at 6387 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando
A modern stage production retelling the Christmas story through faith, doubt, and destiny.

Movie Viewing: Christmas with the Kranks

7 p.m. at 195 N. Rosalind Ave., Orlando
An outdoor holiday movie screening.

Sounds of Christmas Joy

7 p.m. at 5555 Doctor Phillips Blvd., Orlando
A holiday concert celebrating the spirit and music of the season.

Duke’s Nutcracker

7:30 p.m. at 2000 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando
A jazz interpretation of Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker Suite*, performed live with orchestra.

All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914

7:30 p.m. at 160 W. Plant St., Winter Garden
A moving musical telling the true story of a World War I Christmas cease-fire.

Sunday, December 21

Breakfast with Santa

9 a.m. at 1014 Miami Springs Drive, Longwood
A holiday buffet with crafts, Santa’s Workshop, letter writing, and photos.

Cuts for Kids

10 a.m. at 2302 Edgewater Drive, Orlando
A free event offering haircuts and photos with Santa for children in need. Registration required.

The Ukulaliens Holiday Uke Jam

2 p.m. at 1042 N. Mills Ave., Orlando
An open ukulele jam welcoming all skill levels, singers, and small acoustic instruments.

Blue Christmas Service

4:30 p.m. at 4851 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando
A gentle service offering reflection, comfort, and hope for those facing grief or hardship.

Cocoa & Carols at the Abbey

5 p.m. at 405 S. Highland St., Mount Dora
A festive, all-ages singalong and open mic featuring holiday music in the taproom.

Movie Viewing: A Christmas Carol

7 p.m. at 1014 Miami Springs Drive, Longwood
An outdoor holiday movie screening.

Poetry Open Mic

7:30 p.m. at 2000 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando
A monthly poetry open mic welcoming multilingual performances.

Comedy show

8 p.m. at 9101 International Drive, Suite 2310, Orlando
Stand-up performance by internationally known comedian Tom Rhodes.

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve at St. Luke’s

4 p.m. at 4851 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando
A welcoming Christmas Eve worship service.

Candlelight Service at First Presbyterian

7 p.m. at 222 W. Sixth Ave., Mount Dora
A traditional candlelight service.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on **01/01/2026** 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.
2024 Honda
3CZR21H74RM762353
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December 19, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
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2006 Ford
1FTPW14V96FA88562
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Public Notice
is hereby given that **Johnsons Wrecker Service**, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, free of all prior liens, the following vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) that remain unclaimed in storage, with charges unpaid, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Sec 713.78, to the highest bidder. The sale will be held at 7777 Narcoossee Road, Orlando, FL 32822. The following vehicle(s) will be sold on **12/30/2025** at 0700.
Year Make VIN
2017 Toyota
4T1BF1FK2HU406738
Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. right to final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No refunds will be made. Vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) are sold "AS IS," "WHERE IS," with no guarantees, either expressed or implied.
December 19, 2025

NOTICE OF CLAIM OF LIEN AND PROPOSED SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE
Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585, **AUTO TOWING & REPAIR CENTER** will sell at public sale for cash the following described vehicle(s) located at below address to satisfy a claim of lien: **2019 NISS VIN: KNMAT2MT3KP522577**, Lien amt. \$2,670.00. OWNER: EL WALID MOURAD MOURAD 11349 CENTER LAKE DR 4306 WIDERMERE, FL 34786. Location of Vehicle: 238 N COTTAGE HILL RD, ORLANDO, FL, 32805. Auction Date: 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026, at 11:30 AM, at 238 N Cottage Hill Rd., Orlando, FL 32805, 407-291-6001. Said vehicle(s) may be redeemed by satisfying the lien prior to sale date. You have the right to a hearing at any time prior to sale date by filing a demand for hearing in the circuit court. Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting a bond in accordance with F.S. 559.917. Any proceeds in excess of the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where the vehicle is held.
Publish: The Apopka Chief
December 19, 2025

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is hereby given that **Johnsons Wrecker Service**, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, free of all prior liens, the following vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) that remain unclaimed in storage,

with charges unpaid, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Sec 713.78, to the highest bidder. The sale will be held at 580 Wilmer Avenue, Orlando, FL 32808. The following vehicle(s) will be sold on **12/30/2025** at 0700.
Year Make VIN
2009 Honda
1HGCP26869A070001
2013 Nissan
1N4AL3AP0DC126491
2004 Buick
1G4HP54K64U229171
2009 Acura
2HNYD28299H525067
2021 Yamaha
MH3RH18Y4MK007349
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2012 Hyundai
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1ZVBP8EM2E5205552
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JN1CV6AR2DM352836
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9114310140
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2004 Ford
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2013 Volkswagen
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2016 Mazda
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2012 Volkswagen
3VWDP7AJ6CM023455
1988 Ford
1FABP42E1JF195387
Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No refunds will be made. Vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) are sold "AS IS," "WHERE IS," with no guarantees, either expressed or implied.
December 19, 2025

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR EHCILE
Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585, **Autopoint General Repair & Sales LLC**, will sell at public sale for cash the following described vehicle(s) 2013 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport Vin#5XYZWDLA3DG038226 located at lienor's place to satisfy a claim

of lien. Lien Amt: \$3554.41. Sale Date: January 16th, 2026 08:00 AM. At Location Address 1455 W. Landstreet Rd Orlando Fl 32824. Said Vehicle (s) may be redeemed by satisfying the lien prior to sale date. You have the right to a hearing at any time prior to sale date by filing a demand for hearing in the circuit court. Owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle by posting a bond in accordance with F.S. 559.917. Any proceeds in excess of the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where the vehicle is held.
December 19, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 48-2025-CP-003966-O
IN RE: Estate of WILLARD DONNELL FAHNING, JR., deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE ADMINISTRATION of the estate of WILLARD DONNELL FAHNING, JR., deceased, File Number 48-2025-CP-003966-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 December 19, 2025.
Personal Representative: DEBBIE NIMNICH
1202 Gray Road
Cocoa, FL 32926
Attorney for Personal Representative: GEORGE C. KELLEY, ESQ.
Florida Bar No. 098523
P.O. Box 1132
Apopka, Florida 32704-1132
Teelphone: 407 886 2130
Email: attorney@gckelleylaw.com
December 19, 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-003859-O
Division: 09
IN RE: ESTATE OF RUTH SPANDONIS A/K/A RUTH E. SPANDONIS A/K/A RUTH ELLEN SPANDONIS
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Ruth Spandonis a/k/a Ruth E. Spandonis a/k/a Ruth Ellen Spandonis, deceased, whose date of death was March 14, 2025, 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.
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.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME 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 December 19, 2025.
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218 Chatham K
West Palm Beach, Florida 33417
Attorney for Personal Representative: Georgiana F. Dambra
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 708550
Law Office of Georgiana F. Dambra, P.A.
5737 Okeechobee Blvd., Ste 201
West Palm Beach, Florida 33417
Telephone: (561) 471-5708
Fax: (561) 471-7287
E-Mail: georgiana@dambralaw.com
Secondary E-Mail: leah@dambralaw.com
December 19, 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-002704-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER CLAY ADAMS, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CHRISTOPHER CLAY ADAMS, deceased, whose date of death was July 14, 2025, 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. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME 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 December 12, 2025.
Personal Representative: BRENDON ADAMS
100 Sapphire Point
Unit 232
Lake Mary, Florida 32746
Attorney for Personal Representative: DANIELLE WHITE, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 399086
VELIZ KATZ LAW
630 North Wymore Road
Suite 330
Maitland, Florida 32751
(407) 849-7072
Primary: velizkatz@velizkatzlaw.com
Secondary: jearle@velizkatzlaw.com
Attorney for Personal Representative
December 12, 19, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2025-CP-3643-O
Probate Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES ANTHONY MORRIS, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Charles Anthony Morris, deceased, whose date of death was September 11, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 340, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' 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.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at

the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME 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 December 12, 2025.
Personal Representatives: Danielle A. Morris
649 Meeting Place
Orlando, Florida 32814
Charles C. Morris
78 Indian Bluff Trail
Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739
Attorney for Personal Representatives: /s/ David J. Akins
David J. Akins
Florida Bar Number: 454338
Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A.
420 South Orange Avenue, Suite 700
Orlando, Florida 32801
Telephone: (407) 841-1200
Fax: (407) 423-1831
E-Mail: dakins@deanmead.com
Secondary E-Mail: probate@deanmead.com
December 12, 19, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Revocable Trust of Marceline v. Westermeyer, deceased whose date of death was July 26, 2025 is pending disbursement by the Trustee.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent Trust on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with the Trustee Deborah Schonert 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 Trustee has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent's surviving decedents 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 ss.732.2211, Florida Statutes.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's Trust must file their claims with the Trustee Deborah Schonert at 1631 Rock Springs Rd. PMB 279 Apopka, FL 32712. WITHIN 3 DAYS 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. NOT WITHSTANDING 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 December 12, 2025
Trustee
Deborah Schonert
1631 Rock Springs Rd.
PMB 279,
Apopka, FL. 32712
December 12, 19, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2025-CP-003492-O
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SHERRY SEITHEL,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the Estate of SHERRY SEITHEL, deceased, whose date of death was October 16, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative'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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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 THREE (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 December 12, 2025.

Personal Representative:
Tyler Seithel
5730 Kislin Place
Orlando, FL 32807
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Baylor S. Johnson, Esq.
Florida Bar Number: 0125044
Urban Thier & Federer, P.A.
5782A S. Semoran Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32822
Telephone: (407) 245-8352
E-Mail: johnsonb@urbanthier.com
Secondary E-Mail:
sayeed@urbanthier.com
December 12, 19, 2025

**2026
Orange Soil and Water
Conservation District
Meeting Dates.**
1-9, 2-13, 3-13, 4-10, 5-8, 6-12, 7-10, 8-14,
9-11, 10-9, 11-13, 12-11 from 3-5 pm.
**Orange Co Admin
Bldg Chamber,
201 S Rosalind Ave,
Orl, FL.
Open to public.
189.015
December 19, 2025**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE FOLLOWING TENANTS WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH TO SATISFY RENTAL LIENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, SECTIONS 83.806 AND 83.807. CONTENTS MAY INCLUDE KITCHEN, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, BEDDING, TOYS, GAMES, BOXES, BARRELS, PACKED CARTONS, FURNITURE, TRUCKS, CARS, ETC. THERE IS NO TITLE FOR VEHICLES SOLD AT LIEN SALE. VEHICLES SOLD 'AS IS' AND FOR PARTS ONLY. OWNERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BID ON UNITS. LIEN SALE TO BE HELD ONLINE ENDING **TUESDAY January 6th 2026** AT THE TIMES INDICATED BELOW. VIEWING AND BIDDING WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.storage-treasures.com BEGINNING 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME! ALSO VISIT www.personaladminstorage.com/orlando-ff-storage-units/ FOR MORE INFO.
PERSONAL MINI STORAGE APOPKA - 1365 E SEMORAN BLVD., APOPKA, FL 32703 - AT 10:30 AM: UNITS: #108 - Joemarie Vazquez; #317 - Lamar Shorter; #415 - Verna Claudina Clarke; #416 - Morris Vainder; #502 - Kade Noble; #733 - Kendra Moore; #819 - Phillip William Rowe III; #828 - Richard Adams; #1029 - Kendra Moore; #1415 - Megan Ann Montagano; #1547 - Abram Martinez
December 19, 26, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-008315
DIVISION: 39
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$2,711.00 U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: THURMOND M. HARRISON
YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orlando Police Department on the following property in Orange County, FL: \$2,711.00 U.S. Currency, seized on or about 07/14/2025 at or near 401 M. John Young Pkwy., Orlando, FL, Orange County. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Senior Orlando Police Legal Advisor Shannon Gridley Hesse, Petitioner's attorney, 1250 W. South Street, Orlando, FL 32805, on or before January 29, 2026, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture.
DATED this 15th day of December, 2025.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
Clerk of the Court
BY: /s/ Nancy Garcia
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
December 19, 26, 2025, January 2, 9, 2026

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S IMPOUNDED ANIMAL
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
You are hereby notified that the following described livestock to-wit:
3 (THREE) BLACK & WHITE PIGS is now impounded at **10024 Lake Meadow Road, Apopka, Florida 32703**, and the amount due by reason of such impounding is approximately \$2,597.80. The above described livestock will, unless redeemed within three (3) days from date hereof, be offered for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash.
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. Jesse Corrales

As Deputy Sheriff
December 19, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-012293-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 35
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$6,980.62 IN U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT
TO: MICHAEL SYBLIS
7245 CHANCERY LANE
ORLANDO, FL 32809**
and all others who claim an interest in a **\$6,980.62 IN U.S. CURRENCY**, which was seized on or about the 30th day October 2025, at or near 7245 Chancery Lane, Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 15th day of December 2025.
/s/ Alex Weaver
Alex Weaver
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Bar No.91694
Orange County
Sheriff's Office
Legal Services
P.O. Box 1440
Orlando, FL 32802
(407) 254-7170
alex.weaver@ocsoff.com
December 19, 26, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009648
DIVISION: 33
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$3,135.00 U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: DERRICK B. GILMORE
YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orlando Police Department on the following property in Orange County, FL: \$3,135.00 U.S. Currency, seized on or about 08/18/2025 at or near 4855 Selbe Ct., Orlando, FL, Orange County. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Senior Orlando Police Legal Advisor Shannon Gridley Hesse, Petitioner's attorney, 1250 W. South Street, Orlando, FL 32805, on or before January 26th, 2026, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture.
DATED this 12 day of December 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
/s/Joji Jacob
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
December 19, 26, 2025, January 2, 9, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-007132
DIVISION: 33
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$1,881.87 U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: TASHAY L. MALPRESS
YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orlando Police Department on the following property in Orange County, FL: \$1,881.87 U.S. Currency, seized on or about 06/13/2025 at or near 4951 International Dr., Orlando, FL, Orange County. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Senior Orlando Police Legal Advisor Shannon Gridley Hesse, Petitioner's attorney, 1250 W. South Street, Orlando, FL 32805, on or before January 26th, 2026, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture.
DATED this 12 day of December 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
/s/ Joji Jacob
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
December 19, 26, 2025, January 2, 9, 2026

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CC-013499-O
LA COSTA BRAVA
LAKESIDE CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION, INC., a
Florida not-for-profit corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KING REAL ESTATE
INVESTMENTS LLC,
A WYOMING LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY, et
al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: King Real Estate Investments LLC, a Wyoming Limited Liability Company c/o David O. Thompson, as Registered Agent, 10477 Kristen Park Drive, Orlando, FL 32832
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action has been commenced against you to Foreclose a Claim of Lien for unpaid Assessments owed to the Plaintiff on the following real property, lying and being situated in Orange County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
"UNIT 106 OF LA COSTA BRAVA LAKESIDE, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 7567, PAGE(S) 2757, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED SHARE IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA."
This property is located at the street address of: 792 E. Michigan St., Unit #6, Orlando, FL 32806.
This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon Garfinkel Law, Attorneys' for Plaintiff, whose address is: 300 North Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's Attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Witness my hand and Seal of said Court this 15 day of December 2025
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
Sandra Jackson,
Deputy Clerk,
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave,
Room 350,
Orlando, FL 32801

GARFINKEL LAW
300 N. Maitland Avenue
Maitland, Florida 32751
Tel: (407) 539-3900
Fax: (407) 386-8486
Karen M. Marcell, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 51640
Primary email address:
karen@garfinkel.law
Secondary email address:
rachel@garfinkel.law
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Orange County, ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, Fax (407) 836- 2204; at least 7 days before your court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days of your receipt of this notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
This law firm is a "debt collector" under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Publish: The Apopka Chief
December 19, 26, 2025

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CC-013499-O
LA COSTA BRAVA
LAKESIDE CONDOMINIUM
ASSOCIATION, INC., a
Florida not-for-profit corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KING REAL ESTATE
INVESTMENTS LLC,
A WYOMING LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY, et al.,
Defendants.
CASE NO.: 2025-CC-013499-O
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Darlene Carr-Greene
9805 Farr Ct.,
Fort Washington,
MD 20744
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action has been commenced against you to Foreclose a Claim of Lien for unpaid Assessments owed to the Plaintiff on the following real property, lying and being situated in Orange County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
"UNIT 106 OF LA COSTA BRAVA LAKESIDE, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 7567, PAGE(S) 2757, AND ALL SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED SHARE IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA."
This property is located at the street address of:
792 E. Michigan St.,
Unit #6,
Orlando, FL 32806.
This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon Garfinkel Law, Attorneys' for Plaintiff, whose address is: 300 North Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's Attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Witness my hand and Seal of said Court this 15 day of December 2025
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
// Sandra Jackson,
Deputy Clerk,
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
GARFINKEL LAW
300 N. Maitland Avenue
Maitland, Florida 32751
Tel: (407) 539-3900
Fax: (407) 386-8486
Karen M. Marcell, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 51640
Primary email address:
karen@garfinkel.law
Secondary email address:
rachel@garfinkel.law
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Orange County, ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, Fax (407) 836- 2204; at least 7 days before your court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days of your receipt of this notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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Publish: The Apopka Chief
December 19, 26, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000073-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP
RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILIP H. TEPE,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I
TO: ANTONIA TEPE,
DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ANTONIA TEPE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
503 CALEDONIA RD
DIX HILLS, NY 11746
PHILIP H. TEPE,
DECEASED
503 CALEDONIA RD
DIX HILLS, NY 11746
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 8, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000073-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT I
26 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Q61949 & Q61950 & Q61951 & Q61952 & Q62001 & Q62002 & Q62003 & Q62004 & Q62005 & Q62006 & Q62007 & Q62008 & Q62009 & Q62010 & Q62011 & Q62012 & Q62013 & Q62014 & Q62015 & Q62016 & Q62017 & Q62018 & Q62019 & Q62020 & Q62021 & Q62022) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 6500 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, 2020 (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 January 21st, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus 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 December 9, 2025.
/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.7138
MORI #ORANGE
December 12, 19, 2025

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 January 21, 2026, 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 December 9, 2025.
/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.6876
MORI #ORANGE
December 12, 19, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-011976-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 40
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$9,225.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT
TO: JAMARCO SIMONS
P.O. BOX 4970
ORLANDO, FL 32802**
and all others who claim an interest in \$9,225.00 in U.S. Currency, which was seized on or about the 23rd day of October, 2025, at or near 4500 Floating Lilly Loop, Apartment 202, Apopka, in Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 5th day of December, 2025.
/s/ Alex Weaver
Alex Weaver, Esq.
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Bar No. 91694
Orange County
Sheriff's Office
Legal Services
P.O. Box 1440
Orlando, FL 32802
(407) 254-7170
Alex.Weaver@ocsoff.com
December 12, 19, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000073-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP
RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILIP H. TEPE,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT XIV
TO: WILLIAM SIMMONS, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM SIMMONS, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
279 S COLUMBUS AVE APT 1
MOUNT VERNON,
NY 10553
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 8, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000073-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XIV
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: J55549 & J55550 & J70732 & J70733 & J70734 & J70735) 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, 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 January 21st, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus 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 December 9, 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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December 12, 19, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000073-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP
RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.**

**PHILIP H. TEPE,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V
TO: DAVID JAMES CULLIMORE
212 W 160 N
LA VERKIN, UT 84745
SHARON KAY
CULLIMORE,
DECEASED
212 W 160 N
LA VERKIN, UT 84745
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 8, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000073-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT V
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: X41428 & X41429 & X41430 & X41431 & X44028 & X44029 & X44030 & X44031) 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, 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 January 21, 2026, 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 December 9, 2025.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.6971
MORI #ORANGE
December 12, 19, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000073-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP
RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILIP H. TEPE,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III
TO: ANNIE HARRIS MEACHEM
12250 N 22ND ST
APT 264
TAMPA, FL 33625
CLARK D. MEACHEM,
DECEASED
12250 N 22ND ST
APT 264
TAMPA, FL 33625**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 8, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000073-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT III
10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: A80835 & A80836 & B98548 & B98549 & B98550 & B98551 & B98552 & B98601 & B98602 & B98603) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082- 0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year 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 January 21, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus 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 December 9, 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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MORI #ORANGE
December 12, 19, 2025

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CC-023289-O
ARBOR RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF APOPKA, INC., a
Florida not-for-profit corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KAREN SMITH, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 4, 2025 and entered in Case No.: 2024-CC-023289-O, of the County

Court in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein Arbor Ridge Homeowners' Association of Apopka, Inc. is Plaintiff, and Karen Smith, et al. are the Defendants, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com at 11:00 AM EST on January 6, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
"Lot 191 of ARBOR RIDGE PHASE 4, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 72, Page(s) 31-36, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida."
The Property is located at the street address of:
**2008 Wavy Leaf Court,
Apopka, FL 32712**
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE FORECLOSURE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
GARFINKEL LAW
Attorney for Plaintiff
300 N. Maitland Avenue
Maitland, Florida 32751
Tel: (407) 539-3900
Fax: (407) 386-8486
BY: /s/ Karen M. Marcell
Karen M. Marcell, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 51640
Primary email address:
karen@garfinkel.law
Secondary email address:
rachel@garfinkel.law
The Ninth Judicial Circuit is committed to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations are provided for qualified court participants with disabilities, in accordance with the law. As required by the ADA, the determination of an individual's disability and the option for a reasonable accommodation for a disability is made on a case-by-case basis. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact us as follows at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately if you receive less than a 7-day notice to appear: Orange County ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, fax: 407-836-2204, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service.
December 12, 19, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2025-CA-011374-O
THIRTY NINE ORLANDO HOMES LLC, a
Florida limited liability company
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, BENEFICIARIES AND GRANTEES, IF ANY, OF JAMES F. HOLLY, SR. CLAIMING AN INTEREST
IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION BY, THROUGH OR UNDER HIM; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, BENEFICIARIES AND GRANTEES, IF ANY, OF JAMES F. HOLLY, JR. CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION BY, THROUGH OR UNDER HIM; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, BENEFICIARIES AND GRANTEES, IF ANY, OF DOLORIS MCELHENNY CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION BY, THROUGH OR UNDER HER; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS**

GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 351 LEMONICK CT UNIT 212 PRINCETON, NJ 08540

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 8, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000073-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XII
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: F28033 & F28034 & F28035 & F28036 & F28037 & F28038) 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 01, 2015 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: K42820 & K42821 & K42822 & K42823) 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 01, 2016 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: BA3704 & BA3705 & BA3706 & BA3707) 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 01, 2020 (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 January 21st, 2026, online at www.myorangelclerk.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 December 9, 2025. DATED this 9th day of December, 2025. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.7106 MORI #ORANGE December 12, 19, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000073-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILIP H. TEPE,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIII
TO: PAMELA FINNEGAN, DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF PAMELA FINNEGAN,
DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
38 ORCHARD ROAD BRIARCLIFF, NY 10510
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 8, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000073-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XIII
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: AZ8221 & AZ8222 & AZ8223 & AZ8224 & AZ8225 & AZ8226 & AZ8227 & AZ8228) 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, 2021 (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 January 21st, 2026, online at www.myorangelclerk.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 December 9, 2025. DATED this 9TH day of December, 2025. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.7108 MORI #ORANGE December 12, 19, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2020-CA-003549-O
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, ASSET- BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JUAN AROCHA A/K/A JUAN JOSE AROCHA; FRANCIS M. AROCHA; TIDEWATER CREDIT SERVICES LLC; HUNTER'S CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, 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 Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 18, 2025 and an Order Granting Plaintiff's Ex-Parte Motino to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated December 9, 2025, entered in Civil Case No.: 2020-CA-003549-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, and JUAN AROCHA A/K/A JUAN JOSE AROCHA; FRANCIS M. AROCHA; TIDEWATER CREDIT SERVICES LLC; HUNTER'S CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., are Defendants. TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangelclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 10th day of February, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:
LOT 88, HUNTER'S CREEK - TRACT 250, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGES 78, 79, AND 80, 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: December 10, 2025
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler
By: Brian L. Rosaler
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Telephone: (954) 360-9030
Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
20-48650
Published in: The Apopka Chief
December 19, 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2025DR10011-O
Division 47
Jonathan Chapman
Petitioner and
Martina Rattaro
Respondent
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PATERNITY,
TO: Martina Rattaro
6725 Bonnie Lou Dr.
Orlando, FL 32809
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Paternity has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jonathan Chapman whose address is: 3300 Whitestone Cir. Kissimmee, FL 34741, on or before January 22, 2026, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N Orange Ave. Orlando FL 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: RULE 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic, disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated 12/11/25
Tiffany Moore Russell
Orange County
Clerk of the Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By:
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-010488-O
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2006-2 TRUST, HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THELMA BLACK;
RUSSELL BLACK;
TRADEWINDS A METROWEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.,; METROWEST MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.,; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et al.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION TO: RUSSELL BLACK
(Current Residence Unknown)
(Last Known Address(es))
1083 SOUTH HIAWASSEE ROAD, #616
ORLANDO, FL 32835
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
UNIT 616, TRADEWINDS, A METROWEST CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 8476, AT PAGE 544, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST OR SHARE IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, AND TOGETHER WITH ALL AMENDMENTS TO SAID DECLARATION.
A/K/A: 1083 SOUTH HIAWASSEE ROAD, #616, ORLANDO, FL 32835
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire, POPKIN & ROSALER, P.A., 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442., Attorney for Plaintiff, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in THE APOPKA CHIEF) and file the original with the Clerk of this 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. 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
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 3rd day of December, 2025.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
As Clerk of the Court
and/or Comptroller
/s/ Rasheda Thomas
Signature
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
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Publish: The Apopka Chief
December 12, 19, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000073-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILIP H. TEPE,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV
TO: ANTONIA P TEPE,
DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ANTONIA P TEPE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
903 CALEDONIA ROAD APT A DIX HILLS, NY 11746
PHILIP H. TEPE,
DECEASED
503 CALEDONIA ROAD APT A DIX HILLS, NY 11746
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 8, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000073-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IV
9 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: X26047 & X26048 & X26049 & X26050 & X26051 & X26052 & X26101 & X26102 & X26103) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2250 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 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 January 21, 2026, online at www.myorangelclerk.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 December 9, 2025. DATED this 9th day of December, 2025. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification

if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.6960 MORI #ORANGE December 12, 19, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000073-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILIP H. TEPE,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XI
TO: JOSE CASTILLO
8302 GLEN SHADOW
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78239
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 8, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000073-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XI
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: J57448 & J57449 & J57450 & J57451 & J57452 & J58145) 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 November 1, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 21st day of January, 2026, online at www.myorangelclerk.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 December 9, 2025. DATED this 9th day of December, 2025. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ. FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.7097 MORI #ORANGE December 12, 19, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2014-CA-000699-O
REAL ESTATE BROKERS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LITTLE NEW ORLEANS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company;
HERCULES HUU NGUYEN and MY LINH THI LE, Individually,
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 22nd day of September, 2022, and have levied upon the following described property located, and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: 1 (one) "PRO-FORM Endurance 520 E" MN: PFEL55916.0 & SN: JJS30G0002972; 1 (one) "BOWFLEX PR1000" SN: 100141DAY16100360, BGRW88, XXW3KFR; 2 (two) "BOWFLEX Adjustable Dumbbells" SN: 100182MAG17381933; 1 (one) Dark wood, black stone-like counter indoor bar w/ 3 drawers and 1 door; 2 (two) Black metal barstools w/ high backs; 1 (one) "AB CIRCLE PRO V2.0" SN: 11554264; 4 (one) Fabric and dark wood dining chairs; 2 (two) Fabric and dark wood dining chairs w/ arms; 1 (one) 6 seating wooden dining room table; 3 (three) Black and silver metal backless barstools; 1 (one) Silver and gold colored sword in brown sheath; 1 (one) Black guitar shaped wine rack; 1 (one) "HOME MERIDIAN INTERNATIONAL" Wooden buffet cabinet w/ 2 drawers and 2 doors; 1 (one) Black leather-like sectional couch; 1 (one) Black leather-like sectional couch ottoman; 1 (one) "IKEA MILLBERGET" high back, black computer chair w/ arms #1633; 1 (one) "VACHERON CONSTANTIN" brown box with a religious necklace in case and spare watch parts; 1 (one) large "FEBO FLAME ELECTRIC FIREPLACE" w/ 2 drawers and 2 doors MN: ZHS-30B, SN: 1330059259806; 1 (one) Tall wood and glass cabinet w/ 5 glass shelves; 1 (one) "QFX LIQUID CRYSTAL SPEAKER TWS" Bluetooth wireless speaker MN: LCS-120 SN: QGCKQFX126815; 1 (one) "GEMSOUND GMMW-A" black electronic box #19032, #11921616; 1 (one) "SAMSUNG" sound bar MN: HW-T45C & SN: CWZJ14KN500198V; 1 (one) "SAMSUNG ONE CONNECT MINI" SN: 150408A1/B6FP; 1 (one) "ION TOTAL PA ULTRA IPA-91D" rolling black Bluetooth speaker # (21)C11911104039839; 1 (one) large "SAMSUNG" television MN: UN65JU7100F & SN: 03K53CBG500431H; 1 (one) Dark wooden expandable dining room table w/ additional extension panels; 6 (six) Tall dark wood and light fabric dining chairs; 2 (two) Wide dark colored barstools w/ red leather-like fabric; 1 (one) "LAGRIMA SOUND MAE" white electric piano w/ white stool; 1 (one) Red twin sized "Lightning McQueen" car bedframe; 1 (one) Twin sized mattress; 1 (one) King sized mattress; 1 (one) King sized dark wooden bedframe w/ 2 drawers; 2 (two) "B.K. HOME FURNITURE" Dark brown nightstand w/ bed tray Item # 574-1121; 1 (one) large Dark colored wooden dresser w/ 6 drawers and 2 doors; 1 (one) "SAMSUNG" television MN: HG40NA577LF & SN: Z56THCDD700227J; 1 (one) BLEU DE CHANEL PARIS VAMPOIRISTEUR SPRAY" 5 fl. oz perfume, unopened; 1 (one) "HERMES PARIS" black belt w/ silver buckle; 1 (one) "BRIGHTON CAPISTRAND" silver colored watch w/ leather-like braid inlay; 1 (one) "SMAYS STAINLESS STEEL BACK JAPANESE QUARTZ" silver colored watch w/ clear stone inlays; 1 (one) "MICHELE CASK MW STAINLESS STEEL: 5ATM" silver colored link watch band #DQ07692 & #MW03D00A0025; 1 (one) "MICHAEL KORS MK-3127 STAINLESS STEEL" silver color watch #111009; 1 (one) 81-505, gold colored metal watch; 1 (one) "WINNER

ROLEX AD DAYTONA 1992 24" watch w/ detached silver colored metal band; 1 (one) "NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2018 BATTLE YNC" silver colored ring w/ clear/white and yellow crystal inlays; 1 (one) "WORLD FINANCIAL GROUP WFG/\$100,000 RING CLUB WFG/NGUYEN 2018" silver colored ring w/ blue center; 1 (one) "CARTIER" black and gold sunglasses #8036 51-15-140; 1 (one) Clear and white jewelry case w/ various earring sets and necklaces; 1 (one) Full sized bedframe w/ black leather-like fabric; 2 (two) Full sized mattresses; 1 (one) Black bookshelf w/ 3 shelves; 2 (two) Full sized box springs; 1 (one) Brown full sized bedframe w/ black leather-like material, rectangular shaped; 1 (one) "HAMILTON BEACH SELF-SANITIZING WATER DISPENSER" MN: BL-5-2 & SN: 1712010Y50295; 1 (one) "VERSACE POUR FEMME DYLAN BLUE" perfume giftset, opened; 1 (one) Dark brown bag w/ light colored "LV" pattern and zipper, "LOUIE VUTTON PARIS" on inside label w/ miscellaneous men's and children clothing inside; 1 (one) "MASTERBUILT" portable propane smoker inside box, sealed; 1 (one) "EASY HOME ACCESSORIES" wardrobe organizer, inside box, sealed; 1 (one) "BELAVI" wooden plant ladder stand in "vintage grey", inside box, sealed; 1 (one) "MESA" 3 tier market basket, inside box, sealed ITM/ART: 1393287; 1 (one) "BROTHER" computerized sewing machine "CP80X", inside box, sealed SN: U66353- H0P712809; 1 (one) "GOOGLE WIFI" 3 set in "snow" color, inside box, opened MN: GJ2CQ & SN: 17151KEFY000AX; 1 (one) "OUTDOOR GOURMET NO.12" meat grinder set, inside box, sealed; 10 (ten) Large boxes of misc. clothing on hangers; 1 (one) Black bag w/ silver zipper and inside labeled "ZARA" containing a small bag of toiletries; 1 (one) Light colored bag w/ brown chain and "Gucci" script design and "GUCCI" labeled on handle; 1 (one) Box of miscellaneous belts; 1 (one) Light colored tote/bag w/ zipper with "Mercury" printed on it full of miscellaneous clothing; 1 (one) Black tote/bag w/ silver zipper and "ZARA" labeled; 1 (one) Light and dark grey bag w/ blue and red stripe with "C" symbol design, labeled "COACH"; 1 (one) Tan colored bag w/ brown handle and "MK" symbol design labeled "MICHAEL KORS"; 1 (one) "NIKE BY HERCULES" "PRESTO" red and white shoes sized 9 in box; 1 (one) "INSIGNIA" television MN: NS-39DR510NA17 & SN: KQP68YA001310; 1 (one) "RYOBI GCV 190 3100 PSI" pressure washer SN: GCV190LAN5APT104; 1 (one) "RYOBI ONE+ 18V" 2-tool combo kit, inside box, sealed #PCLC2K101; 1 (one) Red box containing 3 gold medallions with Chinese script and the numbers 999 0.6g; **SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES, JUDGMENTS, LIENS OF RECORD OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR BILL OF SALE.**

as the property of the above named defendant, HERCULES HUU NGUYEN and MY LINH THI LE, and that on the 14th day of January 2026, beginning at ten o'clock in the forenoon or soon there-after on said day at **Orlando Estate Auction (rear parking lot) 2573 Silver Star Road Orlando, FL 32804**, 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 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Orlando Estate Auction (rear parking lot) 2573 Silver Star Road Orlando, FL 32804. Winning bidders need to remove all items from the property by 3:00pm. 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 December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-008903-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 48
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$25,370.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, A PATEK PHILIPPE LUXURY WATCH WITH DIAMOND BEZEL AND ORANGE STRAP, AND A CHROME HEARTS BASEBALL HAT
NOTICE OF ACTION TO: CHRISTIAN A. GALLO RUIZ
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orange County Sheriff's Office on the following property in Orange County, FL: seized on or about the 30th day of July, 2025, at or near 1735 Brook Hollow Drive, Orlando, Orange County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Assistant General Counsel for the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Legal Services, P.O. Box 1440, Orlando, Florida 32802, within 30 days of this publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture.

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
If you are a person with 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, 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. DATED this 11/21/2025
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Rasheda Thomas
Deputy Clerk
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 2014-CA-001603-O
Division 35
LANCELOT AT WINTER PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
LANCELOT AT WINTER PARK, LLC, EP 168 INVESTORS, LLC, BRUCE MACDONALD AND FRANCES MACDONALD,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a final judgment of foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Orange

County, Florida more particularly described as follows:
Unit 105, Building B, Lancelot at Winter Park, a Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded in Official Records Book 8624, Page 546, inclusive, and all valid amendments thereto, in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida together with an undivided interest in the common elements as set forth in the exhibits to said Declaration of Condominium, as recorded, exemplified, referred to and set forth in said Declaration of Condominium and exhibits thereto at public auction (electronically) to the highest and best bidder at www.myorangelclerk.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on January 28, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
/s/ James A. Gustino
James A. Gustino
Florida Bar No. 612499
JAMES A. GUSTINO, P.A.
P.O. Box 560009
Montverde, Florida
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COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF
December 12, 19, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2016-SC-893
CRIME PREVENTION SECURITY SYSTEMS, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
SHAKERIA SEGOVIA,
DEFENDANT(S)
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, John W. Mina, as Sheriff of Orange County, Florida, under and by virtue of a Judgment and Writ of Execution, therein issued out of the above entitled court in the above styled cause, dated the 14th day of May, 2025, and have levied upon the following described property located, and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: **2021 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER, VIN: 5TDFZRAH3MS064268. VEHICLE MAY BE 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, SHAKERIA SEGOVIA, and that on the 13th day of January, 2026, 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.

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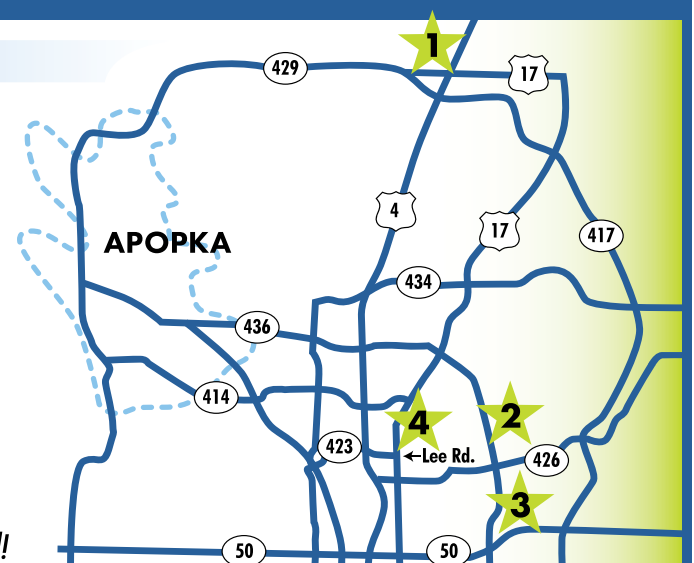


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Wekiva boys steamroll West Orange Warriors

Mustang gameplan works to perfection in 69–36 win

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Wekiva Mustangs walked into West Orange (1–8) and instantly made clear that it would be a long night for the Warriors. Their stifling defense was the motor as nine different Mustangs found steals and forced over

30 turnovers en route to a 69–36 wipeout.

“The defense had to lead us tonight, and it did,” head coach Gersino Lubin said. “When a game is lopsided like this, I try to really have them not focus on the scoreboard, but work on the detailed stuff. That’s what’s going to help us against better teams.”

The Mustangs set the tone early with relentless defensive pressure, forcing rushed shots and turnovers

while Jasen Francillon ignited the offense. Francillon scored six of the team’s first eight points, converting an and-one before knocking down a 3. Moments later, Eric Nichols stared down his defender and drilled a deep 3 that forced a West Orange timeout with 1:40 left in the first quarter. By then, Wekiva was already in full control.

Even when the bench unit checked in, the energy never dipped. The Mustangs closed the quarter on a 15–0

run, holding West Orange scoreless through the first eight minutes.

Wekiva continued to attack the paint to open the second quarter. Kaiden Jean-Louis muscled his way to four points through contact, and Ameer Garland used his size to float in a soft teardrop. West Orange finally got on the board with a pair of 3-pointers, but the Mustangs quickly regained momentum when some starters returned midway through the quarter

with a 23–6 lead.

Francillon buried a mid-range jumper, then helped Kenny Dieujuste force a turnover at midcourt. Nichols capped the half by burying back-to-back 3s in the final minute, pushing Wekiva’s lead to 31–11 at the break. Nichols had as many points (11) as West Orange at halftime, while Francillon added eight.

The third quarter opened

WEKIVA WINS, B3



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Kenny Dieujuste stuffs the Warrior floater attempt.

Apopka boys take down division leader Lake Brantley

Blue Darters late composure seals biggest win of season

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka (7–4) handed Lake Brantley its first road loss of the season Tuesday night, using defensive pressure and steady execution late to secure a 50–42 win over the division-leading Patriots (9–2).

“It was a really hard-fought basketball game,” Apopka coach Scott Williams said. “They’re hard to prepare for and play against. There were times we were really good. We had stretches where our shot selection wasn’t the best and stretches where it was great, but through all of that I thought we were super competitive defensively and just battled.”

Apopka struck first in the opening quarter behind sophomore Jacques Evariste, who scored on a putback to open the night. After a Lake Brantley 3, Noah Ferrer answered with a contested corner triple, and Rafi Betancourt followed with a steal and layup that forced an early Patriots timeout with the Blue Darters up 7–3.

Lake Brantley responded with back-to-back 3s and capitalized on turnovers to regain control. Betancourt was fouled on a 3 at the buzz-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Apopka’s Jarquavion McClain rises for an easy layup against Lake Brantley during Tuesday’s victory.

er and hit one free throw, but Apopka trailed 15–10 after one.

The defensive intensity carried into the second quarter. Ferrer stole the opening inbounds pass and scored, then added another contested corner 3 moments later. Both teams struggled to find consistent offense against packed defenses, trading turnovers and empty trips as Lake Brantley’s 2–1–2 zone slowed Apopka’s rhythm.

With time expiring before halftime, Ferrer found Evariste at the top of the key, and the sophomore drilled a buzzer-beating 3 to cut the deficit to one, 19–18, head-

ing into the break.

Apopka came out of halftime with its best stretch of the night. Crisp ball movement led to an inside finish by Evariste, and Ferrer converted off his own steal as the Blue Darters regained the lead. Defensive pressure forced scrambles and rushed shots, and a Ferrer pull-up 3 following another steal pushed Apopka ahead 27–19, forcing Lake Brantley to a timeout as the building erupted.

After a bucket fresh out of the timeout, the Patriots steadied themselves at the free-throw line as fouls piled up on both sides, closing the

gap late in the third. A rebound and score off a missed free throw gave Lake Brantley a 37–36 edge heading into the fourth.

The final quarter was decided by execution and composure. Trent Jean found Alex Congdon in the corner for a 3 early in the frame. After Lake Brantley tied it, Apopka responded with a strong finish from McClain and a floater from Jean.

As the clock wound down, Apopka’s defense forced bad shots, and missed free throws allowed the Blue Darters to manage posses-

BLUE DARTERS, B2

Apopka boys soccer continues surge

Blue Darters beat Evans, snag fifth win in seven games

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Apopka boys soccer team continued its strong midseason surge Tuesday night, rallying from a first-half deficit to defeat Evans 3-1 and further solidify its recent run of form.

The win marked Apopka’s fifth victory in its last seven matches, a stretch in which the Blue Darters are 5-1-1 and have allowed just four total goals. Defensive consistency and composure in goal have anchored the turnaround, allowing Apopka to stay within games and capitalize when momentum



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Wesley Hyatt gets his shirt tugged.

shifts.

In Tuesday night’s game, Evans struck first midway through the open-

ing half, scoring at the 28:24 mark to take a 1-0 lead. The goal gave the Trojans early control, and for much of

the remaining first half, play settled into a physical battle

APOPKA SOCCER, B2

Wekiva girls basketball rallies past rival Apopka

Close first quarter gives way to blowout for Lady Mustangs

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Monday night’s cross-town clash between Apopka (3–8) and Wekiva (5–4) girls basketball teams featured a defensive battle early. The teams traded physical possessions, loose balls and long scoreless stretches before the Mustangs pulled away in the second half for a 59–30 win.

For Wekiva head coach Jerry Middleton, the early grind reflected where his team is mentally right now.

“We’d like to continue to grow, continue to trust the process,” Middleton said. “Failure is only a failure if you don’t learn from it. Now we just continue to press forward and try to stack some wins up for the break.”

Neither team scored for the first two-and-a-half minutes as pressure on the ball forced turnovers and rushed shots. Alexis Hill finally opened the scoring with a mid-range jumper for Wekiva, but Elyse Pringle answered right back with a layup for Apopka.

Jakayla Johnson gave the Mustangs a brief edge with second-chance points, and the physicality only increased as jump balls and contested rebounds became routine. Wekiva carried a narrow 6–4 lead out of the first quarter.

The Mustangs eventually found their rhythm in the second quarter when Ja’Niya

Poole knocked down a 3-pointer. Jasmine Pooler followed by finishing a fast-break layup off a steal and outlet pass from Makayla Bell. Apopka broke through from the free-throw line with 3:45 left, and the pace finally picked up as both teams began trading baskets.

After Pooler scored inside, Apopka responded with consecutive paint finishes — a floater from Destiny Gelin and a tear dropper from Mikayla Wiggins — to keep the game within reach.

Johnson answered with a 3 and then found Bell cutting for a layup, allowing Wekiva to push the margin to double digits. The Mustangs maintained control through the final minutes of the half and went into the break ahead 19–9.

Apopka head coach Brittany Hardy said her team’s early defense showed promise, but conditioning needs to improve.

“We gotta get in shape and get everybody together,” Hardy said. “Right now, I only have five varsity players, with three coming up from JV, and they don’t practice with us. We’re just not all on the same page yet.”

Apopka opened the second half with energy as Pringle scored on back-to-back possessions, first with a layup and then a deep two. Johnson answered with a strong finish and free throw, and after another floater from Gelin, Wekiva began to separate. Hill converted at the line and followed with a pull-up jumper, Pooler attacked an open lane for a layup, and Ti-

LADY MUSTANGS, B2



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Alexis Hill at the free throw line.

BLUE DARTERS
FROM B1

sions. McClain came up with a crucial steal and hit Ferrer streaking up the floor for a layup, restoring a two-possession cushion. Ferrer iced the game at the line, hitting four free throws in the final 20 seconds to seal the eight-point win.

Ferrer led all scorers with 19 points to go along with three assists and three steals. Evariste impressed as a starter, finishing with nine points, five rebounds and a steal. Congdon provided a spark off the bench, knocking down two timely 3s, grabbing three rebounds and recording a block.

Williams credited his team's mentality late against a strong opponent and empha-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Noah Ferrer locked in on defense.

sized that the win only matters if it carries into preparation. "What matters more is how we practice tomorrow, every night is its own animal," Williams said. "We were tough and hard minded tonight. We will have to



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The Blue Darter band celebrates the big win over Lake Brantley.

be the same Thursday in an arch-rival road game. There'll be a ton of juice. It's very intense, and we'll have to be at our best, because they're very, very good."

The Blue Darters flew into Mustang territory to bat-

tle cross-town rival Wekiva (8-3) on Thursday, with scores unavailable at press time.

LADY MUSTANGS
FROM B1

ana Washington cleaned up second-chance points to stretch the lead.

After an Apopka timeout late in the third, Johnson slithered through defenders for a Euro-step layup, and Pooler buried a buzzer-beating 3 to send Wekiva into the fourth with a 20-point advantage.

The Mustangs opened with layups from Johnson and Pooler. Apopka continued to compete, getting points from the free-throw line and a 3 from Pringle, but Wekiva answered each time.

Pooler led Wekiva with 19 points, while Johnson added 15 points, five rebounds and three steals. Hill finished with eight points and seven rebounds, and Bell filled the stat sheet with five points, five assists and seven steals.

For Apopka, Pringle scored 11 points. Dillon added six points and four rebounds, and Wiggins contributed five points, four rebounds and three

steals. The Blue Darters were also without starter Martina DeGrassi, who is returning to Italy as part of her foreign exchange program, and Hardy said an ankle injury is expected to sideline Deriyon Brinson until January.

"We're teaching life lessons through the sport," Middleton said. "It's not about being undefeated. It's about growing and peaking at the right time."

In a rivalry matchup defined by defense early, Wekiva's depth and ability to turn pressure into offense proved decisive as both teams continue to navigate the heart of their seasons.

Both teams prepare for action in different Holiday tournaments before their break. Wekiva plays in the KSA Pre Holiday Classic starting Friday. Apopka plays in the Clark Christmas Classic that begins Friday.

APOPKA SOCCER
FROM B1

at midfield. Possession was contested heavily over the final eight minutes before the water break, with neither side able to create a sustained attacking rhythm.

Out of the break, Apopka began to find more space going forward. Patient buildup and crisp ball movement produced a quality opportunity when the ball found its way through the Evans back line to Isaiah Ramirez inside the box. Ramirez had an open look, but his shot missed the target.

Apopka continued to apply pressure late in the half. With four minutes remaining, the Blue Darters earned a free kick just outside the box. Adrian Veloquio played it short and lined a low shot toward goal, forcing the Evans goalkeeper to make a difficult save. Despite the late chances, Apopka went into halftime trailing 1-0.

The match turned quickly after the break. Apopka came out with renewed energy and found an equalizer early in the second half when David Campana fired a shot into the net to level the score. The goal swung momentum, and the Blue Darters began to control



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Adrian Veloquio tries to find space to shoot in the box.



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David Campana saves a ball.

possession and tempo.

Not long after the equalizer, Apopka struck again. Kamilo Gomez pushed the Blue Darters in front with a goal off a strong attacking sequence, giving Apopka its first lead of the night. From there, the focus shifted to a defensive stand as Evans looked to press forward in search of an equalizer.

Late in the match, Evans committed numbers forward, leaving space for running Darters. Apopka took advantage on the counterattack, sending Campana up the pitch. Campana was fouled and hit a penalty kick for his second goal of the match, sealing the 3-1 win.

With the win, Apopka improved to 6-4-2 on the season. The result also continued a turnaround that began after a 1-3-1 start. Following early struggles, the Blue Darters earned a road shutout against

Horizon, battled to a 2-2 draw with University (Orlando), and then captured back-to-back wins in the Metro West Tournament, including a 3-0 shutout of Dr. Phillips and a narrow 2-1 victory over East River.

After a tight 1-0 loss to Cypress Creek, Apopka responded with a 2-0 shutout of Orangewood Christian, setting the stage for Tuesday's comeback against Evans.



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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."
—John 1:14

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Anglers say Butler Chain bass are on fire

Hello Folks,
I hope everyone is enjoyin’ these nice cool days. It’s gonna be kinda warm for Christmas, but I’m sure it’s gonna get cold again real soon. The fish are still bitin’, which includes specks and bass.
I’m gettin’ reports of folks still gettin’ their limits of specks in Lake Woodruff up near the Highbanks Marina area of the St. Johns River. Most of the specks are bein’ caught on jigs and minners.
My soon-to-be grandson-in-law Josh, and his dad Kevin fished for specks over the weekend in Lake Monroe. They were trollin’ bright colored jigs with spinners



on’em out in the middle of the lake. They didn’t set any records, but they did catch eight nice specks. One of the specks weighed around 2.5 pounds. Josh said she was nice and fat, so they let’er go thinkin’ she might be full of roe.
Kyle at Bitter’s B&T reports that folks’re stoppin’ by the store to pick up a bucket of minners, and

they’re catchin’ a few more specks on minners and jigs tipped with a minner in Lake Monroe and Lake Jesup. Brightly colored jigs have been workin’ the best. So, with the cooler weather, I’m sure the water temperatures are droppin’, and that’ll get those specks to bitin’ better each week.
We have a new moon tonight at 8:44 p.m., accordin’ to the moon calendar (or 8:43 p.m. accordin’ to a different one), so that should help the fishin’ this weekend. If you’ve been waitin’ to go speck fishin’, this weekend should be a great time to go catch ’em.
Also the specks are still bitin’ very well in Lake Kis-

simmee. Folks are driftin’ with minners and gettin’ their limits.
They’re still catchin’ lots of bass in the Headwaters down in Palm Bay. Most of the bass are bein’ caught on shiners, and some big bass are startin’ to bite, as well. The bass fishin’ on West Toho is really good right now. The guides’re takin’ folks out on four-hour trips and doin’ exceptionally well. Most of those bass are bein’ caught on shiners.
Lake Fairview is still remarkable for bass fishin’. Folks’re catchin’ 20 to 25 bass per trip.
The hot spot for bass fishin’ right now is the Butler Chain. My buddy Rich

fished his bass club tournament out there over the weekend, and he reports that it only took a little over 10 pounds to win. Each angler is allowed to bring five fish to the scales. So, a five-fish limit of bass averaged a little over two pounds each. Rich said his partner and he caught at least 30 bass each durin’ the day, and that most of the bass were quite small, but they had a blast catchin’em all day long!
The other anglers in the tournament reported that they caught 10 to 15 bass each, as well. They caught their bass on lipless crankbaits, plastic worms, and Senko type baits. A few bass were caught on a swim

jig, too. So, if you want to take someone fishin’ who has never caught a bunch of bass, you might just want to give the Butler Chain a try over this weekend.
I haven’t got any good reports from the Harris Chain, but I’m sure the bass fishin’ will pick up soon. They’re catchin’ some specks over there in Lake Eustis and Big Lake Harris.
Well, that’s it for this week. I hope to see you on the water real soon. And have a *very merry – and SAFE - Christmas!*
See ya next week.
Tip of the week: New Moon!
SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

WEKIVA WINS

FROM B1

with a statement. Dieujuste soared for a sky-high slam to ignite the team, and moments later a Nichols steal led to Louvens Saint-Pierre finishing through contact for a three-point play. Wekiva’s defense continued to dictate everything, forcing a back-court violation and turning it into points.
After West Orange scored inside, the Mustangs twice broke the press in identical fashion — first Saint Pierre sliced a pass through the defense to Markel Anderson for a layup, then Nichols delivered the same look. Nichols wasn’t done, forcing his way through traffic for a tough reverse layup with under two minutes left.
Out of a Warrior timeout, Wekiva kept trapping and



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Mustangs come off the court from their dominant win.

jumping passing lanes. After a steal, Darion Thomas fired an outlet ahead to Nichols

for another score. Although West Orange hit a 3 at the buzzer, the Mustangs still en-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Eric Nichols looks to pass.

tered the fourth quarter comfortably ahead, 50–25.
West Orange opened the

final period with consecutive 3s, but Wekiva answered immediately. Jean-Louis found Garland for an alley-oop to restore order, and the Mustangs never let the momentum swing back. Dieujuste took over late, intercepting a pass before knocking down a corner mid-range jumper, then cleaning up his own miss with a putback.
He continued to impose his will, hitting a floater for his 10th point of the quarter and hauling in multiple offensive rebounds in the final minutes. Wekiva closed out the night with a convincing 69–36 win.
Nichols led the Mustangs with 19 points and three rebounds. Dieujuste finished with 14 points, six rebounds, two blocks and two steals,

while Jean-Louis provided a spark off the bench with six points, four rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Thomas led the defense with three steals as Wekiva overwhelmed West Orange from start to finish.
Lubin emphasized that staying sharp is the key to moving forward.
“My thing to them has been, complacency is the killer of all success,” he said. “Once you get complacent, you can’t grow and can’t be successful. Stay hungry. Stay doing the little things that are going to make an impact.”
Wekiva scraped out a 41–39 win against Lake Mary on Tuesday night before their cross-town clash with Apopka on Thursday, which occurred after press time.



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The Christmas Story

Referenced from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.

Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great

in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous — to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah

and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion.

"The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these

days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The

Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For noth-

ing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

Mary's Song

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

Luke 1:32



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born. In Bethlehem in Judea, they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his

mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Escape to Egypt

When they (the Magi) had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

Jesus Presented in the Temple

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two



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CHRISTMAS STORY

FROM B6

young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.

When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking

“ He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem

to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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As I look forward to 2026, I remain committed to working together to build a stronger, safer and more vibrant Apopka for every citizen. May the spirit of this wonderful season be with you and your loved ones throughout the holidays and many blessings in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and remember:
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HOLIDAY HISTORY

Christmas Eve traditions date back centuries

People, cultures have various ways to celebrate the season

By Tim Price
Correspondent

Christmas was first observed on the date of December 25th in the year 336 AD, but new traditions continue to arise from it almost 18 centuries later. One recent example is how many people in China are now giving apples to each other on Christmas Eve.

This exchange of apples as gifts originates because two words sound like each other. In Mandarin, the word for ap-

ple sounds very similar to the word for Christmas Eve, which roughly translates as “silent night” or “peaceful night.”

This illustrates the popularity of Christmas Eve – and Christmas itself – in both the secular world and the Christian world. The World Watch List from the organization Open Doors ranks countries where they say it’s most difficult to follow Jesus, and China ranks 17th among the world’s 200 countries.

Yet, some secular Chinese are giving each other apples, and many of those apples have messages such as “love” and “peace” printed on them. Those are the same words that even the most devout Chris-

tians would also apply to Christmas Eve and Christmas messages.

Giving fruit on Christmas Eve is not new. In the United States, fresh fruit was also given, often as a stocking stuffer. In the book *Farmer Boy*, part of The Little House on the Prairie series, Laura Ingalls Wilder describes how a young Almanzo Wilder receives an orange for Christmas in the winter of 1866. It makes sense that at a time when much of the country would not have access to fresh fruit that far into the year, something such as an orange would be a particular treat.

Traditions are part of what makes Christmas Eve so special. What are the traditions in



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your family? Does one set of grandparents host Christmas Eve each year? Are you able to open one present, leaving the rest to be opened Christmas morning? Do you get to “raid” the stockings but leave the gifts under the tree to the next day? Do you watch the movie “It’s A Wonderful Life,” or maybe the action movie “Die Hard,” the events of which happen on Christmas Eve?

Wait, you may ask, Die Hard as a Christmas movie? There has actually been a friendly social media debate about that for years.

If you believe it is, there is bad news for you. Appearing in a celebrity roast in his honor several years ago, Bruce Willis, the star of the film, stated emphatically, “Die Hard is *not* a Christmas movie!”

On the other hand, Steven E. de Souza, one of the writers of the film’s screenplay, has indicated he thinks it *is* a Christmas movie.

And that brings us to another Christmas tradition: family debates. For some of us, it’s hard to imagine a holiday gathering without one.

Another part of what makes Christmas Eve so special is, of course, anticipation. It is the night Santa Claus delivers his presents. Many songs have been written about children who can’t go to sleep in anticipation of what Santa might leave under the tree to be discovered Christmas morning, and many parents have experienced that in real life.

For Christians, it is the anticipation of Christ’s birth on Christmas. That birth marks

the fulfillment of God’s plan to redeem humanity through the gift of His son, who comes to Earth as an infant, fully human and yet fully divine.

As such, Christmas Eve has been celebrated in many churches for centuries. Some observances are joyous at the pending arrival of the Christ child, others are solemn as the congregants still await the good news and great tidings of His birth.

Regardless of what your Christmas Eve traditions may include, may this weekend be filled with peace and joy in your home.

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



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Thousands of spectators lined the parade route along North Park Avenue Saturday morning.

Annual Apopka Christmas Parade draws thousands

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The 49th Annual Apopka Christmas Parade, “Miracle on Park Avenue,” drew thousands from the Apopka community and beyond last Saturday morning. Over 100 individuals and organizations marched, rode or danced along the street.

“Apopka Baseball was proud to be part of the Apopka Christmas Parade,” the Apopka Baseball Booster Club said in a Facebook post. “A great time filled with fun, community, and holiday spirit!”

The Foliage Sertoma Club organizes the parade each year. The 51-year-old club meets at the Back Room Steakhouse in Apopka and is

affiliated with Sertoma, Inc., a nationwide volunteer service organization.

“Each holiday season, the Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka devotes itself to spreading cheer and bringing much-needed support to its Florida community,” the national Sertoma organization said on its website. “Through its annual initiatives and events, the club brings joy to local families in need, ensuring that no one is left behind during this festive time of year.”

Former Orange County Commissioner Tom Dorman, an Apopka resident, served as grand marshal of the parade, which was attended by numerous elected officials.

Six awards for parade

participants were presented at Wednesday’s City Council meeting, including Mayor’s Best Band and Sertoma’s Most Creative. The winners are listed below.

Mayor’s Best Band: Ocoee High School Marching Band
Sertoma’s Special Recognition: Wekiva High School AF JROTC

Sertoma President’s Marching & Performing: Apopka Dance Center

Grand Marshal’s Best Float: Apopka Elementary School National Honor Society and Safety Patrols

Sertoma’s Most Creative: Foliage Garden Club of Apopka

Parade Judges’ Most Unique Performance: Apopka Baseball Booster Club



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Mayor Bryan Nelson (center) waves with his wife Debbie (left) in a 1941 refurbished Dodge. Johnny Land (right), son of longtime Mayor John Land, recently finished another refurbishment on the vehicle, which he said last ran in the parade around 2000. It’s been in the Land family since 1946.



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The Apopka Baseball Booster Club dances to Mariah Carey, winning the Parade Judges’ Most Unique Performance award.

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The Dancing Lady Cats perform at the parade.



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Grand Marshal Tom Dorman rides in a blue Chrysler Plymouth.



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The Wekiva High School Marching Mustangs march in the parade.



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Ladies from the Apopka High School Spanish National Honor Society dance in the parade.



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Pat McGuffin introduces parade entries as judges observe the proceedings.



Happy Holidays

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The Blue Darter Marching Band marches in style at the Christmas parade.



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The Green Machine Marching Band from Evans High School performs in the parade.



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Representatives of the Apopka Dance Center march amidst a flurry of bubbles. The Apopka Dance Center won the Sertoma President's Marching & Performing award.



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The color guard holds the flags of the United States, Florida and Apopka High School at the start of the parade.

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