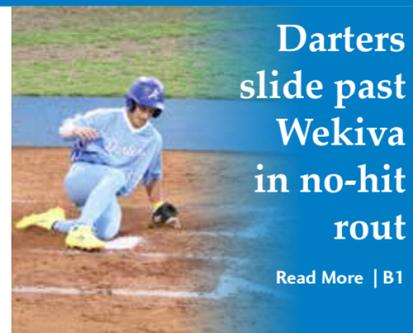


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Possibility of 'big change' looms Tuesday

Candidates make final pitch to voters

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

With eight proposed charter amendments—including one that could change Apopka's form of government—and four of five City Council seats up for grabs, Apopka faces one of the most consequential elections in its history on Tuesday.

"The city of Apopka has a pretty big election coming up in terms of the future of this city, more so than the average election," said Aubrey Jewett, a political science professor at the University of Central Florida.

At the top of the ballot is a three-way mayoral race between Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore, incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson and City Commissioner Nick Nesta. Voters will

also decide contests for council seats 1 and 2, and special election for seat 4.

Since its founding in 1882, Apopka has operated under a strong mayor structure, in which the elected mayor serves as the city's chief executive and oversees day-to-day operations—something Jewett called "a little unusual" for a small town, which more commonly has the council-manager form.

The proposed change would instead place administrative authority in the hands of an appointed professional city manager, hired by and accountable to the City Council. Under that model, the mayor's executive powers would be significantly reduced.

"Combined with the charter amendments, it makes the stakes for the mayor's

EARLY VOTING, A10



Photo by Dana O'Connor

John Cloran (right) waves alongside Commissioner Alexander Smith (left) outside the Apopka Community Center.

Wekiva Culinary hosts first community tasting event



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Students and chefs prepare for the Taste of Wekiva community tasting event Tuesday night at Wekiva High School.

Partners include Walt Disney World, Four Flamingos

By Sarah Merly Reporter

Forty-eight students from the Magnet Academy of Culinary Arts at Wekiva High School hosted the magnet program's inaugural community tasting event Tuesday night.

"The standard of excellence is what this is," said Wekiva principal Anthony

Russell. "If you probably get to looking at Webster's Dictionary next to the word 'excellence'—'Wekiva Culinary Arts Department' will be sitting right there."

Taste of Wekiva saw 10 chefs from Orlando-area fine dining restaurants partner with students to present a menu of nine entrees, five drinks and four desserts. Represented restaurants included several Walt Disney World eateries, The Monroe, The Chef's Table, Four Flamingos and more.

Chef Christopher Bates,

Wekiva Culinary program director and lead instructor, said the chefs designed the menus, while students learned how to cook and plate the meals.

"Then the chefs left, and the kids were here doing all of the stuff that those guys would have given to a level two or level three prep cook," Bates said.

Wekiva Culinary received approximately \$6,000 worth of donated food for the event.

"One of the tables, they're doing grated black

truffle, and black truffle right now is going for about \$600 an ounce," Bates said. "So we're talking \$900 worth of black truffle was donated to us—just one ingredient out of all of this... All of these things were donated by people who really believe in the education of the next generation of culinary professionals."

One member of that next generation is Zariah Edwards, who served as the evening's executive sous chef.

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Council greenlights revised development plans despite lawsuits

Development was approved in 2020

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Apopka City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to approve revisions to the major development plan and construction site plan for a 103-townhome development, allowing the garage and site-layout changes to proceed despite two pending lawsuits involving developer Park Square Homes.

Previously approved in 2020, the Residences at Emerson Park is planned on an estimated 14-acre tract located east of Ocoee Apopka Road, west of Alston Bay Boulevard and south of Harmon Road East. Adjacent to the existing Emerson Park subdivision, vertical construction of the townhomes is already underway.

The plan revision focuses on replacing 12 previously approved two-car



Photo by Dana O'Connor Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez

garage townhome buildings with one-car garage products on specified lots, formally designating a new open space tract and making related internal adjustments to building footprints, lot lines, grading, sidewalks and driveway geometry.

No changes were proposed to completed infrastructure; all external access, circulation, emergency connectivity, and the approved overall density of 103 units remain as previously approved.

Attorney Joe Kovacs, representing the ap-

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Anderson residency lawsuit dismissed

Commissioner cites 'troubling pattern' from Nesta

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Commissioner Nadia Anderson said a 2025 lawsuit challenging her residency was dismissed this week but refiled less than a day later and accused fellow Commissioner Nick Nesta of helping draft the complaint.

Anderson's comments came at Wednesday's City Council meeting, where she said Nesta has participated in a series of coordinated efforts intended to undermine her. She called it a "troubling pattern" cit-



Photo by Dana O'Connor Commissioner Nadia Anderson

ing similar tactics directed at other women—Mayor Bryan Nelson's wife Debbie Nelson, Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore, and City Finance Director Blanche Sherman.

Such efforts includ-

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Q&A: Seat 2 candidates talk background, goals

By Sarah Merly Reporter

Last week, The Apopka Chief ran questionnaire responses for the City Council candidates running for Seats 1 and 4. This week's responses feature the three candidates for Seat 2—George "Smitty" Smith, Angela Turner and Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez—as they discuss their previous experience and their visions for the city's future.

To view Apopka Involved Voters' City Council debate, visit The Apopka

Chief YouTube channel.

George "Smitty" Smith, challenger
What elected office positions have you held?

I have not previously held elected office. My leadership experience comes from serving our community through business, civic engagement, and brotherhood organizations, where I have consistently advocated for residents, responsible growth, and putting people over profits in Apopka.

Where can voters go to learn more about you?

Voters can learn more by visiting my official campaign website and social media platforms, where I share updates, policy positions, and community events. Residents can also meet me in person at neighborhood forums and community gatherings throughout Apopka.

What specifically motivated you to run for this seat at this time?

I'm running now because Apopka is at a crossroads. Rapid development is outpacing infrastructure, traffic solutions, and public safety resources. Long-

time residents feel unheard while growth decisions prioritize profit over people. As a local business leader known as "The Big Closer" in Central Florida real estate, I understand growth—but I also understand balance. This moment demands leadership that slows irresponsible expansion, strengthens police and fire services, protects neighborhoods, and ensures development pays its fair share. I'm stepping up to restore trust, transparency, and a people-first approach to

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It's hard to cover your tracks on a dance floor

There is no such thing as a Generation Z. I learned that at a wedding.

Gen Z is supposedly made up of lazy, job-hopping work shirkers who feel entitled to things they have not earned, which no doubt does happen.

But as I looked around at other wedding guests my age, I recollected that we Baby Boomers did our share of shirking work, and back when we had jobs, we'd hop from one to another when the price was right.

In reality, we were just like the generations that a lot of us now put down. Of course, we got put down by the Greatest Generation, who called us a bunch of long-haired sissy boys who were soft on Communism and couldn't win a simple little war.

They probably couldn't milk cows or make calico dresses well enough to suit their parents, either.

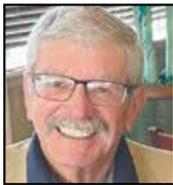
This is what creates an artificial Generation Gap. We push each other apart because we don't like to be reminded that we're not them anymore, and they don't want to face the realization that some day they will be us.

Ironically, this is best demonstrated at an event that brings the generations together—the wedding.

Young people have to dress like from some time when men wore cummerbunds and women had to have other women carry the back ends of their dresses for them. This is all punitive and we make them do it or we won't pay for the wedding.

To get us back, each new generation comes up with music that is intended to keep old people off the dance floor. When the band fired up the Charleston in the 1920s, all those Spanish-American War veterans went back to their seats and watched. Mission accomplished. The repression of the elderly dancer is the only explanation for the Jitterbug or the Twist.

Columnist



Jake Vest

Can you imagine Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower doing the Bunny Hop? Neither could the kids of that day, which is why they came up with it.

You can't really believe my generation enjoyed the Frug, the Pony or the Jerk. Those were the inventions of nimble youngsters who are good-

looking enough to get away with anything and think they will be young and good-looking forever.

All young people are like that. They need to get over it, and we can help.

It is the duty of some of us old people to get out there and show them what they are going to look like some day. I'm not talking about the early reception, Mother-Son, Daddy-Daughter, all couples shuffles, either.

What is called for is something like a geriatric mosh pit, with all of us wobbling around on our worn-out original equipment and various replacement parts, barely able to hear the music let alone do anything related to it. That would put some whippersnappers in their places.

We had some promise at this last reception, but unfortunately, as the pace of the music picked up, that dignity and self-respect stuff started to set in and most of my kind wandered back to their tables.

I didn't.

I was out there for the duration, bobbing, weaving, creaking and sweating, often without a partner, sometimes in groups of six or 13, and at least once leading a Conga line doing a Bunny Hop.

That brings us to one of the real differences between previous generations and the young people of today. These kids all have phones with recording functions.

And it leaves me wondering how much of my 401(k) it will take to buy all those videos before they hit YouTube or TikTok—whatever that is.

Budget process enters final countdown

This week officially marks the second to last week of the 2026 Legislative Session. Bills that have not moved through all of their assigned committee references are considered dead, while other bills are moving through the House and Senate chambers (with some ping ponging between the chambers). Budget negotiations have officially commenced.

Following the submission of the budget silo recommendations a few weeks back, these recommendations were then combined into a larger budget proposal from each chamber.

As a recap, the House and Senate budget proposals are currently \$1 billion apart—with the House budget totaling \$113.6 billion and Senate budget totaling \$115 billion (Source: The Florida Phoenix/Tallahassee Reports). Because the Legislature is responsible for passing a state budget mutually agreed upon by both the House and Senate, a negotiations period referred to as "budget conferencing" between the two chambers is utilized to help address the gaps between the proposals.

Budget conference committees are established for corresponding budget silos from each chamber and are comprised of House and Senate members.

Florida House of Representatives



Doug Bankson

This process allows members to have focused effort on addressing gaps in each silo.

Unlike committee meetings, meetings for budget conference committees are considered sporadic (with some happening late at night and weekends) with only a one-hour meeting notice requirement.

Similar to the budget silo chair recommendations, the chairs for each budget conference committee will be giving their final recommendations for the larger budget proposal over the next week. At that point, the two proposals from each chamber are expected to have worked out their differences and merged into one proposal.

Once the final proposal is hot off the presses, members are required to have a three-day "cool-off period," where they must wait three days before voting on the budget. The final bud-

get proposal is usually the final act of business for the Legislative Session, where it is passed in both chambers on the last scheduled day of session before going to the governor for his review.

Once the budget is passed in both chambers, members can officially sine die (Latin for adjournment), which means business for the Legislative Session has officially concluded for the year. Items proposed to be funded in the budget are pending the governor's approval.

In the months following session, the governor has until July 1 (the start of the new fiscal year) to sign the budget and issue a veto item list. Which budget items end up on the veto list—items that are ultimately cut from the budget—will depend on a number of factors, from which items align with the governor's priorities (\$117.4 billion budget proposal) to projects that could obtain funding from another source (such as a state grant program).

There are rumblings and rumors that session may be extended, and presently the authorized schedule for next week does not show sine die for next Friday (the scheduled last day of session). I'm prepared to work until the job is done.

Wheatley Elementary put on great show

Last week I was invited to attend Wheatley Elementary's "Black History Experience 2026." What a wonderful experience it was! I left the school feeling uplifted and filled with joy.

First of all, the event was packed with cars filling the parking lot and the surrounding streets. The cafeteria was filled with the smiling faces of parents, grandparents, children, friends and community members. It was a real community event.

The evening featured performances of various grade levels and included a wide variety of genres, including gospel music, a Motown tribute, drums, spoken word and poetry. It had us all on our feet dancing and singing.

When I tell you it was a good time, I mean it. I don't think I have ever attended a school performance where the audience was so involved and excited.

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

But the bright spot for me was seeing the pride on the faces of these young scholars. They quite literally stood with their chests out. They knew the message they were sharing was not just a report of the past or of times gone by but a living testament to who they are and the history that lives in each of them that makes them strong.

It was a beautiful thing to witness, which nearly brought me to tears several times.

But what I also loved to witness was the tight community that lives within Wheatley Ele-

mentary. There is a pride within those walls that is a strong testament to the 140-year history it embodies.

That community feeling was on full display that evening with the crowd's involvement in the program, the cheers, dancing and singing. The PTA was out in full force as well. Staff members were there. It truly was a joyous feeling and quite electric.

That particular day was a long one that started at 8 a.m. with two conferences I attended in Orlando. I didn't get home that night until almost 7 p.m., but it was worth it to cap off my long day with such a joy-filled event. As I shared with Principal Tabitha Brown after the performance, my spirit was lifted and renewed!

Thank you, Principal Brown, for the special invitation, and thank you Phillis Wheatley Elementary scholars for treating me to such a special evening. I won't soon forget!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Amid our rambunctious mayor's election, there is another, lower profile, issue that is more important than who will be Apopka's next mayor. That issue is whether Apopka will retain our strong mayor form of government or adopt a city manager-council government.

Changing from strong mayor to city manager would be a huge mistake for Apopka. There are a multitude of reasons, and I'll list 3:

1. The first is plain common sense: Why would we change from a system where we can choose our mayor at the ballot box to inculcating an all-powerful unelected bureaucrat? With a strong mayor system, if citizens want a change, we have the ability to make that change at the next election within four years. A bad city manager could

be in place for many years, totally insulated from the will of the people.

In the strong mayor government, the mayor is subject to the will of the people. An all-powerful city manager is completely removed from the will of the people.

2. Another vital consideration: By law, with a strong mayor government, the mayor of Apopka must be a resident of Apopka. City managers most often do not live in the city that they control and have absolutely no connection to the city. These are hired gun mercenaries who go from one city to the next enforcing their dictatorial powers with no direct input from citizens.

3. Accountability is vital. With strong mayor government, whoever serves as mayor is ac-

countable to the citizens. Whoever is elected mayor, competent or incompetent, understands 365 days a year that he or she is accountable to the people of Apopka and that the people of Apopka can end their term at the next election. An unelected all-powerful city manager is totally unaccountable to the citizens and has no incentive to listen to the concerns of the people.

On March 10, Apopka citizens can choose whether Apopka citizens will remain in control of the leadership of our town, or relinquish that precious freedom for posterity and put it in the hands of a potential unelected, out-of-town, all-powerful bureaucrat—a city manager.

Roger Franklin Williams
Apopka

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Q&A: Mayoral candidates talk leadership lessons

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The Apopka Chief and WESH 2 News organized a mayoral debate on Feb. 3, when moderators asked candidates questions on a range of issues. To watch the full debate, visit YouTube and search for “Apopka mayoral debate.”

Over the last four weeks, the Chief has featured a weekly question not covered in the debate. This week’s question comes from Apopka Chief member Matt DiSalvatore:

What is one leadership decision you’ve made in the past that you regret, and what did it teach you?

Answers are presented in alphabetical order.

Christine Moore, Orange County commissioner

I’m sure most of you would admit that life is a learning curve, but if we take time for reflection, revers-



Photo by Dana O’Connor

Candidates laugh at the Feb. 3 mayoral debate.

ing course on an initial opinion can result in something positive. I must add, though, that the city’s hostile online culture is making reflection difficult. Honest dialogue in supportive cultures leads to trust and overall success.

While a member of the Orange County School Board, I refused at first to add 20 minutes of daily recess. I, like

the superintendent, initially believed that every minute of instruction was critical for student achievement. Well, eventually the mothers convinced me that children need to love school, have unstructured playtime, and expend energy for better learning throughout the afternoon. The moms were right, and I changed my vote.

I thought receiving an extra 1,500 acres of conservation in lieu of 60 acres lost for a highway in 2019 was a sufficient tradeoff for the Split Oak Forest. Since that time, I voted with Orange County residents who overwhelmingly voted into the charter their desire to preserve conservation lands in perpetuity. Since that time, I have advocated reducing suburban sprawl, studied with a national group on productive development and preserving open space, and learned more about building “character towns.”

Nick Nesta, city commissioner

A leadership decision I have made in the past where I wish I had led better was to be a stronger force for the residents in their time of need when the current mayor and Commissioners Alexander Smith and Nadia Anderson decided to push public comment to the end of City Council meetings and turn off the live broadcast for all of the residents to see.

These residents’ voices were under attack for a stretch of 18 council meetings, solely due to the current mayor, Commissioner Smith, and Commissioner Anderson choosing not to prioritize the residents—the same residents who elected us to serve and represent them, not silence them.

This taught me to stand stronger for the residents and provide protections for the residents and their voices through live streaming the public comment section on my own social media account. I will continue to advocate for the residents to be heard regardless of their message.

Bryan Nelson, mayor

The city filed suit to stop the Affordable Housing Complex at the Town Center only to find out that state law had changed and our defense wouldn’t hold up. The Town Center had luxury apartment builders who were interested in building in the Town Center but weren’t able to break the contract that had already been approved by Orange County and the developer.

Lake Apopka Connector Trail opens for recreational use

Trail stretches from Magnolia Park to Clarcona Horse Park

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Orange County community members and officials on Saturday celebrated the grand opening of the Lake Apopka Connector Trail, a \$10.2 million project marking the completion of a long-planned loop encircling Lake Apopka and linking communities across two counties.

Construction of the 4.46-mile connector, which stretches between Magnolia Park and Clarcona Horse Park in Apopka, includes a 10- to 14-foot-wide multi-use path with a boardwalk section.

The trail is a nexus for horseback riders, cyclists, joggers, pedestrians and families from surrounding Northwest Orange County neighborhoods, said Kyle Kent of Orange County Parks and Recreation Division.

“We tried to choose a location that would show both the rolling areas of this Northwest Orange County, and the beautiful canopy that you’re go-

ing to be able to ride through,” Kent said at the ceremony. “This is probably one of the prettiest stretches of the trail that we have.”

The connector trail links the West Orange Trail to the North Shore Trail, ultimately completing a 48.32-mile loop around Lake Apopka. The full circuit now connects Orange County trails with the South Lake Trail and the Green Mountain Scenic Overlook in Lake County.

Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings noted that the county is growing by nearly 800 new residents a week, which puts pressure on infrastructure and underscores the need to preserve green space and expand recreational amenities.

“We want to make certain that we have great parks and other amenities for you to be able to enjoy as we move forward,” Demings said.

Demings credited a long list of partners for bringing the connector to fruition, including the Florida Department of Transportation, Orange County Public Works, the cities of Apopka and Ocoee, the metropolitan planning organization MetroPlan Orlando, private contractors and officials from nonprofits and government



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Community members and local leaders gather to cut the ribbon on the Lake Apopka Connector Trail, a \$10.2 million project stretching 4.46 miles from Magnolia Park to Clarcona Horse Park in Apopka.

agencies. He also thanked current and former county commissioners, including Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson and Betsy VanderLey, for supporting the project over multiple years.

The first segment of the West Orange Trail opened in 1994 and has since expanded to 22 miles through Oakland, Winter Garden, Apopka and Ocoee. Plans for a continuous multiuse loop around Lake Apopka date back nearly 20 years. Phase

One opened in 2012, providing access from Magnolia Park to the North Shore Trail maintained by the St. Johns River Water Management District, Demings said.

Orange County District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore highlighted the recreational and economic potential of the completed loop. She recounted biking a portion of the trail with her granddaughter and encountering dozens of alligators sunning

along the lake’s edge.

“You have so many adventures awaiting you on this trail,” Moore said. “I look forward to seeing all kinds of groups sponsoring bike rides and events and activities going into the future.”

Moore said the expanded trail system positions Apopka to do what Winter Garden and Ocoee have done, adding that the Lake Apopka Loop Trail could have tremendous economic impact for Northwest Orange County.

Joe Dunn of the Friends of Lake Apopka (FOLA) said the vision for a connected loop has been sustained by community advocates who pushed for nearly a decade to make it a reality. In 2017, the group launched the annual FOLA 40 bike ride to raise awareness about the Lake Apopka restoration and the need to connect existing trail segments.

Dunn said that first ride showed Orange County commissioners firsthand how dangerous it was to bike certain road segments, and Moore later worked with MetroPlan Orlando to get money allocated for the connector.

“It took a village and nine years, but it’s done,” Dunn said.

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HCA Florida Wekiva Emergency to open Tuesday

OBT facility held Feb. 27 ribbon cutting

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

A new freestanding emergency room in western Orange County is set to open March 10, expanding access to around-the-clock care for residents in and around Apopka.

Leaders with HCA Florida Lake Monroe Hospital on Feb. 26 showcased the nearly 11,000-square-foot, \$15 million HCA Florida Wekiva Emergency during the Feb. 27 ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by local officials, first responders and hospital administrators.

"This will be our sixth

emergency room covering four different counties throughout the Orlando market," John Gerhold, CEO of Lake Monroe Hospital, said at the ceremony. "It's going to have full-service CT scan, X-ray with ultrasound capability, and we'll have a full-service lab here at the hospital. And again, it's open 24/7."

The facility, located at 2757 West Orange Blossom Trail in Apopka, is designed to function like a hospital-based emergency department, staffed 24 hours a day with board-certified emergency medicine physicians and nurses.

Hospital officials emphasized that while the building is ready, patients should not seek care there until it officially opens March 10.



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Community leaders and hospital staff gather to cut the ribbon of the new, nearly 11,000 sq. ft., \$15-million HCA Florida Wekiva Emergency on Orange Blossom Trail in Apopka on Feb. 27.

"So please, if you share, we encourage you to share on social media," said Patrick Wolf, director of physician and provider relations for HCA Lake Monroe Hospital located in San-

ford. "We encourage you to get the word out there, but please just add a disclaimer that our doors won't open till that day."

Inside HCA Florida Wekiva, the emergency

room features private patient rooms, a centralized nurses' station and a dedicated acute care area for critically ill patients, including those experiencing cardiac arrest, trauma, overdoses or stroke.

The site includes on-site radiology services—CT, X-ray and ultrasound—allowing physicians to rapidly evaluate stroke patients and other emergencies. If a patient requires admission, they will be transported to Lake Monroe Hospital in Sanford. Administrators said patients will not be charged for that transfer.

For patients with suspected infectious diseases or hazardous exposures, the building includes a decontamination room that patients enter from the outside of the facility, as well as a backflow

room connected to the HVAC system so air is pulled in and passed through special HEPA filters before being expelled, rather than pushed back into other areas.

The emergency room also contains a patient safety room for Baker Act patients or other safety patients.

Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson, who spoke at the ceremony, called the project a timely addition amid rapid growth in the area.

"We've got an amazing amount of growth coming in the northwest and southwest parts of the city," Nelson said. "Having a facility like this here in the western part of Apopka will be a great addition for those people that have a serious accident or serious condition—seconds matter."

Apopka Fair celebrates 25th anniversary

Staff Reports

The Rotary Club of Apopka, in partnership with the city of Apopka and local sponsors, will present the Apopka Fair next week at Kit Land Nelson Park. This year marks the fair's 25th anniversary.

The fair is scheduled to run from Thursday, March 12, to Sunday, March 15, with the following hours:

- Thursday, March 12: 5 p.m.-10 p.m. (armbands available throughout the night)
- Friday, March 13: 5 p.m.-11 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14: 2 p.m.-11 p.m.



Courtesy of Bill Spiegel

The Apopka Fair is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

- Sunday, March 15: Noon-8 p.m. (armbands available from Noon-2 p.m. and are accepted through 4 p.m.)

Festivities include over 20 carnival rides, midway games and food vendors. Solo acoustic performer Jes Farnsworth will play live music 7-10 p.m. on March 13, while

fellow acoustic performer Mike Reymont will appear 7-10 p.m. on March 14.

The Rotary Club will also present the 25th Annual Rotarian Lowell Classic and Collectible Car Show on March 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Kit Land Nelson Park, just before festival hours. The show will feature over 100 cars and include a display from the Apopka Police Department.

Admission to the fair is free, while parking is \$5. Tickets cost \$1 each or \$20 for a pack of 24 tickets. Armbands are available at the above times for \$25. For more information, visit apopkafair.com.

CULINARY EVENT

FROM A1

She started at Wekiva Culinary as a freshman, there for "the free food." As she progressed in the program, she discovered her passion for culinary arts, winning Chicago's Seize the Spotlight competition with three of her peers in May 2025. Now a senior, Edwards has her eyes set on the future.

"In the fall, I am going to [Florida International University], and I'm planning to study hospitality management there," Edwards said. "One day I really want to be a general manager of a restaurant, and so this event management has definitely been like a stepping stone and a

start of just trying to organize events."

According to chef Heather Wall, Edwards and her fellow students are well on their way to culinary success.

"It's been really great to see how enthusiastic they are and how much they want to learn and take things on," said Wall, who works as a pastry sous chef at Disney's Saratoga Springs and Old Key West resorts. "It was just really amazing to see how they went into it without that fear and hesitation that you could so easily get from something you've never seen before."

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SEAT 2
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city government.

What do you believe has been the City Council's biggest mistake in the past five years, and how would you have handled it differently?

The biggest mistake has been approving aggressive development without securing adequate infrastructure, traffic mitigation, and public safety investments first. Growth itself isn't the problem—unbalanced growth is. Over the past five years, too many decisions have placed developers' timelines ahead of residents' quality of life in Apopka.

I would have insisted on a "concurrency first" approach: no major approvals without guaranteed road funding, school capacity coordination, stormwater safeguards, and proportional investment in police and fire staffing. I also would have pushed for stronger impact fees and development agreements that protect taxpayers from footing the bill later. Responsible growth means negotiating firmly, demanding transparency, and ensuring that every new project clearly benefits the entire community—not just the builder.

If elected, how should voters measure your effectiveness after two years in office?

After two years, voters should measure my effectiveness by clear, measurable outcomes:

- Slower approval of high-density projects until infrastructure keeps pace.
- Increased police and fire staffing levels tied to population growth.
- Secured funding or completed improvements for key traffic corridors.
- Stronger development agreements requiring developers to fund roads, drainage, and public safety contri-



Screenshot from The Apopka Chief YouTube channel

Seat 2 incumbent Diane Velazquez speaks (far left) at the City Council candidate debate last month.

butions.

- Improved response times for police and fire services.
- Regular public town halls and transparent reporting on votes and city finances.

If residents see safer neighborhoods, smarter growth decisions, improved traffic planning, and greater transparency at City Hall in Apopka, then I've done my job.

Angela Turner, challenger
What elected office positions have you held?

I have been elected treasurer and chair of several nonprofit organizations, including roles connected to West Virginia University. I also served as a legislative liaison advocating tuition-free education for rural and low-income students. These roles strengthened my experience in budget oversight, fiscal responsibility, and long-term strategic planning.

Where can voters go to learn more about you?

Voters can learn more at voteangelaturner.org. My family was featured on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition in 2007 for community service. I'm a local business owner, nonprofit CEO, and five-star psychotherapist. I moved to Apopka seven years ago on a partnership with West Virginia University and Florida universities, and this is proudly our home.

What specifically motivated you to run for this seat at this time?

I am running because Apopka is at a pivotal moment. Growth, rising costs, traffic congestion, and infrastructure demands require thoughtful, experienced leadership. As a business owner, nonprofit executive, and mental health professional, I understand both financial management and the importance of listening to people. I want to ensure every neighborhood in Apopka feels heard and represented. I am motivated to serve on a larger scale, bring responsible growth strategies forward, and protect the quality of life that makes our city special.

What do you believe has been the City Council's biggest mistake in the past five years, and how would you have handled it differently?

Apopka's biggest challenge has been managing rapid growth without fully addressing infrastructure and affordability first. Development should not outpace roads, utilities, schools and public safety resources. I believe we must prioritize infrastructure before approving large-scale expansion.

If elected, I would advocate for proactive planning policies that require clear infrastructure benchmarks before new developments move forward. Growth should strengthen our tax base without overwhelming our community.

I also believe transparency matters. I have not accepted funding from developers because residents deserve confidence that decisions are made in their best interest. Listening to homeowners, small business owners and families before major decisions are finalized would be central to my leadership approach.

If elected, how should voters measure your effectiveness after two years in office?

Voters should measure my effectiveness through tangible improvements in daily life:

- Reduced utility cost increases through responsible budgeting and oversight.
- Noticeable progress in traffic flow and infrastructure planning before new developments are approved.
- Increased beautification and community-centered downtown activity that supports small businesses.
- Transparent communication, including regular town halls and community updates.

Most importantly, voters should feel heard. If residents see their input reflected in policy decisions and experience improvements in affordability, infrastructure, and community engagement, then I will have fulfilled my commitment to serve Apopka with integrity and accountability.

Diane Velazquez, incumbent

What elected office po-

sitions have you held?

I have been an Apopka City Commissioner since April 2014 and Vice Mayor since 2022. From 2018 to 2020, I was a Planning and Zoning appointed Orange County Commissioner. I'm on the Lake Apopka Natural Gas District board as a director. I'm on the Wekiva High School Culinary Board. I was on the board of directors of the Tri-County League of Cities.

Where can voters go to learn more about you?

The voters can go to my City of Apopka web page and see my bio. My Facebook page is also available. Diane for Apopka website is available.

What specifically motivated you to run for this seat at this time?

I would like to address a subject that has been very important to me since I was first elected to the City Council in 2014. I have been addressing the need for written administrative policies where they don't exist. Many decisions have been made on the City Council without existing written policies. It's my understanding that policies are written statements that address specific issues that outline the framework for whatever decision is made. To implement the action of the policy, a clear procedure should be followed. I also believe these written policies should be accessible to all the residents of

Apopka, including businesses and others that are interested in being associated with the city.

What do you believe has been the City Council's biggest mistake in the past five years, and how would you have handled it differently?

The lack of knowledge is a liability and not having the total information can be considered a mistake. Not being informed can lead to making mistakes in the decision process during City Council meetings or workshops. I did tackle this liability by studying and learning as much as possible, within a short period of time, on how the city administration addresses the needs of the city and its residents.

If elected, how should voters measure your effectiveness after two years in office?

One of the main reasons for running for office again is to continue my quest on the implementation of policies where they don't exist. I would like to see policies in place that the residents understand and have access to. Good, strong policies will result in understanding how the administration is going to govern and implement the needs of the city. These policies will insure a vibrant, clean, safe and fiscally strong city with a community that trusts the administration for their city because of its transparent commitment.

DEVELOPMENT
FROM A1

plicant, said the changes are minor and, as city staff said, code compliant. As for the pending civil lawsuits, voting on the revised plans has nothing to do with them, Kovecses said.

One pending lawsuit focuses on a retaining wall on the Emerson Park site, which Kovecses said is physically

separate from the townhome buildings and garages.

The other lawsuit involves what party is responsible for costs to maintain and upkeep Austin Bay Boulevard, which the attorney characterized as a contractual dispute.

"[This] has no bearing or implication on the size of the

garages at all," the attorney said. "While those lawsuits are still pending, our position is they have no bearing on the request."

Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez noted she had received 39 emails on the matter and expressed concern about developers leaving unresolved issues behind.

"When ... the developer walks away, then the one that's left with the problem comes to us to try and resolve the problem," Velazquez said. "That's my only reservation, and that's what happens."

However, city attorney Cliff Shepard noted that the matter was quasi-judicial.

"You're interpreting whether or not this application meets the code requirements to be approved," Shepard said. "Here, you've heard from the staff and [read what's] contained in the staff report, among other things, that it does meet all of those requirements. The recommended motion tells you

that." Apopka Fire Chief Wil Sanchez said the revised configuration may improve emergency access.

"We wanted to make sure that we had emergency access," he said, noting improved stretcher access behind units.

THEME: SINGERS & SONGWRITERS

ACROSS

1. Comprehend
6. It has no staying power?
9. Auditioner's hope
13. Prevention measure?
14. Ill temper
15. Poetic although
16. Brooke or John Jacob, of New York
17. Downhill equipment
18. Beau
19. "What Was I Made For?" singer
21. "Fast Car" singer
23. Part of URL
24. Peephole glance
25. Morning drops
28. 1920s art style
30. Reduce, as in standing
35. Big Bang's original matter
37. Lad's counterpart
39. Connection
40. Milton Bradley's game
41. Tea from certain region of India
43. Some bent pipes
44. Rose oil

DOWN

1. Former Portuguese colony in India
2. Deceptive maneuver
3. Naysayer's favorite prefix
4. Upbraid
46. Zeus' wife
47. Remove from a manuscript
48. What bird did, homewise
50. Hyperbolic sine
52. "___ and the City"
53. Prejudice
55. "Wow!"
57. "Song Sung Blue" singer
61. "I Just Called to Say I Love You" singer
64. Barrel racing meet
65. ___ Maria
67. Shockingly graphic
69. Not upright
70. Bathtub libation
71. Food contaminant
72. W on a light bulb
73. Consume
74. Ayes

5. 1/3rd of a hockey game
6. Phish homophone
7. One of Indiana's quests
8. Prepare for winter takeoff
9. Alka-Seltzer sound
10. Nucleus plus electrons
11. Actress Perlman
12. Tattered's partner
15. Rouse
20. Inscribed pillar
22. He had
24. Own
25. "Hurricane" singer
26. Like March Madness' eight
27. Hair extensions
29. "Folsom Prison Blues" singer
31. "Walk on the Wild Side" singer
32. Wheel shafts
33. Tutu fabric
34. English county
36. Source of protein
38. Delhi wrap
42. Popular lassi fruit
45. Restart computer
49. Clamor
51. "The Boys of Summer" singer
54. "Bad news travels fast", e.g.
56. Draw a conclusion
57. Pull out a pistol
58. Letter before kappa
59. Type of mine passage
60. Cheesy sandwich
61. Hit the road
62. Cupid's counterpart
63. Rub the wrong way
66. Road, in Rome
68. Bad-mouth, slangily

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Matthew 25:35*

POLICE BEAT

Apopka police arrest 27 Feb. 22-28

If a law enforcement agency charges you with a crime and this news outlet reports that information, please notify us within 90 days if the charge is dropped or if you are found not guilty by the court. After verifying the information, we will be happy to publish it. Please send notification to dhayden@theapopkachief.com.

In the period from February 22-28, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,400 calls for service, responded to 27 crashes, issued 34 citations, and made 27 arrests. Burglaries: 6 vehicles, 2 residences, 3 businesses. Juveniles were charged with battery on person 65+ years of age (domestic violence); battery-touch or strike (domestic

violence). The following adults were arrested and charged:

Reshawn Rovelle Sims, 38, 812 Scott St., Clermont, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Jose Delcarmen Cuevas, 56, 340 Hideout Ln., Apopka, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 1st conviction.

Arturo Morales Hernandez, 24, no address provided, unknown, damage property-criminal mischief, damage property \$1,000+.

Shaun Anthony Robotham, 44, Altamonte Springs, battery-touch or strike.

Juan Elias Valdez Castillo, 37, larceny-other theft.

Eugene Shod Johnson, 19, 1711 Lucy Terry Ave., Apopka, resist officer-obstruct with-

out violence; larceny grand theft-property value \$750-\$5,000.

Kimberly Ann Aldrich, 43, Apopka, battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation; battery-cause bodily harm.

William Marvin Langston, 45, 2475 Arcadia Ave., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (cocaine); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (amphetamine); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (fentanyl); drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Jose Martinez-Hernandez, 37, 2601 Plymouth Sorrento Rd., Apopka, battery-touch or strike; simple assault-intent threat to do violence; fraud-impersonate false ID given to

law enforcement officers; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Aaron Vanish Lee Berry, 31, 1912 Windsor Oak Dr., Apopka, aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill; weapon offense-missile into dwelling vehicle building or aircraft; firing weapon-discharge firearm from vehicle; damage property-criminal mischief damage property \$1,000+; battery-touch or strike.

Brian Jarod Williams, 37, 800 N. Hastings St. #21, Orlando, battery-touch or strike.

Rebecca Ann Fallon, 44, 100 Brown Dr., Sanford, larceny-other theft.

Robert Hermando Riley, 50, 225 N. Hawthorne Ave., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Martin Lincoln Cenatus, 37, 2036 Chickadee Dr.,

Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-damage to property or person of another.

Brittany Monet Campbell, 40, 507 Alexandria Place Dr., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Roberto Carlos Bougin-Barrera, 31, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Nevin Ellis Prussing, 21, 849 Crepe Myrtle Cir., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation or revocation equivalent status.

Kristina Marie Rose, 52, 157 Rand Ct., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Espirillon Fuentes Antonio, 73, unknown, unknown, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Ian Alexander Nummer, 32, transient, unknown, indecent exposure-exposure of sexual organs, 1st offense.

Phebe Angela Banks, 55, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Carlee Michelle Moore, 43, 2826 NE 18th Ct., Ocala, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Kevin Estuardo Rivera Lucas, 33, Apopka, battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation.

Nike Vukel, 64, Sorrento, simple assault-intent threat to do violence.

Judith Lorriane Munroe, 55, 3131 Rolling Hills Ln., Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Simon Peter Ramnanan, 45, 4421 Chinaberry Dr., Orlando, larceny-other theft.

Randasha Beruana Atwell, 33, Orlando, battery on person 65+ years of age.

BIG BAD WOLF MOCK TRIAL



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Phillis Wheatley Elementary School brought the legal community to its second grade students on March 3 through the Big Bad Wolf Mock Trial. Orange County Public Schools described the trial as "an upbeat, kid-friendly event that blends storytelling, civic education, and real courtroom roles. At a time when civic education is more important than ever, this program gives students a hands-on understanding of fairness, evidence, and decision-making."

Foliage Sertoma Club opens nominations for annual award

Nominations due on April 10

Staff Reports

The Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka has officially opened nominations for its 2026 Service to Mankind Honoree.

Foliage Sertoma, in partnership with the city of Apopka, The Apopka Chief, and AdventHealth Apopka, selects a group of nominees from public submissions every year. This year, the club will recognize the group at an April 28 community dinner at the Fran Carlton Center.

"For six years, the Sertoma Service to Mankind Dinner has honored over 100 selfless individuals who have made lasting impacts on our community by giving of their time, talent and love," said a club press release.

Each nominee and a guest of his choosing will receive complimentary admission to the dinner, which is \$25 for other community members. One nominee will receive the title of 2026 Service to Mankind Honoree, with a donation to a program of their choice.



Photo by Bev Winesburgh

From left to right: Foliage Sertoma Club President Eric Mock, Coach Michael MacWithey and Mayor Bryan Nelson pose at the April 2025 awards dinner.

The honoree will also be entered in the national Sertoma Service to Mankind awards.

Last year, Foliage Sertoma named Mike MacWithey as its honoree. The club honored his work as head softball coach at Apopka High School, as the school's engineering teacher and as advisor for the school robotics club. MacWithey used his \$250 cash award to build a hall of fame wall for Blue Darter athletes.

"The bonus that earns Mike the respect of his students and their parents is his

degree as a Blue Darter from Apopka High School," said Roger Williams, who nominated MacWithey, in a club statement last year. "Apopka is his hometown. That makes all the team and robotics achievements for the students and the school even more meaningful."

Those wishing to nominate an Apopka resident may find the nomination form at foliagesertoma.org/forms/. Each nomination must be submitted with a \$20 entry fee on or before April 10.



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Apopka wins 2 categories in biomedical challenge

Students take first in wearable health tech, misinformation categories

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

For the first time in the event's six-year history, Apopka High School's Medical Careers Magnet won two awards in the Orange County Public Schools Biomedical Challenge.

"I am incredibly proud to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Apopka High School students who competed in the 6th Annual Health and Biomedical Challenge," said school board member Melissa Byrd in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "After two months of dedicated research, preparation, and collaboration, both of our teams achieved first place in their respective categories—marking Apopka's first-ever win in this competition. This win demonstrates their talent,



Courtesy of Thomas Perez

From left to right, Thomas Perez, Cristian Medina, Kristy Connor and Yasmin Simjee pose with the certificates.

teamwork, and ability to tackle real-world health challenges."

Apopka High sent two teams of three students each to the Feb. 24 competition at AdventHealth

Nicholson Center. Students Thomas Perez, Yasmin Simjee and Cristian Medina won in the wearable health tech and remote monitoring category. Their peers,

Dilion Falloon, Jezabel Colon and Makayla Smith competed in the misinformation and public health communication category. Seven schools competed in the first category, while eight competed in the second.

Magnet instructor Kristy Connor said the students practiced their presentations in front of fellow high schoolers for three weeks before the competition. They also started the research process in December.

"I did not force students to do the competition; all six of the students that competed for Apopka chose to be there, and their passion was obvious," Connor said in a statement to the Chief. "It says a lot about Apopka that we only took two teams to compete and both teams won in their chosen category."

Perez attributes the victory to Connor's "nitpicking."

"For part of the project, we had to write a five-page research paper to go along with the presentation

that we were giving, and I say we had to rewrite that research paper about seven times, because every single time, she would find some error," Perez said. "It'd be so much as a random error, as in you forgot to cite a source or you missed a comma or punctuation mark, and she had us rewrite the whole paper just because of that."

Perez said his team's campaign efforts reached more people in the community than their competitors did, which also led to their victory. However, the win still came as a surprise.

"Olympia [High School] has always won first place in multiple categories, so we honestly did not expect to win," Perez said.

Ultimately, Perez is proud of how his team was able to "fight through" things like "miscommunication" and other difficulties to win the victory.

"I think it really gave us a boost of our self-esteem," Perez said.

ANDERSON FROM A9

ed repeated complaints, calls to law enforcement, and instances of hostility meant to intimidate, Anderson said.

Nesta is competing with Moore and Bryan Nelson for the mayoral seat in the general election next week.

"This pattern is deeply concerning," Anderson said. "It reflects behavior aimed not at policy disagreements but at intimidation, personal distraction, and destruction. I want it clearly on the record: I am concerned about what will come next."

Anderson outlined a timeline beginning in late

2025, when attorney Bill McLeod filed a lawsuit challenging her residency and her qualification to run for city commissioner.

She noted the lawsuit was initially dismissed by a judge on Monday, but said it was refiled less than 24 hours later with the city added as a defendant.

In the ruling, the Orange County Ninth Circuit Court dismissed the case on the grounds that it did not include the city, which it said is an "indispensable party" to the lawsuit. As of midday Thursday, the docket did not

show any re-filing of the suit.

Anderson presented correspondence from January 2024, when she was still a candidate for City Council, from an email address associated with Nesta.

"One of those emails read, 'See attached notes within the PDF,'" Anderson said. "Please do not share this document with anyone or tell anyone that I assisted in the efforts."

According to Anderson, other emails indicated coordination with the McLeod Law Firm representing the plaintiff. She said one indi-

vidual involved in the lawsuit has since apologized for participating in efforts to remove her from office.

Anderson was elected to her first council term in March 2024.

In the residency challenge, the suit says Anderson lives on Falcon Hill Drive, citing official documents she filed using that address, which is outside Apopka city limits. A separate complaint filed against her real estate license with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation said she does not live at Fal-

con Hill Drive—a discrepancy Anderson said was duplicitous.

"It cannot be both ways," she said. "I ask publicly, what does my real estate license have to do with my service as a commissioner? ... What it would do is harm my livelihood and attempt to financially cripple me and bankrupt me."

Anderson urged Nesta to stop what she described as "secret harassment," to "respect the will of the voters," and to allow the council to focus on governance.

"Commissioner Nesta

ta, you constantly lecture about transparency, integrity and wasteful spending, but in secret, you do the opposite, attempting to harm innocent people, with the taxpayers being forced to pay for your shady practices," she said. "My question: To what end do you want power that much?"

During the meeting, Nesta did not respond to Anderson's remarks. In a Thursday text message to The Apopka Chief, Nesta declined to comment citing the pending litigation involving the city.

Joseph Earl Fisher, 83, passed from this world on February 4, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Joseph "Joe" was born in Carbon Hill, AL, on December 18, 1942, and moved to Florida as a child with his family. He graduated from Mt. Dora High School in 1961, where he excelled as a football player, and began a career in the telephone communications field in the mid-1960's as a lineman with United Telephone Corporation. Joe worked for United Telephone and its successor companies until his retirement in 1995.

Joe had been a resident of Apopka since the mid-1960's. He was an avid outdoorsman, and particularly loved fishing. Throughout his life Joe was active in the community, coaching baseball when his sons were young, volunteering at Apopka High School football games, and traveling with his church to repair and remodel homes for less fortunate families in Appalachia. Joe was an active member of the First Methodist Church of Apopka.

Joe is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sharon Fisher, his son Keith Fisher and daughter-in-law Jill Fisher of Hummelstown, PA, his daughter Kim Morse and son-in-law George Morse of Apopka, FL, daughter-in-law Wisstee Fisher Valentine and her husband Jimmy Valentine of Apopka, FL, 6 grandchildren - Houston Fisher (Dessiea), Kendall Fisher, Aidan Fisher, Keira Fisher, Andrew Ghekas (Katrina), and William Ghekas, and 3 great grandchildren. Also surviving are his sisters Ann Bagwell and Brenda Reynolds, sister-in-law Colleen Fisher, sister-in-law Debbie Sellery (George), and many nieces and nephews.

Joe was predeceased by his parents James Luther and Katherine Fisher, sister Shirley Lavin, brother Bobby Fisher, and son Kevin Fisher.

Services will be held at 11:00 AM, March 12, at the First Methodist Church of Apopka. The family is suggesting donations to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

Joe's final resting place will be at the (Sorrento Cemetery) in Sorrento, Florida.

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EARLY VOTING

FROM A1

race a little bit higher,” said Jewett, who noted that roughly two-thirds of Florida cities operate under a council-manager system.

Supporters say an upside of this type of government is hiring a trained professional with experience managing municipal operations. Critics describe this person as an unelected bureaucrat who would not be accountable to voters while handling hiring and firing of city employees.

“You lose potentially strong political leadership in the executive branch,” Jewett said.

All three candidates have committed to serve a full term, regardless of which form of government voters choose. The outcome will impact how much the next mayor can manage the city’s growth.

“To some degree, this election weighs in on how well this city has handled existing growth, and who’s best equipped to lead it through the expected growth,” Jewett said.

Possible runoff

With three candidates competing for the mayor’s seat, the possibility of a runoff looms large. To win outright, a candidate must secure more than 50% of the vote. The potential runoff is scheduled for April 14.

“It seems to me that the odds favor the possibility of a runoff,” Jewett said.

Incumbents typically enjoy advantages in municipal races, he said, but that dynamic can shift when challengers have prior elected experience or established name



Photo by Dana O’Connor

Commissioner Nick Nesta smiles with a campaign volunteer.



Photo by Dana O’Connor

Mayor Bryan Nelson

recognition, such as the current Apopka mayoral race.

Voter turnout could prove decisive. Spring municipal elections in Florida often draw around 20% of registered voters, Jewett said. If a runoff is required, participation could drop even further—potentially into the 10% to 12% range, he added.

“Let’s say it’s 35,000 [registered Apopka voters],” he said. “If you only got a 10% turnout, you’re talking three or four thousand voters, maybe.”

As of noon Wednesday, voters had cast 868 early ballots, to go along with 1,578 vote-by-mail ballots, according to the Orange County Supervisor of Elections. Early voting runs through Sunday.

In the 2022 Apopka general election, voters cast 1,622 early ballots and 3,128 by mail. The total voter turnout of 6,817 equated to 19.3% of 35,233 registered voters.

Outside the Apopka Community Center, one of two early voting sites, cam-



Photo by Dana O’Connor

Commissioner Christine Moore stands with her son, Ben Moore.

campaign signs populate the Central Ave./Fifth Street area throughout the week. Along Fifth Street, candidates and campaign volunteers man the tents, encouraging voters to cast their ballots. Motorists drive down Fifth Street honking and waving to the candidates expressing their support.

Early voting runs 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. from March 2 to March 8 at the Apopka Community Center (519 S. Cen-

tral). Voters may also cast their ballots from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through March 8 at the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office (119 W. Kaley St., Orlando).

Jewett noted how it’s common to claim the next election is always the most important, but he said that’s true to a different degree for Apopka.

“When you look at the numbers of people that are up—four of five seats ...

the possibility is there for big change,” he said.

Resident Kit Lamont agreed. After finishing early voting on Tuesday, she told the Chief she considers this election one of the most consequential in years.

“I vote in all the elections,” Lamont said. “However, this election is probably one of the most important ones that have been out there. Just with what happens next in Apopka is going to be very important with the overall growth and development, so I want to be a part of that.”

Closing arguments

The candidates continue making their closing arguments to voters in the final stretch of the campaign as residents head to the polls. Moore called the final days exciting as she meets and speaks with locals at the Apopka Community Center.

In a statement to the Chief, she encouraged residents to stop by her tent if interested in serving on committees such as infrastructure, parks and recreation, arts and culture, historic preservation, and conservation and trails.

“My platform speaks about creating new citizen-led committees which can effectively hold different depart-

ments accountable,” she said.

Nesta, who was at his campaign tent, said he intends to spend time there from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day, including Election Day. He emphasized a mix of in-person neighborhood canvassing and social media engagement to reach voters and said he’s confident about the election.

“We want to be here for everybody to come talk to us, whether you like me or not,” he said.

In a statement to the Chief, Nelson highlighted his administration’s record, including lowering property tax rates, reducing water rate increases, revitalizing downtown Apopka, and securing millions in grants.

“In the last eight years we have made great progress by increasing our reserves from less than \$4 million to currently almost \$40 million, which will help us weather any financial challenges that might come our way,” Nelson said before noting several projects in process, including new sports fields and Kelly Park Road construction beginning next month. “I would be honored to serve one more term to complete all of these exciting projects on time and on budget and humbly ask for your vote.”

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Apopka boys volleyball beats Forest Lake 3-1

Blue Darter seniors out-energize visiting Panthers

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka's boys volleyball team leaned on energy, teamwork and senior leadership to secure a four-set win over Forest Lake Academy (2-1), defeating the Panthers 3-1 (25-15, 23-25, 25-17, 25-17) at home Monday

night.

"I got to give credit to Forest Lake—they always travel very deep, and they bring a lot of energy," head coach Brian Mater said. "Honestly, our team came together tonight. I feel like they played more as a team than against each other. We limited our errors, and our serve in the first set was just killing it."

From the jump, the Blue Darters (2-1) showed they were ready to control the

tempo. After Forest Lake scored the first point of the match, Apopka rattled off a run. Caden McGatha recorded an early block, Nathan White followed with back-to-back aces, and McGatha finished the surge with a booming kill to make it 6-1.

Forest Lake attempted to settle in with a brief scoring stretch, but Giovanni Lubin answered with a block that shifted momentum back. White continued to distribute the ball effectively, setting up

McGatha for multiple kills in the middle, while Elzie Robinson added a kill and an ace to stretch the lead. A late tip by White sealed the opening set, 25-15.

The second set became the most competitive of the night. Apopka jumped out early again behind White's sets and another McGatha kill, but the Panthers kept it in range.

McGatha nailed consec-

VOLLEYBALL, B3



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Caden McGatha and Elzie Robinson hug after connecting on a miraculous play in the fourth set against Forest Lake Academy.

Apopka baseball no-hits Wekiva

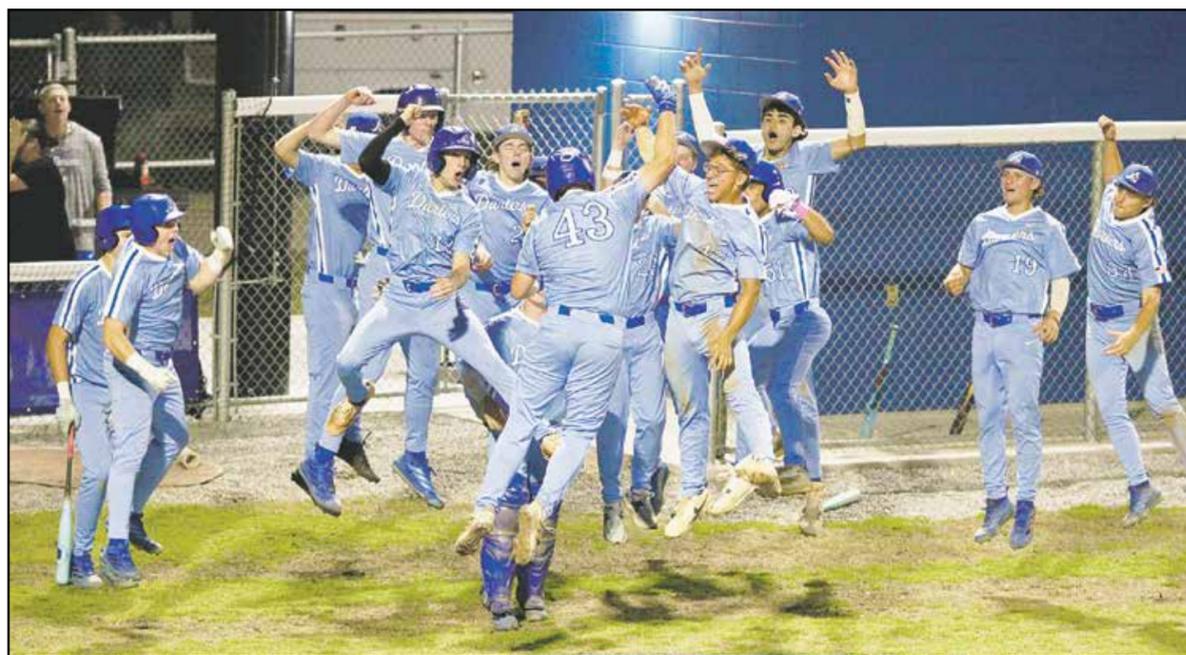


Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

The Blue Darters yell "BOOM" in celebration of Anthony Raymond's (#43) game-ending grand slam against Wekiva.

Blue Darters extend winning streak to seven games

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Apopka Blue Darters wasted no time asserting control Wednesday night against the Wekiva Mustangs, cruising to a 17-0 win in four innings in a Metro West Tournament game decided by the mercy rule.

Behind a no-hitter from JD Edge and a relentless offensive attack, Apopka (7-4), extended its win streak to seven and advanced to the Metro West Tournament final scheduled for Friday night. "What it really comes

down to is we've been pitching great," head coach Scott Garland said. "Every time I talk about one of our wins, it comes down to the fact that we're throwing strikes and doing what we need to do on the mound. Offensively, we've done just enough. Tonight was obviously a little different, we hit the ball around the park quite a bit."

Edge set the tone on the mound, striking out the first two batters he faced before inducing a groundout to end the top half of the first. The Mustangs (1-9) never found an answer for Edge's command or Apopka's aggressive baserunning.

Apopka struck quickly in the bottom of the first against

Wekiva starter Alex Mancebo. Leadoff hitter Aiden Rieli singled past shortstop to extend his hitting streak to seven games. Nico Posluszny followed with a deep fly ball to left that was dropped, moving him and Rieli into scoring position.

Ty Livingston drove in the game's first two runs with a single over second base. Jez Hamrick was then hit by a pitch, and Livingston stole home to make it 3-0. Tyler Spaid added a single through the left side, and Cameron Pennock brought in Hamrick with a groundout. A wild pitch allowed Spaid to score before the inning ended, giving Apopka a 5-0 advantage.

Wekiva turned to sophomore Jordan Bowen in relief

in the bottom of the second, but the Blue Darters' momentum continued.

Rieli again sparked the offense with a base hit into shallow left-center and a stolen base. He would score on a two-base error.

Hamrick drew a walk and stole second, Spaid was hit by a pitch, and Pennock lined a single to left to drive in Hamrick. Collin Van Fleet followed with a missile through the left side, scoring both Pennock and Spaid to extend the lead to 9-0.

Apopka's defense and pitching remained just as sharp. Edge struck out two more batters in the third inning and forced another pop-

BASEBALL, B2

Aeschilman perfect as Apopka softball shuts out Wekiva

Blue Darter offense puts up 18 runs in two innings

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

A cross-town Tuesday night showdown at the Apopka softball field saw the offense erupt early as the Blue Darters overwhelmed Wekiva 18-0 in just three innings.

Behind a flawless performance in the circle from Mia Aeschilman and a 12-hit attack, the Blue Darters improved to 5-2 on the season while handing the Mustangs a difficult loss that dropped them to 1-4.

Aeschilman set the tone immediately, striking out the side in the top of the first inning. She repeated the feat in the second and third, retiring all nine batters she faced and finishing with a perfect three-inning outing.

Wekiva freshman Diarelyz Buitrago took the mound for the Mustangs and faced immediate pressure from Apopka's lineup. After a come-backer to Buitrago for the first out, Alicia Lopez singled past shortstop and stole second. Taylor Smith followed with a double into the right-center gap to score Lopez, then stole third before Riley Ford drove her home with a base hit.

Apopka continued to



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Mia Aeschilman winds up a pitch in the second inning of her perfect outing against Wekiva.

pour it on with patience and power. Victoria Shaw walked and Ford stole home on a passed ball. Haylee Thames and freshman Anamarie Lopez added RBI hits, and Shylah Pino kept the inning alive with a single and stolen base.

The biggest blow came from Alicia Lopez, who obliterated a three-run home run over the left-field fence to push the lead to nine. Smith walked and stole second, then was driven home by Ava Gonzalez's double. By the end of the inning, Apopka had nearly rolled through the order twice and built a commanding 10-0 advantage.

Wekiva turned to catcher Ari Garcia to pitch

SOFTBALL, B3

Wekiva's Jean and Schutlz battle in regional wrestling tournament

Mustangs' season comes to an end

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Hard work, growth and leadership from senior captain Elijah Jean and sophomore Landonn Schutlz fueled Wekiva's run at the FHSAA Class 3A Region 1 Wrestling Tournament over the weekend.

On Friday, 215 lb. Captain Elijah Jean (29-9) opened his tournament with a gritty performance against Flagler Palm Coast. After a scoreless first period, Jean executed a hip toss in the second period and pinned his opponent with 24 seconds remaining.

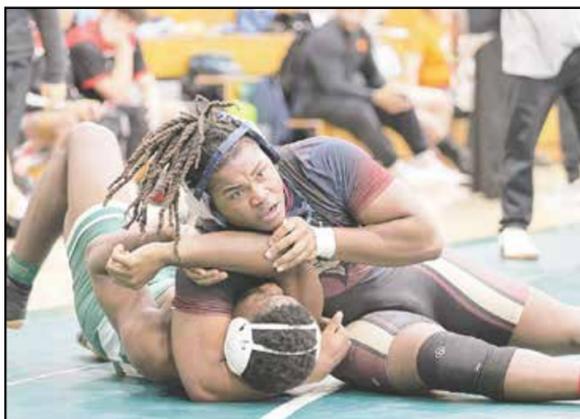


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Elijah Jean holds a Flagler Palm Coast wrestler on the ground as he works for a pin in the regional tournament.

In the quarterfinals, Jean faced Sandalwood's 34-3 standout wrestler. After reversing an early take-

down and gaining top control, Jean was rolled through

WEKIVA, B2

Regional tournament provides learning experience for Apopka

Blue Darters' season comes to a close at regionals

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka entered the FHSAA Class 3A Region 1 Wrestling Tournament with a young roster and a mindset built on toughness and learning under pressure.

Two wrestlers advanced to Day 2 for the Blue Darters: Marcus Young and Joel Rivera, who each navigating a difficult bracket filled with experienced opponents.

Apopka's 190 lb. junior Marcus Young (31-4), opened the tournament in dominant fashion on Friday,

pinning his first-round opponent from Lake Brantley in 55 seconds. He then faced a highly ranked 40-5 Creekside wrestler and found himself trailing by points in each period before a technical fall stopped him in the third.

Refusing to let the setback end his run, Young bounced back in the consolation bracket and pinned his opponent one minute and nine seconds into the second period to secure a spot on Saturday.

Day 2 brought unexpected heartbreak. Young missed weight by half a pound, ending his tournament abruptly. Head coach James Harris called the moment shock-

APOPKA, B3

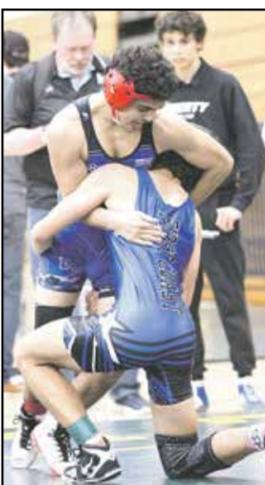


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Joel Rivera defends the takedown attempt in the consolation quarterfinals against Bartham Trail.

Bass spawn on area chains

Hello Folks,
We finally got some rain, but we need to get more. Our lakes are gettin' really low, and we could use some good rain. Lake Jesup and Lake Monroe are both very low. Folks are gettin' on Lake Monroe better than in Lake Jesup, so if you want to catch some specks, I'd go to Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River north.

The specks are still bitin' in Lake Woodruff and in the St. Johns River up near Highland Park Fish Camp. Most of those specks are bein' caught on jigs tipped with a minner or even fishin' a minner naked under a cork.

As you know, we had a full moon on Tuesday of this week, and that should've pushed the specks and the bass up to shallow water to spawn. I've been gettin' some reports of spawning bass in both the Harris Chain and the Kissimmee Chain. Some big bass are bein' caught in both chains.

Last weekend, the Ikon Tailgate Tour Tournament Series held their tournament over on the Harris Chain. Congrats to Lee and Parker Stalvey on winning the tournament with five bass that hit the scales at 29.60 pounds. They also had Big Bass of the tournament that weighed in at 7.57 pounds. They won 1st place and \$10,000.



GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

Our own Eric Panzironi and his partner came in 3rd place with 21.21 pounds. We have another tournament coming up this month. It's the NPFL tournament over on the Harris Chain. The NPFL will go out of Buzzard Beach boat ramp in the Harris Chain startin' on March 21st. So, we're really gettin' our share of tournaments on our local lakes! Be really careful when you're out there fishin'.

I also wanted to mention there will be a Brian Stovell Memorial Bass Tournament scheduled to be held on the Harris Chain on Sunday, March 29th. This will be the second bass tournament in honor of Brian. It's \$100 per boat and \$20 for big bass. The tournament will be goin' out of Buzzard Beach boat ramp on Lake Eustis.

The Xtreme Bass Series held their tournament on John's Lake this past weekend. Congrats to Weston Wirtz and Jared Wagner on their win. They had 18.78 pounds for the win, and they also had Big Bass for the tournament

that hit the scales at 7.35 pounds. The Butler Chain has been steady for catchin' plenty of keeper size bass.

Kyle at Bitter's Bait & Tackle reports that folks are still catchin' some nice bass in the Maitland Chain and in Lake Fairview.

The Kissimmee Chain is also doin' great for specks and bass. The bass and the specks are on the beds, and you'll do best to catch'em by fishin' the shallow water areas of the lake. Most of the bass are bein' caught on shiners, and a few are bein' caught on artificials such as chatterbaits and noisy topwater baits.

The bass fishin' has been really good in the Headwaters down around Palm Bay. A good buddy of one of the guides down there was out this week, and one afternoon in just four hours, they caught 26 bass! The biggest one weighed 6.0 pounds. They caught all their bass on 6th Sense Jigsaw Bladed Jigs.

The weather is terrific now, and the fishin' is wonderful, too. So, get the family together, and... let's go fishin! I won't be here next week because I'll be out of town, but I hope to see y'all on the water real soon.

Tip of the week: Fishin' is good!
SAVE A FEW, AND GOOD LUCK!

WEKIVA

FROM B1

and pinned midway through the second period.

He answered the call in the consolation bracket, slamming and pinning his Oakleaf opponent halfway through the second period to reach Day 2 of the tournament.

Jean's season ended in the consolation quarterfinals against a familiar foe from Buchholz. After a scoreless first period, his Oakleaf opponent took the lead with an escape from Jean's mount. He tied the match with his own escape in the third but was reversed on a takedown attempt. Needing a final takedown to win, Jean was caught late as time expired.

Coach Lenin Vazquez said Jean never stopped competing.

"It's just unfortunate, we couldn't get to our attacks," Vazquez said. "It wasn't about the kid being better. He waited to catch Jean and knew what we wanted, but Jean gave it his full effort the whole way. I'm proud of his leadership and everything he's accomplished here as our

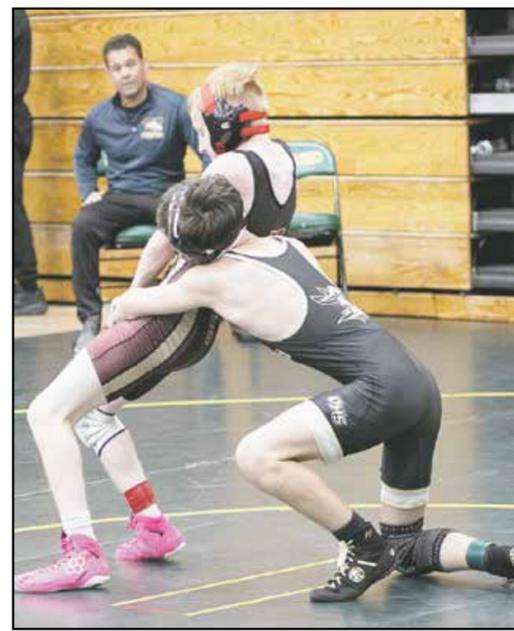


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Landonn Schutlz stands up and leans back to break the hold of his Oakleaf opponent.

captain."

Wekiva also saw its 106 lb. Landonn Schutlz reach regionals for the first time. Schutlz was pinned in the opening round but fought through the consolation round, nearly reversing a takedown and pushing his opponent to a full-distance match before losing by points.

"I fought my butt off out there," Schutlz said. "I just can't believe I'm here at regionals and made it. I'm ready to sleep and be back next year."

Coach Tony Imbriani praised both wrestlers' effort and growth.

"Outstanding effort by both young men," Imbriani said.

BASEBALL

FROM B1

out, keeping the Mustangs hitless.

Wekiva's Bowen held Apopka scoreless in the bottom of the third, but the game remained under Blue Darter control.

In the top of the fourth, Brady Reinert reached base after being hit by a pitch. Jorge Santiago made a tough catch in foul territory to retire the next batter. Edge then picked off the runner at first base before inducing a groundout to end the inning, preserving the no-hitter.

The bottom of the fourth provided the final and most deci-

sive blow—and it came from the bench.

Anthony Raymond, hitting for Hamrick, opened the inning with a double up the middle, and Easton DeClue followed with a single to center. After a popout, Raymond scored on a wild pitch. Edge, Bryce Doss and Logan Page each delivered RBI hits to make it 13-0.

Raymond then came back to the plate for the second time in the inning and delivered the game-ending swing—a booming grand slam to left field that lit up the stadium and sealed the 17-0

mercy-rule victory.

Edge finished with four innings of no-hit ball on five strikeouts.

Apopka collected 12 hits in the game. Livingston, Pennock and Van Fleet each finished with two RBIs, while Rieli went 2-for-2 with two runs scored to keep his hitting streak intact.

Garland said Rieli's role at the top of the lineup has become central to the team's identity.

"I told him when we started this season that this team follows him, and whatever he's doing, the offense follows," Gar-

land said. "For seven games, he's gotten a hit, and for seven games, we've won. He's literally a lead-off guy. If he gets out there and hits the baseball, then the rest of the team is going to follow."

The win continued a strong stretch for Apopka, which is coming off a 3-1 district victory over Ocoee earlier in the week that featured a home run from Spaid and strong pitching from Page, Easton DeClue and Raymond.

The Blue Darters will play in the Metro West Tournament final at 7 p.m. Friday at home.



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Wekiva pitcher Jordan Bowen eyes the Blue Darter batter Andy Diaz.

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VOLLEYBALL

FROM B1

utive aces to give Apopka a 12-8 advantage, and Aedyn Cruz Rosa followed with a kill to make it 14-8. However, Forest Lake followed with an 8-2 run, tying the set at 16 after capitalizing on Apopka errors and serving aces.

After the Blue Darters went up three points again, the teams locked at 22-22 when Forest Lake strung together back-to-back aces and a block. The Panthers closed strong with a block and a kill down the left line to take the set, 25-23, and even the match at one set apiece.

Apopka responded immediately in the third with energy. After a brief exchange of points, the Blue Darters scored four straight

kills. Apopka strung together a four-point run midway through the set, capped by a McGatha kill that forced a Panther timeout at 16-10.

Robinson continued to dominate at the net with his fifth kill of the set, followed by a block and an ace from Blake Colclasure. Apopka poured it on to take a 21-13 lead and never looked back. McGatha delivered two final kills for match point, and Forest Lake's final serve sailed out of bounds, ending the match with a 25-17 Blue Darter set win.

White orchestrated the offense with a standout performance, finishing with 42 assists, four kills and three aces. Senior outside hitters

led the attack, as McGatha recorded 19 kills, two blocks and two aces, while Robinson added 13 kills, a block and an ace. Freshman Lubin anchored the middle with seven kills and three blocks.

The match also featured freshman Griffin Daffron in his first start on varsity, receiving serves and kill attempts cleanly and bumping them perfectly to White.

Mater praised his senior captains for setting the tone. "I think today they were playing more as one unit and being great teammates," Mater said. "Those guys are like brothers. They're inseparable. To see them come out and play off each other's energy, I love it."

Robinson echoed his coach's words, emphasizing the energy. "This is a lot of fun. I like playing with my team, with my brothers," Robinson said. "All the energy is geared toward them because I love them, and love when they bring energy to the court. It hypes everybody up and we can execute what we need to do."

Looking ahead, Robinson said consistency will be the key. "We just got to keep the energy on and off the court up," he said.

On Wednesday, Apopka improved to 3-1 with a five-set victory at Colonial High School.

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Caden McGatha sends a booming serve over the net to Forest Lake Academy.

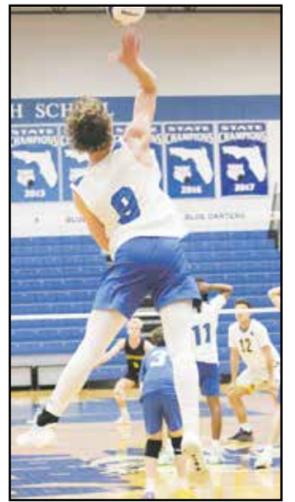


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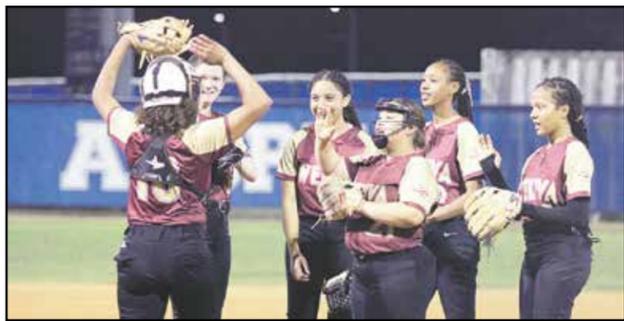


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Wekiva Mustangs send in new pitcher catcher duo to start the second inning.

in the bottom of the second, but Apopka's momentum continued. Shaw reached and stole second, third, and then home on a passed ball. Anamarie Lopez ripped a double to the gap to score two more runs, while Ava Millsbaugh and Hagan McGatlin added RBI hits to extend the lead to 15-0.

Aeschilman, Callien Sowers and Thames each collected RBIs to push the lead to 18.

Despite the onslaught, Wekiva showed flashes of defensive resilience. Senior third baseman Brooke Fish recorded a force out at third base and later threw out a runner on a sharp ground ball. Left fielder

Lincia Joseph made an incredible back-peddling catch at the warning track to end the inning, preventing further damage.

In the top of the third, Aeschilman closed the game the same way she opened it—with more strikeouts. She fanned the first two batters and worked the third to a full count before recording her ninth strikeout to seal the mercy-rule win and complete her perfect outing.

Apopka finished with 12 hits along with each player in the lineup reaching base in their two frames of offense.

Apopka continued its hot hitting Wednesday in a 20-8 victory over Lake Mary.

APOPKA

FROM B1

ing, noting Young had never missed weight before.

Young said he changed his usual routine in hopes of feeling fresher for his matches.

"I usually run before weigh-ins to make sure I burn off enough, but this time I didn't because it makes me feel sluggish," Young said. "I wanted to be at my peak. Maybe I should've run. I'll learn from it going into my senior year."

Joel Rivera, a 120 lb. sophomore, was resilient in the tournament. He started off with a walk-over to the quarterfinal round due to forfeit. In his match against Winter Park, he was pinned late in the first period following a fast-paced scramble of reversals.

In the consolation bracket, Rivera responded with authority, pinning an Olympia wrestler in just 45 seconds to advance to Day 2.

In the consolation quarterfinals, Rivera built a 6-0 lead early before falling behind during a series of

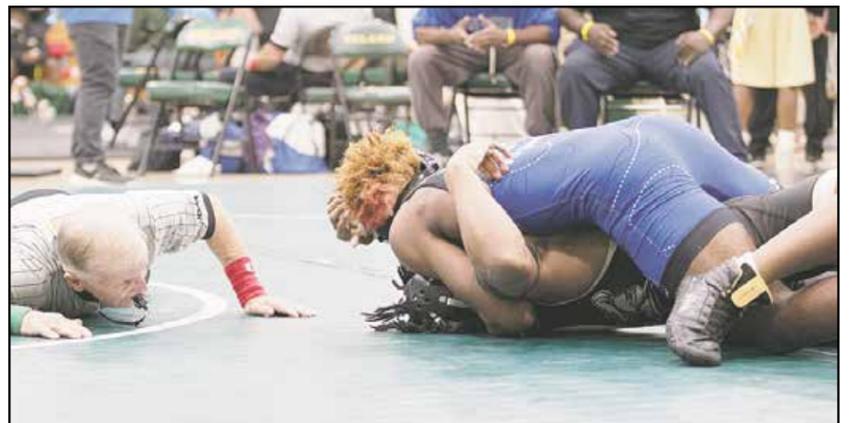


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Uzziah Ockletree nearly pins his Oakleaf opponent in the first round of regionals.

scrambles and eventually losing a narrow 14-11 decision.

His brother Julian Rivera also had an early highlight in the 132 lb. bracket, pinning Lake Mary's 27-12 wrestler in just 52 seconds after stuffing a take-down and winning a series of reversals. However, he was later pinned in both the quarterfinals and consolation battle-back round.

Other Apopka competitors included Wyatt Rose, Uzziah Ockletree, Hector

Santana, Ian Hernandez and captain Brandon Roberts, all of whom battled through difficult matchups against elite regional competition.

Despite the losses, Harris praised his team's efforts and long-term development.

"I can't be mad about everything that's transpired," Harris said. "I told them from the beginning this was going to be hard. We're a young team. A lot of matches we didn't lose

because the other kid was outrageously better. They were just a little stronger and wanted it a little more than us. The goal is to keep battling until the end, always. Next year, we'll make a bigger splash."

Harris added that his wrestlers' commitment has been unshakeable.

"These wrestlers care so much about this," he said. "They put in so much work with each other and want it more than anything to make it to states."

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
—Romans 6:23

Visit us online for all the Apopka area church listings

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Friday, Mar. 6

First Friday Baldwin Park
5:30 p.m. at New Broad Street and Jake Street, Orlando Street festival featuring live music, local dining, and shopping.

Monster Energy Outbreak Tour

7 p.m. at 1490 E. Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista Country artist Vincent Mason performs on the all-ages tour stop.

Steve Treviño

7 p.m. at 9101 International Drive, Suite 2310, Orlando The stand-up comedian performs at the Orlando Funny Bone. Ages 21+.

Sounds of Wekiva

7 p.m. at 1014 Miami Springs Drive, Longwood Live music featuring Radio Road Show at Wekiva Island's weekly concert series.

Golden Flower

8 p.m. at 2432 E. Robinson St., Orlando

Live jazz performance at The Nook on Robinson.

Arnold Palmer Invitational
At 9000 Bay Hill Blvd., Orlando The PGA Tour event continues at Bay Hill Club & Lodge. Youth 15 and younger admitted free with ticketed adults.

Saturday, Mar. 7

Rummage Sale

7 a.m. at 4851 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando A community rummage sale. Proceeds support the church's ministries.

Blues, Soul & Rock n Roll with Iesha

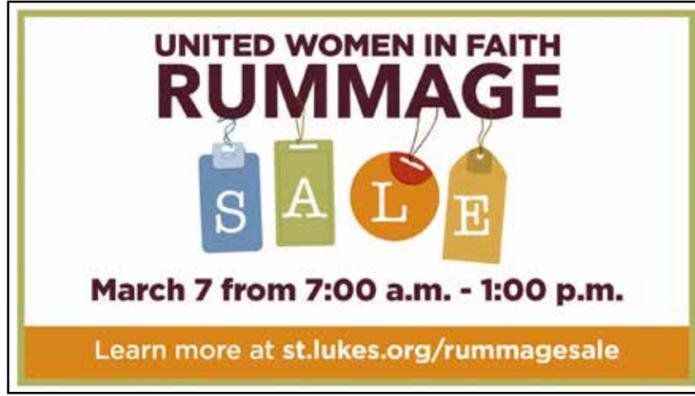
Noon at 4603 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando Live music in the beer garden at the Central Florida Fair. Free with fair admission.

The Secret Illegal Comedy Show

5 p.m. at 1036 N. Mills Ave., Orlando An improvised satire show set in a dystopian future. Ages 21+.

Line Dancing

6:30 p.m. at 36 E. Fifth St., Apopka An outdoor line-dancing night.



Courtesy of St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Shoppers will find bargains on clothing, books, household items and more during the United Women in Faith Rummage Sale on Saturday, Mar. 7, with proceeds supporting the church's mission.

Sunday, Mar. 8

"Sounds of the Human World" Concert

10:30 a.m. at 6555 Hoffner Ave., Orlando A New Year concert featuring the Orlando Buddha's Light Chorus, Orlando Symphony Youth Orchestra, and guest performers. Free.

Vinyl Brunch

11 a.m. at 40 E. Fifth St., Apopka A vinyl-only DJ brunch featuring Latin, Afrobeat, jazz, and more. Free.

Dementia Training Series: Skills for Family and Caregivers

11:30 a.m. at 4851 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando A three-class series offering tools and support for dementia and Alzheimer's caregivers.

K-Pop Demon Hunters Party

Noon at 100 S. Eola Drive, Suite 100, Orlando A DJ-led K-pop dance party featuring sing-alongs and interactive visuals.

Free Access Day

Noon at 65 E. Central Blvd.,

Orlando Free admission to the Orange County Regional History Center, including special exhibitions and a 1 p.m. animator panel.

Monday, Mar. 9

Next Step Screenplay Series: "Silver Alert"

7 p.m. at 2155 Aloma Ave., Winter Park A live staged reading of an original feature-length screenplay, followed by a Q&A with the writers.

Tuesday, Mar. 10

Book Release Party With Briar Boleyn

7 p.m. at 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park An author chat and signing celebrating the release of "The Wings That Bind."

Jazz Chamber Concert

8 p.m. at 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando UCF's two jazz chamber groups perform an intimate concert of improvisation and ensemble works.

Supper starts with pork chops and ends with cake

We have a "family favorite" from 2009 edition of Southern Living's *All-Time Favorites*. It is called Cornflake-Coated



Pork Chops. Don't forget to check the internal temperature of your pork chops with an internal meat thermometer, which you can buy for as little as \$12.98 online. Your chops should be between 145 and 160 degrees Fahrenheit when done for human consumption. Incidentally, I use my meat thermometer for everything, including temps inside my house or ambient air outside or even the water in my koi pond. I must feed my koi fish when it is above 60 degrees. These thermometers come in really handy and not just for cooking.

From Wholesomeyum.com, we have Roasted Brussels Sprouts. I love brussels sprouts, but frankly I get bored with simply cooking them in a pan of water on the stove and throwing in butter and salt before serving. I love them spiced up a little bit; not spicy hot, but seasoned with lemon zest, garlic and salt. And I like adding some chopped-up crispy bacon to my brussels sprouts! You can ensure they come out delicious so that your family says, "Yummm, Mom is roasting brussels sprouts for supper!"

New Vision Community Church's *Feeding the Flock* has a great recipe for Butternut Squash Casserole. This one was contributed by Nancy Payne. For novices using butternut squash, the following directions come from Amy at Pinch-MeGood.com. Using a large sturdy cutting board and large sharp knife, you will stand the squash up and cut it in half lengthwise. Remove the seeds with a spoon, saving them for roasting if you choose. Then brush the cut surfaces of the squash with olive oil. Sprinkle the squash with salt and pepper. Place on a baking sheet, cut side up, and bake for an hour or more at 350 degrees Fahrenheit. You will know it is done when you can easily stick a fork in it.

How about black bean soup from *Savannah Style*! This recipe says to cook the beans in the soaking water, but I notice many recipes say to discard the soaking water and cover the beans with fresh water until beans are two inches below the surface. Then cook until the beans are soft but not mushy.

Reader and dear friend Joyce Lampp's Sour Cream Pound Cake cannot be beat! It is a great favorite whenever she brings one in. We just love Joyce's cakes (and hint, hint... other goodies!)

CORNFLAKE-COATED PORK CHOPS

Recipe from *Southern Living All-Time Favorites*

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 5 cups cornflake cereal, crushed (about 2 cups crushed)
- 6 boneless pork chops (about 3/4-inch thick)
- 2 teaspoons lemon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 large lemon, halved

Garnish: halved lemon slices

INSTRUCTIONS:

Stir together eggs and milk in a shallow dish. Place cornflake crumbs in a shallow dish. Sprinkle pork evenly with lemon pepper, salt, and garlic powder. Dip pork chops in egg mixture, and dredge in cornflake crumbs. Place chops on a lightly greased rack on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes or until done. Squeeze lemon juice evenly over chops, and garnish, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS FROM WHOLESOMEYUM

Recipe from *Wholesomeyum.com*

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 cups Brussels sprouts (cut in half lengthwise)
- 1/4 cup Olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Season the brussels sprouts. Cut them in half lengthwise, then toss them in a large mixing bowl with olive oil, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. 2) Spread them on the sheet pan. Dump the brussels sprouts onto an extra large baking sheet (this is my favorite, or use two small ones) and arrange them in a single layer. You can line the pan if you like. It doesn't matter if the cut sides are facing up or down, as long as they are in a single layer, because you'll be flipping them anyway.

3) Roast until irresistibly crispy. Place the brussels sprouts in the oven and roast, tossing halfway through, until they are tender, browned, and slightly charred. You can decide how much browning you like, but I like quite a bit.

ROASTING:

1) Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (204 degrees C). Line an extra large baking sheet, or two jelly roll pans, with foil or parchment paper. 2) In a large bowl, toss the brussels sprouts with olive oil, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. 3) Arrange the brussels sprouts in a single layer on the baking pans, making sure each sprout is touching the pan. 4) Roast brussels sprouts for about 25-35 minutes, tossing halfway through, until browned and slightly charred. 5) **Optional step:** If you want them even more browned or crispy, place under the broiler for 2-3 minutes.

NANCY PAYNE'S BUTTERNUT SQUASH CASSEROLE

Recipe from *Feeding the Flock*

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups butternut squash, cooked and mashed
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/3 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon coconut flavoring

INSTRUCTIONS:

Combine all ingredients, blending well; spoon into lightly greased 1-1/2 quart casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until firm.

BLACK BEAN SOUP

Recipe from *Savannah Style, a Cookbook by The Junior League*

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound black beans
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium ripe tomato
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 medium onion
- 1/2 medium green pepper
- 1 garlic clove, unpeeled and crushed
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- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 1/2 green pepper, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 level teaspoon crushed oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin

- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon salt

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- 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry

INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Wash beans and discard imperfect ones. Place in a deep bowl and cover with water 2 inches above beans. Soak overnight. 2) Next day, pour beans into a 3 to 4 quart kettle with the same soaking water. If necessary, add more water so that beans will be covered one inch above. Add to the beans: 2 tablespoons olive oil, whole tomato, bay leaf, 1/2 onion, 1/2 green pepper, crushed garlic clove. Bring to a boil, then lower heat to moderate, cover and cook until beans are tender, about 1 hour. Use only a wooden spoon for stirring. Remove the bay leaf and what is left of the half onion, tomato, pepper and garlic. 3) In a skillet, heat 1/2 cup olive oil and sauté the chopped onion and green pepper until transparent. Add the garlic, crushed oregano, cumin, wine vinegar and salt. Stir to mix well and cook 2 minutes longer, then add to beans. Stir in hot sauce, cover and cook for a good half hour. Check and correct seasonings; then add sherry. Serve hot with cooked long grain white rice and raw chopped onions.

JOYCE LAMPP'S SOUR CREAM POUND CAKE

Recipe from Reader of *The Apopka Chief*

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1 8-ounce cup sour cream
- 3 cups plain flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs 1 at a time, beating after each addition. Sift flour, salt and soda together. Add 1 cup of the sifted flour mixture at a time to the creamed butter and sugar mixture, alternating with a third of the sour cream. Beat until well mixed. Then add vanilla, mixing in. Spray tube pan with cooking spray. Cut and line the bottom of tube pan with waxed paper. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Cool on cooling rack before removing from pan.

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March 6, 2026

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March 6, 2026

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March 6, 2026
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-0423
Division Probate Deceased.
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES JOSEPH FRITZ
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Charles Joseph Fritz, deceased, whose date of death was November 30, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., 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 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

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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 March 6, 2026.
Personal Representative: Charles James Fritz 217 Angela Rosa Dr. Jeannett, Pennsylvania 15644
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File 2025-CP-003914-O
Division Probate Deceased.
IN RE: ESTATE OF ZALEENA AFIZ
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Zaleena Afiz, deceased, whose date of death was November 4, 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-000169-O Division IN RE: ESTATE OF LAURA ROSE BIASI Deceased: NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Laura Rose Biasi, deceased, whose date of death was October 23, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Probate Dept., Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-000540-O IN RE: ESTATE OF SUE ANN LOGAN Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Sue Ann Logan, deceased, whose date of death was October 14, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative'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 March 6, 2026.

Personal Representative:
Autumn Blankenship

1001 Pheasant Run
Sherman, Illinois 62684

Attorney for Personal Representative:
ABIGAIL EDELSTEIN, ESQUIRE

Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 107324

Vollrath Law PA
1757 W. Broadway, Suite 3

Oviedo, Florida 32765
Telephone: (407) 366-0087
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Stephanie@vollrathlaw.com

March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF WADE G. PEMBERTON, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of WADE G. PEMBERTON, deceased, whose date of death was January 21, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 March 6, 2026.

Personal Representative:
James Oran Cottle, Jr

R/A 238 N. Westmonte
Drive, Suite 200

Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Cynthia E. McGehee, Esq.

Florida Bar No. 0112083
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cindi@cmcgeelaw.com
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238 N. Westmonte Drive,
Suite 200

Altamonte Springs,
FL 32714

Telephone: 407-234-0695
March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2024 CA 011348-O FRAZIER CONTRACTING, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE PAYNE, an individual, Defendant. NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Revised Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed on August 13, 2025, and Revised Order to Set New Foreclosure Sale Date entered on March 2, 2026, in the above captioned action, the following property situated in Orange County, Florida described as:

Address:
2217 Princeton Court, Orlando, Florida 32804;

Parcel ID #: **14-22-29-7260-00-221**

Legal Description: **The North 45 Feet of Lot 22, and the South 20 Feet of Lot 21, PRINCETON COURT, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book N, Page 21, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida.**

shall be sold by the Clerk of Court, Tiffany Moore Russell, on the 30th day of March, 2026 on-line at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) at www.myorangelcorker.realforeclose.com to the highest bidder, for cash, after giving notice as required by Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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 in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2026.

LAW OFFICE OF JAMES E. FAVERO III, P.A.

/s/ James E. Favero

James E. Favero, III, Esq.,
FBN: 85874

225 S. Swoope Ave., # 215
Maitland, Florida 32751

Telephone: (407) 603-2500
Fax: (888) 402-4702

Email: jfavero@favorelegal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O DIV NO.: 39 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. EDMUND ROBERT STEWART, et. al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XIII TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: SUSAN E. ATHERLEY

168 ELY AVE LAURENCE HARBOR, NJ 08879-2649

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

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

COUNT XIII
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: FO2714 & FO2715 & FO2716 & FO2717) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of February 01, 2024 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on this 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: Rosa Avilés
Deputy Clerk

425 N. Orange Avenue
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#129710.0147/MP26
February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000384-O DIV NO.: 40 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. ANTHONY B. MARAFIOTI, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI TO: JAMES A SCOTT, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 334 W GREYHOUND PASS

6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: W37945 & W37946 & W93221 & W97151 & W97152 & W97201) 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, 2024 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on 2/20/2026
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
/s/ Ricardo Silva
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801

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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, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

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 to Creditors is February 27, 2026.

Personal Representative:
DANA MICHELE LAMAS

824 Water Oak Drive
Grapevine, TX 76051

Attorney for Personal Representative:
LEA ANNE GROOVER, Esq.

Florida Bar No. 115474
Groover Law, PLLC

7575 KingsPointe Parkway, Suite 9
Orlando, FL 32819

Telephone: 407-325-9925
Email: la.groover@groover.law

February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-000476-O IN RE: Estate of MARY M. PETRONE, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of MARY M. PETRONE, deceased, whose date of death was December 3, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 350, Orlando, Florida 32801. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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 or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

ALL 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 March 6, 2026.

Personal Representative:
MAGNOLIA R. SPARKS

4728 Van Kleeck Drive
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

Attorney for Personal Representative:
BRUCE M. WIGLE, III

Murrah, Doyle & Wigle, P.A.
P. O. Box 1328

Wintler Park, Florida 32790
Telephone: (407) 644-9801
Email: brucew@mdwpa.com

Florida Bar No. 293954
March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-000398-O Division Probate IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH AMANDA COTTLE, deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Elizabeth Amanda Cottle, deceased, whose date of death was December 27, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 March 6, 2026.

Personal Representative:
MAGNOLIA R. SPARKS

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Florida Bar No. 293954
March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-002126-O DIVISION NUMBER: 37 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$2,821.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: Darion Thigpen 6405 Westgate Drive Orlando, FL 32835

and all others who claim an interest in \$2,821.00 in U.S. Currency, which was seized on or about the 9th day of January, 2026, at or near 6405 Westgate Drive, Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 26th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Jose C. Campa
Jose C. Campa
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Bar No. 105781

Orange County
Sheriff's Office
Legal Services
P.O. Box 1440

Orlando, FL 32802
(407) 254-7170
jose.campa@ocsofl.com

March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O DIV NO.: 39 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. EDMUND ROBERT STEWART, et. al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XIII TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: SUSAN E. ATHERLEY

168 ELY AVE LAURENCE HARBOR, NJ 08879-2649

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

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

COUNT XIII
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: FO2714 & FO2715 & FO2716 & FO2717) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of February 01, 2024 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on this 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: Rosa Avilés
Deputy Clerk

425 N. Orange Avenue
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#129710.0147/MP26
February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000384-O DIV NO.: 40 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. ANTHONY B. MARAFIOTI, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI TO: JAMES A SCOTT, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT

Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 HK#129710.0166/MP27
 February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000384-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTHONY B. MARAFIOTI, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I
TO: ANTHONY B. MARAFIOTI
 20 MEADOW RD
 EAST LONGMEADOW,
 MA 01028
GERALDINE F. MARAFIOTI,
 DECEASED
 20 MEADOW RD
 EAST LONGMEADOW,
 MA 01028

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 24, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT I
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: H93634 & H93635 & H93636 & H93637 & H93638 & H93639 & H93640 & H93641) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of April 1, 2015 (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 April 2nd, 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 February 24, 2026. DATED this 24th day of February, 2026. /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 #126435.7758
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 February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011906-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
LORI PARKER-GLADSTEIN
aka LORI (NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN,
et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XI
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: CLAUDIA TATIANA SUAREZ-ORTEGA
 CARRERA 38, NO. 52-87,
 APT. 60
 BUCARAMANGA,
 SANTANDER 00000
 COLOMBIA
 The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT XI
 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: DD3638 & DD3639 & DD3640 & DD3641 & DD3642 & DD3643) 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 February 01, 2022 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
 AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight

LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 DATED on this 20th day of February, 2026.
 Tiffany Moore Russell
 Clerk of the Court
 BY: /s/ Stanley Green
 As Deputy Clerk
 425 North Orange Ave.
 Suite 310
 Orlando, Florida 32801
 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
 CONFORMED COPY TO:
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
 200 S. Orange Avenue,
 Suite 2600
 Orlando, Florida 32801
 Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
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 HK#126435.9569/MP115
 February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000384-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTHONY B. MARAFIOTI, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III
TO: JAMES HARSCH,
 DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF
 JAMES HARSCH, DECEASED AND
 ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS,
 DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES,
 LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR
 OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH,
 UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
 PO BOX 1262
 SAINT YNEZ, CA 93460
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 24, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT III
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: M87611 & M87612 & M87613 & M87614) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2017 (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 APRIL 2, 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 February 24, 2026. DATED this 24th day of February, 2026. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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 OUR FILE #126435.7770
 MORI #ORANGE
 February 27, March 6, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on **04/17/2026** 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.
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Publish: The Apopka Chief
 March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-003690-O
TRSTE LLC., AS TRUSTEE OF THE 619 BOARDMAN LAND TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CASANDRA CONILOGUE A/K/A CASANDRA M. CONILOGUE, UNKNOWN
TENANT IN POSSESSION 1 UNKNOWN
TENANT IN POSSESSION 2,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of IN REM Foreclosure dated FEBRUARY 11, 2026 and entered in Case No.: 2025-CA-003690-O, of the Circuit Court in the Ninth Judicial Circuit and for Orange County, Florida, wherein TRSTE LLC., AS TRUSTEE OF THE 619 BOARDMAN LAND TRUST, Plaintiff, and CASANDRA CONILOGUE A/K/A CASANDRA M. CONILOGUE, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1 UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, Defendants. Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County

Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com at 11:00 a.m. on **March 23, 2026**, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:
THE EAST 50 FEET OF THE WEST 100 FEET OF LOT 3, BOARDMAN'S ADDITION TO ORLANDO ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK G, PAGE(S) 116, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 a/k/a 619 Boardman St
 Orlando, FL 32804
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
 /s/ Michael J. Stites, Jr.
 Michael J. Stites, Esq.
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 P.O. Box 1601
 Winter Park, FL 32790
 Phone: (407) 476-4372
 E-Mail: MichaelJohn@StitesLaw.com
 FL Bar No. : 101412
 Attorney for Lender/Plaintiff
 March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-000213-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JEFFREY CHARLES WHITE, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: RUSSELL SMITH
 1108 N LOGAN AVE
 COLORADO SPRINGS,
 CO 80909
 The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT II
Unit Week 35 in Unit 3626, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
 AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 DATED on this 26th day of February, 2026.
 Tiffany Moore Russell
 Clerk of the Court
 BY: Stanley Green
 As Deputy Clerk
 425 North Orange Ave.
 Suite 310
 Orlando, Florida 32801
 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
 CONFORMED COPY TO:
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
 200 S. Orange Avenue,
 Suite 2600
 Orlando, Florida 32801
 Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
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 HK#110513.2145/GV474
 March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-000213-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JEFFREY CHARLES WHITE, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: RUSSELL SMITH
 1108 N LOGAN AVE
 COLORADO SPRINGS,
 CO 80909
 The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT II
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 DATED on this 26th day of February, 2026.
 Tiffany Moore Russell
 Clerk of the Court
 BY: Stanley Green
 As Deputy Clerk
 425 North Orange Ave.
 Suite 310
 Orlando, Florida 32801
 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
 CONFORMED COPY TO:
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 HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
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 March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-002103-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 48
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$102,107.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, A DIAMOND-PLATED CHAIN WITH DIAMOND-PLATED MEDALLION LABELED "B.A.N.D.S.", AND A DIAMOND-PLATED WATCH WITH SQUARE FACE AND ROMAN NUMERALS
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT
TO: TRAVIS MOSELY
10579 SATINWOOD CIRCLE
ORLANDO, FL 32825
 and all others who claim an interest in \$102,107.00 U.S. Currency, a diamond-plated Chain with Diamond-plated Medallion labeled "B.A.N.D.S.", and a Diamond-plated Watch with Square Face and Roman Numerals, which was seized on or about the 5th day of January, 2026, at or near 10579 Satinwood Circle, 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 25th day of February, 2026.
 /s/ Jose C. Campa
 Jose C. Campa
 Assistant General Counsel
 Florida Bar No. 105781
 Orange County
 Sheriff's Office
 Legal Services
 P.O. Box 1440
 Orlando, FL 32802
 (407) 254-7170
 Jose.campa@ocsoff.com
 March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-000131-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIAM H. BLAND, AS INDIVIDUAL, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT VI
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: ROSS B. TOMPKINS
 PO BOX 1283
 PINE BUSH,
 NY 12566-1283
AND
ANDREA G. TOMPKINS
 PO BOX 1283
 PINE BUSH,
 NY 12566-1283
 The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT VI
 16 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: R00731 & R00732 & R00733 & R00734 & R00735 & R00736 & R00737 & R00738 & R00739 & R00740 & R00741 & R00742 & R00743 & R00744 & R00745 & R00746) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 4000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
AND
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: U86740 & U86741 & U86742 & U86743) 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 Agreement").
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 DATED on this 26th day of February, 2026.
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 Clerk of the Court
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 As Deputy Clerk
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 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
 CONFORMED COPY TO:
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 March 6, 13, 2026

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CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-002103-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 48
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$102,107.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, A DIAMOND-PLATED CHAIN WITH DIAMOND-PLATED MEDALLION LABELED "B.A.N.D.S.", AND A DIAMOND-PLATED WATCH WITH SQUARE FACE AND ROMAN NUMERALS
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT
TO: TRAVIS MOSELY
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 March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000766-O
DIV NO.: 33
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROLAND H. MOORE, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII
TO: MICHAEL D. JACCARD
 522 CAMINO ELEVADO
 BONITA, CA 91902
BERNADETTE A. JACCARD
 522 CAMINO ELEVADO
 BONITA, CA 91902
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 27, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000766-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VIII
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: CU5414 & CU5415 & CU5416 & CU5417) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2024 (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 2nd day of APRIL, 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 February 27, 2026. DATED this 27th day of February, 2026. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.
 FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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 OUR FILE #126435.8527
 MORI #ORANGE
 March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-000131-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIAM H. BLAND, AS INDIVIDUAL, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT VI
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: ROSS B. TOMPKINS
 PO BOX 1283
 PINE BUSH,
 NY 12566-1283
AND
ANDREA G. TOMPKINS
 PO BOX 1283
 PINE BUSH,
 NY 12566-1283
 The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT VI
 16 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: R00731 & R00732 & R00733 & R00734 & R00735 & R00736 & R00737 & R00738 & R00739 & R00740 & R00741 & R00742 & R00743 & R00744 & R00745 & R00746) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 4000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
AND
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: U86740 & U86741 & U86742 & U86743) 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

if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.8453
MORI #ORANGE
March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000766-O
DIV NO.: 33

MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROLAND H. MOORE, et al.,

Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV TO: MARSHEL THOMAS JOHNSON, DECEASED
1087 MARIETTA BLVD
#136
LIVERMORE, CA 94551
TERESA KAY JOHNSON
1087 MARIETTA BLVD
#136
LIVERMORE, CA 94551

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COUNT IV
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: M25243 & M25244 & M25245 & M25246 & M25247 & M25248) 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, 2017 (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 APRIL 2, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 27, 2026.
DATED this 27th day of February, 2026.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.8451
MORI #ORANGE
March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.:482025CC-018397A0010X
ROOFING PROS USA II LLC, a Florida limited liability company, d/b/a ROOFING PROS USA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Unknown heirs of PAULINE LILLIE a/k/a PAULINE PINKNEY LILLIE, and all parties claiming by, through, under or against her; PAMELA SAPP; KENNETH PINKNEY; ULYSSES SAPP; TIMOTHY SAPP; and WILLIE SAPP,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Unknown heirs of PAULINE LILLIE a/k/a PAULINE PINKNEY LILLIE, and all parties claiming by, through, under or against her; PAMELA SAPP; KENNETH PINKNEY; TIMOTHY SAPP; WILLIE SAPP; and ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action seeking to enforce a Claim of Lien against real property located in Orange County, Florida, more particularly described as:

Lot 69, Lake Jewell Heights Unit 3, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 47, public records of Orange County, Florida; Parcel I.D. #: 21-21-28-4532-00-690.
has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Larry C. Callaway, III, Esquire, KLEIN & KLEIN, PLLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 40 S.E. 11th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471, Email: larry@kleinandkleinpa.com, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, and to 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 this Court on 02/19/2026.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
Clerk of the Court
By: Naline S. Bahadur
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N. Orange Avenue
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-2271
DIVISION 39
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 2019 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO VIN# 1C4PJMLX9KD421285
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
To any and all who claim an interest in a 2019 Grand Cherokee Laredo VIN # 1C4PJMLX9KD421285 seized on or about 1/16/2026 at or about 5905 Caravan Ct., Orlando, FL, Orange Co., FL. Said property is in the custody of the City of Orlando Police Dept. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the

above-styled court.
/s/Shannon Hesse
Shannon Gridley Hesse
Police Legal Advisor
Orlando Police Department
1250 W. South Street
Orlando, Florida 32805
(407) 246-2464
Fla. Bar No. 528633
shannon.hesse@orlando.gov
March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009168-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
EARL F. JACOBS AS INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 EARL F. JACOBS AND CHRISTINE K. JACOBS INTER VIVOS REVOCABLE TRUST, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III TO: STEPHEN E. BETZ
3217 RAMSLAND WAY
FREDERICK
MD 21704-7662
ROXANNE BETZ
3217 RAMSLAND WAY
FREDERICK
MD 21704-7662

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 18, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009168-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT III
Unit Week 50*E in Unit 4401, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of April, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 19, 2026.
DATED February 19, 2026
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #110523.2006
MRHC #ORANGE
February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000766-O
DIV NO.: 33
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROLAND H. MOORE, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII TO: THADDEUS E. JENKINS, DECEASED
1209 SAXON BLVD
SUITE 2
ORANGE CITY, FL 32763
THELMA T. JENKINS
9 CAREY CT.
MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 27, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000766-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VII
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: W70908 & W70909 & W70910 & W70911 & W70912 & W70913 & W70914 & W70915) 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, 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 APRIL 2, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 27, 2026.
DATED this 27th day of February, 2026.
/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 #126435.8473
MORI #ORANGE
March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009168-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
EARL F. JACOBS AS INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 EARL F. JACOBS AND CHRISTINE K. JACOBS INTER VIVOS REVOCABLE TRUST, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I TO: EARL F. JACOBS
AS INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 EARL F. JACOBS AND CHRISTINE K. JACOBS INTER VIVOS REVOCABLE TRUST
C/O ATTORNEY-IN-FACT CHRISTINE S. GIBBS
2012 JAFFA COURT
CLERMONT, FL 34711

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 18, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009168-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT I
Unit Week 50 in Unit 2121, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of April, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 19, 2026.
DATED February 19, 2026
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #110523.1937
MRHC #ORANGE
February 27, March 6, 2026

Notice of Public Sale
Notice is hereby given that **Northwest Orlando Storage** at 5330 N Pine Hills Rd Orlando, FL 32808 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 3/20/2026 at approx. 9:00 am. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to add'l terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Unit # - Name - Description:
#xxx - Tenant's name - description, #xxx - Tenant's name - description, #xxx - Tenant's name - description ...
#B029-Ja'leel Jackson-
#C057-Dalphine Frye-
#1058-Kianna Gray-
#1096-Rubin Emmanuel-
#1128-Jose Rodriguez
February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-000862-O
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-3, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ESTATE OF SHARON L. SALANDY A/K/A KALONA RENEE WINTSALANDY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF SHARON L. SALANDY A/K/A KALONA RENEE WINTSALANDY, DECEASED; KELSHA JEANINE SALANDY; OULIE SALANDY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KELSHA JEANINE SALANDY., UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et al.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: ESTATE OF SHARON L. SALANDY A/K/A KALONA RENEE WINTSALANDY, DECEASED (Current Residence Unknown) (Last Known Address) 4410 LAKE LAWNE AVENUE ORLANDO, FL 32808
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF SHARON L. SALANDY A/K/A KALONA RENEE WINTSALANDY, DECEASED (Last Known Address) 4410 LAKE LAWNE AVENUE ORLANDO, FL 32808
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 1, BLOCK F, LAKE LAWNE SHORES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK T, PAGE 103, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A: 4410 LAKE LAWNE AVENUE, ORLANDO, FL 32808.
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, a date which is 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 19th day of February, 2026.
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
Publish: THE APOPKA CHIEF
25-52625
February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000766-O
DIV NO.: 33
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROLAND H. MOORE, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III TO: MARK H. SWISHER, DECEASED
16125 29TH PLACE NE
SNOHOMISH, WA 98290
LISA M. SWISHER
16125 29TH PLACE NE
SNOHOMISH, WA 98290

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 27, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000766-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: E71643 & E71644 & E71645 & E71646 & E71647 & E71648 & E71649 & E71650 & E71651 & E71652) 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, 2015 (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 APRIL 2, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 27, 2026.
DATED this 27th day of February, 2026.
/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 #126435.8441
MORI #ORANGE
March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000766-O
DIV NO.: 33
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROLAND H. MOORE, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II TO: JOAN E. EDMONDS-ASHMAN, DECEASED.
THE ESTATE OF JOAN E. EDMONDS-ASHMAN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
313 SOUTH 9TH AVENUE
MT. VERNON, NY 10550

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 27, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-000766-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT II
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: B84108 & B84109 & B84110 & B84111 & B84112 & B84113) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year

Commencement Date of January 1, 2014 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on APRIL 2, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 27, 2026.
DATED this 27th day of February, 2026.
/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 #126435.8439
MORI #ORANGE
March 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWART, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XI TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: WESLEY Y. YOUNG
600 KENTUCKY ST
UNIT 2753
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533-8290
AND
CECILIA M. YOUNG
600 KENTUCKY ST
UNIT 2753
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533-8290

The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT XI
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: F34240 & F34241 & F34242 & F34243 & F34244 & F34245) 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 you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 26 day of FEBRUARY, 2026.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: Rosa Avilés
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N. Orange Avenue
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600,
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#129710.0152/MP26
March 6, 13, 2026

STORAGE SENSE SELF STORAGE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Storage Sense Apopka Located at 2208 Stillwater Ave., Apopka, Florida 32703 Phone 407-703-8854 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property Under the Florida Facility Act Statutes. The Sale shall take place online at www.lockerfox.com and closes on the **18th Day of March, 2026 at 10:00 AM** Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 72 hours of purchase with a \$100 cash cleaning deposit.
Eric Gass-Unit 1089
-Personal Property
Buford Ross-Unit 6003
-Personal Property
Jemaine Turner-Unit 4024
-Personal Property
Christopher Held-Unit 1063
-Personal Property
February 27, March 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009168-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
EARL F. JACOBS AS INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 EARL F. JACOBS AND CHRISTINE K. JACOBS INTER VIVOS REVOCABLE TRUST, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X TO: KAAREN J. STREET
4600 ROSWELL RD
BLDG H516
ATLANTA, GA 30342-3029

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 18, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009168-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT X
Unit Week 47 in Unit 8422, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of April, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 19, 2026.

WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: RAYMOND T. BAZILIO
94 CLINTON ST
FARMINGDALE, NY 11735-2604
AND
SABRINA T. BAZILIO
94 CLINTON ST
FARMINGDALE, NY 11735-2604

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

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

COUNT XII
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: F60818 & F60819 & F60820 & F60821 & F60822 & F60823) 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

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE: MONDAY 5 P.M.
classifieds@theapokkachief.com

Call 407-886-2777
Fax 407-889-4121

21. HEALTH AND NUTRITION

HEALTH CARE FOR entire family: Pediatrics, Family, Internal, OB/GYN, Dental and Pharmacy. www.chcf.org. Community Health Centers throughout Central Florida. 225 E 7th Street, Apopka. 407-905-8827.
JT 0213-0306 TFN 21

32. HELP WANTED

WE'RE HIRING! SHIPPING Agent-Mt. Dora/Apopka Broker Plant/Costa Verde Imports is looking for a detail-oriented Shipping Agent to join our team. Competitive pay + growth opportunity. Send your resume to sales@costaverdeimports.com, 407-880-3552
cc 0306 COS

61. LARGE APPLIANCES

APOPKA APPLIANCE offers in home service on washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers installed. \$50 off service calls with installation. All help vaccinated for virus. Be safe! Free haul away (no matter where you bought your new one). Used appliances available. Service call \$39.99 with repairs. 407-886-2255 or 407-497-7458
CC 0213-0306 APO 61

First 15 words \$12, each additional word \$.50 each.

70. MERCHANDISE MISC.

GENERATOR, CENERAC GP 3250, used 1 month runs good \$290. FISH TANK 55 gallon with stand, pump, lights, all for \$95. 407-222-2068
cc0306 REI

TRAILER PARTS FOR sale. Largest stocking dealer in NW Orange County (Apopka). 407-293-5788. www.surplus-steel.com.
B 0306-0327 SUR 70

OVER 400 LP ALBUMS for sale. Make an Offer. You pick up! 407-399-6359
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81. AUTOS FOR SALE

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