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Moore, Nesta race for runoff votes

New mayor to take oath April 28

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Apopka voters spoke loud and clear on March 10, but they're not done yet.

After voting in two new members to the City Commission, voters will now decide on a new mayor. Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore and City

Commissioner Nick Nesta both defeated two-term incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson to qualify for the April 14 runoff election, which will determine who will lead the city of Apopka for the next four years.

Nesta claimed the most general election votes with 3,365 (41.60%), followed by Moore with 2,576 (31.85%) votes. Nelson finished third with 2,148 (26.55%) votes.

The unofficial voter

turnout of 8,121 (21%) is expected to fall to about half that size for the runoff election, despite a total of 38,698 registered voters in Apopka.

In an interview, Nesta said his strategy for the runoff will remain largely the same as in the initial election, which is to be "resident focused, resident centric. We are here to represent the residents first and foremost."

During the runoff campaign, Nesta said he plans to

continue reaching out to voters who supported his rivals, including through canvassing, social media and phone calls.

Nesta, who owns a real estate company, was first elected city commissioner in 2022, then re-elected in 2024. He submitted his resignation from commission seat 4 to run for mayor, triggering a special election, which

ELECTION, A7



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore smiles at her March 10 watch party on the front porch of her house.

Apopka apprentice advances to International Lineman's Rodeo

Jeremy Neumann placed 3rd at Florida Lineman's Rodeo

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Jeremy Neumann, an Apopka-based lineworker apprentice for Duke Energy, placed third in the apprentice category at the Florida Lineman's Rodeo. The win qualifies him to proceed to the International Lineman's Rodeo this October in Kansas.

"This is the first time I've ever done a rodeo," Neumann said. "I've been working for Duke for three-and-a-half years, but I guess I was a little nervous to try it."

The Florida Lineman's Rodeo required linemen to face numerous challenges demonstrating "what customers depend on year-round—strong safety practices, advanced training and a relentless focus on reliability," said Marc Arnold, Duke Energy Florida senior vice president of power grid operations, in a March



Courtesy of Duke Energy

Jeremy Neumann hangs from a utility pole.

7 press release.

"Jeremy joined over 100 of his peers from across Duke Energy Florida's 35-county service territory to participate in several challenges at the rodeo, including the 'Hurtman Rescue'—a simulated rescue of a lineworker hurt on the job—and the 'Egg Climb,' which involves climbing a utility pole with an egg in the lineworker's mouth," said a March 11

press release from Duke Energy.

Neumann has known about the rodeo since he was enrolled in line school. His mom encouraged him to participate after he took her to last year's rodeo.

"I said, 'All right, I'll do it one time for you, Mom, just one time,'" Neumann said. "Then I ended up placing and doing really well, and I actually had a lot

of fun with it."

Neumann said the rodeo challenges are not very different from his line work outside of the time constraints, but he still did not expect to advance.

"I'm a pretty decent climber, but not any speed demon whatsoever," Neumann said. "I know there's some really quick guys out there."

RODEO, A8



Courtesy of Duke Energy

Jeremy Neumann poses with his award.

Commission approves early voting dates

Early voting set for April 6-12

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The Apopka City Commission on Wednesday approved early voting dates and times ahead of the April 14 mayoral runoff election.

The runoff features a race between County Commissioner Christine Moore and City Commissioner Nick Nesta, both of whom defeated incumbent mayor Bryan Nelson on March 10. Voters may cast their ballots from April 6 through April 12 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Office and the Apopka Community Center. Apopka residents may request mail-in ballots until April 2.

City clerk Susan Bone also presented the City Commission the option of holding the early voting period from April 10 to April 12 only, estimating that it would save the city \$10,900.

During the action item's public comment period, however, a few attend-

ees suggested only having a weekend for early voting would give Moore an advantage over Nesta due to her collaborative agreement with Nelson. Others expressed more practical advantages of a weeklong early voting period.

"We need to have our council elected by the majority of the people," said Dr. Phyllis Olmstead, Orange County Soil and Water Conservation Commission Seat 3. "Also, we need to have more time choices for people who are working, and they work on different days."

Ultimately, Nesta motioned for the weeklong option, with Commission Alexander Smith seconding.

Nesta received 3,365 total votes for mayor on March 10, representing 41.60% of all votes in the 2026 mayoral race. Moore placed second with 2,576 votes, giving her a percentage of 31.85%

Both candidates are vying for Nelson's 2,148 voters to get to 50% in the runoff, although most observ-

COMMISSION, A8



Photo by J.C. Derrick

Voters wait in line at the Northwest Recreation Complex on the evening of March 10.

Apopka issues notice to begin Kelly Park Road widening project

Construction will upgrade approximately 1.5 miles of roadway

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The city of Apopka announced its notice to begin construction on the Kelly Park Road widening project at the City

Commission meeting Wednesday night.

"This is more than just a roadway project—it is a unifying, non-partisan achievement that every resident of Apopka can take pride in," said Vladimir Simonovski, city of Apopka public works director and city engineer. "Together, we are delivering a modern, 21st-century transportation system that will enhance safety, reduce conges-

tion, and support the continued growth of our city for generations to come."

The widened Kelly Park Road will include four travel lanes, a planted median, underground power lines, sidewalks, and updated traffic signals and lighting. The widening will span about 1.5 miles of roadway, starting west of S.R. 429 at the Waypointe Boulevard intersection and continuing eastward

to just past the Plymouth Sorrento Road intersection.

"This improved corridor is seamlessly integrated with the recently completed Kelly Park Interchange and the 429 delta, positioning Apopka as a forward-thinking community prepared for future growth," Simonovski said.

The Kelly Park Road wid-

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Photo by Dana O'Connor

Vladimir Simonovski speaks to the City Commission on Wednesday.

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Legislature fixes license plate obscuring law

Despite not passing the budget for the 2026–2027 Fiscal Year last week, the Florida Legislature adjourned Sine Die on Friday. Legislators are expected to return to Tallahassee in mid-April for a special session to finish the budget process as well as address property taxes and congressional redistricting.

With the budget process on standby at the moment, this week's column will be a slight detour on the work I did this legislative session on correcting issues with the license plate obscuring law that I sponsored last year.

House Bill (HB) 253 is officially titled Offenses Involving Motor Vehicles but also known as the "tag flipping" or license plate obscuring law. It was brought to me last session by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

From 2022 to 2023, there had been a 150% increase in covering or obscuring license plates to avoid detection for a traffic ticket, and this had also hindered crime solving due to purposefully inhibiting detection. The bill (as signed into law) defined "license plate obscuring devices" as "a manual, electronic, or mechanical device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle," and it imposes penalties on the possession and use of license plate obscuring devices.

For possessing or using a license plate obscuring device is a second-degree misdemeanor; for manufacturing or selling a license plate obscuring device, it is a first-degree misdemeanor; and anyone using a license plate obscuring device as defined in

Florida House of Representatives



Doug Bankson

Florida Statutes 320.262 during a commission of a crime will be charged with a third-degree felony. This law went into effect on Oct. 1.

Despite the new law's good intentions, law enforcement agencies around the state reported issues with implementing the law primarily due to confusion with whether decorative license plate frames (i.e., college alma mater, favorite sports team) were considered a violation of the law. Several representatives reached out to me with concerns from their constituents who had contacted them after being pulled over citing this new law.

In response to these concerns, I worked together with Reps. Taylor Yarkosky and Berny Jacques, Sen. Ralph Massullo, the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV), Florida Sheriff's Association (FSA) and Seminole County Sheriff's Office, to help add clarity into the statute (Florida Statutes 320.061) for law enforcement and residents.

Specifically, this new language clarifies that license plate frames are not affected unless they cover the alphanumeric number and informational sticker. We were fortunately able to pass the language through Senate Bill (SB) 488 / HB937 that is now headed to the governor's desk for approval before going into law.

In the coming weeks, I plan to share more updates with you on our work in Tallahassee this session, and I hope to have more updates on the state's budget as well as property taxes.

Legislature stays the course on education

Thomas Jefferson is often attributed with saying, "That government is best which governs least."

That certainly holds true in Florida in recent years, where many of us who are on school boards across the state hold our breath each legislative session, waiting to see what drastic changes will need to be implemented at the close of session. Changes that often cost our districts money and time that could be better spent educating our students.

I'm happy to report that with the close of the 2026 legislative session last week, sweeping education changes did not happen. The Legislature passed relatively few bills this session compared to years like 2024, when dozens of education bills became law.

This comes as a welcome relief to districts that can remain focused on students' success instead of investing enormous amounts of time and money implementing new laws.

Of course, good policy didn't get passed either. Bills aimed at improving administrative efficiency, addressing chronic absenteeism, expanding the use of Title I funding, and creating a uniform GPA scale across courses were among those that did not make it through the process.

Some bills were passed that will help.

Lawmakers approved measures affecting educators' certification and

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

school counselors, providing greater flexibility in certification and evaluation requirements. Another bill requires districts to maintain and report an annual inventory of unused school district property, although the jury is out to see if this one will be used to help Schools of Hope.

One bill that I am a bit concerned with deals with allowing booster clubs to pay athletic team coaches. Granted, I am not upset that anyone working with our students can get more money. I always wish the state Legislature would increase funding for teachers and staff.

What I am worried about is creating inequities in our programs. A school in a wealthy area could now use that wealth to bring in the best coaches and the best athletes, leaving behind schools without wealthy boosters.

Athletics is an important part of

our school district and learning. It creates loyalty and pride in a school. It helps bring alumni back to volunteer and donate funds. It is sometimes the only connection a student has to a school that keeps them engaged in their learning.

However, if that traditional Friday Night Lights joy and genuine connection is lost to deals and money, how will that hinder opportunities for some of our students who need it the most?

We'll continue to watch that bill for unintended consequences.

While legislation is something we always watch, the budget is where our school system can be greatly affected. There have been very few increases in education funding for public schools over the past few years, and there are so many needs, especially when implementing new mandates and laws.

The Legislature did not pass a budget this session and will return to Tallahassee in April to finish that work. Do not hesitate to reach out to your legislators in the coming weeks and ask for additional funding for education.

Share your personal stories about your school's funding struggles or the blessings that your teachers have on your child. They listen to constituents and want to hear from you. Demand that our local public schools receive the funding they deserve.

Feeling hot and bothered after the Big Chill

If you happen to own and hold yourself responsible for a piece of "outside" that is visible from the road, you've probably done your share of Yard Yoga. That's what I call lawn care because when I am out there doing it, I feel as low as a Downward Dog.

It is never fun, but last week had an additional layer of mental cruelty—I was sweating and sweltering because of a cold snap.

Most of the things that formerly lived in front of my house had frozen to death, a toll that includes two bougainvilleas, a lemon tree, several of what I believe are called cordylines, a prehistoric-looking big-leaf thing and a half dozen crotons. A few other corpses would have to be identified by the botanical equivalent of dental records if we had a plant coroner.

Another dozen are half dead and have gray brown limp parts drooping in an unsightly manner. It looks more like we got hit by some UFO Death Ray than by a freeze.

Meanwhile, the dollar weed is doing fine, as are a dozen or so other intrusive species that are as immune to herbicides as all the crawly and stingy things out here are to pesticides. The ant hills are pushing up nicely. Giant swarms of so-called blind mosquitoes are buzzing clumsily around.

Columnist



Jake Vest

The walkway to the front door has some mildew that will need to be pressure cleaned. The pool screen and pool deck need it too, but that is out back where nobody can see it except the neighbors who already know how I live. So, it is a private shame that will just have to wait.

There's a new crack in the driveway, but I am not even going to think about it until we get a road. The city sent a big machine out last week to turn the old one into white dust that settled down to look like frost on the outdoor car and the chair I sit in to shake my fist at passing traffic.

I also have an hour or two of Mowercize coming. Then edging.

I was cutting back the second bougainvillea, the thorny branches of which could easily be repurposed as barbed wire. With gloves and a heavy shirt, I was only bleeding in about 13 places and mixed with the sunscreen and sweat it made sort of a

gooey reddish paste—like a cupcake decorated for Halloween. In addition to all the dead, dying, cracked, mildewed and dust-coated things, I was surrounded by two sorts of rakes, big loppers, small loppers, hoses, broom, Shop-Vac, pressure cleaner, extension cords, wheelbarrow, trash bags, a saw, two gas cans, bleach, a mower, a string trimmer, plastic spray containers of things that won't kill bugs or weeds but will make them smell bad, and 22 billion suicidal blind mosquitoes.

If we showed a picture like this from a third-world country, people would send in money to help.

While struggling up a hill, looking ghoulish and fatigued, hefting a thorny bundle of dead foliage, I was approached by a young man in a golf shirt and a pair of pressed khaki pants. This barely post-adolescent asked, "are you thinking about replacing your windows?" Then he wanted to explain why I should be.

And that, your Honor, was why I was arrested for chasing this boy down U.S. 441 with a rake.

This didn't actually happen. But if he comes back tomorrow, it will. And I don't think there's a jury in Florida that would convict me—at least not if the jurors do their own yard work.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That is why it is called the present."

— Bill Keane & Eleanor Roosevelt

Now is the time for Apopka to move forward together with a renewed commitment.

We must:

1. Learn from past mistakes.
2. Fix what is not working.
3. Engage the citizens and staff closest to the issues, those with interest and expertise.
4. Instill a "do it now" mentality.

Leadership and direction:

1. A clear vision through a strategic plan with measurable goals.
2. Reasonable timelines, empower those carrying out the plan, and hold them accountable.
3. Advertise and hire a City Attorney and City Administrator.
4. System of checks and balances to ensure transparency and fairness.

Operational improvements:

1. Forensic audit.
2. Timely, fair, and accurate budgets.
3. Monthly department

head reviews and accountability.

4. Verifiable preventive maintenance program for all equipment.
5. Independent survey of all employees.
6. Fair and equitable field rental rates.

Address life-safety and infrastructure issues:

1. Audit all 323 miles of roads and sidewalks.
2. Identify and address current and potential flooding issues.
3. City take responsibility for backflow preventers.
4. Immediately replace non-functioning water meters.

Establish committees to provide expertise and guidance:

1. Workarounds related to Senate Bill 180 to allow smart, measured growth with the infrastructure to support.
2. Golden Gem Pond.
3. Annexation of South Apopka.
4. Downtown Apopka.
5. Personnel policies and workforce development.
6. A Human Rights Commission.
7. Objective and sustainable field rental rates.

By working together with focus, transparency, and accountability, Apopka can move forward stronger.

Rod Olsen
Apopka

Commissioners spar over Harrison appointment

Howard Washington resigned March 13

By Sarah Merly
Reporter



Courtesy of Malika Harrison
Malika Harrison

A split City Commission approved Mayor Bryan Nelson's appointment of Malika Harrison to the Planning Commission at its Wednesday meeting.

Harrison was recently a candidate for City Commission Seat 4, which Yesenia Baron won in the March 10 election.

"I am deeply honored by the Mayor's confidence in my abilities to serve on the Planning Commission, and my sincere thank you to the City Commissioners for entrusting me to serve in this capacity,"

Harrison said in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "Apopka is at a pivotal moment in determining the trajectory of its future, and I am eager to contribute to these efforts—through my commitment to resident engagement, community development experience and collaborative spirit."

Harrison will serve with six other members for a three-year term.

The staff report describes the planning commission as "a citizen board to review and recommend to the City Commission approval or denial of development plans, amendments to the zoning map, amendments to the Land Development Code, proposed subdivision plats, proposed site plans, and future land use map amendments."

Commissioners Nick Nesta and Diane Velazquez and several attendees took issue with Harrison's appointment, noting that none of them bore any animosity toward Harrison.

"This is an outgoing administration," said resident

Leroy Bell. "If 74% of the electorate want this gone, why would the rest of them want residue left behind? Now I'm not saying anything about the nominee, because I don't know the young lady. I have nothing against her. The only thing I have against is what brought us to this today—all of these back room deals."

Nesta said the current mayoral appointment policy needed revision, which is why he dissented in the 3-2 vote. Velazquez suggested it would be more appropriate for the incoming mayor to appoint the Planning Commission member so the terms could further overlap.

"Although I think Ms. Malika Harrison has a great resume, she just got off the [Seat

4] campaign," Velazquez said. "I think it would be in the best interest of the city, the residents, that the appointment be made by the incoming mayor, but it would also allow our residents who are interested in filling that vacant spot to have an opportunity to apply."

Harrison currently serves as president of MASH Consulting. She has previously served as MENTOR Florida's president and CEO, Trust's senior vice president for philanthropy and workplace giving and social impact, and as director of social responsibility for the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation.

Harrison's local civic roles include serving as a reading tutor at Apopka Elementary School and graduat-

ing from the Apopka Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. She is also a licensed foster parent and chairs the Orange County Parks and Recreation advisory board.

Nelson said in a phone interview that he appointed Harrison for her knowledge, diversity, and residency in northwest Apopka.

"She ran for [City Commission] and was really informed about the issues, so although she didn't win, I thought she brought a lot to the table as far as a candidate," Nelson said.

Harrison replaces Howard Washington, who resigned from the Planning Commission "due to health reasons," according to a March 13 email to Nelson.

City Commission approves soccer field rental agreements

Central Florida Soccer Club receives rental agreement despite cone of silence controversy

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The Apopka City Commission unanimously approved two soccer field rental agreements during its Wednesday meeting, allowing Central Florida Soccer Club (CFSC) and Central Florida United Academy (CFU) to rent Northwest Recreation Complex soccer fields based on a rate of \$25 per hour.

"The fourth budget agreement includes a five-year term agreement that was estab-

lished from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2031," said Blanche Sherman, city finance director. "Any field rentals outside of the agreement will be charged at \$25 an hour."

The city had issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in January, intending to award up to two contracts. Although CFSC and CFU were the only two bidders, the former was disqualified under the "cone of silence" rule, since the club president had contacted at least one commissioner about the contract while it was out for bidding.

"If we don't have the cone of silence for soccer fields, then we might as well forget about it," Mayor Bryan Nelson said at a previous meeting.

The disqualification had



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Joseph Beninati offered to let soccer clubs use the Wyld Oaks property until city fields are ready.

caused controversy amongst CFSC supporters, though representatives from both clubs did not comment at Wednesday's meeting.

According to Mayor Bry-

seph Beninati, who had previously spoken about the Kelly Park Road widening project, asked the commission to keep his property in mind for extra soccer field space.

"Not to put my nose into the middle of things, but I understand there's some limitations on fields right now," Beninati said. "We do have property that, if people are interested in contacting me, we would certainly welcome, while the other fields are being completed, to have some of the kids use some of the property. I know probably we have to do some insurance matters, etc., but I'm a huge youth sports fan and would hate to see the kids not be able to play without the fields."

After Commissioner Nick Nesta confirmed with

Sherman that amending the agreements would be possible should all parties agree, resident Rod Olsen encouraged the commission to lower the rental rates. He called attention to the disparity between the \$25 an hour charge for the soccer fields and a \$2-\$3 per hour rate for other youth sports.

"Look at the hours that go into baseball and softball fields compared to what goes into the multi-purpose field," Olsen said. "This disparity should not continue. You should not rubber stamp this ongoing policy. You should direct parks and recreation to do \$2 to \$3 an hour, matching what they do for the other programs for these two organizations."

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Christine Moore
District 2 County Commissioner

As a county commissioner, I quickly learned the cost of building and operating utilities we use every day – water, electricity, gas, sewers. When we embarked upon connecting 2,000 homes in the Wekiwa Spring Basin to sewer in 2019, and take property owners off septic systems, the only answer to reducing the cost for each homeowner was through state grants.

The State Department of Health mandated through the Springs Protection Act of 2010 that the process begin to start the conversion. Nitrogen produced by septic systems was polluting Wekiwa Spring, as it was other springs throughout the state. But conversions were slow, if happening at all. Homeowners balked at the expense and no leaders had started a true process to build sewers. Meantime, nitrogen coming from septic systems all over the state was polluting our waterways.

I first held meetings in 2019 to explain to residents of 19 subdivisions throughout Apopka why we needed to convert and what I planned to do. And those meetings at Apopka schools were packed.

I traveled to Tallahassee, met with state lawmakers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and ultimately with St. Johns River Water Management District to request grant dollars to supplement Apopka homeowners' costs. Ultimately, we received \$125 million in the county from state entities. Conversion costs started at \$45,000 per lot and with the grant money I fought for, each

property owner ended up being responsible for only \$10,000 which could be put on a 10-year payment plan if need be. In summer of 2021, the Wekiwa Springs Septic-to-Sewer project began at Sweetwater West. The first of 2,000 Apopka area homes were converted to sewer. As conversions continue, now in the Rolling Oaks neighborhood, I can say fully, the cost of utilities is not inexpensive, but, I know how to get started fixing utilities and I know how to get funding.

Understanding and planning for the cost and process of road resurfacing, installing streetlights and sidewalks, and maintenance of stormwater retention ponds, for example, goes **together**.

Here's a short list of projects I spearheaded in Apopka while commissioner:

- Streetlight Installation**
- Binion Rd.
 - Welch Rd.
 - Votaw Rd.
 - Hiwassee Rd. and Piedmont Wekiwa Rd.

- Road Resurfacing**
- W. Ponkan Rd.
 - Piedmont Wekiwa Rd.
 - Ocoee Apopka Rd.
 - Keene Rd.
 - Round Lake Rd.

- Coming up this year:**
- S. Park Ave.
 - N. Rock Springs Rd.
- Sidewalk Projects**
- Thompson Rd.
 - Votaw Rd.

Just last month I opened the Lake Apopka Connector Trail which connects the West Orange Trail to the Apopka Loop Trail meaning one 49-mile pathway around Lake Apopka is finally in existence. We've waited a long time for the completion of this project which will capitalize on Apopka's potential distinction as "Trail City."

Proposed connections between Kelly Park Rd. and Ponkan Rd., Kelly Park Rd. and Rock Springs, Rock Springs and Wekiwa Springs, and SR 429 and Rock Springs will only build on what we've started. With a "Trail City" designation, Apopka will hold an economic driver unlike any other city in our county. I hope to continue the progress of what I've done for our town....Apopka.

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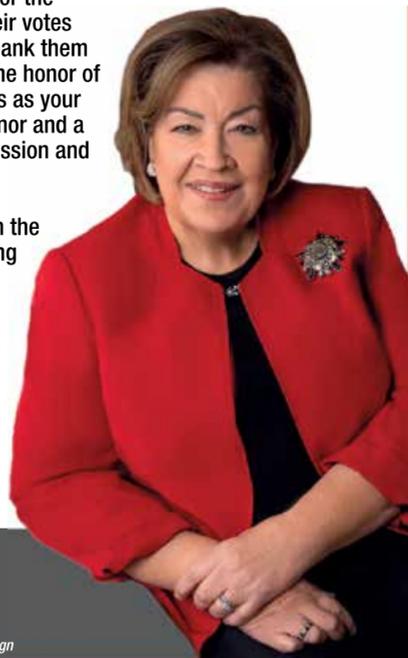
I would deeply like to thank the Apopka voters for the trusted dedication they displayed by casting their votes throughout early voting and on election day. I thank them for their continued certitude and support with the honor of electing me to serve and represent all Apopkans as your sitting Commissioner and Vice Mayor. It's an honor and a privilege to be part of the City of Apopka commission and its community.

It's very important the residents stay involved in the election process since a run-off election is taking place on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 for the position of Mayor on the newly named City Commission. Please vote for the candidate of your choice. Like I have voiced many times, the future of Apopka depends on the cooperation between its residents and its elected officials.

Again, I thank all those who took the time to vote and have their voices heard. It was a privilege to witness the election process.

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Q&A: Nelson talks end of term, retirement

Nelson reflects on his tenure as mayor

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

After the March 10 election sent mayoral candidates Christine Moore and Nick Nesta to an April runoff, The Apopka Chief sat down for an interview with Mayor Bryan Nelson to discuss his tenure, his final weeks in office, and his retirement plans.

Nelson was first elected as mayor in 2018, winning re-election in 2022, after serving in the Florida House of Representatives and on the Orange County Commission. He also operated Nelson Insurance and worked for the family business, Nelson's Florida Roses.

This interview has been edited for clarity and length.

Were you surprised by the election results?

I was definitely surprised. I figured it would be a runoff—just thought I would be one of the top two candidates—but I guess if it's meant to be, then that gives me a little more time to get everything organized around here.

Looking back over your years as mayor, is there an accomplishment you're most proud of?

We came in with a deficit. We were down to an overall general fund reserve of what would have been \$4 million by the end of that year. We've got to a point now where, at the end of the year, we'll have over \$30 million in reserves. We've shored up a lot of the other accounts. We've got a cemetery reserve fund, and all three of the pension plans are now more financially stable.

So we've done a lot of those things—which, unfortunately, a lot of people see the shiny object and don't look at what it takes to get there. It's taken me eight years to get there, and we've got the city in a great position to move forward, especially if property tax cuts are on the horizon.

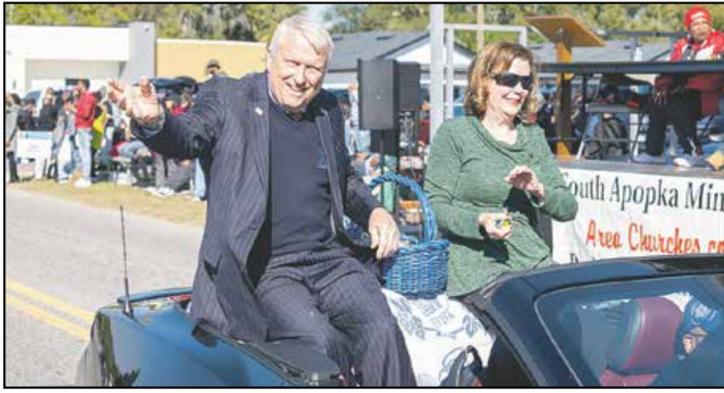


Photo by Dana O'Connor

Mayor Bryan Nelson and his wife Debbie Nelson wave at the 2026 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.

They've got a financial cushion there that will give them at least a year or two to figure out how to balance the budget.

I'm also proud of the staff we've got here. They've done amazing work for the city and for our residents, and so I couldn't be more proud of them.

Do you have a biggest regret as mayor?

I just wish we started getting the water meters fixed earlier, but we're there now. We got the rate down to where it's sustainable. A lot of people don't realize that utilities are their own cost center and profit center—not that you're looking to make a profit, but they have to stand on their own. They can't be subsidized by general funds.

What would you say is the largest change you've seen in Apopka from when you started as mayor until the present?

Growth has overwhelmed us—a lot of it is good growth. We've got a lot of warehouses that hopefully turn into a lot of jobs. We've always been known as a bedroom community, so what you want to do is to turn it around and have as many jobs in Apopka as you have residents. We're trying to get to that balance between commercial, industrial, and residential, so that you can live, work and play here in Apopka. That's always been one of my goals. I think



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Nelson speaks during the mayoral debate on Feb. 3.

over the next four to 10 years, you'll start to see more jobs created here in Apopka, which will then give more opportunities for people to stay here and work here and spend their money here.

Would you say the number of jobs has increased along with the growth?

We need more jobs. Obviously, we want high-paying jobs, if you can get those, along with the blue-collar worker jobs. All those are important. As the nursery industry has dwindled down, trying to replace those jobs with other construction or retail jobs will be critical.

What is the single most important lesson you've learned as mayor?

You have to look at the long term. How can you plan for the next 10, 20, 40 years? Unfortunately, the general public wants something today or tomorrow, so it's trying to manage the long-term plan-

ning versus short-term goals. It's always a challenge.

What are your top three priorities for your final days in office?

We want to do a groundbreaking on Kelly Park Road. We'll get that Kelly Park Road Interchange pioneering agreement started. Hopefully we can get the six soccer fields started. Hopefully the amphitheater at Kit Land Nelson Park will be completed. I'm hoping to get the liners at Golden Gem finished. Hopefully we'll do a groundbreaking for the pickleball and tennis court complex. So those are some of the ones we'd like to at least get started.

We also had one of our first Ocoee-Apopka Road meetings Tuesday, so we're getting that \$17 million project started, and then the \$13 million project at Northwest with the amphitheater improvements and the four new softball fields.



Photo by Sarah Merly

Mayor Bryan Nelson poses with his portrait in City Hall.

ago, there was only one person that I released from their duties, and I even gave them a long run out so they were able to find another job. But other than that, I didn't lay off anybody. There's a lot of institutional knowledge in this building, and we've built a really good team, and for them to put a bunch of people on the chopping block makes no sense.

What are you hoping your successor will do positively?

Complete a lot of the projects we've got in the hopper. Hopefully they'll retain the staff and give them a chance to prove themselves.

What would you hope your legacy is in the community?

One of them would be saving Camp Wewa. I think getting this financial house in order was a huge one across all those departments. I'd love to see the mountain bike park come to fruition. That would be a great addition to our ecotourism reputation. I'm trying to capitalize on that with Camp Wewa, the birding park, and the Northwest Recreation Complex. We've got a lot of great outdoor opportunities.

What are your plans for retirement?

I don't know what the next chapter brings, but we're putting feelers out there. Hopefully something will come along. I don't want to work as hard as I've been working. I get in the office at 6:30 in the morning and stay till work's finished, plus all the other events we've got on. I'd like to definitely spend some more time with my wife, kids and grandkids.

We'll find something to do—I'm sure of that. I'm just waiting for the right opportunity where I can help. I don't want to be a burden on anybody. But I've got a skillset that not many people have, and so hopefully something will come along that will benefit whoever the employer is and will give me some satisfaction of something I can accomplish.

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Nelson backs Moore in Apopka runoff election

Pair to collaborate on campaign, government transition

By J.C. Derrick
Acting Editor

Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson and Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore have announced a collaborative agreement to help Moore win election in her mayoral runoff against City Commissioner Nick Nesta.

The announcement comes three days after Nelson finished third in his bid for a third term, collecting under 27% of the vote while Moore secured almost 32% and Nesta claimed almost 42%. Since no candidate reached 50%, a runoff election is scheduled for April 14.

"I understand the value Bryan Nelson has brought to the city, especially in grow-



Photo by Bev Winesburgh

R-L: Debbie Nelson, Mayor Bryan Nelson and Commissioner Christine Moore met to discuss a collaborative agreement on Moore's mayoral campaign.

ing fiscal strength, increasing high paying jobs via recruit-

ing new industry and generating an APOPKA PROUD program of sports, music, events and activities loved by thousands of citizens and their families," Moore said in a statement. "It is vitally important to grow on these successes from day one in office. I will cherish the ability to seek out his advice as we move forward."

Moore met with Nelson and his wife Debbie at the Nelson home on March 12 to hammer out the collaborative agreement.

"With the runoff election a month away, Moore and Nelson will be reaching out to their citizen supporters to get out the vote for Christine Moore on April 14," a joint press release said.

The release stopped short of saying Nelson endorsed Moore, who has a long history with Nelson that turned into a political rivalry, but it said the two would work together on the campaign and the ensuing government transition.

"I value and know that

the current employees have years of valuable institutional knowledge to help me and my executive team hit the ground running from day one," said Moore, who is seeking to become the first woman to occupy the mayor's seat in Apopka history.

The release said Moore has "aggressive plans" to grow new city programs and tackle infrastructure, utilities and other challenges. Alluding to two new City Commission members, the release said that with "Tuesday's election bringing in experience in governance," Moore and Nelson felt it was important to work together to address the operational challenges ahead.

"I love this city, my lifelong home, and want to contribute any way I can to keep it on the right path," Nelson said. "Debbie and I have Apopka in our blood, and we aren't going away. With God's grace, we will just have more time to help the

community even more."

Nelson had signaled that an agreement might be in the offing when he dropped his residency lawsuit against Moore the day after the election, telling The Apopka Chief he "wanted her to be in play" for the runoff.

Despite the anti-establishment wave on March 10, voters chose to keep the strong mayor form of government, rejecting a proposal to shift to a council-manager form of government. That means the next mayor will continue to serve as the city CEO that every other mayor has since Apopka's founding.

Nelson's 2,148 voters will play a pivotal role in deciding whether Moore or Nesta will be the next mayor. Most observers expect a lower turnout for the runoff, but if the electorate remained the same, Moore would need to win more than 75% of Nelson's voters to close the 10-point gap with Nesta.

KELLY PARK

FROM A1

ening project has been in the works for two years, according to Simonovski. He predicts the project will bring more local jobs, impact fees, and property taxes to enhance local schools and first responder services.

Wyld Oaks developer Joseph Beninati's company DCP will serve as the "designated constructing company." DCP has agreed to share its audits and tax returns and provide updates to the City Commission.

RCS Construction provided the city a "fixed-price contract that minimizes the risk of cost acceleration, except in cases where the project scope is modified," Simonovski said. Newkirk Engineering and Kimley-Horn & Associates will independently oversee the project, with DCP covering all of Kimley-Horn's fees.

Beninati estimated the project would take up to two years to complete.

"We would hope to be

putting on silt fences now in the next few weeks, and we would hope that by Thanksgiving of '27 that we would be complete on the project," Beninati said.

Commissioner Nick Nesta raised concern about whether the project would move forward within the planned timeline, since Simonovski mentioned that only two of the three co-developers signed a memorandum of understanding.

"Are we concerned

about that third party?" Nesta said. "Is that gonna cause any delays with that one party maybe not signing right now?"

Beninati explained the third party's involvement "predated" that of his own and consisted of roadway design.

"The party is interested in there being excess funds in the account to be able to return cash to him for his credits, and we also, on a pro rata basis, would re-

ceive excess funds as well," Beninati said. "But this is the city's road. It's the city's money, and we've given out \$15 million in return. We receive those credits."

City attorney Cliff Shepard then estimated the cost to be between \$26 million and \$27 million.

"The money that we were going to get from the co-developers is already in the account and our certain amount of impact fees,

which are there to be enhancements to the code," Shepard said. "Once the road starts getting constructed, a certain amount of inertia builds, because then development can come online and people can make money in a whole lot of other ways that they can't until that happens. So it would be my hope—no guarantee—that that would be the ultimate way this thing will resolve."



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Canon Coffee hosts first launch party for art exhibit



Courtesy of Melanie Jankun

Brothers Keeper performs live at the Artist Meet & Mingle.

Creative Hub of Apopka brings local exhibition featuring 3 artists

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Canon Coffee partnered with the Creative Hub of Apopka to host an Artist Meet & Mingle party on March 12 for the coffee shop's latest art exhibition.

"It was just a nice evening to walk around and speak to the artists," said Creative Hub of Apopka president Melanie Jankun. "Also, we had two of the artists that are going to be showing in the next couple of months come, so they were able to see it and learn and talk."

Featured artists Alfredo Barranco, Bradley Craven and Mark

Pettengill greeted guests as Canon Coffee served treats and drinks. Brothers Keeper, the classic rock band for which Craven plays bass, performed live music for the guests.

"Our mission is to create an inviting atmosphere that encourages people to slow down, connect, and engage with one another," said Canon Coffee owner Tammy DeVore in a text message to The Apopka Chief. "By adding art to our walls and inviting the community to celebrate, we can achieve this goal. Supporting local artists is an integral part of our identity and values, and we are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to this vibrant community."

Although Jankun has collaborated with Canon Coffee for three years, the meet and mingle party was the first of its kind for their partnership. A commit-

tee composed of local artists and community leaders organized the event.

"[The committee] talked about who was prepared," Jankun said. "A lot of these artists are very new, and they've never shown their work before, so [we considered] who was prepared and has enough pieces to fill the coffee shop."

The committee selected Barranco as the headlining artist.

"Influenced by punk rock, concerts, movement, and nature, my work reflects energy, emotion, and bold expression," said Barranco in a March 2 Facebook post. "With a background in graphic design and production, I bring ideas to life through markers, acrylics, inks, murals, and mixed media—working on everything from canvas to unexpected surfaces."

Barranco's abstract style

complements the traditional styles of Pettengill and Craven. Craven specializes in acrylic paintings of "sunsets and waterscapes," while Pettengill "explores classic Americana through a lens of surreal observation," according to a Creative Hub of Apopka Facebook post.

Canon Coffee will display the current exhibition for the remainder of March and the entirety of April, with a Florida nature-themed photography exhibition appearing in its place on May 3. The exhibitions will rotate every two months.

"I think there's already things happening for the community to see art in the community, but if we could engage them more and get them to really value and celebrate it, that would be amazing," Jankun said.

Holler Ford car show draws 1,000 racing fans

Event features Fords spanning last century

By Cedric Burkhardt
Correspondent

More than 1,000 people were on hand Saturday for the first annual Holler Ford Racing Showcase featuring Fords spanning from the 1930s to the state-of-the-art Mustang GTD.

The event drew hundreds of cars and was highlighted by the appearance of the top Ford Performance models and race cars such as the Ford GT, Shelby Cobra, Mustang RTRs, two Mustang GTDs, and two Mustang GT

race cars, one of which actively competes in the IMSA Ford Mustang Challenge series. Additional displays from Ford Racing and IMSA allowed attendees to see the breadth of products offered and how Ford's racing DNA is applied to its road cars.

The most direct link between race car and road car can be seen in the new Mustang GTD, named after the class in which the car competes in the IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Series. The road going Mustang GTD boasts the American production car lap record at the famed Nürburgring in Germany with a 6:52.07 lap time around the 12.9-mile track.

It uses parts and engineering derived from the Ford Mustang GT3 race car.

With Ford gearing up for the 12 Hours of Sebring this weekend, it gave fans of the brand a firsthand look at the cars that will take to the track, as well as meet some of the drivers, team personnel, series officials and volunteer safety workers that make these races exceptional. Ford Performance is looking to claim a GTD class win this weekend at Sebring in both the Pro and Am classes.

As part of the event, Holler Ford gave away 12 Hours of Sebring tickets to Apopka Chief members.

Holler Ford also provided a free racing simula-

tor, free T-shirts, dedicated spaces for Central Florida car clubs, and a showcase of the racing programs at UCF and local high schools, as well as supporting the volunteer safety workers who marshal racing events across the country.

"This event is not only a showcase of Ford's racing and streetcar pedigree, but is a celebration of racing, modified, classic, and general car culture," said Chad Rogers, general manager at Holler Ford. "The Holler Group has done these events for decades and being able to bring Ford into this is great for everyone involved, and we are excited to work closely with Ford and Ford Racing."



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 12. "Wow!"
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 22. Antonym of keep
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 25. *It once was more valuable than gold
 26. Absurd
 27. Static picture
 29. *U. S. national flower
 31. Gwyneth Paltrow's brand
 32. Empower
 33. Open disrespect
 34. *Leaves of ____, let them be
 36. Non-written exam
 38. Infamous Roman tyrant
 42. Space exploration vehicle
 45. Like duck's foot
 49. Likewise
 51. Pencil tip
 54. *Covered with sphagnum
 56. Beyond's partner
 57. Pulpit predecessor
 58. Affirm with confidence
 59. Darn a sock, e.g.
 60. Nursemaid, in India
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Yesenia "Jesi" Baron won last week with 51% of the vote.

Moore, who also resigned to run for mayor, said she is "so excited" to be in the runoff and intends to focus attention on her record, including as a school board member and county commissioner.

"I'm happy to talk about the seven schools in Apopka that got remodeled," she said of her tenure on the school board. "I always felt you could measure the health of the community by what's going on in the schools and the success of the students and the success of the neighborhood."

Moore said serving on the Alachua County Commission gave her an understanding of development, infrastructure and public safety.

"It's clear that we've developed too quickly for the long-term health of the community — but they're approved," she said about Apopka's growth rate and developments already in the pipeline. "I don't think it's so much that you could legally hold them up, but you could work with the state and the county to expedite the infrastructure. It's all about partnerships."

Moore also highlighted her work on environmental and recreational projects such as trails and natural spaces, while contrasting herself with Nesta.

"He can't claim to be anti-development when he's approved over 10,000 homes in the last four years," Moore said.

Nesta said his approach has concentrated on balancing growth with residents' concerns.

"At the end of the day, we need to be pro residents," he



Photo by Dana O'Connor

City Commissioner Nick Nesta at his March 10 watch party at Highland Manor.

said. "I'm the only elected official within our area that has pushed for a moratorium or a slowdown or conversations of how to slow down development."

He added that he has previously called for discussions about slowing development and said he has not accepted campaign contributions from developers.

The candidates will continue to make their cases to residents during a mayoral runoff forum, hosted by Apopka Involved Voters, at 7 p.m. Monday at Victory Church (509 S. Park Ave.). Residents who can't attend in person may watch the livestream on The Apopka Chief's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The dynamics of the runoff could hinge in part on what happens to the voters who supported Nelson in the first round.

"Historically, when there's a runoff election,

sometimes the candidate that didn't advance can have an impact if they choose," said Aubrey Jewett, an associate professor at the University of Central Florida School. "They are the ones that have the pool of supporters that are still in play and now have to decide who they're going to vote for."

Jewett said the absence of an incumbent in the runoff makes the race harder to read, since both remaining candidates were already running as challengers to the sitting mayor. Runoff elections also tend to attract significantly fewer voters than the initial round, meaning the campaigns' ability to mobilize supporters could be decisive.

The cash dash

According to the campaign treasurer's reports, as of March 5, Moore, who entered the race in April 2025, had raised \$92,436 and spent \$67,021.75. Nesta, who



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Voters enter the Community Center on March 4.

joined the race in November 2025, had raised \$15,551 and spent \$12,560.99. Nelson raised \$66,405.98 and spent \$36,876.47 during his campaign.

Moore's total contributions were the highest of the three candidates, showing a mix of businesses and individual donors.

"My ability to raise money will also be a wonderful asset as I raise money for projects around town," Moore said.

Nesta's total contributions came from individual donors.

"It's funded by our neighbors, our friends, our families — everybody that makes up our community is who is starting to contribute as big or as small as they feel," he said. "Each contribution, whether it's \$1 or \$500, is an investment in our city's future."

In a Monday Facebook post, Nesta criticized Moore, saying she "has accepted thousands of dollars in de-

veloper-backed contributions."

In an interview, Moore defended taking developer money and said she remains independent, citing votes against developments as county commissioner.

"He voted for every single project that came across the agenda," she said.

Moore criticized Nesta for a \$2,000 donation in 2024 from Christopher Delgado, an Apopka man who was recently arrested for allegedly running a \$382 million Ponzi scheme.

In his Monday Facebook post, Nesta said he represented Delgado in three "arms-length transactions" to sell homes, and Delgado then donated to his campaign "as many local individuals in our community do" in elections.

"I want to be very clear: I have never invested with Christopher Delgado, I have never participated in any cryptocurrency ventures

with him, and I have never had any financial involvement with him beyond those standard real estate transactions that were approved by licensed lenders," Nesta said.

On the expense side, Moore spent more than 70% of the funds she raised. Nesta's expenditures were almost 80% of the money he raised.

Moore's overall spending included payments for campaign materials, advertising and qualifying. Nesta's expenditures were focused on campaign materials.

Heading into the runoff, Nesta said his campaign will continue to emphasize efficient, grassroots outreach and direct voter contact rather than advertising.

"Something that I've always prided myself on is that I run very efficient campaigns," he said. "If I can't run an efficient campaign, how am I going to run an efficient city?"

— With reporting from J.C. Derrick

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Wekiwa Springs volunteer completes 35K service hours

Don Philpott recognized with certificate

By Sarah Merly Reporter

Wekiwa Springs State Park honored volunteer Don Philpott at a March 13 ceremony for completing 35,000 hours of service.

"I am obviously honored to get the award, but I have been volunteering at Wekiwa Springs for 30 years and have loved every minute of it," Philpott said in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "Our state parks are so special that they need protecting and preserving, and I have been happy to help in any way I can. I also have the pleasure of volunteering alongside a great group of people, volunteers, and staff, who do so much willingly and with little recognition."

Philpott has volunteered at the park for 30 years and serves as president of the Wekiwa Wilder-



Courtesy of Don Philpott

From left to right, Wekiwa Springs State Park service specialist Emily Campbell (left) and park manager Rene Acuna (right) pose with Don Philpott.

ness Trust (WWT). He is also a board member of the Florida State Parks Foundation, co-founder and co-chair of the National Association of State Parks Federations, Florida Master Naturalist, Florida Master Gardener, and a Certified Interpretive Guide.

Philpott's extensive research on Wekiwa Springs State Park and Rock Springs Run State Reserve for the past 15 years led to

the discovery of two ghost towns—Clay Springs and Ethel. WWT then published one book for each town, both of which are available to download at wwt-cso.com.

Rock Springs Run State Reserve will honor Ethel's history at its Heritage Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The free event will feature music, reenactors, food, and family fun.

Checkers to celebrate anniversary

Celebration to include family-friendly entertainment, giveaways

Staff Reports

Apopka's own Checkers restaurant will celebrate its 20th anniversary in the Apopka community from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 28 at 355 E. Main Street.

The celebration will include giveaways of Orlando Magic tickets and memorabilia, face painting and entertainment.

Festivities will also celebrate the restaurant's recent remodel, which includes the new logo, murals honoring the Apopka community, and updated lighting.

"For 20 years, this Apopka



Courtesy of Checkers

Checkers Apopka opened in 2006.

restaurant has been part of the community, and this remodel is our way of celebrating that history while looking ahead," said Russ Romeo, Checkers senior director of marketing activation, in a press release.

"From the bold new exterior and murals to the lighting and energy of the building, everything about this restaurant re-

flects our 'This Eats Different' platform. It's a dramatic new look that matches the flavor, value, and fun our guests expect, and it's built to welcome Apopka for many years to come."

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COMMISSION

FROM A1

ers expect a lower turnout.

"Runoffs typically are going to be much less [attended], so you're probably talking 10% or 12%," Aubrey Jewett, an associate professor at the University of Central Florida, told The Apopka Chief on election night. "That means that both the candidates in

the runoff will need to do their best to mobilize their core supporters."

Those voting on the April 14 runoff date will have two options: Precinct 1 residents will vote at the Apopka Community Center, while precinct 2 residents will do so at the Northwest Recreation

Complex. Both polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters will have the opportunity to hear from both Moore and Nesta from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the Apopka Involved Voters Mayoral Runoff Forum at Victory Church.

— With reporting from Teresa Sargeant

RODEO

FROM A1

To prepare for the Florida Lineman's Rodeo, Neumann would "put some reps in just practicing the Hurtman Rescue and the speed climb" several nights a week on the utility poles in his friend's backyard. A former International Lineman's Rodeo competitor will train Neumann for the October contest.

Neumann called his Duke Energy coworkers "15 brothers I never had before I started working there." He requests prayers from the community and is excited to represent both Duke Energy and Apopka from October 14–17 in Kansas.

"I'm filled with pride



Courtesy of Duke Energy

Florida Lineman's Rodeo winners pose for a photo.

and ready to go to Kansas City and hopefully bring back some trophies for Apopka," Neumann said.

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Matt DiSalvatore

One of our members recently shared a message that perfectly captures why community-supported journalism matters so much:

"Opportunities like this go far beyond entertainment — they create memories and reinforce the sense of community that makes Apopka such a special place."

His family had just attended Monster Jam using tickets they received through their Apopka Chief membership, and they wanted to say thank you. But their message was about more than a fun night out. It was about connection, community, and the impact of supporting trusted local news.

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POLICE BEAT

APD arrests 27, works 33 crashes March 8-14

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In the period from March 8-14, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,636 calls for service, responded to 33 crashes, issued 70 citations, and made 27 arrests. Burglaries: 3 vehicles, 0 residences, 1 business. Juveniles were charged with hit and run-failure to stop, remain at crash involving injury other than serious bodily injury; battery-cause bodily harm (X2); resist officer-obstruct without violence; probation violation-child in violation of imposed conditions.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Jose Ernesto Callazo Rivera, 42, 517 Sabal Lake Dr. #107,

Longwood, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol 0.15 or higher or with person under 18 in vehicle.

Shakeana Yamia Clark, 32, 229 S. Forest Ave., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (X2).

Juan Jaimes-Martinez, 20, 908 Ridgeview Dr., Apopka, hit and run-leave scene of crash involving damage to property.

Joshua Ortiz, 21, Apopka, robbery-sudden snatch without firearm/weapon; battery-touch or strike.

Kimberly Nicole Sasser, 37, transient, Apopka, fraud-impersonate false ID given to law enforcement officer; drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Giovanni Judel Camacho, 19, Apopka, robbery-sudden snatch without firearm/weapon; obstructing justice-tamper with witness testimony/information non-criminal proceeding; battery-touch or strike.

Armando Angel Cantero-Chavez, 41, Apopka, battery-

touch or strike.

Brandon Paul Clarke, 31, 588 Lisa Karen Cir., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Fedner Guerrier, 25, Orlando, simple assault-intent threat to do violence.

Kevin Scott Revier, 48, 1806 Deanna Dr., Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Taranjeet Singh, 37, 3343 Orange Rose Loop, Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol 0.15 or higher or with person under 18 in vehicle.

Phillip Vernon Walker, 44, 1138 Spinning Wheel Dr., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Kyannah A Hudson Reynolds, 26, unknown, unknown, battery on specified personnel; trespassing structure or conveyance; resist officer with violence; simple assault on specified personnel.

Sharica Shanae Bradford, 26, 131 W. Cleveland St., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Paul Franklin Cramer Poppell,

41, 28740 Atlantis Rd., Tavares, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Pastor Manuel Rivera, 68, 371 W. Kelly Park Rd., Apopka, lewd lascivious behavior-18+ years of age molest victim 12-16 years of age.

Leaford Anthony Walker, 28, 768 Wolf Creek Ct., Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Brian Espinoza, 31, 410 Pennsylvania Ave., Winter Garden, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Jennifer Rae Goodman, 35, 4684 Prairie Point Blvd., Kissimmee, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (fentanyl); amphetamine-traffic in methamphetamine/amphetamine 14 grams+.

Jeremy David McCrea, 46, 638 Spring Garden Ave S., DeLand, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine).

Ryan Hector Reyes, 38,

Apopka, aggravated battery-aggravated battery on person 65+ years of age.

Gabriel Eduardo Roman, 32, 100 N. Main St., Chattahoochee, simple assault-assault on specified personnel.

Rogelio Santos, 57, 2900 Upper Park Rd., Orlando, lewd lascivious behavior-molest victim 12 years of age, offender 18 years of age or older.

Marvin Omar Smit Rueda, 37, 1124 Magnolia Dr., Altamonte Springs, other agency warrant.

Hiram Manuel Gutierrez-Ramirez, 35, 561 Martin Place Blvd., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs; moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 1st conviction; DUI-unlawful blood alcohol refusal to submit DUI testing.

Tia Cynthia Lawrence, 22, 2917 Sand Oak Loop, Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Tina Lisa-Marie Pleasant, 48, 1518 Alby Dr., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

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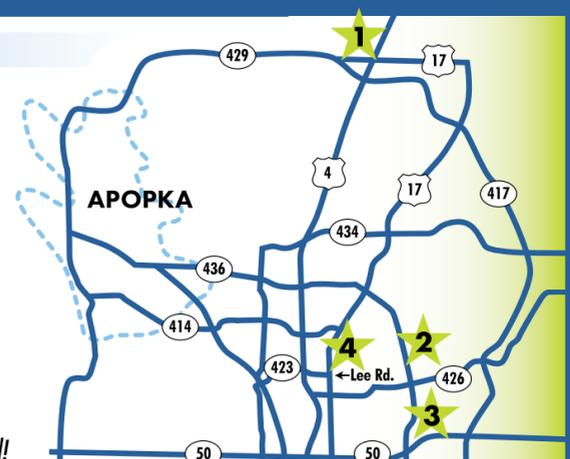
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Apopka volleyball resilient against unbeaten Horizon

Blue Darters fall in three sets to Hawks

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Apopka boys volleyball team showed flashes of resilience on March 12 but fell to undefeated Horizon in straight sets, 25-18, 25-14, 25-19.

The Hawks (11-0) used a balanced attack and long scoring runs to control much of the night. Apopka (4-6) kept things close at times but struggled to stop Horizon's momentum once the Hawks

started scoring.

"You gotta give it to Horizon," Apopka coach Brian Mater said. "They played very, very tough. They're awesome, too. Every one of their guys can swing. They run options, they run different plays, and they're just so smooth on the court."

Horizon jumped out early in the first set, scoring the first four points behind a pair of kills and an Apopka violation. Caden McGatha put the Blue Darters on the board with a kill to make it 4-1, but the Hawks answered with two more kills

to stretch the lead.

Giovanni Lubin later scored on a kill set up by Nathan White, but Horizon continued to stay in control and pushed the lead to 9-2.

Apopka started to settle in during the middle of the set. Elzie Robinson added a kill and White dropped in a soft tip that fooled the defense. Two Horizon errors helped the Blue Darters cut the deficit to 11-7.

White continued to mix in tip shots while McGatha traded kills with the Hawks. McGatha also recorded an ace as Apopka

stayed within reach.

Late in the set, the Blue Darters made their best push. Blake Colclasure added a kill, Robinson finished another attack from a White set, and White and Robinson teamed up for a block that cut the lead to 16-14.

Horizon quickly responded with a four-point run and forced an Apopka timeout. The Hawks kept control and closed the set with a block to win 25-18.

Apopka opened the second set with energy. White



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Caden McGatha floats through the air to tip a shot over the net and past the leaping Horizon blockers.

VOLLEYBALL, B3

Girls lacrosse team honors senior class

Rainy senior night ends in defeat

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

On March 12, the Apopka girls lacrosse team took a moment to celebrate the heart of its program.

Before taking the field against Seminole, the Blue Darters honored a large senior class that has helped build the foundation of a young program still finding its footing. Fifteen seniors were recognized during the ceremony, including Kamari Jones, Zoey Blend, Olivia Davis, Ahlani Lyn, Julie Raya, Christy Duong, Cailyn Anderson, Ava Kelly, Sophia Pellegrino, Lory Dorsainvil, Joy Zheng, Ashlyn DeLaura, Ley Chery, Kori Brown, Alma Sanchez and Wynodia Monsanto.

Nine of those seniors are first-year players—a reflection of just how new much of Apopka's roster is this season.

With rain falling steadily and elements playing a role in this game, both teams and officials agreed to play with a running clock in hopes of completing the game. Once play began, Seminole took control early and pulled away for a 14-1 victory.

Apopka opened the game aggressively, pushing the ball forward on the first rush. Seminole quickly answered, however, capitalizing on an offensive-zone penalty to score the opening goal. The visitors continued

to apply pressure throughout the first quarter, adding two more goals.

Seminole extended the margin early in the second quarter when they broke through the defense and finished another scoring run to build a commanding lead.

Despite the early deficit, the Blue Darters continued to push forward and found a breakthrough midway through the quarter. Sophomore Ellie Taylor picked up the ball near midfield and sprinted the length of the field toward the goal. After drawing a penalty, Taylor was awarded a free run and buried the shot to put Apopka on the board.

The goal energized the home sideline, but Seminole responded with two more scores before halftime to carry a 7-1 lead into the break.

The second half followed a similar script. Seminole opened with a quick scoring rush just 15 seconds after play resumed and continued to maintain offensive pressure throughout the third quarter.

Apopka continued battling into the final quarter, highlighted by a defensive play from Cailyn Anderson that created a transition opportunity. Seminole recovered defensively, however, and later added three more goals to close out the 14-1 win.

While the scoreboard reflected a difficult night, head coach Ted Sheyda emphasized that the team's

LACROSSE, B3



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Ellie Taylor hyped up after scoring the Blue Darters first goal of the game against Seminole.

Apopka drops 2 over spring break

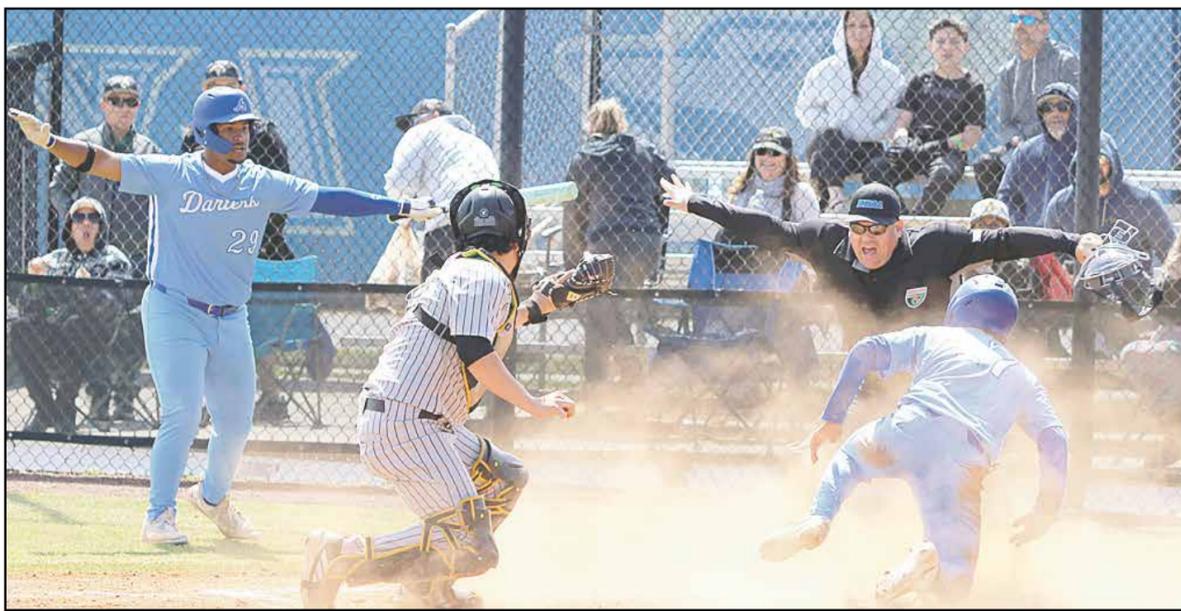


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Ty Livingston (right) hustles home and slides through the catcher's tag as the umpire calls him safe.

Western, Lyman pitching silences Blue Darter bats

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Apopka Blue Darters took their spring break into the 2026 Florida League high school invitational and dropped games Tuesday and Wednesday to Western and Lyman.

A cold and windy Wednesday night at Sanford Memorial Stadium brought a pitcher's duel and late drama from the Blue Darters offense.

Apopka head coach Scott Garland was happy with how his team played in the field but expressed a need to adapt to whatever the game brings.

"Tonight was a complete

180 from last night, they came out and played their tails off," Garland said, "Fantastic defense... we've got to continue to pitch and make routine plays, and you know the offense will come around. Unfortunately, the elements last two days with the wind blowing in as hard as it was it took us out of our game a little bit. But that's no excuse."

Apopka posed as the away team in this neutral site matchup and struck out in order in the top of the first.

Senior Jez Hamrick answered the Greyhound pitcher in the bottom half, inducing two groundouts and a strikeout, signaling the duel ahead.

Hamrick collected the Darters first hit with a single to center but couldn't score, as the game stayed scoreless until the

fourth inning.

On the mound, Hamrick struck out two batters in the second and picked off a runner at second base in the third.

The offense left Nico Posluszny and Aiden Rieli in scoring position in the top of the third inning.

Lyman finally put a run on the board in the fourth inning. After a single and a walk, Hamrick got a strikeout and induced a popout. On a ground ball fielded by Posluszny, the runner on second was seemingly tagged out on his way to third base, but the umpire called no tag and the runner safe at third base. This led to a line drive to left field and a 1-0 Greyhound lead.

In the top of the fifth, JD Edge walked, but Apopka continued to struggle at the plate.

BASEBALL, B2

Apopka softball falls to Horizon before spring break

The Blue Darters hit spring break at 6-4

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Apopka Blue Darters softball team heads into spring break off a tough loss at Horizon, where they out-hit the Hawks but lost 10-7.

Horizon (9-3) broke through for six runs in the fourth inning to deliver the decisive blow. The Darters were left pondering missed opportunities after blowing a five-run lead and stranding five runners in scoring position.

Apopka opened the road matchup with three quick runs when Taylor Smith, a University of North Carolina signee, tripled on a line drive to right, scoring Shylah Pino

and Alicia Lopez. Bartkin ripped a sacrifice fly to left to bring home Smith.

Horizon answered in the bottom of the first with two runs off one hit, three walks and an error.

The Blue Darters bats got hot in the third inning when Smith started a rally of singles. Alezia Hatcher, Sydney Bartkin, Ava Gonzalez and Victoria Shaw ripped consecutive singles to score three runs. Gonzalez stole home off a wild pitch to make it 7-2.

Mia Aeschilman pitched back-to-back three up, three down innings in the second and third, but the Hawks erupted in the fourth.

After a single brought home the leadoff baserunner, the Hawks worked a walk to force a pitching change. Ava

Millsbaugh came on in relief and walked four, allowing three runs to score, before a groundball single up the middle scored two to give Horizon an 8-7 lead.

Apopka left a runner on base in both the fourth and fifth innings, then left two more on in the sixth.

Horizon capped off the game with two more runs in the bottom sixth inning, winning the game 10-7 despite being out-hit by that same margin.

Smith went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

The Blue Darters hit spring break with a 6-4 record, with 14 games remaining on their schedule. Apopka as a team is batting .389



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Mia Aeschilman has 27 strikeouts and a 3-0 record.

SOFTBALL, B2

Anglers reel in big bass on area lakes

Hello Folks,
I was out of town last week; I went to a celebration of life for my wife's Aunt. I'm glad to be back, and I'm sure everyone who has been on the water has been catchin' fish.



GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

There's an NPFL tournament over on the Harris Chain this week. The dates of the tournament are March 19th through the 21st. The weigh-ins are bein' held up at Ski Beach in Leesburg. This column won't be out until Friday, but you'll be able to attend the final day of competition and see the weigh-in on Saturday.

I hope the fishin' durin' the tournament is better than

what my fishin' buddy Rick is findin'. This week, Rick and his brother-in-law Greg Fugate from Kentucky are fishin' their annual fishin' week. The fishin' has been a little slow for them on the Harris Chain, but I'm sure the NPFL anglers will figure something out this week. Rick and Greg are fishin' the Butler Chain today as I write

this column, and they've already caught 15 bass by noon time. So, hopefully, the fishin' will get even better as they fish.

Kyle at Bitter's B&T reports that folks are still catchin' specks in Lake Monroe and in the northern part of the St. Johns River. Lake Woodruff is still producin' some nice stringers of specks. Most of the specks are bein' caught on jigs tipped with a minner or fishin' a naked minner while driftin' the lake.

I'm also gettin' some good reports on specks in the Kissimmee Chain. In most cases, the specks are bein' caught down there around the pads and reeds on minners.

The bass fishin' has been good and somewhat good in our area.

The Wednesday night Shootout on John's Lake started last week. Congrats to Billy Charland and Phillip Anderson who won with three bass that hit the scales at 13.15 pounds. This was the first tournament of the year, and it started off with 27 boats in the field. Big Bass honors went to Randy Blackburn and Tyler Jackson who brought in a 9.0-pounder to the scales.

The other Wednesday night bass anglers who usually fish the Maitland Chain have been fishin' Lake Fairview this month. Last week,

the winnin' weight was 19.78 pounds. That's for three bass! Congrats to Denzel and Noah on their win. They also had Big Bass honors with a 9.60-pounder. Folks, I gotta tell ya, I've been fishin' Lake Fairview ever since my grandfather had a place on the lake, and I've never even come close to catchin' a 9-pounder! The biggest bass that I ever caught in Lake Fairview was around 6 pounds, and that was a long, long time ago.

The X-treme Bass Series kicked off their third event of the season on the Kissimmee Chain. Congrats to Jackson Williams and Tyler Woolcott who brought five bass to

the scales that weighed 33.11 pounds. Now, that's over a 6-pound average for five bass. The team of Will Evans and Colby Evans brought an 8.46-pounder to the scales for Big Bass of the event. There were 57 boats in the field for this tournament, so, all in all, the fishin' isn't doin' too bad for this time of the year.

We have a new moon this week, so the fishin' should be doin' really good this week.

Well, it's great to be back, and I'll see y'all again next week.

Tip of the week: New Moon!

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

SOFTBALL

FROM B1

and has scored 95 runs off 110 hits.

The pitching staff has allowed 41 runs off 75 hits, giving the team a +54 run differential. Aeschilman has 27 strikeouts in 21 innings pitched while Millsbaugh boasts a 1.90 ERA over 29 innings.

At the plate, short-stop Shylah Pino leads the Blue Darters in multiple categories with hits in nine out of 10 games this season. She is batting .611 with an on-base percentage of .632 and only one strikeout on the season.

She has 22 hits, 15 runs scored and six stolen bases.

Catcher Taylor Smith leads the team with an .880 slugging percentage. She has two home runs and 12 RBIs with an on-base percentage of .548. Third baseman Alicia Lopez has a .548 batting average with the most doubles (four), plus 12 RBIs and 12 runs scored.

Apopka returns from spring break with a road trip against Windermere and Mount Dora Christian Academy on March 24 and 26.

BASEBALL

FROM B1



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Bryce Doss gets back to second base during a pickoff attempt.

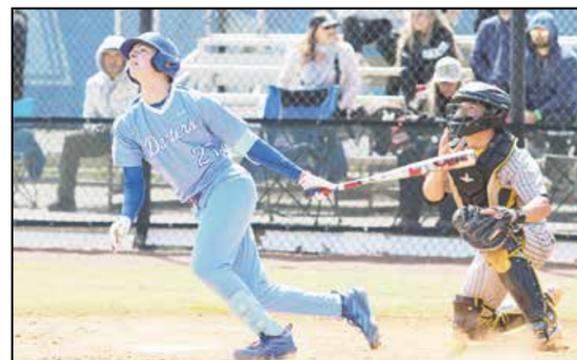


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Camron Pennock watches a hit fly into left field.

left field to score the team's first run of the game. Ty Livingston moved the runners over with a tough ground ball but was thrown out, and another groundout ended their short run.

Rieli pitched a three up, three down sixth inning, and the Darters didn't make it easy for Lyman in the seventh. A dropped third strike put Edge on first, and Posluszny worked a walk. The next two struck out, but Van Fleet took a pitch to the leg to load the bases. Lyman's closer clinched the upset with a final strikeout.

Garland felt good about the team's performance as his players learn they can't control what's out of their hands.

"We had one error, but that was because we've got to get used to the elements. After that, we shut it down. We were as good as we could be," he said. "I feel like they got a run because of an umpire's call. But you know what, it is what it is—you can't control everything. You can only control what you can control. And I feel like we did that tonight."

Western 8, Apopka 1

During Tuesday's game in Lyman against the Western Wildcats (Davie, FL), Apopka struggled to string together hits as the Wildcats capitalized with a five-run fifth inning to help seal their



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Jez Hamrick begins his wind up against Lyman.

8-1 victory.

"I wasn't very happy with game one," Garland said. "I didn't feel like we came out inspired and didn't feel like we came out to play the baseball that we're used to seeing."

Western led off the game with a single against starting pitcher Spaid, and another hit

brought home a runner for the early lead. Hamrick, playing third, threw a runner out at second to end the frame.

Apopka's answer came in the bottom of the second inning when Van Fleet led off with a single to center. After Livingston reached on a fielder's choice and stole second, Camron Pennock

moved him to third off a ground-er past third.

A double steal worked to perfection when Pennock forced the throw to second, allowing Livingston to beat out the throw back to the plate. This tied the game at 1-1, but the Blue Darter offense fell silent the rest of the night.

Western scored its next run in the top of the fourth after two runners got on via errors then scored off a single to make it 2-1. Apopka's offense grounded into a double play in the bottom half.

Another error and single led to a run from the Wildcats in the fifth, before a sixth inning explosion of five runs that featured three singles and a double. Rieli came in for relief and struck two out.

Doss singled in the sixth and pinch hitter Skyler Lamb hit a line drive to right field in the seventh, but the Darters couldn't rally and lost 8-1.

Apopka was set to play again Thursday against St. Cloud after press time, then finish off the tournament on Friday.

"We're gonna keep rolling the way we've been," Garland said. "I love getting the younger guys involved, but these older guys have earned it. I got 11 seniors, and I'm happy with what we're doing."



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Taylor Smith has two home runs this season.

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progress this season goes far beyond the results.

“On the surface, it seems like a frustrating season, right?” Sheyda said. “But we have to remember, we’ve graduated 26 girls in the last two years. I have 12 first-year players.”

Many of those newcomers had little or no lacrosse experience when the season began.

“Twelve of them hadn’t picked up a stick before a month ago,” Sheyda said. “They didn’t even know what lacrosse was. The growth that they’ve had—it’s been the biggest change from start to finish so far that I’ve ever seen.”

Sheyda said the team’s returning players have taken on larger leadership roles while helping the younger players develop.

“Zoey Blend has stepped up on offense,” he said.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Apoeka Blue Darters girls lacrosse team huddles before their matchup against Seminole on senior night.

“Deena Balkarran is a first-year starter in goal and one of our captains. Ava Kelly, Ragan Willis and Cailyn Anderson—all my returners have stepped up more than I could have asked them.”

Balkarran, the Blue Darters’ goalkeeper, reached a

major milestone earlier in the week during Apopka’s matchup against Windermere Prep. Despite a 16-3 loss in that contest, Balkarran recorded her 300th career save while anchoring the defense through long stretches of offensive pressure.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Apoeka’s Ragen Willis faces off with a Seminole midfielder in the Blue Darters’ March 12 loss.

Windermere Prep opened that game with four quick goals before Willis answered with Apopka’s first score. The Lakers added several more goals to build a large first-quarter lead.

Sophomore Ellie Taylor found the net late in the sec-

ond quarter to make the score 12-2 heading into halftime.

Apoeka showed some of its best offensive rhythm in the third quarter, stringing together several clean passes through the defense before Taylor converted another scoring opportunity.

Balkarran followed with three strong saves while the Blue Darters tightened defensively to slow Windermere Prep’s attack.

Windermere regained control in the fourth quarter to secure the victory.

Even in games where the final score has been lopsided, Sheyda said his players continue to compete with energy and resilience.

“We go out there and we play hard,” he said. “There’s no quit in this team—whether the score is 26-0 or 4-3 in overtime. They always try their hardest.”

With such a young roster gaining experience each game, Sheyda believes the program is laying important groundwork.

“We’re building for the future,” he said. “The rest of the season should be pretty good. I have high hopes for what it brings.”

VOLLEYBALL

FROM B1

and McGatha each recorded early kills, and Lubin added a block to give the Blue Darters a 5-4 lead.

The teams traded points briefly before Horizon pulled ahead. A block and a kill helped the Hawks take a 10-7 advantage.

White answered with another tip shot during his service turn, and Lubin added another block as Apopka tried to stay close.

Horizon continued to take advantage of errors and strong attacking to build a 14-10 lead.

Quintin Daffron later delivered a kill in the middle and Robinson pinned one from the outside, but the Hawks kept control and finished the set with a block and a kill to win 25-14.

Apoeka came out strong in the third set. White opened with an ace and McGatha followed with a kill as the Blue Darters built an early lead.

Apoeka continued the run

with several strong plays. Daffron and McGatha each recorded kills, and a rotation violation by Horizon helped extend the lead to 10-5.

The Hawks quickly turned the momentum.

Two kills and a net violation started a Horizon run, and an ace tied the set at 10-10. Apopka then committed several errors as Horizon kept scoring to build a lead.

Apoeka finally stopped a 13-point run after a long rally that energized the crowd, making the score 18-11.

The Blue Darters kept fighting late in the set. McGatha helped lead a small comeback with several service points as Apopka cut the lead to 22-18.

After a kill made it 23-19, Apopka committed a service error and the Hawks finished the match with another kill to win the set 25-19.

Mater said his team is still growing as several younger

players take on bigger roles.

“We’re a newer, fresh team,” Mater said. “We’re still developing our freshman middle. We started with a freshman libero in there tonight to try to get him some good digs.”

Mater said limiting opponent runs will be a focus moving forward.

“We just can’t let them get ahead like that,” Mater said. “We’ve got to take the momentum away. We’ve got to be consistent on blocks.”

He also said the team needs to improve its defensive positioning.

“Our back row is not setting their feet,” Mater said. “They’re still moving instead of going right to the hit, so we’ve got some back row work to do. But I’m proud of the boys, they come together.”

The team returns to action after spring break at 6:30 p.m. March 23 at home against Ocoee (0-4).



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Blue Darters celebrate a point in the third set against Horizon.

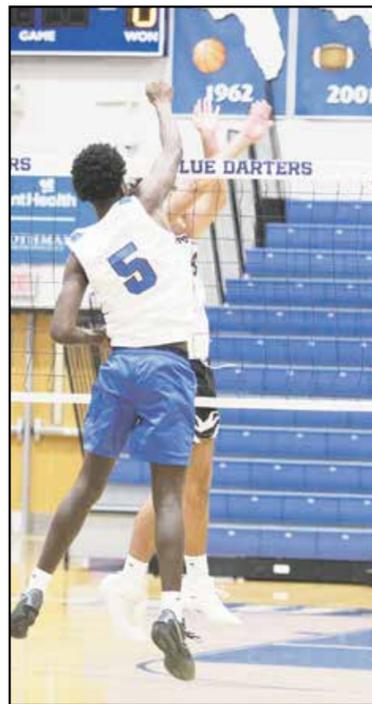


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Giovanni Lubin spikes one past the hands of the Seminole middle blocker.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Friday, March 20

“The Lost Weekend: The Photography of May Pang”
4 p.m. at 12572 Stoneybrook West Parkway, Winter Garden
A photography exhibit featuring candid images of John Lennon by May Pang. Free.

Growin’ Through It
4 p.m. at 2322 Edgewater Drive, Suite A, Orlando
A beginner-friendly workshop to paint and create a mannequin head planter.

Lee Brice
6 p.m. at 3710 Jason Dweley Parkway, Apopka
Country artist Lee Brice performs live.

Sounds of Wekiva
7 p.m. at 1014 Miami Springs Drive, Longwood
Live music featuring Jason Thomas & Billy Varnes at Wekiva Island.

Timucua Opera Festival: “Acis & Galatea”
7:30 p.m. at 2000 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando
An intimate production of Handel’s opera performed by

Opera Orlando studio artists.

Saturday, March 21

Holiday HOOPS & ARTS Community Celebration
10 a.m. at 2054 Platinum Road, Apopka
A free community event with games, youth activities, and demonstrations celebrating 25 years of HOOPS & ARTS.

Airline Collectible Show
10 a.m. at 5750 T.G. Lee Blvd., Orlando
A collectibles show featuring airline memorabilia, models, and vendors.

Jewelry Workshop
10 a.m. at 718 Highland Ave., Orlando
A hands-on workshop creating jewelry using real leaves and metal clay.

Storytime Symphony: “Little Red Riding Hood”
10 a.m. at 425 N. Bumby Ave., Orlando
A family-friendly musical storytelling performance featuring a woodwind quintet and piano.

Spring Literary Lunch
10:30 a.m. at 350 S. Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs
A luncheon featuring author



Courtesy of The Winter Park Playhouse

“The Pin-Up Girls” runs March 20–29 and April 9–25 in Winter Park, featuring a musical revue of hits from the Andrews Sisters to Beyoncé.

Eliza Knight, with proceeds benefiting scholarships for women and girls.

Vogue-Inspired Fashion Photography Workshop
Noon at 2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando
A hands-on workshop covering studio lighting, styling, and fashion photography techniques.

In-Store Author Signing
Noon at 3018 Corrine Drive, Orlando
An author signing event with Dawn Anderson. No ticket required.

The Pin-Up Girls
2 p.m. at 711 Orange Ave., Suite C, Winter Park
A musical revue featuring hits from the Andrews Sisters to Beyoncé, inspired by letters from troops overseas. Runs March 20-29 and April 9-25.

Jazz Festival
6 p.m. at 900 E. Princeton St., Orlando
Festival featuring performances including Theo Croker.

Line Dancing
6:30 p.m. at 36 E. Fifth St., Apopka

A beginner-friendly outdoor line-dancing event.

Dusty Slay
7 p.m. at 425 N. Bumby Ave., Orlando
Stand-up comedian Dusty Slay performs live.

Sunday, March 22

Opera Festival
7 p.m. at 2000 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando
A performance featuring composer Nathan Felix as part of the Timucua Opera Festival.

None of My Business Tour
7 p.m. at 6050 Universal Blvd., Orlando
Comedian Hannah Berner brings her stand-up tour to Hard Rock Live.

Monday, March 23

U.S. Army Esports & Technology Experience
8 a.m. at 2501 Hiawasse Road, Apopka
A mobile esports event featuring gaming stations, Army fitness challenges, and interactive exhibits.

A southern spread from crock pot to candy dish

Chicken and Rice cooked in the Crock Pot makes enough food for eight servings. This recipe comes to you from Mandy Rivers, the creator of *SouthYourMouth!* She says, “This is an easy slow cooker recipe for a Carolina favorite made with tender stewed chicken and long grain rice. No precooking the chicken and no instant rice. Everything cooks in the crock pot!”



From a reader in Georgia, we have Hamburger Gravy. This is a wonderfully quick meal to put on the table, and this recipe is delicious with the chopped veggies and seasonings. Add a pot of rice that you can do in just a few minutes, and you have supper all ready for your family.

From *Hearty Country Cooking*, by Mark S. Sohn, here is Buttermilk Corn Bread (Skillet Corn Bread). He rates this recipe as easy, with only five ingredients. This corn bread tastes of buttermilk, a constant favorite of mountain cooks. Either bake skillet corn bread in the oven, as directed below, or fry it on the stovetop. If you fry it on the stove, divide the recipe between two skillets so it won’t be too thick.

In his Good Eats show titled, “Peanut Gallery,” Alton Brown gives instructions for cooking Boiled Peanuts, a food that is considered a treat in the deep south... and beyond. It is one of those items that “you can’t eat just one!” This recipe will yield about 4 pounds in the shell and 2 pounds unshelled. Alton Brown uses Virginia or Valencia peanuts, and he calls for them in his recipe. You can find raw in-the-shell peanuts in your grocery store.

We have Peanut Brittle from *Paths of Sunshine Cookbook*. A candy maker from Illinois, Geoge Smith, is credited with inventing peanut brittle when he accidentally added baking soda to a batch of peanut candy, causing it to become brittle and crunchy. And don’t we just love it that way?!

SOUTHERN STYLE CROCK POT CHICKEN & RICE

From Mandy Rivers’ “*SouthYourMouth*”

INGREDIENTS:
3 large chicken breasts
1 stick (1/2 cup) butter
4 cups chicken broth

1 can cream of celery soup
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon paprika
2 cups long grain rice, uncooked
INSTRUCTIONS:

1) Spray the inside of a crock pot with cooking spray; then place chicken in the bottom. 2) Cut butter into 6-8 pieces, then arrange on top of chicken. 3) Combine broth, soup, salt and remaining seasoning in a mixing bowl, then stir until smooth. Pour over chicken. 4) Cook on HIGH for 3 hours or LOW for 6 hours. 5) If chicken was cooked on LOW, increase temperature to HIGH. Keep crock pot covered at all times to keep heat in. The rice cooks best when starting with HOT liquids. 6) Remove chicken from crock pot, then shred with two forks. Add chicken and uncooked rice to crock pot; then cook on HIGH for 45 minutes. 7) Using a fork, stir rice, scraping the bottom and sides of the crock pot, once every 15 minutes. DO NOT over-stir the rice or it will break down and become gummy. DO NOT open the crock pot more than necessary. 8) Check the rice after 45 minutes. My crock pot will cook rice in 45 minutes, but all crock pots are different. Continue cooking for 15-20 minutes longer if needed until rice is tender. 9) When ready to serve, stir once more with fork to fluff the rice. Serve with hot sauce if desired.

HAMBURGER GRAVY

Recipe from Eva Henke, Reader

INGREDIENTS:
1 pound lean ground beef browned in frying pan
1 big onion chopped, added to frying pan
Two stalks celery with some green leaves chopped and added
1/3 of a large green or multi-colored peppers chopped and added
One can sliced mushrooms
Season with: Salt, coarse black pepper, teeny bit cayenne, garlic, granulated garlic
1+ cup water
1 heaping TBS corn starch
1 TBS beef stock added
Cook until done
DIRECTIONS:

1) Brown the ground beef in a large frying pan. 2) Then add the chopped onion, celery with a little bit of green leaves, chopped pepper, and a can of sliced mushrooms. Brown well and add seasonings along with water and corn starch blended well. Add a tablespoon of beef stock. Mix well and cook until thickened. Serve over rice.

BUTTERMILK CORN BREAD (SKILLET CORN BREAD)

From *Hearty Country Cooking*, by Mark S. Sohn

INGREDIENTS:
2 tablespoons stoneground cornmeal
2 cups self-rising cornmeal mix
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg
2 cups buttermilk
DIRECTIONS:

1) Preheat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease a heavy 10-inch cast-iron skillet. Sprinkle the 2 tablespoons of stone-ground cornmeal on the bottom and place the pan in the oven. 2) In a large mixing bowl, combine the self-rising cornmeal and the salt. Make a well in the center and whisk in the egg and the buttermilk. Pour the batter into the hot skillet. 3) Bake for 30 minutes, and brown the top under the broiler for 1 minute. Remove from the oven and turn the corn bread out of the skillet onto a wire rack to cool. Cut into wedges and serve.

Note: As a healthy choice, omit the salt. The self-rising cornmeal contains salt. In place of bacon grease (if you have chosen to use it on your skillet), use nonstick cooking spray. Notice that the recipe does not have any added oil.

SKILLET CORN BREAD:

To the above recipe, add 1-1/4 cups cracklings. Bake as muffins, sticks, or a pone* and adjust the baking time according to your pan size. *A pone is a loaf or oval-shaped cake of any type of bread, especially corn bread.

ALTON BROWN’S BOILED PEANUTS

Courtesy of Alton Brown
<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/alton-brown/boiled-peanuts-recipe-1950535>

INGREDIENTS:
2 pounds in-shell raw Virginia or Valencia peanuts
3 ounces kosher salt
3 gallons water
DIRECTIONS:

1) Wash the peanuts in cool water until the water runs clear. Soak in cool water for 30 minutes to loosen any remaining dirt. 2) Drain and rinse the peanuts. Add the peanuts to a 12-quart pot along with the salt and 3 gallons of water. Stir well. Cover and cook on high for 4 hours. Check the texture of the peanut at this point for doneness. When done, boiled peanuts should have a similar texture to a cooked dry bean. It should hold its shape but not crunch when bitten. Add more water throughout the cooking process, if needed. If necessary, continue cooking for 3 to 4 hours longer. 3) Drain the peanuts and store in a covered container in the refrigerator for up to 1 week. 4) Cook’s note: The cooking time can vary greatly depending on how fresh the peanuts are. The fresher the peanut, the less time it will take to cook.

PEANUT BRITTLE

From *Paths of Sunshine Cookbook*

INGREDIENTS:
2 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup water
2 cups raw peanuts
1 teaspoon butter
1 teaspoon vanilla (wait until end of cooking cycle)
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda (wait until end of cooking cycle)
DIRECTIONS:

Cook sugar, corn syrup and water until soft ball stage (238 degrees on candy thermometer). Add peanuts and butter. Cook to hard crack (290 degrees on candy thermometer). Brittle will be golden brown. Add vanilla, mix. Add soda and pour at once onto a buttered cookie sheet. Break into pieces when cool. Variation: Broken pieces of pecans may be substituted for peanuts.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-000572-O
IN RE: Estate of GWENDOLYN R. WILBURN, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the Estate of GWENDOLYN R. WILBURN, deceased, whose date of death was February 9, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 355, Orlando, Florida 32801. The name and address 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. 2025-CP-003722-O
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF NIKOLAUS SCHUSTER Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of NIKOLAUS SCHUSTER, deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 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.
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File No: 2025-CP-002283-O
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Harold E. Prout, III, deceased, whose date of death was January 23, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 The date of first publication of this notice is March 20, 2026.
 Personal Representative: Geraldine S. Prout
 121 Meadowbrook Lane,
 Torrington, Connecticut 06790
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ John A. Morey
 John A. Morey, Esquire
 Attorney
 Florida Bar Number: 41691
 250 N. Orange Ave.
 Suite 1220
 Orlando, FL 32801
 Telephone: (407) 426-7222
 Fax: (407) 426-7789
 E-Mail: johnamorey@gmail.com
 Secondary E-Mail: service@moreylawfirm.com
 March 20, 27, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No: 2025-CP-002100-O
Div: 01
IN RE: ESTATE OF UNA MENITA TURNER, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of UNA MENITA TURNER, deceased, whose date of death was October 9, 2024, File No. 2025-CP-002100-O, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Room 355, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with the court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is the 13 day of March, 2026.
 Personal Representative: M. Samuels
 MELVETA ROSE TURNER SAMUELS
 6200 Laurelwood Court
 Orlando, Florida 32808
 /s/ Julius L. Williams
 JULIUS L. WILLIAMS, ESQ.
 The Williams Legal Firm, P.A.
 1950 Lee Road-Suite 100
 Winter Park, Florida 32789
 Telephone: (407) 629-2810
 Facsimile: (407) 629-2834
Service Only E-mail:
 servejlw@wbclawgroup.com
 Florida Bar No. 130125
Attorney for Personal Representative
 Correspondence E-mail:
 jwilliams@wbclawgroup.com
 March 13, 20, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
Case No. 48-2026-CP-000558-O
IN RE: Estate of ANGELIKA FRANZKE, deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 THE ADMINISTRATION of the estate of ANGELIKA FRANZKE, deceased, File

Number 48-2026-CP-000558-O is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 335, Orlando, FL 32801. The name of the personal representative and personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All known or reasonably ascertainable, including contingent creditors of the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three (3) months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 The date of the first publication of this notice is March 20, 2026.
 Personal Representative: /s/ Guy Frimaih Diaquoi
 Guy Frimaih Diaquoi
 P.O. Box 17024
 Edmonton RPO Uptown, AB, T5k0G4 Canada
Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Jennifer B. Levy
 Jennifer B. Levy, Esq.
 E-mail: jblevy@jblevyllaw.com
 Florida Bar No: 0032717
 5401 S. Kirkman Rd.
 Ste. 310
 Orlando, Florida 32819
 (407) 744-9121
 March 13, 20, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No: 2025-CP-009541-O
MIDDLEBROOK PINES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
ADRIAN BOTHAM, et al., Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES
 Notice is given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 3/5/2026, in Case No.: 2025-CA-009541-O of the Circuit Court in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein MIDDLEBROOK PINES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff and ADRIAN BOTHAM, et al., is/are the Defendant(s). Tiffany Moore Russell, the Clerk of Court for Orange County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on 5/6/2026, the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
Unit 632, Building Phase No. 79, Middlebrook Pines, a Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 3430, Page 898, and all amendments thereto, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
 DATED: March 16, 2026
 By: /s/Jennifer L. Davis
 Jennifer L. Davis, Esquire
 Florida Bar No.: 879681
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION AT 425 N. ORANGE AVENUE, ROOM 2130, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801, TELEPHONE: (407) 836-2303 WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS DOCUMENT; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771.
ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC
 280 W. Canton Avenue, Suite 330 Winter Park, Florida 32789
 (407) 636-2549
 March 20, 27, 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 XIV TO: GREGORY LOREN ENDICOTT, DECEASED
 1035 COUNTY ROAD 290
 LEANDER, TX 78641
DOMINIQUE CECERE ENDICOTT
 1035 COUNTY ROAD 290
 LEANDER, TX 78641
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-000384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT XIII
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Z09752 & Z09801 & Z09802 & Z09803 & Z09804 & Z09805 & Z09806 & Z09807) 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 June 1, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on APRIL 8, 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 sale must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 3, 2026.
 DATED this 3rd day of March, 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.
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 March 13, 20, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XV TO: JOHN FRANKLIN BROWN, DECEASED.
 THE ESTATE OF JOHN FRANKLIN BROWN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 3217 JENNY CT BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 13, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT XV
 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 661340 & 661341 & 661342 & 661343 & 666604 & 666605) 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, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on APRIL 22, 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 sale must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 16, 2026.
 DATED this 16th day of March, 2026.
 /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
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 MORI #ORANGE
 March 20, 27, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTHONY B. MARAFIOTI, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XV TO: SHEILA D. PRICE, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF SHEILA D. PRICE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 875 W POPLAR AVE SUITE 23 #370 COLLIERVILLE, TN 38017
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 12, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT IV
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: G75415 & G75416 & G75417 & G81406) 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 May 1, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
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 DATED this 3rd day of March, 2026.
 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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 OUR FILE #126435.7944
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 March 13, 20, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-009541-O
MIDDLEBROOK PINES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
ADRIAN BOTHAM, et al., Defendant(s)
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 Notice is given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 3/5/2026, in Case No.: 2025-CA-009541-O of the Circuit Court in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein MIDDLEBROOK PINES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff and ADRIAN BOTHAM, et al., is/are the Defendant(s). Tiffany Moore Russell, the Clerk of Court for Orange County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on 5/6/2026, the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
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 DATED: March 16, 2026
 By: /s/Jennifer L. Davis
 Jennifer L. Davis, Esquire
 Florida Bar No.: 879681
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 March 20, 27, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XV TO: JOHN FRANKLIN BROWN, DECEASED.
 THE ESTATE OF JOHN FRANKLIN BROWN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 3217 JENNY CT BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
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COUNT XV
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 DATED this 16th day of March, 2026.
 /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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 MORI #ORANGE
 March 20, 27, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTHONY B. MARAFIOTI, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XV TO: SHEILA D. PRICE, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF SHEILA D. PRICE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 875 W POPLAR AVE SUITE 23 #370 COLLIERVILLE, TN 38017
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COUNT IV
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: G75415 & G75416 & G75417 & G81406) 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 May 1, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
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 DATED this 3rd day of March, 2026.
 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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 OUR FILE #126435.7919
 MORI #ORANGE
 March 13, 20, 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 V TO: GUDLAUGUR JOHANSSON HOLTSVEGUR 2, IB.401 GARDABAER 210 ICELAND BERGLIND ODDGEIRSDOTTIR HOLTSVEGUR 2, IB.401 GARDABAER 210 ICELAND
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. 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 XV
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 048027 & 048028 & E64921 & E64922) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
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 DATED this 3rd day of March, 2026.
 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000384-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTHONY B. MARAFIOTI, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX TO: CHRISTOPHER LEE KNIGHT 2809 COUNTRYWAY STREET DANVILLE, IL 61832 TANYA TENILLE KNIGHT, DECEASED
 220 WINDSOR PLACE CIR APT F RANDELMAN, NC 27317
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-000384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IX
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: BR4816 & BR4817 & BR4818 & BR4819) 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, 2022 (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 8, 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 March 3, 2026. DATED this 3rd day of March, 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 #126435.7836 MORI #ORANGE March 13, 20, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII TO: RICHARD D. MCCASLIN 12838 BRIDGE CEDAR HELOTES TX 78023 MARGUERITE L. MCCASLIN 12838 BRIDGE CEDAR HELOTES TX 78023
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 13, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VII
 22 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: L57025 & L57026 & L57027 & L57028 & L57029 & L57030 & L57031 & L66929 & L66930 & L66931 & L66932 & L66933 & L66934 & L66935 & L66936 & L66937 & L66938 & L66939 & L66940 & L71248 & L71249 & L71250) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 5500 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 August 1, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

And
 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 313010 & 313011 & 313012 & 313013 & 313014 & D61352) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of November 1, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 22nd 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 March 16, 2026. DATED this 16th day of March, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.

FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.8320 MORI #ORANGE March 20, 27, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-010738-O
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2020-3,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHERON ANDERSON; NADIA ANDERSON; ANDERSON ENTERPRISE GROUP INC.; EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN FBO DARYL GILBERT IRA #200361489; STEVEN R. HELLER, AS TRUSTEE OF THE KINGSNORTH-HELLER TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2015; CHARLENE KINGSNORTH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE KINGSNORTH-HELLER TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2015; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,
Defendant(s).
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 22, 2025 and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 3, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2024-CA-010738-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2020-3, Plaintiff, and CHERON ANDERSON; NADIA ANDERSON; ANDERSON ENTERPRISE GROUP INC.; EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN FBO DARYL GILBERT IRA #200361489; STEVEN R. HELLER, AS TRUSTEE OF THE KINGSNORTH-HELLER TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2015; CHARLENE KINGSNORTH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE KINGSNORTH-HELLER TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2015; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; are Defendants. TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 2nd day of April, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:

LOT 48, WILLOW CREEK PHASE III A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Ninth Circuit Court Administration ADA Coordinator Orange County Courthouse 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, 32801 (407) 836-2303
 Dated: March 9, 2026 /s/ Brian L. Rosaler By: Brian L. Rosaler Florida Bar No.: 0174882. Attorney for Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire Popkin & Rosaler, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 360-9030 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187 24-51705
 Published in: THE APOPKA CHIEF March 13, 20, 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 XIV TO: BARRY FLOYD 227 E VANDERBILT DRIVE OAKRIDGE, TN 37830 TERESA FLOYD, DECEASED 227 E VANDERBILT DRIVE OAKRIDGE, TN 37830
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 11, 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 XIV
 10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P50037 & P50038 & P50039 & P50040 & P50041 & P50042 & P50043 & P50044 & P50045 & P50046) 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 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on APRIL 8, 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 March 16, 2026. DATED this 16th day of March, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.

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 March 11, 2026. DATED this 11th day of March, 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 #126435.8667 MORI #ORANGE March 13, 20, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIII TO: PAUL K. HALL, DECEASED PO BOX 77033 CORONA, CA 92877-0101 MARGO R. HALL PO BOX 77033 CORONA, CA 92877-0101
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 13, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XIII
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: CD4744 & CD4745 & CD4746 & CD4747) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2022 (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 22, 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 March 16, 2026. DATED this 16th day of March, 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 #126435.8414 MORI #ORANGE March 20, 27, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
TO: BARBARA A KLINE 801 CAZENOVIA AVENUE AKRON, OH 44303 EMMET J KLINE 801 CAZENOVIA AVENUE AKRON, OH 44303
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 12, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT II
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: AF0812 & AF0813 & AF0814 & AF0815 & AF0816 & AF0817 & AF0818 & AF0819) 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 01, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on APRIL 5, 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 March 12, 2026. DATED this 12th day of March, 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 #126435.8258 MORI #ORANGE March 20, 27, 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 VII TO: LYNN J. MCGOUGH, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF LYNN J. MCGOUGH, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 3525 DEL MAR HEIGHTS RD # 400 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130
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-000384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VII
 10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Y85913 & Y85914 & Y85915 & Y85916 & Y85917 & Y85918 & Y85919 & Y85920 & Y85921 & Y85922) 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, 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 8, 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 March 3, 2026. DATED this 3rd day of March, 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 #126435.8279 MORI #ORANGE March 20, 27, 2026

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, 2017 (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 22nd 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 March 12, 2026. DATED this 12th day of March, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ. FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.8279 MORI #ORANGE March 20, 27, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I TO: ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 4919 CONCHO PLACE OCEANSIDE, CA 92057
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 12, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT I
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: J10130 & J10131 & J10132 & J10133) 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, 2016 (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 22, 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 March 12, 2026. DATED this 12th day of March, 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 #110523.2010 MRHC #ORANGE March 13, 20, 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 VII TO: LYNN J. MCGOUGH, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF LYNN J. MCGOUGH, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 3525 DEL MAR HEIGHTS RD # 400 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130
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-000384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VII
 10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Y85913 & Y85914 & Y85915 & Y85916 & Y85917 & Y85918 & Y85919 & Y85920 & Y85921 & Y85922) 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, 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 8, 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 March 3, 2026. DATED this 3rd day of March, 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 #126435.7882 MORI #ORANGE March 13, 20, 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 XII TO: SHEILA D. PRICE, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF SHEILA D. PRICE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 875 W POPLAR AVE,

0'clock a.m. on APRIL 8, 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 March 3, 2026. DATED this 3rd day of March, 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

SUITE 23 #370
COLLIERVILLE, TN 38017
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-000384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XII
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: V27048 & V27049 & V27050 & V27051) 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 July 01, 2016 (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 22, 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 sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 3, 2026. DATED this 3rd day of March, 2026.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.7904
MORI #ORANGE
March 13, 20, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII
TO: DOMEKIA RENEE THOMAS
14775 CARTER RD
VICTORVILLE, CA 92394
CARLOS DORTCH
14775 CARTER RD
VICTORVILLE, CA 92394

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 13, 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
12 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: BY8436 & BY8437 & BY8438 & BY8439 & BY8440 & BY8441 & BY8442 & BY8443 & BY8444 & BY8445 & BY8446 & BY8447) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3000 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, 2022 (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 22nd 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 sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 16, 2026. DATED this 16th day of March, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.8346
MORI #ORANGE
March 20, 27, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X
TO: JERRY M. SPYCHALA, DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF JERRY M. SPYCHALA,
DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
9101 GLENWOOD DRIVE
GREENDALE, WI 53129

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 13, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for

Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT X
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: M42412 & M42413 & M42414 & M42415 & M42416 & M42417 & M42418 & M42419) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of July 01, 2016 (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 22, 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 sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 16, 2026. DATED this 16th day of March, 2026.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.8362
MORI #ORANGE
March 20, 27, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000766-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROLAND H. MOORE, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIII
TO: THEODORE JAISEN BOYKIN SR., DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF THEODORE JAISEN BOYKIN SR., DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
203 PAPPAN DRIVE
IMPERIAL, PA 15126

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 11, 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 XIII
28 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P07542 & P07543 & P07544 & P07545 & P07546 & P07547 & P07548 & P07549 & P07550 & P07551 & P07552 & P07601 & P07602 & P07603 & P07604 & P07605 & P07606 & P07611 & P07608 & P07609 & P07610 & P07611 & P07612 & P07613 & P07614 & P07615 & P07616 & P07617) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 7000 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, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on April 8, 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 sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 11, 2026. DATED this 11th day of March, 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 #126435.8658
MORI #ORANGE
March 13, 20, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIV
TO: WILLIAM J. MARTIN JR., DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. MARTIN JR., DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 13, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for

1 SYCAMORE ST APT 303
TERRE HAUTE, IN 47807
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 13, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XIV
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: CM0506 & CM0507 & CM0508 & CM06003) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of June 01, 2022 (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 22, 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 sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 16, 2026. DATED this 16th day of March, 2026.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.8420
MORI #ORANGE
March 20, 27, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V
TO: MARIA ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF MARIA ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
1218 MORO CIR
EL CENTRO, CA 92570-3719

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 12, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT V
2 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: BB6518 & BB6519) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 500 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, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on APRIL 22, 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 sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 12, 2026. DATED this 12th day of March, 2026.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.8311
MORI #ORANGE
March 20, 27, 2026

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV
TO: MICHAEL MATRANGA
5 FRANS WAY
DOWNINGTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 19335-1270
GILLIAN M. MATRANGA
5 FRANS WAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 12, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT III
3 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: X11226 & X11227 & X11228) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 750 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.8286
MORI #ORANGE
March 20, 27, 2026

DOWNINGTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 19335-1270
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 5, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004346-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IV
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 178216 & 178217 & 178218 & 178219 & 178220 & 178221 & 178222 & 178223) 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, 2016 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 18th of MAY, 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 sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 5, 2026. DATED March 5, 2026.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #129710.0119
MORI #ORANGE
March 13, 20, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ABELARDO V. PEREZ,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III
TO: HELEN B. CHAMBERS, DECEASED
3567 BRAYTON AVENUE
LONG BEACH CA, 90807
SARAH P. BUSSELL
DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF SARAH P. BUSSELL, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
2596 E. 218TH STREET
LONG BEACH CA, 90807

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 12, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001022-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT III
3 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: X11226 & X11227 & X11228) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 750 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.8286
MORI #ORANGE
March 20, 27, 2026

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

CASE NO.: 2016-CA-006234-O
JOSEPH COLYER,
individually and derivatively on behalf of **Nominal Plaintiff, RESIDENTIAL REDESIGN, INC.,** a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
CHRISTOPHER CRUTCHER, individually, and **RESIDENTIAL REDESIGN, INC.,** as Nominal Defendant,
Defendant,
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, JOHN V. MINA, as Sheriff of Orange County, Florida, under and by virtue of a Judgment and Writ of Execution, therein issued out of the above entitled court in the above

style cause, dated the 7th day of March, 2023, and have levied upon the following described property located, and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit:

1 (one) white faux leather chair with wheels; 1 (one) wooden table; 1 (one) brown cloth with pattern foot stool with wooden legs; 1 (one) Vizio television, Model #: V405H19 & SN: L1N1ZALW3302353; 1 (one) light brown cloth love seat; 1 (one) L.G. television, Model #: 65UK6500AUA & SN: 805RMZL58085; 1 (one) brown cloth sectional couch; 4 (four) metal high chairs with light colored cloth seats; 1 (one) painting of 3 ladies with pink frame with "Festival '82 Bishop Museum"; 1 (one) white wooden table with 2 glass shelves; 1 (one) metal stethoscope; 1 (one) brown fabric love seat; 3 (three) brown pillows with geometric design; 1 (one) red throw pillow with turtle design; 1 (one) curved metal like chair with cushion; 1 (one) white wood table; 1 (one) Vizio television, SN: L1TMWQMRW4250871; 1 (one) framed picture of beach with waves and trees; 1 (one) dark brown chair with wooden woven seat; 1 (one) cream colored chair with fabric floral design seat cushion; 1 (one) white plastic chair with silver colored metal legs; 1 (one) dark brown wood chair with light brown floral print fabric cushion; 1 (one) gold framed Marilyn Monroe sketch photo; 1 (one) Royal 1630 MC 16 Microcut paper shredder, Lot #: 181070702; 1 (one) Apple portable keyboard with cable attached, Model #: A2449; 1 (one) Apple computer screen, Model #: A2438, SN: H4TH813PQ6W6; 1 (one) Logi Silent Touch computer mouse, Model #: M220, FCC ID: JNZMR0107; 1 (one) black framed photo of waterfall and trees; 1 (one) Dell computer screen, Model #: W05C; 1 (one) reddish brown wooden chair; 1 (one) cream armchair with grey pattern; 1 (one) black Logitech keyboard, Model #: Y40009, SN: 182753114F8; 6 (six) reddish brown wooden chairs with rose colored, crushed velvet-like fabric; 7 (seven) grey/brown metal outdoor swivel chairs; 1 (one) pinkish electric powered reclining chair; 1 (one) black framed swivel barber-like chair with black floral pattern; 1 (one) white armoire with 2 doors and 2 drawers; 1 (one) black framed metal table with glass top; 1 (one) Echo Power Blower, Model #: PB-200; 1 (one) Ryobi Blower 2 Cycle, Model #: RY09056; 2 (two) metal patio chairs; 1 (one) metal patio love seat; 1 (one) metal patio coffee table with glass top; 1 (one) rectangular accent table with marble-like top; 2 (two) metal patio lounge chairs; 1 (one) grey plastic wicker-like material lounge chair; 2 (two) black metal outdoor end tables; 1 (one) plastic round outdoor table; 4 (four) brown patio chairs with arms and greenish cushions; 1 (one) metal outdoor bench; 1 (one) round wooden table; 1 (one) brown leather-like dual reclining couch; 1 (one) rattan-like light brown wooden couch with black and green cushions; 1 (one) rattan-like light brown wooden chair with black and green cushions; 1 (one) rattan-like light brown wooden ottoman with black and green cushions; 1 (one) dark blue wooden swivel chair with blue anchor print; 1 (one) Best Massage folding table; 6 (six) brown wooden chairs with arms and light colored fabric cushions; 1 (one) Vizio television, Model #: E320A1, SN: LTTDNLBP0604682; 1 (one) Panasonic microwave, Model #: NNSA651S, SN: 6B24111066; 1 (one) knife block with a variety of knives; 1 (one) box of miscellaneous cutlery. **SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES, JUDGMENTS, LIENS OF RECORD OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR BILL OF SALE.**

As the property of the above named defendant, CHRISTOPHER CRUTCHER, and that on the 15th day of April, 2026, beginning at ten o'clock in the forenoon or soon there-after on said day at **Orlando Estate Auction (rear parking lot) 2573 Silver Star Road Orlando, FL 32804,** in Orange County, Florida, I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder at hand for cash on demand the above described property of said defendant, to satisfy said Judgment and Writ of Execution. Prospective bidders may register the day of the sale between the hours 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Orlando Estate Auction (rear parking lot) 2573 Silver Star Road Orlando, FL 32804. Winning bidders need to remove all items from the property by 3:00pm. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Eric Nieves, Civil Process Sales Coordinator not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Orange County Sheriff's Office, at the address given on notice. Telephone: (407)836-4570; If hearing impaired 1-800-955-

The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2023 (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 day of MARCH 5TH, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: Rosa Avilés As Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact 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#126435.9586/MP118 March 13, 20, 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 XI TO: DAVID BRADEN PATTON, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF DAVID BRADEN PATTON, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 483 WHITE FAWN RUN DELWARE, OH 43015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 11, 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 XII 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: J70044 & J70045 & J70046 & J70047 & J70048 & J70049 & J70050 & J70051) 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 01, 2016 (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 8, 2026, online at www.myorangerclerk.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 March 11, 2026. DATED this 11th day of March, 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 #126435.8654 MORI #ORANGE March 13, 20, 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.: 2025-CA-012647-O DIV NO.: 40 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT W. REICH, et. al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT X

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: **TO: WERNER SPECK ANDRADE RINCONADA DEL LAGO KM 25 VIA SAMBORONDON GUAYAQUIL 861 ECUADOR AND ELENA DE-SPECK RINCONADA DEL LAGO KM 25 VIA SAMBORONDON GUAYAQUIL 861 ECUADOR AND WERNER SPECK PAULSON RINCONADA DEL LAGO KM 25 VIA SAMBORONDON GUAYAQUIL 861 ECUADOR AND MICHELLE SPECK PAULSON RINCONADA DEL LAGO KM 25 VIA SAMBORONDON GUAYAQUIL 861 ECUADOR**

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 OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property: **COUNT X** 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P68022 & P68023 & P68024 & P68025) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED on this 5TH day of MARCH, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: Rosa Avilés As Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact 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#126435.9594/MP118 March 13, 20, 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 XI TO: ELAINE MCKINNEY 2322 SOUTH AVENUE TOLEDO, OH 43609 WYVEN BERNETHEL MCKINNEY, DECEASED 2322 SOUTH AVENUE TOLEDO, OH 43609

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 11, 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 XI** 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: G72540 & G72541 & H55342 & H55343 & H56335 & H56336) 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, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on APRIL 8, 2026, online at www.myorangerclerk.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 March 11, 2026. DATED this 11th day of March, 2026. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CC-005877-O RTE TITLE COMPANY, a Florida corporation; WALDEN PALM CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation and WALDEN CIRCLE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,

proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property: **COUNT V** 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P25433 & P25434 & P25435 & P25436 & R09502 & R09503) 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 this 5 day of March, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Takianna Didier Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#129710.0161/MP27 March 13, 20, 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 V TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: JOANNE WONG 10127 122 ST NW APT A EDMONTON, ALBERTA T5N 1L7 CANADA AND BRIAN WONG 10127 122 ST NW APT A EDMONTON, ALBERTA T5N 1L7 CANADA

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 V** 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P25433 & P25434 & P25435 & P25436 & R09502 & R09503) 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 this 5 day of March, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Takianna Didier Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#129710.0161/MP27 March 13, 20, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Patriots Homes, with a mailing address of 2803 Ponkan Pines Drive, Apopka, FL 32712, and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Daruse Investments, Inc. March 20, 2026

I formally known as called Olubunmi Akinlolu, wish to be addressed as Olubunmi Akinlolu Mobayo, all documents remain valid. 1. NeuLife Rehabilitation, Mount Dora, FL 2. Florida's Board of Nursing March 20, 2026

proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property: **COUNT V** 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P25433 & P25434 & P25435 & P25436 & R09502 & R09503) 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 this 5 day of March, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Takianna Didier Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#129710.0161/MP27 March 13, 20, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Patriots Homes, with a mailing address of 2803 Ponkan Pines Drive, Apopka, FL 32712, and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Daruse Investments, Inc. March 20, 2026

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