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## Nelson, Smith reflect on service in emotional farewell

Allies highlight accomplishments, community ties

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson and Commissioner Alexander H. Smith closed out their terms Wednesday with emotional farewell remarks, as they reflected on their years of service during the City Commission meeting.

The meeting, which followed Tuesday's mayoral runoff election, marked the final appearance on the dais for both officials after eight years in office. Nelson and Smith were close allies across those years, often voting together on key issues.

Smith's remarks focused less on policy and more on relationships he built during his time in office.

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Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Commissioner Alexander H. Smith (left) and mayor of Bryan Nelson (center) delivered their farewell remarks at Wednesday's City Commission meeting.

## CRA approves land purchase

Annual report touts progress

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) on Wednesday ap-

proved the purchase of a vacant downtown parcel while also updating business assistance programs and discussing new incentives aimed at encouraging redevelopment within the district.

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The Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency reported continued investment in the city's downtown area, of which the U.S. 441/Park Avenue intersection (pictured) is a part.

## Apopka elects Nesta in blowout



Photo by Sarah Merly

Nick Nesta shares a speech after receiving the results at his Hilton Garden Inn watch party.

### Nesta beats Moore by nearly 24 points

By Sarah Merly and Teresa Sargeant Reporters

City Commissioner Nick Nesta won Apopka's mayoral runoff election by 24 points Tuesday, easily defeating Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore in a race shaped by strong voter inter-

est and turnout that exceeded expectations for a municipal runoff.

As of Election Day, voter turnout topped 20% of registered voters, surpassing earlier projections that participation would fall closer to 10% to 12% following the March 10 general election.

The runoff determined who will succeed incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson, who finished third in the general

election and did not advance.

With both precincts reporting, Nesta captured 61.94% of the ballots cast with 4,934 votes, while Moore received 3,032 votes, equal to 38.06%.

At his Hilton Garden Inn watch party, Nesta, 34, thanked God for the victory and recognized his family and supporters for their contributions to the results.

"From this moment for-

ward, I will work every day to represent all of Apopka with integrity and pride and with a commitment to move our city forward," Nesta said. "Together, we will focus on strengthening our community, supporting our residents, and making Apopka a place every family will be proud to call home."

Nesta also praised Nel-

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## City approves \$719K repair for failing road

Sinkhole-like settlement forces closure of Wolf Creek Court

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The City Commission on Wednesday ratified an emergency roadway repair project totaling about \$719,000 after significant ground settlement damaged a residential street and underground utilities.

The project targets Wolf Creek Court, a roadway in the Cimarron Hill subdivision that has experienced worsening structural issues tied to unstable soil conditions, according to city documents.

The contract for the work is with Smith Site Development South, LLC, with con-



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Construction is expected to require a full closure of Wolf Creek Court (pictured), in the Cimarron Hills subdivision, for roughly three weeks.

struction costs estimated at \$653,463.10. A 10% contingency brings the total to about \$719,000. Additional geotechnical engineering costs push the overall project estimate to about \$772,000, but the commission only approved \$719,000.

Construction is expected to require a full closure of Wolf Creek Court for roughly three weeks. During that time, six residents will not have vehicle access to their homes, according to the staff report.

City officials have not

indicated whether alternative access arrangements will be provided during the closure.

The item appeared on the commission's consent agenda, meaning it could be approved without discussion unless pulled by a commissioner for separate consideration.

City staff initiated the emergency designation on April 9 to expedite repairs, citing public safety concerns and the need to prevent further infrastructure damage.

The roadway, originally constructed in 1986, sits adjacent to what engineers describe as a "relic sinkhole," a natural depression that had previously been filled during construction. Over time, that underlying material has shifted, leading to visible crack-

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## Accepting change is just not my style

Do you guys prefer to be an “innie” or an “out-  
ie”?

I’m talking about shirttails, not belly buttons. Somebody else made that belly-button decision for you, but what you do with your shirttail is completely up to you.

Or is it?

Sometime in relatively recent fashion history, men have started wearing untucked dress shirts in situations where tucking had been the norm. A lot of men. There’s even a clothing brand, UNTUCKit, that specializes in shirts that made specifically to not be tucked in.

I am not sure what can be done to a shirttail to improve its ability to not be stuffed into britches, but there’s a market for it. Should you happen to be puzzled by the concept, there is website fashion advice on how to wear an untucked shirt with a sports coat. “You, too, can pull off the look.”

As fashion choices go, this is not a bad idea. It is no more reasonable to stuff your shirt into your pants than it would be to stuff your pants into your socks. But silly as the habit might be, people have been doing it for a long time.

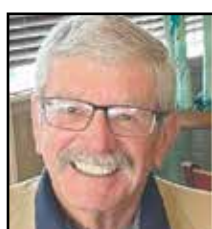
And now, many of them don’t.

It is hard to believe that all these men made the independent decision, each on his own, to quit stuffing his shirttail into his pants. So, if each of them didn’t, who made that decision for all of them?

This is where it gets science fiction, mind-control scary. There is something called fashion that can’t be predicted, regulated, or explained and it has this remarkable control over behavior.

Lord knows I’ve been there: Elephant bellbottoms, leisure suits, paisley shirts with collars that reach to the elbow, Nehru jackets, embroidered jeans, tie-dyed T-shirts, cowboy hats, Roman

Columnist



Jake Vest

sandals, Afro perms, desert boots, 3-piece suits with reversible vests, tube socks, Sansabelt slacks with no back pockets, turtlenecks, and Madras plaid shirts with “love loops.”

No way I ever came up with that stuff on my own. I was a tool for whatever passed for a

fashion industry for people like me and was helpless to resist, no matter how embarrassing. It’s like every picture I have from 1964 on, whenever I was wearing anything that I thought was of my own choosing, could have the same caption: “It seemed like a good idea at the time.”

One of the few benefits of getting old is that nothing new looks like a good idea anymore. We not only become immune, we become resistant, sort of the white blood cells that fight the trendiness in society’s bloodstream.

Sharing this negativity with each other is one of the ways we bond.

A few days ago, in the produce section at Publix, a total stranger of about 1950 vintage was looking at some kind of weird vegetable. Neither of us knew what it was, but we agreed that we were both against that sort of thing, and, in fact, as the conversation proceeded, were opposed to almost everything else that wasn’t just like it used to be.

This was a kindred spirit, a man who knew his mind and would not fall for trendy stuff, and we got along just fine. We noted that we’re both in the store a lot and would see each other around and even mentioned setting up golf “the next time we see each other.”

Then he turned to leave and I saw it. A ponytail.

And let that be a lesson to me—sometimes change isn’t so bad. For one thing, I’m going to have to find a new grocery store.

## Events showcase best of OCPS

Last weekend was another beautiful example of how lucky we are to live in this community.

Both of our high schools hosted events for the community to enjoy. First was the third-annual Orange Blossom Jazz Festival hosted by the Apopka High School Band at the Apopka Amphitheater.

The event ran for two days on Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11. The event showcased the finest middle school, high school, collegiate and community jazz ensembles during the two full days. This included not only our Apopka schools, but schools from areas throughout Central Florida, as well as UCF, Full Sail University, Seminole State College and the University of North Florida.

The ensembles featured fantastic jazz performances for the community to enjoy, but performers also received in-person clinics from an esteemed adjudication panel. The event was an opportunity for students to highlight all they have accomplished throughout the year and for the community to enjoy great jazz music.

This festival was sup-

ported by the city of Apopka and numerous Apopka High School volunteers and band parents. What a great opportunity for students to be a part of a fun community event.



Melissa Byrd

Also on Saturday, April 11, Wekiva High School hosted the third-annual CommUnity Celebration, which was a vibrant and fun school spirit event bringing Lakeville Elementary, Piedmont Lakes Middle and Wekiva High students and families together for a day of fun.

This event started as a way to bring our younger students into the local high school to showcase all the opportunities available in the high schools and for families to access community resources, but most of all to come together

for a fun day.

It has grown into a robust event, filling the gymnasium with local resources in the community and from OCPS for families. The entire courtyard was filled with yummy treats from local vendors as well as fun arts and crafts for kids, animals from FFA and bounce houses.

I have been a sponsor of this event since it began, along with City Commissioner Nick Nesta, who sponsors a free hot dog meal for everyone who attends.

As I reflect on these two events, I was struck by the numerous school staff who worked so hard to bring these events to life.

They don’t get paid for showing up on the weekend or for the hours of preparation to make these events happen. They do it because they see the value of bringing our community together for the benefit of our children.

I want to thank each and every one of them who gave their free time to make these events happen. It was a great day throughout our community that showcased our local public schools.

## FDOT provides e-mobility education

Shortly following the publication of my last column, staff at the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reached out to my office regarding resources that the agency has available to help Florida residents and communities navigate the growing use of e-mobility. In this week’s column, I’d like to share some of those resources with you and ways you can get involved.

FDOT has a webpage on its website solely dedicated to providing safety guidance on micromobility devices (i.e., e-bikes and e-scooters). Specifically, resources include information on laws governing e-bikes, tips for purchasing an e-bike, social media messaging, and informational brochures.

The brochures provide helpful safety information and guidance, including what constitutes a legal e-bike, speed limits, where you can ride, safety gear, to the general public, parents and students. FDOT’s webpage is designed for and is encouraged to be shared with local partners, community groups and all riders. The webpage can be accessed via

the following link: <https://www.fdot.gov/d5safety/office-of-safety-resources/e-bike-safety>.



Doug Bankson

My office was also informed that FDOT is working on creating an e-bike training program that they will be bringing to local middle and high schools, where they anticipate school visits to begin prior to the end of this school year.

If you are involved with a local school in any capacity — whether a teacher, administrator, parent, or volunteer — and would be interested in potentially having FDOT visit your school, I would encourage you to contact my office so that I can express that with the agency as they finalize their list of school visits.

I believe that partnering with our local schools is a great way to not only educate students and adults but also grant the opportunity for them to educate others around them on what they learned.

FDOT’s safety and operations teams offer technical assistance for any questions, concerns or locations (i.e., where to ride) that are raised in the district as related to e-mobility. Should you have any questions or concerns, I would encourage you to contact my office so that my team can assist with connecting with FDOT to provide clarification you need to get out and ride your e-bike.

As an aviator, one of the things I love most about transportation is its never-ending innovations in new technology. However, oftentimes new laws need to be implemented to “catch up” with these new technologies. E-mobility is no exception. By partnering with FDOT and partners in our local community, I strongly believe that we can navigate this new technology together for all riders to enjoy safely.

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# TransMAC meeting highlights link between local growth, regional systems

Airport access, rail connections key issues for northwest Orange County

By Teresa Sargeant  
Reporter

An Orange County transportation advisory board brought its discussion to Apopka on April 9, when officials and board members stressed how regional systems—from highways to Orlando International Airport—are shaping mobility in northwest Orange County.

The Transportation Mobility Advisory Commission (TransMAC), a citizen-led board created by a voter-approved charter amendment, reviews transportation spending and makes recommendations to county leaders on current and future mobility needs.

Chair Eric Grimmer said holding the meeting in District 2, at the John H. Bridges Community Center, offered an opportunity to connect regional planning efforts to one of the county's fastest-growing areas. Driving in on Ocoee Apopka Road, he said he could see the city's rapid growth in expanding industrial space alongside new residential and commercial development.

"They're probably dealing with some of those issues that you often see when there's rapid growth—the infrastructure trying to catch up to that growth, including the transportation," Grimmer said. "That's a tale as old as time, I don't think just here, but in a lot of places."

District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore framed the discussion around long-term capacity challenges, citing a county study whose



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Orange County District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore, speaking here at a recent Apopka City Commission meeting, commented about long-term capacity challenges in northwest Orange County at an April 9 TransMAC meeting.

final page concluded that every road leaving northwest Orange County is projected to be failing within 30 years.

"That's a hard situation to build your way out of," she said. "Part of what needs to happen is making sure that our citizens can stay here, work here, play here, shop here, and they don't have to leave every day."

Moore pointed to regional partnerships—including the Central Florida Expressway Authority and state agencies—as critical to addressing congestion driven by population growth.

"More and more people moved here, and we don't even recognize that there was any relief," she said, referring to how Wekiva Parkway and other expressways initially took pressure off U.S. 441 before growth caught up.

The meeting also focused on the role of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA), which operates Orlando International Airport and Orlando Executive Airport, and

how airport traffic connects to local transportation networks.

GOAA officials said Orlando International Airport (MCO) handles tens of millions of passengers annually and draws travelers from across Central Florida, making access to and from the airport a regional issue, not just an Orlando concern.

"As an airport, we're essentially the front porch for our community," GOAA Senior Vice President Brad Friel said.

For commission members, the discussion turned to how residents—including those in Apopka—reach the airport and how that demand impacts roads and transit systems.

"I am most concerned [about]: how are people getting to the airport, and how are people getting from the airport," Grimmer said.

Board member Jose M. Hoyos—a LYNX bus operator who runs airport routes and lives near Orlando International Airport—said future rail connections could fundamentally change how Apopka residents access MCO.

"A lot of people are questioning ... how does it impact the Apopka area?" Hoyos said. "Well, it impacts if somehow we have a SunRail that connects it directly to the airport."

He said he doesn't want "SunRail just to be a separate rail line, commuter rail line," but "an extension of the airport," where people in places like Apopka or Maitland could park at local stations and ride straight to their flights instead of driving. The idea, he said, would require substantial investment.

Noticing County Commission candidates in attendance, Hoyos noted that whoever sits on the commission will have to speak to the Florida Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration about securing funding.

"We only need \$400 million to connect SunRail ... and \$26 million per year to have weekend service," Hoyos said.

The discussion underscored a broader theme repeated throughout the meeting: transportation challenges in Apopka are closely tied to regional infrastructure and long-term planning decisions.

"If we're going to be successful, we really have to understand how—from city to toll roads to federal roads—how this all fits together, and it's complex," Moore said.

The idea of rail service through Apopka is not new. Earlier proposals, including the Orange Blossom Express, envisioned a commuter line along the U.S. 441 corridor connecting Apopka to Orlando. However, funding challenges stalled the project as regional focus has since shifted toward linking SunRail to Orlando International Airport.

# Sertoma Club announces 11 Service to Mankind honorees

Nominees set to be recognized at April 28 dinner

Staff Reports

The Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka announced 11 Service to Mankind honorees Tuesday, recognizing locals who are dedicated to volunteerism, community service and youth activities.

"These ten individuals are special people who deserve this recognition, each in their own way," said program chair Bev Winesburgh in an email to The Apopka Chief. "Once we can tell their stories and celebrate all they do, I think the community will be surprised at what a difference they all have made seeking no repayment or even any thanks."

Sertoma will recognize each honoree at a community dinner on April 28 at the Fran Carlton Center, where one nominee will be selected for the national Sertoma organization's recognition. The local winner will also receive a \$250 donation to a charity of his or her choice.

This year's honorees include the following:

- Suzanne Archer—4H and FFA clubs
- Renee Beasley—Open Heart Farms, founder, sponsor for decades
- Ella Duke—Propagate Social House, community business support and programs
- Kathryn Duncan—Apopka Parks and Recreation senior class exercises
- Pamela Groseclose—Apopka Art and Foliage Fes-



Photo by Bev Winesburgh

Foliage Sertoma recognized Mike MacWithey last year, giving him \$250 to build a hall of fame wall for Blue Darter athletes.

tival, Apopka Woman's Club, Neighborhood Restorative Justice

- Debbi and Hal Krise—Loaves & Fishes, Inc.
- James Maltby—Maltby's Tree Service & Landscaping, sponsor for Blue Darter spring sports spirit programs
- Latonya McCoy, chief nursing officer at AdventHealth Apopka
- David L. Rollins—Papa Diesel of Papa Diesel's BBQ, football coach at Lake Brantley High School, special needs teacher, youth business mentor
- Rita Tybor—Apopka Woman's Club's new senior/nursing home outreach community grant program

"Foliage Sertoma is thankful for community members who share our mission of service and are happy to reward them each year in this way," Winesburgh said.

The club named Apopka softball coach Mike MacWithey its Service to Mankind winner in 2025.

## Lordy lordy, look who is turning 40...X2

Mrs. Loratte Morgan from Chattanooga, Tennessee, now living in Apopka, turned 88 years old on April 11, 2026. Her favorite passtime when not dancing is behind the wheel of her red convertible, with her husband Marty.

*Happy Birthday, Hon*

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# Melissa Byrd receives Distinguished Leader Award

School board member set to be recognized at June conference

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

The Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) recently honored Orange County School Board District 7 member Melissa Byrd, who represents Apopka schools,

with the Distinguished Leader Award.

"I'm honored to be recognized with this award from my peers across the state," Byrd said in an email to The Apopka Chief. "I'm very lucky to be able to do this important work every day, advocating for our students, staff and public schools."

According to an FSBA press release, the award recognizes board members committed "to professional learn-

ing, leadership development, and governance excellence." Each recipient must also have received FSBA's Certified Board Member (CBM) and Advanced Certified Board Member (ACBM) designations. Byrd received the latter earlier this year.

"School board members who earn this award go above and beyond in their commitment to effective governance and public service," said Tina Pinkoson, FSBA director of

leadership services. "By earning the Distinguished Leader Award, Byrd demonstrates outstanding leadership, a commitment to continuous learning, and a lasting positive impact on students, schools, and their community."

The FSBA will recognize Byrd and other award recipients on June 11 at the FSBA/Florida Association for District School Superintendents (FADSS) Annual Summer Conference in Tampa.

"Melissa Byrd's recognition with the FSBA Distinguished Leader Award is a testament to her unwavering dedication to students, families, and strong school board governance," said Orange County Public Schools superintendent Maria Vazquez. "Her commitment to public education and thoughtful leadership strengthens our district and helps ensure we are making decisions that support student success now and in the future."



Courtesy of OCPS

Melissa Byrd

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son and Moore's service to the Apopka community.

"Running for office is never easy, and I want to recognize my opponents for their service and their work that they've done for this community," he said. "Public service requires dedication, and I appreciate anyone who steps up to serve."

Moore, who had never lost a race until Tuesday, held her party at Just Like Momma's Soul Food & Wings.

"We didn't get the results we wanted, but we knew we had that little shot back in March," she said. "I have lots of opportunities—tomorrow is a fresh day, and God is good."

Moore personally thanked each of her voters and said she looks forward to taking time off.

"At this point, I'm glad to have a break," Moore said. "It's been a long year."

### Voters cite growth, spending and leadership

Voters who cast ballots Tuesday pointed to growth, spending and leadership style as key factors in their deci-

sions, with some also expressing a desire for change in the city's direction.

Betty Wallace, who said she did not vote in the March 10 election but participated in the runoff, said she supported Nesta after researching the candidates.

"To me, he was better for me," Wallace said, adding she was drawn to what she described as his potential to bring new ideas and address growth concerns.

"I think he might have some good ideas and hopefully maybe stop some of this over-growth," she said.

Thomas and Mary Wilson, who both said they voted for Nesta in the general election and again in the runoff, cited his approach to leadership and engagement with residents.

Mary Wilson said she watched Nesta speak at an event, telling people how he wants to hear from voters.

"He seemed more for the people," she said. "I would love to have the people have more of a say in Apopka."

Thomas Wilson added



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Karen Castor Dentel, Orange County Supervisor of Elections, says voting across Apopka precincts on April 14 went on without any issues. She held a morning press briefing outside the Apopka Community Center, one of the precincts.

that he was drawn to Nesta's age and perspective.

"I really gravitated to him because he was a lot younger," he said. "I'm an older person, but I don't want to see that older generation making these decisions anymore. I think we've run our course, and we need to keep moving."

Ronnie Figueroa, however, said he switched his support in the runoff, backing Christine Moore after previously

supporting Nesta in the general election.

"She doesn't want to spend as much money but tries to conserve in different areas," Figueroa said. "That I like. It's not just spend, spend, spend. We've got to control the spending."

### Election operations run smoothly

Orange County Supervisor of Elections Karen Cas-

tor Dentel said voting across Apopka precincts proceeded without issues, with minimal wait times and steady participation throughout the day.

"So far, it's smooth," Castor Dentel said during a morning press availability outside the Apopka Community Center. "We have people at each of the locations who are eager to help our voters get their ballot, put it in the tabulation machine and send them on their way."

With only one race on the ballot, voters were able to move quickly through polling sites.

"Since it's only one election, or one contest, it's easy—just fill in one oval and you're gone," she said. "There's no lines or anything like that."

Castor Dentel said the level of participation reflects strong interest in the outcome.

"I think people really care about the future of Apopka, and they've gotten to know these two candidates in the runoff," Castor Dentel said. "People have strong opinions, so they're coming out today to cast their ballots."

When asked if part of the reason for the strong interest may be because Apopka has emerged as the second largest city in Orange County, Castor Dentel said it could be a reason.

"There are a lot of people who live here, and the mayor makes a big difference in the direction of the city," she said. "Since Mayor Nelson is no longer in the race, I think that there's a chance for new direction, and it depends on which one they want to pick and which direction they want to go."

The winner of the runoff will take office April 28, when two newly elected commissioners are also scheduled to be sworn in.

Three total commissioners will take their oaths that day: Sam Ruth, who won Seat 1 against incumbent Alexander H. Smith; incumbent Diane Velazquez, who kept Seat 2 in a race against George "Smitty" Smith and Angela Turner; and Yesenia Baron, who defeated Malika Harrison for Seat 4 in a special election.

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# Camp Thunderbird provides outdoor fun for special needs community

Camper's mother and camp director share their stories

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

As spring passes by, Quest's Camp Thunderbird is preparing to welcome adults with developmental disabilities to its outdoor summer camp.

"Our goal is to have a safe, fun and compassionate environment for them to experience a full life in," said camp director Meghann "Meggie" Hall.

According to Hall, Camp Thunderbird opened in 1969 and sits on 36 acres of land just west of Lake Prevatt, near the intersection of Welch and Thompson roads. Each adult summer camp session lasts one week, in which guests can canoe, swim in the pool, complete a ropes course, and more.

"We have one young man who used to live here in Florida that now lives in New York—his family comes and visits relatives here, and he gets to come from New York to come to camp," Hall said. "They come from as close as



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Campers enjoy a bubble party.

right down the street to other states away. It kind of depends on who they are and what they're looking for."

Hall said that, although she is better at remembering faces than names, she knows most of her guests and their favorite camp activities. One of those guests is 26-year-old John Loizos, who will return to Camp Thunderbird for his fourth year this summer.

"He loves being outside," Hall said. "This is a great place for him to be, because he doesn't like loud noises."

Loizos attends Camp Thunderbird each year from

Palm Beach County, around three-and-a-half hours away. Since Loizos has autism and is considered nonverbal, his mother, Emma Dyer-Loizos, requests one-on-one care for him at Camp Thunderbird each year.

"It's really stimulating, and it's a really upbeat environment," she said. "They're young people. They have a real positive vibe, and I think my son picks up on that."

Dyer-Loizos said she and her husband started taking their son to Camp Thunderbird after COVID-19 temporarily closed his previous camp.

"The camp we used to have our son at used to offer weekends—like one weekend a month through the year—as well as the summer camp program, but that all changed after COVID," Dyer-Loizos said. "We noticed there wasn't the staff. It was on a much smaller basis, and it wasn't a one-on-three ratio anymore—it was one-on-five to one-on-six. My son got very neglected."

One activity Loizos particularly enjoys at Camp Thunderbird is the camp pool, which Hall said was a major improvement.

"Last year was the first year I've ever seen him get in the pool," Hall said. "He did not get into it for the first two years. Last year, one of our counselors worked with him and was able to get him in the pool for the first time since I've been here. Really big stuff, I thought."

As their son enjoys nature at camp for two weeks out of the year, his parents visit various Florida beaches, welcoming the respite from full-time caregiving. Dyer-Loizos said she and her husband will typically visit Sarasota during Loizos' first camp week, then visit beach-

es near their home in Palm Beach County during the second camp week.

"It's given us breathing space as parents," Dyer-Loizos said. "My son is extremely hands-on—he needs bathing, he needs cleaning up after, he needs a constant eye. He's in his little sitting room now, but every so often, me and my husband have to go and check him out—you know, 'How are you, Johnny?' It's a full-time job."

Although Loizos is at an age where he can move to a group home, his parents want to keep caring for him as long as they can, simply because he is their son.

"We'd much prefer for him to continue to live with us as long as we physically can look after him to what we feel is the best of our ability," Dyer-Loizos said. "We make the best of our life. It's restrictive, sometimes it can be difficult—but we love him. He's our son, and that's that."

According to Hall, her passion for overseeing Camp Thunderbird stems from a similar belief in treating those with developmental disabilities equally.

"There was a young man at my church who also

had Down syndrome, and he would follow me around and call me his girlfriend," Hall said. "None of the other kids at church would hang out with him because they thought he was different. I treat them like everybody else, because they are—they're just people. They will be treated like us, and I think that's kind of what solidified it."

Hall said her camping experience as a Girl Scout enabled her to grow in confidence, and she works to ensure Camp Thunderbird will provide that same benefit to those under her care.

"Camp Meggie was outgoing," she said. "She was bubbly, she was more adventurous. I was always kind of shy and kind of reserved. Camp Meggie was more open, and I want to create that same space for our guests, a place where they can feel safe and loved and open to be their true selves. All of our guests deserve that. Not all of our guests get to go to camp as a kid, so we're able to create that space here for them as adults."

Those interested in learning more about Camp Thunderbird may visit [questinc.org/camp/](http://questinc.org/camp/).

## ROAD

FROM A1

ing and gradual settlement.

Since 2025, the issue has intensified. A conical depression about 10 feet in diameter has formed in the roadway, with the surface dropping between two and three feet, according to a geotechnical analysis conducted by Newkirk Engineering Inc.

"Newkirk Engineering, Inc., used ground penetrating radar, which did not indicate the presence of a sinkhole," the City Commission staff reported. "It appears the roadway depression was likely due to the settlement of the near-surface sands and roadway into one of the very loose

soil zones, and/or soft organic soils, that are typically found in and around relic sinkholes."

The shifting ground has also impacted nearby infrastructure, including a sanitary sewer line, the report stated.

To address the problem, the city plans a full reconstruction of the affected section.

The repair will involve excavating soil to below the sewer line, installing filter fabric and geosynthetic reinforcement to stabilize the base, and rebuilding the roadway with a combination of compacted earth and lightweight fill material known as Aero Aggregate.

Under the city's procure-

ment policy, emergency purchases exceeding \$50,000 must be presented to the commission for after-the-fact approval.

The Wolf Creek Court project's emergency designation allows the city to bypass standard competitive bidding requirements in situa-

tions where immediate action is necessary to protect public safety or restore essential services, as stated in the city policy.

Since the project has been ratified, it will be funded through a budget amendment for the current fiscal year, according to the staff report.

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# Goodwill expands work transition program

Program graduate Jacarra Mallard shares her journey

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

Goodwill Industries of Central Florida recently expanded its work transition program to its Apopka location through a partnership with CareerSource Central Florida.

“There’s a need for people that are transitioning from public assistance—they really, really want to work, but for some reason, they’re not able to keep and sustain a job,” said Jodie Foster, a community employment program manager at Goodwill. “We [Goodwill and CareerSource] came up with the work transition program so we can have something where they can transition from public assistance and survive.”

According to the pilot program contract, participants complete twelve weeks of job training and rotate through four roles: textile sorter, donation attendant, material handler and store clerk. Participants also receive financial literacy education and soft skills coaching along the way.

“We started with a small pilot in one store with 32 participants,” said Gina Ronokarijo, vice president of workforce operations at CareerSource Central Florida. “We had really great initial results where the majority of folks did not return to cash benefits after the program.”

Following the successful pilot program at the South Orange Blossom Trail Goodwill, the program now spans six locations across the Orlando area, according to CareerSource program manager Mayra Nuñez.

One of the pilot program graduates,



Photo by Sarah Merly

Jacarra Mallard (left) transferred to the Goodwill in Apopka after completing the pilot program at South Orange Blossom Trail.

Jacarra Mallard, now serves as a skills trainer at Goodwill Apopka. She credits the program for giving her the tools she needs to provide for her family as a single mother.

“I was just on a search for something better for myself and my kids,” Mallard said. “I was five months pregnant, so when I came, I was just like, ‘I’m not going to say anything,’ because I didn’t know if that was going to jeopardize my job.”

Mallard said the Goodwill staff showed her ample compassion and understanding after they found out about her pregnancy, and her manager saw potential in her.

“She actually made it through all the rotations with no problems,” Foster said. “That’s what made her stand out—she was pregnant, but she was like, ‘I’m going to do this.’ The store manager saw her work really hard toward the goal of finishing this, so she said, ‘When you come back from maternity leave, you have a job.’”

Although Mallard said she grew in skills including time management and financial literacy, the confidence she gained through participating in mock interviews stood out to her.

Mallard had told her interviewer about her first son, Jacob, who died at four years old.

“They told me he wouldn’t be able to live outside the womb,” Mallard said. “Within those four years, he really showed so much resilience and so much power within. He still had the greatest smile. He was so smart, and his strength is what carries me today—my walk, my talk, the way I treat people is all from that story.”

According to Mallard, her interviewer noted that Mallard did not stutter when she talked about her son and encouraged her to employ that confidence throughout the interview process.

Now, Mallard has successfully transitioned from living in a homeless shelter to purchasing a home for her family, thanks to Goodwill partner Homeless Services Network of Central Florida. As she begins her new role as a skills trainer, she hopes “to be there” for the new participants in the same way Goodwill staff supported her.

“I’m very thankful, and I’m glad to be in the position I am now, because I know where I came from,” Mallard said.

Those wishing to learn more may do so by visiting a CareerSource career center or calling CareerSource at 1 (800) 757-4598.

# Community businesses to honor area teacher with prize package

Winner announced during Teacher Appreciation Week

## Staff Reports

In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, wine and spirits store The Good Pour and Jeff’s Bagel Run will honor an area teacher with a prize package valued at \$3,745.

“We’re inviting the public to nominate outstanding teachers from Orange and Seminole Counties who are going above and beyond for

their students,” said a Tuesday press release.

The winner will receive a \$500 gift card for school supplies, a private wine tasting, free bagels for a year, and catered bagels at the winning teacher’s school.

Nominations opened Monday and will close on April 24. Members of the BOHO Foundation—the Good Pour’s nonprofit—and The Good Pour will review each nomination and announce the winner by May 7. Community members may submit nominations at [goodpour.com/teacher](http://goodpour.com/teacher).



Courtesy of The Good Pour

The Good Pour hosts a wine tasting.

## FAREWELL

FROM A1

“For the last eight years you have not just been my constituents,” said Smith, who won his first term as commissioner in 2018 and won reelection in 2022. “You have been my neighbors, my critics, my teachers and my friends.”

Smith acknowledged disagreements during his tenure but framed them as part of a shared commitment to the city.

“We disagreed, surely, but we did so because we care so deeply about this city that we all call home,” he said.

He thanked city staff across departments, including public works, finance, police and fire, for their roles in serving residents, and expressed appreciation to his family for their support.

As he concluded, Smith, a local pastor, described his departure as a transition rather than an ending.

“My life is not the end of the book, but the end of the chapter,” he said, adding that he would return to private life as “a resident who’s lucky enough to live in the best city in the state of Florida.”

Upon finishing his remarks, the audience and his colleagues gave him a standing ovation as Smith remained seated. He also acknowledged his church family for their support and referenced former commissioners Billie Dean and Alonzo Williams as influences, saying he was “standing on the shoulders” of those who came before him.

### Nelson highlights accomplishments

Nelson followed with a wide-ranging address that emphasized financial recovery, infrastructure investment and departmental growth during his two terms.

“I’d like to first thank our incredible staff for helping me implement our vision for Apopka,” Nelson said, adding that when he took office “eight years ago, we [were] heading for financial disaster, and our first goal was to get us out of [the] financial hole that had been created.”

He said the city “reduced general fund debt by 96% and increased our reserves by over \$25 million,” and added

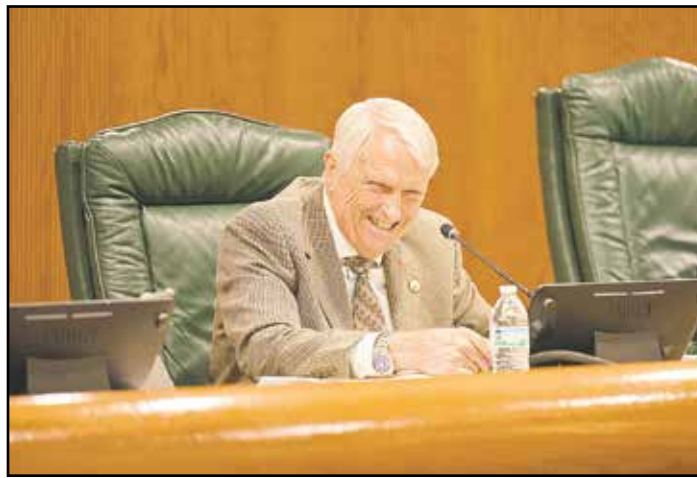


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Nelson smiles during a recent City Commission meeting.

that his administration put a 25% reserve policy in place and increased funding for the city’s three pension funds. Nelson also pointed to operational changes, including expanded public access to meetings.

“When COVID reared its ugly head, we began streaming all City Commission meetings on YouTube to ensure everyone could be safe but still be a part of the commission meetings,” he said.

His remarks included a department-by-department overview, citing certifica-

tions for the police and communications departments, the opening of Fire Station 6 and the addition of over 50 first responders. He also highlighted infrastructure and capital improvements, including road resurfacing, sidewalk and trail expansion, and upgrades to water systems.

“We resurfaced over 6.4 miles of roads this year alone, two miles of sidewalks and trails and replaced over 1,000 LED street lights,” he said.

On economic development, Nelson cited new and incoming businesses, as well

as grant funding secured during his administration, noting that “our team applied for and received over \$30 million in grants this year alone.”

Because the remarks were delivered as a farewell address, Nelson’s comments focused primarily on accomplishments and did not include detailed discussion of challenges or criticisms raised during his tenure.

As he spoke, Nelson began to show emotion and paused at moments during his remarks as he thanked colleagues, staff and family members.

He reflected on his path into public service and credited mentors and longtime supporters, including those who helped guide his early years in office, including former Mayor John Land and his current colleagues.

“It has been a very great honor and pleasure to serve alongside my good friend, Commissioner Alexander Smith, along with the other members here on the City Council,” Nelson said. “Commissioner Smith served our city well as a thoughtful

servant leader and should be celebrated for his commitment.”

Before their remarks, commissioners and others offered words of appreciation.

Commissioner Nadia Anderson thanked both men for their leadership and impact on the city.

Mayor-elect Nick Nesta also acknowledged Nelson and Smith’s service, keeping his remarks brief.

Wednesday’s meeting marked a transition in city leadership following the March 10 election and Tuesday’s mayoral runoff, in which Nesta soundly defeated Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore. Nelson came in third in the March 10 municipal election.

Nesta will take his oath as the mayor on April 28, along with Sam Ruth, who defeated Smith for Seat 1; incumbent Commissioner/Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez, who defended Seat 2 against challengers George “Smit-ty” Smith and Angela Turner; and Yesenia Baron, who won Seat 4 in a special election against Malika Harrison.

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**POLICE BEAT**

# Apopka police issue 130 citations, arrest 27 April 5-11

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In the period from April 5-11, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,548 calls for service, responded to 35 crashes, issued 130 citations, and made 27 arrests. Burglaries: 2 vehicles, 2 residences, 2 businesses. Juveniles were charged with weapon offense-improper exhibit firearm or dangerous weapon; aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill; resist officer with vi-

olence; disorderly conduct-commit affray fight in public; possession of weapon or ammo by Florida delinquent adult felony; larceny-grand theft of firearm; burglary-dwelling/structure/conveyance armed; battery-touch or strike (X2).

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Brittany Sineray Blancas-Vargas, 18, Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence; aggravated battery-with deadly weapon.

A'Drionna Chanterria Shan Prindle, 20, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; damage property-criminal mischief damage property \$200-\$1,000.

Yunior Alex Arreaga Velasquez, 21, 1341 Honey Rd., Apopka, moving traffic violation-reckless driving

cause serious bodily injury. Simeon Ohnry McKell, 23, 1350 Marden Rd., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Hannah Ruby Greer, 25, unknown, unknown, probation violation.

Juan Manuel Nava Santiago, 26, 1108 Canyon Way, Apopka, failure to appear.

Daniel Juarez-Juarez, 31, Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm.

Kyle Rodney Rodriguez, 31, 20 W. Lucerne Cir. #312, Orlando, larceny-other theft.

Brandon Jamal Johnson, 31, Apopka, battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation; kidnap-false imprisonment, false imprisonment of person.

Jose Armando Vela, 33, Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence; battery-touch or strike.

Osiel Velasco Vazquez,

35, 207 M.A. Board St., Apopka, burglary-dwelling/structure/conveyance armed.

Janaida Lisette Ortiz, 38, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Melissa Ann Mercer, 39, 502 Conure St., Apopka, aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Allison Hurst, 39, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; resist officer-obstruct without violence; aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Fernando Patishtan-Lopez, 39, Apopka, aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill; battery-touch or strike.

Trevor Eugene Causey, 40, unknown, Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; drug equipment-possession and/or use; other agency war-

rant. Damion Dale Robinson, 40, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Phillip Vernon Walker, 44, Apopka, battery-prior conviction, felon battery commit 2<sup>nd</sup> subsequent battery.

Emily Jane Schmidt, 45, 801 Monroe Ave., Apopka, burglary of occupied dwelling unarmed.

Suzanne Elizabeth Wheeler, 46, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Jean Marc Sejour, 48, 42 M. A. Board St. #3, Apopka, aggravated battery on person 65+ years of age.

Willie Lee Chastine, 48, 1328 Marvin C Zanders Ave., Apopka, larceny petit theft-merchandise farm transit prior conviction.

Aron Rodriguez Martinez, 50, 940 Brightview Dr., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood

alcohol, DUI-damage to property or person of another; moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation equivalent status; DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, refusal to submit DUI testing.

Ekue Tometi, 50, 14709 Chadbury Ct., Orlando, moving traffic violation-operate vehicle 100+ miles per hour threaten person/property.

Scott Francis Schacht, 55, 455 N. Thompson Rd., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Steven Joseph McAlinden, 56, Florida, unknown, controlled substance obtain controlled substance through misrepresentation/fraud/forgery.

Steve Sene Charles, 59, 3110 Golden Rock Dr., Orlando, out-of-county warrant.

**CRA FROM A1**

The board unanimously approved a motion to pursue acquisition of property at 205 E. Eighth St. for up to \$156,000, with several members raising questions about its future use—including the possibility of developing a resource center to serve the homeless population.

Community members, including city officials and faith-based leaders, have previously discussed establishing an Apopka Resource Center to provide services for those experiencing homelessness, with the 205 E. Eighth St. property—located across the street from



Photo by Dana O'Connor  
Commissioner Nick Nesta

Loaves & Fishes—identified as a potential site. However, no formal plan has been

adopted. Board members expressed concern about moving forward with a purchase without a defined use or funding for future construction.

“If we are going to use it as a resource center ... I'd also like to see what we could actually do there long term and then put a plan in place,” Commissioner Nick Nesta said.

Antranette Forbes, the city's economic development director, confirmed that while the CRA can purchase the land under its existing authority, developing a

specific project such as a resource center would require incorporation into the agency's redevelopment plan and additional funding.

Despite those concerns, the board voted to move forward with the acquisition, with members noting that purchasing the property now would preserve options for future use.

The meeting came the week after the CRA released its annual report, which highlighted limited participation in some assistance programs. That included renovation and building code assistance programs, for which board

approved updates Wednesday.

“We've not had a very high participation in it, which is also one of the reasons that I'm recommending some of these changes,” Forbes said.

Among the updates, the maximum grant award was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and the completion timeline for projects was extended from six months to one year. The board also agreed to allow nonprofits to participate if they contribute to the tax base.

The agency also discussed several proposed incentive programs, including

a demolition grant, a design and engineering assistance grant, and a special project grant intended to attract larger-scale redevelopment.

Some board members raised concerns about launching new programs without established design standards or sufficient safeguards, particularly around demolition or redevelopment of historic structures.

The board ultimately voted to move forward with most of the proposed incentives, while tabling the design grant program until comprehensive design standards can be developed.

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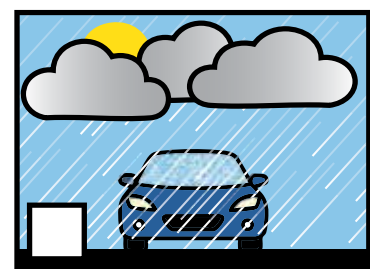
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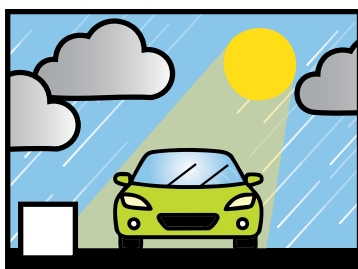
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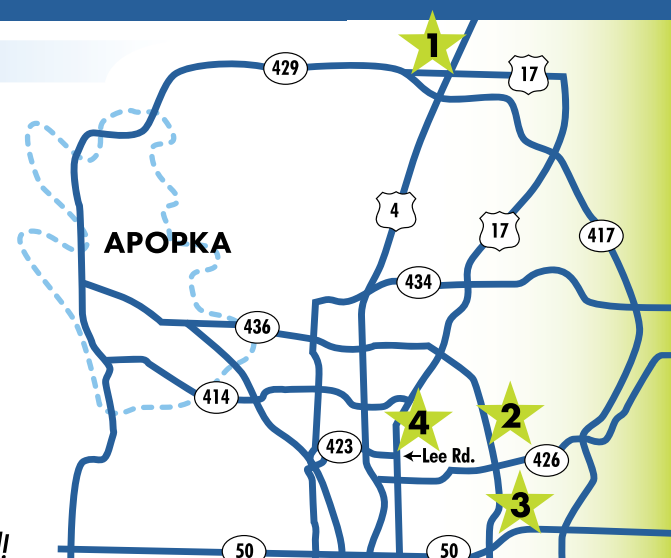
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## Apopka baseball falls in district semifinal

Lake Mary lefty silences Apopka

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

Apopka's season came to an abrupt end Wednesday night, as the Blue Darters fell to Lake Mary, 8-4, in a district semifinal matchup at West Orange High School.

Despite a late push, Apopka struggled to generate consistent offense against

one of the area's top pitchers, Elijah Dyer, while Lake Mary capitalized early to build a lead the Darters could not overcome.

"The other pitcher was fantastic," head coach Garland said. "One of the best lefties around, and he just dominated us from the start."

Lake Mary wasted no time setting the tone in the first inning.

After starting pitcher Camron Pennock issued

back-to-back walks to open the game, the Rams took advantage, delivering an RBI single to grab a 1-0 lead. Pennock settled in after the early trouble, striking out two batters and getting a fly-out to limit further damage.

Apopka's offense, however, was unable to respond, going down in order in the bottom half.

Pennock found his rhythm in the second, striking out the first two batters

before inducing a lineout to second baseman Aiden Rieli to keep the deficit at one. In the bottom of the frame, the Darters missed a scoring opportunity, stranding two runners after a leadoff single from Tyler Spaid.

Lake Mary opened the third with a bunt single and quickly put pressure on Apopka's defense. A series of well-placed hits fol-

APOPKA BASEBALL, B4



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Jez Hamrick slides in safely to third base in the seventh inning against Lake Mary.

## Blue Darter win streak hits 10



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Shylah Pino makes a great play at shortstop, fielding a chopping ball and throwing out the runner at first.

Senior night goes perfectly in 15-0 route of Bishop Moore

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

The Apopka softball team is streaking toward the postseason with a 10-game winning streak going into the final week of the season.

Apopka's latest wins came at the expense of East River and Boone, both of which found themselves trailing big thanks to the potent Blue Darter offense.

On Tuesday against Boone, the Darters held off a late comeback to beat the

Braves for a second time this season, 13-9. Ava Gonzalez had three hits and four RBIs, while Taylor Smith and Alicia Lopez had three hits and two runs scored each.

On Monday against East River, Apopka put together an 8-1 victory on 14 hits, including a Smith home run and a three-hit game from Sydney Bartkin. Mia Aeschilman pitched a complete game, allowing just three hits and one run.

This week's games followed an emotional senior night that couldn't have been scripted any better on April 9, when the Blue Darters (16-4) delivered a dominant, 15-0, three-inning win over Bishop Moore (9-6).

Apopka honored 11 seniors—Ava Millspaugh, Riley Ford, Haylee Thames, Hagan McGatlin, Smith, Bartkin, Lopez, Alezia Hatcher, Aeschilman, Victoria Shaw and Shylah Pino—a group that has grown up together and helped continue the standard of excellence within the program.

Aeschilman got the start in the circle and set the tone immediately. After allowing a leadoff hit, she responded by blowing past three straight batters for consecutive strikeouts.

The offense followed with an explosive response.

Pino, who has been a catalyst all season, opened the bottom of the first with a sin-

gle and quickly stole second. After advancing to third, she came home on a groundout, igniting what would become a long inning.

Pino credited her success to preparation and the bond within the team.

"Taking warmups seriously and staying focused in the game has really helped me," she said. "Playing with my teammates means everything. If you're down, they always have your back. Being a Blue Darter holds so many memories and so much pride."

With traffic building on the bases, Ford lined a hit up the baseline before Hatch-

APOPKA SOFTBALL, B2

## Wekiva baseball honors 2026 senior class

Brady Reinert leads team in tough loss

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

Wekiva baseball's senior night brought early energy Thursday, but it ended in frustration as Circle Christian rallied late to hand the Mustangs a 6-4 loss.

"It was a roller coaster," senior pitcher Brady Reinert said. "I feel like the team did good. It's just we gotta execute on barrels, man. We're just not hitting barrels enough. I think it was a well-played game, we just need to execute."

Wekiva honored five seniors before first pitch—Reinert, Ja'Codi Parker, Cody Bowen, Jaden Graham and Luke Robinson.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Wekiva Mustang seniors gather with their coaches before their senior night game against Circle Christian.

From the start, Reinert set the tone on the mound. He struck out the first batter he faced and worked around a walk, getting help from Bowen behind the plate, who gunned down a runner attempting to steal.

Reinert then sparked the

offense in the bottom half of the inning. Leading off, he crushed a double deep over the left fielder's head. He advanced to third on a balk and later scored on a wild pitch to give Wekiva an early 1-0 lead.

The Mustangs had chanc-

es to build on it but couldn't cash in—a theme that would linger as the game wore on.

"We had opportunities to start the game that we didn't cash in on," Head coach Noah Piard said. "That ended up showing its head near the end of the game. You always want to go into those last innings with some run support, and the fact that we missed out on those runs early really hurt us in the late stretch."

In the second inning, Reinert continued to battle. He worked through traffic, inducing a groundout and striking out another batter, while Bowen made a great defensive play with a sliding grab in foul territory.

Offensively, Wekiva struggled to find rhythm

WEKIVA BASEBALL, B3

## Apopka volleyball sweeps Olympia on senior night

Team optimistic about making postseason run

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

Apopka celebrated its seniors in style Wednesday night, sweeping Olympia in straight sets while delivering one of its most complete performances of the season in front of a lively home crowd.

The Blue Darters honored Nathan White, Caden McGatha, Elzie Robinson, Blake Colclasure, Ian Cottman, Quintin Daffron, Aedyn Cruz Rosa and their manager, Maurice Sims.

From the opening serve, the Darters played with energy and purpose, something head coach Brian Mater said was fueled by the emotion of the night.

"A lot of the energy comes out there when it's senior night," Mater said. "A lot of these guys realize it's the end of the season for us with districts next week. When they realize this could be it, they get going like they did last year and we can chase another district championship."

That energy showed immediately.

After the teams opened tied 1-1, Apopka began to take control behind senior Caden McGatha. He delivered an early kill, followed by an ace, and quickly became the tone-setter offensively.

Senior setter Nathan White consistently found him in rhythm, helping Apopka build a 6-3 lead after a string of Olympia errors.

Elzie Robinson took

over at the net with a block and back-to-back kills, pushing the lead to 9-3. Aedyn Cruz Rosa added a right-side kill, and Ian Cottman contributed with a block and an ace as Apopka stretched its advantage.

White's serving run proved to be a turning point in the set, forcing multiple Olympia mistakes while keeping the Darters flowing. McGatha capped the opening surge with two aces and a kill as Apopka cruised to a 25-11 opening set win.

The second set was much tighter.

Olympia jumped out to an early 6-2 lead, capitalizing on Apopka errors and forcing the Darters to regroup. McGatha and Blake Colclasure helped settle things down, with Colclasure delivering a pinpoint ace to cut into the deficit.

Still, Olympia maintained control midway through the set, leading 19-17 and later 21-17, putting Apopka in a late hole. Out of a timeout, the Blue Darters responded with one of their most important stretches of the match.

A long rally bounced Apopka's way. McGatha followed with a clutch kill and a powerful ace to tie the set. Robinson added a pair of points down the stretch, including a decisive block, as Apopka closed on an 8-2 run to take the set, 25-23.

Apopka carried that momentum into the third set.

Robinson and McGatha continued to lead the offense, while Cottman made his presence felt in the middle with quick

VOLLEYBALL, B4



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Caden McGatha goes full extension for the first serve of the game.

# Shellcrackers on the beds, and the bass are biting

Hello Folks,  
I hope everyone is enjoyin' this great weather we've been havin'... nice and cool in the mornin' and then gettin' up in the 80s durin' the day! Those cool breezes in the heat of the day... Folks, that just makes for a great day on the water!

John over at Bitter's B&T reports that anglers are gettin' out there and catchin' some specks, catfish, and bass. He also reports that they're still catchin' plenty of specks under the 417 bridge in Lake Jesup. And, they're catchin' as many catfish as they are specks, and these on minners around the pilings!

The shellcrackers are on the beds in Lake Monroe, and, due to the low water, folks're havin' a tough time just gettin' out to the beds. If you can just get your boat into the shallow water, you should be able to get your limit of shellcrackers.



**GOIN' FISHIN'**

**Jim Keck**  
Correspondent

The bass're still schoolin' in the north end of the St. Johns River between Astor and Hootoon Island. Most of those bass're bein' caught on topwater baits early in the mornin' and then lipless crankbaits durin' the day. Some of the big bass are bein' caught in with the schoolers, as well.

Lake Fairview is still hot for bass fishin'. Lots of the guides are takin' their clients over there, and they're catchin' plenty of bass on shiners.

The bass fishin' is also still doin' good in the Butler Chain. Folks're pullin' in plenty of bass on chatterbaits, slow sinkin' Senko type baits, and plastic worms. Some of the bass're schoolin' up durin' the day, so make sure you have a lipless crankbait tied on to one of your rods... just in case they start schoolin' around the boat!

There were 15 boats entered in the Wednesday Night Shootout on Johns Lake last week. Congrats to Matt Cochran and Zack Tuckfield on their win with three bass that hit the scales at 10.45 pounds. They also had Big Bass that weighed in at 5.55 pounds.

West Lake Toho must've gotten more rain down there than we did, because there's some water flowin' out of Shingle Creek. The bass'll be hangin' around those areas just feedin' on the baitfish that are bein'

washed out from the creek. And, if you can find some runnin' water, you'll usually find some bass in there! They're also catchin' plenty of bass down there in the early mornin' on topwater baits. You'll do best with Zara Spooks, Devils Horse, and buzz baits. And you can catch 'em on spinnerbaits, flukes, and trick worms.

The shellcrackers are still bitin' down in Lake Kissimmee (east of Lake Wales in Osceola County) on red worms around the pads. The folks who're gettin' out on the water real early are bringin' in their limits by 10 am!

John over at Bitter's B&T also reports that there is a shad spawn goin' on down at Lake Okeechobee, and folks're catchin' lots of bass along the edge of the shoreline, as well. Some of those anglers are pullin' in up to 100 bass per day! Wow!

Assumin' that's true, you might just want to make a trip down to the "Big O" and have loads of fun... catchin' those bass!

The bass fishin' has also been really good in the Headwaters west of Fellsmere, and the guides are puttin' folks onto 30 to 40 bass per trip! Most of those bass're bein' caught on shiners and chatter baits.

Well, that's it for this week. I hope y'all get a chance to do some fishin' this week or even over the weekend. From all the reports I've been gettin', the panfish and bass are bitin'! So, let's go fishin'! You can even make it a family affair! The kids'll love it now that the weather is warm and breezy out there on the water.

Tip of the week: Enjoy this great weather, and let's go Fishin'!

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## APOPKA SOFTBALL

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er delivered one of her three big swings of the night—a double to right field that scored Smith and Bartkin.

Shaw kept it rolling, driving a double deep to right to clear the bases and stretch the lead to 5-0. After Thames added another double in the gap, McGatlin walked and Pino picked up her second hit of the inning. Lopez capped the frame with a sharp single up the middle to drive in two more runs and give Apopka a commanding 7-0 lead.

"We had the entire senior lineup out there," head coach Mike MacWithey said. "They did everything they had to do. We threw all three pitchers in three innings, all hitters hit—everybody did their job. It was just... priceless."

Millsbaugh took over in the second inning and struck out two batters while working around a walk, keeping Bishop Moore off the board. In the third, Bartkin closed things out, inducing three straight groundouts in a clean inning to maintain the shutout.

Millsbaugh, coming off a complete game against a top-ranked opponent just a day earlier, reflected on the legacy of the program.

"It means a lot because I grew up watching these girls and players



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Seniors pose together across the pitchers circle for senior night.

before us," she said. "To carry on that legacy and play with girls I've known since I was little—it's really special."

Hatcher opened the third with another hit, and Shaw followed with a hard shot back up the middle. After Thames moved the runners up, McGatlin ripped a double into the gap to bring both home and extend the lead to 9-0.

After Lopez drove in another run, Smith added an RBI. Apopka continued to capitalize, taking advantage of contact hits and defensive miscues to push the score to 13-0.

Ford and Hatcher came across on passed balls to cap the scoring

and seal the 15-0 mercy-rule victory.

The senior lineup produced 13 hits while allowing just one. Hatcher led the way with a perfect 3-for-3 performance, driving in three runs and scoring three times. Pino added three hits and two runs, while Lopez and Shaw each drove in three runs of their own.

MacWithey praised the seniors for delivering when the program needed it.

"They came in as freshmen replacing a senior group that went to the state finals," he said. "You put together hard work, a plan, and you develop them—and this is what you get."



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Coach Mike MacWithey and Taylor Smith share a hug as she walks out for senior night.

For the players, the night carried deep meaning.

"Being able to have the Blue Darter name on our chest means everything to me," Lopez said. "Senior night made me realize we only have a few games left with these girls. I love every single one of them. It was very emotional, but very exciting to play with them."

Smith, who will continue her career at the University of North Carolina, said her time at Apopka shaped her as both a player and a leader.

"I learned how to be a leader by understanding what different people need," she said. "I'm so sad to leave—this has been the biggest part of my life. I'm so thankful for everything."

MacWithey said the group still has work to do.

"Our goal is a state championship," he said. "We've got the seniors, the leadership, the dedication—everything is there. The pathway is laid out. Now it's just about going and taking it."

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# Wekiva softball hosts Strike Out Stigma

Mustangs dedicate game to mental health awareness

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

Wekiva softball took the field April 9 for more than just another game.

The Mustangs hosted their annual Strike Out Stigma game against Dr. Phillips, an event dedicated to raising awareness for mental health and reminding athletes they are never alone. Players wore special electric green and black jerseys, with the color symbolizing mental health awareness, as the program continues a tradition centered on support, connection and remembrance.

Head coach Taylor McGowan said the event has become one of the most meaningful nights of the season for the program.

“Coach Niaja McCoy and I work hard each year to truly get to know the girls who choose to wear our jerseys,” McGowan said. “I’m a school social worker, so a large part of my day involves student mental



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Ti'Riyah Williams slides safely past the catcher.



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health. It's no different on the field. One day the sport will end and you'll turn in your jersey for the last time, and the only thing left are the relationships you built along the way.”

On the field, Dr. Phillips jumped out to an early lead, scoring four runs. Despite the deficit, Wekiva continued to compete and found moments of offense throughout the night.

Arianna Garcia recorded a hit to right field, while Kyla Florestil

helped spark the Mustangs. She was hit by a pitch and stole second. Florestil came home when Makenzy McIntosh lifted a fly ball into left field. McIntosh eventually moved to third before crossing the plate on a sacrifice bunt from Alajah Kimber.

Wekiva added another run in the fourth inning when Ti'Riyah Williams was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, bringing Lincia Joseph home. Dr. Phillips ultimately pulled away for an 18-3 victory, but

the scoreboard was far from the focus of the night.

For McGowan and the program, the Strike Out Stigma game is about opening conversations around mental health, particularly in athletics where those discussions can sometimes be difficult.

“Every day is a chance to normalize mental health, especially among athletes,” McGowan said. “Strike Out Stigma is one way we try to do that and remind our play-

ers that it's okay to talk about what they're going through.”

The event also carries a deeper meaning for the Wekiva softball family. The game honors the memory of Amanda Crafton, a member of the Class of 2019 who tragically passed away. Each year, Crafton's family—including her young daughter—attends the game and participates in the pregame ceremony.

“When we lost Amanda, we knew we had to bring this idea to life,” McGowan said. “We love that her family comes out every year and is part of this night.”

More than anything, McGowan hopes the message resonates beyond the field.

“We want our players, past and present, to know they can always pick up the phone and call a teammate or a coach and we'll show up for them—no judgment,” she said. “I'm thankful every day to coach alongside Coach McCoy and am forever humbled by all the players who have called me Coach Taylor. I hope they know our love and support for them is unconditional and lifelong.”

## WEKIVA BASEBALL

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through the middle innings. Three batters were set down in order in the second, and they went quietly again in the third.

Circle Christian began to chip away. After putting runners on, the Centurions broke through with an RBI single to take a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning. Reinert limited further damage with a strikeout and groundout, keeping the deficit manageable.

Defensively, Wekiva continued to flash. Later in the game, Caden Lopez fielded a hit to left field and fired home for an out at the plate, preventing another run from scoring and keeping the game in reach.

The Mustangs needed a spark, and they found it in the fifth.

Robinson opened the inning with a single to left, and

Bowen followed with a walk to put two runners on. After a deep fly ball allowed Robinson to tag up to third, Reinert delivered again, driving a ball into the outfield to bring him home and tie the game.

A passed ball moved Reinert into scoring position, and another wild pitch allowed Bowen to steal home, putting the Mustangs back in front. Moments later, another ball slipped past the catcher, and Reinert slid safely to take a 4-2 lead—although it proved to be short-lived.

Robinson took over on the mound in the sixth, and Circle Christian quickly applied pressure. Two walks and a groundout set up the Centurions, and a line drive double to right field brought in two runs to tie the game at 4-4.

After another walk, Emil Flaquer entered in relief, but

control issues allowed another run to score. A single to right field added one more, capping a four-run inning that swung the game back in Circle Christian's favor at 6-4.

Flaquer settled in to limit further damage, striking out two batters to end the inning. He was dominant in the seventh, recording three strikeouts to give Wekiva one last chance.

In the final frame, Bowen opened with a single to center, bringing life to the Mustang dugout. But back-to-back ground balls resulted in fielder's choice outs, quickly shrinking the opportunity.

With two outs and the tying run at the plate, Graham stepped in and drove a ball deep to right field. For a moment, it looked like it might carry, but it was tracked down by the outfielder, ending the

game and sealing the 6-4 loss.

Reinert, committed to play baseball at Daytona Beach Christian University next spring, led the charge with two hits, two runs and an RBI at the plate, while collecting four strikeouts on the mound.

“It was a blessing,” Reinert said of his four years at Wekiva. “With the boys, it's been a fun ride. I can't ask for a better group. It's probably the best season I've had.”

Even in defeat, the night remained centered on the seniors and what they've meant to the program.

“They've been great,” Piard said. “The leadership that they've showed has allowed the underclassmen to follow their lead. Great character, good in the classroom. Despite the outcome, they've given us everything you



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Brady Reinert successfully steals home against Circle Christian.

would want from seniors—in leadership and being solid teammates. Our coaching staff couldn't be prouder.”

Now, Wekiva turns its focus to the postseason with a clear mindset.

“Our mindset right now is short innings on defense,

long innings on offense,” Piard said. “Our biggest successes have come when we get that pitcher off the mound quickly. Our defense has improved tremendously, and we're looking to keep tightening that up and get the bats going.”

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**VERSE OF THE WEEK**

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—Ecclesiastes 7:11

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# 16 Apopka athletes sign college letters of intent

Blue Darters enjoy unusually large spring signing day

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

Apopka High School celebrated one of its largest spring signing classes in recent years on Wednesday afternoon, as 16 seniors officially signed their letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.

The group represented multiple programs across campus.

The baseball program

saw two of its leaders move on to the next level. Tyler Spaid, a pitcher and first baseman, signed with John Melvin Christian (Florida), while Camron Pennock, a pitcher and outfielder, will continue his career at Ave Maria University (Florida). Both credited their development at Apopka as key to their success.

"I'm going to bring everything I have in my arsenal," Spaid said. "Pitching, hitting, what my coaches and all my teammates have taught me."

Pennock emphasized growth in confidence over his four years.

"I learned to keep my confidence up and not doubt myself," he said. "My coaches and teammates helped me know that I have the skills and the talent to do what I do best."

Last November, their baseball teammate Jez Hamrick signed to play for Coker University in South Carolina.

The girls soccer trio of Nevaeh Nguyen (McNeese State, Louisiana), Ava Croeze (West Virginia Wesleyan), and Robyn Pickard (Polk State, Florida) also signed after standout careers. The three were instrumental on both sides

of the field this season, combining for 32 goals while anchoring the team defensively.

The softball program continued its dominant run with four signees: Shylah Pino (West Alabama), Alicia Lopez (Seminole State), Ava Millsbaugh (Eastern Florida), and Haylee Thames (Florida Gateway). They joined Taylor Smith, who signed in November to play at the University of North Carolina.

The talented group has so far helped lead Apopka to a 16-4 record, a 10-game win streak, and a Metro Conference Championship

this season.

In boys volleyball, outside hitter Caden McGatha signed with Kings University (Tennessee), bringing leadership and experience to the collegiate level.

"I've learned how to be a leader and build relationships," McGatha said. "If people don't trust you, it doesn't mean anything."

Baylee Bowden, who does competitive dance for a local team, will continue her career at Grand Canyon University (Arizona).

The football program had a strong showing as well, with Josiah Davis (Warner University,

Florida), Demarco Shaw (Florida Memorial), and Ty'Derion Powell (Trinity College, Florida) all signing.

Shaw highlighted his growth as a leader.

"I didn't know I had that in me before this season," he said. "I'm going to take that leadership with me and go ball out."

Rounding out the class was flag football standout Joeliz Charliz Diaz Rivera, who signed with Eastern University (Pennsylvania), and Keon Maxcean, who will play lacrosse at Missouri Valley College.

## VOLLEYBALL

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kills and a block alongside White. After trading points early, Apopka created separation with an all-around attack and strong serving.

Colclasure added another ace, and Robinson delivered a series of big swings to keep Olympia reeling. The Blue Darters steadily built their lead to 20-15 before closing things out behind McGatha and Robinson at the net.

Robinson sealed the match with a block, and an Olympia error ended the set at 25-18, sending Apopka into celebration.

McGatha led all players with 14 kills and five aces, while Robinson added nine kills and two blocks. White orchestrated the offense with 31 assists, and Cottman chipped in five kills and two blocks in a strong all-around effort.

For Coach Mater and the seniors, the night meant more than just the result.

"I'm gonna miss a lot of them," Mater said. "I looked at the banners we hung tonight and just thought, man, I'm going to lose eight great players. You just hope they go out

into the real world and do the best they can for themselves and have a good life."

Setter Nathan White reflected on both the win and his journey with the program.

"It felt great to get this tonight," White said. "I know we've struggled a bit this season, but it's really nice to come out and 3-0 our opponents on senior night. I'm really proud of how everyone played."

McGatha felt similar, emphasizing the atmosphere and energy that sur-

rounded the match.

"It was unreal," he said. "The atmosphere in here tonight was unlike I've seen in a while. We had fans, we had students, the bench was going—everything was perfect. I wouldn't have had it any other way."

Mater believes that same energy could be the key as Apopka heads into the postseason.

"If they have this energy year-round, they're a championship team," he said. "It's just about getting them to bring it every night."



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Blue Darters pose after senior night sweep against Olympia.

## APOPKA BASEBALL

FROM B1

lowed, including a ball driven over the infield and another to right field, allowing the Rams to extend their lead. A sacrifice fly and an RBI single pushed the score to 4-0 before Apopka could get out of the inning.

Apopka's offense fought back in the bottom half after Bryce Doss worked a walk to start the rally. Rieli delivered a hard hit to left field that scored Doss and allowed him to reach third on an out-of-play ball. Moments later, Rieli scampered home on a wild pitch, cutting the deficit to 4-2.

Lake Mary responded immediately in the fourth.

The Rams continued to find gaps, stringing together hits and capitalizing on



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Aiden Rieli makes a grab at shortstop on a fly ball.

defensive miscues. A deep drive to the right field warning track and another ground ball through the infield helped bring in three more

runs, extending the lead to 7-2.

Throughout the middle innings, Apopka's pitching staff worked to keep the

game within reach. Spaid recorded multiple strikeouts in relief, while the defense flashed moments of brilliance—including a diving stop at third by Nico Posluszny and a strong double play turned by Ty Livingston and Rieli in the seventh.

Still, the Darters' offense struggled to find sustained momentum.

Lake Mary's starting pitcher controlled the game from the outset, mixing pitches effectively and limiting hard contact. Apopka went through multiple stretches of three-up, three-down innings, unable to mount a consistent rally.

Lake Mary added another insurance run in the seventh on a wild pitch, and

Apopka made one final push in the bottom half.

Jez Hamrick started the inning with a walk, and Pennock followed with a line drive double to left. After a pitching change, Posluszny delivered, driving a ball into left field to bring home two runs and cut the deficit to 8-4.

That would be as close as the Darters would get. Lake Mary closed the door with three straight strikeouts, sealing the victory and ending Apopka's postseason.

Despite the loss, Garland expressed pride in his team's effort and growth throughout the season, which was his first leading the program.

"I'm super impressed with them this season," he

said. "They had a completely different coaching staff and a completely different way of doing things, and they just competed every day. Even in the games we lost, we were right there."

Garland also pointed to the foundation this year's group has built for the future.

"They set the tone for everybody ahead of them," he said. "The guys that are leaving bought in and did things the right way, and everybody below them is going to follow that. We're going to be fine. We're going to have a lot of success in the future."

Apopka finishes its season at 15-9 and ranked in the top 20 in the Orlando area, with a core group of 11 seniors departing.




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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Friday, April 17

**Crayola After Dark: Adult Night**  
6:30 p.m. at 8001 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando  
Event featuring 80s music, hands-on crafts, a trinket tray workshop, and access to interactive attractions. Ages 18+.

**Harbor Nights Primavera**  
6:30 p.m. at 5601 Universal Blvd., Orlando  
Italian-inspired evening with food and wine tastings, live music, and an opera performance. Ages 21+.

## Saturday, April 18

**Bahia Shrine 5K Camel Walk/Run**  
7:30 a.m. at 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka  
A family-friendly 5K featuring entertainment and a special appearance by a live camel.

**Adopt-A-Tree**  
8 a.m. at 6021 S. Conway Road, Orlando  
Residents can pick up free trees to plant at home, with a limit of two per household while supplies last.

**Best Buddies Friendship Walk**  
8 a.m. at 195 N. Rosalind Ave., Orlando  
A walk supporting inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Vendor Rush Orlando**  
Noon at 195 N. Rosalind Ave.,

Orlando  
Pop-up market featuring local vendors, artisans, and small businesses.

**Dance Party**  
Noon at 8001 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando  
Family-friendly event celebrating Earth Day with music, dancing, games, and crafts.

**Vegan Day**  
Noon at 9101 International Drive, Orlando  
Day party with music, food, and themed entertainment open to all.

**Candyland Carnival** at Lollipops  
2 p.m. at 9401 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando  
An indoor, kid-friendly carnival featuring a parade, music, costumes, and live entertainment.

**Draw or Die - Film Screening**  
2 p.m. at 900 E. Princeton St., Orlando  
A documentary screening exploring the life and artwork of self-taught artist Minnie Evans.

**Fossil Club**  
4:30 p.m. at 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A, Orlando  
Learn how to find and identify fossils in this educational session.

**Casino Night**  
4:30 p.m. at 201 W. Orange St., Apopka  
A fundraiser event featuring casino-style games to support a cancer charity.

**Jazz Day**  
5 p.m. at 3710 Jason Dwelley

Courtesy of Bahia Shrine 5K Camel walk / Run

Runners and walkers will take part in the 7th Annual Bahia Shrine 5K Camel Walk/Run on Saturday, April 18, in Apopka, featuring a family-friendly race and appearance of a live camel.

Parkway, Apopka  
An outdoor concert celebrating International Jazz Day.

**Line Dancing**  
6:30 p.m. at 40 E. 5th St., Apopka  
Beginner-friendly line dancing.

## Sunday, April 19

**Jazz & Gospel**  
Noon p.m. at 300 E. New

England Ave., Winter Park  
An afternoon event blending jazz and gospel music to celebrate culture and raise scholarship funds.

**Concert & University Bands Concert**  
5 p.m. at 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando  
An evening of classical and contemporary music performed by UCF's Concert and

University Bands.

**Poetry Open Mic**  
7:30 p.m. at 2000 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando  
A monthly open mic event featuring poetry performances in a variety of languages.

## Wednesday, April 22

**Goodwill Job Fair**  
10 a.m. at 7527 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando  
Goodwill Industries of Central Florida hosts a job fair featuring more than 30 employers and on-site interviews. Job seekers are encouraged to bring résumés and dress professionally.

# Taco Tuesday and beyond: cheesy, savory and sweet

For the perfect comfort food to cover your next Taco Tuesday or just about any day of the week, we have a hearty Tex-Mex taco lasagna that is cheesy, delicious, and perfect for a crowd. Besides being flavorful for days, it is also a great way to stretch a pound of ground beef! Inside, you'll find a taco-spiced beef and black bean sauce, flour tortillas, creamed corn, and a generous amount of sharp cheddar and pepper jack cheeses. The list of pros for this casserole from [delish.com/cooking](http://delish.com/cooking) goes on and on.



For you folks who don't want to fool around with a grill or smoker but who still love the taste of tender, dry rubbed ribs, how about this idea for oven baked pork ribs done in heavy-duty foil packets that you make and seal around the ribs? It is really simple to prepare. I thought I must have read it wrong when I saw the oven temperature of "250 degrees," but no; the book really says "250 degrees for 2- to 2-1/2 hours." They add, "When the meat pulls away from the bone, they are ready!" This recipe comes from Palmetto Creek Farms in their book titled *From Field to Feast*.

Simple, bright, and delicious, this spring salad recipe comes to you from a website called *Love and Lemons*. It is a perfect light meal or side dish filled with fresh veggies, herbs, and a zippy vinaigrette. The amounts listed will serve four.

From *The Jones-Morris Family Treasury*, here is a Carrot, Nut and Raisin Cake recipe from Betty Ann Vakauza that will make your family sing and dance and beg for more. A recipe (from *Southern Living*) for a superb cream cheese frosting follows Betty Ann's cake recipe.

## HOW TO MAKE TACO LASAGNA

From [delish.com](http://delish.com)

**INGREDIENTS:**  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil, plus more for greasing  
1 medium yellow onion, chopped, plus more for serving  
1 bell pepper, seeds and ribs removed, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
1 pound (85% lean) ground beef  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon ground cumin  
1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained  
1 (15-ounce) jar medium salsa (about 1-1/2 cup)  
1/4-cup water  
6 (8-inch) flour tortillas, divided  
8 ounces sharp cheddar, shredded, divided  
8 ounces pepper Jack cheese, shredded, divided  
1 (14.75-ounce) can creamed corn, divided  
Sour cream, chopped tomatoes, and chopped fresh cilantro, for serving.

### DIRECTIONS:

1) Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly grease a 13" x 9" baking dish with oil. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon of oil. Add onion and bell pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 7 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute more. 2) Add beef, seasoned with salt and pepper. Cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until beef is no longer pink, about 6 minutes. Drain fat. 3) Add chili powder, flour, and cumin to skillet and cook, stirring, until meat is coated and fragrant, about 1 minute. 4) Add beans, salsa, and 1/4 cup water. Cook, scraping browned bits from bottom of skillet, until beans and salsa are combined and warmed through, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat. 5) Spread a small amount of beef mixture on bottom of prepared dish. Top with 2 tortillas. Sprinkle with one-quarter of cheddar and one-quarter of Pepper Jack cheese. Top with half of creamed corn and half of remaining beef mixture. Top with 2 more tortillas, one-quarter of cheddar and one-quarter of Pepper Jack, then remaining creamed corn and beef mixture. Finish off with the remaining 2 tortillas, cheddar, and Pepper Jack. 6) Bake the lasagna until cheeses have melted and filling is bubbling, about 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and let stand about 10 minutes. 7) Drizzle with sour cream. Top with onions, tomatoes, and cilantro, and serve.

## PALMETTO CREEK FARMS, AVON PARK, DRY-RUBBED BABY BACK RIBS

Recipe from *Field to Feast*

**INGREDIENTS:**  
1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar  
1/4 cup paprika  
1/4 cup ancho chili powder (dark Mexican chili powder)  
4 teaspoons coarse salt  
4 teaspoons smoked paprika

4 teaspoons cumin  
4 teaspoons cayenne  
4 (2-pound) slabs loin back ribs, membrane removed (ask your butcher to do this for you)  
**DIRECTIONS:**

1) Mix brown sugar, paprika, ancho chili powder, salt, smoked paprika, cumin, and cayenne in a small bowl, making sure to break up chunks of brown sugar. 2) Put ribs bone side up on sheet pan. Season each slab with rub on both sides. Refrigerate at least 1 hour, loosely covered. 3) Heat oven to 250 degrees Fahrenheit. Cut four (12- by 12-inch) square sheets of heavy-duty aluminum foil. 4) Put a slab of ribs, meat side up, on a sheet of foil. Fold ends to make loose packet around each slab; seal. Put packets on sheet pan. 5) Bake 2- to 2-1/2 hours. Check ribs for doneness by gently pulling on bones. When they begin to pull away from meat, they are ready to serve.

## BRIGHT SPRING SALAD

Recipe from: [loveandlemons.com](http://loveandlemons.com)

**INGREDIENTS:**  
1 bunch asparagus, tender parts, chopped into 1-inch pieces  
1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed  
A few handfuls salad greens  
2 radishes, thinly sliced  
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese  
1/2 avocado, pitted and diced  
1/4 cup chopped toasted pistachios  
1/2 cup roasted chickpeas  
Fresh herbs, for garnish (basil, mint and/or chives)  
Sea salt and freshly ground pepper  
**DRESSING:**  
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, or a mix of basil and mint leaves  
1 small garlic clove  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon lemon zest  
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as desired  
1/4 teaspoon sea salt  
**DIRECTIONS:**

1) **Blanch the asparagus:** Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and set a bowl of ice water nearby. Blanch the asparagus for about 1 minute, or until tender but still bright green. Transfer blanched asparagus to the ice water for one minute, then drain. Allow the asparagus to dry and transfer it back to the bowl and add the peas. 2) **Make the dressing:** In a

food processor, pulse together the basil, garlic, lemon juice and zest, vinegar, olive oil, and salt. Season to taste, adding more oil as desired. 3) Add half of the dressing to the bowl with the asparagus and toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. 4) **Assemble the salad:** Arrange the salad greens on a platter, then layer the asparagus/pea mixture, the radishes, feta, avocado, pistachios, chickpeas, and herbs on top. Drizzle with the remaining dressing, season to taste with more salt and pepper, and serve.

## BETTY ANN VAKAUZA'S CARROT, NUT AND RAISIN CAKE

Recipe from *The Jones-Morris Family Treasury*

### INGREDIENTS & DIRECTIONS:

1-1/3 cups butter, softened  
2 cups sugar  
Cream together the butter and sugar, and add:  
4 eggs  
Mix all together, then combine and add:

2 cups flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
Mix all together, then add:  
3 cups grated carrots  
2/3 cups nuts  
2/3 cups raisins

Mix well. Then pour batter into 13-inch greased and floured pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until well browned and center springs back to the touch. Frost with cream cheese frosting; see below.

## CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

Recipe from *Southern Living All-Time Favorites*

**INGREDIENTS:**  
3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
1 (3-ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
3 cups sifted powdered sugar  
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
**DIRECTIONS:**

Beat butter and softened cream cheese at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Add powdered sugar and vanilla; beat until smooth. Then frost your cake! Yield: 4 cups frosting.

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**IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES WALLACE SPRADLING II Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the Estate of JAMES WALLACE SPRADLING II, deceased on January 11, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.  
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice is April 17, 2026.  
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April 17, 24, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001095-O**  
**DIV NO.: 39**  
**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**DARREL VION WALRAVEN, et al.,**  
**Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III**  
**AS TO: GEORGE R. HORTON**  
1837 BAYWOOD DRIVE  
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84117  
**JOAN R. DEBRY, DECEASED**  
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DATED this 14th day of April, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
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MRHC #ORANGE  
April 17, 24, 2026

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**Plaintiff,**  
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**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V**  
**Unit Week 03 in Unit 7122, in CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 4263 at Page 0404 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.**  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2026-CP-000446-O**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**IN RE ESTATE OF: JACQUALYN MCADAMS, Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:**  
The administration of the estate of JACQUALYN MCADAMS, deceased, File Number 2026-CP-000446-O, is pending in the Circuit Court for ORANGE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is ORANGE County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:**  
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 claim with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
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The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 17, 2026.  
ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
**DATED** this 9th day of April, 2026  
**Personal Representative:**  
JANE HAMMOND  
303 Tylertown Road  
Clarksville, TN 37040  
**Attorney for Personal Representative:**  
S. Whitney Ellis, Esquire  
Fla. Bar No. 0105577  
Smith Thompson Shaw  
Colon & Power, P.A.  
PO Box 541614  
Orlando, FL 32854,  
Phone: (407) 232-9380;  
Email: whitneye@stslaw.com  
Attorney for Petitioner  
April 17, 24, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2025-CA-007518-O**  
**DIV NO.: 36**  
**MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**PAUL J. CROWTHER, et al., Defendants.**  
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**TO: FLAVIO A. MENEGHETTI**  
RUA BELIZE N 9  
LONDRIINA,  
PR 86050-200  
BRAZIL  
MARIA CRISTINA MENEGHETTI  
RUA BELIZE N 9  
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April 17, 24, 2026

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April 17, 24, 2026

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**CASE NO. 2026-CA-001028-O**  
**DIV NO.: 37**  
**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.**  
**CYNTHIA D. NEWTON, et al., Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT IV**  
**TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: WILLIAM HAWKINS**  
55 PORTMARNOCK CRESCENT  
PORTMARNOCK  
CO DUBLIN D13 EY24 IRELAND  
**AND**  
SIOBHAN HAWKINS  
55 PORTMARNOCK CRESCENT  
PORTMARNOCK  
CO DUBLIN D13 EY24 IRELAND  
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:  
**COUNT IV**  
**Unit Week 08 in Unit 9252, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.**  
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
DATED on this April/02/2026  
Tiffany Moore Russell  
Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Michelle Zayas  
Deputy Clerk  
425 North Orange Ave.  
Suite 350  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
CONFORMED COPY TO:  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP  
200 S. Orange Avenue,  
Suite 2600  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Ph. (407) 244-5198  
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF  
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THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
HK#110523.2021/GV242  
April 10, 17, 2026

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April 17, 24, 2026

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**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
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**Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII**  
**TO: LEROY S. ADAMS, DECEASED**  
236 PERSHING AVENUE  
CLEMSON  
SC 29631-2192  
**GERARDINE B. ADAMS**  
236 PERSHING AVENUE  
CLEMSON,  
SC 29631-2192  
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DATED on this April/02/2026  
Tiffany Moore Russell  
Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Michelle Zayas  
Deputy Clerk  
425 North Orange Ave.  
Suite 350  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
CONFORMED COPY TO:  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP  
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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.  
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April 10, 17, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001095-O**  
**DIV NO.: 39**  
**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**DARREL VION WALRAVEN, et al.,**  
**Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V**  
**TO: WINONA J ADKINS, DECEASED**  
729 55TH STREET  
OAKLAND, CA 94609  
**WILLIAM L. SPIGHT**  
729 55TH STREET  
OAKLAND, CA 94609  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 14, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001095-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT V**  
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: C00041 & C00042 & C00043 & C00044 & C00045 & C00046) 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,

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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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001095-O**  
**DIV NO.: 39**  
**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**DARREL VION WALRAVEN, et al.,**  
**Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII**  
**TO: HERBERT ZARROW, DECEASED**  
6545 AVENIDA  
CONTENTO STREET  
INDIO, CA 92203  
**PATTIE S. ZARROW**  
81545 AVENIDA  
CONTENTO STREET  
INDIO, CA 92203  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 14, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001095-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT VI**  
10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: H11106 & H11107 & H11108 & H11109 & H11110 & H11111 & H11112 & H11113 & H11114 & H11115

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, 2014 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on MAY 28, 2026, online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://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 April 14, 2026. DATED this 14th day of April, 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 #126435.9057 MORI #ORANGE April 17, 24, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-012575-O DIV NO.: 39 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. EDMUND ROBERT STEWART, et. al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT VI TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: CONNIE S. STEWART aka CONSTANCE S. STEWART, DECEASED 3405 E 58TH PL TULSA, OK 74135-7846** The above named Defendant is believed to be dead 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 for other relief relative to the following described property: **COUNT VI** 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: V78101 & V78102 & V78103 & V78104 & V78105 & V78106 & V78107 & V78108) 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, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). **AND** 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 867708 & 867709 & 867710 & 867711 & 867712 & 867713) 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). **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 29 day of MARCH 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Brian Williams Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you

are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 2130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this document. If hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#129710.0146/MP26 April 10, 17, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-003680-O DIVISION NUMBER: 36 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF A FREEGO ELECTRIC BICYCLE MODEL NS, VIN L7KEWR105S1000116 NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: RODNEY S. RUIZ ANDINO 3014 NARCISUS LANE ORLANDO, FL 32825** and all others who claim an interest in Freego Electric Bicycle Model NS, VIN L7KEWR105S1000116, which was seized on or about the 21st day of February, 2026, at or near the Econ River and Dean Road, Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. **I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 6th day of April, 2026. /s/ Jose C. Campa Jose C. Campa Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar No. 105781 Orange County Sheriff's Office Legal Services P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 Jose.campa@ocsoff.com April 10, 17, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-003935-O DIVISION NUMBER: 36 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF A 2013 INFINITI G37 VINJN1CV6L8DM980910 NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: CARLOS ETIENNE 3146 C R Smith St. Apt. 206 ORLANDO, FL 32805** and all others who claim an interest in **A 2014 MASERATI VIN: ZAM57XSASE1097550**, which was seized on or about the 24th day February 2026, at or near Amelia St./Orange Ave., Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. **I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 13th day of April 2026. /s/ Jose C. Campa Jose C. Campa Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar No 105781 Orange County Sheriff's Office Legal Services P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 jose.campa@ocsoff.com April 17, 24, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-003660-O DIVISION NUMBER: 34 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$8,769.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND 4 SLOT MACHINES SEIZED FROM 827 W. LANCASTER ROAD, ORLANDO, FL 32809 NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: AHMED TOUFIQUE UDDIN 827 W. LANCASTER DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32809** **ALEXANDER PENTHENY GENERAL DELIVERY ORLANDO, FL 32827** and all others who claim an interest in \$8,769.00 in U.S. Currency and 4 Slot Machines seized from 827 W. Lancaster Road, Orlando, FL 32809, which was seized on or about the 20th day of February, 2026, at or near 827 W. Lancaster Rd., Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. **I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 6th day of April, 2026. /s/Jose C. Campa Jose C. Campa Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar No. 105781 Orange County Sheriff's Office Legal Services P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 Jose.campa@ocsoff.com April 10, 17, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE FOLLOWING TENANTS WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH TO SATISFY RENTAL LIENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, SECTIONS 83.806 AND 83.807. CONTENTS MAY INCLUDE TOOLS, FURNITURE, BEDDING, KITCHEN, TOYS, GAMES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, PACKED CARTONS, CARS, TRUCKS, ETC. THERE IS NO TITLE FOR VEHICLES SOLD AT LIEN SALE. OWNERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BID ON UNITS. LIEN SALE TO BE HELD ONLINE, ENDING TUESDAY, May 5, 2026. VIEWING AND BIDDING WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.STORAGETREASURES.COM BEGINNING AT LEAST 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME. PERSONAL MINI STORAGE APOPKA, 1365 E Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703, 10:00 AM: 1128 Sean O'Connell, Janaye Priscilla Trombley, 2002 Suzukii VZ80K2 Marauder JS1V5S3A322101259; 1309-Dashaw Brooks; 1407-Ashton Urea; 1409-Emil Llena April 17, 24, 2026**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-007518-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent**

**on behalf of CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. PAUL J. CROWTHER, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III TO: VERNA R. ROBINSON, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF VERNA R. ROBINSON, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT D MEUSE & K CROTEAU EXECUTORS 68 MCLENNAN WAY KANATA, ONTARIO K2L2T2 CANADA STANLEY H. ROBINSON, DECEASED D MEUSE & K CROTEAU EXECUTORS 68 MCLENNAN WAY KANATA, ONTARIO K2L2T2 CANADA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 13, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-007518-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: **COUNT III Unit Week 42 in Unit 5436, in CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 4263 at Page 0404 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.** at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of **11:00 a.m. on the 28th of MAY, 2026** online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://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 April 14, 2026. DATED April 14, 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 #110522.1697 MRHC #ORANGE April 17, 24, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011175-O NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, vs. JAMES L. MUIR, IV; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES L. MUIR, IV; WATERMARK AT HORIZON WEST HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendant(s). NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 31, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2025-CA-011175-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, and JAMES L. MUIR, IV; WATERMARK AT HORIZON WEST HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., are Defendants. TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com), at 11:00 AM, on the 27th day of May, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit: **LOT 171, OF WATERMARK PHASE 1B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 84, PAGES 32 THROUGH 37, 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: April 2, 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 25-52387 Published in: THE APOPKA CHIEF April 10, 17, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-001974-O DIVISION NUMBER: 36 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$15,525.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY TO: Tyrone D. Sims Jr. NOTICE OF ACTION YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orange County Sheriff's Office on the following property in Orange County, FL: seized on or about the 9 day of **January 2026**, at or near **720 Spring West Rd. #L203**, Orlando, Orange County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Assistant General Counsel for the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Legal Services, P.O. Box 1440, Orlando, Florida 32802, within

30 days of this publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. If you are a person with disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. DATED this March 27, 2026 TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, Clerk of the Court BY: /s/ Stanley Green Deputy Clerk 425 North Orange Ave. Suite 310 Orlando, Florida 32801 Publish: The Apopka Chief April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA File No. 2025-GA-000157-O PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF JAYDEN MAHONE Minor NOTICE OF ACTION TO: JAMOCIA MAHONE** Last Known Address: 5001 Catspaw Ct, Orlando, Florida 32808 **YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor (Property) has been filed in this Court regarding the property interests of your minor child, JAYDEN MAHONE. The property involved includes real estate located at 5493 Rolling Meadows Rd., Randleman, NC 27317, valued at approximately \$300,000.00. This action is limited to the management and protection of the minor's property and does not seek to terminate your parental rights or alter the current physical custody of the minor. This notice shall be published once each week for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Apopka Chief, a newspaper published in Orange County, Florida. The first publication date is April 3, 2026. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: John A. Morey, Esq. Morey Law Firm, P.A. 250 N. Orange Ave., Suite 1220 Orlando, FL 32801 Email: johnamorey@gmail.com or before May 1, 2026, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 31st day of March, 2026. (SEAL) CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Deputy Clerk April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BARTLETT TOWING, INC** gives notice that on **05/07/2026** at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. **2015 TOYT 21TBURHE6FC459856 Publish: The Apopka Chief April 17, 2026**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-003747-O DIVISION NUMBER: 33 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF A FREEGO ELECTRIC BIKE MODEL NS, which was seized on or about the 21st day February 2026, at or near Econ River/Dean Rd., Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 8th day of April 2026. /s/ Jose C. Campa Jose C. Campa Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar No.105781 Orange County Sheriff's Office Legal Services P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 jose.campa@ocsoff.com April 17, 24, 2026

**ANDOVER LAKES, PHASE I HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE YOLANDA MITCHELL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 15, 2022; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and UNKNOWN PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF ACTION TO: THE DULY APPOINTED SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE(S) OF THE YOLANDA MITCHELL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 15, 2022 Last Known Address 10826 Fairhaven Way Orlando, FL 32825 Current Residence is Unknown TO: UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE YOLANDA MITCHELL REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 15, 2022 Last Known Address 10826 Fairhaven Way Orlando, FL 32825 Current Residence is Unknown**

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Orange County, Florida: **LOT 141, ANDOVER LAKES PHASE 1-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGES 142 THROUGH 147, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.** has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Diaz Anselmo & Associates, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is P.O. BOX 19519, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318, (954) 564-0071, answers@dallegal.com, within 30 days from first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. DATED on April 9, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell As Clerk of the Court BY: /s/ Nancy Garcia As Deputy Clerk CIRCUIT COURT SEAL 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. 7230-225310/ME2 PUBLISH: The Apopka Chief April 17, 24, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-007518-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. PAUL J. CROWTHER, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV TO: BILLY W. ANDERSON, DECEASED C/O DAVID C PIPPIN EXECUTOR 100 STONEBRIDGE BOULEVARD JACKSON, TENNESSEE 38801 MARGIE A. ANDERSON, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF MARGIE A. ANDERSON, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT C/O DAVID C PIPPIN EXECUTOR 100 STONEBRIDGE BOULEVARD JACKSON, TENNESSEE 38801 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 13, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-007518-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: **COUNT IV Unit Week 11 in Unit 7033, in CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 4263 at Page 0404 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.** at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of **11:00 a.m. on the 28th of MAY, 2026** online at [www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://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 April 14, 2026. DATED April 14, 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 #110522.1699 MRHC #ORANGE April 17, 24, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-003747-O DIVISION NUMBER: 33 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF A FREEGO ELECTRIC BIKE MODEL NS, which was seized on or about the 21st day February 2026, at or near Econ River/Dean Rd., Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 8th day of April 2026. /s/ Jose C. Campa Jose C. Campa Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar No.105781 Orange County Sheriff's Office Legal Services P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 jose.campa@ocsoff.com April 17, 24, 2026

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1317 Edgewater Dr., Suite 3458, in the County of Orange in the City of Orlando Florida 32804, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orlando, Florida, this 13 day of April, 2026. Alliance Estate, LLC April 17, 2026

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-001028-O DIV NO.: 37 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. CYNTHIA D. NEWTON, et. al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: MARTA I. SWANSON 14524 BYWOOD AVENUE BATON ROUGE, LA 70819** 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 II Unit Week 33 in Unit 8145, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.** AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED on this 14th day of April, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /s/ Stanley Green Deputy Clerk 425 North Orange Ave. Suite 310 Orlando, Florida 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#110523.2019/GV242 April 17, 24, 2026

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