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## Nesta touts 'new era' of city leadership

Officials sworn in before hundreds

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

With applause echoing through a packed Apopka Community Center, the city formally swore in a new mayor and three commissioners on Tuesday, marking a leadership transition following the March general election and April runoff election.

The Apopka Communi-

ty Center had originally been prepared for 150 guests, but at least twice that number attended the oath of office ceremony.

State Trooper and News 6 traffic anchor Steve Montiero, who emceed the event, pointed to the overflow crowd as a sign of civic engagement.

"You look around in this room, they had to add about 40 extra chairs," he said. "And then we got crews standing in the back there."

Nick Nesta was sworn in as mayor, transitioning from his previous role as a city commissioner, alongside Commissioner Sam Ruth for Seat 1, Commissioner Diane Velazquez for Seat 2, and Commissioner Yesenia "Jesi" Baron for Seat 4. Commissioner Nadia Anderson for Seat 3, who was not up for election, also attended the ceremony.

The ceremony proceeded with the administration of oaths to each commissioner

before concluding with the mayor.

Ruth, a lifelong Apopka resident returning to the dais after a decade, struck a tone of gratitude and community focus in his remarks.

"The victory of this is not mine alone. It's everybody in this room," he said. "I want to thank you all for wanting to put Apopka first. It's what makes me wake up every day and want to come back every

OATH, A6



Photo by Sarah Merly

From left to right: Commissioner Yesenia Baron, Commissioner Nadia Anderson, Mayor Nick Nesta, Commissioner Sam Ruth, Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez, Fire Chief Wil Rivera-Sanchez and Police Chief Lovetta Quinn-Henry.

## Students give Magic-al performance



Photo by Dana O'Connor

SrA Pacience Powell, Cadet 2nd LT William Warren, Major Emily Garcia, and Major Tarin Griffith stand at mid court presenting the nation's colors during the National Anthem before Game 3 of the NBA playoff series between the Orlando Magic and Detroit Pistons at the Kia Center.

Wekiva cadets deliver flawless color guard performance before playoff game

By Vinnie Cammarano Reporter

At center court inside the Kia Center, four Wekiva High School cadets stood

perfectly still—locked in position, flags raised—as the National Anthem echoed through the building.

In a moment months in the making but executed in

just minutes, Wekiva's Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AF-JROTC) Color Guard delivered everything they have trained for under the brightest lights.

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In front of a sellout crowd of 18,846 fans—and millions more watching nationally—Cadet 2nd Lt. William Warren, Senior Airman Pacience Powell, Major Tarin Griffith and Major Emily Garcia rep-

JROTC, A6

## Webster announces retirement from Congress

Ex-House speaker steps down after 47 years in state, national politics

By Sarah Merly Reporter

Republican U. S. Rep. Daniel Webster, who represents Apopka, announced his retirement in a Tuesday press release.

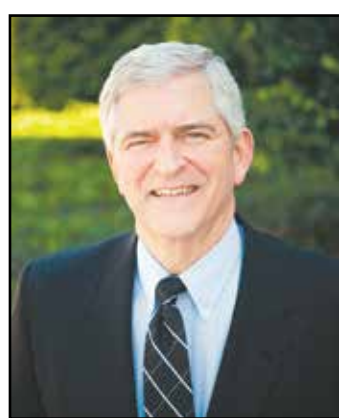
"After much prayerful

consideration and discussion with my beloved wife Sandy, I have decided not to seek re-election to the United States House of Representatives," Webster said. "It has been an honor and privilege to represent my beloved state in the U.S. House of Representatives. I've never taken for granted my responsibility to Florida's hardworking taxpayers and families to advance common-sense reforms and principled policy."

Webster said "the time has come to pass the torch" and spend more time with his family, including his wife, children and 24 grandchildren.

Webster, who turned 77 Monday, first ran for office in 1979 and was elected in 1980 to the Florida House of Representatives, which at the time was controlled by Democrats. When Republi-

WEBSTER, A7



Official photo

Rep. Daniel Webster

## Apopka Marriott hotel moves closer to reality



Courtesy of Marriott

Marriott rendering

137-room hotel clears the DRC

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

A proposed Marriott-branded hotel in Apopka's Floridian Town Center is advancing through the city's development review process, marking another step in the buildout of the S.R. 429 corridor.

The project, listed as the "Floridian Town Center Hotel" in city documents, came before the Development Review Committee (DRC) on Wednesday as a third submittal of its major development plan.

The hotel project could go before the Planning Commission on May 12, followed by City Commission review on June 3, DRC chair Bobby Howell said.

Plans call for a 137-room, four-story hotel on approximately 2.9 acres near Southfork Drive on parcel five within the larger mixed-use development. The hotel would operate under Marriott's Fairfield Inn and TownePlace Suites brands.

City staff indicated the proposal has largely addressed prior comments, with only minor revisions remaining.

"This project did get

an amendment to the Floridian Town Center development agreement to allow 137 rooms, and that's what's proposed," Howell said.

Project representatives said they encountered "speed bumps" working with the parent parcel developer, which contributed to the need for a planned development amendment and slowed the project's timeline.

"We had some speed bumps to get through with the parent parcel developer, and that led to the [planned development] amendment, which maybe took us a little bit longer to get to this point," project attorney Jason Searl said.

The Floridian Town Center is a planned 65-acre mixed-use development in northwest Apopka near S.R. 429 and U.S. 441, envisioned to include retail, restaurants, multifamily housing, medical offices and a hotel as the area continues to see rapid residential and infrastructure growth.

While portions of the Floridian Town Center are under development, the project remains in its early phases, with additional commercial and residential components expected to come online over the next several years.

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## What if kids got what they deserved on Awards Day?

Another school year is about to be put into the books, which means it is just about time for Awards Day.

That makes me grateful to be retired. I hated it.

In fairness to my negativity, it should be mentioned that most of the kids didn't seem to like it any more than I did. And most of the adults who showed up didn't look any happier than they might at a PTA meeting.

As celebrations go, this one was a little shy of feeling "special." This is partly because of one of those unwritten rules of real education: It is easier to come up with some sort of award than it is to explain to a mother why her child didn't get one.

The result is a ceremony that amounts to calling roll, except instead of answering "here," the student walks across the stage and gets an envelope.

I am fine with this to a certain extent. I have no problem with participation awards, as long as they are given to students who participated. Or at least who gave it a try. Not all did, but all got envelopes.

You may also have heard that behavior is an issue in public schools—possibly THE biggest issue. You wouldn't guess it by what happens on Awards Day. I have handed certificates of achievement to kids who not only didn't achieve anything but who did their best to keep the rest of us from doing so.

And here's some inside teacher stuff: Not all those kids with the fattest envelopes and the most certificates are students who were delightful to have in class. Being an overachiever and being a disrespectful little snot are not mutually exclusive.

The problem is that the awards are not reflective of the real value

Columnist



Jake Vest

of the kids. So, in addition to that already tediously long list of honors, I would like to add one more: The Kid You Are Most Going to Hate to See Walk Out the Door for the Last Time.

There are kids who might not have much else in their envelopes because what they bring isn't graded and can't be measured. The principal might not even know their names because they've never been sent to her office.

They just do what they can and generally do it respectfully, hardly ever complain about what's on their plate in the cafeteria, wait their turn, rarely expect more than they have coming and then are willing to share, and they make the day better just by showing up and being part of it.

Each teacher could give five points to a student from his or her class and one point each to five kids who made a positive impression in a neutral area, like the hallway, cafeteria, or on a field trip. Teachers know who these students are. Vote for the ones that make you say, "I wish that kid was in my class."

Nobody would know who won until the day of the awards, so this would add an element of suspense. And just to spice things up a bit, instead of a certificate or a ribbon the school board should put a small cash award in the envelope. Just a token amount—say, \$45,000 or so.

I didn't just grab a number at random. That's about how much extra they would have had to pay me to be a teacher if it weren't for kids like this.

Plus, such an award would be educational. It would teach some of those kids with fat envelopes and bad attitudes what the word "achievement" really means.

## Schools facing financial crisis

I'm not going to sugarcoat it. Right now, our public schools are in a financial crisis that is starting to significantly affect our staff and our students.

It's only going to get worse.

The common thought is that our budget is bloated with too many administrators and we can just cut to make our budget even. I wish that were the case, but there is no pot of money being wasted.

Our district has the lowest administrative costs per student allocation among all the large urban districts in the state, and we are ranked 12th out of the 67 districts for having the lowest administrative costs. Our district has been very lean for many years and has continued to prioritize dollars at the school level.

It is good to remember that our operating budget is funded primarily through three buckets.

The first is the state's per-student allocation. Of that allocation, 82% of that funding is used directly on school costs—teachers, books, support staff, etc. The rest covers district-wide costs, including a portion for school buses and janitors.

The second is our one-mil referendum approved by voters. This is primarily used to address the shortfalls in school funding, helping keep arts and sports alive in the

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

schools. We would be in a much more dire place without it.

The third is special allocations from the state for things like safe schools and transportation. These often have state mandates that are not covered by the allocation.

As we saw during the discussion on school resource officers last year, the increase in costs for law enforcement makes the safe schools fund significantly underfunded.

The transportation allocation, our largest, is projected to cover only about 33% of our busing costs this year. We were given \$32.8 million, and our costs were \$98.2 million. That is a loss of \$65 million. This shortfall continues to grow with the significant increase in fuel costs this year.

In all, the categoricals are about \$97.5 million short this year alone.

Every year, we have dipped into reserves to help pay for these operational costs, but unfortunately, we have used up almost all of the available reserve funds and are quickly running out of options to stay above our 3% state requirement for reserves.

So where do we cut?

You've seen a few in the media. We have started the process to close seven under-enrolled schools. We cut 200 district positions. We eliminated the safe coordinators in middle and high schools.

Despite being the lowest among all large urban districts, we have found a way to cut an additional 3% from the district this year.

It is my hope that OCPS remains as transparent and accountable as possible as we go through this process, but it's imperative that our community understands how so many factors are all coming together to create a perfect storm threatening public education.

I hope that we, as a community, can continue to advocate for public schools and for the state to invest in them. Public education provides a place for all children to learn, no matter their income or ability level. We need our public schools to thrive.

## Special session tackles redistricting

When this article is published, the Florida Legislature will have completed its first special session for 2026. Legislators convened starting Tuesday to discuss Gov. Ron DeSantis' draft (released Monday) congressional redistricting map, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Bill of Rights and medical freedom bill.

Although bills were filed in the Senate for the AI Bill of Rights and medical freedom, because the House did not file companion bills, these issues were ultimately not discussed once the Legislature convened.

The primary focus of this special session was to discuss and vote on the draft congressional redistricting map. The map, as released, appeared to give Republicans a 24-4 advantage over Democrats, up from their current 20-8 advantage. Florida's federal delegation is currently represented by 20 Republicans and seven Democrats, with an eighth Democratic seat vacant following the resignation of former Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick.

According to a statement Gov. DeSantis made to Fox News, his mid-decade redistricting proposal "more fairly represents the make-up of Florida today."

This week the Legislature was tasked with voting on the map, which passed 83-28 in the

Florida House of Representatives



Doug Bankson

House and 21-17 in the Senate, and it will apply to the 2026 midterm elections once signed by the governor.

The Legislature also revisited (but did not discuss) one of the hot topics from the 2026 regular session, AI, with a bill creating an "Artificial Intelligence Bill of Rights." This bill attempted to address the gap between the emergence of AI and current law by adding regulations to protect Floridians.

Specifically, the bill included consumer protections for minors, chatbot disclosures, interaction monitoring and personal information. Additionally, this bill placed limitations on government contracting with entities for AI services, if such entities have ties to a government of a foreign country of concern.

Further, this bill prohibit a person from publicly using for trade or for any commercial or ad-

vertising purpose the name, portrait, photograph, image, or other likeness of an individual created through generative AI without the express written or oral consent to such use.

Lastly, the bill proposed a framework for AI use as an educational tool, providing for parental notices, opt-outs and limitations.

Legislators revisited another proposal (but did not discuss) that Gov. DeSantis had announced several months back, medical freedom exemption from mandatory vaccines for children. This bill created a statutory nonmedical exemption from immunization requirements for a child attending a K-12 school, if the vaccine conflicts with the parents' conscience. Like the existing religious exemption, the conscience-based exemption would also be available to parents with children attending preschool, day care, childcare facility or family day care home facility who are subject to such requirements.

Legislators are expected to return to Tallahassee May 11-29 to finalize the fiscal year 2026-27 state budget, having now reached an agreement on allocations. Another (and likely final) special session is also expected to occur later this summer to discuss property taxes.

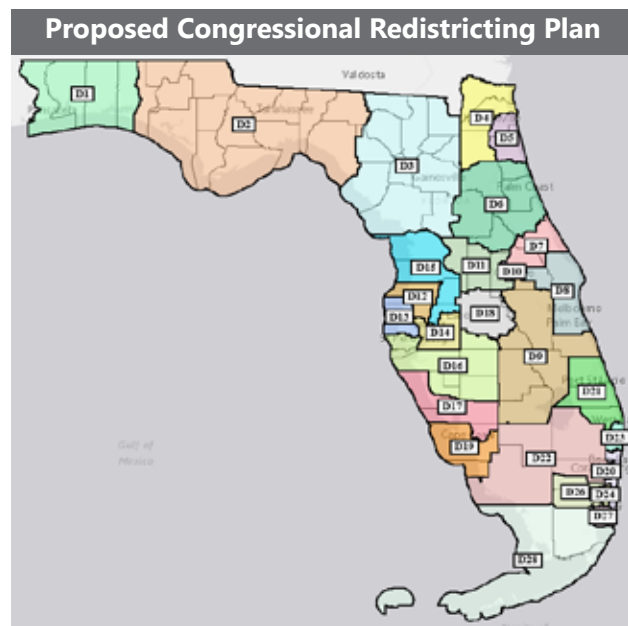
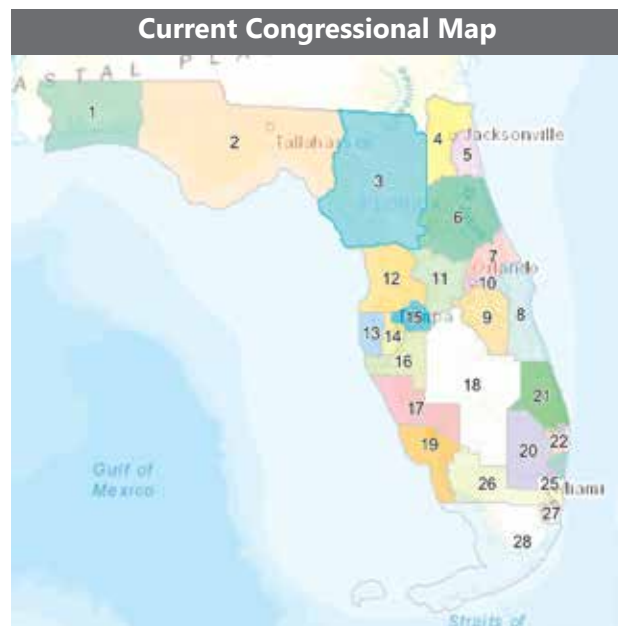
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# Lake Carter Exchange opens with mix of retail, medical uses

Development sits across from future Publix location

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

A new mixed-use development aimed at serving a fast-growing corridor in the city held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 23rd.

Located at the corner of Ocoee-Apopka Road and West Keene Road, Lake Carter Exchange will bring a mix of retail, restaurant and medical offices to the area, with some of those businesses expected to begin opening in the coming weeks.

“This is a mixed-use de-



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Apopka then-Mayor Bryan Nelson (center) cuts the ribbon at Lake Carter Exchange during a ceremony April 23 at the mixed-use development on Ocoee-Apopka Road and West Keene Road. Developers and business leaders joined the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce for the event.

velopment with a good mix of retail and medical office users,” said Trey Gravenstein, vice president of sales and partner with First Capital Property Group. “Over the next couple months, we’ll start to build out, and then shortly after that, start to open up and serve the community.”

Gravenstein said the development will include a variety of tenants, including restaurants, a dental office, an event center and a dance studio. He added that a new burrito concept based in Canada is expected to open its first Florida location at the site, though the name remains undisclosed.

Wayne King, principal with developer JW2 De-

velopment, said the project was designed to take advantage of growth in the area and its proximity to the AdventHealth Apopka hospital, which is located on Ocoee-Apopka Road along the S.R. 414 and 429 interchange.

“This area is growing, as you know, and we’re bringing mixed-use retail and office,” King said. “We saw the hospital, and we thought that would be a great opportunity for office.”

Lake Carter Exchange sits across from the future Publix-anchored Shoppes at East Shore, a 28-acre mixed-use project at the same intersection, which has been approved with road improvements and signalization

planned prior to opening.

Before cutting the ribbon, Apopka then-Mayor Bryan Nelson said Lake Carter Exchange’s corner location will benefit from a new traffic signal and the Publix-anchored mixed-use center across the street, improving access and drawing more visitors to the area.

“We’re glad to be here at Lake Carter Exchange ... great location,” Nelson said. “Looking for retail space, looking for office space—this is the place to be.”

Developers said the project is nearing completion, with final construction expected within the next month and tenant buildouts to follow.

# Florida DOH issues health alert for Northwest Recreation Complex blue-green algae

Visitors warned to stay away from Apopka pond

Staff Reports

The Florida Department of Health in Orange County (DOH-Orange) has issued a health alert regarding the Northwest Recreation Complex pond in Apopka, warning visitors about the blue-green algae toxins in the pond’s east shore.

“If ingested, water contaminated with toxic cyanobacteria can cause nausea, vomiting and, in severe cases, acute liver failure,” said the Protecting Florida Together website. “Avoid swimming in or drinking water from these waters while blue-green algal blooms are present.”

According to a Monday press release, the samples were taken on Wednesday, April 22.

“Blue-green algae are a type of bacteria that is com-

mon in Florida’s freshwater environments,” the release said. “A bloom occurs when rapid growth of algae leads to an accumulation of individual cells that discolor water and often produce floating mats that emit unpleasant odors. Blue-green algae blooms can also appear as scum, foam, or paint on the surface of the water in various colors.”

DOH-Orange encourages Northwest Recreation Complex guests to avoid

eating shellfish from, cleaning dishes with, or bringing pets into the water. In order to eat “healthy fish caught in freshwater lakes experiencing blooms,” DOH-Orange recommends rinsing fillets, dispensing of the innards, and cooking thoroughly.

For the most up-to-date information on the pond’s water quality, visit the Protecting Florida Together website at [protectingfloridatogether.gov](http://protectingfloridatogether.gov) and subscribe for notifications.



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The Florida Department of Health encourages visitors to the Northwest Recreation Complex to avoid coming in contact with the pond due to algae toxins.

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## City cuts ribbon on two CDBG homes



Photo by Sarah Merly

Marilyn Perkins cuts the ribbon for her newly renovated home at 407 E. Eighth St.

## Residents receive new life for homes on Eighth Street

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

The city of Apopka hosted two ribbon-cutting ceremonies April 24 on Eighth Street to celebrate the completion of Apopka's third and fourth Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) homes.

"We're just so excited to be here and be a part of this celebration," said then-Mayor Bryan Nelson at the 28 W. Eighth St. ribbon cutting.

According to then-Mayor Bryan Nelson, the city received a CDBG grant of \$750,000 in 2021 and contributed \$250,000, creating a total of \$1 million. The grant was designed to fund the rebuilding of three homes and renovations for two others for lower-income Apopka residents.

The 28 W. Eighth St. residence, where Jose Sanchez and Damaris Fonseca live, is the third and final house to be completely rebuilt, this time due to an excess of asbestos.

"They took two years to do all the fixing to the house, so then I moved in March, I came back to my house," Fonseca said. "I'm so happy, because



Photo by Sarah Merly

Then-Mayor Bryan Nelson cuts the ribbon alongside owners Jose Sanchez and Damaris Fonseca at 28 W. Eighth St.

I never thought—it's a gift from God. It's a beautiful house."

Contractor Julion Bell of J.M. Bell Construction said the process ran smoothly, with the house's solar panels proving the most difficult part of the reconstruction. He also called Sanchez and Fonseca his "best friends" and involved their input throughout.

"It's been very rewarding just watching their faces through the process," Bell said. "When we framed the house, we brought them in, and they came and signed the names on the frame and put little messages around the house, so that was so cool."

The second ribbon cutting, held a few blocks away at 407 E. Eighth St., celebrated the newly renovated home of Marilyn Perkins.

"Meeting Ms. Perkins was

a wonderful thing," said contractor Eugene Roberson of RDC Development Corporation. "She seemed very excited, especially when we turned the house over to her."

Perkins had applied for the grant in 2022.

"I was an alternate, and then they finally got enough money to push me through," Perkins said. "About a year ago, I think, I started signing my paperwork. They started in January."

Perkins enjoys her new hardwood floors, larger master bedroom, and her other new features, saying the house was her New Year's testimony at church.

"For New Year's, at Watch Night, you could give a testimony, and this was my testimony," Perkins said. "The money had finally come through for me... I'm just truly, truly grateful."

## James Maltby wins 2026 Service to Mankind Award

Sertoma Club honors businessman for community engagement

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Roger Williams, James Maltby and Erick Mock

Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka honored local businessman James Maltby with the 2026 Service to Mankind Award during a Tuesday event at the Fran Carlton Center.

Maltby owns and operates Maltby's Tree Service & Landscaping and is an active member of the community.

"When our Sertoma club received a grant from Duke Energy to seek in-kind tree mediation work in Apopka, who did we call? James Maltby, and James Maltby committed double the amount of work than was required, as he helped our Apopka citizens who needed help to clear dangerous trees in their yards," read sports commentator Roger Franklin Williams at the sold-out dinner. "Several of the recipients were widow ladies who are also members of the Apopka Woman's Club and other workers at the annual Apopka [Art &] Foliage Festival."

Sertoma's tribute also recognized Maltby for donating 600 oak trees and 400 crepe myrtles to the Apopka Art & Foliage Festival, advertising in The Apopka Chief for 22 years,

and supporting Apopka High School's sports programs.

"Our 2025 Service to Mankind honoree, Coach Mike MacWithey of Apopka High School, noted how much support James Maltby has provided Apopka High School athletics, including, but not limited to, softball—with his efforts, financial donations, field work and equipment," Williams said. "James Maltby provided financial support for the Apopka Blue Darter Spring Sports Celebration Series and the Blue Darter radio sports network's broadcasts of Apopka High School softball, baseball and volleyball. These broadcasts are one more thing that are unique to Apopka High School and to our Apopka community."

Maltby shared a few remarks after receiving the award, saying he "wasn't expecting" the award and thought he "was a little filler or something."

"You just do what you

want to do, you do what you think you need to do, and you do what you can to help everybody else," Maltby said. "I'll continue to do it from now until eternity."

In addition to a commemorative plaque, Maltby will receive \$250 at the next Sertoma luncheon to donate to a charity of his choice. MacWithey will also drive him in the 2026 Apopka Christmas Parade, which Sertoma organizes every year.

Maltby was selected from a group of 11 individuals nominated for their dedication to community service. Each nominee received a speech, a gift certificate to either Papa Diesel's BBQ or The Nauti Lobstah, and a certificate from Sertoma. This year's other nominees included Suzanne Archer, Renee Beasley, Ella Duke, Kathryn Duncan, Pamela Groseclose, Debbi and Hal Krise, Latonya McCoy, David L. Rollins and Rita Tybor.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 3158**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN TO OFFICE, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4410 CHANDLER ROAD AND 4420 CHANDLER ROAD; OWNED BY CHANDLER RICHARD, COMPRISING 5.12 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3159**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE) TO O (OFFICE), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4410 CHANDLER ROAD AND 4420 CHANDLER ROAD; OWNED BY CHANDLER RICHARD, COMPRISING 5.12 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



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

Notice is given that the City of Apopka Planning Commission will hold public hearings for Ordinance Number 3158 and 3159 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 beginning at 5:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance Number 3158 and 3159 will be held by the City of Apopka City Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 beginning at 7:00 P.M., and Wednesday, July 1, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible.

Interested parties and the public may appear at the above-listed hearings to speak. The proposed ordinances, along with any additional information regarding the application and review process, may be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Written public comments regarding the application for the proposed ordinance may be submitted by mail to the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka City Commission  
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May 1, 2026

### CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF FUTURE LAND USE AND CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given that Michael Rankin has made application relating to the property located at E. Keene Road, Apopka, Florida 32703, shown below for a change of future land use and a change of zoning and requested that the City of Apopka adopt the following ordinances:

**ORDINANCE NO. 3160**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM COMMERCIAL TO INDUSTRIAL, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT E. KEENE ROAD; OWNED BY HCH DEVELOPMENT LLC, COMPRISING 5.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3161**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM C-C (COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL) TO I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT E. KEENE ROAD; OWNED BY HCH DEVELOPMENT LLC, COMPRISING 5.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



Parcel Identification Number(s): 22-21-28-0000-00-206  
Contains: 5.23 +/- Acres

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FURTHER NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance Number 3160 and 3161 will be held by the City of Apopka City Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 beginning at 7:00 P.M., and Wednesday, July 1, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible.

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# Art and Foliage Festival proceeds fund scholarships, nonprofits

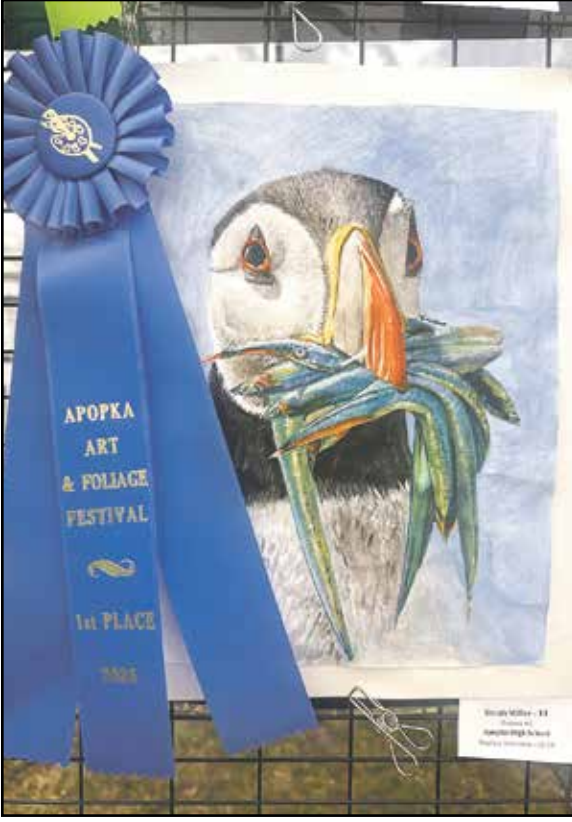


Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Event channels weekend turnout into year-round community support

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Proceeds from the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival continue to fund scholarships and local nonprofits each year, with more than \$20,000 distributed back into the community following last year's event.

The Apopka Woman's Club, in partnership with the city of Apopka, organized the annual juried festival at Kit Land Nelson Park, which saw over 100 vendors participate on Saturday and Sunday.

While the event draws crowds for its plants, art and entertainment, organizers say its impact extends well beyond the weekend, supporting students, families and community programs throughout the year.

"We raised over \$20,000 that went back into the community," said Joann Castillo, festival chair.

Each year, the Apopka Woman's Club awards multiple scholarships to local high school seniors—typically \$1,500 each—along with an additional \$1,500 scholarship for an adult woman returning to school.

Funding from the festival also supports a range of local organizations and initiatives, including Shop with a Cop, Loaves & Fishes, Harbor House, youth sports teams, and other community-based programs.

Organizers say the goal is to keep the funding local and responsive to community needs, with some money set aside for requests that arise throughout the year, such as helping a 4H group travel for a competition.

Scholarship recipients are selected through an application process that evaluates their accomplishments, extracurricular activities and community involvement, with a panel of four to six review-

ers scoring applicants before selecting the final recipients.

Even with that structure in place, organizers say the need often exceeds what the festival can provide.

"There's always more in demand," Castillo said, noting the high number of qualified applicants each year.

For club leaders, the scholarship program is among the most meaningful outcomes of the event.

"It's wonderful," said Diane Harrison, Apopka Woman's Club president. "Some of the students said they wouldn't be able to do it without this help."

The festival has supported scholarships and community programs since its inception more than six decades ago, with organizers working each year to increase fundraising through sponsorships and attendance.

"I hope we make way more money so we can give way more scholarships," Castillo said.

The Apopka Art and Foliage

Festival opened on Saturday with a ribbon cutting to kick start the weekend.

This year marks the final time the festival's opening ceremony will take place at the park gazebo, located in the heart of the park. The Woman's Club was responsible for building the gazebo.

Next year, the opening ceremony will take place in the new \$250,000 gazebo located in the northeastern corner of the park. Construction on the structure began last autumn with a design to resemble the amphitheater at Northwest Recreation Complex.

The current gazebo will eventually be torn down, former Mayor Bryan Nelson said in a previous Apopka Chief interview.

"For those of you that don't know, the Woman's Club is responsible for building the gazebo, so I thought it fitting that we do our last opening ceremony here to say goodbye, and next year we'll be in that beautiful new amphitheater that's across the way," Castillo told the crowd.

# Apopka breaks ground on 6 Northwest Recreation fields

New soccer fields scheduled to be finished by October

By Sarah Merly Reporter

The city of Apopka broke ground on six new multipurpose fields on April 24 at the Northwest Recreation Complex.

"We are excited to begin the construction on six new multi-purpose fields that will give city residents additional fields for our growing community," said then-Mayor Bryan Nelson in a text mes-

sage to The Apopka Chief.

The new fields will measure 350' by 350' each between gates 4 and 5 and give the complex the "ability to host larger athletic tournaments throughout the year," according to a Friday Facebook post from Apopka Parks and Recreation.

Leading the expansion is Medley Sports Construction, which previously constructed the complex's bleachers and shades.

"It's going to add a lot more space for the residents and a lot more opportunities for different sports and different avenues of recreation

for people," said owner Erik Medley.

According to the Facebook post, construction is likely to begin within the next two weeks. Medley estimated that the construction would finish by October.

The Apopka City Commission previously approved two five-year multipurpose field rental agreements on March 18. The agreements will allow Central Florida Soccer Club (CFSC) and Central Florida United Academy (CFU) to split use of the Northwest Recreation Complex fields from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2031.



Courtesy of city of Apopka

Medley Sports Construction expects to begin constructing the fields within the next few weeks.

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**Thank you to all who attended. We look forward to seeing you again next year at the 65th Apopka Art and Foliage Festival!**

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resented their school, their program and their community Saturday with a flawless presentation of the colors before Game 3 of the NBA play-off series between the Orlando Magic and Detroit Pistons.

For retired Col. Scott Stewart, the performance was about far more than just execution.

“Professionalism — by the kids understanding that this is bigger than themselves,” Stewart said. “They understood the importance of representing the Air Force, Wekiva High School, Orange County Public Schools. They understood what we were doing on national television. So they did such a great job, and because of them, we were invited to come back for our third time.”

After receiving the invitation earlier in the week, the group rushed into preparation mode—refining movements,

tightening spacing and ensuring every detail met the highest standard. With only a short window to prepare, the margin for error felt even smaller.

Moments before taking the floor, Stewart admitted the weight of the moment was heavy.

“I’m nervous—and I’m not even doing it,” he said. “I can only imagine what the kids are feeling. The whole world is watching you. Our program, as we’re trying to build it, could succeed from here or could respectfully fail from here. But I picked four excellent students, and they were going to do well.”

They did more than that. As they marched out of the Magic tunnel and onto the court, the cadets moved in perfect sync. The flags remained steady as the anthem sang, unaffected by the energy and bright lights.

For the cadets, the mo-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

The Wekiva AFJROTC stands in unison backstage of the Kia Center.

ment was both overwhelming and unforgettable.

“It was definitely nerve-wracking,” Garcia said. “But I’m glad that I had the

opportunity. In previous years, I probably wouldn’t have been as active as I am now, so I’m very, very glad.”

Senior Cadet Colonel

Hector Ortiz, watching the moment unfold, understood just how rare the opportunity was.

“It’s a very special moment,” Ortiz said. “I’m a big Orlando Magic fan, and for them to come and reach out to us—for us to help them with this big responsibility—it’s a warm feeling. Coming from a small school in Apopka and being able to do this on such a big stage, it means a lot.”

For Warren, who carried the American flag at center court, the experience was unlike anything he had encountered before.

“For a moment of spotlight like that, there’s nothing you can compare it to,” Warren said. “Not a lot of kids get opportunities to get out in front of millions of people and show who they are and their experience with ROTC.”

Warren also pointed to the preparation behind the per-

formance.

“I’m extremely proud of my team,” he said. “We spent the past week—not even a full week since we were notified—practicing as much as we could. We kept working, and it showed today. How we practiced and performed was excellence.”

The moment also reflected the growth of the program under Stewart’s leadership, as Wekiva continues to build its presence beyond campus.

“If he wasn’t here, I don’t think we would have gotten this far,” Warren added. “He’s pushed our program to excel more than ever.”

The performance set the floor for a great game and afternoon at the Kia Center.

The Orlando Magic fed off the crowd and delivered a 113–105 win over the Detroit Pistons, taking a 2–1 series lead over the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference.

**OATH**  
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day to it, because I love this town, I love the community, and I love the people that are here.”

Velazquez, who was elected to her third term in Seat 2, emphasized continuity in public service and the importance of voter participation. She was first elected to the seat in 2014 and served until 2018, when she was appointed to the Orange County Planning and Zoning Commission. She returned to the Apopka City Commission in 2020 and has since continued representing Seat 2.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to continue to serve

you,” the vice mayor said. “At the end of the day, we are the closest to you. We affect you. We are in your home every day.”

Velazquez also reflected on her long-standing working relationship with Nesta, noting that their time running for and serving on the commission together shaped her confidence in his leadership as he steps into the mayor’s role.

“Not only was he my commissioner early on in my career, he was one of my opponents,” Velazquez said. “I remember when your little girls were born, and I came to you and said, ‘I still want

you to run. I still want you to come into the commission,’ and I supported you when you ran.”

Baron was newly elected to Seat 4 in a special election for Nesta’s seat, which he resigned from to run for mayor this past election cycle. She described the moment as both personal and collective, pointing to the support she saw throughout the room.

“I’m so honored and privileged to be here,” Baron said. “I am going to make sure that I represent each and every one of you.”

She added that she intends to approach the role

with a sense of responsibility and collaboration.

“Let’s move forward together,” she said.

Following the commissioners, Nesta took the oath of office and delivered remarks outlining his vision for the city’s future and framing the election results as a turning point.

“The fresh perspective from this new era of city leadership will reset the course of Apopka today and into our bright future,” he said.

Nesta said commissioners will be provided with dedicated office space and meeting areas at City Hall—a change

he noted Velazquez has requested for years—as part of broader efforts to improve access and communication.

“The residents of Apopka are ready for change and a new path forward,” Nesta said.

He acknowledged the challenges ahead but emphasized a commitment to transparency and accountability. He also outlined priorities that included infrastructure improvements, expanded park amenities, economic development incentives, and changes to the city’s budgeting process to allow earlier input from commissioners and residents.

“What really excites me the most is that we’ll be able to preserve our history and teach our youth how we’ve gotten to where we’re at today and show how we can work together to build a better, brighter Apopka,” he said.

The ceremony concluded with a ceremonial cake cutting and an invitation for residents to meet the newly sworn-in officials—a moment that organizers framed as an extension of the engagement seen throughout the event.

“You see what engagement has done,” Montiero said. “It’s this turnout.”

The 2026 Apopka Mayor's

# Prayer Breakfast

Join us on the National Day of Prayer for breakfast, music, prayer and a message from this year's Keynote Speaker, Orlando Magic Hall of Famer, Nick Anderson.

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Nick Anderson joined the Orlando Magic as a community ambassador during the summer of 2006. In 2014, along with Pat Williams, Anderson was an inaugural inductee into the Orlando Magic Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame and into the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. Anderson may best be remembered for one of the greatest moments in Magic history - stealing the ball from Michael Jordan during the closing seconds of Game 1 of the 1995 Eastern Conference Semifinals, allowing Orlando to win the contest and eventually move on to the NBA finals. Nick, who was a staple in the Orlando Community as a player for a decade, continues to take part in a variety of community outreach efforts.

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**POLICE BEAT**

# APD issues 118 citations April 19-25

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In the period from April 19-25, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,568 calls for service, responded to 38 crashes, issued 118 citations, and made 19 arrests. Burglaries: 10 vehicles, 4 residences, 3 businesses. Juveniles were charged with burglary of unoccupied dwelling unarmed (X2); weapon offense-missile into dwelling vehicle/building or aircraft; damage property-criminal mischief, damage property \$1,000+; resist officer-obstruct without violence; resist officer with violence; battery-touch or strike; battery on specified personnel; out-of-

county warrant.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Deyri De Valle Salazar-Hernández, 33, 1190 Post Lake Pl. #102, Apopka, larceny-petit theft merchandise/farm/transit \$100-\$750.

Cederick Jamal Richmond, 35, 3423 Warren Sapp Dr., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Shane Allen Baisden, 41, 2493 W. Highland Ave., Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

James Manuel Ascencio, 66, general delivery, Orlando, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Marcus Quintin Ellerbe, 50, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Keith James Snyder, 56, 5230 Cinderlane Pkwy, Orlando, larceny-other theft.

Hayron Miranda Perez, 26,

Apopka, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

Jennifer Lynn Smith, 51, 621 Old Dixie Hwy, Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Severiano Dasilva Croom, 57, 2018 Chickadee Dr., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Jeffrey Lynn Elliott, 72, 611 Business Park Blvd. #101, Winter Garden, failure to appear, written promise to appear.

Reginald Dewayne Williams, 37, 1726 Henin Cir., Tavares, out-of-county warrant.

Andrew Deshaun Roberts, 38, Apopka, battery-commit felony battery; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Kenneth Beecher Haynes, 45, Punta Gorda, larceny grand theft-property value \$750-\$5,000; battery-touch or strike; tampering in official proceeding; robbery-sudden snatch without firearm/weapon.

Antwan Ramal Thomas, 41,

3271 Roseville Dr., Apopka, damage property-criminal mischief, damage property \$200-\$1,000.

Nathan Michael Wilder, 43, 633 W. Ella J. Gilmore St., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Jesus Antonio Barragan, 21, 1609 Valeview Ct., Apopka, weapon offense-missile into dwelling vehicle/building or aircraft; damage property-criminal mischief, damage property \$1,000+.

Arienna Isabella Comier, 18, 7111 Blair Dr., Orlando, larceny-petit theft merchandise/farm/transit \$100-\$750.

Brian S. Thomas, 41, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Keith Leroy Harrison, 51, 122 W. 10th St., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; drugs-traffic in phenethylamines 10 grams or more; obstructing justice-tamper with evidence in criminal proceeding.

## Suspect, 19, arrested in East 13th Street shooting



Keith Zechariah Simmons

## Victim hospitalized in stable condition

### Staff Reports

A suspect has been arrested in connection with a shooting reported April 23rd morning on East 13th Street in south Apopka, according to the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

Keith Zechariah Simmons, 19, was arrested and charged with attempted first-degree murder with a firearm, sheriff's officials said in an update released Friday.

Deputies responded around 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23, to the 200 block of East 13th Street after receiving reports of a shooting. When they arrived, they found a man in his 50s who had been shot. The victim was transported to a hospital in critical condition.

As of April 23rd, the victim was reported to be in stable condition, according to the sheriff's office.

No additional information was available as of Thursday, April 30.

The investigation remains active.

## WEBSTER

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cans took control in 1996, Webster became the first GOP House Speaker since 1874. He later became Senate Majority Leader.

The Tuesday press release credited him for becoming a "state and national leader in infrastructure policy." That work included pushing through funding for State Road 429, which was named "Daniel Webster Western Beltway" in his honor.

Webster was elected to Congress in 2010 and is currently serving his eighth term. During his time in office, Webster supported the addition of a Social Security income tax credit in the Working Families Tax Cuts bill,

returned nearly \$32 million to his constituents from federal agencies, and reduced his salary and office budget annually to provide the treasury \$6 million in savings, according to the press release.

"There is much work left to do before this Congress closes, and I am fully focused on finishing strong," Webster said. "This year, the Transportation and Infrastructure [Committee] is working on once-in-a-decade critical transportation reauthorization bill that will fund America's roads and highways, bridges, transit and our rail system. I will keep working to get bills over the finish line that will le-

verage private investment to finance public infrastructure projects; ensure America—not China or any other adversary—remains the leader in space exploration; and that the United States will set the standards that protect our technological advantages."

In addition to transportation, Webster, a homeschooling dad, is closely associated with home education in Florida. In 1985, he authored legislation that legalized homeschooling in the state.

Webster represents Florida's 11th congressional district, which includes Apopka and spans The Villages to the edge of Lakeland from north to south.



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9. Al fodder
13. Offer two cents
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15. Interior designer's concern
16. Not fiction, pl.
17. Big head
18. Fear-inspiring
19. "Good Times" mom
21. "The Sopranos" mom
23. Possessive pronoun
24. Gumbo pod
25. Protrude
28. Catcher's catcher
30. "Marvelous Midge Maisel's first name
35. "Metamorphoses" poet
37. Chows down
39. Millionaire maker
40. Time for eggnog
41. Sure sign of fire
43. "Frasier" actress Gilpin
44. TSA PreCheck alternative

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47. Arabian bigwig
48. Received salary
50. At the apex
52. Masseuse's office
53. "Where the Red \_\_\_\_ Grows"
55. Likewise
57. "Arrested Development" mom
61. "Fresh off the Boat" mom
65. Circumvent
66. French vineyard
68. Open disrespect
69. Dewey Decimal System, e.g.
70. 252-gallon cask
71. Cause anxiety (2 words)
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73. Extra point
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5. #55 on periodic table
6. Part of an eye
7. "Married with Children" mom
8. Investor's asset
9. Hold as a conviction
10. Unit of land often featuring a home
11. Load sixteen tons, e.g.
12. Geometry calculation
15. Divert from course
20. Between washes and styles
22. Casino's pull
24. Foot rest
25. "Stranger Things" mom
26. Throat dangler
27. Mosaic artist
29. "Friday Night Lights" mom
31. Tug-of-War gear
32. List entries
33. Like anchor aweigh
34. "Schitt's Creek" mom
36. Martin of Rat Pack
38. 3-handed card game
42. Bring character to life
45. Response to stimulus
49. Ctrl+Alt+\_\_\_\_
51. Lemony cream dessert
54. Right-hand page
56. Academy Award
57. Orchid garlands
58. Forearm bone
59. Cow chow, pl.
60. "Beware the \_\_\_\_ of March"
61. "The Handmaid's Tale" mom
62. Letter before kappa
63. Nile dweller, for short
64. Writer Rice
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# Apopka Murals unveils painting on Domino's wall

Artwork pays tribute to railroad history, local landmarks

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

Apopka Murals unveiled its latest painting on April 24, which brings new life to the western wall of Domino's Pizza at 2 E. Main St.

"This started as a small project to beautify a smaller area right into the Downtown Barbers where I work, and this turned into something a lot bigger than what we expected," said Apopka Murals founder Luis Rivera at the ceremony. "Thank you to all of you guys for actually helping me give back to the community and giving me the freedom to do it."

The new mural depicts local icons and landmarks, including orange blossoms, City Hall, the West Orange Trail pedestrian bridge, a train on the Orange Belt Railway, and a page of The Apopka Chief. The word "Apopka" stretches across the mural in the font of the city's logo.

Supporters at the mural



Photo by Sarah Merly

Ben Keller (left) and Luis Rivera (right) speak at the April 24 ceremony in downtown Apopka.

unveiling included Commissioner Yesenia Baron, Melanie Jankun of Creative Hub of Apopka, and then-mayor Bryan Nelson. The mural cost \$5,000, with The Apopka Chief and the Apopka Serves Foundation each covering half. Creative Hub of Apopka covered the supplies.

"It's exciting to think that everyone coming into downtown Apopka from the west is going to see this beautiful mural for years to

come," said J.C. Derrick, publisher of The Apopka Chief. "The artist did a great job of capturing the essence of the city."

Ben Keller, a Connecticut-based artist who previously painted the orange grove mural at Chito's Cutz, started painting the mural on April 19. He enjoyed "bringing in elements of the historical beauty of Apopka's past," especially the train.

"I grew up in a railroad

town, or a rich railroad history town, so I've always been fascinated by them, and some of my ancestors used to work on the Pennsylvania Railroad," he said. "Without the railroads, a lot of towns in America wouldn't have been built or founded, so they kind of paved the way."

Keller said the stucco on the wall and some of the painting's details were challenging, but he "wasn't fazed by it."

"I hope this could serve as a sign of revitalization of the town and bringing in more artwork and more funding for the public arts," he said. "I'm just honored to have the opportunity to paint and honor the town this way."

Chad Creech of Apopka Serves Foundation, shared his appreciation with the guests.

"We're so glad that we were able to have a lot of partners here in the commu-

nity come together and make this happen for us," Creech said.

Non-profit revitalization program Main Street Apopka previously unveiled a mural on the Domino's wall last August, but the wall was painted over barely a week later due to plagiarism allegations. The city of Apopka terminated its funding agreement with Main Street Apopka following the controversy.



Courtesy of Luis Rivera

Ben Keller and Luis Rivera cut the ribbon for the new mural as community supporters look on.

# APD sergeant escorts Vietnam War veteran in Honor Flight

60 veterans explored Washington, D.C., last weekend

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

Apopka Police Department Sergeant Mark Creaser escorted Vietnam War veteran Joe Golden in an Honor Flight on Saturday, April 25, according to an APD Facebook post.

"When presented with the opportunity to be a guardian for mission #36, I was incredibly grateful," Creaser said in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "The trip was a

once in a lifetime opportunity that I will never forget."

The post said that 60 military veterans visited Washington, D.C., for the day to visit various memorials, including the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the World War II Memorial. A reunion will follow on May 16, according to the Honor Flight Central Florida (HFCFL) website.

"To be able to witness the gratitude and emotion that these heroes showed while in Washington was a true privilege," Creaser said. "I thank Honor Flight of Central Florida for making these trips possible. They truly are mak-

ing a difference in these veterans' lives."

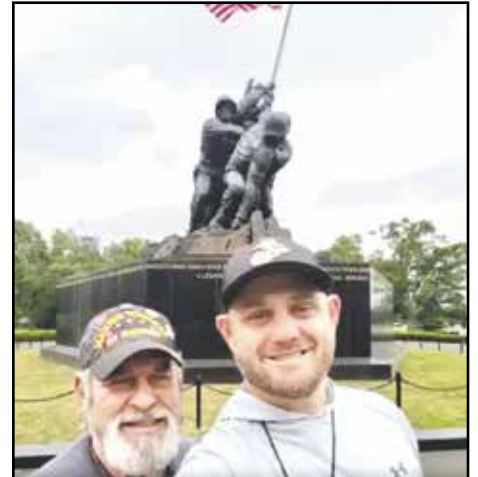
According to the HFCFL website, HFCFL is one of the Honor Flight Network's 124 regional hubs, providing flights to veterans at no charge. APD's Horsepower for Heroes Car Show last November brought in registration fees of \$25 per car, which benefited HFCFL.

"The Horsepower for Heroes Car Show in November 2025 was one of my first community events as the Apopka Police Chief," said Chief Lovetta Quinn-Henry in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "I am proud to support our veterans, and through our partnership



Courtesy of the APD Facebook page

Mark Creaser and Joe Golden visit the World War II Memorial.



Courtesy of the APD Facebook page

Joe Golden and Mark Creaser take a selfie at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial.

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## 6 Wekiva athletes sign college offers

Basketball and flag football athletes sign letters of intent

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

Wekiva High School celebrated six student athletes, as members of the basketball and flag football programs officially signed their letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Leading the group was Jasmine Pooler, a point guard for the Lady Mustangs, who signed with Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. Pooler was one of Wekiva's most efficient players, leading the team with 69 steals while finishing in the top three in points, assists and rebounds.

She spoke about what she learned that she will take with her to the next level.

"Definitely trust in God and trust the process," Pooler said. "Nothing comes easy.

Even when you have bad days, make sure to stay up and stay positive no matter what."

Joining her from the girls basketball program was Tiana Washington, who signed with Richard Daley College (Chicago, IL). A center for the Lady Mustangs, Washington was dominant around the rim, leading the team with 12 blocks and snagging 118 rebounds.

Brakayla Anderson signed with Clarendon College (Texas), capping a

unique journey that included being part of a state Final Four team her freshman year and navigating a rebuilding process the following season. After transferring during her sophomore year, Anderson returned to sign alongside her former teammates.

Coach Jerry Middleton reflected on her path.

"When we lost the team for three months, she ended up transferring to Ocoee

WEKIVA SIGNS, B2

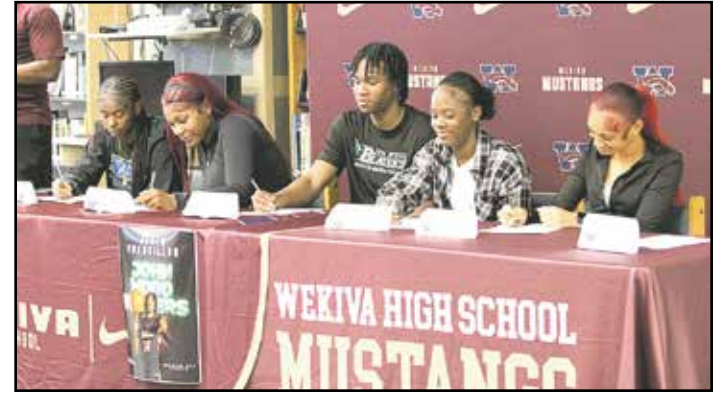


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Wekiva basketball and flag football athletes sign their college letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers.

## Controversial call dooms Apopka



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Taylor Smith blisters a ball into the outfield to score Shylah Pino against Seminole.

Blue Darters lose to Lake Brantley, look ahead to regionals

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

A fast start for Apopka quickly unraveled into a night Apopka couldn't recover from.

The Blue Darters jumped out to an early lead but fell to Lake Brantley, 16-4, in the Class 7A District 3 championship Wednesday night at home, as a chaotic first inning—highlighted by a controversial pitching violation—shifted momentum for good.

The loss marked the first for Apopka (20-5) since March 12, as the team's 14-

game winning streak came to an end. The Blue Darters are expected to receive a regional bid to the state playoffs, with seeding still to be determined.

In the top of the first, Shylah Pino reached on a single and stole second to set the tone, and Taylor Smith followed with a base hit to move her into scoring position. Riley Ford then lined a pitch to left to bring Pino home, and Ava Gonzalez added a sacrifice bunt to score Smith, giving the Darters a quick 2-0 lead.

In the circle, Ava Millspaugh opened strong with a strikeout before allowing a double and a walk to put runners on. She appeared to settle back in with another strikeout—but that's when

the game took a turn.

An illegal pitch was called, with the umpire ruling that Millspaugh had repositioned her foot after receiving the sign. The call—and subsequent explanations—created confusion in the moment and forced a mid-inning adjustment.

"I'm definitely gonna have to defer to looking that up because what the umpire told me seems contrary to what I believe," head coach Mike MacWithey said. "I disagree with him, but what I believe doesn't matter 'cause he's going to call what he believes. My understanding is different, but in that moment, there's nothing you can do."

Millspaugh echoed the confusion, noting conflicting explanations from the umpir-

ing crew.

"They gave three different answers," she said. "It was so confusing. I've always pitched the same way."

The disruption proved costly.

Forced to adjust her mechanics, Millspaugh struggled to regain rhythm as Lake Brantley capitalized. A shallow hit plated the first run, followed by a series of extra-base hits into the gaps that quickly flipped the game. After the Patriots strung together a string of two-out doubles and walks, they suddenly had a five-run lead, 7-2, before Apopka recorded the final out.

"We shouldn't have had the game fall into the um-

APOPKA SOFTBALL, B3

## District defeat ends Wekiva softball season

Lady Mustangs mercy Jones but lose in district semifinal action

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

The Wekiva softball team ended its season with some promise, closing out the year at 3-14 after a district semifinal loss to Lake Howell.

The Lady Mustangs entered the postseason coming off one of their strongest offensive performances of the year, a 16-1 win over Jones to wrap up the regular season. Wekiva tallied 10 hits in the victory, showcasing the potential that flashed throughout the season.

Alajah Kimber led the way in that game, going 3-for-3 with three RBIs, while Ariana Garcia contributed both in the circle and at the plate. Garcia allowed just one hit and struck out five, while also recording two hits, three runs scored and an RBI offensively.

Tasha Colas added two hits, a run and an RBI to round out the winning effort.

But the momentum did not carry into the postseason.

Wekiva faced Lake

Howell in the district semifinal and fell 15-0 in four innings, bringing the season to a close.

Despite the result, the season featured several individual bright spots that point toward future growth for the program.

Garcia emerged as one of the team's most consistent contributors, leading Wekiva with nine hits and eight RBIs while serving as the primary pitcher. She recorded 52 strikeouts in the circle, providing stability throughout the season.

Makenzy McIntosh also played a main part offensively, leading the team with 11 runs scored while posting a .500 slugging percentage. Her ability to generate extra-base production helped spark the Mustangs' offense through the season.

Kyla Florestil added to the lineup's production with a team-best .528 on-base percentage, consistently finding ways to get on base and create opportunities.

While the overall record reflects a challenging season, the Lady Mustangs showed signs of development. After a core of young players gained experience and stepped into larger roles, Wekiva will look to build on those individuals as the program continues to grow.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Arianna Garcia zips a pitch across the plate.

## Apopka volleyball falls to West Orange in district championship

Warriors sweep Blue Darters as playoffs hopes turn to regional bid

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

The Apopka boys volleyball team fell to West Orange in straight sets, 25-20, 25-17, 25-17, April 23rd in the Class 3A District 4 championship, ending the Blue Darters' run for back-to-back district titles.

Facing a high-ener-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Caden McGatha whips over his first serve of the district championship game.

gy home crowd and a Warriors team that controlled the net from the opening serve, Apopka (11-13) spent much of the night battling uphill.

"You've got to give it to West Orange," head coach Brian Mater said. "The home court definitely played a factor. The energy was high in there, and you could see our bench was a little more quiet, getting sucked up by the crowd. They have some great players over there, and we were just trying to do too much."

West Orange set the tone

early.

After scoring the opening two points, the Warriors capitalized on a series of Apopka miscues, including three straight aces, to jump out to a 7-1 lead in the first set. The early run forced a timeout and immediately put the Darters on their heels.

Apopka responded with brief flashes.

Caden McGatha sparked a small push with a block and a well-placed dump, while Elzie Robinson added a kill to trim the deficit. But each time the Darters began to

build momentum, the Warriors answered.

A mix of powerful kills and well-timed blocks helped West Orange maintain control, extending its lead to 20-11 behind standout play from Cole Simon.

Still, Apopka didn't fold.

Behind strong serving from Nathan White and a pair of late kills from Robinson, the Darters chipped away at the deficit, closing to within 22-18. But the early hole proved too much to overcome, and a quick dump from West Orange ended the

set 25-20.

The second set held competitive early, then slipped away from the Darters.

Apopka briefly grabbed momentum behind an ace from McGatha to take a 3-2 lead, but West Orange responded with a decisive six-point run that flipped the set and forced another timeout at 11-5.

West Orange dominated at the net, stacking blocks and adding two more aces to stretch the lead to double dig-

VOLLEYBALL, B4

# Shellcrackers and catfish are biting on waterways

Hello Folks,  
We finally got a little rain, but... we need a whole lot more, so keep on prayin' for more rain. The fishin' is still doin' pretty good right now, and folks're still catchin' plenty of shellcrackers and catfish.



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**Jim Keck**  
Correspondent

John at Bitters Bait & Tackle reports that folks are catchin' plenty of catfish and shellcrackers on the St. Johns River, most of 'em up under the 417 bridge in Lake Jesup. You can also catch some shellcrackers in Lake Monroe. I got a report that folks are catchin' lots of shell-

crackers near the Highway 46 bridge. John added that there's a flat near the bridge, and folks're catchin' limits of shellcrackers right off the bank. The bass are still schoolin' in the northern end of the St. Johns River. You need to fish between Astor to the

north down to Hontoon Island to the south. Most of these bass are schoolin' in the river, and folks're catchin' em on lipless crankbaits and topwater baits at first light.

The shellcrackers are still bitin' in Lake Kissimmee around the pads. Folks're also catchin' em on red worms, and, if you just stay long enough, you should be able to catch limits of 'em!

The bass fishin' is still doin' good in most of the lakes in our area. The Butler Chain is still good for keeper-size bass and a couple of 3-pounders durin' the day.

Most of those bass are bein' caught on topwater baits early in the mornin' and lipless crankbaits and chatter baits durin' the day.

If the bite slows down, try fishin' a slow-sinkin' Senko type bait around the shoreline cover. If it gets hot, you might even try fishin' the off-shore grass and pepper grass patches throughout the chain. You should be able to catch a few bass on trick worms around those areas.

The Maitland Chain of Lakes Wednesday nighter that's bein' held out of Lake Fairview is producin' some

nice stringers of bass. Durin' last week's tournament, it took 18.62 pounds to win, and that's with three bass. Folks, that's a good size bag for three bass! Congrats to Jason and Justin on their win, and they also caught Big Bass which hit the scales at 7.52 pounds.

The Johns Lake Wednesday Night Shootout fishin' is a little slow right now. It only took 11.15 pounds to win, but the Big Bass weighed in at 7.90 pounds. They had 24 boats fishin' that tournament.

We have a full moon this Friday, so the fishin' should

be really good... that's if the weather stays steady. And if there are any panfish or bass that haven't spawned yet, this weekend would be the time for that to happen. So, whether you want to catch some panfish or bass, you need to get out there this weekend... and catch some fish! But always remember... catch and release for the big mommas!

Well, that's it for this week. I hope to see you on the water... real soon.

Tip of the week: Full Moon!

SAVE A FEW... AND GOOD LUCK!

## WEKIVA SIGNS

FROM B1



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Coach Jerry Middleton talks about how proud he is of the girls he coached at Wekiva.

Makayla Bell signs a letter of intent to play at Daytona State.

then OCP this year," Middleton said. "She didn't get any scholarship offers or help from OCP. I helped her get three scholarship offers, so she decided she wanted to do her signing day with her original sisters. Now she's going to a top-four Division I junior college in the country."

On the boys side, Jasen Francillon signed with John Wood Community College (Quincy, IL). The forward was a key scoring option for Weki-

va, often delivering in crucial moments. He recorded four double-doubles, finished top two on the team in points and rebounds despite being fifth in total minutes, and led the team in shooting percentage at 42%.

"I learned to be aggressive," Francillon said. "All the principles that [Coach Gersino] Lubin has taught me about the game and life—they translate a lot to the next level. That's what I'm really thankful for."

Francillon also reflected on his experience at Wekiva.

"I love my teammates. They were very good to me," he said. "They were the best teammates I could ask for. We were all like a family—it was a brotherhood."

Wekiva's flag football program was also well represented.

Makayla Bell signed with Daytona State as a wide receiver/defensive back after leading the team in recep-

tions, receiving yards and touchdowns.

Iyianna Bridgman Johnson signed with Bryant & Stratton (Buffalo, NY) as a versatile athlete, contributing

at running back, wide receiver and defensive back. She led the team with 109 flag pulls while impacting all phases of the game.

The event also included

Middleton recognizing members of his basketball program by handing out certificates, highlighting the contributions of players who helped build the team's success.

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**APOPKA SOFTBALL**

FROM B1



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Mia Aeschilman throws in a dart against Seminole during her complete 7 scoreless innings

Mike MacWithey talks to his team.

pire's hands," MacWithey said. "But at the same time, they took healthy swings at just about everything."

Apopka responded in the top of the second.

Alezia Hatcher provided an immediate boost, launching a solo home run over the center field fence to cut into the deficit. Later in the inning, with runners on, a passed ball allowed Victoria Shaw to score, trimming the margin to 7-4 and bringing energy back to the Darter dugout.

But Lake Brantley continued to attack aggressively at the plate. A single and triple down the first base line pushed the lead to 9-4, and

despite Apopka turning a double play to slow the damage, the Patriots kept building.

Apopka cycled through its pitching staff in an effort to stop the momentum, with Sydney Bartkin and Mia Aeschilman both entering in relief. There were flashes—including a clean defensive inning—but Lake Brantley's offense remained consistent, extending the lead to 11-4.

Apopka's offense couldn't generate the same late-game surge it had the night before.

Smith drove a deep ball to right field that was caught at the warning track, and the Darters were retired in order

on hard hit balls.

In the final inning, Lake Brantley put the game away with authority, loading the bases before delivering a walk-off grand slam to enforce the run rule and seal the district title.

Despite the lopsided finish, MacWithey pointed to positives.

"We did score first, we hit a home run, and Taylor did a phenomenal job behind the plate," he said. "She worked her tail off."

The game marked the second straight season Lake Brantley dashed Apopka hopes of a district championship with a comeback. Last year, the Patriots erased an

8-1 Darter lead to grab the title on a walk-off homer.

This year's loss came one night after Apopka delivered a dominant performance in the semifinal.

Behind a sterling performance in the circle and a late offensive surge, the Blue Darters rolled past Seminole, 9-0, Tuesday night in the district semifinal.

Aeschilman set the tone in that game, settling in after a leadoff single and controlling the pace throughout. She allowed just three hits in a complete-game shutout, keeping Seminole off balance while the defense backed her with clean, timely plays.

After leading just 1-0

through four innings, the Darters erupted in the fifth. Pino and Alicia Lopez sparked the rally with back-to-back hits, and after an intentional walk to Smith loaded the bases, Ford delivered a perfectly placed bunt to score a run. Gonzalez followed with a bases-loaded walk, and Bartkin added a two-run single to stretch the lead.

In the sixth, Smith delivered the defining moment.

After being intentionally walked earlier in the game, the University of North Carolina signee made Seminole pay. Smith launched a grand slam over the right field fence to break the game open to 9-0.

She finished 2-for-2 with

five RBIs, while Pino added three hits, three runs and a stolen base to pace the offense.

The win extended Apopka's winning streak to 14 games and set up the championship matchup with Lake Brantley the next day.

The turnaround from semifinal dominance to championship defeat underscored how quickly momentum can shift in postseason play.

Now, Apopka turns its attention to what comes next.

"I don't know exactly where we're going to land [in the state playoffs]," MacWithey said. "There's a lot of possibilities."



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Alezia Hatcher drills a moon shot into center field and over the fence in the district championship against Lake Brantley.

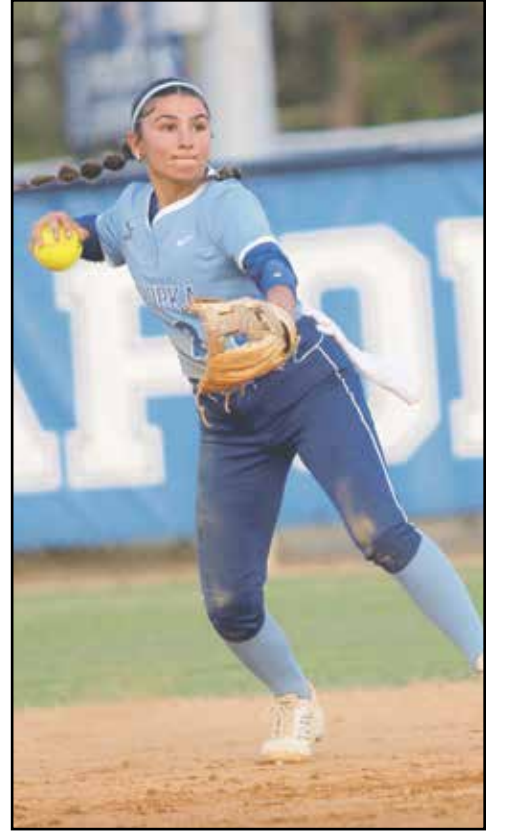


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Shylah Pino fields a ground ball at shortstop and guns out the runner at first base.

**A PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL CERTIFICATION ON ASSESSMENT ROLLS TO IMPOSE THE UNIFORM METHOD FOR COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Apopka will conduct a public hearing and subsequently adopt a resolution to Certify the Street Lighting and Neighborhood Improvement Non-Ad Valorem Final Assessment Roll for the imposition of annual non-ad valorem special assessments for the specified purposes on the dates and times as follows in the areas designated and specified herein. Each individual non-ad valorem special assessment shall be billed on the Orange County Annual Tax Bill for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and annually thereafter for the collection of all associated costs and expenses applied to the designated areas as applicable.

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All affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearing and the right to file a written objection with the City Clerk's Office within 20 days of the publication of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at 407-703-1794 at least three (3) days prior to the date of the hearing.

The following table designates the area where the various non-ad valorem special assessments will apply and the annual assessment amount per parcel.

Development/Sub-Division Name (Residential Lot)	Resolution Number	Annual Amount
Dream Lake (Street Lighting District)	2026-24	\$118.42

Copies of the Resolutions detailing the legal description of the areas to be assessed are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, located at 120 E. Main Street, Apopka Florida, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions regarding the assessments, please contact the Special Assessments Coordinator at 407-703-1700, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Publish dates of April 24<sup>th</sup> 2026, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 and May 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

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**VERSE OF THE WEEK**

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9**

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**VOLLEYBALL**  
FROM B1

its. While Blake Colclasure and McGatha found moments of success, including a late push fueled by a short run and an ace, the Darters were unable to sustain it.

West Orange closed out the set 25-17 to take a commanding 2-0 lead.

Apopka showed fight early in the third set, staying within reach behind a kill from Robinson and a block from Ian Cottman. Once again, West Orange's consistency proved difficult to overcome.

The Warriors built a 9-4 lead behind strong serving and highlight digs, forcing Apopka into scrambled play.

McGatha tried to spark a rally with a well-placed tip and a kill that helped cut the deficit to three, but each push was met with an immediate response. Simon continued to anchor the Warriors' attack at the net, delivering key kills that halted any Apopka momentum.

A brief three-point run brought the Darters within 16-13, but West Orange quickly regrouped, rattling off another stretch of points to push the lead to 21-13.

Apopka continued to compete late, finding points off blocks and a kill from Aedyn Cruz Rosa, but the gap remained.

West Orange closed out the match 25-17, securing the district championship on its home floor.

"I really believe we needed to work on the block a little bit more," Mater said. "We were trying to do too much, trying to take screens because they were taking swings. If we would have just played the simple volleyball that we played against Windermere, we would have had a differ-



Elzie Robinson beams a kill past the arms of the blockers in the third set.

ent outcome."

The loss carried added weight for a senior-heavy group.

"I think a lot of emotions were high," Mater said. "You have seniors looking up at the score, and slowly by each point, they're seeing their season ending. You never want to see that—guys swinging and knowing that could be the last time."

Despite the result, Mater emphasized the connection within the team, and their expected growth into next season.

"We've built a brotherhood, and that's really what matters," Mater said. "Seeing what's gonna happen next year with the bond they already have is very exciting. We're being told that we have a lot of guys that will want to come to try out to be part of this program, and I attribute that to both Coach Sarah [Egbers] being on the campus, with her leadership and her great coaching style as well."

Mater pointed to the development of younger players like Giovanni Lubin, who joined the program this season

and quickly made an impact, as well as Noel Nieves, who stepped into a big role under pressure.

"Gio, our middle, he's never touched a volleyball until this year, and all of a sudden he went right on varsity. You can attribute that to his height and all of his passion," Mater said. "He was thrown in there and held his own, I think he's going to be a really good leader."

The Blue Darters fell short of an at-large regional playoff bid, ending their season at 11-13.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Noel Nieves hits a ball through the arms of the West Orange blocker.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Caden McGatha hyped after a booming kill.

We are planning a delicious brunch... ...for our Moms, Aunts and Grandmothers!

# Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com Annimills LLC © 2026 V18 Kids: color stuff in!

Let's see: pancakes, bananas, coffee, and juice.

I'm so excited about our plans for Mom!

First, we are going to serve her breakfast in bed. Chitter is making a card for her food tray. Then, we are taking her to the park for a picnic.

Do I spy the first picnic basket of the season?

**Mom's favorite things:**

- locket \_\_\_\_\_
- baby \_\_\_\_\_
- laptop \_\_\_\_\_
- coastal \_\_\_\_\_
- stack of \_\_\_\_\_
- running \_\_\_\_\_

**Celebrate Mother's Day!**

Grandma's favorite things:

- box of \_\_\_\_\_
- cellular \_\_\_\_\_
- teacup \_\_\_\_\_
- family \_\_\_\_\_
- ten-speed \_\_\_\_\_
- garden \_\_\_\_\_

**Five Famous Mothers!**

We talk about mothers all the time in rhymes, stories and art. Can you read the clues and fill in the names of these five famous mothers?

- Nature \_\_\_\_\_
- Hubbard Goose \_\_\_\_\_
- Queen \_\_\_\_\_
- Whistler's \_\_\_\_\_
- chocolate \_\_\_\_\_

- son's painting of her in chair is famous: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother
- "parent" to all the natural world (not made by man): Mother \_\_\_\_\_
- "author" of a collection of nursery rhymes: Mother \_\_\_\_\_
- character of a nursery rhyme: Mother \_\_\_\_\_
- Her Gracious Majesty: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To submit an event, you can email them to [news@theapokkachief.com](mailto:news@theapokkachief.com).

## Friday, May 8

### Cheese and Charcuterie Board 101: A Toast to Mom

5/8/2026 6:00pm 1225 North Orange Avenue Orlando, FL  
Bring Mom for a special night out! Sip bubbly and create a beautiful spring cheese and charcuterie board together.

### R&R, Roll and Repeat: Charles Noire, Jayson Andrew, Montclair

5/8/2026 7:00pm 10749 East Colonial Drive Orlando, FL  
My Sister's House at Boardwalk Bowl is a dedicated room for live original music and alternative art from Central Florida creators.

### The Magic Show: Unboxed by AGT Finalist Drew Thomas

5/8/2026 7:00pm 4012 Central Florida Parkway Orlando, FL  
Performed by America's Got Talent finalist Drew Thomas

## Saturday, May 9

### Fiber art collage workshop

5/9/2026 1:00pm 221 E. Colonial Dr. Orlando, FL  
An intuitive, meditative approach to hand stitching

### Mother's Day Aromatherapy Perfume Workshop

5/9/2026 2:00pm 1920 N Forest Ave Orlando, FL  
Create a signature personalized scent crafted from pure essential oils.

### Boot Scooting Line Dancing

5/9/2026 6:30pm 40 E 5th Street Apopka, FL  
Propagate Social House Kick things off with a 30-minute beginner-friendly choreography session, then ride two full hours of high-energy, bootscootin' fun under the stars. No partner needed. \*Teens, 13+ accompanied by parent ONLY are welcome.

### Heroes Off Duty

5/9/2026 7:30pm 425 N Bumby Ave Orlando, FL  
A side-splitting showcase of cops, firefighters, doctors, EMTs, nurses, pharmacists, and ex-military who are ready to entertain you with their wild and funny stories from the line of duty.

### Last Knight Out Spring '26 Grad Party | The Beacham Downtown Orlando

5/9/2026 10:00pm 46 N Orange Ave Orlando, FL  
The Biggest Graduation Party In Central Florida! Grads FREE til midnight w/ regalia. All Trades, Certificates, Degrees! Congrats C/O 2026

### Mother's Day High Tea

5/9/2026 787 W. Montrose Street Clermont, FL  
Celebrate Mom with delicious tea, sweet treats, and good vibes at our cozy Mother's Day High Tea!

## Sunday, May 10

### FSYO's 69th Season Classical Finale

5/10/2026 3:00pm 9800 International Dr Orlando, FL  
Join FSYO for our final classical performance of the year, a heartfelt celebration spotlighting all six of our classical ensembles.

### An Elegant Afternoon: Bridgerton High Tea Theme Party

5/10/2026 4:00pm 2635 McCoy Road Orlando, FL  
The social season is upon us, and you are cordially invited to the most anticipated gathering of the spring. This Mother's Day

### Mommy + Me: Mac & Cheese and Dessert Crumble Bars (Winter Park)

5/10/2026 5:00pm 617 Mercy Drive Orlando, FL  
Celebrate Mother's Day with a hands-on Mommy and me class where we will make mac and cheese and dessert bars!



Courtesy of The Magic Show: Unboxed

Performed by America's Got Talent finalist Drew Thomas

### FSYO's 69th Season Classical Finale - Part II

5/10/2026 5:30pm 9800 International Dr Orlando, FL  
Celebrate the close of FSYO's classical season with the Philharmonia and Symphonic Orchestras!

### Sunday Gospel Brunch 'Mother's Day' Edition

5/10/2026 48 East 5th Street Apopka, FL  
Delight in delectable brunch and lunch offerings with two seatings. Experience harmonious rhythms of live music, soulful vocals & DJ mix.

## Monday, May 11

### Amber-Leigh's Aquatics Swimming Lessons (Registration Required)

5/11/2026 5:00pm 221 S Binion Rd Apopka, FL

## Tuesday, May 12

### Climb Club: Spring 2026 (Registration Required)

5/12/2026 4:30pm 221 S Binion Rd Apopka, FL

### Morimoto Asia x Fukumitsuya

### Artisanal Sake Dinner

5/12/2026 7:00pm 1600 E Buena Vista Dr Lake Buena Vista, FL  
Join Morimoto Asia for an intimate one-night-only sake dinner featuring a four-course menu paired with premium selections from Fukumitsuya Brewery. Limited seating for 35 guests.

### LIME Fresh Mexican Grill Honors Veterans with Free Meals and a Year-Round Dining Tradition

5/12/2026 United States Orlando, FL  
This Veterans Day, Veterans eat free and will receive a LIME Challenge Coin (a \$50 value, excluding alcohol) to use anytime throughout the year at any LIME Fresh location. To find a participating location, visit [limefreshmexicangrill.com](http://limefreshmexicangrill.com).

## Wednesday, May 13

### Faire of the Dog: Night Market

5/13/2026 6:00pm 1042 N Mills Ave Orlando, FL  
A vintage/Makers Market benefiting local animal shelters! 25+ vendors Free Entry All Ages Pet Friendly Follow us on Facebook & Instagram (@faireofthedog) to find out which one we will be raising

donations for next + to get sneak peeks at our vendors!

### Apopka Foliage Toastmasters

5/13/2026 7:00pm 120 E. 5th St Apopka, FL

Toastmasters is a club that allows you to improve your public speaking, listening and leadership skills.

## Thursday, May 14

### Biz & Coffee Morning at Canon Coffee

5/14/2026 7:45am 74 W 2nd St Apopka, FL

### Orlando House Party for a Cause Free Laundry + Food Drive

5/14/2026 11:00pm 5065 Edgewater Drive Orlando, FL  
A house party in Orlando with a purpose. Bring 1 canned food item + \$10 entry. All donations go toward feeding the community and laundry.

## Coming up at the APOPKA AMPHITHEATER Spring concert series

### MAY 2

The Fire Rhythms Band - 5 p.m.-7 p.m. (Free)

### MAY 16

The Dave Matthews Tribute Band - 5 p.m.-7 p.m. (Free)

### MAY 23

R&B Picnic Fest with Ball Greezy & Sunshine Anderson - 4 p.m.-10 p.m. (Ticketed Event)

### MAY 30

Marcus King Band - 6 p.m.-10 p.m. (Ticketed Event)

3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway

# Homestyle favorites from scampi to sunshine pie

The following recipe for Chicken Carbonara comes from Ree Drummond's *theioneerwoman* website. Ree says, "This chicken carbonara takes everything I love about pasta night and makes it even better. It's filled with crispy bacon, juicy chicken, and a rich, parmesan-packed sauce that clings to every strand of pasta."

From *A Taste of Heaven*, published by First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda, we have a recipe for Shrimp Scampi and Angel Hair, contributed by Phyllis Gass. It calls for a pound of deveined and peeled shrimp. I will caution you: it does not take long for shrimp to *overcook* and get tough!

We found a great Spinach Salad from Allison Chase in New Vision Community Church's *Feeding the Flock*. Spinach is not only good for your constitution, it's a favorite of many of our readers.

Here is a wonderful fruit pie called Sunshine Pie. It looks scrumptious! We pulled this recipe from *Stew-Pot Favorites of Zellwood* that Claire Ellington gifted us.

From *The Original Country Cookbook*, here are three candy recipes: Grandma's Molasses Candy, Quick Toffee Candy, and Martha Washington Candy. They are simple "no frills" sweets that our grannies used to make for our families and friends "back in the day." If you're curious about the cautionary statement in the Martha Washington Candy recipe, "do not stir," I looked it up: it tells us "do not stir" to prevent the sugar syrup from **crystallizing**, which turns the smooth, and otherwise glassy candy into a grainy,

sandy, or *solid mess*. I remember seeing my mother get a cup of cold water and drop in a little bit of the cooking candy to test its readiness before turning off the heat. She would probe the cooled candy in the water with her finger to see if it would break apart or hold together. Hence, the statement about it "breaking" in cold water. They don't say when to add the vanilla, but it seems logical to do so when you add the butter before you beat it. If you do it while it's too hot, the vanilla will simply disappear.

### CHICKEN CARBONARA

By Ree Drummond,

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

#### INGREDIENTS:

3 large eggs  
3/4 cup grated parmesan cheese, plus more for serving  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
1 teaspoon black pepper (divided), plus more to taste  
4 slices thick-cut bacon, diced  
1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts, sliced crosswise into half-inch thick strips  
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for the pasta water  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
12 ounces fettuccine or linguine  
1/2 cup frozen peas  
Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

#### DIRECTIONS:

1) Whisk together the eggs, parmesan, heavy cream and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a medium size bowl. Set aside. 2) Cook the bacon in a large skillet over medium heat, stirring frequently, until crispy and the fat has rendered, 5 to 7 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the bacon to a paper towel-lined plate. 3) Increase the heat to medium-high. Add the chicken to the drippings in the skillet,

season with the salt and remaining 1/2 teaspoon pepper and cook, tossing occasionally, until browned and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. In the last minute of cooking, stir in the garlic. 4) Transfer the chicken to a plate; do not wipe out the skillet. 5) Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to the package directions, adding the peas during the last minute. Reserve 1 cup cooking water, then drain. 6) Immediately add the hot pasta and peas to the skillet **off the heat**. Pour in the egg mixture and quickly toss with tongs, adding 2 to 3 tablespoons of the reserved cooking water, until the sauce is creamy. If the sauce is too thick, add more of the reserved cooking water. If it's too thin, cook over low heat until thickened. 7) Stir in the bacon and chicken. Garnish with parsley, pepper and parmesan.

### PHYLLIS GASS' SCAMPI AND ANGEL HAIR

From *A Taste of Heaven*

#### INGREDIENTS:

1-3/4 cup defatted chicken broth  
1 tablespoon garlic, chopped fine  
4 tablespoons scallions, chopped (divided)  
4 tablespoons Italian parsley, minced (divided)  
1/2 pound dry angel-hair pasta  
1 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined  
Freshly ground black pepper

#### DIRECTIONS:

1) Bring a large pot of water to a boil for the pasta. 2) In a large sauce pan, combine: broth, garlic and 3 tablespoons each of scallions and parsley. Bring slowly to a simmer. Cook for 2 minutes. 3) Add pasta to boiling water. Cook according to directions. 4) Add peeled/deveined shrimp to the broth, stir well and cook for 2-1/2 to 3 minutes or

until shrimp are cooked through. Add remaining scallions. 5) Drain pasta; divide evenly among large shallow plates. Arrange shrimp over pasta and spoon "broth sauce" over shrimp. Sprinkle with pepper. Garnish with remaining parsley. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

### ALLISON CHASE'S SPECIAL SPINACH SALAD

From New Vision Community Church's *Feeding the Flock*

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 bunch spinach, washed and torn  
1 can bean sprouts, drained  
1 can water chestnuts, sliced  
3 or 4 hard-boiled eggs, sliced  
6 to 8 slices bacon, cooked, drained and cut in pieces  
1 cup light olive oil  
3/4 cup sugar (or less, if desired)  
1/3 cup catsup  
1/4 cup vinegar  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

#### DIRECTIONS:

Mix and serve.

### GLADYS RICE'S SUNSHINE PIE

From *Stew-Pot Favorites of Zellwood*

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 can (6 ounce) frozen orange juice or (12 ounces fresh juice and no water)  
1 can (6 ounce) water  
1/3 cup pineapple juice  
1/3 cup apricot juice  
1 pound marshmallows  
1-2/3 cup graham cracker crumbs  
1/3 cup confectioners' sugar  
1/3 cup butter, melted  
1/3 cup flaked coconut  
1/3 cup chopped walnuts  
Whipped cream, if desired

#### DIRECTIONS:

Combine orange juice, pineapple juice, and apricot nectar in a large pan and add marshmallows; heat gently until marshmallows are almost dissolved, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and stir until completely dissolved. Carefully place pan in sink filled with ice water to chill quickly, and cool to room temperature. Meanwhile, combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar, and butter; press into pan. Chill crust and add filling. Add walnuts and coconut after mixture has cooled. Refrigerate overnight if time permits.

### GRANDMA'S MOLASSES CANDY

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 cups molasses  
1 cup sugar  
Pinch of baking soda  
1 tablespoon vinegar  
3 cups chopped black walnuts

#### DIRECTIONS:

Cook together until crunchy or brittle when dropped in cold water. Stir in a pinch of baking soda and three cups chopped black walnuts. Pour in greased pan. Break into pieces when cold.

### QUICK TOFFEE CANDY

#### INGREDIENTS:

1 cup butter  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup nuts  
2 milk chocolate bars

#### DIRECTIONS:

Mix butter and sugar, place on stove, and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Let boil for 10 to 12 minutes. Grease pan, sprinkle with nuts (of your choice), and pour hot mixture over nuts in thin sheets. When set but still warm, break chocolate over mix and let it melt. When cold, break into pieces.

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**2010 CHEV**  
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**FLORIDA REPOSSESSION AGENCY**  
2421 SILVER METEOR DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32804  
PHONE 407-487-9355  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**PUBLICANT IN FLORIDA STATUTE**  
713.78 THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION TO THE PUBLIC ON 5/18/2026 AT 7AM AT 2421 SILVER METEOR DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32804. THE VEHICLES WHICH WILL BE AUCTIONED INCLUDE:  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2026-CP-1135**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF**  
**JOHNNIE LEE BRYANT, SR.**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of JOHNNIE LEE BRYANT, SR., deceased, whose date of death was March 7, 2026 is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 335, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 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: April 24, 2026  
Personal Representative: MIRIAM ANITA BRYANT  
6116 Rhythm Circle  
Orlando, Florida 32808  
**Attorney for personal representative:**  
NORBERTO S. KATZ, ESQUIRE  
Florida Bar No.: 0399086  
931 Thistle Lane Maitland, Florida 32751  
Telephone: (407) 435-0252  
E-Mail: norbertokatzz@gmail.com  
April 24, May 1, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File Number:2025-CP-002073-O**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF**  
**SUSAN SIDES COLLINS**  
**Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of SUSAN SIDES COLLINS, deceased, whose date of death was February 15, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave. Ste. 335, Orlando, Florida 32801. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH 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 May 1, 2026.  
Personal Representative Justin Micheal Schwartz  
528 West Yale Street  
Orlando, Florida 32804  
**Attorney for Personal Representative**  
Matthew J. Ahearn  
Florida Bar Number: 0121754  
Dean, Mead, Egerton,  
Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A.  
420 South Orange Avenue,  
Suite 700  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
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E-Mail: MAhearn@deanmead.com  
Probate@deanmead.com  
May 1, 8, 2026

**IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
**FILE NO.:2025-CP-003149-O**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF:**  
**George William Chisholm Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of George William Chisholm, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2025-CP-003149-O, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue Suite 355 Orlando Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN 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: April 24, 2026  
Personal Representative: /s/ Savannah Collins  
Savanna Collins  
6210 Red Oak Lane  
Orlando, Florida 32809  
**Attorney for Personal Representative:**  
**/s/ Jennifer B. Levy**  
**Jennifer B. Levy, Esq.**  
E-mail: jblevy@jbleyflaw.com  
Florida Bar No: 0032717

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Ste. 310  
Orlando, Florida 32819  
(407) 744-9121  
April 24, May 1, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
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**IN RE: ESTATE OF:**  
**George William Chisholm Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of George William Chisholm, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2025-CP-003149-O, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue Suite 355 Orlando Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228 applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN 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 May 1, 2026.  
Personal Representative ALLEN DIXON  
191 Thornhill Drive  
Danville, Illinois 61832  
**Alecia C. Daniel**  
**Attorney for Personal Representative**  
adh@genesislawpa.com  
Florida Bar No. 36955  
1860 SW Fountainview,  
Suite 100 Port St Lucie, FL 34986  
Telephone: (772) 539-9831  
May 1, 8, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**File No. 2026-CP-1328-O**  
**Probate Division**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF**  
**JODY ILYSE BERGMAN, Deceased.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Jody Ilyse Bergman, deceased, whose date of death was March 6, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 340, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court 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 CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN 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: April 24, 2026  
Personal Representative: MIRIAM ANITA BRYANT  
6116 Rhythm Circle  
Orlando, Florida 32808  
**Attorney for personal representative:**  
NORBERTO S. KATZ, ESQUIRE  
Florida Bar No.: 0399086  
931 Thistle Lane Maitland, Florida 32751  
Telephone: (407) 435-0252  
E-Mail: norbertokatzz@gmail.com  
April 24, May 1, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2023-GA-000054-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship**  
**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF**  
**LEO SCHAFFERS**  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**  
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: LEO SCHAFFERS, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2023-GA-000054-O, \$13,379.18 (less the cost of publication); AJ KUSMIERZ, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE MARK STEVEN BLECHMAN entered on 07/10/2024, on behalf of LEO SCHAFFERS. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund. Dated: on this the 27th day of April, 2026  
Tiffany Moore Russell  
Orange County Clerk of the Circuit Court 425 N. Orange Ave., Ste. 335  
Orlando, FL 32801  
By: Mayra I Cruz  
Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
May 1, 29, 2026

**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 the first publication of this Notice is **April 24, 2026.**  
**Attorney and Personal Representative:** W. Thomas Dyer, Esq. Florida Bar No. 969834  
DYER & BLAISDELL, PL  
416-A N. Fern Creek Ave.  
Orlando, FL 32803  
Phone: 407-648-1153  
Email: tdyer@dyerblaisdell.com  
April 24, May 1, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2022-GA-000067-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship**  
**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF**  
**IAN PATON**  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**  
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: IAN PATON, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2022-GA-000067-O, \$80,637.74 (less the cost of publication); IAN PATON, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE LETICIA MARQUES entered on 07/16/2023, on behalf of IAN PATON. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund. Dated: on this the 27th day of April, 2026  
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Orange County Clerk of the Circuit Court 425 N. Orange Ave., Ste. 335  
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Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2021-GA-000043-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship**  
**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF**  
**JOYCE ELLISON**  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**  
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: JOYCE ELLISON, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2021-GA-0000430, \$1,078.94 (less the cost of publication); JOYCE ELLISON, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE HEATHER HIGBEE entered on 03/11/2026, on behalf of JOYCE ELLISON. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund. Dated: on this the 27th day of April, 2026  
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Orange County Clerk of the Circuit Court 425 N. Orange Ave., Ste. 335  
Orlando, FL 32801  
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Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
May 1, 29, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2016-CP-001233-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship**  
**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF**  
**ERROLETTE M FLYNNHERR**  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**  
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: ERROLETTE M FLYNNHERR, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2016-CP-001233-O, \$4,932.10 (less the cost of publication); ERROLETTE M FLYNNHERR, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE JANET C THORPE entered on 10/10/2019, on behalf of ERROLETTE M FLYNNHERR. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund. Dated: on this the 27th day of April, 2026  
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CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2023-GA-000054-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship**  
**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF**  
**LEO SCHAFFERS**  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**  
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: LEO SCHAFFERS, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2023-GA-000054-O, \$13,379.18 (less the cost of publication); AJ KUSMIERZ, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE MARK STEVEN BLECHMAN entered on 07/10/2024, on behalf of LEO SCHAFFERS. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund. Dated: on this the 27th day of April, 2026  
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CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2023-GA-000054-O**  
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May 1, 29, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2021-GA-000176-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship**  
**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF**  
**PATRICIA D CONNOLLY**  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**  
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: PATRICIA D CONNOLLY, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2021-GA-000176-O, \$28,537.83 (less the cost of publication); MARC ANTHONY CONSALO, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE LETICIA MARQUES entered on 03/02/2022, on behalf of PATRICIA D CONNOLLY. The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund. Dated: on this the 27th day of April, 2026  
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Orange County Clerk of the Circuit Court 425 N. Orange Ave., Ste. 335  
Orlando, FL 32801  
By: Mayra I Cruz  
Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
May 1, 29, 2026

**Guardianship of:**  
**PATRICIA D CONNOLLY, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2021-GA-000176-O, \$28,537.83 (less the cost of publication); MARC ANTHONY CONSALO, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE LETICIA MARQUES entered on 03/02/2022, on behalf of PATRICIA D CONNOLLY.**  
The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund. Dated: on this the 27th day of April, 2026  
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Deputy Clerk  
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May 1, 29, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2025-CP-002029-O**  
**DIVISION Probate**  
**IN RE: VIRGIL DALE HATAWAY DECEASED**  
**NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED PROBATE FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**  
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 733.816, Florida Statutes, unclaimed probate funds of \$24,299.67 are being held for JAMES VIRGIL HATAWAY in the registry of court, deposited per order of 03/17/2026 in the Estate of VIRGIL DALE HATAWAY, deceased; case number 2025-CP-002029-O. The Clerk of the Circuit Court will deposit these funds with the Department of Financial Services no less than six months after the posting of the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Any person or entity entitled to such funds may obtain them by compliance with applicable provisions of Section 733.816, Fla. Stat., within 10 years from the date of deposit with the Department of Financial Services, after which time the funds will escheat to the state. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of this Court, on this the 27th day of April, 2026.  
Tiffany Moore Russell  
Orange County Clerk of the Circuit Court 425 N. Orange Ave., Ste. 335  
Orlando, FL 32801  
By: Mayra I Cruz  
Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
May 1, 29, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2016-CP-001233-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship**  
**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF**  
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By: Mayra I Cruz  
Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
May 1, 29, 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 VIONWALRAVEN, et al. Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIII**  
**TO: KIMBERLY D. ROGERS**  
**6396 HOFFMAN TRACES DRIVE COLUMBUS, OH 43213-4487**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 22, 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 XIII**  
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 551649 & 551650 & 551651 & 551652 & 551701 & 551702) 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. 1082-0300-0001 ("Trust"), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of May 01, 2012 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 28th day of MAY, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any

person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on April 23, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 00103911  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
OUR FILE #126435.9149  
MORI #ORANGE  
May 1, 8, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO. 2026-CA-002759**  
**DIVISION: 36**  
**IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$6,160.00 U.S. CURRENCY**  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**TO: DEMETRIUS K. FRANCON**  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orlando Police Department on the following property in Orange County, FL: \$6,160.00 U.S. Currency, seized on or about 01/30/2026 at or near 1505 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL, Orange County. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Senior Orlando Police Legal Advisor Shannon Gridley Hesse, Petitioner's attorney, 1250 W. South Street, Orlando, FL 32805, on or before 30 days from the first date of 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. DATED THIS 23 day of APRIL 2026.  
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL  
Clerk of the Court  
BY: Rosa Aviles  
Deputy Clerk

/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 #126435.9154  
MORI #ORANGE  
April 24, May 1, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2025-CA-005437-O**  
**DIV NO.: 33**  
**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.**  
**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**  
**PAUL SEWELL, et al.,**  
**Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**AS TO COUNT II**

**TO: JUANITA MARIA SAMPER**  
CRA. 52 #132-167  
CASA 13  
ALTOS DE VILLA CAMPESTRE BARRANQUILLA,  
ATLANTICO 081007  
COLOMBIA  
**JOSE LUIS ROMERO**  
CRA. 52 #132-167  
CASA 13  
ALTOS DE VILLA CAMPESTRE BARRANQUILLA,  
ATLANTICO 081007  
COLOMBIA

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 15, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-005437-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

**COUNT II**  
**Unit Week 26 in Unit 1531, in HAO CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 6017 at Page 0143 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 hour of **11:00 a.m., on the 13th day 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 16, 2026.  
DATED this 16th day of April, 2026.  
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
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MORI #ORANGE  
April 24, May 1, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2025-CA-005437-O**  
**DIV NO.: 33**  
**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.**  
**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**  
**PAUL SEWELL, et al.,**  
**Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**AS TO COUNT I**

**TO: PAUL SEWELL**  
504 CENTRAL AVE  
REISTERSTOWN,  
MD 21136-1857  
**SHARON SEWELL**  
504 CENTRAL AVE  
REISTERSTOWN,  
MD 21136-1857

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 15, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-005437-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

**COUNT I**  
**Unit Week 41\*X in Unit 3065, in HAO CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 6017 at Page 0143 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 hour of **11:00 a.m., on the 13th day 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 16, 2026.  
DATED this 16th day of April, 2026.  
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
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April 24, May 1, 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 XI**

**TO: GEORGE D DELP,**  
**DECEASED**  
1990 PINETREE TRAIL  
GAINESVILLE, GA 30501  
**APRIL L DELP**  
5370 LARCH LANE  
GAINESVILLE, GA 30506

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 21, 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 XI**  
12 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 261337 & 261338 & 332116 & 332117 & F62715 & F62716 & F68231 & F68232 & F68233 & F68234 & F71628 & F71629) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

**AND**  
10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: U38532 & U38533 & U38534 & U38535 & U38536 & U38537 & U38538 & U38539 & U38540 & U38541) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day 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 22, 2026.  
DATED this 22nd day of April, 2026.  
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD,  
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
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MORI #ORANGE  
April 24, May 1, 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 X**

**TO: BRIAN K DISMUKES**  
**DECEASED**  
THE ESTATE OF BRIAN K DISMUKES, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT  
131 VISTA CIRCLE  
EASLEY, SC 29642

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**COUNT XII**  
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Z82038 & Z82039 & Z82040 & Z82041) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

**COUNT X**  
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: BC7518 & BC7519 & BC7520 & BC7521 & BC7522 & BC7523 & BC7524 & BC7525) 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, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

**AND**  
1 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Q82112) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 250 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day 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 22, 2026.  
DATED this 22nd day of April, 2026.  
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.  
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
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MORI #ORANGE  
April 24, May 1, 2026

**A-AAA Key Mini Storage**  
**5285 S Orange Blossom Trail**  
**Orlando, FL 32839**  
**M29**  
**m29@trustedstoragepros.com**  
**689-800-7333**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 5285 S Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, FL 32839, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder; payment will only be accepted with Credit/Debit at [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com) on May 21st 2026 at 11:00AM

**Kely Bocicot-**  
Bike Fan Suitcase Clothes  
Linens Desk Bags  
Publish: The Apopka Chief  
May 1, 8, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO. 2026-CA-002271**

sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on April 22, 2026.  
DATED this 22nd day of April, 2026.  
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
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April 24, May 1, 2026

**STORAGE SENSE SELF STORAGE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Storage Sense Apopka Located at 2208 Stillwater Ave., Apopka, Florida 32703 Phone 407-703-8854 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property Under the Florida Facility Act Statutes. The Sale shall take place online at [www.lockerfox.com](http://www.lockerfox.com) and closes on the **20th Day of May, 2026 at 10:00 AM** Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 72 hours of purchase with a \$100 cash cleaning Deposit.  
**Christy Crider-**  
**Units 1008 and 4011- Personal Property**  
**Judith Ware-**  
**Units 1007 and 5026- Personal Property**  
May 1, 8, 2026

**A-AAA Key Mini Storage**  
**101 S Semoran Blvd**  
**Orlando FL 32807**  
**407-401-9422**  
**m30@trustedstoragepros.com**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 1001 S Semoran Blvd Orlando FL 32807, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for Credit/Debit only at [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com) on May 21, 2026 at 11:30AM.  
**OPHIK BEN PARMAT-**  
Boxes, clothes, paper, books  
**FELICIA FRAGA PEREZ:**  
Boxes, bags, furniture, totes, grill, walker, luggage, décor  
**JUAN LUIS RAMIREZ ORTIZ:**  
Tires, ladder, construction materials, cooler, totes, boots, buckets, backpack, blower  
Publish: The Apopka Chief  
May 1, 8, 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 XIV**

**TO: ALLISON W. EDEN,**  
**DECEASED**  
PO BOX 1973  
WILSON, WY 83014-1973  
**JAMES E. EDEN**  
PO BOX 1973  
WILSON, WY 83014-1973  
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**COUNT XIV**  
22 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: D94626 & D94627 & D94628 & D94629 & D94630 & D94631 & D94632 & D94633 & D94634 & D94635 & D94636 & D94637 & D94638 & D94639 & D94640 & D94641 & D94642 & D94643 & D94644 & D94645 & D94646 & D94647) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 5500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of May 01, 2014 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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DATED this 22nd day of April, 2026.  
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD,  
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
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April 24, May 1, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-004374-O**  
**DIVISION NUMBER: 37**  
**IN RE: FORFEITURE OF**  
**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT**  
**TO: DEBIRON L. SINGH**  
**P.O. BOX 4970**  
**ORLANDO, FL 32802**

and all others who claim an interest in \$1,551.00 in U.S. Currency, which was seized on or about the 9th day of March, 2026, at or near 6818 Derrick Drive, Orlando, in Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. **I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 23rd day of March, 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@ocsofi.com  
May 1, 8, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2025-CA-009846-O**  
**DIV NO.: 36**  
**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,**  
**BRIAN M. HARTMAN, et al.,**  
**Defendants.**  
**NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II**  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:  
**TO: MICHAEL BRATHWAITE**  
2751 DOMINION BLVD  
WINDSOR, ONTARIO  
N9E 2M7 CANADA  
**AND**  
**KATHLEEN BRATHWAITE**  
2751 DOMINION BLVD  
WINDSOR, ONTARIO  
N9E 2M7 CANADA  
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:  
**COUNT II**  
**Unit Week 13\*X in Unit 9149, 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 20th 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#110523.2015/GV241  
April 24, May 1, 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 IX**

**TO: STEPHEN R. BARNES,**  
**AS INDIVIDUAL AS GUARANTOR AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE STEPHEN AND SUSAN BARNES TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 31, 2006, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN R. BARNES, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT**  
8508 E 109TH ST  
TULSA, OK 74133-7333  
**SUSAN BARNES, AS INDIVIDUAL, AS GUARANTOR AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE STEPHEN AND SUSAN BARNES TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 31, 2006, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF SUSAN BARNES, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT**  
8508 E 109TH ST  
TULSA, OK 74133-7333

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**COUNT IX**  
18 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: R33321 & R33322 & R33323 & R33324 & R33325 & R33326 & R33327 & R33328 & R33329 & R33330 & R33331 & R33332 & R33333 & R33334 & R33335 & R33336 & R33337 & R33338) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 4500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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DATED this 22nd day of April, 2026.  
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD,  
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
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OUR FILE #126435.9079  
MORI #ORANGE  
April 24, May 1, 2026

**Notice of Public Sale**  
Notice is hereby given that **Northwest Orlando Storage** at 5330 N Pine Hills Rd Orlando, FL 32808 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes). The sales will be held online at [StorageTreasures.com](http://StorageTreasures.com) on 5/16/26 at approx. 9:00 am. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to add'l terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Unit#-Name-Description: #xxx-Tenant's name- description, #xxx-Tenant's name-description...

**#1055-Rodney Alford-**  
**#1079-Shirley Landell-**  
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