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Ruth pushes to slow Apopka's growth, reassess planning

Concerns prompt cancellation of commission meeting this week

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

City Commissioner Sam Ruth says his recent push to revisit the

city's Planning Commission structure stems from a growing concern that development in the city is moving faster than the infrastructure needed to support it.

Ruth, a former city commissioner who was elected to Seat 1 in March,

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Sam Ruth (center) and Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez (right) speak with an attendee at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

First Landings Aviation to partner with Wekiva AFJROTC

Aviation school to provide flight instructors for simulator program

By Sarah Merly Reporter

First Landings Aviation, Apopka's oldest aviation school, is set to provide flight simulator instruction to Wekiva High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) cadets upon the simulator program's launch in the 2026-27 school year.

"What they have promised is to help with getting the simulators set up—FAA-certified simulators—and provide the guidance and instructors to

help get the program started, which is huge for this school," said Wekiva AFJROTC senior instructor and retired Col. Scott Stewart.

The AFJROTC program previously received a \$10,000 check in March from Lockheed Martin, in partnership with the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools (OCPS), to purchase two flight simulators, with OCPS providing a buffer of \$5,000 for any additional costs.

The simulators, known as Basic Aviation Training Devices (BATD), would feature three cockpit window monitors and a smaller monitor with flight con-

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Photo by Sarah Merly

First Landings Aviation is located in Orlando Apopka Airport at 1321 Apopka Airport Road.

Workshop sets new course for city budget



Photo by Dana O'Connor

The Apopka City Commission met Wednesday night to begin work on the city's budget for the next fiscal year.

Departments outline priorities in 14 presentations

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Apopka city departments outlined staffing needs, redevelopment priorities, technology upgrades and long-term planning initiatives during the opening portion of the City Commission's first preliminary FY2027 budget workshop Wednesday evening, marking an earlier-than-usual start to the city's annual budget process.

The May 13 workshop came just two weeks after Mayor Nick Nesta was sworn into office and after he previously expressed interest in holding additional workshops to increase public input on city issues, including

the budget. In prior years, detailed departmental budget workshops typically began in July.

Nesta said the preliminary workshop was designed as a high-level overview to give commissioners and residents an early look at department needs before they begin prioritizing later in the budget process.

"I did not have any say on their budget," Nesta said about department heads' requests. "It was prepared [to] ask for everything, ask for the moon, the stars, and then give us a little bit of a runway to prioritize for us, a little bit what that looks like."

Finance Director Blanche Sherman outlined a proposed budget workshop timeline that adds meetings in June and early July before the city sets a rollback and proposed operating millage rate in mid-

July. That would be followed by September budget hearings, including a tentative Sept. 3 date contingent on Orange County's schedule.

Early departments highlighted recurring themes related to city growth, staffing demands, infrastructure modernization and redevelopment planning. In all, 14 city departments made presentations.

Human Resources Director Joe Patton said the city has 649 full-time positions and 115 part-time positions. Patton said the city added approximately 91 positions over the past two years and is looking at more than 60 additional positions in the upcoming budget cycle.

Patton requested several staffing additions within human resources and risk management, including making a part-time records worker full

time, a risk management position, and an executive assistant position. He also said the city plans a 3.3% pay band adjustment tied to inflation and intends to continue 6% merit increases, which he described as "a big recruiting tool."

The Human Resources Department also projected a 6.5% increase in employer healthcare contributions, down from 11.5% the previous year.

Resident Sylvester Hall said proper staffing was critical to city operations and public safety.

"We should never be where we at now, period," Hall said. "We need strong department heads to come to you and say, 'I need this' and not be afraid of losing their jobs by saying that."

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Moore reflects on public service, unfinished projects

Four candidates have filed for District 2 commission seat

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Former Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore said transportation connectivity, infrastructure coordination and conservation planning remain among the region's biggest unfinished challenges as she reflects on nearly eight years representing Northwest Orange County.

Moore spoke with The

Apopka Chief this week about her time on the Orange County Commission, the projects she believes still need attention, and how her priorities have evolved since the campaign.

Moore lost her bid for Apopka mayor in the April runoff election to Commissioner Nick Nesta, following a March general election in which both Moore and Nesta defeated two-term incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson.

Moore's runoff loss marked a break in her nearly two decades in elected office.

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Photo by Dana O'Connor

Moore smiles in front of her home during an election night watch party.

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Legislature reconvenes to tackle new budget

Last week, after legislators approved Governor Ron DeSantis' congressional redistricting draft map proposal (83–28 in the House and 21–17 in the Senate) during a special session, the governor signed off on the bills, officially putting the new map into effect for the 2026 election cycle.

At the time of publication of this column, legislators will have completed the first of three weeks of the second special session, which is focused on passing the state budget.

At the end of April, leadership in the legislative branch had announced that both the House and Senate had reached an agreement on funding allocations, which is required in order to combine the funding proposals from each chamber into a final budget to pass.

The following joint allocations agreed upon for the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2026–2027 were shared by category with legislators prior to the convening of the special session: \$476 million for administered funds and statewide issues; \$560 million for transportation, tourism and economic development; \$568 million for state administration/general government; \$1.38 billion for agriculture and natural resources/agriculture and environment; \$6.68 billion for higher education; \$6.96 billion for justice/criminal and civil justice; \$16.2 billion for pre K-education; and \$19.2 billion for health care/health and human services.

The joint budget proposal (in April) totaled \$51.98 bil-

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lion. House Speaker Daniel Perez had announced in a memo that he was “pleased...for the second consecutive year, our budget will reduce overall government spending while responsibly directing taxpayer dollars toward

essential priorities.”

The purpose of the first week of this second special session was to commence budget conferencing. During the budget conferencing period, legislators are assigned to one or more combined committees (with House and Senate members) according to each budget category to focus on negotiating and resolving remaining budget items that are in dispute.

The goal for budget conferencing this week (and also possibly next week) was to resolve all specific remaining category matters and bump up to the larger budget conference committee. Chaired by the budget chief, the larger budget conference committee oversees the budget as a whole and tailors its focus on broader unresolved budget items.

Leadership informed members that they should expect to return to Tallahassee after Memorial Day to vote on the final budget negotiations. I plan to publish another column during Memorial Day week providing an update on the Legislature's progress with negotiations.

I am hopeful that the next three weeks of the special session will be productive, efficient, and that we can all work together in unity to balance a budget that best serves our state and residents.

Business owner shows best of Apopka

When the Foliage Sertoma Club recently named local business owner James “Jamey” Maltby its annual Service to Mankind award winner, he was surprised.

I dare say no one who knows Jamey shared his surprise.

As I chatted with Maltby over lunch at Beef O’Brady’s last week, his qualities were evident. He greeted a police officer he knew, a friend from his Bowlero bowling league sat down for a few minutes to chat, and while we talked another friend, via text, was trying to entice him into a business partnership.

Maltby is the kind of person who has a thick network of relationships in the community, built over a lifetime of interactions in Apopka. The ways he has given back include supporting local sports programs, donating 1,000 oak trees and crepe myrtles to the Apopka Art & Foliage Festival and advertising for 22 years in The Apopka Chief.

If you think advertising in the Chief helped Maltby grow his business, you would be right. But it’s also absolutely right to give him credit for it as a community service.

In his 2000 book “Bowling

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Alone,” Robert D. Putnam documented the critical role of social cohesion in a healthy community. In short, communities with high trust among robust social networks have less crime, more economic vitality, better governance, and healthier, happier citizens.

People like Maltby contribute to this not only through individual actions such as being an honest businessman and participating in a bowling league, but through supporting the local newspaper—which is another hallmark of a healthy community.

Research has repeatedly shown that communities with a strong local news outlet have more civic engagement, less corruption, smarter devel-

opment, a better business climate, and even lower municipal borrowing costs.

Sadly, over the last two decades, many towns have seen these issues trend in the wrong direction as more than 3,500 local newspapers have closed, giving rise to increasing misinformation, polarization and a fragmented sense of community.

Thankfully, this is not the story in Apopka. Last year we grew revenue at the Chief for the first time in more than a dozen years as we expanded circulation and made our content free for the whole community.

We are grateful to our members, our new advertisers, and to longstanding advertisers like Maltby’s Tree Service who all make this important, community-building work possible.

In a very real way, each of these business and resident stakeholders can lay claim to every story you read in the Chief—from the news at City Hall to the latest club events and happenings on the sports fields. So the next time you see Jamey Maltby (or any one of our other advertisers), please tell him thank you.

You have to look closely to see good news about gas

When I was in high school, the 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air was what the Volkswagen was supposed to be in 1930s Germany—a car everybody could afford. If you weren’t picky about stuff like dog hair and dog smells and didn’t absolutely need both headlights and a floorboard in the back, you could get one for 50 bucks.

That thought made me smile when my gas fill-up Tuesday was just over 50 bucks.

I wasn’t looking at anything in particular while smiling, just starting off into 1966, but appearances are everything. If you happened to be looking my direction from the next set of pumps, it would seem that I was looking in your direction and was amused by what I saw.

What I would have been seeing if I had been looking was a large unhappy man pumping gas into a tank that was about eye level on a truck with five tires. He was into triple figures and didn’t see anything the least bit funny about the situation.

He looked like he was ready to pound somebody into the pavement.

Luckily, I am too old to be taken seriously enough to pound, which is one of the few benefits of age. Another is that the cost of fuel doesn’t hit so hard because as retirees my wife and I don’t have to drive that much

Columnist



Jake Vest

anymore. The only regular trip is to the grocery store two miles away.

We don’t have a gas crisis because we can fairly easily afford to drive to our other crisis: Feeding ourselves. It would appear from the prices that beef must go from Omaha to Florida via the Strait of Hormuz. Either that or they’ve started feeding cows on gasoline.

It can be depressing, but we are not the first to find times hard. Anne Murray did a song in 1983 that said “what we need is a little good news today.” So I did some figuring and came up with a cheerful headline.

In the early 1970s I worked at a self-service gas station in my area, back before technology had caught up with the idea. An attendant had to reset the pumps and collect the cash. No credit cards.

Gasoline was 28.9 cents per gallon. That might seem like the

good old days unless you were doing what I was doing for \$1.60 per hour—strolling around with a big wad of bills at midnight, available to be robbed by people already in what amounted to get-away vehicles.

I drove a 1965 Buick Wildcat, which got about the same mileage as that previously mentioned 1955 Chevy, 10 to 14 miles per gallon. Let’s be generous and call it 12—that thing was a beast, and I never tuned it up.

I could buy 5.5 gallons of gasoline for what I was paid for an hour of inhaling exhaust fumes and risking my life, enough fuel to take that Buick 66 miles.

The internet tells me that the minimum wage I made in 1972 is the equivalent to \$10 an hour in today’s money. At the \$4.49 I just paid, that would get me only 2.2 gallons, making the old days still seem golden.

However, I normally get around 30 miles per gallon, and the experts say if I slowed down to 55, I could get 37. For the equivalent of an hour’s work in 1972, I can now finance 82 miles of driving.

So, there’s your happy headline: GAS PRICES HAVE GONE DOWN! (Relatively speaking.)

That’s worth a smile. Just don’t let anybody see you do it at the gas pumps.

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Town hall meeting to address issues affecting Black community



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

The St. Paul AME Church Social Action Committee will host a town hall on May 21 at the church to discuss issues affecting the Black community.

Panel to share insights, info at St. Paul AME Church gathering

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The St. Paul AME Church Social Action Committee will host a town hall meeting aimed at addressing concerns about threats to Black voting rights, history and culture.

The forum is scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. on May 21 at St. Paul AME Church, 1012 S. Park Ave., Apopka. The event is being organized under the leadership of the Rev. Gerard Moss and will be led by Social Action Committee Chairman Bobby Scott and attorney Greg Jackson.

Organizers said the meeting is intended to inform residents and provide a space for discussion on issues affecting the Black community. A panel of invited professionals and local elected officials is expected to share insights and information, followed by an opportunity for attendees to offer public comment and raise concerns.

"This meeting is a vital opportunity for our community to come together, stay informed, and discuss the ongoing challenges to our voting rights, history, and cultural heritage," Scott said. "We encourage everyone to attend and participate in this important conversation."

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Scott at 407-247-5553 or via email at jadamone@aol.com.

Trial for restaurant lawsuit set for February 2028

City seeks dismissal of restaurant lawsuit alleging code violation

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

A jury trial has been scheduled for February 2028 in a lawsuit filed against the city by a local restaurant owner, according to court records, as the case moves forward through early stages of litigation.

The trial date and broader litigation schedule were set in a court order filed Jan. 7, which outlines deadlines for discovery and pretrial proceedings leading up to the jury trial almost two years away.

The city of Apopka is also asking a judge to dismiss the lawsuit, arguing in a March 10 motion that the claims are legally insufficient and barred under state law.

Attorneys for the city filed the motion in Orange County Circuit Court seeking to throw out the complaint brought by Valerie Sparkman, owner of Just Like Momma's Soul Food and Wings LLC. The lawsuit, filed Jan. 6, stems from a dispute over a code enforcement action involving city employee David Whitty.

In its motion, the city argues the complaint fails on multiple legal grounds, including that Sparkman improperly brought claims individually on behalf of a corporation and did not provide enough specific facts to support the allegations.

"A review of each of Plaintiffs' counts shows that each is due to be



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

A jury trial has been scheduled for February 2028 in a lawsuit that Just Like Momma's (pictured) restaurant owner Valerie Sparkman filed against the city, alleging a code enforcement violation.

dismissed as Plaintiffs' claims are brought by an improper party," the motion reads.

The motion cites sovereign immunity — a legal doctrine that limits lawsuits against government entities — arguing several of the claims, including negligence and constitutional violations, are not permitted under state law. The motion further characterizes parts of the complaint as a "shotgun pleading," alleging it improperly combines multiple claims without clear distinction.

In addition to dismissal, the city is asking the court to strike certain damage claims, including those related to emotional distress.

The lawsuit alleges Whitty acted outside his authority by issuing

what the plaintiff describes as an unlawful stop-work order, delaying the restaurant's renovation and causing financial losses. The suit seeks more than \$50,000 in damages, along with costs and a jury trial.

Court records show the case has continued to move forward procedurally even as the dismissal request remains pending. On April 29, the city filed notice that it had served its initial disclosures to the plaintiff — a required step in civil cases that outlines potential witnesses and evidence each side may use.

Earlier filings show the case formally progressed in January and February, when summonses were issued to notify the city and Whitty of the lawsuit.

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Apopka Woman's Club awards 5 scholarships to area students



Courtesy of Saudi Ellis

From left to right - GFWC Apopka Woman's Club president Diane Harrison, Elizabeth Marshall, Kendall Walker, Ariana Serami Obregon, scholarship chair Saudi Ellis and Apopka High School principal Lyle Heinz.

Scholarships funded by Apopka Art & Foliage Festival proceeds

By Sarah Merly Reporter

The GWFC Apopka Woman's Club recently awarded five area students \$1,500 scholarships at its monthly meeting, honoring three recipients again at Apopka High School on May 4.

"What I saw in each one is it's not just their

grades—it's their community service that they put in," said club president Diane Harrison in a phone interview. "It's the extracurricular activities that they participate in. It's their involvement in the school and involvement in the community."

The scholarship recipients included three Apopka High School seniors—Kendall Walker, Elizabeth Marshall and Ariana Serami Obregon — Orangewood Christian Academy senior Gabrielle Robinson and Hope Community Center employee Edith Tave-

ra, who is continuing her education as an adult.

The Apopka Woman's Club has been presenting scholarships since the 1960s using proceeds from the Apopka Art & Foliage Festival, which the club organizes every year. One former scholarship recipient has since become a member of the club.

"She became a principal—she's retired now," Harrison said. "We hope that they come back and be a member of our Woman's Club."

Scholarship applications open every January for female high school se-



Courtesy of Saudi Ellis

From left to right - GFWC Apopka Woman's Club president Diane Harrison, scholarship chair Saudi Ellis, Edith Tavera, Ariana Serami Obregon, Gabrielle Robinson, Kendall Walker and Elizabeth Marshall.

nors and adult women continuing their education who live in Apopka zip codes 32703, 32704, and 32712, according to a club press release.

RUTH FROM A1

said while he supports growth, the city needs to take a closer look at whether its current planning and infrastructure systems are prepared for what lies ahead.

"Growth is good, but controlled growth is smarter, wiser and better for the community as a whole," Ruth said in an interview with The Apopka Chief. "I think we've lost sight of that in the last several years."

According to Ruth, the debate is not about targeting individual Planning Commission members or dismantling the city's existing review procedures, which he described as "solid." Instead, he said he wants city leaders, staff and advisory boards to pause and evaluate whether Apopka's infrastructure can keep pace with continued development.

"This is not about any

board member," Ruth said. "This is about seeing who can get the brightest and smartest people to fulfill these spots while we really do a deep forensic audit of what our infrastructure is like [and] how we can support the city's needs."

Ruth's comments follow a May 6 City Commission meeting where discussion led to the cancellation of the May 12 Planning Commission meeting until the city could hold a workshop examining the board's future direction and development priorities.

Ruth said his concerns intensified during a May 6 meeting discussion involving a proposed eight-unit townhome project within the Community Redevelopment Agency district, which the commission voted 5-0 to deny.

During discussion of that project, Ruth said he saw a disconnect between city staff's development recommendations and what he believes are the city's infrastructure limitations.

"When you sit back and you see that disconnect, it only leaves you to ask the question, there's something wrong here, and it needs to be at least questioned," he told the Chief.

Among the issues Ruth cited during the Chief interview were aging water and sewer infrastructure, roadway congestion, and increasing residential density in some neighborhoods. He said the city needs a more comprehensive review of infrastructure capacity before approving additional projects.

"We don't have the roads to support it," Ruth said. "We

don't have the infrastructure to support it."

Ruth also said he would like to see wider community participation in future Planning Commission appointments. That would include encouraging current board members to reapply alongside new candidates from across the city.

"This board hasn't changed in 30 years," he said. "I think there's great talent here in the city."

Ruth said he believes elected officials and board members need a deeper understanding of Apopka's land development code and the planning tools available to manage growth.

"There's tools there, and if you know how to use them, we can slow some of this development down," Ruth said.

The City Commission is expected to discuss the Plan-

ning Commission further at its May 20 meeting. Ruth said he hopes the conversation leads to wider collaboration among city leaders, staff and residents about how Apopka should grow in the coming years.

"This needs to be a community-driven, community involvement process," Ruth said. "This is not about me. It's not about anything I'm doing. I'm trying to make Apopka better."

During his report at the May 6 Commission meeting, Ruth asked his fellow commissioners to temporarily pause Planning Commission activity.

"Because I've been elected for a month and a half now, this [is the] first open conversation I've had," Ruth said during the meeting. "By the end of this month, that's two months that they're

ahead of me, and I'm going to be on defense coming straight out of the chute."

Mayor Nick Nesta questioned whether delaying Planning Commission meetings could create legal complications under state law or negatively affect developers with pending applications. City attorney Cliff Shepard responded that discussing the issue in a workshop setting would not amount to a development moratorium or code change.

"You're simply saying we're going to have a workshop to discuss the issue of how we're going to deal with planning and planning board and so forth," Shepard said.

Nesta later directed staff to postpone the May 12 Planning Commission meeting pending further commission discussion.

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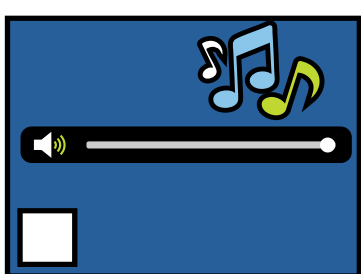
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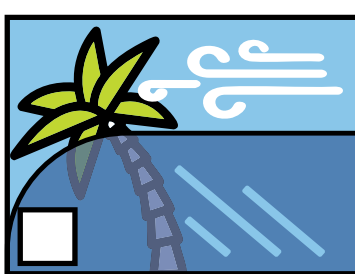
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Staff recommends denial for church expansion

DRC meeting includes site storage upgrades, Father's Day concert

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

On Wednesday, the Development Review Committee recommended denial at this stage of an expansion to Gospel Centered Church (pictured) on Rock Springs Road due to unresolved staff comments.

The Development Review Committee on Wednesday reviewed and recommended for denial plans for a major expansion of Gospel Centered Church on Rock Springs Road, citing unresolved staff comments.

The proposal involves a first-submittal construction site plan for a 9,600-square-foot addition at Gospel Centered Church, 4490 Rock Springs Road.

Project manager Jean Sanchez described the proposal as "an addition to an existing church" on the corner of Rock Springs Road and Simon Avenue and not

for a resubmittal. The DRC recommended denial of the proposal "at this time as there are numerous comments that need to be resolved," Planning Director Bobby Howell said.

Sanchez said city staff issued "some substantial comments" on the proposal and noted the applicant did not attend the meeting. Sanchez said staff would wait

for a resubmittal.

The DRC recommended denial of the proposal "at this time as there are numerous comments that need to be resolved," Planning Director Bobby Howell said.

The committee also recommended denial of a first-submittal construction site

plan at 951 S. Highland Ave. for Pave A Lot Asphalt Maintenance Inc., citing outstanding staff comments, including the need for a stormwater report and a geotechnical report.

In addition, the committee recommended approval of a special event permit for the "Father's Day: Best of the World" concert scheduled June 21 at the Apopka Amphitheater. Organizers described the event as "a concert and community-based entertainment event-celebrating fathers, family, positive engagement through music and live performances."

The DRC is made up of representatives from multiple city departments who review proposed development projects for compliance with the city's land development code, infrastructure requirements and other technical standards.

BUDGET

FROM A1

IT Director Robert Hippler briefed commissioners on a multi-year push to modernize the city's technology, covering wireless infrastructure, cybersecurity, disaster recovery, new code enforcement and enterprise resource planning systems, and ADA-compliant online access, while exploring AI tools with what he called a cautious, public-records-aware approach.

Economic Development Director Antranette Forbes said the city's economic development efforts are focused on business attraction, business retention, workforce development and entrepreneurship.

Forbes said the city recently expanded its commercial real estate database from about seven properties to nearly 150 and said the city needs to develop a formal incentive program.

"We do need to look at

a more formalized program with an associated budget that goes with it," Forbes said.

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) portion of the presentation highlighted neighborhood improvement programs, downtown redevelopment efforts and future planning initiatives, including a CRA master plan update and a homeowner down payment assistance program.

Planning Manager Bobby Howell outlined staffing and internal infrastructure needs within the Planning Department, requesting funding for a Geographic Information System addressing administrator (GIS), an associate planner, and a transportation planner to keep pace with citywide development activity. A GIS is the computer-based mapping system the city uses to track parcels, addresses, zoning and other spatial data.

MOORE

FROM A1

Moore served on the Orange County School Board from 2008 to 2018 before winning election to the Orange County Commission District 2 seat in 2018. She won reelection in 2022 before resigning to run for mayor of Apopka, effective April 28.

"The major issues in terms of transportation needs and infrastructure certainly haven't changed," Moore said. "We have to continue to look towards other means, meaning other than raising taxes to fund some of these things."

Moore said she is becoming more involved with

Strong Towns, which focuses on financially sustainable development patterns and infrastructure planning. She said communities increasingly must balance residential growth with commercial and mixed-use development capable of generating enough tax revenue to support long-term infrastructure maintenance.

During her tenure, Moore became closely associated with environmental and infrastructure initiatives in District 2, including a major septic-to-sewer conversion effort aimed at protecting Wekiwa Springs,

large-scale conservation land acquisitions, and a slate of transportation and safety projects across northwest Orange County.

Among the accomplishments she highlighted were strengthening the county's tree protection standards, requiring significant passive land to be preserved within new developments, and helping secure funding for key roadway, intersection and trail improvements.

Still, Moore said many pedestrian safety and trail connectivity projects remain incomplete.

"We definitely have gaps

in the trail, and we have gaps in the safety," Moore said.

She specifically cited the lack of safe crossings along Park Avenue near City Hall and Kit Land Nelson Park, arguing that better sidewalks, ADA improvements and signalized crosswalks are still needed.

"There is no crosswalk. That is so important," Moore said of the downtown corridor near Fifth and Park by City Hall. "It is not safe to cross at all."

Moore also said collaboration between county and city governments remains critical because many trans-

portation and safety projects involve overlapping jurisdictions. She pointed to Welch Road improvements and trail expansion efforts as examples requiring coordination between Orange County and the city of Apopka.

Following the mayoral election, Moore said she plans to remain active in community initiatives, including bicycle advocacy and urban planning discussions connected to Strong Towns principles.

She recently launched a local bike club and is organizing monthly rides, saying she wants to build traffic

along the West Orange Trail as an economic development and health-and-wellness tool.

Meanwhile, the Orange County District 2 seat remains vacant following Moore's resignation to run for mayor. Several individuals have filed to run for the seat, including Kamia Brown, Wes Hodge, George Oliver III and Marsha Summersill.

The governor's office has not announced who, if anyone, will fill the vacant District 2 seat in the interim period and has not responded to requests for comment.

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VFW Post 10147 Community Service Activities

Participation in the VFW National Day of Service

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Edgewood Cemetery. Their dedication was demonstrated as they worked together to clean and preserve the cemetery grounds, strengthening the Post's connection with the community.

Inspired by the impact of our National Day of Service? Join VFW Post 10147 in

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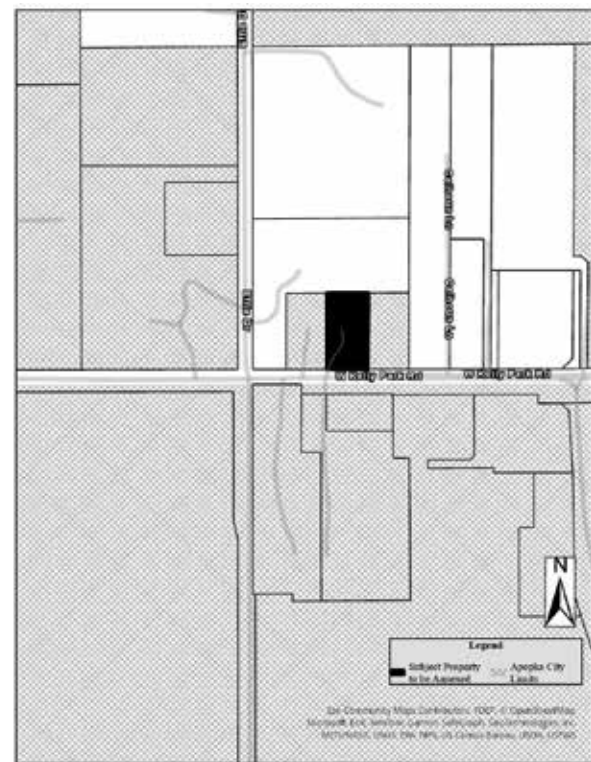


PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **LUKE M. CLASSON, P.E.** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Commission for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located at 3603 West Kelly Park Road. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3163

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY EFFLE ROAD HOLDINGS, LLC; LOCATED EAST OF EFFIE ROAD AND NORTH OF KELLY PARK ROAD; COMPRISING 1.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 12-20-27-0000-00-017

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NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3163 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Commission** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, June 17, 2026 beginning at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Annexation can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

**Apopka City Commission
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POLICE BEAT

APD issues 76 citations May 3-9

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In the period from May 3-9, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,769 calls for service, responded to 24 crashes, issued 76 citations, and made 17 arrests. Burglaries: 2 vehicles, 1 residence, 6 businesses. Juveniles were charged with simple assault-intent threat to do violence; battery-touch or strike (X2).

The following adults were arrested and charged: Roselane Esther Ramirez, 26, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Jean Guyckson Mickle Roesmy, 24, 1512 Pacifica Dr., Kissimmee, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Ulysess Tolbert, 33, 680 Concord St. #435, Orlando, indecent exposure of sexual organs, 1st offense.

Gary Lee Simmons, 61, unknown, unknown, burglary of occupied structure unarmed; larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction.

Jorge Sanchez-Casillas, 25, 298 Sharp St., Apopka, trespassing-not structure/conveyance violation posted notice.

Juan Elias Valdez Castillo, 37, Florida, unknown, prostitution engage-commit offer prostitution 1st violation.

Gina Marie Mullins, 38, general delivery, Apopka, damage property-criminal mischief damage property less than \$200; aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Esther Dorsainvil, 36, Orlando, battery-touch or strike.

Jason William Scott, 48, general delivery, Apopka, fraud-impersonate false ID given to law enforcement officers; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Eric Jamel Thomas, 37, Orlando, damage property-criminal mischief damage property \$200-\$1,000; burglary-unoccupied conveyance unarmed; battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation; battery-prior conviction battery-commit 2nd subsequent battery.

Sherry Julia Tucker Williams, 30, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Douglas Isaiah Proctor, 38, Apopka, battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation.

Alan Mark Hecht, 63, 15840 Fl-50 U 71, Clermont, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine).

Brandon Alex Balkom, 45, 916 S. Christiana Ave., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended revocation equivalent status 3rd subsequent violation; out-of-county warrant (X3).

Jason William Scott, 48, Florida, unknown, failure to appear felony warrant.

Andreita Rosvi Miranda Lopez, 22, 1233 Sassy Way, Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Shane Michael Oyler, 46, 268 Morning Creek Cir., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Apopka guitarist to join Metallica legend on tour

Last Stephanie's concert before tour set for May 22

By Sarah Merly Reporter

Apopka guitarist Jes Farnsworth will join former Metallica bassist Jason Newsted on tour in July. Farnsworth currently plays acoustic guitar about once a month at Stephanie's Pub & Irish Eatery on W. Orange Blossom Trail.

"This is big time stuff, and for a guy from a small town like this to get that boost—it's quite amazing," said Stephanie's owner Paddy Savage.

From July 1 to July 25, Farnsworth will perform in 10 states across the eastern U.S. with Jason Newsted & The Chophouse Band. An April 24 post on the Jes Farnsworth Music Facebook page describes the band's music as "a gritty brand of outsider Americana, with roots outstretched into traditions of bluegrass, folk, soul, rock, and a bit of heavy metal."

For 10 of the concert dates, Jason Newsted & The Chophouse Band will open for Blackberry Smoke, which Farnsworth said has "a Southern rock vibe."

"Blackberry Smoke has built a loyal following that knows and enjoys good music," Newsted said in the Facebook



Photo by Frank Serio Photography

Jes Farnsworth will perform at Stephanie's 7-10 p.m. May 22 before leaving for the tour.

post. "We'll be performing TCB originals and selections from a few of our heroes."

Farnsworth first met Newsted approximately 17 years ago and eventually toured with him in 2013 to promote the album "Heavy Metal Music."

"My friend took me to his house one day—this is back in 2009 or so—and we kind of hit it off, and we kept jamming over the years," Farnsworth said. "Then, when 2012 came along, he wanted to do a project [the heavy metal band Newsted], and he chose us to be a part of it."

Newsted's tour also introduced Farnsworth to his now-wife, who brought him to the Apopka area over two years ago.

"She's a big Disney fan, so we're always going to Disney and stuff," Farnsworth said. "We chose Apopka because we always drive through it on our way to Disney."

Since receiving a text from Newsted about a month-and-a-half ago asking him to join the tour, Farnsworth said he has rehearsed twice for around four days at a time. Although he values the tour as an opportunity to "reunite with my old friend and have a good time," he will be back to playing at Stephanie's afterward.

"He really loves it here, because this is his home base, and we were the first ones to really give him a job singing here," Savage said. "The people here really love him."

Farnsworth will perform at Stephanie's 7-10 p.m. May 22 before leaving for the tour.

AFJROTC

FROM A1

trols. Both simulators were expected to open by the beginning of the coming school year.

Stewart had hoped that, within the next few years, Wekiva would then launch "Phase 2" of the program, which would involve the purchase of Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD) simulators.

"[AATDs] are designed to replicate the cockpit environment and performance characteristics of a specific class of aircraft (e.g., single-engine piston, multi-engine piston) or even a particular make and model," said the concept paper for the simulator program. "This higher fidelity allows for more in-depth procedural and scenario-based training."

After Stewart contacted First Landings for a potential partnership, however, the school encouraged Stewart to consider purchasing AATDs instead of the BATDs.

"Because they're a formal school, they're like, 'Scott, for a couple more dollars, I can get you the certified ones,'"

Stewart said. "The estimates came in basically just under \$18,000...To OCPS's credit, they said, 'We will cover the rest of the cost. Please go ahead and order both of those.'"

Stewart said the new simulators should arrive in late July or early August, although he now anticipates starting the simulator program in the spring 2027 semester instead of this fall.

"We're two years ahead of the concept, so I'm good if we spend three or four months learning the process, understanding everything, making sure we get all the glitches worked out and we know it works," Stewart said.

First Landings director of operations Craig Butterworth said that Stewart initially reached out about three weeks ago, calling it "fortuitous timing" since the aviation school was "looking at some different ways of being able to help out."

"We've done sponsorships before, so this time, it's just a little bit different, where we're not sponsoring individ-

uals," Butterworth said. "Now it's more, 'Okay, how do we give back and basically donate CFIs (certified flight instructors) and also the A&P (airframe and powerplant) team so that these kids can start learning more about different paths for the future?'"

Although the schedule for the CFIs is yet to be determined, Butterworth said that when the simulator program launches, students can report each hour of flight with a CFI in their logbooks. As a result of the partnership, he hopes Wekiva AFJROTC cadets will develop the same appreciation of aviation that he did when he joined the Royal Air Force Air Training Corps (ATC), the United Kingdom's equivalent to AFJROTC.

"You actually got to go out and fly the planes and do an awful lot of military-based training," Butterworth said. "I got to fly my first plane that way, and I think that kind of molded my future at that point. It was great, and it got me into aviation."

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Wekiva track medals at state meet

Harley earns medal as Mustangs cap excellent season in Jacksonville

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Wekiva's girls track team closed its season with multiple podium finishes under the bright lights and falling rain of the FHSAA Class 4A State Track and Field Championships on Saturday at the University of North Florida's Hodges Stadium.

Competing in Jacksonville against the top athletes in the state, the Mustangs delivered top-five relay finishes in both the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, while sophomore Te'Ariel Harley earned an individual state medal in the 100-meter hurdles.

Head coach Donette Taylor said simply qualifying for the state meet at the Class 4A level is an accomplishment on its own.

"All the girls were amazing," Taylor said. "It's very difficult to even get to a 4A state meet, so I am so proud of

them. Third in the 4-by-1 and fifth in the 4-by-4 — I can't wait to see what they do next year."

The day opened with junior Tamea Foster competing in the long jump, where she battled through a difficult outing that featured four no-fall attempts against an elite field.

Wekiva's first major breakthrough came in the 100-meter hurdles, where Harley raced to an eighth-place finish in 14.30 seconds, securing a podium medal against one of the strongest

sprint hurdle groups in Florida.

Harley later returned for the 400-meter hurdles, but after competing in multiple grueling events in a short span, she cramped up and was unable to finish the race.

Despite the difficult ending to her final event, Harley's performance throughout the season helped establish her as one of the state's top all-around hurdlers as she finishes her sophomore year.

The Mustangs then turned their attention to the sprint events.

Senior Soriah Hicks competed in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dash, finishing 16th in the 100 and 17th in the 200 while also running relay legs in between, and after both events.

Freshman Akira Wise continued her breakout debut season with a strong showing in the 200-meter dash, placing third in her heat with a time of 24.40 seconds and finishing 11th overall in the state.

Wise said reaching the state meet as a freshman vali-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Te'Ariel Harley clears the first hurdle of the 400m race.

WEKIVA, B2

Offensive fireworks highlight annual Blue and White game

Collington shines as Apopka offense flashes potential ahead of Tavares

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Apopka Blue Darters football team gave the first public glimpse of the 2026 season Friday night at the Northwest Recreation Complex, and the offense wasted little time showing its explosiveness.

Behind big plays from junior quarterback Hunter McNenney and wide receiver Nyzier Collington, the White team defeated the Blue team, 29-15, in Apopka's annual Blue and White spring game.

The White team was made up of the Darters' offensive units, and the Blue team was their defensive units. This made for a different style of football game with different scoring rules.

The evening opened with physicality before the offense even took the field, as players lined up for an Oklahoma drill to set the tone for the night. From there, the White offense quickly found rhythm against the Blue defense.

McNenney opened the first drive completing passes to Collington and junior receiver Ceon Cotton to move the chains. Cotton then broke free for a 25-yard reception down the sideline into the red zone.

A few plays later, junior



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

FOOTBALL, B3 Nyzier Collington snags a full-extension, leaping one-hand catch.

2 Apopka track athletes compete in state meet

Davis, Zheng represent Apopka in Jacksonville

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka track and field sent two athletes to compete against Florida's best Saturday at the FHSAA Class 4A State Championships at Hodges Stadium in Jacksonville.

Senior Mandy Zheng represented the Blue Darters in the girls high jump, while sophomore Jillian Davis competed in the 800-meter run after a breakout season.

Zheng opened her competition by successfully

clearing 1.47 meters after passing the mark on her second jump. She later cleared 1.52 meters on her first attempt, keeping herself in contention against a deep field of competitors.

The senior's day came to an end at 1.57 meters, where she narrowly missed on three attempts, finishing tied for 13th overall in the state.

Zheng advanced to the state meet after placing fourth at the regional championships, continuing a strong senior season in the high jump for Apopka.

Davis, meanwhile, capped off an impressive

APOPKA, B4



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Jillian Davis (No. 14) hangs toward the front half of the pack at the 400-meter split in the 800-meter run.

Apopka softball team stunned in regional quarterfinal

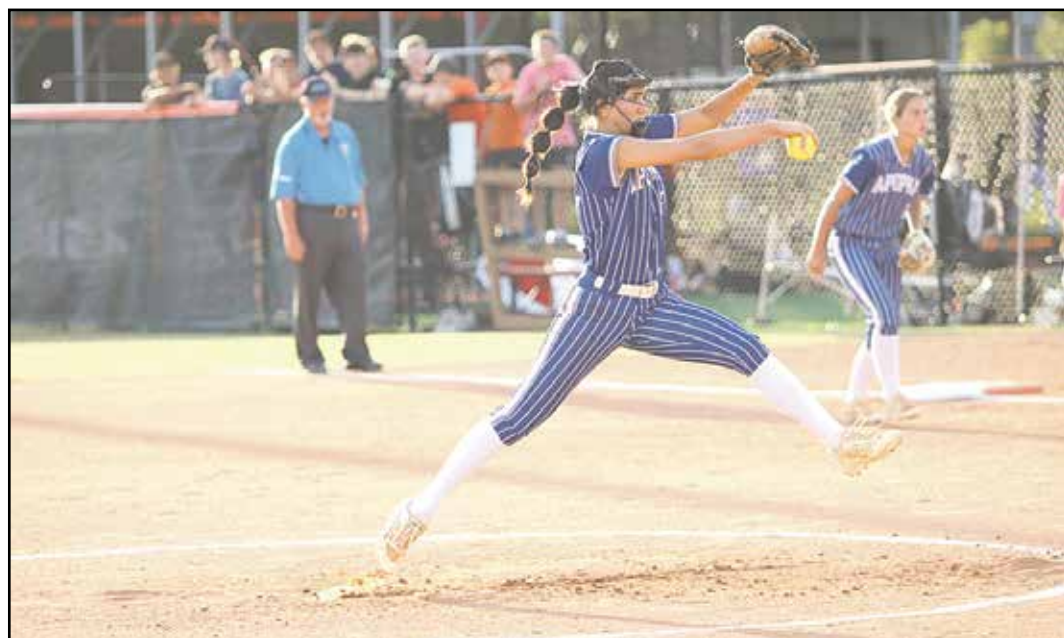


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Mia Aeschilman hovers over the dirt as she prepares to release a pitch in the first inning.

Blue Darters shut out for first time this season

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

For the first time all season, the Apopka Blue Darters were silenced at the plate.

No. 3 seed Apopka saw its season come to an abrupt end May 7 in the Class 7A Regional Quarterfinal, falling 2-0 to the No. 6 Spruce Creek Hawks on the road.

The loss ended Apopka's season at 21-6 and closed the careers of 11 seniors who helped uphold a strong standard for Apopka softball. It

is a tight group that has spent long careers together.

After the game, the team shared tears and laughter in a final huddle on the field. Head coach Mike MacWithy reflected on the emotional final moments with the group.

"Knowing that it is kind of the last time on the field for 11 seniors altogether as a group, you want the opportunity to come together," MacWithy said. "It's similar to grieving, in a way, in the fact that you need to talk through your feelings, through the hurt, through the pain, through the disappointment and moment we are dealing with."

Apopka never found an offensive rhythm against Spruce Creek, which made pitching adjustments after the two teams met April 22, resulting in a 16-10 Apopka win. The Darters spent the game pounding the ball into the ground, grounding out 18 times in 21 outs across seven innings. The team's two hits were the lowest hit total of the season.

MacWithy credited Spruce Creek for changing its strategy after the teams' previous matchup.

"They were well coached. They knew we knocked around the ball last time, so

SOFTBALL, B4

Lake levels remain very low even after rain

Hello, Folks,
Even with the rain this week, we STILL need more, folks! Please keep prayin' for more rain, because our lakes are really gettin' low! Lake Monroe and Lake Jesup are extremely low, so be careful if you plan on fishin' out there.



GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

We have a new moon this weekend, so if you wanna catch some panfish or some bass, this would be a great time to put a fishin' trip on your calendar.

John at over at Bitter's B&T reports that the shell-crackers are still bitin' in Lake Monroe. And over in Lake Jesup, one angler told John that he was catchin'

plenty of catfish and shell-crackers along with some specks up under the 417 bridge in Lake Jesup. John also reports that folks're fishin' out near the Highway 46 bridge on the St. Johns River, and they're also catchin' plenty of shell-crackers.

The bass're still schoolin' up and down the St.

Johns River. John says he's never seen the bass fishin' this good on the river, and folks're havin' a great time catchin'em. The recipe? Topwater baits early in the mornin' and lipless crankbaits durin' the day. The best area is still between Astor and Hontoon Island. Folks're still catchin' bass up around Highland Park Fish Camp on the SJR, too!

The bass fishin' on Lake Fairview is still good. The Maitland Chain of Lakes Wednesday Night Shootout was held there last week, and it took 13.66 pounds to win. Congrats to Noah and Denzel on their win, and they also caught Big Bass which

hit the scales at 5.36 pounds.

The bass fishin' on Johns Lake is slowin' down a little. It's not takin' too much weight to win on the Wednesday Night Shootout, only around 11 to 12 pounds.

The Butler Chain is still goin' strong for bass. You won't catch too many big'uns, but you will catch 10 to 20 bass per trip. Look for the schoolin' bass throughout the chain.

The bass fishin' on the Harris Chain is still good. X-treme Bass Series had a tournament there recently, and it took 26.25 pounds to win. Congrats go to Parker Creech and Tanner Seabolt on their win. The team of

Calan Hawkins and Austin Baskette caught Big Bass, which hit the scales at 8.62 pounds!

And, the bass fishin' in the Kissimmee Chain is really good, right now. Eric Panzironi and his brother fished a tournament out of West Lake Toho over the weekend. They finished in 4th place with 32 pounds, and they did get Big Bass which hit the scales at 10.80 pounds. Congrats on a great job, guys.

They're still catchin' plenty of shell-crackers in Lake Kissimmee, too, most of 'em bein' caught in the pads.

The bass fishin' on Lake

Okeechobee has been doin' great lately. I will tell ya that the water is mighty low down there, and you'll need to be extremely careful and watch where you're runnin'. Believe it or not, there are a lotta rocks and gravel in that lake, so when you come offa plane, you just might get stuck on a rock!

Well, folks that's it for this week. We should have a great weekend of fishin' with the new moon, so get the family together and... go fishin'!

I'll see ya next week.
Tip of the week: New Moon!

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

WEKIVA

FROM B1

dated the hard work she put in throughout the year.

"I'm feeling pretty good," Wise said. "For my first year in high school, I think my whole season has been amazing, despite all the breaks and injuries and stuff."

The freshman sprinter said her growth came from maintaining discipline during practice.

"I train hard, and when I'm at practice, I do what I have to do," she said. "Because what you put into practice is ultimately what you get out at the meets. Just expect to see legendary stuff through the next three years."

Wekiva's biggest moments came in the relays.

The girls 4x100 relay team of Xia Scott, Harley, Neveah Medley and Soriah Hicks sprinted to a third-place finish with a time of 46.58 seconds, earning their second straight top-three state finish.

Later in the meet, the 4x400 relay team of Scott, Cebreeya Hicks, Soriah Hicks and Wise placed fifth in 3:53.08, giving the Mustangs a third podium finish of the day.

For the seniors, the moment represented the end of

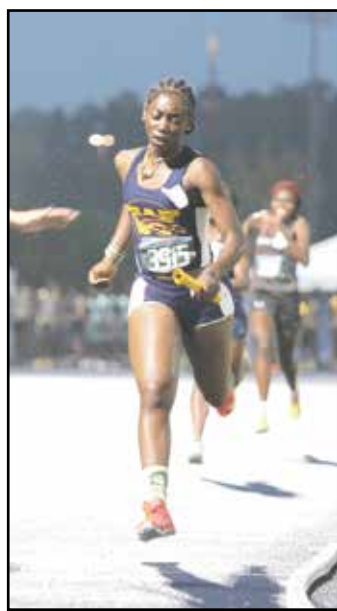


Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Akira Wise sprints through the finish line in the girls 4x400m relay

years spent building the program together.

"I'm just really proud of myself and my team because we came a long way, continuously making it this far," Scott said. "My freshman year I barely competed, so I had to build this from low to high. I'm really proud of myself."

Scott is committed to continue her track career at Florida A&M University.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Wekiva 4x100m girls relay team flashes their bronze medals at the podium.

Cebreeya Hicks became emotional reflecting on her final meet with the team.

"I'm so thankful for my team," she said. "I've been here all four years, every year we've been to states, and it's just a blessing to have a team like this."

Soriah Hicks, another senior leader and school record holder, said the accomplishments of the relay teams



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Te'Ariel Harley prepares to take the baton from Xia Scott in the 4x100 relay.

made the final state appearance even more meaningful.

"It feels very good," Hicks said. "We've been at Wekiva for four years running undefeated for both relays. I ran both my best season times. I'm holding both school re-

ords, and it's just sad to finally leave, especially leaving coach Taylor."

Hicks will continue her track career at Albany State University along with her sister and said she hopes to one day reach the Olympics.

With a young core returning and multiple athletes already competing at a state level, Taylor believes the future remains bright for Wekiva track and field.

"I expect them to be even better next year," Taylor said.

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FOOTBALL

FROM B1

running back Jakyvion Kemp powered through a tackle up the middle and burst into the end zone for the first touchdown of the night. After the special teams unit converted the extra point, the White squad jumped ahead 12-1.

Sophomore Diondre McGee took over at quarterback on the next drive and immediately faced pressure after fumbling a snap and being dragged down for a big loss. But the sophomore recovered quickly, using his legs and quick throws to guide the offense deep into Blue territory.

From the 25-yard line, McGee rolled left and delivered one of the best throws of the night, lofting a pass down the sideline to sophomore receiver Nehemiah Maignan, who made a diving touchdown catch on a wheel route for another score.

The White offense continued to pile up chunk plays throughout the first half.

Senior receiver Xavier Cruz turned a bubble screen into a 10-yard gain and drew a helmet-to-helmet penalty to move the offense further downfield. Moments later, he hauled in another pass along the right sideline for 20 more yards.

Then came the biggest highlight of the night.

Facing third down near the red zone, McNeeney looked left and launched a high pass toward Collington in traffic. The junior receiver elevated and extended his body to make a spectacular one-handed grab at the five-yard line, stunning both sidelines and the crowd.

On the very next play, Collington took a bubble screen into the end zone to ex-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Defensive tackle Demetri Tarpley jumps into the end zone after his rumbling pick six.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Head coach Marcus Neeson walks the sideline.

tend the lead to 24-0 before halftime.

Head coach Marcus Neeson said the sequence stood out immediately.

"There were so many highlights," Neeson said. "Collington had the one-handed catch, and the referees blew the whistle for water break. Right after that, the guys came over, and I was like, 'Hey, you made a heck of a catch. We're gonna get you in the end zone next play.'"

Neeson said the team celebrated exactly the way he hoped.

"I told my guys, 'Have a little fun, go celebrate when we score on this play,'" he said. "They said, 'Coach, we got you,' and then we scored the touchdown that next play." The second half featured

more opportunities for younger players and defensive units to make an impact.

The younger offensive group struggled early, turning the ball over on its opening possession before the second-team defense forced another turnover on downs.

Later, with the White offense facing fourth-and-five, defensive lineman Demetri Tarpley stepped in front of a short pass for an interception and rumbled 30 yards for a touchdown, creating one of the loudest reactions from the Blue sideline all night.

The Blue defense struck again moments later after another fumbled snap popped loose for them to jump on. Shortly after, Junior defensive back David Wimberly intercepted a pass, followed his

blockers across the field and broke a tackle on his way to the end zone, cutting the deficit to 22-13.

Despite the defensive momentum, McNeeney and Collington answered late.

McNeeney rolled left and appeared to connect with Collington for a 70-yard touchdown pass down the sideline, but the play was wiped away by a holding penalty. Even so, the duo kept attacking.

During the final goal-line segment of the scrimmage, McNeeney connected with Collington twice more for touchdowns, first on an out route from the two-yard line and later on a slant across the middle that Collington turned into another score.

Neeson said one of the biggest benefits of the spring

game was evaluating players in their natural positions before expanding roles in the offseason.

"It was significant being able to see what guys can do in their primary positions," Neeson said. "This week, we'll have the ability to start game planning, and we'll have some crossover. Some guys on defense that we can utilize on offense, and some of the skill guys that can go over to defense and help out in the secondary."

Even with the offensive fireworks, Neeson emphasized there is still work to do before the regular season arrives.

"Offensively, we've got to make sure we're in shape and limit the penalties," he said. "We had some points

taken off the board because of miscommunication and holding penalties. Things like that, we've got to clean up."

Neeson also highlighted the continued development of younger players throughout the offseason.

"We've done a good job recruiting our hallways and getting guys that look like they should be able to help the football team," Neeson said. "We've got a bunch of freshmen that just have size, and we've got some guys that have never played football before, and they're doing some good things."

Apopka now turns its attention toward Friday night's spring matchup, 6:00 p.m. at Tavares High School, before beginning summer workouts and camp season.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The following ordinance will be read on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** and will be held over for second reading where it will be considered for adoption at the City Council meeting on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.**, in the Apopka City Hall Council Chambers or as soon thereafter as possible.

ORDINANCE NO. 3162

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE V, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" SECTIONS 18-109 "AMENDMENTS," TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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SOFTBALL

FROM B1

their strategy was, it's gonna be low, low, low, and that's evidenced by 5,000 ground balls," MacWithey said. "All we did was bang the ball into the dirt. Their strategy was very functional. They got a couple in that we should have, and that was all."

Apopka opened the game with three straight groundouts, setting up the frustrating offensive night.

Meanwhile, Mia Aeschilman opened strong in the circle with a strikeout, but Spruce Creek manufactured an early run after a triple to deep left and a sacrifice fly gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Sydney Bartkin provided Apopka's first baserunner in the second, beating out an infield single, but a double play erased the scoring chance.

Aeschilman settled in afterward, tossing a clean second inning and working around traffic in the third. Bartkin preserved the one-run deficit with a strong catch on the center field fence after Spruce Creek threatened again.

The Darters' best opportunity came in the fourth inning.

Shylah Pino opened the frame with a line drive single to center but was forced out at second on a Taylor Smith groundball. Smith stole second base, and a throwing error put her on third. But Apopka could not bring her home, ending the inning with a flyout and groundout.

Spruce Creek responded with another threat in the bottom half, putting two runners on with no outs. Apopka turned to Ava Millspaugh



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Shylah Pino was pumped up after her base hit and tried to rally the Blue Darters behind her.

in relief, and the senior limited the damage.

Millspaugh induced a fielder's choice at home plate and another groundball for an out, but Spruce Creek pushed across a second run during the sequence to extend the lead to 2-0.

From there, the Hawks' pitching stayed consistent.

Apopka went quietly in the fifth and sixth innings, repeatedly hitting routine grounders as Spruce Creek's defense stayed clean behind its pitcher. The Hawks committed five errors in the teams' previous matchup, but this time the unit played flawless defense.

Millspaugh gave Apopka

a chance to stay within striking distance, working scoreless innings in the fifth and sixth while mixing strikeouts with weak contact. But the offense never recovered.

The Darters ended the game the same way they started it—with three more groundouts.

Apopka started the season 6-4 before rattling off 14 straight wins, going undefeated from March 24 through April 28. Lake Brantley snapped the Darters' winning streak with a 16-4 win in the district championship game, setting up the road playoff game against Spruce Creek.

Despite the disappointing finish, MacWithey said the loss does not erase what the group accomplished together.

"We had a great team and did great things together," he said. "We battled, we played, we loved, and we'll take the L and go get some Cold Stone."

As the seniors walked off the field together for the final time, the emotions reflected not only the end of a season, but the end of four years spent building relationships through the program.

"Almost all of them have been together four years," MacWithey said. "A few spent more time with us together than they probably spent with their families almost, because we're together three, four, five hours a day, five days a week. Part of the process is, yeah, we're sad, but we're thankful for the times we had and gave it our best shot."

APOPKA

FROM B1

sophomore campaign in the girls 800-meter run.

After winning a district championship and later finishing fourth at regionals with a time of 2:17.82, Davis earned one of the final qualifying spots for the state meet and entered Saturday as one of the younger runners in the field.

"I found out later that night," Davis said about qualifying for states. "I wasn't really expecting to make it because I know the top two made it, and I was fourth place, but I was really excited to make it."

Davis said qualifying after missing the state meet a year ago made the moment even more rewarding.

"I didn't make it last year,

so making it this year definitely made me feel better about my season," she said. "I'm a little bit nervous, but I know that if I made it here, I can do well and that I belong."

Running alongside elite competition that included a competitor from Lake Brantley in her lane grouping, Davis opened aggressively.

At the 400-meter split, she clocked a strong 1:04.63—one of the top seven split times in the race—keeping herself in contention through the opening half.

She ultimately crossed the finish line in 2:15.12, placing 11th overall in the state while improving both her district and regional times.



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Mandy Zheng sprints forward to complete the first high jump.

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3. A beautiful marble building in Washington, D.C. with a statue of our 16th president seated inside is called the _____ Memorial.
4. Many U.S. heroes are buried in the _____ National Cemetery in Virginia.
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6. The _____ Statue shows Marines raising the U.S. flag after a World War II battle.
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6 p.m., Orlando Speed World 19164 East Colonial Drive, Orlando
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Saturday, May 16

Lifeguard Certification Course (Day 2 of 3)
9 p.m., 221 S. Binion Road, Apopka. \$275.

Saturday Sounds Concert Series with The Dave Matthews Tribute Band
5 p.m., 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka. Free.

Hot Takes Comedy at Twelve Talons Beerworks
8 p.m., 2807 East South Street, Orlando.
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Sunday, May 17

Lifeguard Certification Course (Day 3 of 3)
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Taking the pressure off evening meals

I have a book titled "Great Food Fast," a collection of Bob Warden's Ultimate Pressure Cooker Recipes. This recipe for Moo Shu Pork calls for scallions as does the hash browns recipe below. Scallions and green onions are the same "allium" vegetable. You can use either as they are interchangeable.



New Orleans Red Beans and Rice looks very tasty. This is Tammy Formby's recipe. She is in Marshall-Dekalb EC (electric company) *Alabama Living Magazine*.

Zucchini Casserole from *Paths of Sunshine* published by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, is wonderful. Try it. You'll like it!

Delish.com says, "We're going back to the basics with this perfectly simple side dish: all you need is salt, pepper, and olive oil to make perfectly tender, caramelized carrots.

In her book titled *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking*, Emily Meggett says, "I love cooking potatoes because it usually just takes a few ingredients to turn them into something you just can't resist. These hash brown potatoes are easy to make, and the scallions add a bright, fresh flavor to the dish.

From *Charleston Receipts*, Crab Meat Salad calls for a pound of fresh crab meat. You can substitute shrimp for the crab meat. This recipe was contributed by Miss Elizabeth Williams.

A recipe for Apricot Bar Cookies comes from *The New York Times NEW Natural Foods Cookbook*, by Jean Hewitt. With honey, molasses, raisins, and apricots, this recipe appears to be not only nutritious, but sweet enough for children to love. It will surely be a favorite for summer vacation snacks!

MOO SHU PORK (Chinese Pork and Cabbage Wraps)
Recipe from *Great Food Fast* by Bob Warden

INGREDIENTS:
2 tablespoons sesame oil
1 pound boneless pork loin chops, cut into strips
1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
1 (16-ounce bag) shredded coleslaw mix
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/4 cup beef stock or broth
3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
1/3 cup hoisin sauce
4 scallions, thinly sliced

2 tablespoons cornstarch, mixed into 2 tablespoons water
Flour tortillas
Tip: Hoisin, a sweet and smoky Chinese plum sauce, can be found in jars in the Asian foods section of your local grocery store.

DIRECTIONS:
1) With the cooker's lid off, heat oil on HIGH or "brown," until sizzling. 2) Place the pork and onion in the cooker, and cook until pork is lightly browned, about 5 minutes. 3) Add the coleslaw mix, garlic, beef broth, and soy sauce. Securely lock the pressure cooker's lid, and set for 3 minutes on HIGH. 4) Perform a quick release to release the cooker's pressure. Remove lid and set cooker to HIGH or "brown." 5) Stir in hoisin sauce, scallions, and cornstarch mixture. Let simmer 2 minutes. 6) Serve wrapped in tortillas, spread with additional hoisin sauce, if desired.

TAMMY FORMBY'S NEW ORLEANS RED BEANS AND RICE
From: Marshall-Dekalb EC "Alabama Living Magazine"

INGREDIENTS:
1 pound small red beans, rinsed and soaked at least four hours, or overnight
2 cups Kielbasa sausage, cut into bite-sized pieces
1 cup cooked ham, cubed
1 large onion, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
3 large garlic cloves, minced
4 cups water (or enough to cover bean mixture)
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
1 large bay leaf
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon hot sauce
3 cups cooked rice

DIRECTIONS:
Combine all ingredients except rice into slow cooker. Cook 6-8 hours on low, stirring once. Serve over rice. Cook's note: Remove some of the beans and juices just before serving, mash them, and pour back into the pot for a thicker mixture (if desired).

ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE
Recipe from Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
Paths of Sunshine Cookbook

INGREDIENTS:
4 cups sliced zucchini

2 cups boiling water
2 eggs
1 cup mayonnaise
1 chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1 cup Parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons buttered breadcrumbs (optional)

DIRECTIONS:
Cook zucchini in water until just tender, then drain. In a large bowl, beat eggs, stir in mayonnaise, onion, green pepper, cheese, salt, and pepper. Add zucchini. Turn into a greased 1-1/2 quart baking dish. Dot with butter and sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bubbly. Serves six.

ROASTED CARROTS
From: Delish.com

INGREDIENTS:
15 carrots (2 pounds), peeled and cut crosswise into quarters
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish (optional)

DIRECTIONS:
1) Preheat oven to 400 degrees. 2) On a large baking sheet, toss carrots with olive oil and season generously with salt and pepper. 3) Roast until tender and lightly caramelized, 30 minutes. 4) Garnish with parsley, before serving.

EMILY MEGGETT'S HASH BROWN POTATOES (HOME FRIES)
Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

INGREDIENTS:
8 yellow or white potatoes (a little over 2 pounds), diced
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
2 scallions, chopped
Salt to taste

DIRECTIONS:
1) In a 4-quart saucepan, bring 2 quarts water to a boil over high heat. Add the potatoes and boil for 3 to 4 minutes, until tender. Drain well. 2) In a 12-inch cast-iron skillet, melt the butter over low heat, taking care not to burn. Add the scallions and the potatoes to the skillet. Salt the potatoes according to taste. Cook over medium heat until golden brown. 3) When the pota-

toes are browned on the bottom, turn them with a spatula and brown the other side.

MISS ELIZABETH R. WILLIAMS' CRAB MEAT SALAD
Recipe from *Charleston Receipts*

INGREDIENTS:
1 pound crab meat
1 cup celery, diced
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 green pepper, chopped
2 hard-cooked eggs, diced
1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1/2 teaspoon salt
Lettuce

DIRECTIONS:
1) Remove any shell from the crab meat. 2) Combine all the ingredients and serve on lettuce. Shrimp may be used instead of crab meat. Serves six.

APRICOT BAR COOKIES
THE NEW YORK TIMES
NEW NATURAL FOODS COOKBOOK
by Jean Hewitt

INGREDIENTS:
1/2 cup honey
1/3 cup molasses
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1-1/2 cups steel cut oats
1 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 cup wheat germ
3 tablespoons soy flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup cut-up unsulphured apricots
1 cup raisins
1/2 cup sunflower seed kernels or pumpkin seeds
Orange juice, if necessary

DIRECTIONS:
1) Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. 2) Beat together the honey, molasses, and oil very well in an electric mixer, electric blender, or food processor. 3) In a large bowl, combine the oats, whole-wheat flour, wheat germ, soy flour, and salt. Pour in the honey mixture and stir to moisten the dry ingredients. 4) Add the apricots, raisins, and sunflower seed kernels and mix well. If the mixture is very stiff, add a small amount of orange juice. Press the mixture into a well-oiled 9-inch square baking pan. Bake for 20 minutes. Cool in the pan. Cut into squares. **Yield:** Sixteen squares.

Agreement). AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED on this 27 day of APRIL, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Joji Jacob Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#126435.9595 May 8, 15, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011260-O WOODLAND LAKES PROFESSIONAL CENTER CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff, v. MDK HOLDINGS, LLC, Defendant. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Court's Amended Final Judgment dated May 4, 2026, the Clerk of the Circuit Court will offer for sale to the highest and best bidder or bidders, for cash, at 11:00 am on June 11, 2026, via the Orange County Clerk of Courts Online Sales portal: https://orange.realforeclose.com on the real property and improvements legally described as: UNIT NO. 4, WOODLAND LAKES PROFESSIONAL CENTER CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 6434, PAGE 4592, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION AS AMENDED PROPERTY ADDRESS 10843 Dylan Loren Circle, Unit 4, Orlando, FL 32825 IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS, AFTER SIXTY (60) DAYS ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS. Dated this 6th day of May, 2026. By: /s/ Todd M. Hoepker TODD M. HOEPPER, P.A. Florida Bar No.: 507611 Post Office Box 3311 Orlando, Florida 32802-3311 Telephone: (407) 426-2060 Facsimile: (407) 426-2066 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 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 Ave., Suite 510, Orlando, FL 32801, (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. May 15, 22, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-003372 DIVISION 34 IN RE: FOREFEITURE OF 2015 KIA SOUL VIN # KNDJN2A2XF7218559 NOTICE OF FOREFEITURE To Auther L. Holley, Jr., and all persons who claim an interest in a 2015 Kia Soul VIN # KNDJN2A2XF7218559 seized on or about 2/19/2026 at or about W. Colonial Dr. & Pine Hills Rd., Orlando, FL, Orlando, Orange Co., FL. Said property is in the custody of the City of Orlando Police Dept. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court. /s/ Shannon Hesse Shannon Gridley Hesse Police Legal Advisor Orlando Police Department 1250 W. South Street Orlando, Florida 32805 (407) 246-2464 Fla. Bar No. 528633 shannon.hesse@orlando.gov May 8, 15, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-004986-O DIVISION NUMBER: 39 IN RE: FOREFEITURE OF \$2,653.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: ALTON ALLEN JR. 5238 N. ORANGE BLOSSOM TL. ORLANDO, FL 32810 and all others who claim an interest in \$2,653.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, which was seized on or about the 22nd day March

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-002759 DIVISION: 36 IN RE: FOREFEITURE OF \$6,160.00 U.S.CURRENCY

2026, at or near 5181 Cinderlane Pkwy., Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 8th day of May 2026. /s/ Jose C. Campa Jose C. Campa Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar No 105781 Orange County Sheriff's Office Legal Services P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 jose.campa@ocsoff.com May 15, 22, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-004583-O DIVISION NUMBER: 36 IN RE: FOREFEITURE OF \$12,660.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: DOMINIQUE UPSHAW 4500 AMERICA ST ORLANDO, FL 32811 and all others who claim an interest in \$12,660.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY, which was seized on or about the 13th day March 2026, at or near 4500 America St., 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 29th day of April 2026. /s/ Jose C. Campa Jose C. Campa Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar No 105781 Orange County Sheriff's Office Legal Services P.O. Box 1440 Orlando, FL 32802 (407) 254-7170 jose.campa@ocsoff.com May 8, 15, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2026-CA-001868-O DIV NO.: 37 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. BRUNO JOSE MARES et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XI TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: ROBERT DARRYL CRABTREE 5303 COUNTY HIGHWAY 29 HAMILTON, AL 35570 The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property: COUNT XI 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: W05023 & W05024 & W05025 & W05026 & W05027 & W05028 & W05029 & W05030) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). 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 27 day of APRIL, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Joji Jacob Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#126435.9581 May 8, 15, 2026

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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 Civil Division 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2026-CA-001868-O DIV NO.: 37 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. BRUNO JOSE MARES et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT V TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: TAMATHA ANN PATTERSON 3122 NORTH KALMBACH LAKE DR WASILLA, AK 99623 The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property: COUNT V 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 590107 & 590108 & 590109 & 521414 & 521415 & T49116 & T49117 & T49118) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2025 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED on this 27 day of APRIL, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Joji Jacob Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#126435.9546 May 8, 15, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CC-020739-O ARBORS AT MEADOW WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff, vs. EDWARD LAMA, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 27th day of April, 2026 and entered in CASE NO.: 2024-CC-020739-O of the County Court in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein Arbors at Meadow Woods Homeowners Association, Inc., is Plaintiff, and Edward Lama, Abigail Checo, Unknown Spouse of Abigail Checo and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, I will sell to the highest and best bidder at https://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com/ at 11:00 A.M., on the 7th day of July, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: Lot 27, Arbors at Meadow Woods, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 95, Page(s) 19 through 23, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida. This property is located at the street address of: 1507 Astoria Arbor Lane, Orlando, FL 32824 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the foreclosure sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. Dated this 30 day of April, 2026. Shipwash Law Firm, P.A. 225 S. Swoope Avenue, Suite 110 Maitland, FL 32751 Phone: (407) 274-9913 Telefax: (407) 386-7074 By: Tennifer M. Shipwash, Esq. Florida Bar No.: 617431 Primary email address: tshipwash@shipwashlegal.com Secondary email address: tsantiago@shipwashlegal.com If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-002759 DIVISION: 36 IN RE: FOREFEITURE OF \$6,160.00 U.S.CURRENCY

VIN: 4H1001911Y0269616, 2000 LWC boat VIN: OMC57171J900. May 15, 22, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2026-CA-001868-O DIV NO.: 37 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. BRUNO JOSE MARES et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT I TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: BRUNO JOSE MARES 6792 US HIGHWAY 271 N. POWDERLY, TX 75473 and BRUNO JOSE MARES 1204 12th St. SE UNIT 101 PARIS, TX 75460 The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property: COUNT I 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: DX0014 & DX0015 & DX0016 & DX0017) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED on this 27 day of APRIL, 2026. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Joji Jacob Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#126435.9546 May 8, 15, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-002721 DIVISION 39 IN RE: FOREFEITURE OF 2019 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO VIN #1C4PJMLX9KD421285 AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION AND NOTICE OF FOREFEITURE To all persons who claim an interest in a 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo VIN # 1C4PJMLX9KD421285 seized on or about January 16, 2026, at or near 5905 Caravan Ct., Orlando, Orange Co., FL., said property is in the custody of the Orlando Police Dept (OPD). The only person in actual or constructive possession of the vehicle lacks standing to contest this forfeiture and the prior registered owner of the vehicle disclaimed ownership and signed a disclaimer of ownership. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to the undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A civil action has been filed by OPD on said property in Orange County, FL and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Shannon Hesse, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 1250 W. South St., 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 Forefeiture. 04/22/2026 Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Naline S. Bahadur Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-007518-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. PAUL J. CROWTHER, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II TO: ANITA HEER KLINFELTER, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ANITA HEER KLINFELTER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 12604 PENTENVILLE RD SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20904 EARL MELVIN KLINFELTER, DECEASED 12604 PENTENVILLE RD SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20904 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 29, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-007518-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: COUNT II Unit Week 52 in Unit 5115, in CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 4263 at Page 0404 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof. At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 10th of June, 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 30, 2026. DATED April 30, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #110522.1696 MRHC #ORANGE May 8, 15, 2026

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425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, FL 32801, (407) 836-2303, Fax: (407) 836-2204, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately if you receive less than a seven (7) day notice to appear. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service. May 8, 15, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-007518-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. PAUL J. CROWTHER, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II TO: ANITA HEER KLINFELTER, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ANITA HEER KLINFELTER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 12604 PENTENVILLE RD SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20904 EARL MELVIN KLINFELTER, DECEASED 12604 PENTENVILLE RD SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20904 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 29, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-007518-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: COUNT II Unit Week 52 in Unit 5115, in CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 4263 at Page 0404 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof. At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 10th of June, 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 30, 2026. DATED April 30, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #110522.1696 MRHC #ORANGE May 8, 15, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-DR-003321-O Division: 29 Michelle Ann Bonnick, Plaintiff and Cleve Andrew Bonnick, Respondent. NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE TO: Cleve Andrew Bonnick 300 Treybrooke Cir Apt 2, Greenville, NC 27834. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Michelle Ann Bonnick, whose address is 7724 Crosswater Trail #6712 Windermere, FL 34786, on or before 04/30/26 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N Orange Ave, Orlando FL 32821, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: 3-9-26 Tiffany M. Russel Clerk of Court CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Deputy Clerk CIRCUIT COURT SEAL May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Communicate, with a mailing address of 424 E Central Blvd Ste 200, Orlando, FL 32801 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: GBS Housing, LLC May 15, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Syntaris Solutions Co., with a mailing address of 1317 Edgewater Dr. Suite 7888, Orlando, FL 32804 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Rentara LLC. May 15, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Standara Advisory, with a mailing address of 3845 Blue Mountain Way, Apopka, FL 32712 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Standara Advisory LLC May 1

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