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'Freedom is never free': City marks Memorial Day with solemn ceremony

Speakers, veterans and families reflect on holiday meaning

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Residents gathered Monday to honor fallen service members at Apopka's Memorial Day ceremony, which blended prayer, patriotic traditions and personal stories of military loss.

Hosted by Veterans

of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10147, the ceremony at the Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery's Veterans Memorial featured remarks from local leaders, veterans and clergy, including keynote speaker Pastor David Schorejs, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Apopka and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

"Memorial Day is more than a long weekend, it's more than the beginning of summer," Schorejs said. "It

is a sacred reminder that freedom is never free."

Schorejs urged attendees to remember not only those killed in military service, but also the families left behind.

"Today, many families carry invisible grief," he said. "There are empty seats at the tables."

Throughout his remarks, Schorejs emphasized unity, gratitude and service, encouraging attendees to honor fallen military members not only through ceremonies,

but through how they live their lives.

"We honor them when we pursue unity instead of division," he said. "We honor them when we serve our communities to the betterment of all."

The ceremony included the posting of the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem performed by state Rep. Doug Bankson, and a reading of "In Flanders

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Photo by Teresa Sargeant

David Schorejs, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Apopka and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, delivers the keynote address during Apopka's Memorial Day ceremony Monday as Mayor Nick Nesta listens nearby.

Apopka town hall on redistricting sparks heated debate over voting rights

Speakers discuss gerrymandering, voter ID

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Concerns over redistricting, voter access and political representation drew residents, clergy, activists and elected officials to St. Paul AME Church on May 21 for a town hall discussion, which organizers said was intended to address what they described as systemic attacks on Black voting rights, history and culture.

The nearly two-hour forum, held inside the church sanctuary on South Park Avenue, focused heavily on Florida's recent congressional redistricting efforts and whether new maps dilute minority voting strength through partisan gerrymandering.

The controversy stems from a special legislative session this year in which Florida lawmakers revisited congressional district maps mid-



Photo by J.C. Derrick

State Rep. Doug Bankson speaks during a May 21 town hall discussion on redistricting and voting rights at St. Paul AME Church in Apopka. Seated beside him are educator and civil rights advocate Dr. Lavon Wright Bracy (center) and former state Rep. Kamia Brown (right).

way through the decade, an unusual move critics argued could weaken minority voting influence.

The panel included State Rep. Doug Bankson, R-Apopka; Ocoee City Commissioner George Oliver III;

former State Rep. Kamia Brown; civil rights advocates

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Court sets hearing for man who threatened Nelson

Apopka man was arrested in February for threats against mayor

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The court scheduled a competency status hearing for June 25 for an Apopka man who was arrested and charged in February with threatening in social media messages to kill then-Mayor Bryan Nelson.

During a May 21 hearing at the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando,



Photo illustration by Teresa Sargeant

The court has set a June 25 competency hearing for Hector Raul Cartagena (left), who in February was arrested for allegedly threatening in social media messages to kill then-Mayor Bryan Nelson (right).

attorneys discussed competency proceedings involving Hector Raul Cartagena, 64. According to a victim advocate with the State Attorney's Office, an initial evaluation found Cartagena incompetent, and a second evaluation was requested before the next scheduled hearing.

Cartagena, who was present at the May 21 hearing, now faces multiple felony charges, including two counts of written or electronic threats to kill or do bodily harm, one count of aggravated stalking with a credible threat,

CARTAGENA, A6

Wekiva Culinary program director wins 2026 Technology Award

Chef Christopher Bates to train students with award prize

By Sarah Merly Reporter

Chef Christopher Bates, program director of the Magnet Academy of Culinary Arts at Wekiva High School, recently won the 2026 Technology Award from the Center for the Advancement of Foodservice Education (CAFÉ).

"This win is another example of the hard work Chef Bates puts into this program for his students," said Melissa Byrd, Orange County School Board District 7 member, in a text message to The Apopka Chief. "He is constantly striving to provide the Culinary Magnet students with every opportunity to grow their skills in a meaningful way that makes them workforce ready."

The award includes a \$1,000 check, an opportunity for a profile in CAFÉ's e-magazine titled "The Gold Medal Classroom," and registration for CAFÉ's 2026 Deans & Directors Retreat

and Leadership Conference in Chicago, according to the award letter.

"We follow some pretty unique and occasionally controlled chaos, crazy ideas that pop into my head, and we try them, and they work a lot of the time," Bates said in a phone interview with the Chief. "It's just nice to see that the national organization that is dedicated to the advancement of culinary education sees what we're doing over here in this tiny little high school in Wekiva and recognizes it as being outstanding."

But Bates is most excited about winning an all-expense-paid, three-day training conference at RATIO-NAL, which he calls "the best producer of intelligent ovens in the world."

"It's not just that you're going to do training—you're spending time with the people who designed it, who engineered it, who crafted the software that makes it work," Bates said. "I'm getting to pick the brains of the people who train like the executive chef for Ritz-Carlton—and Ritz-Carlton in-

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Photo by Dana O'Connor

Christopher Bates (left) poses with guests at the March 3 Taste of Wekiva event at Wekiva High School.

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Protecting our kids: Florida's new public indecency law

Editor's note: This column addresses a child safety bill and includes explicit statutory and legal language.

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Doug Bankson

Yarkosky (R-District 25), a great champion protecting kids from predators and grooming, supported and helped pass the Lewd or Lascivious Acts bill. The bill creates a third-degree felony for indecent exposure of sexual organs while

observing a child under 16 if the person:

- intentionally exposes his/her sexual organs in a lewd/lascivious manner, or

- intentionally performs any sexual act that does not involve actual physical or sexual contact with the child, such as sadomasochistic abuse, sexual bestiality, masturbation or the simulation of any act involving sexual activity.

The term "observing" as written in the bill refers to the intentional viewing of another person under circumstances in which the offender is reasonably capable of being seen by the person being viewed. The bill specifies that it is not a defense that the person being observed was not aware of any specific conduct on the part of the offender or did not see the offender's sexual organs, granting the State Attorney the legal authority in statute to charge for acts such as in Chapman's case. Lastly, the bill repeals the second-degree misdemeanor offense of committing any unnatural and lascivious act with another person.

I am pleased to share that this common sense and crucial bill was passed with bipartisan unanimous support in both the House and Senate and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature into law. It would take effective Oct. 1, 2026.

With the state budget being finalized as I write this, we will be taking a small detour this week to discuss one of my policy priorities from the 2026 legislative session.

The Lewd or Lascivious Acts bill, also known as the indecent exposure or public indecency bill, was proposed following an incident that occurred here in Apopka in August of last year. According to a letter sent Sept. 26, 2025, to Orange-Osceola State Attorney Monique Worrell from Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier, 61-year-old Kevin Chapman exposed himself while watching children play at the splash pad at Kit Land Nelson Park.

At a Sept. 26, 2025, news conference, Worrell explained why her office could not charge Chapman with exhibition, a felony. According to Worrell, a father who witnessed the acts stated that his child had not seen them and was unaware they occurred—a fact Worrell cited as the reason the felony charge did not apply under the existing statute. Because no other adult had seen the defendant's private parts, her office also could not bring misdemeanor exposure charges, according to Worrell.

Uthmeier held a news conference not long after Chapman's arrest to question Worrell's decision to dismiss the case.

To help protect our kids, I, along with State Rep. Taylor

Many paths lead to post-graduation success

Graduation season is and always will be one of my favorite times of the year. It is such a joy to see the smiles on the faces of the graduates as they cross the stage.

As I shook hundreds of hands again this year, I tried to stop as many graduates as I could and ask about their cords or medals they were wearing or what plans they had after graduation. Upon reflection, it occurred to me that each one of them has a story. And each story is different.

So often, we get caught up in the traditional avenue of what success looks like: graduating and going to a good college. But there are so many pathways to success, and the hundreds of graduates whom I have shaken hands with over the past couple of weeks have reminded me of that.

Many graduates finished high school with a diploma and a trade certificate. I spoke to numerous graduates who were dual-enrolled in a career and technical education program while attending high school. The programs included welding, electrical, diesel mechanics and medical assisting. All of them are great and lucrative options as these young adults enter the workforce.

Other students walked across the

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

who were very decorated with cords and medals and are headed to a top university. OCPS turns out numerous university-bound students, and we are certainly proud of the grit and determination those students show as well.

But it is the other students I mention who often seem to walk in the shadow of these graduates that I want us to think about. We have for so long told our children that a four-year university is the next "best" step in the journey after high school. That model doesn't work for many kids, especially now as universities have become so selective and difficult to get into.

It's time that our expectations catch up to this reality, and it's time that we let our kids know. We have to tell our kids that it is all right to choose the path that is best for them. It's time that we celebrate a child when they find a passion and a way to make a living doing it, no matter how they get there.

I am so proud that OCPS has embraced this mindset and has opened up the world of possibilities to our children. Let's be sure that we are supportive of all the choices that our children have ahead of them.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

stage with not only a diploma but also an AA degree, having been dual-enrolled in college while attending high school. This is an enormous feat for these kids to accomplish, and now they are guaranteed admission to many of the universities in our state.

Many students were headed to our local colleges instead of our ever more selective state universities.

There were also many students who were headed to the military to bravely serve our country. Apopka High School had its largest number of students enlist this year: 31. This decision always moves me. When I look into the eyes of a young adult who is so confident in their strength of character, their pride is something to behold.

Of course, there are those students

A few words of warning to the class of 2030

Much of the scene last week was similar enough to verge on déjà vu.

"Pomp and Circumstance" played while a long procession of young people made its way to assigned seating. Girls wobbled and clomped in high heels, boys swaggered and strutted. Parents whispered, shouted and sighed while waving congratulation signs. Student faces on sticks bounced around like those you see at a political convention.

Up front was the customary gathering of too many officials, dignitaries and noteworthy types. I am pretty sure they are called "noteworthy" because they all have notes and think they have something worth saying.

For the most part, they do not.

You can't blame AI for this because people have been wasting breath in much the same way since speakers wrote their notes with quill pens. The speeches kids ignored last Thursday were the same verbal sunshine I didn't pay any attention to in 1968.

"As you go forth down the path of life to meet the challenges in this new beginning, harvesting the crop of success sown in these classrooms and watered with the sweat and tears, taking up the banner..."

And so forth. After the microphone has been handed off a few times, it is like having bees live in your head. But, as worn out and overused as the speeches are, what else would the

Columnist



Jake Vest

speakers say? "You have a bright future BEHIND you?" Or maybe "Good luck. If there were any real jobs out there, I'd have one myself instead of being a school administrator?"

I wondered what I might say if I had the mike. Anything I could add to the standard speeches? Nothing came to me.

There were a couple of big differences between this and my long-ago ceremony.

The lesser but still significant jolt was the appearance of the kids. The girls were almost uniformly in eye-catchingly short dresses – the "mini" apparently standing for "minimal" – with a few opting for the longer, more formal and form-fitting "prom look." There was a lot of "big hair," obviously salon styled, and not all of it was on the girls... blue and purple highlights here and there along with sprinklings of glitter and a few styles I could only characterize as unfortunately creative. Boys

were all over the place with their clothing, ranging from plain white James Dean T-shirts to seersucker sport coats and blue suede shoes. Two had on identical white tuxedos with dark velvet trim, sparkly bowties, Ray Charles sunglasses, and rhinestone-encrusted footwear.

High school students could not have gotten away with that in my day, which leads to the second shocker. This was not a high school graduation. These were EIGHTH GRADERS!

All the bouquets of flowers large enough to drape over the neck of a Kentucky Derby winner, tuxedos, gowns, signs that say "YOU MADE IT," and speeches about picking up the banner and carrying it forth to bright horizons were for a middle-school promotion, kids who have yet to face acne.

It seemed a little much, but it did give me an idea of how to update and upgrade the traditional speech for such an occasion. The noteworthy could say, "there is one challenge that is unique to these times, one that will be faced by parents and students alike." And then he or she could pause dramatically, look around the room at the gathering of fidgety students and parents perched uncomfortably on bleachers without back rests, take in all the decorations, the expense and the excesses of an official ceremony, and continue:

"In just a few years, you are going to have to do this all over again."

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Apopka Woman's Club announces Woman of the Year

Lorena Potter honored for club involvement, community impact

By Sarah Merly Reporter

The GFWC Apopka Woman's Club recently announced Lorena Potter as the club's newest Woman of the Year.

"I am honored and humbled to receive the 'Woman of the Year' award from the Apopka Woman's Club," Potter said in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "I am

also incredibly thankful to the many incredible women in the club who have mentored me, encouraged me, and inspired me."

At the last meeting of each club year, the Apopka Woman's Club donates checks to various area causes before selecting a member to honor with the Woman of the Year distinction. This year, which ran from September 2025 to May 2026, saw Potter serve on every club committee, attend district and state meetings, and advise the club treasurer, among other duties. Potter is also

the chair of the Nonprofit Grant Program Selection Committee, an Apopka Museum trustee, and the chair of the Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka's annual Christmas parade.

Four previous honorees—Bobbie Dougherty, Geri Unrue, Trudy Weiss and Bev Winesburgh—declared Potter the winner through a skit and program at the club's May 19 meeting. Winesburgh presented Potter an etched crystal vase to commemorate the occasion.

The Apopka Woman's Club will resume meetings in September. Membership

is by invitation only, with every member participating in the annual Apopka Art & Foliage Festival. The festival's proceeds fund scholarships and community programs.

"I joined the Apopka Woman's Club because of the club's commitment to community improvement, leadership development, and volunteerism," Potter said. "I have been a proud member since 2019 and look forward to many more years of fulfilling the club mission: to bring together women to use their talents and abilities to benefit themselves and the community."



Courtesy of Bev Winesburgh

Four honorees honored Lorena Potter with the Woman of the Year distinction. From left to right: Trudy Weiss, Geri Unrue, Lorena Potter, Bev Winesburgh and Bobbie Dougherty, with club president Diane Harrison in the background.

Review committee backs plans for Juneteenth events

DRC also takes up Eden Crest, Cold Link, Chandler Row items

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Development Review Committee (DRC) on Wednesday reviewed plans for an Apopka Juneteenth parade and festival, considered a revision to a cold storage major development plan to correct building size and parking, and took up plat and site plan amendments for two residen-

tial-related projects.

One of the meeting's most detailed discussions centered on the proposed Apopka Juneteenth parade and festival planned for June 20 by Transform Outreach.

According to city events coordinator Lexi Lahendro, the parade would begin at 2 p.m. at the Apopka Community Center, stage on Station Street, then travel south to Central Avenue, turn right onto 10th Street, right onto Marvin C. Zanders Avenue, and left onto M A Board Street before concluding at Alonzo Williams Park, where

a festival is planned from 3 to 7 p.m.

Lahendro told the committee that organizers are expecting about 500 attendees between the parade and the festival, which is slated to include food trucks, vendors and inflatables. Staff said organizers plan to hire off-duty personnel for road closures and event security and that there will be no alcohol.

Planning staff recommended approval of the special-event request, with the application also expected to go to the City Commission for additional approvals.

Eden Crest phase two

The committee reviewed the application of the Eden Crest Phase 2 plat, part of the larger Eden Crest residential development planned near Johns Road and South Binion Road. The project includes multiple phases of residential construction.

City staff recommended denial for now because comments remain unresolved, though Planning Manager Bobby Howell said the plat can be approved administratively without City Council or Planning Commission review once issues are addressed.

Cold Link Apopka

Another major item involved revisions to the Cold Link Apopka major development plan for a 168,180-square-foot cold storage building at 2560 W. Orange Blossom Trail.

Engineer Joshua Enot of Kimley-Horn said the change was needed after discovering the previously approved plan listed an incorrect building square footage, which affected parking calculations.

Howell said the larger building size qualifies as a substantial amendment that will require public hearings

once outstanding comments are resolved.

Chandler Row

The committee also briefly discussed a Chandler Row construction site plan amendment related to fire lines serving additional buildings. Howell said the applicant emailed staff late the day before the meeting to report that the wrong plans had been submitted and that revised plans would need to be uploaded.

Chandler Row is a town-home subdivision proposed for 4648 Chandler Rd.

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Gospel Centered Church still on track despite DRC denial

Congregation plans 9,600-square-foot addition as project moves through city review process

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

A proposed 9,600-square-foot expansion at Gospel Centered Church would allow the congregation to grow its worship space and expand community outreach efforts, the interim pastor said, even as the project continues moving through Apopka's development review process.

The proposed addition at 4490 Rock Springs Road recently went before the city's Development Review Committee (DRC), where staff recommended denial at this stage because of unresolved technical comments tied to the site plan review process.

But Interim Pastor James

Havener said the recommendation was procedural rather than a rejection of the church's long-term vision.

"It's just part of that same process everyone goes through," Havener said in a Monday interview with The Apopka Chief. "You submit, you come back, and they give you questions from each department that you have to answer."

Havener said some members of the congregation became concerned after an earlier article reported that the DRC had recommended denial of the church's expansion proposal. Some readers, he said, took that to mean the project was over.

"It made it sound like everything was denied, [as if] we weren't ever going to be able to build," Havener said.

City officials note that the applicant can resubmit revised plans addressing staff comments for additional DRC review.



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Gospel Centered Church, located at 4490 Rock Springs Road in Apopka, is seeking to expand to accommodate its steady ministry growth while creating room for outreach programs and storage needs the church currently lacks.

According to city documents, the project includes construction of a 9,600-square-foot church building, paved drive aisles, grass parking, a stormwater management facility and conversion from septic service to city wastewater utilities. Existing site plans show the property previously contained three buildings, one of which has already been demolished.

The church currently op-

erates out of a smaller existing building after originally launching at Rock Springs Elementary School roughly eight or nine years ago, Havener said. He described the current campus as too limited for both worship and outreach activities.

"We're already out of space," Havener said. "We're not trying to build a mega church. We just need more space to serve more people."

The church averages between 50 and 70 attendees on Sunday mornings, while Havener said just over 100 people are listed on the church rolls. Two Hispanic congregations also use the church's facilities for worship services.

Havener said the expansion would create additional worship and education space while also supporting community service programs, including food collection efforts, clothing assistance and partnerships helping struggling families.

The church currently partners with CarePortal, an organization that connects churches with families facing crises that could put children at risk of being removed from their homes, Havener said. The congregation also supports Rock Springs Elementary School through several community events.

City review comments show staff requested additional details involving park-

ing layout, lighting, drainage, landscaping, stormwater infrastructure and emergency access. Planning staff also requested more information regarding seating capacity, operational characteristics, large gatherings and proposed community use areas associated with the project.

Engineering comments included requests for a full stormwater report, geotechnical information and clarification regarding a proposed lift station and utility infrastructure. Fire officials noted the project would require two forms of access and a fire sprinkler system because of the building's size.

Havener said the church plans to add parking, pave portions of the property and comply with local development requirements while still preserving the site's natural appearance.

"We're trying to make sure that we cross all our t's and dot all our i's," he said.

U.S. seeks civil forfeiture of Delgado properties and vehicles

Apopka native charged for wire fraud in February

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The United States is seeking civil forfeiture of Apopka native Christopher Delgado's properties and vehicles, according to a May 22 press release from the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida.

"Delgado used approximately \$17 million in victim



File photo

Christopher Alexander Delgado was arrested in February for allegedly running a \$328 million Ponzi scheme.

investors' funds to buy five homes and office space," the release said. "He also spent

more than \$2.5 million in victim investors' funds to purchase, lease, or pay off loans on 11 vehicles (the 'Defendant Assets'). Most of these purchases or loan satisfactions constituted monetary transactions knowingly conducted by Delgado with more than \$10,000 in proceeds of wire fraud, making those Defendant Assets subject to forfeiture as property involved in money laundering."

Delgado was arrested in February for wire fraud and money laundering through his alleged investment firm,

Goliath Ventures. He was charged with running Goliath as a Ponzi scheme, gaining at least \$328 million after telling investors their funds would be placed in cryptocurrency liquidity pools. According to the complaint filed May 21, Delgado "had signatory authority" for at least 32 bank accounts and placed "only about \$1 million into any liquidity pool."

The complaint lists seven real properties and 11 vehicles as the assets subject to forfeiture. One of the real properties is a five-bedroom

home in Apopka.

"Although Delgado and his wife bought the property with clean funds, once the Goliath fraud scheme began, he made mortgage payments with fraud proceeds," the complaint said. "As described below, from January 2023 through March 2026, Delgado made approximately \$160,527.96 in payments to United Wholesale Mortgage, the loan servicer, through various accounts he controlled at JPMC, BOA, LMB, and CNB that were funded with fraud proceeds[.]"

Delgado bought four houses through Apopka Mayor Nick Nesta, who acted as the broker for the purchases. Nesta was subpoenaed earlier this month in correlation to Goliath's bankruptcy case, which is unrelated to the criminal case against Delgado.

Dream Lake Elementary School and Apopka High School received at least \$75,000 donated from Delgado and could be required to return the funds, which are already spent, according to the school district.

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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The following ordinance will be read on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026 @ 1:30 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 17 @ 7:00 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.

Interested parties may appear at this meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office for inspection. 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.

Published dates:
May 22nd, 2026
May 29th, 2026

Dated this 19th day of May, 2026
Susan M. Bone, City Clerk
City of Apopka, Florida

FREEDOM
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Fields” by Alice Boria, president of the auxiliary for VFW Post 10147. A wreath-laying ceremony, a bagpipe performance by Matthew Hutchinson and a moment of silence also honored fallen service members, including VFW Post 10147 members who died within the past year. During the event, organizers recognized Gold Star families in attendance, including the family of Jason Dwelley, an Apopka native who was killed in Iraq in 2004 while

serving with the Navy Reserve. Dwelley was 31 when he died after an explosive device struck his military vehicle in Anbar province. A letter read aloud during the ceremony on behalf of Sen. Ashley Moody referenced the nation’s approaching 250th anniversary, noting that the United States has endured “through the strength of those who defended our borders.” “As America’s 250th anniversary approaches, may we never forget what sustains this nation: cour-

age, sacrifice and an unshakable belief in the promise of freedom,” the letter stated. Jackie Birket attended in memory of her father, David Dershimer, who served in the Army and is buried at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. “It’s an important thing for our families,” Birket said. For attendee Mike Kara, whose father Joe Kara served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, the ceremony served as

a reminder that Memorial Day carries a meaning beyond cookouts. He said he believes younger generations sometimes lose sight of the holiday’s meaning. “I think through the years it has become more the official start of summer,” Kara said. “It’s okay to have barbecues and have all that, but we need to remember what today’s really all about. “Just take a moment to remember those that gave their life—the ultimate sacrifice.”



Photo by Teresa Sargeant
Bagpiper Matthew Hutchinson performs during Apopka’s Memorial Day ceremony Monday honoring fallen service members.

CULINARY
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stalls 500 of these ovens at all of their properties around the world—the executive chef goes and spends three days at the headquarters to learn how they can implement it. That’s the kind of training I’m going to get.” For Bates, the three-day training brings him one step closer to his ultimate goal of opening the Food Science and Technology Training Center at Wekiva next fall. Through a \$38,284 subsidy from RA-

TIONAL and a \$50,000 Kitchen Makeover Grant from the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association Education Foundation (FRLAEF), Bates plans to bring two RATIO-NAL appliances to the training center: the iCombi Pro and the iVario Pro. Bates described the iCombi Pro as a “smart oven” and the iVario Pro as a “tilt kettle.” The installation of the devices is valued at \$136,000. “What makes it powerful

and unique? Every square centimeter of the inside of both the oven and the tilt kettle are temperature-controlled independently of every single other one.” Bates said. “When you close the lid, you press a couple buttons, and you tell it what you’re cooking, and it uses a bunch of sensors to figure out the density of each item, and then they apply just enough heat to cook that item and no more.” According to Bates, re-

ceiving the three-day training and installing the devices at the school will provide students a significant advantage over their peers, particularly those seeking work in Orlando’s hospitality industry. “These two particular pieces of equipment, especially the oven, are the most common pieces of equipment at all of our theme parks here locally, all of our resorts, all of those giant convention halls,” Bates said. “When

our kids graduate and they get one of those jobs, they’re walking in, and they’re being asked to work with equipment that, prior to this installation, they have never seen before... but if I send in a 17/18-year-old kid, and they already know how to do it, and they can prove it, they instantly jump up a pay grade or two.” Although the center still needs approximately \$18,000 in funding, Bates is optimis-

tic about Wekiva Culinary’s future. “We have had a couple of amazing years, and we aren’t halfway where we’re hoping to be,” Bates said. “We’re still actively looking at how we can maximize opportunities for our students to grow, to learn, to be prepared for the industry and to do well in college, if that’s where they’re headed. Our goals haven’t changed—all they’ve done has gotten bigger.”

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

NOTICE is hereby given that **Camila Neira** has made application relating to the properties located at 4410 Chandler Road and 4420 Chandler Road, Apopka, Florida 32703 shown below for a change of future land use and a change of zoning and requested that the City of Apopka adopt the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 3158
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN TO OFFICE, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4410 CHANDLER ROAD AND 4420 CHANDLER ROAD; OWNED BY CHANDLER RICHARD, COMPRISING 5.12 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 3159
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE) TO O (OFFICE), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 4410 CHANDLER ROAD AND 4420 CHANDLER ROAD; OWNED BY CHANDLER RICHARD, COMPRISING 5.12 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold public hearings for **Ordinance Number 3158 and 3159** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that public hearings for **Ordinance Number 3158 and 3159** will be held by the **City of Apopka City Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 1, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M., and Wednesday, July 15, 2026 beginning at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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

Apopka City Commission
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Community Development Department

May 29, 2026

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Lincoln Douglas Haynes** has made an application, pursuant to the with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.G for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) IN THE RESIDENTIAL COUNTRY ESTATE (RCE) ZONING DISTRICT.**

Parcel Identification Number(s): 02-21-28-0000-00-112
Contains: 1.79 +/- Acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the Special Exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, Jun 9, 2026 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Interested parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. 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. Additional information regarding the application and review process may be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida, 32703 on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Written public comments regarding the application for the proposed special exception may be submitted by mail to the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida, 32703. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida, 32703; Telephone: 407-703-1704, at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka Planning Commission
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May 29, 2026

POLICE BEAT

APD responds to 28 crashes May 17-23

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In the period from May 17-23, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,700 calls for service, responded to 28 crashes, issued 90 citations, and made 26 arrests. Burglaries: 6 vehicles, 2 residences, 0 businesses. No juveniles were charged.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Zackariah W. Thomas, 30, 2339 W. Highland Ave., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (cannabis); aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill; weapon offense missile into dwelling vehicle/building/ or aircraft; damage property-criminal mischief, damage property \$200-\$1,000.

Herbert Richard Cunningham, 30, Apopka, aggravated battery-with deadly weapon; battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation; sex offense-digital voyeurism dissemination, first offense.

Chapelle Laquane Teague, 49, 1112 Legg Dr., Apopka, drugs-traffic fentanyl/fentanyl analogues 4 grams+; drug equipment-possession and/or use; possession of weapon or ammo by convicted Florida felon; amphetamine-traffic in meth/amphetamine 14 grams+; cocaine-trafficking in cocaine 28 grams to 150 kg; drugs-traffic own rent structure vehicle know traffic drugs; drugs-trafficking in oxycodone 7 grams or more.

Brian Keller, 27, 1108 W. Fern Ave. #4, Foley, larceny-other theft.

Omar Ocasio Rosario, 32, 1301 E. Surf Ave., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation equivalent status.

Dennis Corneal Trice, 53, 522 Mainline Blvd., Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence; hit and run-leave scene of crash involving damage to property (X2); kidnap-false imprisonment of person; crash-leaving scene on public/private property without rendering aid (injury)(felony).

Lonnie Ervin Jolly, 67, 309 Appaloosa Ct., Sanford, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; out-of-county warrant.

Jeffrey Lee Dickens, 37, 2212 Grant Ave., Eustis, larceny-petit theft-merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction.

Antonio Arnelo Smith, 52, general delivery, Orlando, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Cynthia Cannon, 64, Apopka, battery on specified personnel; resist officer with violence; battery-touch or strike.

Tyrone Moss, 63, 221 W. 20th St., Apopka, burglary-unoccupied conveyance unarmed; larceny possession-received/retained stolen credit/debit card.

Diane Ann Bledsoe, 53, 45 E. 13th St., Apopka, larceny possession-received/retained stolen credit/debit card; contempt of court.

Chefly Joseph, 21, 5951 Groveland Dr., Orlando, larceny-other theft.

Eugene Woods, 60, 1296 Woodfield Oaks Dr., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs; crash-refuse to submit to blood alcohol level test.

Maurice Anthony Roberts, 29, 13540 Bluewater Cir., Orlando, use 2-way communication device to facilitate felony; obscene material-distribute/transmit information harmful to minors; family offense interfere with custody of minor/incompetent person; obscene communication-travel to meet after use computer to lure child; sex assault-sex battery by 24 years of age+, victim 16 or 17 years of age.

Melisa May Burton, 53, 2958 Grace St., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Robert Brent McDonie, 47, 274 Sharp Street, Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Tyler Stephen Krick, 37, 300 McCoy Village Ct., Apopka, resist officer with violence; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Anthony Marqwez Ethridge, 35, 703 General Hutchison Pkwy, Longwood, out-of-county warrant.

Danny Lee Moley, 57, 1130 Huddleston Ln., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Andrew Maurice Wright, 23, 5475 Clarcona Key Boulevard 1019, Orlando, out-of-county warrant.

Danielle Rene Sweat, 36, 632 E. 11th St., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

David Marcus McGrath, 23, 5418 Montford Pl., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Brittany Sineray Blancas-Vargas, 18, 314 W. Grossenbacher Dr., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Jeffery Thomas Donehoo, 39, 740 Oakville Ln., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Abbie Justine O'Donnell, 25, 8447 Blackstone St., Spring Hill, out-of-county warrant (X2.)

CARTEGENA

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one count of intimidation or threats against an elected official, and one count of unlawful use of a two-way communication device.

Cartagena was arrested in February after investigators said he made threatening statements directed at Nelson through social media messages and other communications.

According to a previously released arrest report, police were alerted to the alleged threats before officers went to Nelson's home late on the night of Feb. 10. Cartagena was taken into custody early the following morning.

During an interview following the arrest, Nelson said an officer came to his home and informed him about the alleged threat.

"An officer knocked on my door at nine o'clock at night and said, 'Mayor, we've got a problem here. There's been a death threat against you,'" Nelson said.

Nelson previously said police treated the matter as a serious threat and took precautions while attempting to locate Cartagena before his arrest.

According to previously released police reports, investigators also alleged that Cartagena made threats directed at members of a local church congregation in the days leading up to his arrest. Police records state the church hired an off-duty Apopka police officer for security during a service following the alleged threats.

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Larry Colleton and Dr. Lavon Wright Bracy; and Apopka historian Francina Boykin. State Rep. Bruce Hadley Antone later joined the discussion.

While multiple speakers criticized the redistricting process and broader voting policies, Bankson faced some of the evening's toughest questions and criticisms from audience members and fellow panelists about his support of the new maps. He repeatedly cited Supreme Court precedent saying race and political party cannot be considered when drawing district maps, and that he thought the maps looked fair, not gerrymandered.

The discussion opened with historical context tying modern voting debates to the Civil Rights Movement and the 1965 Selma voting rights marches. Speakers repeatedly referenced Florida's history of voter suppression and argued that current redistricting efforts reflect newer versions of longstanding political battles.

Several speakers also tied the debate to broader national political tensions, including references to President Donald Trump, Project 2025 and Republican-led voting policies.

Moderator Monica May told attendees the town hall was intended to help residents understand both redistricting and gerrymandering.

"Are we choosing our politicians, or are our politicians choosing their voters?" May asked during the forum.

Colleton, whose several roles include serving as president of the Florida Voters League, argued the process moved unusually quickly and gave lawmakers little opportunity for public input before the maps were approved.

"The governor of this state called a special session for three days," Colleton said. "He submitted his own map ... and in three days his map got approved by that super majority."

Brown argued the latest redistricting effort weakened protections intended to pre-

vent partisan manipulation.

"It doesn't make it right, but from a federal standpoint, this thing is going to really be hard based off of what the Supreme Court just did," Brown said, referring to the recent Louisiana v. Callais Supreme Court decision, which involved congressional redistricting and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. "However, we still have Fair District Amendment Four and Five here in the state."

Audience members pressed Bankson directly on why he supported the maps despite concerns that communities such as Apopka could again be split between congressional districts.

"How are we perceiving different things, and we're looking at the exact same thing?" attendee Keyomi Jones asked Bankson during a tense exchange.

Bankson defended his vote by saying he believed the maps complied with legal standards prohibiting districts from being drawn explicitly by race or party affiliation.

"If I believed that this was specifically targeting to remove the right to vote based upon the color of their skin, I absolutely would not support that," Bankson said.

He acknowledged discomfort with the mid-decade process and told attendees he remained open to further conversations.

"I knew this would create this kind of firestorm with you, and I'm here tonight," Bankson said, mentioning his granddaughter's graduation was that same night. "I could have easily skipped this."

At several points, audience members challenged Bankson over whether the maps effectively diluted Black voting power despite being framed as partisan rather than racial redistricting.

Oliver connected the issue to broader concerns about political accountability and civic participation.

"As [philosopher and writer] George Santayana said, if we don't understand our history, we are doomed to repeat it," Oliver said. "And

guess what we're doing right now? We're repeating it right now."

The meeting also touched on voter ID proposals, restoration of voting rights for returning citizens and concerns about voter participation.

"Everybody's got to go vote," Antone told attendees. "That is the answer to whatever you're dealing with right now."

Following the town hall, Pastor Hezekiah Bradford Jr. said he attended the forum because he was concerned about voter apathy, redistricting and gerrymandering, and wanted residents to receive information about issues affecting their voting power.

Bradford, who said he has worked closely with Bankson through local ministry efforts, questioned the representative during the forum about previous conversations they had regarding gerrymandering and redlining.

"The dialog was a little heated, but I think it was necessary," Bradford said after the meeting.

Bradford said he was not fully satisfied with Bankson's explanation for supporting the maps.

"If wrong is wrong, wrong is wrong," Bradford said. "This may be legal, but is it right?"

Bradford said he believes many residents are concerned that redistricting can dilute the political influence of communities by reshaping district boundaries.

"I always thought that we vote because we choose who we want, but I think gerrymandering, it chooses us," Bradford said.

He said local pastors, community groups and youth organizations must continue working to increase civic engagement and voter participation, particularly among younger residents.

"I'm going to try my very best to get people to vote, to get out and vote," Bradford said. "Voting is important."

Multiple parts of the town hall's livestream are available on the St. Paul AME Church's Facebook page.

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18. *Coconutty candy bar (2 words)
20. Baltimore player
21. Dip a _____ the water
22. Acronym, abbr.
23. **The Freshmaker" candy
26. Deck painter, often
30. Flight info
31. Russia's plain
34. Nat of Jazz
35. N in RN
37. Across, in verse
38. *Inspired by "Willie Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

39. Under the weather
40. Lipase or sucrose, e.g.
42. Part of a match
43. English traveling courts
45. Ones with title
47. ___ Aviv
48. Sign of life
50. Between Phi and Kappa
52. *Once known as Chicken Feed (2 words)
56. Trollop, in the olden days
57. Eyeball rudely
58. "I ___ wed"
59. Opposite of fires
60. Bear's den
61. Gives a hand
62. Between ids and super-egos
63. Symbol of industriousness
64. *Dad's ___ Beer Barrels candy

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1. _____ good example
2. Like West Wing's office

3. 35mm, e.g.
4. "Little Men" author
5. Mecca pilgrim
6. Teamsters group
7. "Out of _____, one"
8. *Good & Plenty flavor
9. It will
10. Animal protein
11. Is, in France
13. Unassuming
14. Muhammad's birthplace
19. Gallows loop
22. *Polished off candy, e.g.
23. High IQ society
24. Lady's pocketbook
25. Narcotics agents
26. Light on one's feet
27. Relating to Scandinavia
28. Village V.I.P.
29. Catches one's breath
32. Ages and ages
33. *Pfefferminz, for short
36. **Taste the Rainbow" candies
38. Broadway's news boy
40. Ray-finned fish
41. Decompose
44. Ardors
46. Bee's favorite drink
48. Like a Druid
49. Without illumination
50. Place for mutinous sailor
51. France's currency
52. *Other Rocket Fizz product
53. Kent State state
54. Do over
55. Hatchling's home
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Defense flashes promise as Watts begins reshaping Wekiva football

Mustangs drop both games at spring jamboree but coach sees growth

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

After a block-in-the-back penalty wiped out a defensive touchdown and pinned the Wekiva High School Mustangs near their own goal line, first-year head coach Ashton Watts gathered his team on the sideline.

“This is not the old Wekiva,” Watts shouted. “Clean it up. Are we gonna go back to the old or change for the better?”

Wekiva lost both games at its spring football jamboree Friday, falling 14-0 to Leesburg High School and 9-0 to Horizon High School.

But Watts believed the night still revealed progress, particularly on the defensive side of the ball.

“I like that [defensive coordinator] Jerry Middleton brings his mentality into the

way he coaches,” Watts said. “He does an amazing job. He runs some college-level style defense. When he’s getting them to buy in, man, they’re starting to fly around.”

“So it’s a lot to clean up. We got to find the right pieces, but man, he’s cleaning it up, and I love what he does.”

The jamboree featured three rotating two-quarter games, beginning with Wekiva against Leesburg. Horizon then faced Leesburg before the Mustangs closed the night against Horizon.

Against Leesburg, Wekiva’s defense opened strong. The Mustangs forced fourth-and-14 on the opening possession, giving the offense good field position after a roughing penalty pushed them near midfield.

Quarterback Dominique Sanguine quickly found Dominique Walker for completions of 10 and 15 yards, moving the ball inside the 25. But the drive unraveled with multiple high snaps.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Bakary Manley catches a screen pass against Horizon.

WEKIVA, B2

‘Train Like a Lion’: Longa Academy building champions in Central Florida



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Kids in the Longa Academy futures program finish off their training with a 2-on-2 round of beach soccer.

Former Venezuelan pro Carlos Longa preparing for summer camps, more titles

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Founded in 2023, Longa Academy Futsal Club has quickly become one of the fastest-growing youth soc-

cer programs in the Apopka and Orlando area, blending traditional soccer, beach soccer and futsal into one training philosophy built around technical development and intensity.

Led by former Venezuelan professional player Carlos Longa, the club operates under the motto “Train Like a Lion,” with programs ranging from young beginners to nationally competitive travel teams.

After moving to the United States, Longa said he wanted to stay connected to the sport and invest in young athletes. That’s how the academy came to be.

“When I arrived in this country my goal was to try to get a club so I can continue my love for the sport and support the kids,” Longa said. “In my country, I was able to support our kids, too. I try to push college, studying hard and growing. May-

be the kid becomes a professional, you never know. It’s difficult to become professional in soccer, but I love to help them try.”

The academy focuses on developing players through three versions of the game — traditional soccer, beach soccer and futsal, the fast-paced indoor version of soccer played on a hard court. Longa believes training across

SOCCER, B2

‘JP’ to receive Vanguard Award from Apopka Sports Hall of Fame

John Peery, longtime Apopka Chief editor, documented generations of local athletics

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter



Courtesy of Roger Williams

John Peery.

For decades, the pages of The Apopka Chief told the story of Apopka sports through the words and photographs of John Peery.

Now, nearly three years after his passing, the longtime sports editor and journalist will be honored posthumously with the Vanguard Award as part of the 2026 Apopka Sports Hall of Fame class.

Peery, who died on Oct. 12, 2023, at age 67, was known throughout the community simply as “JP,” a writer whose dedication to local athletics helped preserve generations of Apopka sports history. Whether it was Friday night football at Roger Williams Field, a Little League afternoon, or a standout athlete earning statewide recognition, Peery made sure the community knew their stories mattered.

As editor-in-chief of The Apopka Chief and The Planter for decades, Peery became one of the most recognizable figures in Central Florida sports journalism. Many considered

him the voice of Apopka, and described him as a respected writer, photographer and community figure who knew generations of Apopka families and athletes personally.

Eileen Ricketson, former business manager and wife of the late Apopka Chief owner John Ricketson, had a strong relationship with Peery and appreciated his work.

“There was no one like John Peery when it came to Apopka and Apopka sports, young or old. He loved it,” Eileen Ricketson said. “What he was able to write about them and how he did it and how much he cared about what he was doing would be hard to beat.”

Peery’s work stretched far beyond simply covering games. He recorded the rise of Apopka ath-

PEERY, B3

Wolf Lake track and field wins third straight county title

Phillips says it’s not just athletes winning — it’s the system

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

For the third straight year, Wolf Lake Middle School brought home championship hardware.

The track and field program captured the OPCS Middle School Coed Championship this spring against 51 schools, while the boys team finished second overall by just two points and the girls team placed third — both after winning back-to-back county titles in 2024 and 2025.

Both the boys and girls teams also completed unde-



Courtesy of Andrea Phillips

The 2026 Wolf Lake Middle School track and field team.

feated cluster championship seasons, with the girls extending their undefeated cluster streak to three consecutive

years.

For head coach Andrea Phillips, the success has become about much more than

medals and trophies.

“It means that at this point we’re building a legacy,” Phillips said. “We’ve now established a program of excellence, and the kids and the families have bought into it. So now we’re seeing continued success year after year. It’s not a particular athlete that’s causing us to win, but it’s a full system and a group of coaches that have come together that are causing it.”

Wolf Lake once again showcased depth throughout nearly every event category at counties.

The boys 4x100 relay team of Shacquan Mills, Javin Cameron, Kelvin Bridges and Korey Capers captured first place with a winning time of 45.94 seconds after winning the event

in 2024. The girls 4x400 relay team of Capriana Pirillo, Jaida Williams, Chloe Crain and Carrington Shaw finished second in 4:23.40.

In the field events, seventh grader Kelsey Coachman won the girls long jump title with a mark of 5.21 meters, while Cameron placed second in the boys long jump at 5.68 meters. Damian Demps and Christopher Warren also medaled in the event.

Phillips said Coachman’s performance stood out as one of the most impressive moments of the entire season.

“She only started long jumping about two to three weeks before counties,” Phillips said. “She won first and jumped one time. They get three jumps, she jumped just once, and significantly out-jumped everyone else to win

first. We’re really expecting her to shine next year in the long jump as she has more training and growth in it.”

Wolf Lake also continued producing strong sprint performances. Jaycee Kersten finished fourth in the girls 100-meter dash with a time of 13.10 seconds after previously running a county personal record of 12.80 earlier this year. Coachman finished fifth in the same race at 13.12.

Capers added fifth-place finishes in both the boys 100- and 200-meter races, while Warren placed eighth in the boys 400 meters.

Seventh grader Carrington Shaw helped lead the distance events, finishing second in the girls 800

WOLF LAKE, B3

Local anglers reel in wins as bass action heats up

Hello Folks,
I hope y'all had a great Memorial Day weekend, and just *maybe* you even got a chance to do some fishin'! If you didn't go fishin', I hope you had some good family time and ate lotsa hamburgers and hot dogs!

Congrats to Dave Lefebre on his win up at Orange Lake. Dave was able to win the MLF tournament by catchin' the most bass *and* the biggest bass durin' the championship round. Dave caught the biggest bass of the day with a 9-pound 3-ounce bass that gave him an additional \$100,000! He won \$100,000 for winnin' the tournament, too. This



GOIN' FISHIN'
Jim Keck
Correspondent

tournament was probably Dave's last pro tournament with MLF. He didn't qualify to fish next year's trial, but he went out in style with a great pay day in this year's Heavy Hitters Championship. Dave caught most of his bass on a black-and-blue bladed jig. On championship day, he caught most of his bass on a black-and-blue

chatterbait with a sapphire blue trailer.

I talked to John at Bitter's B&T, and he reports that a lot of folks went fishin' for panfish and bass. Folks're catchin' plenty of shellcrackers in Lake Kissimmee, Lake Monroe, and Lake Jesup. Folks are still catchin' shellcrackers in the St. Johns River out by the Highway 46 bridge. The water is still low even though we got rain over the weekend. If you don't have a boat and you still want to catch some shellcrackers, a few folks are catchin' em off the seawall at Lake Monroe. John also reports that the bass are still schoolin' like

crazy on the St. Johns River. The best area is still between Astor and Hontoon Island. Topwater baits early in the mornin' and lipless crankbaits durin' the day.

The Maitland Chain of lakes Wednesday Nighter was held last week on Lake Fairview. Congrats to the team of Clay and Christian with three bass that hit the scales at 13.86 pounds. Hector and Kyle's team caught the night's Big Bass, which weighed 6.52 pounds.

My fishin' partner Rick Mullins is fishin' this week with his brother-in-law Greg Fugate from Kentucky. They've fished Johns Lake, the Harris Chain, and are now

fishin' the Butler Chain. They caught most of their bigger bass in the Harris Chain. Rick's biggest bass was a 4-pounder, and Greg's biggest bass is around 3 pounds. I'm sure they'll get on'em sometime this week. We have a full moon this comin' weekend, so the fishin' should pick up three days before and three days after that.

Congrats to the team of Neil Davis and David Simpson on their win at the Johns Lake Wednesday Night Shootout. They brought three bass to the scales that weighed 16.50 pounds. They also caught the biggest bass of the night which weighed in at 10.45 pounds.

Nice job, guys.

Lake Kissimmee and West Lake Toho have been producin' some nice stringers of bass. Congrats to Jeremy Smith and his brother Ben Smith after they recently won an Xtreme Bass Series tournament with a five-bass limit that hit the scales at 28.71 pounds. They had a 7.19-pounder kicker bass even though Big Bass was an 8.37-pounder.

Well, that's it for this week. I hope y'all get to go fishin' this week, and I'll see ya next week.

Tip of the week: Full Moon!

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all three helps young athletes improve their technique, decision-making and creativity much faster than traditional methods alone.

"My club philosophy is to put three different disciplines together with the kids," Longa said. "Beach soccer, futsal and soccer all help increase technique very much. I played many years, so I try to give my best experience to the kids."

The club is only a few years old, but it has already found success in major competitions. Longa Academy's 2014 age group won the United Futsal World Championships in 2024, while the club's 2016 age group captured back-to-back U.S. Youth Florida State Championships in 2024 and 2025.

The club has also competed in the 2025 World Futsal Championship and several high-level events across Florida and beyond, includ-



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Carlos Longa (background) watches as Academy athletes battle for the ball.

ing the Nona Cup, Southeast Regional Championships, Dreams Cup in Miami and the Easter International Cup.

The club currently operates multiple age groups, includ-

ing its Futures Program for players born between 2018 and 2021, along with competitive teams for the 2017, 2016 and 2013-14 age groups.

Longa and his staff will host a five-day Elite Summer Camp during June and July for athletes in the 2013-14, 2015-16 and 2017-18 age groups. The training sessions will combine all three disciplines with an emphasis on conditioning, technique and tactical understanding.

"My camp includes a lot of intensity," Longa said. "We spend one hour in futsal, then beach soccer, then soccer. We work on attack, defense, the flanks, tactics and technique. It's difficult for the kids, but it prepares them."

Longa said the Florida heat and long training days require discipline from the athletes, both

physically and mentally. "The kids need to pay attention, stay healthy, drink water very well and sleep eight or nine hours [a day] during the summer because recovery is very important," he said.

By the end of summer camp, Longa said many players return to their regular club teams noticing major improvements in their game.

"The kids make the sacrifice during the summer, and when they go back to their clubs, the coaches say, 'Wow, they are different,'" Longa said. "Their technique is better, they're faster, and they understand the game better."

For Longa, the mission extends beyond wins and trophies.

"I just want to help the kids grow," he said. "That is the most important thing."

WEKIVA

FROM B1

One sailed over Sanguine's head before another bad snap and intentional grounding penalty pushed the Mustangs all the way back behind midfield, eventually forcing a punt.

The snap miscues were noted by Watts.

"We gotta get the snap," Watts said. "So in the first game, we got a lot of bad snaps, but we got a young center. This is his first game really playing football. So I was impressed with the adversity that he faced in the second half, and he kind of turned it around the way he started snapping the ball much better."

Leesburg capitalized midway through the second quarter when a miscommunication between Sanguine and receiver Givonny Buford led to an interception returned for a touchdown and

a 7-0 lead.

Despite the mistake, Wekiva answered with one of its best offensive drives of the night. Walker hauled in another first-down catch, while running back Landon Jerome powered through the middle for a 15-yard gain. Sanguine also connected with Bakary Manley and Robert Hollis to move into Leesburg territory.

The drive stalled on fourth down at the 25-yard line.

Later in the half, linebacker Deandre Payne blew through the line for a sack, but Leesburg eventually broke loose on a spinning run that reached the Wekiva 15 before punching in a touchdown with 17 seconds left.

The Mustangs nearly produced a highlight on the final play of the game. Man-

ley caught a short pass near the right sideline, reversed field and outran nearly the entire defense before finally getting dragged down at the 5-yard line as time expired.

In the jamboree's middle matchup, Horizon defeated Leesburg 21-0 before Wekiva returned for its second game of the evening.

The Mustangs again showed flashes defensively against Horizon.

After allowing an early long run, Wekiva forced a fourth down then recovered a fumble at the line of scrimmage.

The Mustangs' next possession resulted in a short punt, but the defense stuffed consecutive runs and forced incompletions to create another turnover on downs.

On their next play, a pass bounced off a helmet and fell into the hands of a Horizon

defender. With the defense handling business, another possession ended when officials ruled a completed catch had turned into a fumble.

The biggest momentum swings came after Wekiva's defense forced another punt that was booted deep toward the goal line. Instead of letting the ball roll into the end zone for a touchback, Avante Scott picked it up at the 1-yard line. Horizon blitzed on the next play, tackling the Mustangs in the end zone for a safety and a 2-0 lead.

Moments later, Wekiva appeared to have its biggest play of the night when Scott forced a fumble in the backfield, scooped up the loose ball and sprinted the length of the field for a touchdown. The aforementioned block in the back penalty wiped out the play.

Horizon eventual-

ly scored on a quarterback keeper in the final minutes to seal the 9-0 win.

Even through the losses, Watts said the night served as a valuable learning experience for a roster still developing both physically and mentally.

"Our offensive line is very young," Watts said. "I think we have one senior, everybody else is a sophomore or rising sophomore. So we're really, really young up front. I'm excited just to see what they bring June 1st when it comes time to work out again."

Watts also pointed toward football IQ and situational awareness as areas the staff plans to attack during summer workouts.

"Coaching them, man," Watts said. "Some of it is football IQ. They don't really know it yet. Some of them

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One last night together for Apopka softball's standout senior class

Lady Blue Darters honor a 20-6 season at annual awards banquet.

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The 2026 Apopka High School softball team capped their season together with a bittersweet awards banquet Tuesday night.

The Lady Blue Darters gathered one final time as a team together. The annual awards banquet, held at Apopka Calvary Church of the Nazarene, gave the tight-knit team a chance to look back on a memorable 20-6



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

The 2026 Apopka softball team at the awards banquet.

season and say goodbye to the seniors who defined it.

The group was given letters of recognition and certificates that highlighted the

season.

Catcher Taylor Smith won the ROSE Award, in recognition of overall excellence. The University of

North Carolina signee blasted six home runs and was a brick wall behind the plate.

She earned first-team All-Metro recognition and was

named the FACA District 11 Player of the Year.

Alicia Lopez won the Team MVP award after leading Apopka in hits (46) and RBIs (33). The Seminole State College of Florida signee also made first-team All-Metro and was an FACA District 11 All Star.

Center fielder Sydney Bartkin earned the team's Defensive Player of the Year award after being named to the All-Metro first team and FACA District 11 All Stars. She plans to attend Florida State University but will not play softball for the Seminoles.

Shylah Pino earned Offensive Player of the Year as the leadoff hitter, bat-

ting .500. A constant threat on the base paths, Pino stole 18 bags and earned second-team All-Metro and FACA District 11 All Star recognition. She signed with West Alabama.

Ava Millspaugh was honored as the team's Pitcher of the Year for her persistent work in the circle. The Eastern Florida State College signee had 57 strikeouts and was an X-factor in close games. She made second-team All-Metro.

Alezia Hatcher, Victoria Shaw (Florida Southern College signee), and junior Ava Gonzalez joined the list of Lady Blue Darters on the All-Metro first team.

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meters in 2:29.87 and seventh in the 1600 meters. Shaw also anchored the girls 4x400 relay team that earned silver medals.

Phillips credited the continued success to both the athletes and a coaching staff that has created consistency throughout the program.

"My primary job is I'm a dance teacher, and so anybody that's ever worked with me in anything, I have a way of building confidence and helping athletes believe in themselves, believe in the vision, and also simultaneously pushing them to be their best," Phillips said. "Additionally, we have some really great and talented kids in the Apopka area. So when you pair that with a coaching staff who knows what they're doing, and the kids believe in what we're doing, I think that's what makes the difference."

With several seventh graders already producing medal-winning performances, Phillips believes the future of the program is only getting brighter.

"It's very exciting," Phillips said. "I told the kids I want a triple crown next year. I want the boys, the girls and the co-ed title. We have a lot of younger athletes that trained with us all season that are going to grow and develop over the summer, and we're expecting them to contribute too."

Phillips makes no secret of where she wants to be.

"I would not want to coach anywhere else," Phillips said. "I love Wolf Lake Middle School. It's just an amazing school with a great athletic culture. Our principal comes to every one of our track meets, and it's just a great school to teach at and coach at."

PEERY FROM B1

letics during some of the city's most successful eras, helping bring recognition to athletes before social media and modern recruiting coverage existed.

Everyone knew Peery as the encyclopedia of Apopka sports. Outside reporters and recruiters came to him first when they needed information on a local athlete—he always had the answer. He brought the same dedication to youth sports, consistently making room in the paper for the community's youngest players.

Even while balancing deadlines and other demands of weekly journalism, Peery rarely missed an event. Ricketson recalled how deeply connected he remained to both the sports world and the Apopka community throughout his life.

"He did whatever he had to do to keep up with the people as well as the deadline he was working on," Ricketson said. "He was always in tune with the sports world and especially

AHS."

His love for sports started early. Peery started studying basketball as a child, sitting beneath his father at the timer's table during Apopka High School games while learning the sport from the ground up. He grew up in Apopka and graduated from Apopka Memorial High School.

His early passion eventually developed into an award-winning journalism career.

Peery earned multiple honors from the Florida Press Association during his time at The Apopka Chief. In 2014, he received first place in the FPA's Weekly Newspaper Contest for the sports section and second place for sports photography. In 2016, he earned third place for best obituary writing.

Ricketson described him as "a God-fearing person who was highly respected by most everyone," someone who deeply cared about both the athletes he covered and the commu-

nity itself.

He also carried a well-known passion outside of Apopka sports. While orange may define Florida, Peery's favorite shade belonged to the University of Tennessee. He attended the university in his first year before coming back home to UCF. Friends and colleagues knew him as a loyal Volunteer fan through and through.

"As passionate as he was for sports, he bled Tennessee orange and white," Ricketson said.

The Vanguard Award honors individuals who made lasting impacts behind the scenes in Apopka athletics, and few people documented and shaped the area's sports culture like Peery. Through thousands of stories, photographs and late nights at the newspaper office, he helped generations of athletes feel seen and celebrated.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

1 Timothy 1:5

Visit us online for all the Apopka area church listings



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Friday, May 29

NOIRÉA: Auréa Nights Auditions

1:00 p.m. - 7220 International Dr, Orlando

Auditions now open for NOIRÉA: Auréa Nights - an immersive cirque experience premiering Aug. 14 at AFRO TV Studios. Free.

Formula Drift Orlando Scorched

3:00 p.m. - 19164 East Colonial Drive, Orlando
National car drifting competition. Fri \$54, Sat \$64, Fri/Sat \$69.

Class w/ Tony Deluxe

5:00 p.m. - 515 South Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka
Class with educator Tony Deluxe will be going over shear work, enhancements and concealer and design. \$65.

Battle of Bands: HATE ME FOR LIFE, NURSING, HOLLY POCKET, HARWICK, JETPIPE

6:00 p.m. - 10749 East Colonial Drive, Orlando
My Sister's House at Boardwalk Bowl is a dedicated room for live original music and alternative art from Central Florida creators. \$13.

The Magic Show: Unboxed by AGT Finalist Drew Thomas

7:00 p.m. - 4012 Central Florida Parkway, Orlando
Created and performed by America's Got Talent finalist Drew Thomas. \$50.



Courtesy of Apopka Amphitheater

Deuteran Productions Presents: Marcus King Band "Darling Blue Pt.2 Tour" with special guests Penelope Road Live in Apopka.

Serious Play with Jeff Wirth

7:30 p.m. - 310 East New Hampshire Street #Suite 700, Orlando
Step into Jeff Wirth's interactive show, where you're invited to play, explore, and discover what play can become. \$15.

EMO NIGHT BROOKLYN at The Abbey

8:00 p.m. - 100 S. Eola Drive, Suite 100, Orlando
DJ based dance party blasting the best emo and pop punk jams. \$26.

Berlin Techno Anniversary: Hard Techno Night at Anthem Orlando

10:00 p.m. - 100 N Orange Ave, Orlando
Expect 160+ BPM walls of sound across Hard Techno, Psytrance, Acid Techno, Hardcore, and Hardstyle, played in the style you'd hear at Berghain or Bassiani. 21+ with valid ID. Free.

Saturday, May 30

HUNTRIX LIVE PERFORMANCE

4:30 p.m. - 4401 South Orange Avenue, #120, Orlando

HUNTRIX Live Show for Kids!
15-min mini show, meet & greet, dance party & open play. \$45 per child - 2 adults FREE.

Anime Paint & Sip

5:00 p.m. - 2306 Edgewater Drive, Orlando
Paint your favorite anime character and indulge in yummy Boba Tea. \$20-50.

Marcus King

6:00 p.m. - 3710 Jason Dwelley Pkwy, Apopka
Marcus King Band "Darling Blue Pt.2 Tour" w/ special guests Penelope Road Live in Apopka. \$30-90.

Jarred Armstrong

8:00 p.m. - 464 S Magnolia Ave, Orlando
A triple-threat on piano, vocals and saxophone, St. Pete native Jarred Armstrong returns to Judson's Live with his signature blend of jazz, R&B and soul. \$33-45.

Sunday, May 31

Petals, Glitter & Resin: Resin Jewelry Workshop

2:00 p.m. - 805 West Central

Boulevard #Suite A, Orlando
Make yourself an unique jewelry piece with real flowers! \$31.

Kurt Rosenwinkel

5:00 p.m. - 464 S Magnolia Ave, Orlando
Over his three-decade career, Kurt Rosenwinkel has carved out a defining place in modern jazz as a multi-talented guitarist, composer and bandleader. \$42-59.

COMPETITION STYLE BARBER CLASS

7:00 p.m. - 515 South Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka
Competition class haircut going over how to prep model before competition, apply enhancements and concealers. \$60.

Monday, June 1

Camp Wewa Summer Camp Week 1 (Registration Required)

7:30am - 221 S Binion Rd, Apopka
\$175 per week for Apopka residents and \$225 for non-residents, plus \$50 registration fee.

Alzheimer Association's In-Person Caregiver Support Group

7:00 p.m. - 515 Marley Lester Lane, Apopka
Support groups create a safe, confidential, supportive environment or community and a chance for participants to develop informal mutual support and social relationships. Free.

Girl Gang

7:30 p.m. - 8367 International Drive, Orlando
A space for women done playing

small in life & love. Real talk on healing, connection & modern dating. Donation.

Tuesday, June 2

Introduction to Calligraphy

6:00pm - 1308 Lang Avenue, Orlando
Introduction to calligraphy at The House on Lang. \$77.

Wednesday, June 3

Apopka City Council Meeting

1:30 p.m. - 120 East Main Street, Apopka. Free.

Apopka City Commission Meeting

1:30 p.m. - 120 East Main Street, Apopka. Free.

Coming up at the

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Spring concert series

MAY 30

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

JUNE 6

Tailgate N' Tunes
- 5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
(Ticketed Event)

JUNE 21

Magic Boys 4 Annual Father's Day Picnic
- 3 p.m.-8 p.m.
(Ticketed Event)

JULY 4

July Fourth Celebration 2026
- 6 p.m.
- Fireworks at 9 p.m.

3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway

Southern classics and global flavors to explore

My niece, Margaret Biddle down in Bowling Green, called me, excited about a recipe that she called Moroccan Chicken Stew. She had just tried it, and she loved it; true to her word, she has emailed the recipe to me. We have it below for you. It's made with chicken thighs, so it is probably a thrifty dish. You can switch out other chicken parts if you'd rather have them, but if you stick with thighs, it'll be tasty because thighs have a higher concentration of chicken fat.



Here is a recipe for Country Fried Cabbage from *The Original Country Cookbook*. As it calls for bacon fat, you may choose to replace it with butter or vegetable fat, if you do not use pork.

From the book, *Field to Feast*, we have a wonderful fresh salad using baby greens, strawberries and lime vinaigrette. The recipe comes from Gary Wishnatzki, third generation owner of Wish Farms, who is the grandson of Russian immigrant Harris Wishnatzki, a fruit and vegetable pushcart peddler in 1920s New York City. The summarization of this recipe says: "The citrusy tang of lime vinaigrette is a great match for the sweet strawberries. If you don't like blue cheese, you can swap it for soft goat cheese, or leave it out altogether."

We have Hummingbird Cake from *Southern Living*, article written by Pam Lolley. She says, "Hummingbird Cake is a Southern gem that boasts three incredibly moist layers flavored with canned pineapple and bananas."

Marvin Woods' Made-from-Scratch Lemonade from *The New Low-Country Cooking* looks as if it is going to be the best lemonade we've ever had. And let's try his Iced Tea recipe, too. He says, "Did you know that iced tea was born at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair? How it became one of the South's most celebrated drinks isn't really known." It can be made in several ways. Whether you like it with or without lemon and sugar is completely up to you. But, I can tell Marv why Iced Tea is so popular: It's because it is so delicious and thirst quenching and... there is nothing else like it!

MOROCCAN CHICKEN STEW

Contributed by Margaret Biddle, Reader

INGREDIENTS:

2 tablespoons olive oil
8 (4 ounce) skinless, bone-in chicken thighs

2 medium red onions, sliced
1 large green pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon curry powder
1 (10.75 ounce) can Campbell's® Condensed Tomato Soup
1 each 2.25-ounce can sliced black olives
1/3 cup golden raisins
1 (15 ounce) can chickpeas (garbanzo beans), rinsed and drained
1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted

DIRECTIONS:

1) Heat the oil in a 5-quart saucepot over medium high heat. Add the chicken in batches and cook until well browned on both sides. Remove the chicken from the saucepot; set aside.
2) Reduce the heat to medium. Add the onions, pepper and garlic and cook for 5 minutes or until they're tender-crisp.
3) Add the cinnamon and curry and cook and stir for 1 minute.
4) Stir in the soup and heat to a boil.
5) Return the chicken to the saucepot.
6) Reduce the heat to low. Cover and cook for 15 minutes.
7) Stir the raisins and chickpeas into the saucepot. Cook for 10 minutes more or until the chicken is cooked through.
8) Stir in the toasted almonds. Serve hot.

COUNTRY FRIED CABBAGE

Recipe from Paragon Products, Inc.,

The Original Country Cookbook

INGREDIENTS:

1 small head green cabbage, shredded
3 tablespoons (or more) bacon fat
2 teaspoons red pepper flakes

Salt to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1) Wash cabbage and shred by cutting into quarters, then making thin slices across the cut sides of the cabbage.
2) Discard the core and any tough ribs.
3) Heat bacon fat in iron Dutch oven, put in the cabbage, and stir until it is all glistening.
4) Lower the heat, add pepper flakes, and continue cooking and turning until it is barely tender.

GARY WISHNATZKI'S BABY GREENS WITH STRAWBERRIES AND LIME VINAIGRETTE

Recipe from

Field to Feast, by Pam Brandon, Katie Farmand, and Heather McPherson

INGREDIENTS:

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1-1/2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar
1-1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon honey
1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
8 cups lightly packed baby greens
1 pint strawberries, stemmed and sliced
1/3 cup coarsely chopped red onion
6 tablespoons toasted and chopped pecans
6 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese
6 tablespoons crumbled cooked bacon

DIRECTIONS:

1) Whisk together oil, vinegar, lime juice, honey, salt, and pepper. Set aside.
2) Toss together baby greens, strawberries, and onion.
3) Add vinaigrette and toss to coat. Top each serving with 1 tablespoon pecans, 1 tablespoon blue cheese, and 1 tablespoon bacon.

HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

Recipe from SouthernLiving.com/recipes

INGREDIENTS:

CAKE LAYERS -
3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for pans
2 cups granulated sugar
1 teaspoon table salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple in juice, undrained (such as Publix Crushed Pineapple in Pineapple Juice)
2 cups chopped bananas (about 4 medium bananas)
1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
Vegetable shortening

DIRECTIONS:

1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Make cake batter: Whisk together: flour, sugar, salt, baking soda, and cinnamon in a large bowl; add eggs and oil, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Stir in vanilla, pineapple, bananas, and toasted pecans.
2) Add batter to cake pans: Divide batter evenly among three well-greased (with shortening) and floured 9-inch round cake pans.
3) Bake cake layers: Bake in preheated oven until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks, and cool completely, about one hour.

INGREDIENTS:

CREAM CHEESE FROSTING -
2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1 cup unsalted butter, softened
2 (16-ounce) packages powdered sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

ADDITIONAL INGREDIENT:

1 cup pecan halves, toasted

DIRECTIONS:

4) Prepare the Cream Cheese Frosting: Beat cream cheese and butter with an electric mixer on medium-low speed until smooth. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating at low speed until blended after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Increase speed to medium-high, and beat until fluffy, one to two minutes.
5) Assemble Cake: Place first cake layer on a serving platter; spread top with 1 cup of the frosting. Top with second layer and spread with 1 cup frosting. Top with third layer; spread remaining frosting over top and sides of cake. Arrange toasted pecan halves on top of cake in a circular pattern. Yield: 1 (3-layer) cake, servings: 12.

ICED TEA

The New Low-Country Cooking

by Marvin Woods

INGREDIENTS:

6 to 8 tea bags
6 cups boiling water
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice (optional)
1/4 cup granulated sugar (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

Place the tea bags in a large heatproof pitcher. Pour the boiling water over the tea bags. Let stand for 3 to 5 minutes, or longer for stronger tea. Remove the tea bags. Add the lemon, if desired. Stir in the sugar, if desired, until dissolved. Let cool. Pour over ice and serve.

MADE-FROM-SCRATCH LEMONADE

The New Low-Country Cooking

by Marvin Woods

INGREDIENTS:

2 quarts water
Juice of 6 lemons
Juice of 2 oranges
Juice of 1 lime
1 cup granulated sugar (give or take a little, according to your preference)

DIRECTIONS:

Mix all the ingredients together in a pitcher. Stir until the sugar dissolves. Serve in chilled glasses filled with ice.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-000750-O
Division 09
IN RE: ESTATE OF HERBERT CLARENCE BROWN, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Herbert Clarence Brown, deceased, whose date of death was November 25, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
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The date of first publication of this notice is May 29, 2026.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-001615-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF SUSAN TYRRELL, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The ancillary administration of the Estate of SUSAN TYRRELL, deceased, whose date of death was March 29, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the Ancillary Personal Representative and the Ancillary Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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 The date of first publication of this notice is May 29, 2026.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 48-2026-CP-001182-O
Division: 1
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN THOMAS ZOSSEL, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of John Thomas Zosel, deceased, whose date of death was January 19, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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 The date of first publication of this notice is May 22, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2026-CP- 001341-O
Division Probate
In re: Estate of NANCY WILLIS O'DELL, Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Nancy Willis O'Dell, deceased, whose date of death was February 19, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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 The date of first publication of this notice is May 22, 2026.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-001560-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF LORRAINE H. HUHNS, a/k/a LORRAINE HUHNS, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Lorraine H. Huhns, a/k/a Lorraine Huhns, deceased, whose date of death was January 25, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 355, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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 The date of first publication of this notice is May 29, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DYLAN THOMAS ALLEN
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-1288
Division Probate
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Dylan Thomas Allen, deceased, whose date of death was December 8, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
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 The date of first publication of this notice is May 29, 2026.

Personal Representative:
 Kathryn Allen
 1360 Blue Stem Lane,
 Winter Park, FL 32792
Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Michelle A. Berglund-Harper, Esq.
 Michelle A. Berglund-Harper, Esq.
 Florida Bar Number: 0084028
 MURPHY & BERGLUND PLLC
 1101 Douglas Avenue,
 Suite 1006
 Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
 Telephone: (407) 865-9553
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 eservice@murphyberglund.com
 May 29, June 5, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2026-CP-1706-O
Probate Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALBERT JOSEPH CASTAGNA, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Albert Joseph Castagna, deceased, whose date of death was April 4, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 355, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is May 29, 2026.
Personal Representative:
 Robert Perrotti
 6017 Sand Pines Estate Blvd.
 Orlando, Florida 32819
Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Matthew J. Ahearn
 Matthew J. Ahearn
 Florida Bar Number: 012174
 Dean, Mead, Egerton,
 Bloodworth, Capouano &
 Bozarth, P.A.
 420 South Orange Avenue,
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 Orlando, Florida 32801
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 mahearn@deanmead.com
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probate@deanmead.com
 May 29, June 5, 2026

IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA, ORANGE COUNTY
PROBATE
CASE NO. 2026-CP-1598-O
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DENNIS E. CLAY, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
 The administration of the ESTATE OF DENNIS E. CLAY, deceased, File Number 2026-CP-1598-O, is pending in the Circuit Court in and for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Room 355, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and that personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All creditors of the decedent, and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of the first publication of this Notice is **May 29, 2026.**

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
 Richard B. Bennett
 772 Rock Creek St.
 Apopka, FL 32712
ATTORNEY:
 W. Thomas Dyer, Esq.
 Florida Bar No. 969834
 DYER & BLAISDELL, P.L.
 416-A N. Fern Creek Ave.
 Orlando, Florida 32803
 Phone: (407) 648-1153 x1
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 tdyer@dyerblaisdell.com
 May 29, June 5, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-001287-O
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF JEFFREY D. KOHN, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the Estate of JEFFREY D. KOHN, whose date of death was March 11, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division (File No. 2026-CP-001287-O), the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.
 The Name and address of Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney are set forth below.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:
 All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the administration, the qualifications of the petitioners, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is May 22, 2026.
SHARI GIBSON
 Personal Representative
 559 Meadow Lane,
 Petersburg, PA 18073
ANDRE T. YOUNG, ESQ.
FBN: 0058030
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 The Young Law Firm
 of Florida, LLC
 815 N. Magnolia Ave.,
 Suite 200
 Orlando, FL 32803
 Telephone: 407-422-4000
 Fax: 888-767-9627
 Email:
 atyoung@younglawfl.com
 Secondary email:
 service@younglawfl.com
 May 22, 29, 2026

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 2016-CP-001233-O
DIVISION: Guardianship
IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF ERROLETTE M FLYNNHERR
NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY
 Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: ERROLETTE M FLYNNHERR, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2016-CP-001233-O, \$4,932.10 (less the cost of publication); ERROLETTE M FLYNNHERR, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE JANET C THORPE entered on 10/10/2019, on behalf of ERROLETTE M FLYNNHERR.
 The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund.
 Dated: on this the 27th day of April, 2026
 Tiffany Moore Russell
 Orange County
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 425 N. Orange Ave.,
 Ste. 335
 Orlando, FL 32801
 By: Mayra I Cruz
 Deputy Clerk
 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
 May 1, 29, 2026

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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001123-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES E. EDEN, et al.,
Defendants.

OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 2021-GA-000043-O
DIVISION: Guardianship
IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF JOYCE ELLISON
NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY
 Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court:

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX TO: AUBREY EUGENE HILL, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF AUBREY EUGENE HILL, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
14650 SW 15TH STREET
PEMBROKE PINES, FL 33027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 20, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XI
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: AM4840 & AM4841 & AM4842 & AM4843 & AM4844 & AM4845 & AM4846 & AM4847) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2024 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on July 2nd, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on May 19, 2026.

DATED this 20th day of May, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.9346
MORI #ORANGE
May 29, June 5, 2026

STORAGE SENSE SELF STORAGE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Storage Sense Apopka Located at 2208 Stillwater Ave., Apopka, Florida 32703 Phone 407-703-8854 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property Under the Florida Facility Act Statutes. The Sale shall take place online at www.lockerfox.com and closes on the **24th Day of June, 2026 at 10:00 AM** Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 72 hours of purchase with a \$100 cash cleaning Deposit.
D'Anteryca Edwards–Unit 2102–Personal Property
Abigail Putnam–Unit 2005–Personal Property
Henry Forde–Unit 1101–Personal Property
April Leaster–Unit 2093–Personal Property
Christopher Held–Unit 1063–Personal Property
Jamie L. Handley–Unit 4010–Personal Property
Judith Ware–Unit 5029–Personal Property
Christy Lewis–Unit 6001–Personal Property
May 29, June 5, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-005485-O DIVISION NUMBER: 37 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$1,562.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: ANDY CEVALLOS-ESPINOZA 3437 BURLINGTON DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837 and all others who claim an interest in \$1,562.00 in U.S. Currency, which was seized on or about the 10th day of April, 2026, at or near the intersection of Waterbridge Boulevard and Orange Blossom Trail, in Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. **I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 22nd 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 29, June 5, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001123-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JAMES E. EDEN, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX TO: STEPHEN MCMORRIS, DECEASED
20496 HIGHWAY 26
WEST POINT, CA 95255
SUSAN M. MCMORRIS
20496 HIGHWAY 26
WEST POINT, CA 95255
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 19, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

sell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT IX
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 943217 & 943218 & 943219 & 943220 & 943221 & 943222) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2014 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on July 2nd, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on May 19, 2026.
DATED this 19th day of May, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.9304
MORI #ORANGE
May 29, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Front Door Transportation LLC gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell this vehicle on 06/17/2026 08:00 AM at 10700 Delivery Drive, Orlando, FL 32824 pursuant to subsection 713.585 of the Florida Statutes. Front Door Transportation LLC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
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2021 TOYOTA CAMRY SE/SE NIGHT SHADE
May 29, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001123-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JAMES E. EDEN, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II TO: MELANIE ANNE SPENCER
4409 LEWIS AVE
EUREKA, CA 95503
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 18, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT II
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: S69329 & S69330 & S69331 & S69332) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 2nd day of JULY, 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 May 19, 2026.
DATED this 19th day of May, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.9173
MORI #ORANGE
May 29, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001123-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JAMES E. EDEN, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI TO: GLADYS WASHINGTON GILBERT, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF GLADYS WASHINGTON GILBERT, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
1015 E LAKE DR.
HARTSVILLE, SC 29550
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 19, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT VI
8 and 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Y75746 & Y75747 & Y75748 & Y75749) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), and

8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: S66143 & S66144 & S66145 & S66146 & S66147 & S66148 & S66149 & S66150) 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, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on JULY 2nd, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on May 19, 2026.
DATED this 19th day of May, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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MORI #ORANGE
May 29, 2026

CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
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HARTSVILLE, SC 29550
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19761 ESCALADE WAY
FARMINGTON, MN 55024
SCOTT M. SOIKA
16361 FANTASIA AVE
ROSEMOUNT, MN 55068
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 18, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT V
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Y30618 & Y30619 & Y30620 & Y30621 & Y30622 & Y30623) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 2nd day of JULY, 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 May 18, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-005608-O DIVISION NUMBER: 39 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$5,718.54 IN U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: KNALI EDWARDS JR.
3318 PELL MELL DR.
ORLANDO, FL 32818
and all others who claim an interest in \$5,718.54 IN U.S. CURRENCY, which was seized on or about the 9th day April 2026, at or near 3290 Overland Rd., Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. **I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 26th 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 29, June 5, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-005223-O DIVISION NUMBER: 48 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$11,940.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: COLLIN A. EDWARDS, JR.
480 NORTH ORANGE AVENUE, APARTMENT 406
ORLANDO, FL 32801
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-004157-O U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF AND WITH RESPECT TO AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-F, MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2021-F, Plaintiff, vs. ISABEL S. VELASQUEZ A/K/A ISABEL VELASQUEZ; LUIS A. VELASQUEZ A/K/A LUIS VELASQUEZ A/K/A LUIS A. VELAZQUEZ; GREENPOINTE AT MEADOW WOODS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al., Defendant(s). NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 19, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2025-CA-004157-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF AND WITH RESPECT TO AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-F, MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2021-F, Plaintiff, and ISABEL S. VELASQUEZ A/K/A ISABEL VELASQUEZ; LUIS A. VELASQUEZ A/K/A LUIS VELASQUEZ A/K/A LUIS A. VELAZQUEZ; GREEN-POINTE AT MEADOW WOODS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., are Defendants. TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 19th day of August, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1, BLOCK 194, GREENPOINTE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35, PAGES 61 THROUGH 64, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.

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ADA Coordinator
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue,
Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
Dated: May 19, 2026
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler
By: Brian L. Rosaler
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-003900-O DIV NO.: 37 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of IMPERIAL PALM VILLAS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs. JOHNNY D. BRANCH, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: BRENDA D. BRANCH
1413 KESTREL ST
PANAMA CITY, FL 32405-2775
AND BRENDA D. BRANCH
2816 BRIARCLIFF RD
PANAMA CITY, FL 32405-4340

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

Unit Week 30 in Unit 4685, in IMPERIAL PALM VILLAS CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 4894 at Page 2645 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED on this 19 day of May, 2026.

Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
/s/ Taktiana Didier
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600,
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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May 22, 29, 2026

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COUNT III
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DATED this 18 day of May, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Pursuant to FL Self-storage Facility Act & to satisfy Owner's lien Storage Sense located at 10906 Moss Park Rd, Orlando, FL, 32832, 407-725-5277 intends to sell the personal property described below in order to satisfy Owner's lien. Everything sold is purchased AS-IS for CASH ONLY. See and bid on all units 247 ending on June 17th 2026, at 11:00 am @ www.lockerfox.com. Storage Sense reserves the right to refuse any bid or rescind any purchase until the winning bidder takes possession of the property. TERMS listed on auction, **Lissette Torres-272-** Household Goods; **Carl Powell-325-** Household Goods; **Kraig Russell-410-** Household Goods; **James Jeffcoat-419-** Household Goods; **Ali Warthen-524-** Household Goods; **Brandon Parisi-636-** Household goods; **Leoncito Gonzales-638-** Household Goods; May 29, June 5, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001123-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES E. EDEN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XII TO: ROBERTA THOMPSON, DECEASED 16630 Barton St GRANGER, IN 46530 **GILLIAN S. KRUSE** 52811 Timberland Dr GRANGER, IN 46530

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 20, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XII 12 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: CC8530 & CC8531 & CC8532 & CC8533 & CC8534 & CC8535 & CC8536 & CC8537 & CC8538 & CC8539 & CC8540 & CC8541) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2022 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 50-2011-CA-002994-XXXX-MB GOLDEN SHOPPES LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff,

vs. SUBRANG INC., a Florida corporation, SAQUIB KHAN, JAMAL MOSTAFA, and DALIP MADNANI individually, Defendants, NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, JOHN W. MINA, as Sheriff of Orange County, Florida, under and by virtue of a Judgment and Writ of Execution, therein issued out of the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, dated the 25th day of November, 2025, and have levied upon the following described real property, situated, lying and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: Any and all of the right, title and interest of SAQUIB KHAN, in and to the following described real property, to-wit: **The South 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, Orange County, Florida. Also known as Tract 25187 of the unrecorded plat of Orange County Acres; with a physical address of Dill Rd, Orlando, Florida 32820. SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES, JUDGMENTS, LIENS OF RECORD OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR DEED.**

as the property of the above named defendant, of SAQUIB KHAN, and that on the 19th day of June 2026, beginning at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon or soon thereafter on said day at **Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801**, in Orange County, Florida. I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder at hand for cash on demand the above described property of said defendant, to satisfy said Judgment and Writ of Execution. Prospective bidders may register the day of the sale between the hours 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Eric Nieves or Anestajia Williams, Civil Process Sales Coordinators not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Orange County Sheriff's Office, at the address given on notice. Telephone: (407)836-4570; If hearing impaired 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. JOHN W. MINA, as Sheriff Orange County, Florida BY: Sgt. Norberto Gonzalez As Deputy Sheriff May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001123-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES E. EDEN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV TO: JOEL DEAN MISHLER 9450 SW GEMINI DR BEAVERTON, OR 97008 **JODIE LYNN MISHLER** 15422 COUNTY ROAD 109 ARCADIA, OH 44804

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 18, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IV 9 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: AE2845 & AE2846 & AE2847 & AE2848 & AE2849 & AE2850 & AE2851 & AE2852 & AE2901) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2250 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of February 01, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 2nd day of July, 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 May 18, 2026. DATED this 18 day of May, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M.FITZGERALD EDWARD M.FITZGERALD, ESQ. FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.9189 MORI #ORANGE May 22, 29, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001123-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES E. EDEN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II TO: TAPUNI IOELU, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF TAPUNI IOELU, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT PO BOX 853 BAYSIDE, CA 95524 **MARYANNE IOELU** PO BOX 853 BAYSIDE, CA 95524

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 18, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT II 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: S69329 & S69330 & S69331 & S69332) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (sub-

ject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 2nd day of JULY, 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 May 18, 2026. DATED this 18 day of May, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.9173 MORI #ORANGE May 22, 29, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-002889-O DIV NO.: 36 NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,

vs. SHELBY W. WILEY; MARSHA L. WILEY; BRANDON TYLER WILEY; PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOODS, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 21, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2025-CA-002889-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, and SHELBY W. WILEY; MARSHA L. WILEY; BRANDON TYLER WILEY; PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOODS, INC., are Defendants.

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 25th day of June, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit: **LOT 39, UNIVERSITY WOODS, PHASE TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGES 30 AND 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus. If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Ninth Circuit Court Administration ADA Coordinator Orange County Courthouse 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, 32801 (407) 836-2303 Dated: May 13, 2026 /s/ Brian L. Rosaler By: Brian L. Rosaler Florida Bar No.: 0174882. Attorney for Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire Popkin & Rosaler, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 360-9030 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187 25-51976

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Notice of Public Sale Notice is hereby given that **Northwest Orlando Storage** at 5330 N Pine Hills Rd Orlando, FL 32808 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 06/20/26 at approx. 9:00 am. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to add'l terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Unit #-Name-Description: #xxx--Tenant's name-description, #xxx--Tenant's name-description, #xxx--Tenant's name description... **#201-202-Wilbert Pierre-#B029-Ja'leel Jackson-#E058-Quinten Glenn-#1058-Kianna Gray-#1087-Kenneth Phillip** May 29, June 5, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001123-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES E. EDEN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X TO: AMAN HAIDER, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF AMAN HAIDER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 205 MINERAL SPRINGS DRIVE KELLER, TX 76248

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 19, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County de-

scribed as: **COUNT X** 20 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: F83708 & F83709 & F83710 & F83711 & F83712 & F83713 & F83714 & F83715 & F83716 & F83717 & F83718 & F83719 & F83720 & F83721 & F83722 & F83723 & F83724 & F83725 & F83726 & F83727) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 5000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of November 01, 2014 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on July 2nd, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on May 19, 2026. DATED this 19th day of May, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.9313 MORI #ORANGE May 22, 29, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001123-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES E. EDEN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I TO: ALLISON W. EDEN, DECEASED PO BOX 1973 WILSON, WY 83014-1973 **JAMES E. EDEN** PO BOX 1973 WILSON, WY 83014-1973

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 18, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-001123-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT I 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 103725 & 103726 & 103727 & 103728 & 103729 & 103730) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of May 01, 2015 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 2nd of JULY, 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 May 18, 2026. DATED this 18 day of May, 2026. /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. OUR FILE #126435.9158 MORI #ORANGE May 22, 29, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-002956-O NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,

vs. FELIX DIAZ MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FELIX DIAZ MARTINEZ; SOMERSET PARK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; GOODLEAP, LLC; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendant(s).

RE- NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 27, 2026 and an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated May 12, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2025-CA-002956-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial

Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff, and FELIX DIAZ MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FELIX DIAZ MARTINEZ; SOMERSET PARK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; GOODLEAP, LLC; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1, are Defendants.

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 10th day of June, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit: **LOT 306, SOMERSET PARK PHASE 3, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 91, PAGES 87 THROUGH 95, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus. If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Ninth Circuit Court Administration ADA Coordinator Orange County Courthouse 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, 32801 (407) 836-2303 Dated: May 13, 2026 /s/ Brian L. Rosaler By: Brian L. Rosaler Florida Bar No.: 0174882. Attorney for Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire Popkin & Rosaler, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 360-9030 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187 25-52048

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-005319-O DIVISION NUMBER: 36 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$132,531.85 IN U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: VAGNER SOARES DE ALMEIDA

5151 TARRAGONA DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32837 and all others who claim an interest in \$132,531.85 in U.S. Currency, which was seized on or about the 27th day of April, 2026, at or near Bank of America, in Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. **I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 19th 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 22, 29, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-004424 DIVISION 36 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 2016 SILVER FREIGHT TRUCK VIN# 3AKJGLD5XGSGX7475 & 2016 BLUE KW FREIGHT TRUCK VIN #1XKYD49X7J463258 NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

To Edey Acosta Cabrera, Marianne Trimino, Florida Coast Transport, Inc., and Marianne Trimino as officer/Director and Registered Agent of Florida Coast Transport, Inc., and all persons who claim an interest in a 2016 Silver Freight Truck VIN # 3AKJGLD5XGSGX7475 and a 2016 BLUE KW FREIGHT TRUCK VIN #1XKYD49X7J463258 seized on or about 3/10/2026 at or about 501 W Winegard Rd., Orlando, FL, Orange Co., FL, at or near 2431 Landstreet Rd., Orlando, FL, Orange Co., FL. Said property is in the custody of the City of Orlando Police Dept. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court. /s/ Shannon Hesse Shannon Gridley Hesse Police Legal Advisor Orlando Police Department 1250 W. South Street Orlando, Florida 32805 (407) 246-2464 Fla. Bar No. 528633 shannon.hesse@orlando.gov May 22, 29, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2026-DR-002508-O Ibis Diaz Alfonso, Plaintiff,

and Joao Leno Dos Santos Da Silva Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE TO: Joao Leno Dos Santos Da Silva 2612 Bonneville Dr. Orlando, FL 32826 **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 Ibis Diaz Alfonso, whose address is 2612 Bonneville Dr. Orlando FL 32826 on or before 6/25/26, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at (clerk's address) 201 S Rosalind Ave Orlando, FL 32801 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.

(If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located) **N/A** 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: 05/8/2026 **TIFFANY M. RUSSELL** CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA By: Clotie Y. Wise Deputy Clerk CIRCUIT COURT SEAL **IF A NONLAWYER HELPED FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:** This form was prepared for the Petitioner. This form was completed with the assistance of: **Daysi Ross** Ross Document Services 30625 Sunnyridge Ct. Leesburg, FL 34748 352-234-4596 May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 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, Petitioner 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. Russell 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, **Helpertunity's Eco Squad** with a mailing address of PO Box 1956, Apopka, Florida, 32704, and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with

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21. HEALTH AND NUTRITION

HEALTH CARE FOR ENTIRE family: Pediatrics, Family, Internal, OB/GYN, Dental and Pharmacy. www.chcf.org. Community Health Centers throughout Central Florida. 225 E 7th Street, Apopka. 407-905-8827
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32. HELP WANTED

61. LARGE APPLIANCES

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70. MERCHANDISE MISC.

NAVY SHIPS CLOCK + compass + ships bell; 2) Hand cranberry scoop; 3) Cowboy paper back books author: William J. Johnson 4) 4-Disney glasses year 2000. Call 689-209-5304
CC 0522-0612 WYN

TRAILER PARTS FOR sale. Largest stocking dealer in NW Orange County (Apopka). 407-293-5788. www.surplus-steel.com.
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81. AUTOS FOR SALE

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CC 0529-0619 ROY

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jeromegrantsr@gmail.com
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130. REAL ESTATE

133. HOMES FOR SALE

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CC 0515-0605 ROG 133

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