

City set to raise millage rate



On July 30, commissioners approved a tentative fiscal year 2026-27 operating millage rate of 4.6761 mills after weeks of budget discussions. | PHOTO BY SARAH MERLY

Rate is 10% above rollback rate of 4.2510 mills

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

After weeks of debate and two special meetings, the Apopka City Commission on July 30 approved a tentative fiscal year 2026-27 operating millage rate of 4.6761 mills, a 0.2385-mill increase over the city’s current rate of 4.4376 mills.

The commission approved the tentative rate in a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Nadia Anderson casting the lone dissenting vote. The adopted rate is 10% above the rollback rate of 4.2510 mills.

The commission also scheduled its tentative budget hearing for 5:15 p.m. Sept. 3 at City Hall.

The commission had postponed setting the tentative rate during a special meeting Monday after failing to reach agreement on a proposed increase.

Before the July 30 vote,

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Gov. Ron DeSantis and Michael “Mike” Crabb | COURTESY OF GOVERNOR’S OFFICE AND CRABB CAMPAIGN

DeSantis appoints Crabb to County Commission

Mike Crabb is currently running for District 2 seat

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Gov. Ron DeSantis has appointed Michael “Mike” Crabb to fill the vacant District 2 seat on the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, the governor’s office announced July 31.

The appointment comes as Crabb is already campaigning for a full term representing District 2. The Orange County Supervisor of Elections lists Crabb as an active, qualified candidate in the 2026 District 2 race. He is running against Kamia Brown, Wes Hodge, George Oliver III and Marsha Summersill.

The District 2 race will appear on the Aug. 18 primary election ballot. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the top two finishers will advance to the Nov. 3 general election.

Crabb said he will “absolutely” continue his campaign after the appointment.

Crabb, an Orange County Sheriff’s Office lieutenant and Ocoee business owner, will fill the vacancy created when former Commissioner Christine Moore resigned earlier this year to run for mayor of Apopka. Moore lost the April 14 runoff election to Nick Nesta.

Crabb said in an Apopka Chief interview he was excited to learn DeSantis had appointed him to the vacant District 2 seat, which has been open since April.

“What I’m most happy about is that we now have representation for District Two that’s been open since April 27th,” Crabb said.

Crabb said he applied for the appointment earlier in the year and participated in a phone interview with the governor’s office roughly two weeks before his appointment. He said he plans to retire from the Sheriff’s Office Aug. 14 and is working toward being sworn in Aug. 17.

Crabb said the appointment

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Nesta reflects on first 100 days



Mayor Nick Nesta speaks at the ribbon-cutting for the Orlando Health Behavioral Health Hospital in May. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

Transition team to phase out soon

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

With his first 100 days in office under his belt, Mayor Nick Nesta said he is proud of his administration’s movement toward enhanced accessibility and financial well-being.

“Being able to send back \$365,000 back to the taxpayers of their own money in water rate rebates, basically, that was what I was most proud of so far,” he said in an interview with The Apopka Chief on Wednesday, his 100th day as Apopka’s mayor.

Nesta previously explained in a July 20 Facebook video that water rates were not billed correctly due to faulty water meters, leading to large back bills when the meters were replaced.

“We don’t believe residents should be unfairly burdened by a problem they didn’t create, and that’s why we at the city of Apopka created an updated back billing policy,” Nesta said in the video. “With the support and approval of our great City Commission, \$365,000 has been allocated to the proposed major development plan during the delay, Senior Planner Jean Sanchez told commissioners.

The approval does not authorize construction. The project

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Commission approves Ridge Phase 3 development plan

Project includes 363 apartments across 14 acres

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka City Commission unanimously approved the major development plan for The Ridge Phase 3 on Wednesday, advancing a proposed 363-unit multifamily development after commissioners delayed action on the project last month.

The plan calls for 11 apartment buildings, a clubhouse, pool, parking, sidewalks, landscaping and other improvements on 14.37 acres within Parcel 3 of The Ridge planned development. The remainder of the approximately 30.5-acre parcel is planned for future commercial and office development.

The commission tabled the proposal on July 1 to allow further discussion of transportation access and roadway improvements. No changes were made to the proposed major development plan during the delay, Senior Planner Jean Sanchez told commissioners.

The approval does not authorize construction. The project will undergo further technical review through the city’s construction plan process, including final engineering, transportation, drainage, utility and other construction details.

The development plan includes extending Bronson Lake Drive from its existing terminus to Ocoee Apopka Road, creating a connection between Boy Scout

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An aerial map shows the site of the proposed 363-unit The Ridge Phase 3 multifamily development, outlined in red near Boy Scout Road and Ocoee Apopka Road. | COURTESY OF THE CITY OF APOPKA

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Thank you for your patronage—now, go away

I'd like to say, "I've been thrown out of better places than this," but I can't. In fact, I can't think of a better place.

The Orange County Library System is about as good as things get... and it is giving me the heaven-ho.

Nothing personal, just geographic. OCLS has decided it will no longer provide "fee cards" for those who don't live in that county, the kind of card I have held for the 30 years since I left Apopka for Eustis.

This is a nerd's nightmare. OCLS is not the only library in the world, just the best one I know of. We have a system up here and it is serviceable, but not in the same league. It's like thousands of titles as opposed to hundreds, with all sorts of obscure stuff that Reader Nerds like to poke around and look for.

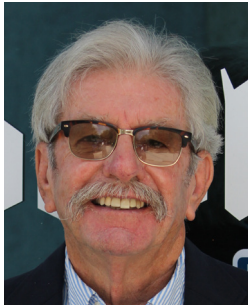
I recently finished "Semi-Colon: The Past, Present and Future of a Misunderstood Mark." When you can find a whole book about one piece of punctuation, you've got a collection worth browsing.

I'll survive, but I really don't see what they're getting out of getting rid of me.

I don't cause any problems. How could I? I haven't set foot in the place for 10 years. When I borrow a book, I go to a website, click on an icon and my selection shows up on my phone. While I have no clue how this happens, I doubt that there is a human in Orange County who has to take part in the transaction.

Nobody has to clean up after me in the restroom, my space doesn't have to be air-conditioned, I never leave books on a table, nor do I reshelve a book in the wrong place. No staff member has to replace my chair, vacuum my cookie crumbs or trudge over

Columnist



Jake Vest

to the desk to check me out. Nobody has to wait while I rummage through my wallet looking for a library card. I don't put chewing gum in the card catalog, park illegally, leave fingerprints on the glossy picture books, raise my voice or dress in an unseemly or

inappropriate manner. It would appear to me that the perfect customers for a library would be the people who never actually go to one—those who live elsewhere and check in via computer. Yet we are the ones being jettisoned.

The library as I use it is a machine, a little more high-tech and highfalutin, but bottom line not that much different than those in the average company's break room. The customer makes a selection, pushes a button and the peanuts are vended.

Instead of inserting coins, I pay \$125 a year to browse and push a button or two every other week or so. I'm having a hard time seeing how that \$125 wouldn't cover the costs of that, but let's say it doesn't.

A Snickers used to be a quarter. When the price went up, vending machine companies didn't post notices saying "we are going to quit selling you candy bars because the money you are putting in the slot is no longer enough to cover costs."

They raised the price. Now, there's an idea.

I'd pay more if it was an option. Has anybody considered that bringing in more money might ease the problem of not having enough? At some point, people might quit buying, but why not keep selling at higher prices until then?

I don't get it. There's probably some obscure book that would explain, but if I'm going to read up on it, I better hurry.

New PIO will lead communications office

Recently there has been a great deal of discussion regarding the hiring of Mr. Steven Montiero, better known to many of you as "Trooper Steve," as our new Public Information Director. I've heard the questions, I've read the comments, and I want to take a moment to explain why this position was created and why I believe Mr. Montiero is the right person to help move our city forward.

When I took office, one of the most common concerns I heard from residents and even from members of our City Commission was that they simply didn't know where to find reliable information about their city. Residents told me they didn't know what programs were available, where to find updates, or even which social media pages were official.

As I began reviewing our communication efforts, I found information scattered across multiple platforms, a website that was difficult to navigate, newsletters that were costing taxpayers money without reaching enough people, and no clear or focused strategy for communicating with our residents.

Our city offers incredible programs and services, youth sports, Camp Wewa, recreation leagues, holiday events, parades, community programs, public safety initiatives, economic development opportunities, and so much more. Yet too many residents didn't know these opportunities existed.

That had to change.

I directed staff to develop a plan to create a Public Information Department by recognizing positions that had already been budgeted but remained vacant. Staff developed the job descrip-

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Nick Nesta

tion, established the salary range, and conducted a competitive recruitment process that attracted several qualified applicants.

After interviews and evaluation, Mr. Montiero emerged as the best candidate.

Many people know Mr. Montiero from television, but what impressed me wasn't his time on the air. It was his vision.

Mr. Montiero wasn't hired to simply write press releases or stand in front of a camera. He was hired to build a modern communications office that brings together marketing, public information, community engagement, media relations, and strategic communications under one roof. His department will coordinate city messaging, promote community events, pursue sponsorship opportunities to help offset costs, improve how residents receive information, promote our small businesses, showcase our communities' non-profits and schools, strengthen our online presence, organize town halls, work directly with the media, and help showcase everything that makes Apopka a great place to live, work and invest.

This is about much more than a

spokesperson. This is an investment in transparency, community engagement, and economic development.

The salary associated with this position reflects the responsibilities of leading an entire department, not simply serving as a public face. This director-level position is established through City Charter and approved through the appropriate public process.

Over the last few weeks, I've watched Mr. Montiero become the target of personal criticism simply because he applied for a position and earned it through a competitive hiring process. That is unfortunate.

Public service comes with scrutiny, and I accept that. If people disagree with my decisions, they should direct those concerns to me. I was elected to lead, and I will stand behind the people I ask to serve alongside me.

I will not allow dedicated public servants to become political targets for accepting an opportunity to serve the community.

Mr. Montiero is joining this administration because he believes in Apopka's future. I believe he will help us become a city that communicates better, engages more effectively, provides more value to its residents, and tells our story with professionalism and pride.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Steven Montiero to the City of Apopka. He will officially begin serving as our Public Information Director on Aug. 10, after completing his commitments with his current employer.

The best days for Apopka are still ahead of us, and I'm excited for what we will accomplish together.

Report highlights NYC's failing public schools

Last week, I had the privilege of attending the annual meeting of the American Legislative Exchange Commission (ALEC) in Orlando. There I joined state legislators from across the nation to collaborate on best practices and policy ideas that strengthen states and better serve our communities.

During the one lunch session, ALEC attendees heard from a panel focused on the state of education, featuring Florida state Representatives Jennifer Canady (future speaker-designate) and Demi Bussatta (2026 ALEC national chair) and Dr. Eva Moskowitz.

Moskowitz is the founder and CEO of Success Academy, a system of top-performing public charter schools in NYC. New York state is home to 59 tuition-free public charter schools in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens neighborhoods.

Moskowitz shared a report documenting NYC's longstanding public school system failure, a lack of accountability reporting, and how current efforts to revive the system are not sustainable. Over three decades, failing public schools have been identified, are reclassified (i.e., merged, rebranded, relabeled), receive additional funding support from the state,

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Doug Bankson

show little improvement in the years following, retire their current classification, and begin the cycle again.

To make matters worse, New York state has historically failed to establish a consistent broader accountability network tracking the progress of these schools that are reclassified and receive funding support. According to the report, in NYC, a school can appear on six consecutive state accountability frameworks over 13 years—with dozens appearing on five of the six lists, some with new names.

For example, the Hunts Point School was renamed the Bronx Academy for Multi-Media, while the School of Diplomacy merged with the Globe School for Environmental Research (since renamed

to Leaders of Tomorrow). This shows hundreds of schools in a never-ending cycle of failing schools, chronic absenteeism, increased funding, and declining enrollment. Not only does this cycle drain state educational resources, but it robs students of a proper education and bright future. More than 900 schools—enrolling 400,000 of NYC's public school students—showed fewer than half of their students passing math, reading, or both on last year's state exams.

This year, the Nation's Report Card showed a 30-year low in 12th-grade reading achievement and that nearly half of graduating seniors are not capable of doing real-world math. This is a nationwide issue that needs to be addressed.

Moskowitz commended Florida's leadership on tackling this issue, noting the value of giving high-quality schools access to surplus space in underused public facilities as well as holding operators accountable for results. Florida's policy framework has established an environment for excellence in education. I commend Dr. Moskowitz for her leadership in New York and am honored to be a part of Florida's national blueprint for other states to follow in expanding educational opportunity for the next generation.

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Q&A

County judge candidates share responsibilities, memorable cases

Contested races on Apopka ballot for groups 5 and 17

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Early voting for the Aug. 18 primary election is underway. Candidates in Orange County judge groups 5 and 17 answered The Apopka Chief’s questions about their backgrounds, memorable cases, county-court responsibilities and where voters can learn more.

Group 5: Asima Azam, attorney at Law for Azam Law and Mediation P.A. | Kafi Kennedy, of counsel for HAWM Law

Group 17: Cherish Adams, Orange County judge | Joy Goodyear, assistant public defender

Editor’s Note: To read the full Q&A, go to www.theapopkachief.com.

What in your professional and community backgrounds makes you the best candidate?

AZAM

My 23 years of civil law, mediation, and Special Magistrate experience have prepared me to serve with depth of knowledge, patience and impartiality. As the only candidate with quasi-judicial experience, I have presided over hearings, evaluated evidence and issued written decisions.

KENNEDY

My 17 years of legal experience as a prosecutor, public defender, family law attorney, and law professor provide balanced courtroom perspective. Beyond the courtroom, my leadership with bar associations, legal education, and community service demonstrate a longstanding commitment to fairness, integrity, public trust, and serving Orange County with distinction.

ADAMS

I have 15 years of legal experience and have been faithfully serving this community as a judge for 2 years. I have presided over both civil and criminal cases, including 17 jury trials. I previously served as a prosecutor, standing alongside homicide victims’ families and victims of sexual abuse.

GOODYEAR

I’ve been a Public Defender for the past 28 years.

I’ve represented the poorest in our community, standing up for their rights every day. I’ve guided thousands of people through our court system and have the experience to know what works and what doesn’t.

Out of all cases in which you have practiced law, which one stands out to you as the most formative to your career? Why?

AZAM

While it is difficult to pick one case from a 23-year career, one of the most difficult cases of my career was while serving as Special Magistrate for the Orange County Tax Collector in an appeal involving a governmental tax exemption claimed by a major airline at Orlando International Airport. The case was significant because the outcome affected millions of dollars in revenue and had a direct impact on Orange County residents. The legal issues were complex, and the governing law was not entirely settled, requiring careful statutory analysis and thorough consideration of the evidence and legal arguments presented by both sides. That experience reinforced the importance of judicial impartiality, thorough preparation, and well reasoned decisions. It reminded me that a judge’s responsibility is not to reach a popular result, but to apply the law fairly and consistently, even when the stakes are high and the issues are closely contested.

KENNEDY

One of the most formative cases of my career was the first case I handled in private practice. My client, an Australian tourist, was arrested while vacationing at Disney World and was unfamiliar with the American criminal justice system. Beyond serving as his attorney, I became his guide through a legal process that was both confusing and intimidating. I successfully obtained a modification of his release conditions so he could return home while the case was pending, then spent months negotiating with the State Attorney’s Office to reach a fair resolution that allowed him to move forward with his life. This experience taught me that effective advocacy requires more than legal knowledge, it requires patience, communication, empathy, and persistence. It reinforced that every case represents a person whose future is shaped by the justice system and strengthened my commitment to ensuring every individual is treated fairly, respectfully, and with dignity.

As a judge I was asked to preside over an attempted homicide jury trial. On the morning of trial the accused unexpectedly made the decision to represent himself and fire his attorney. I explained his rights to him in detail, ensuring that he understood the risks of representing himself, that he was competent to do so, and appointed standby counsel to ensure that his rights were protected. With the assistance of his standby counsel the accused ultimately won his case. This case reminded me of the importance of having a judge who is knowledgeable, protects the rights of the parties, and is able to explain the proceedings without becoming an advocate for either party. As an experienced judge, I do this every day. I ensure that all parties who come to court understand the proceedings, their questions are answered, and everyone receives a fair and equal opportunity to be heard.

ADAMS

It’s impossible to choose just one case because every client has taught me something. While securing a dismissal or a not guilty verdict is incredibly rewarding, the cases that have shaped me most are those where we helped change a person’s life, not just the outcome of their case. Some of the most meaningful moments have been helping clients struggling with addiction and homelessness access treatment programs that gave them a second chance. Years later, some still write to tell me they’re sober, employed, and rebuilding their lives. One client told me I was the only person who had ever fought for him. I’ve never forgotten those words. Those experiences remind me that the justice system is about more than resolving cases—it’s about recognizing the humanity of every person who comes before the court and giving them the opportunity to move forward when the law allows.

GOODYEAR

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caused you to join the county judge race instead of the race for circuit judge?

AZAM

County Court is called the “people’s court” because it handles the cases that affect everyday life, including landlord-tenant disputes, small claims, breach of contract actions, and foreclosures, with amounts in controversy of less than \$50,000.00, as well as misdemeanor criminal cases. Circuit Court hears complex civil litigation, felony criminal cases, family law, probate, and other matters. I chose to run for County Court because it aligns with my 23 years of legal experience. Most of my litigation experience has been in County Court handling landlord-tenant disputes, foreclosures, and breach of contract cases. Because majority of County Court cases are civil, my background is well suited to the work.

KENNEDY

County judges are often the public’s first point of contact with the judicial system, handling misdemeanor criminal cases, traffic offenses, small claims, landlord-tenant disputes, and other matters that directly affect people’s daily lives. Circuit judges preside over more complex cases, including felonies, family law, juvenile, probate, and higher-value civil disputes. County Court is often called the “People’s Court” because it serves as the community’s front door to the judicial system. I chose to run for County Court because my experience and passion align with that mission. My background in criminal and family law, combined with my work mentoring future attorneys, has prepared me to administer justice with fairness, respect, efficiency, and compassion while ensuring every person who enters my courtroom is heard and treated with dignity.

ADAMS

County court is the people’s court. County court addresses less serious cases than circuit court, handling misdemeanors and civil lawsuits under \$50,000. This often includes traffic cases, suspended license cases, small claims, and evictions. I love being a County Court Judge because it is where the public most often encounters the justice system. That is a great honor and responsibility. Every day when I put on the robe I

am reminded that the parties and witnesses are looking at me and the court staff and they are deciding something about the justice system. It is my goal that they leave court feeling seen, heard, and that their case mattered.

GOODYEAR

County court and circuit court serve different roles. County court is often called the “people’s court” because many individuals appear without an attorney. It handles misdemeanors, traffic cases, landlord-tenant disputes, small claims, ordinance violations, and civil cases involving less than \$50,000. Circuit court handles more complex matters, including felonies, major civil cases, family law, juvenile cases, and probate.

I chose to run for county judge because my entire career has been dedicated to serving people in our community. For nearly three decades as a Public Defender, I’ve helped people navigate the court system. County court is where patience, empathy, and clear communication matter most, and I believe my experience makes me well suited to serve in that role.

Where can voters go to learn more about you?

AZAM

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- Facebook: Asima Azam for Orange County Judge
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KENNEDY

Visit www.KafiKennedyForJudge.com. to learn about my experience and commitment to Fairness. Respect. Service. Vote Kafi Kennedy for Orange County Judge on or before August 18.

ADAMS

Please visit my website at KeepJudgeAdams.vote or follow me on Facebook and Instagram [@KeepJudgeCherishAdams](https://www.instagram.com/KeepJudgeCherishAdams).

GOODYEAR

My campaign website is Joy4judge2026.com. The League of Women Voters also had a forum where I was interviewed and that is available online.

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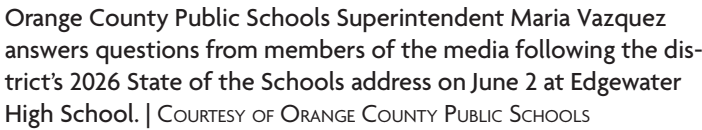
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Both sides agree
to continue
discussions this
school year

Representatives from OCPS and the media coalition, led by the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), met last week for an off-the-record discussion about Management Directive B-5, which governs interactions between district employees and members of the media. The parties agreed to meet again early in the new school year.

"The district will address some of their concerns regarding response times and access to schools, personnel, and the superintendent," the statement said. "Protecting the interests of students, staff, families, and the district will remain a top priority."



The coalition letter, prepared by the First Amendment Clinic at Florida State University College of Law, contended that the policy “suppress-

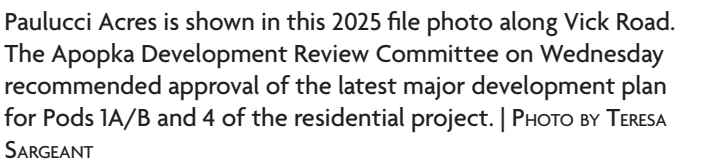
“Our procedures are not intended to suppress speech or limit transparency, but rather to ensure that information shared on behalf of the district is accurate, consistent, and does not disrupt our primary mission of educating stu-

“We were encouraged by the productive meeting,” said J.C. Derrick, The Apopka Chief’s publisher, after the meeting. “We are looking forward to continuing the conversation and finding ways to collaborate that will meet the needs and interests of the school district, media outlets, and the communities we both serve.”

Committee also reviews Sir Arthur Court rezoning and two upcoming special events

The fifth submission of the major development plan covers Pods 1A/B and 4 of Paulucci Acres. The agenda lists the proposal as a 502-lot single-fami-

“We had some discussions about the roadway widening on Vick and things like that,” Smith said. He asked that the applicant’s comments on the plans be included in the staff report “in case there are any



The proposal cannot advance

The Apopka Police Department's Horsepower for He-

The Apopka/Altamonte Springs VFW's Elton John Tribute Dinner Show is scheduled for Aug. 15 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Apopka Community Center. The public fundraiser will feature dinner, music and dancing, with about 250 attendees expected and an admission fee. Alcohol will be served, and off-duty security has been hired.



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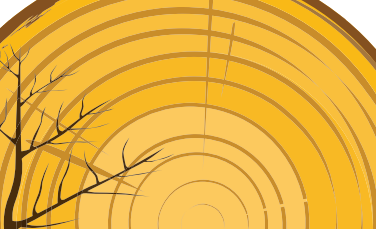
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Walmart launches drone delivery service at Apopka store

Service allows eligible customers to receive small orders by drone

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Walmart launched drone delivery service from its Apopka Supercenter on July 29, allowing eligible customers to have small items flown directly from the store to their homes. The service operates from Walmart Supercenter No. 955, 1700 S. Orange Blossom Trail, as part of the company's expansion into Central Florida. Wing and Walmart held a launch

event at the store's drone hub, known as a "Nest." Customers whose addresses are within the eligible delivery area will see drone delivery appear as an option when ordering through the Walmart app, a Walmart spokesperson said in a Monday email to the Apopka Chief. Walmart said several factors go into determining which stores receive drone delivery service. "We consider many factors when selecting sites for drone delivery, including customer demand for fast delivery options, a robust store footprint, optimal weather conditions and a state's willingness to work



A Wing drone carries a Walmart order. Walmart and Wing launched drone delivery service from the Apopka Walmart Supercenter on July 29. | COURTESY OF WING

with drone technology," the spokesperson said. The drones can carry up to 2.5 pounds per flight, although Walmart plans to increase that limit to 5 pounds. Customers have used drone delivery for items such as cold medicine, baby formula, pet food and

phone chargers, according to the company. During a delivery, a drone picks up a package using a tether system and flies to the customer's residence. The drone then hovers at about 23 feet and gently lowers the delivery, according to information pro-

vided by Wing. Walmart said customers have responded positively to the speed of the service. "Customers love how quickly drones can deliver items to their homes," the spokesperson said. "The most common question we receive is, 'When will drone delivery be available in my neighborhood?'" Apopka is part of Walmart and Wing's broader expansion of drone delivery. The companies plan to create a network of more than 270 Walmart stores offering drone delivery by 2027. Wing cited Greater Orlando's urban spread, growing population and tourism industry as factors making the region

the first Florida market for the companies' expansion. The Apopka Walmart has also added eight electric-vehicle fast-charging stalls as Walmart develops its own retail-integrated charging network. Walmart said it has chargers at more than 75 stores and plans further expansion. Customers can access the charging stations through the Walmart app and charge their vehicles while shopping. "Walmart has a vast store footprint across the state," the spokesperson said. "We're proud to continue investing in the communities we serve through new technology and innovative delivery options."

Back-to-school tax-free shopping now in full swing

Tax-free school shopping set to end Aug. 20

Staff Reports

Florida's annual back-to-school tax-free shopping period has returned and runs through Thursday, Aug. 20. According to the Florida Department of Revenue, the following items are exempt from taxes:

- Clothing, footwear, wallets, bags, handbags, backpacks, fan-

ny packs, and diaper bags with a sales price of \$100 or less per item

- Certain school supplies with a sales price of \$50 or less per item
- Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles with a sales price of \$30 or less
- Personal computers and certain computer-related accessories with a sales price of \$1,500 or less, when purchased for non-commercial home or personal use

The following items do not

qualify for tax-free shopping:

- Briefcases, suitcases, or garment bags
- Watches, watchbands, jewelry, umbrellas, and handkerchiefs
- Skis, swim fins, roller blades, and skates
- Clothing items with a sales price of more than \$100
- Any school supply item with a sales price of more than \$50
- Books that are not otherwise exempt
- Computers and comput-

er-related accessories with a sales price of more than \$1,500

- Cellular telephones, video game consoles, digital media receivers, or devices that are not primarily designed to process data
- Computers and computer-related accessories purchased for commercial purposes
- Rentals of any eligible items
- Sales of any eligible items within a theme park or entertainment complex, public lodging establishment, or airport

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supplies, clothing and other items include:

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- Sam's Club | 1500 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka
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eligible items and returns, visit floridarevenue.com/taxes/tips/Documents/TIP_26A01-11.pdf.

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Road, Ocoee Apopka Road and the larger Ridge development. The plans also identify proposed turn-lane improvements along Ocoee Apopka Road, with final requirements to be determined during construction site plan review. Commissioner Sam Ruth

again raised concerns Wednesday about transportation planning in the area, including a previous corridor study and the city's progress toward roadway improvements. "We've been working on this for going on six years, and we've done nothing," Ruth said.

"And I want everything that's occurred up to this point to reflect the sins of the past." Sanchez said the city relied on the corridor study to seek federal funding and ultimately secured more than \$17 million through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program for a complete streets project

along the Ocoee-Apopka Road corridor. Public Works Director Vladimir Simonovski said the federal grant agreement should be signed around Jan. 1, with construction more than two years away. Staff found the proposal consistent with the city's comprehensive plan, The Ridge planned development master plan and

applicable development standards. The Development Review Committee recommended approval on June 3, followed by a 4-2 recommendation from the Planning Commission on June 9. During public comment, residents raised concerns about infrastructure, schools and whether the city had sufficient

information before approving additional development. "Everything needs to be black and white and in front of you guys," resident Leroy Bell said. "Everything, especially with where infrastructure and everything is going." After closing public comment, the commission approved the major development plan unanimously.

GEORGE OLIVER III

FOR ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DISTRICT 2



Together We Shape The Future

Oliver's Vision for Smart Development Includes:

- Zoning Reform: Advocating for more diverse housing types, including apartments, townhomes, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to bridge the missing middle gap.
- Transit-Oriented Development: Prioritizing workforce housing near major transit corridors and employment centers to reduce the combined burden of housing and transportation costs.
- Sustainability and Preservation: Championing employer-assisted housing programs where major corporations co-invest in units for their employees.
- Protecting Homeownership: Prioritizing home rehab and roof repair grants for older communities to prevent displacement and ensure existing housing stock remains safe and sustainable.

Dedicated Family Man and Long-Term Resident Beyond his professional qualifications, George Oliver III is a dedicated family man who has been married to his wife, Deborah, for 35 years. Together, they have raised their five boys in District 2 for over 25 years, giving him a deep, personal investment in the long-term future of the community. Oliver notes that his family values and deep compassion fuel his drive to ensure Orange County remains a safe and affordable place for all residents to thrive.

I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being: let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

- Etienne de Grellet Quaker missionary

Ocoee Commissioner George Oliver III Touts Fiscal Expertise and Local Record in Bid for Orange County District 2

George Oliver III, a four-term Ocoee City Commissioner, is bringing his extensive political and professional experience to the race for Orange County Commissioner, District 2. As the first African American elected and re-elected to the Ocoee City Commission, Oliver has established himself as a trailblazer and a hard-charging advocate for his constituents. During his tenure, he has delivered tangible results, most notably securing a \$9 million agreement for the Clarke Road Extension Project and leading the historic effort to issue an official proclamation and apology for the 1920 Ocoee Massacre. Leveraging Strategic DNA to Manage a \$8.3 Billion Budget Oliver asserts that he is uniquely prepared to oversee Orange County's \$8.3 billion budget on day one. His confidence is rooted in what he calls his Strategic DNA, built through a career as a retired Federal Revenue Officer for the United States Treasury Department and over 25 years as a business executive. Holding both a Bachelor's in Business Management and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), Oliver intends to apply a federal auditor's lens to county spending to trim the fat and eliminate waste. In Ocoee, he has already demonstrated this commitment by maintaining his own travel expenses at just 13% of the elected officials' budget and consistently calling for operational audits to ensure transparency. A Comprehensive Plan for the Housing Crisis Recognizing that Orange County is facing a severe housing gap, Oliver has proposed a multi-faceted plan to create affordable, attainable, and sustainable housing. His cornerstone policy is a District 2 Affordable Housing Action Plan, which demands that at least 15% of the county's Affordable Housing Trust Fund be directed specifically to Apopka, Ocoee, and unincorporated areas like Lockhart and Zellwood.



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Foliage Sertoma donates \$1,000 toward Loaves & Fishes AC replacement

Food pantry serves about 270 people each week

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka donated \$1,000 Monday to Loaves & Fishes to help cover the cost of replacing two of the food pantry’s three aging air-conditioning units at its Apopka facility.

With the donation, Loaves & Fishes has raised \$25,500 toward the pantry’s \$30,000 fundraising goal for the new air-conditioning units, which cost \$30,500, according to Lory Reeves, Loaves & Fishes director. About \$4,500 remains to be raised.

Trinity Baptist Church also donated \$3,500 toward the cost of the two new air-conditioning units after the congregation took up a “Love Collection,” Reeves said in a July 28 email.

Beverly Winesburgh, Foli-

age Sertoma Club secretary/treasurer, said the \$1,000 contribution comes in addition to the club’s annual support of Loaves & Fishes.

“This is over and above our normal budget, which we always donate to Loaves and Fishes in March because there’s a match,” Winesburgh said.

Club members learned a few weeks ago that Loaves & Fishes needed to replace two of its air-conditioning units and decided to contribute toward the expense.

“This was our opportunity to give them \$1,000 that could be used on the air conditioner if they need it,” Winesburgh said.

Two of the facility’s three air-conditioning units had



Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka members present a \$1,000 donation to Loaves & Fishes on Monday to help cover the cost of replacing two aging air-conditioning units at the food pantry’s facility. Pictured from left are John Clorman, Sertoma club sergeant-at-arms; Lorena Potter, club chairman; Eric Mock, club president; Lory Reeves, Loaves & Fishes director; Diann Haubner, club 2027-28 president-elect; and Beverly Winesburgh, club secretary/treasurer. | PHOTO BY TERESA SARGEANT

been malfunctioning for about a month and a half, Reeves said. Energy Air assessed the problem and estimated repairs at about \$9,800. However, be-

cause the units were 19 years old, the Loaves & Fishes board decided to replace them.

The replacement cost came to about \$30,500, Reeves said.

The new units were installed July 31 while the facility was closed.

Before the replacement, temperatures inside the building remained around 80 degrees even when the thermostat was set at 74.

“The next morning, we would come in at 7:30 in the morning, and the air was still at 80 degrees,” Reeves said, “which meant the unit was still running all night, and it still wasn’t cooling.”

Staff used fans throughout the facility to cope with the heat.

“It was miserable,” Reeves said.

The need has been particularly great this year, Winesburgh said, “because there’s just so many people that need food.”

Loaves & Fishes currently serves about 270 people each

week, Reeves said. Recipients receive a weekly food bag containing about 20 to 25 items, along with monthly household and toiletry items.

Winesburgh said Sertoma also learned that Loaves & Fishes relies on donated household and toiletry products rather than purchasing them. Beginning in September, the club plans to encourage members to buy extra products, including buy-one-get-one items, to donate.

Loaves & Fishes lists ongoing needs on its website, including toiletries, cleaning supplies, household items, canned and dry foods, baby supplies and personal-care items. The organization asks that food donations be unexpired, non-perishable and not packaged in glass.

“This money from the Sertoma Club brought me up another \$1,000 towards my goal of getting \$30,000,” Reeves said. “So huge, huge help, and it just touched my heart.”

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cated to provide credits back to affected customers on their water bills.”

Nesta’s sit-down interview with the Chief came as his administration pivots from a transition footing to long-term planning. He said he expects a meeting Friday will be his last official one with his full transition team, although some will continue wrapping up projects.

While many projects remain in process, Nesta pointed to some that have already been accomplished, including more open lines of communication and increased transparency at city hall.

“Our agendas are out a whole week early now, which was a big change from last time,” he said.

“Access to city hall is becoming easier and better, which I love, and I want to make sure that this building is something that residents know is theirs.”

He said key to building transparency in city hall is the new role of the incoming public information director, which will be filled by WKMG News 6 news anchor Steve Montiero, known as “Trooper Steve.”

Montiero’s salary of \$180,000 has sparked criticism, with news outlets comparing it to other area PIOs who earn less. Some speculated that other candidates would have accepted the role for less, but Nesta said the salary would have remained the same regardless of who was chosen among

the more than 50 applicants.

“He’s going to be at schools, at churches, at nonprofits, at businesses, marketing all of that, because the whole goal is to create a package of what our city is,” he said. “That’s not just a 40-hour work week and going home. That is nights, weekends, emergencies, hurricanes, all that. He’s going to be here, and his team is going to be here.”

Montiero is set to start Monday, and Nesta plans to hire a chief of staff in the near future.

“You have the city administrator that runs the day-to-day stuff,” he said. “They should know every employee, have a personal relationship as much as possible, be meeting with them, having that kind of time. But then also on the chief of staff side, it’s

really helping with a higher-level vision setting, making sure that things are getting done, having the meetings that I can’t have, making sure that a vision that was set is now also being implemented as well.”

Nesta said the biggest transition challenge has been starting from scratch, clearing out outdated equipment, and “no kind of handing on the baton or showing the keys.”

“The previous administration — and I didn’t find out till weeks after I had gotten sworn in — had kind of gone around and directly told people falsely that I’d created a list of people I was going to fire,” Nesta said. “Probably the first 30 to 45 days was just making sure I can rebuild that trust. Let the employees feel safe in

their jobs. Let them know that they’re supported.”

Nesta also said he is working on reviewing financial data so a forensic audit can be completed in the future.

“I’m spending a lot of time on making sure that’s done properly,” he said. “What’s happening is we’ve been artificially, and politically motivated, keeping the millage rate low, because it [benefits] property owners.”

The Apopka City Commission voted on July 30 to raise the millage rate by 10% over the rollback rate, but Nesta said he is open to suggestions on spending cuts and to “different types of alternative funding.”

“Is it the government’s job to do parades, to do special events, to do grant funding, all those

things? Or do you feel that it’s not that time right now?” Nesta said. “Message us, let us know, and we’ll pivot and remove that from the budget.”

Nesta asked the community for patience as he completes “background work,” saying “a lot of big changes are about to come.”

“I’m going to work day and night to make sure that the residents are getting exactly what they need and deserve and what they’re paying for,” Nesta said. “I know that times are tough right now, and I’m doing everything I can to make sure that that is well-known and that we are reducing wherever we can, without reducing service and quality of service to them, and maintain the city that they know and love.”

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

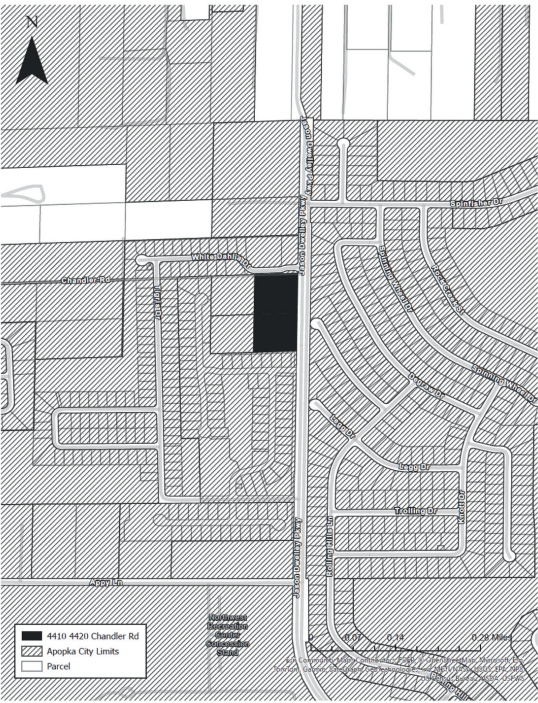
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Interested parties and the public may appear at the above-listed hearings to speak. The proposed ordinances, along with any additional information regarding the application and review process, may be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department 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.

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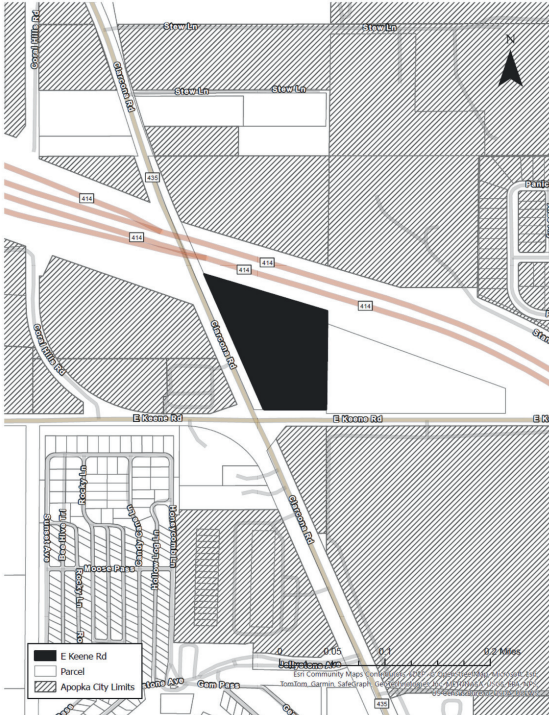
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POLICE BEAT

APD makes 31 arrests, responds to 26 crashes July 26-Aug. 1

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In the period from July 26-August 1, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,430 calls for service, responded to 26 crashes, issued 97 citations, and made 31 arrests. Burglaries: 2 vehicles, 0 residences, 1 business. Juveniles were charged with battery-touch or strike (domestic violence); battery-touch or strike.

The following adults were arrested and charged:
Joe Nathan Gipson, 39, 245

Pleasant Gardens Dr., Apopka, battery-touch or strike; kidnap-false imprisonment of person; burglary with assault or battery; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; possession of weapon or ammo by convicted Florida felon; trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Christian Godinez-Perez, 21, 372 Lisa Karen Cir., Apopka, loitering-loiter/prowl in unusual place or manner.

Jiver Darinel Bravomoraes, 26, 1236 Pat Patterson Ct., Apopka, loitering-loiter/prowl in unusual place or manner.

Aubree L. Pitts, 18, Apopka, simple assault-intent threat to do violence; battery-touch or strike.

Mario Humberto Lopez-Simaj, 45, 2323 Marden Rd., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without

prescription.
Edward Charles Marrs, 60, 1056 Villa Ln. Unit 28, Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation equivalent status.

Tarick Donta Harris, 41, 23 W. Celeste St., Apopka, fraud-impersonate false ID given to law enforcement officer.

Jarvis Lee Langston, 32, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Anthony Harris, 63, Roger Babson Rd., Pine Hills, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Elias Narciso Coronado Velasquez, 43, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Eric Salam Laj, 31, Apopka, aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill; battery-touch or strike.

Alexcia Dominic Hall, 20,

31 E. Sandpiper St., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Michael Anthony Johnson, 38, 611 Business Park Blvd. Apt 1, Winter Garden, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Reshawn Rovelles Sims, 38, 1165 S. Central Ave., Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Alexus Nicole Bentley, 27, 882 Ashworth Overlook Dr., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Ariana Alexa McBurnie, 22, 148 M A Board St., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Alfonza Aaron Harvey, 54, 44 E. Michael Gladden Blvd., Apopka, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction.

Angie Larissa Boileau, 29, 2980 Drifting Oak Pl. #305, Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Abdullah Al Zubayer, 30, 15843 76th Ave., Fresh Meadows, moving traffic violation-operate vehicle 100+ mph threaten person/property.

Jamahl Preston Space, 25, Orlando, battery-touch or strike; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Bruce Michael Iron Necklace, 44, 620 E. Orange St., Apopka, damage property-criminal mischief damage property \$1,000+.

David Negron, 59, 1638 Woodstone Dr., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Nicholas Anthony Kring, 35, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Ronald Mangal, 45, 947 Lake Sherwood Dr., Orlando, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation equivalent status 2nd subsequent offense.

Donald Beraud Morse, 34,

259 W. 8th St., Apopka, cocaine-trafficking in cocaine 28 grams to 150 kg; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

David Michael Mooser, 37, 4175 S. Atlantic Ave. Apt. 521, New Smyrna, out-of-county warrant.

Melissa Elisia Bellamy, 52, 8016 Cloverglenn Cir., Orlando, out-of-county warrant.

Matthew Christopher Thornton, 50, 7305 San Carlos Dr., Port Richey, larceny-other theft.

Jarillo Sabas Serrano, 52, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Myles Brandon McRoy, 34, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Aaron Caine Burke, 48, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Apopka man accused of threatening former mayor found competent

Pretrial conference scheduled for Sept. 2, with trial scheduled to follow Oct. 19

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

An Apopka man accused of threatening to kill former Mayor Bryan Nelson has been found competent to proceed in his criminal case, according to Orange County court records.

Hector Raul Cartagena, 64, was found competent following a July 30 competency status hearing at the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando.

A July 31 docket entry states that the court conducted an independent review and found Cartagena competent to proceed. The court reviewed

reports by Dr. Arias dated June 12 and June 17, and all parties stipulated to the court using the reports in making its findings, according to the docket.

Court minutes also state that an order adjudging Cartagena competent was signed and filed in open court.

Assistant State Attorney Cody Park confirmed the outcome in a July 31 email obtained by The Apopka Chief.

“Defendant was found competent to proceed and this case was set back on the PTC docket for 9/2,” Park wrote.

A pretrial conference is scheduled for Sept. 2, according to court records. The trial is scheduled for Oct. 19.

The competency finding follows several months of proceedings con-

cerning Cartagena’s ability to proceed with the criminal case. In May, a victim advocate with the State Attorney’s Office said an initial evaluation had found Cartagena incompetent and that a second evaluation had been requested. Another competency status hearing was held June 25 before the July hearing.

Cartagena was arrested Feb. 11 after investigators alleged he made threats on social media to kill Nelson, who was Apopka mayor at the time.

Court and jail records show Cartagena faces multiple felony charges, including written or electronic threats to kill or do bodily harm, aggravated stalking with a credible threat, intimidation or threats against an elected official, and unlawful use of a two-way communication device.



Hector Raul Cartagena; Bryan Nelson | FILE PHOTO



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Division I athletes give back to Apopka Pop Warner



Kevin Roberts (L) and Kingston Shaw (R) present checks to give back to Apopka Pop Warner. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

Kevin Roberts and Kingston Shaw meet at Zaxbys

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Two former Apopka football standouts returned home Friday, July 31, to inspire the next generation, as Division I athletes Kevin Roberts and Kingston Shaw headlined a community giveback event benefiting Apopka Pop Warner. Hosted by The Influencer

Counsel, the event was held at Zaxbys in Apopka and gave young football and cheerleading athletes the opportunity to meet the former local stars, collect autographs and photos, and hear firsthand how their journeys from Apopka led to college football. The organization also presented a \$1,500 donation to Apopka Pop Warner.

For Roberts, returning to inspire the next generation was an easy decision.

“It’s just giving back,” Roberts said. “When I was growing

up, I loved when somebody gave back to me. So it’s a big thing just to inspire, really. I just love giving back, love making people happy and just doing all I can for the community.”

Roberts knows the path from Apopka Pop Warner to Division I football better than most.

A 2024 Apopka High School graduate, Roberts helped lead the Blue Darters to appearances in two state championship games before beginning his collegiate career at the Univer-

sity of West Florida. During the 2025 season, the defensive lineman emerged as one of the top defenders in the Gulf South Conference, earning first-team All-GSC honors after recording 45 tackles, 18 tackles for loss, nine sacks and three forced fumbles.

His breakout campaign led to a transfer this offseason to James Madison University, where he will join the defending Sun Belt Conference champions.

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Apopka Pop Warner 2026 season ahead



Coach Papa gives instruction to the 8U team. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

Little Blue Darters primed for more success in 2026

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

With football season fast approaching, the sights and sounds of Apopka Pop Warner have returned to Northwest Recreation Complex.

Every team took the field Tuesday evening in full pads as players and coaches continued preparing for the 2026 season. From the youngest flag football players learning the fundamentals to the program’s oldest athletes getting ready to defend championships, practices marked another step toward opening weekend.

Apopka enters the season looking to build on a successful 2025 campaign that saw three teams advance to the Mid-Florida Championships. The organization’s 6U and 13U squads both captured league titles, while the 13U team enters the new season seeking its third consecutive championship.

One of the biggest changes this season comes on the sidelines.

After leading the 13U team for the past year, Cedric Bryant has moved down to coach the 10U squad. Apopka Pop Warner President Ken Bryant returns to the sidelines to take over the 13U team as it looks to continue its championship run.

Tuesday’s practice session offered a glimpse at every level of the organization.

The 6U and 7U flag teams worked through team drills as the program’s youngest players continued learning the game’s fundamentals. The 8U squad, led by Coach Papa, scrimmaged during practice, while Cedric Bryant’s 10U team also held live scrimmage periods in preparation for the season.

Coach J.R. Robinson guided the 11U team through a full practice session, while Coach Lowman’s 12U squad took part in scrimmage action. The defending champion 13U team, coached by Ken Bryant, focused on team drills as it prepares for another title defense.

The first opportunity to see the teams in game action comes Saturday at the Mid-Florida Pop Warner Jamboree at Showalter Field in Winter Park.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with the 8U and 9U teams taking on Winter Park and Oviedo. The 10U and 11U teams follow at 11:10 a.m. before the 12U and 13U squads close out the day at 1:10 p.m. against the same opponents.

While the jamboree serves as a preseason tune-up, it also marks the unofficial start of another season for one of Central Florida’s most successful youth football organizations.

With championship expectations returning for several age groups and a new crop of young athletes beginning their football journeys, Apopka Pop Warner hopes to once again make its presence felt throughout the Mid-Florida conference this fall.

Apopka volleyball flies into new season

Coaches Mater and Egbers eager for a winning season

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Replacing eight seniors is no easy task, but that’s the challenge facing the Apopka High School volleyball team as the Blue Darters prepare for the 2026 season. While much of last year’s 7-13 squad has graduated, head coaches Brian Mater and Sarah Egbers believe the combination of experienced returners, talented newcomers and a stronger competitive culture has the program moving in the right direction.

Third-year head coaches Brian Mater and Sarah Egbers believe the foundation they have spent the past two seasons laying has taken shape.

About 65 players attended try-



Marie Hughes Rises for a kill in a game last season. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

outs this summer, and 33 earned roster spots, with 11 making varsity, 12 joining the junior varsity squad and 10 landing on the freshman team.

For Mater, the competitive numbers are a sign that the program is moving in the right direction.

“When Sarah and I started

three years ago, we had to learn each other while also learning and building the program,” Mater said. “We wanted to build character, build pride and create a culture that players wanted to be a part of.”

That culture has led to significant changes in how the Blue Darters structure their teams.

Rather than carrying larger varsity rosters, Mater and Egbers intentionally reduced each team to about 10 or 11 players, emphasizing quality over quantity.

“My goal was to have the top 30 volleyball players at Apopka High School,” Mater said. “I also wanted to make sure the top players were on the court at all times, whether that’s freshman, JV or varsity. We want every player to be ready when their number is called.”

The increased expectations made for difficult decisions during tryouts.

Several returning players did not make this year’s teams, a move Mater acknowledged was challenging but necessary to continue raising the program’s standard.

“We had to make some really tough cuts,” he said. “But it also

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Coach Heather Lorenz tosses a ball over the net for the team to return. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

Wekiva volleyball prepares for 2026 season

Lorenz focuses team on building a family unit

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The sounds inside Wekiva High School’s gym echoed with energy this week as volleyballs smacked the hardwood, players called out to teammates and coaches fine-tuned positioning.

It was only the first full week of official practice, but head coach Heather Lorenz already liked what she was seeing.

The Mustangs are coming off a 5-12 season and return just four varsity starters, but Lorenz believes this year’s group is beginning to establish something that extends beyond wins and losses.

“We’re meshing well,” Lorenz said. “I think we’re gonna be okay. I’ve seen where JV and varsity together are getting along, and that’s what I want. I want a family unit, and I think we’re gonna get there as we keep going on because right now we’re doing good.”

Now entering her ninth season leading the varsity program, Lorenz and

second-year junior varsity coach Haley Stagg have 20 players spread across the two teams. While experience may be limited at the varsity level, the Mustangs have a strong foundation in senior setter Isabella Espada, senior outside hitter Elyanna Sanchez, senior libero Mikayla Rivera and junior middle hitter Avianna Mater.

Each returns after leading the team in a major statistical category last season.

Espada paced the Mustangs in assists, Rivera led the defense in digs, Sanchez finished with the team lead in aces and Mater topped Wekiva in kills.

Their experience has become especially valuable during the opening weeks of practice as younger players adjust to the speed of the varsity game.

Throughout practice, Lorenz frequently paused drills to emphasize proper positioning, ball movement and setting opportunities that allow outside hitters to attack. Communication was constant as players rotated through serve receive, defensive alignments and offensive repetitions, with

WEKIVA, B2



Coach Heather Lorenz instructs on proper kill form as Isabella Espada (right) sets her teammate. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

More rain needed as fall fishing season draws near

One more month to go... and fall will soon be here! I can hardly wait! I'm tired of the heat, and I'm lookin' for some cooler weather.... preferably sooner rather than later! The fishin' is still doin' good to just okay in some areas. And, we still need more rain. We have been gettin' some rain, but we need a whole lot more. Our lakes are shrinkin' down, and we need to fill 'em up again. So, please keep them prayers a-comin'.

Last week over on Lake Fairview they had the Maitland Chain of Lakes bass tourna-



GOIN' FISHIN'
Jim Keck
Correspondent

ment. Congrats to Justin and Rob on their win. They brought three bass to the scales that weighed in at 12.82 pounds. They also had Big Bass for the night that hit the scales at 7.67 pounds.

The bass fishin' is still holdin' steady on the Butler Chain. You should be able to catch 10 to 20 bass per trip. Try fishin'

the shoreline grass with top-water baits at first light. Once that ole sun gets up, you need to move to deeper water and fish the submerged hydrilla and the peppergrass throughout the chain. Most of these bass are bein' caught on plastic worms and slow-sinkin' Senko type baits.

Out on Johns Lake at the Wednesday Night Shootout, there were 13 boats that fished. Congrats to Kim Hebb and Jerry Spratt on their win. They had three bass that hit the scales at 8.40 pounds. The team of Gary Batchelor and

Lou Gibbs caught the Biggest Bass of the night that weighed 3.90 pounds.

And, over on the Harris Chain, the bass fishin' has slowed down some, but not too much. There have been some reports of a lot of activity back in the Kissimmee grass in shallow water early in the mornin'. You need to check it out. Try fishin' a white chatter-bait and see if you can get a bite. Once the sun gets up you need to move to some deep water and fish the offshore grass and brush piles.

West Lake Toho is doin' good

for bass fishin' if you get on the water at first light. Most of the bigger bass are bein' caught on shiners, and you can catch a few bass on artificials such as plastic worms and slow-sinkin' type baits. Remember... in seven weeks fall begins, and that will hopefully bring some cooler weather and some great speck fishin'!

They're still catchin' plenty of shellcrackers and bluegills in Lake Kissimmee. Some folks are getting' their limits by 10 a.m. Most of the panfish are bein' caught on red worms and grass-shrimp.

The bass fishin' down at the Headwaters Lake is still producin' some nice bass. Lots of the guides are takin' folks out, and doin' real good on top-water baits early in the mornin'. Once the sun gets up, they're throwin' chatterbaits and plastic baits. If you can find some hydrilla patches, try flippin' the heavy cover for a big bite.

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

Tip of the week: Let's go fishin'!

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

WEKIVA

FROM B1



Junior varsity girls do wall sits as a part of a team workout.
| PHOTOS BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

coaches encouraging players to stay vocal and trust one another.

While the technical aspects of the game remain a daily focus, the coaching staff is also emphasizing team chemistry from the first whistle.

Rather than separating the two programs, Lorenz has worked to keep the varsity and junior varsity squads connected throughout practice, hoping the relationships built now will strengthen the entire program for years to come.

The Mustangs are also re-

ceiving help from outside the program.

This season, Orlando firefighter Ely Sanchez, the father of senior Elyanna Sanchez, is volunteering once a week to lead strength and conditioning sessions for the team.

Tuesday's workout capped practice with a demanding circuit that tested both strength and endurance. Players split into two groups and rotated through exercise stations that included wall sits and lunges, planks and broad jumps, followed by squat jumps and



Mustang varsity group does squat jumps as a part of Orlando Fire Dept. firefighter Ely Sanchez's team workout.

bear crawls.

For Lorenz, the weekly sessions represent more than just another workout.

"It's actually amazing," she said. "I love it right now. I am so grateful that we have the depth that we have parents that care so much not only about their own child but within the whole program, and is giving of their time every week now for these kids to get better as they gain their strength."

Lorenz has watched her program evolve over nearly a decade at Wekiva. She has seen participation fluctu-

ate, but believes the growth of club volleyball is beginning to positively affect high school programs throughout Central Florida.

"I feel like each year it's definitely different," Lorenz said. "And unfortunately, though, as the years go on, I feel like we're getting a smaller and smaller program just because of the way the youth are in this generation. But I feel we're starting to see more and more club activity, so we're getting more kids that are playing club ball that are now coming into the high school circuit, which



Coach Heather Lorenz instructs new varsity Mustang outside hitters on proper technique.

is helping with all athletics for volleyball here and other schools."

That additional experience could prove valuable for a Wekiva team looking to take a step forward after last season.

The Mustangs will get an early opportunity to evaluate where they stand during a preseason round-robin tournament Aug. 12 at Lake Buena Vista High School, where they'll face Apopka, Oviedo and Lake Buena Vista.

The preseason matches will allow the coaching staff to evaluate rotations, identify areas for improvement and

make final adjustments before Wekiva opens the regular season Aug. 18 on the road against Edgewater.

The Mustangs will then make their home debut Aug. 20 against Oak Ridge.

For a team replacing much of last year's varsity roster, the coming weeks will be about growth as much as results. With experienced leaders returning, a coaching staff focused on developing chemistry and parents investing their time to help the program, Lorenz believes the foundation for a strong season is being built.



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Despite reaching the Division I level, Roberts credits the lessons learned in Apopka for preparing him to succeed.

“It was the hard work we put in,” Roberts said. “The coaches instilled that discipline from the get-go, from the start. We just grew up a certain way, and we just practiced a certain way. We loved each other, and it’s more than just playing football. It’s becoming more of a young man.”

He also pointed to the mentors who helped shape him as he adjusted to college football.

“I would say definitely the leaders in our room, Nikai Martinez and Travion Barnes,” Roberts said. “I didn’t get to play with Jalen Carter or anything, but just seeing him and the success he had just inspired me to be better and better each day.”

Shaw’s football journey began on the same Pop Warner fields.

After growing up in the Apopka program, Shaw starred at Apopka High before transferring to The First Academy for his senior season. As a junior with the Blue Darters, he totaled 42 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks. He also played on Apopka Pop Warner’s

2020 national championship team. Now beginning his freshman season at the University of Illinois, Shaw is preparing to compete in the Big Ten, one of college football’s premier conferences.

Still, returning to where it all started remains one of the most meaningful parts of his offseason.

“It just means so much to me from the standpoint of this is where it all started,” Shaw said. “This is what got me to the position where I am today. Just thinking about all those long days, those practices as I was growing up. The culture here is what built me to be the person I am today. I truly wouldn’t be here without that.”

“To pour back into these kids that were in the same position that I was in really means a lot, because when I was looking up at guys, that gave me a vision for the future. So to be that guy for them really means a lot to me.”

Shaw said one lesson from Apopka has stayed with him every step of the way.

“I want to say grit,” he said. “That’s one thing that was the biggest takeaway for me. Football is a gritty sport, and the amount of grit you learn there, the amount

of toughness. If you look at any Apopka football player — Trey Hendrickson, Jalen Carter, Warren Sapp — there’s just something about them, and it’s grit. I feel like that’s instilled from you not only from a young age through the Pop Warner system, but at the high school. It really pushes you to be great at the next level.”

The event was organized by The Influencer Counsel, whose mission centers on connecting athletes with opportunities to positively impact their communities.

Executive Director Dan LaForest, a 1988 Apopka High School graduate and former Blue Darter quarterback, said Roberts and Shaw were ideal representatives for the event.

“The whole thing is about these college athletes giving back to their community,” LaForest said. “Kevin Roberts and King Shaw are that type of guy. They’re high-character individuals that have that opportunity to play at the college level, and it’s great for the Apopka Pop Warner young people to see these guys that actually grew up here. It’s a motivational thing because everybody has a dream and very few actually get to realize it. Kevin and Kingston have realized their dream of playing college football.”



Apopka Pop Warner Blue Darters pack in to Zaxbys to meet Kevin Roberts and Kingston Shaw. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO



Kevin Roberts (L) and Kingston Shaw (R) pose for a picture at the Influencer Counsel's Pop Warner giveback event at Zaxbys. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

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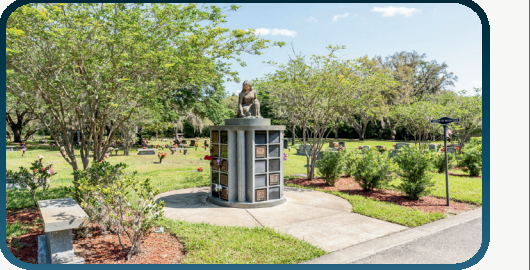
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Friday, August 7

Faith Arts Village Orlando Presented By Park Lake Presbyterian Church
5 p.m. – Faith Arts Village Orlando (718 Highland Ave., Orlando)
Meet the talented artists who call Faith Arts Village home as they open their studios and gallery spaces to the public. Free.

Theatre at St. Luke's Presents The Prom
7 p.m. – St. Luke's United Methodist Church (4851 S. Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando)
When four down-on-their-luck Broadway stars rally behind a high school student who simply wants to attend prom with her girlfriend, their well-intentioned efforts spark an unforgettable journey of love, acceptance, and belonging. Rated PG-13. Starting at \$15.

Saturday, August 8

Mercy Drive Marketplace
11 a.m. – Heart of Mercy Community Church (1531 Mercy Drive, Orlando)
Mercy Drive Marketplace is an outdoor community market held in Orlando, FL. Designed to build community and support local businesses. Free.

Sketching in the Galleries
12 p.m. – Orlando Museum

of Art (2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando)
Drawing and sketching supplies will be available for artists of all ages to use. Free with admission.

Monster Jam Freestyle Mania presented by Spin Master
12 p.m. – Kia Center (400 W. Church St., Orlando)
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Pet Paradise 25 Year Celebration
1 p.m. – Pet Paradise Animal Hospital & Resort (1224 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka)
We're celebrating 25 amazing years of serving our community, and we want to celebrate with you! Bring the whole family (including your furry friends!) for an afternoon of fun, giveaways, and community spirit. Free.

NORWF Bingo Fundraiser
2 p.m. – Sweetwater Golf & Country Club (2600 Bolzano Drive, Apopka)
NORWF Bingo Fundraiser to benefit the Scholarship Essay Contest being offered to students. Please join us for fun, pizza and tea/ water, raffles, and more. An open cash bar will be available. Tickets made available through NORWF members or by visiting norwf.org/news/. \$30 (includes food and one Bingo pad). Extra pads and dauber can be



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Sunday, August 9

Duane Forrest: Tenderly - The Life and Times of Nat King Cole
4 p.m. – Judson's Live (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Experience Duane Forrest's acclaimed tribute to Nat King Cole, blending timeless music, storytelling, and reflections on legacy, identity, and resilience. Starting at \$53.10.

science, and wildcard categories for prizes. Free to play — recurring weekly through the end of 2026.

Wednesday, August 12

The Wiggles - Tree of Wisdom Spectacular!
3 p.m. & 6 p.m. – Hard Rock Café (6050 Universal Blvd., Orlando)
Get ready to sing, dance, and wiggle in this high-energy musical extravaganza! Starting at \$47.70.

Apopka Foliage Toastmasters
7 p.m. – Apopka Museum (120 E. Fifth St., Apopka)
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2026 Leagues Cup Phase One - Orlando City v San Luis
7:30 p.m. – Inter&Co Stadium (655 W. Church St., Orlando)
Join us for the big Orlando City soccer game! When in the home supporter section, always wear purple! Opposing colors of any team, not just the one playing, and/or non-Orlando City team apparel, will not be allowed into the sections. Starting at \$22.

Thursday, August 13

Biz & Coffee Morning at

The Bloom Lounge
7:45 a.m. – The Bloom Lounge – Apopka Florist & Creative Space (2121 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka)
Join us for the Biz & Coffee Morning, a relaxed yet purposeful gathering designed to foster connections, spark collaboration, and strengthen our local business community. Free with registration.

Tote-ally Creative Workshop
6 p.m. – Meredith Sand Designs Studio and Gallery (221 S. Bumby Ave., Suite 102, Orlando)
During this hands-on workshop, our resident artist, Megan Hernandez, will share her creative process, offering tips, techniques, and insight into how she develops her distinctive artwork. The highlight is a collaborative tote bag design activity in which participants will work in pairs, switching tote bags throughout the session to build on each other's designs. Starting at \$53.11.

CuBop
7 p.m. – Judson's Live (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Celebrating the Latin-infused side of the 1950s and '60s Blue Note catalog, CuBop's origin stems from the fusion of the Afro-Cuban and BeBop sounds of stylistic pioneers like Dizzy Gillespie, Art Blakey and Horace Silver. Starting at \$35.11.

Paper bag chicken and baked potatoes in countertop oven

From our friends in Plains, Georgia, in *Plains Pot-Pourri*, we have a recipe from Peggy Lawson for Paper Bag Chicken. It's just as it is billed: chicken that you roast inside a paper bag! And, while Peggy doesn't do this, if I *skin* the chicken and cook it this way, I'll lubricate it with EVOO (extra virgin olive oil)! If you use dairy, you could coat it with a little butter. And when I'm done, I'll expose the chicken to the heated oven just to brown it up a little bit... if it needs it.

So that I don't have to heat up my big oven, I use my countertop oven to roast a few potatoes, usually right along with roasting a chicken or maybe a pork roast. I love that little oven! Roasting a few potatoes is *not* rocket science! I don't go out and buy the more expensive *roasting* potatoes, either; I just use the white potatoes I have on hand. Then, after scrubbing them, I grease them with EVOO and sprinkle a little Montreal Seasoning on them. Potatoes will go great with the recipe above for the "paper bag chicken."

Miz Emily Meggett's Collard Greens is a winner. She says, "Collard greens have a special place in African American culture." I have some news for this fine lady: they have a special place in *my own* culture, as well! They take only a couple hours to cook, and I cool and store them in containers; then I freeze them and use them routinely (almost every day!) for supper! I season a big pot of fresh greens with a half-pound of cooked, crispy, brown bacon cut into small pieces (sometimes smoked ham), onion, garlic, salt, and a teeny bit of cayenne pepper. I put in probably a quarter cup of *real* maple syrup while they are cooking, and add a tablespoon of unfiltered apple cider vinegar near the end of cooking.

Southern Living's Basic Cornbread is very simple and quick. You use buttermilk self-rising white cornmeal mix. Be very careful when working with the hot cast iron skillet. Remember, if you're *desperate* for cornbread and don't have buttermilk on hand, you can make a substitute with a cup of milk to which you add one tablespoon of either lemon juice or vinegar.



Ree Drummond, The Pioneer Woman, contributed this pie recipe, and she describes S'mores Pie like this: "It's rich, melty, and loaded with marshmallows! Whichever way you say it, you're going to *love* this pie! It's everything wonderful about campfire S'mores that you'd ever want: gooey chocolate, toasty marshmallows, and buttery graham crackers, all baked up in one dreamy dessert... in pie form."

Mrs. Lorene James has a recipe for Crystallized Tomato Pickles in *Stew-Pot Favorites of Zellwood*. But, please don't ask me where to get the "5-cent box of ginger."

PAPER BAG CHICKEN
Recipe from *Plains Pot-Pourri, Food Favorites of Plains, Georgia*

INGREDIENTS:
1 whole chicken, skinned
1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon garlic salt
1 tablespoon pepper
1 tablespoon paprika
DIRECTIONS:
Sprinkle clean chicken, inside and out, with seasonings. Put chicken into large bag. Roll end up tightly. Place in baking pan inside preheated oven and bake for 1-1/2 hours at 350 degrees Fahrenheit or until done.

EASY BAKED POTATOES
Recipe contributed by Nancy Thomas
INGREDIENTS:
White potatoes
EVOO (extra virgin olive oil)
Montreal Seasoning
DIRECTIONS:
1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit (or however hot you are roasting your meat). 2) Lubricate the scrubbed potatoes with olive oil. 3) Sprinkle some Montreal seasoning over them. 4) Arrange the potatoes in your oven beside your chicken or meat if they will fit, or on a rack of their own if they won't. I find the potatoes are usually done when the meat is done. I simply stick the thermometer into the potatoes just as I do with the meat, and they usually show 200 degrees Fahrenheit when they're done.

EMILY MEGGETT'S COLLARD GREENS
Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett
INGREDIENTS:

1 bunch collard greens (1/2 pound)
1 (14-ounce) smoked ham hock
2-1/2 to 3 quarts water
Crushed red pepper
1-1/2 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar, or 2 packages sweetener
Nature's Seasons, to taste
DIRECTIONS:
1) Wash the collard greens in cold water three or four times to remove any sand or dirt. Pat dry using a paper towel. 2) Strip the collard greens, removing the center stem. Cut the collard greens lengthwise into small, bite-sized pieces. 3) Wash the ham hock. In a large pot, combine the ham hock and water, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium, then add the greens, covering them in the water. 4) Add crushed red pepper to taste, the vinegar, sugar, and Nature's Seasons to taste. Increase the heat and bring back to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium and cook the greens for at least 2-1/2 hours. After 2-1/2 hours, taste the greens to test flavor and tenderness. Add more Nature's Seasons and cook longer if necessary.

BASIC CORNBREAD
Southern Living's All Time Favorites, 2009

INGREDIENTS:
2 cups buttermilk self-rising white cornmeal mix
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup butter, melted
1 large egg, lightly beaten
2 cups buttermilk
DIRECTIONS:
1) Heat a well-greased ovenproof skillet at 450 degrees for 5 minutes. 2) Stir together all ingredients in a bowl. Pour batter into hot skillet. 3) Bake at 450 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Makes one 9-inch cornbread, about 5 cups crumbled. Makes 6 servings.

S'MORES PIE
Contributed by Ree Drummond, *The Pioneer Woman*
INGREDIENTS:
CRUST:
2 cups graham cracker crumbs
8 tablespoons salted butter, melted
2 tablespoons sugar
FILLING:
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
3 cups whole milk
4 egg yolks, beaten
6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
2 tablespoons salted butter
2 tablespoons vanilla bean paste or extract
TOPPING:
24 marshmallows
Semi-sweet chocolate bar, for shaving
DIRECTIONS:
1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. 2) For the crust: In a large bowl, mix the graham cracker crumbs, butter, and sugar until well combined. 3) Firmly press the mixture into an ungreased 9-inch deep-dish pie plate. 4) Bake for five minutes to set the crust. 5) Remove, and let cool while you prepare the filling. 6) For the filling: In a medium saucepan, stir together the sugar, cornstarch, and salt. 7) Add the milk and the beaten egg yolks. 8) Cook while stirring over medium-high heat until the mixture comes to a boil and thickens. 9) Remove the pan from the heat, and add the chopped chocolate, butter, and vanilla, stirring until the chocolate has melted and is fully incorporated. 10) Pour the mixture into the pie crust, and smooth the top. 11) Refrigerate until completely set, about four hours. 12) When ready to serve, arrange the marshmallows on the pie, and use a kitchen torch to toast the marshmallows. Alternatively, place the pie under the broiler until the marshmallows are toasted, 60 to 75 seconds. 13) Using a vegetable peeler, shave some of the chocolate bar over the pie. 14) Slice and serve.

CRYSTALLIZED TOMATO PICKLES
Recipe from *Stew-Pot Favorites of Zellwood*
INGREDIENTS:
7 pounds green tomatoes
3 cups slack lime
DIRECTIONS:
1) Soak sliced tomatoes in two gallons of water with 3 cups slack lime for 24 hours. 2) Rinse them good. Soak in 2 gallons of water with 4 ounces alum for 24 hours. 3) Rinse. 4) Soak in 2 gallons of water with 5-cent box of ginger for 6 hours, then soak for 3 hours in 2 quarts of vinegar with 5 pounds sugar. 5) Add cinnamon and cloves or spice and boil one hour. It may take more vinegar.

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set expectations. I'm expecting them to eat, sleep and live volleyball all year long to come back and play for us next year because we're trying to bring back the Apopka pride."

Mater wants the Blue Darters to become part of the championship culture already associated with Apopka athletics.

"Everyone wants to see football winning, basketball winning, wrestling winning..." Mater said. "We want volleyball to be part of that winning culture where people are proud to say they play Apopka volleyball."

Despite the roster turnover, the Blue Darters return seven varsity players who will be counted on to lead the way.

Seniors Taylor Cain and Anais Ruiz headline the returning group alongside juniors Kiana Napier, Marie Hughes, Emma Vincent and Victoria Polusmak. Sophomore Kierra Taylor also returns after gaining valuable varsity experience at the end of

last season.

The returning core has helped ease the transition for a team replacing nearly half of last year's varsity roster.

One newcomer who has quickly earned the coaching staff's confidence is freshman setter Kalissa Burske.

Burske impressed throughout tryouts with her volleyball IQ, athleticism and leadership, earning a spot on the varsity roster before ever playing a high school match.

"We have our freshman setter Kalissa coming up to varsity," Mater said. "She's a true leader on the court. She made herself present right away by leading and staying positive."

Mater said Burske's teammates immediately embraced the decision.

"When she found out she made varsity, she ran back into the huddle and the girls were cheering for her," he said. "I think the leadership is already



Napier, Polusmak and Cain celebrate a late point. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

there, and she's going to fit right in with this group."

Practices have reflected the program's increased expectations.

The coaching staff has placed a greater emphasis on conditioning than in previous seasons, believing improved speed and endurance will translate into better play throughout long matches.

"We want the players to realize they have coaches who want to build something special,"

Mater said. "The conditioning isn't always fun, but we want to be faster on the court. We want them to have that drive to keep getting better."

Just as important, Mater wants every player — whether they made varsity or not — to leave the program motivated rather than discouraged.

"I'm hoping girls look back and say, 'I didn't make it this year, but I'm going to train and earn someone's spot next sea-



Coach Sarah Egbers speaks to the team during a game at Edgewater last season. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

son," he said. "We want them to feel safe within these four walls while still pushing themselves to improve."

The Blue Darters will get their first opportunity to test themselves Aug. 12 when they compete in a preseason round-robin tournament at Lake Buena Vista High School alongside Wekiva, Oviedo and host Lake Buena Vista.

The event will allow the coaching staff to evaluate rota-

tions and make final adjustments before the regular season begins.

Apopka opens the season Aug. 18 on the road against Ocoee before hosting Forest Lake Academy in its home opener two days later.

With experienced returners, talented newcomers and a commitment to raising the standard, the Blue Darters believe they are building a unit capable of bringing winning seasons back to the program.

The Apopka Chief

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NOTICE OF SALE VEHICLE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 713.385, FLA. STAT., THAT THE UNDERSIGNED CLAIMS A LIEN ON THE FOLLOWING MOTOR VEHICLE FOR LABOR, SERVICES, REPAIRS, TOWING AND/OR STORAGE CHARGES.
YEAR: 2018
MAKE: NISSAN
MODEL: ALTIMA
COLOR:
VEHICLE ID. VIN #: 1NYAL3AP2JC248734
THE AMOUNT PRESENTLY CLAIMED TO BE DUE IS: \$7,020.00, TOGETHER WITH ANY ADDITIONAL LAWFUL CHARGES THAT MAY ACCRUE.
UNLESS THE AMOUNT DUE IS PAID IN FULL BEFORE THE SALE, THE ABOVE LISTED VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
SALE DATE: AUG 18, 2026
TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM
LOCATION OF SALE: 355 BRANSON DRIVE, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32805
THE SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED TO SATISFY THE LIEN CLAIMED AGAINST THE VEHICLE PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE FLORIDA LAW. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE VEHICLE SHOULD CONTACT THE UNDERSIGNED IMMEDIATELY.
LIEN CLAIMANT / BUSINESS NAME: PRO AUTO REPAIR, 355 BRANSON DRIVE, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32805.
SIGNATURE : Robert Fenn
DATED: August 3, 2026
August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-000879-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSA LUISA RODRIGUEZ
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of ROSA LUISA RODRIGUEZ, deceased, whose date of death was August 17, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for ORANGE County, Florida, Probate Division, File No.: 2026-CP-000879-O, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is August 7, 2026.
Personal Representative: Andre Rodriguez
6732 Banner Lake Cir, Apt 6307
Orlando, Florida 32821
Attorney for Personal Representative: Rhett Frazier, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 1000347
R. Frazier Law, PLLC
400 N. New York Ave., Suite 116
Winter Park, Florida 32789
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August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002470
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES A. SANGENITO
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **CHARLES A. SANGENITO**, deceased, whose date of death was May 4, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and

other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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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 August 7, 2026.
Personal Representative: FRANK SANGENITO
25 Udall Road West Islip, New York 11795
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August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002219-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF AURELIUS JOEL KATINDE, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of AURELIUS JOEL KATINDE, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 350, 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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I am disclosing that AI has been or may have been used in the filing, and certify, that each and every citation to the law or the record in the document, has been independently verified as accurate.
The date of first publication of this notice is August 7, 2026.
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August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002141-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID WAYNE SMITH, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of DAVID WAYNE SMITH, deceased, whose date of death was October 11, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 350, 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 August 7, 2026.
Personal Representative: PILAR M. SMITH
3331 BENSON PARK BOULEVARD
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August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002017-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF EUGENE ARDEN ROEBUCK, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of EUGENE ARDEN ROEBUCK, deceased, whose date of death was October 12, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 335, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
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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.
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
Personal Representative: MARYLOU BAIER ROEBUCK
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August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-000942-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF JONATHAN RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JONATHAN RODRIGUEZ VAZQUEZ, deceased, whose date of death was September 27, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 350, 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 July 31, 2026.
Personal Representative: NORIBEL PRINCIPE
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ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32825
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July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-000635-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF DANY CRUZ ACOSTA, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DANY CRUZ ACOSTA, deceased, whose date of death was October 25, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N Orange Avenue, Suite 335, Orlando, Florida 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 July 31, 2026.
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July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 2023-GA-000553-O
DIVISION: Guardianship
IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF WILLIAM HALPIN
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: WILLIAM HALPIN, Person Subject to Guardianship
Case Number 2023-GA-000553-O, \$8130.70 (less the cost of publication); WILLIAM HALPIN, as Guardian, deposited these funds per **Order to deposit deceased ward's excess funds in Registry of Court** entered on **10/03/2024**, on behalf of **WILLIAM HALPIN**.
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 4th day of August, 2026
Tiffany Moore Russell
Orange County Clerk of the Circuit Court
425 N. Orange Ave., Ste. 335
Orlando, FL 32801
By: /s/ Mayra I. Cruz
Deputy Clerk
Mayra I. Cruz
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 10, August 7, 2026

Notice of Public Sale
Notice is hereby given that **Northwest Orlando Storage** at 5330 N Pine Hills Rd Orlando, FL 32808 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 08/21/26 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 ...
#1002-Ludjina Saintil-
#1178-Latoya Andrews-
#1218-Chantilly Ruff-
#B006-Elmer Moto-
#C027-Gage M Cooper-
#C056-Julian Hamilton-
#D010-Tocarra Ford
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL

OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 2024-CP-000873-O
DIVISION Probate
IN RE: DEENA RENE LAMAN
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 \$13,643.64 are being held for JONATHAN LAMAN in the registry of court, deposited per order of 04/23/2026 in the Estate of DEENA RENE LAMAN, deceased; case number 2024-CP- 000873-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 7th day of July, 2026.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Orange County Clerk of the Circuit Court
425 N. Orange Ave., Ste. 335
Orlando, FL 32801
By: /s/ Mayra I. Cruz
Deputy Clerk
Mayra I Cruz
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 10, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 2010-CP-000060-O
DIVISION: Guardianship
IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF JOHN LUZICK
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: JOHN LUZICK, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2010-CP-000060-O, \$4,627.68 (less the cost of publication); JOHN LUZICK, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE HEATHER L HIGBEE entered on 06/11/2026, on behalf of JOHN LUZICK.
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 7th day of July, 2026
Tiffany Moore Russell
Orange County Clerk of the Circuit Court
425 N. Orange Ave., Ste. 335
Orlando, FL 32801
By: /s/ Mayra I. Cruz
Deputy Clerk
Mayra I. Cruz
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 10, August 7, 2026

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July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL

The Apopka Chief

LEGAL ADVERTISING

CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-003839-O DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
DARRYL EMMANUEL LEWIS and JOSEPHINE FRANCES AMATO-LEWIS Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI TO: DARRYL EMMANUEL LEWIS 27535 UPTON TER SAN PEDRO, CA 90732 JOSEPHINE FRANCES AMATO-LEWIS 27535 UPTON TER SAN PEDRO, CA 90732
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 3, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003839-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: **COUNT VI** 9 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Y08610 & Y08611 & Y08612 & Y08613 & Y08614 & Y08615 & Y08616 & Y08617 & Y08618) 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 January 01, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), and 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: B90220 & B90221 & B90222 & B90223 & B90224 & B90225) 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 a.m. on the 3rd day of September, 2026 online at www.myorangelclerk.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 August 4, 2026.
DATED August 4, 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 #129710.0110 MRHC #ORANGE
August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2026-CA-002655-O FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2021-3, Plaintiff,
vs.
DIRK L. FARROW; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DIRK L. FARROW; THE GRANDE DOWNTOWN ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; 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 August 4, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2026-CA-002655-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2021-3, Plaintiff, and DIRK L. FARROW; THE GRANDE DOWNTOWN ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A ALYSSA SCHILLE, are Defendants.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangelclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 30th day of September, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit: **CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 5-5022, OF THE GRANDE DOWNTOWN ORLANDO, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 7700, AT PAGE 1007, AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, 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 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.
ADA Coordinator
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
Dated: August 4, 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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-003839-O DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT L. HOWARD, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I TO: ROBERT L. HOWARD 1395 ELIZABETH LANE MACEDONIA, OH 44056 JANINE HOWARD 1395 ELIZABETH LANE MACEDONIA, OH 44056
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 3, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003839-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: **COUNT I** 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: A58201 & A58202 & A58203 & A58204 & A58205 & A58206) 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 July 01, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of September, 2026 online at www.myorangelclerk.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 August 4, 2026.
DATED August 4, 2026
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-003839-O DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT L. HOWARD, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X TO: NICHOLAS MARKATOS, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF NICHOLAS MARKATOS, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 21018 35TH AVE BAYSIDE, NY 11361 CHRISTINE MARKATOS, DECEASED 21018 35TH AVE BAYSIDE, NY 11361
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 3, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003839-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: **COUNT X** 14 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: E85535 & E85536 & E85537 & E85538 & E85539 & E85540 & E85541 & E85542 & E85543 & E85544 & E85545 & E85546 & E85547 & E85548) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3500 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, 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 a.m. on the 3rd of September, 2026 online at www.myorangelclerk.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 August 4, 2026.
DATED August 4, 2026
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #129710.0114 MRHC #ORANGE
August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA Case No.: 26-DR-7388-O Division: 42
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF: Yoel Kisson
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND STEPPARENT ADOPTION TO: Cesar Edgar Gonzalez Herrera 2705 Vindale St Orlando, FL 32818
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Joint Petition for Adoption by Stepparent has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Yajaira Rodriguez and Sarai Kisson Jr, whose address is 6201 Sanson Drive, Apopka, FL 32712, on or before 9/17/26, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N Orange Av, 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. The minor child(ren) are identified as follows:
Date of Birth 04/25/2023
Place of Birth Winter Park, Orlando, Florida
Physical Description of Respondent: Age: 30
Race: Mexican
Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Brown
Approximate Height: 5'-10"
Approximate Weight: 230
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.
Dated: 07/28/2026
Tiffany M. Russell
Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-004759 DIVISION 48
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 2014 KIA OPTIMA VIN# KNAGM4A73E5517239
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
To Melissa B. Torres Orana and all persons who claim an interest in a 2014 KIA Optima VIN # KNAG-M4A73E5517239 seized on or about 3/19/2026 at or about 2860 Lingo Ln., Orlando, FL, Orlando, ORANGE Co., FL Said property is in the custody of the City of Orlando Police Dept. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court.
/s/ Shannon Hesse
Shannon Gridley Hesse
Police Legal Advisor
Orlando Police Department
1250 W. South Street
Orlando, Florida 32805
(407) 246-2464
Fla. Bar No. 528633
shannon.hesse@orlando.gov
August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000960-O U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT INITIS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER-TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021- RP3, Plaintiff,
vs
MIKE KINDLER: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MIKE KINDLER: 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 May 2, 2024 and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 31, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2024-CA-000960-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT INITIS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER-TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-RP3, Plaintiff, and MIKE KINDLER, is Defendant.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, as www.myorangelclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 3rd day of September, 2026, the following described real property as

set forth in said Judgment, to wit: **LOT 1 AND THE EAST 24 FEET OF LOT 2, DARRELL'S SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK M, PAGE 2, 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.
ADA Coordinator
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
Dated: August 3, 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
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Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2026-CA-004815-O U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2020- RP2, Plaintiff,
vs
RAFAEL E. OLIVER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAFAEL OLIVER; SUMMERGATE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et.al. Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION TO: RAFAEL E. OLIVER (Current Residence Unknown) (Last Known Address(es)) at 4833 CYPRESS WOODS DRIVE, #4114 ORLANDO, FL 32811
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: **UNIT NO. 4114, OF PHASE 4, SUMMERGATE, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF (THE DECLARATION), AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 5923, PAGE 662, O THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND AMENDMENT THERETO FOR THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PHASE, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 6357, PAGE 3553, ALL SUBSEQUENT RECORDED AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ALL RECORDED EXHIBITS THERETO, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES THERETO, INCLUDING AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM AS SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION.**
A/K/A: 4833 CYPRESS WOODS DRIVE, #4114, ORLANDO, FL 32811, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire, POPKIN & ROSALER, P.A., 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, Attorney for Plaintiff, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE APOPKA CHIEF and file the original with the Clerk of this 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.
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.
ADA Coordinator
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of July, 2026
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
As Clerk of the Court and/or Comptroller
Stanley Green
Signature
425 North Orange Ave.
Suite 310
Orlando, Florida 32801
25-52487
August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-003839-O DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT L. HOWARD, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII TO: HUGH BROWN 1850 OAKCHIME DR ORANGE PARK, FL 32065 IDETA BROWN 1850 OAKCHIME DR ORANGE PARK, FL 32065
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 3, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003839-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: **COUNT VII** 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes): U2107 & DU2108 & DU2109 & DU2110 in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 (250 Points for each Interest),

which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain Amended and Restated MVC Trust Agreement dated August 22, 2019, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time (Trust Agreement), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida (Trust Memorandum). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). AND 13 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes): BP2649 & BP2650 & BP2651 & BP2652 & BP2701 & BP2702 & BP2703 & BP2704 & BP2705 & BP2706 & BP2707 & BP2708 & BP2709 in the MVC Trust (Trust) evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3250 (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain Amended and Restated MVC Trust Agreement dated August 22, 2019, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time (Trust Agreement), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida (Trust Memorandum). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of September, 2026 online at www.myorangelclerk.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 August 4, 2026.
DATED August 4, 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 #129710.0111 MRHC #ORANGE
August 7, 14, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Pursuant to FL Self-storage Facility Act & to satisfy Owner's lien Storage Sense located at 10900 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 24/7 ending on August 19th 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, **Lisette Torres-272-** Household Goods; **Paulina Alvarez-331-** Household Goods; **Ali Warthen-830** Household Goods; July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-006793
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 2013 AUDI VIN # WAUAFAPL9DN038908, \$50,214.00 U.S. CURRENCY. 2013 DODGE DURANGO VIN # 1C4RDJDG2DC509097, 2013 KIA OPTIMA VIN # 5XXGN473DG174782 & \$3,573.00 U.S. CURRENCY. 2013 DODGE DURANGO VIN #1C4RDJDG-2DC509097, 2013 KIA OPTIMA VIN #5XXGN473DG174782, and \$3,573.00 U.S. CURRENCY seized on or about 5/14/2026 at or about 6031 Old Cheney Hwy., Orlando, FL, Orange Co., FL, at or near 6029 Old Cheney Hwy., 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
August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-007921-O DIVISION NUMBER: 40
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$3,960.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT TO: DARON L. JONES JR. 7600 MAJORCA PLACE APT. 2046 ORLANDO, FL 32819
and all others who claim an interest in **\$3,960.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY**, which was seized on or about the 9th day June 2026, at or near 7600 Majorca Place, 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 Statute 932.701-707, this 27th day of July 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@ocsofl.com
July 31, August 7, 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 **19th Day of August, 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.
Loovens Sabbat– Unit 2047– Personal Property
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-007801-O DIVISION NUMBER: 39
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$207,383.25 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 \$207,383.25 in U.S. Currency , which was seized on or about the 8th day of June, 2026, at or near Bank of America, Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. **I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 23rd day of July, 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@ocsofl.com
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-003839-O DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT L. HOWARD, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII TO: PHILLIP J. BARKER, DECEASED AS INDIVIDUAL AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE PHILLIP J. AND KATHRYN D. BARKER TRUST OF 2003 DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2003 PO BOX 88 CEDARVILLE, CA 96104 KATHRYN D. BARKER, AS TRUSTEE OF THE PHILLIP J. AND KATHRYN D. BARKER TRUST OF 2003 DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2003 PO BOX 88 CEDARVILLE, CA 96104
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 27th, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003839-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as: **COUNT VIII** 14 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: C99851 & C99852 & C99861 & C99862 & C99903 & C99904 & C99905 & C99906 & C99917 & C99918 & C99919 & C99920 & C99921 & C99922) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3500 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, 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 a.m. on the 3rd of September, 2026 online at www.myorangelclerk.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 July 29, 2026.
DATED July 29, 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 #129710.0112 MRHC #ORANGE
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-003839-O DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT L. HOWARD, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE

The Apopka Chief

AS TO COUNT III
TO: HAROLD ALLEN RICE, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF HAROLD ALLEN RICE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
39025 STEEPLE CHASE
AVON, OH 44011-3645
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 27th, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003839-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT III
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: A63531 & A63552 & A63601 & A63602 & A63603 & A63604) 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 a.m. on the 3rd of September, 2026 online at www.myorangelclerk.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 July 29, 2026.
DATED July 29, 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 #129710.0107
MRHC #ORANGE
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-003839-O DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT L. HOWARD, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV
TO: ANDREW L. MEYER, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ANDREW L. MEYER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
777 N PROSPECT AVE
UNIT 203
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202-4001
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 27th, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003839-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IV
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: AA8201 & AA8202 & AA8203 & AA8204 & AA8205 & AA8206) 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, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 3rd of September, 2026 online at www.myorangelclerk.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 July 27, 2026.
DATED July 27, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #129710.0108
MRHC #ORANGE
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 482026CA7087-O DIVISION NUMBER: 48
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF

\$4,041.00 IN US CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT
To: Chappelle Teague and/or Jennifer Dukes And/or Carmen Danley
1112 LEGG DRIVE
Apopka, Florida 32712
And all others who claim interest in \$4,041.00, which was seized on or about May 21, 2026, at or near 1112 Legg Drive, Apopka, Florida.
Said property is in the custody of the Apopka Police Department. 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 Statute 932.701-937.707, this July 31, 2026.
Erin L. DeYoung,
General Counsel
Apopka Police Department
112 E. 6th Street
Apopka, Florida 32703
Edeyoung@apopka.net
(407)703-1771
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-003839-O DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT L. HOWARD, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX
TO: L. ANDREW RAUSCHER, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF L. ANDREW RAUSCHER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
32 CRABAPPLE CORS
HADDAM, CT 06438-1025
JOCELYN A. RAUSCHER, DECEASED
32 CRABAPPLE CORS
HADDAM, CT 06438-1025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 27th, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003839-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IX
10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: E22238 & E22239 & E22240 & E22241 & E22242 & E22243 & E22244 & E22245 & E22246 & E22247) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 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 a.m. on the 3rd of September, 2026 online at www.myorangelclerk.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 July 29, 2026.
DATED July 29, 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 #129710.0113
MRHC #ORANGE
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-003839-O DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT L. HOWARD, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V
TO: JAMES T. DAVIS JR, DECEASED
161 EXMOOR COURT
WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185
CAROLYN R. DAVIS, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN R. DAVIS, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
161 EXMOOR COURT
WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 27th, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003839-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT V
10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: B39541 & B39542 & B39543 & B39544 & B39545 & B39546 & B73021 & B73022 & B73023 & B73024) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010,

executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 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 a.m. on the 3rd of September, 2026 online at www.myorangelclerk.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 July 29, 2026.
DATED July 29, 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 #129710.0109
MRHC #ORANGE
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2026-CA-005792-O DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
AMY R. MOSS, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: FEDERICO J. FREYRIA-SUTCLIFFE
CALLE CALZ. DE LA NARANJA 166, 3E NAUCALPAN, ESTADO DE MEXICO 53370 MEXICO
AND
MARTHA ISABEL MUNIAN-DE-FREYRIA
CALLE CALZ. DE LA NARANJA 166, 3E NAUCALPAN, ESTADO DE MEXICO 53370 MEXICO
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage, and for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT II
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: J22626 & J22627 & J22628 & J36308 & J36309 & J36310 & J37930 & J37931) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2016 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement), 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 21st day of July, 2026.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
BY: Stanley Green
As Deputy Clerk
425 North Orange Ave.
Suite 310
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#126435.9598/MP119
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-001122-O IN RE: ESTATE OF URSULA SINGLETON, Deceased.
NOTICE OF ACTION
The administration of the estate of Sherry Montez Barnes, deceased, whose date of death was August 23, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, 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

(formal notice by publication)
TO: JATOVA SINGLETON,
1460 Heber Circle,
Orlando, Florida 32811
DONTE SINGLETON,
1460 Heber Circle,
Orlando, Florida 32811
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Petition for Administration, Petition to Waive Bond of Personal Representative and Notice of Administration has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: David W. Veliz, 630 North Wymore Road, Suite 330, Maitland, Florida 32751 on or before August 31, 2026 and to file the original of the written defenses with the Clerk of this Court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.
Signed on 07/17/2026
Tiffany Moore Russell
As Clerk of Court
Kevin Drumm
As Deputy Clerk
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Healt Division
425 N. Orange Avenue
Room 335
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 31, August 7, 14, 21, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2026-CA-004028-O SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
DANIEL VEGA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL VEGA; MDC HOME INVESTMENTS LLC; WALDEN PALMS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et.al. Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: DANIEL VEGA (Current Residence Unknown) (Last Known Address(es))
7458 UNIVERSAL BOULEVARD, #4328
ORLANDO, FL 32819
4704 WALDEN CIRCLE, #21
ORLANDO, FL 32811
4614 OAK HAVEN DR
ORLANDO, FL 32839

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
UNIT NO. 21, BUILDING 19, WALDEN PALMS CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 844, PAGE 2553, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A: 4704 WALDEN CIRCLE, #21, ORLANDO, FL 32811.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire, POPKIN & ROSALER, P.A., 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, Attorney for Plaintiff, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE APOPKA CHIEF and file the original with the Clerk of this 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.
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.
ADA Coordinator
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue,
Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 20th day of July, 2026.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
As Clerk of the Court:
Stanley Green
Signature
425 North Orange Ave.
Suite 310
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-005442 DIVISION 40
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 2006 FORD FREESTYLE VIN # 1FMDK02146GA40840 NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
To James F. Fogarty, and all persons who claim an interest in a 2006 Ford Freestyle VIN # 1FMDK02146GA40840 seized on or about 4/6/2026 at or about 36th Street, Orlando, FL, Orlando, Orange Co., FL, Said property is in the custody of the City of Orlando Police Dept. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court.
/s/Shannon Hesse
Shannon Griddle 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
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-000784-O Division 09
IN RE: ESTATE OF SHERRY MONTEZ BARNES Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Sherry Montez Barnes, deceased, whose date of death was August 23, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, 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 July 31, 2026.

Personal Representative:
Calvin Barnes
7445 Holly St.
Mount Dora, Florida 32757
Attorney for Personal Representative:
MAUREEN A. ARAGO, Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 835821
Arago Law Firm, PLLC
230 E. Monument Ave., Suite A
Kissimmee, FL 34741
Telephone: (407) 344-1185
E-Mail: maureenarago@aragolaw.com
Secondary E-Mail: colleen@aragolaw.com
July 31, August 7, 2026

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In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 1001 S Semoran Blvd Orlando FL 32807, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for Credit/Debit only at www.storageauctions.com on August 19th, 2026 at 11:30AM.
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Bags, furniture, flat screen TV
JOSE MANUEL ARREDONDO GUERRERO: Clothes, fishing pole
JOSEL CALDERON RIVERA: Luggage, clothes, cords, power tools, totes, circular saw, speaker, misc tools
Publish: The Apopka Chief
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2010-CA-16889-O WALDENLIFE PENSION CAPITAL, LLC, PLAINTIFF vs. JASON LIVINGSTON; HARRY'S HAUL, LLC a Florida corporation; MELINDA LIVINGSTON, DAVIND FINKELSTEIN, ESQ., DEFENDANT(S)
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 3rd day of March, 2025, and have levied upon the following described property located, and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit:
2016 LAND ROVER LR4, VIN: SALAG2V68GA798852 & 2014 AUDI Q5, VIN: WA1FAFP6AE041198. VEHICLE MAY BE SEEN THE DAY OF THE SALE BETWEEN THE HOURS 10:00 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. AT ACE WRECKER, 5601 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32809. SOLD AS IS AND WITH NO WARRANTY. SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES AND LIENS OF RECORD. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR BILL OF SALE.

as the property of the above named defendant, MELINDA LIVINGSTON, and that on the 18th day of August, 2026, beginning at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon or soon there-after on said day at **ACE WRECKER, 5601 SOUTH ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL**, in Orlando, 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 Ace Wrecker, 5601 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, Florida 32809.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Eric Nieves, Judicial Process Sales Coordinator, not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Orange County Sheriff's Office, 425 North Orange Avenue, suite 240, Orlando, FL 32801. Telephone: (407)836-4570; If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, 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
July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2026-CC-010257-O MCCORMICK WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
ARTHUR LEE SHORTS, et.al.,

Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Arthur Lee Shorts, 3300 McCormick Woods Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761
Audrey E. Shorts, 3300 McCormick Woods Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761
Unknown Tenant 1, 3300 McCormick Woods Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761
Unknown Tenant 2, 3300 McCormick Woods Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you to Foreclose a Claim of Lien for unpaid Assessments owed to the Plaintiff on the following real property, lying and being situated in Orange County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
Lot 160, McCormick Woods Phase 2, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 74, Page 102, of Public Records of Orange County, Florida. This property is located at the street address of:
3300 McCormick Woods Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon Shipwash Law Firm, P.A., Attorneys' for Plaintiff, whose address is: 225 S. Swoope Avenue, Suite 110, Maitland, FL 32751, on or before or 30 days after the first publication of this notice, whichever comes first, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Witness my hand and Seal of said Court this 22nd day of July, 2026.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
/S/ Nancy Garcia
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
SHIPWASH LAW FIRM, P.A.
225 S. Swoope Avenue, Suite 110
Maitland, FL 32751
Tel: (407) 274-9913
Fax: (407) 386-7074
Tennille Shipwash, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 617431
Primary email address: tshipwash@shipwashlegal.com
Secondary email address: tsantiago@shipwashlegal.com
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, FL 32801, (407) 836-2303, Fax: (407) 836-2204 at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately if you receive less than a seven (7) day notice to appear. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service.
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Publish In: The Apopka Chief
July 31, August 7, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-1278-O IN RE: ESTATE OF KEYSHA FENELON, Deceased.
NOTICE OF ACTION (formal notice by publication)
TO: EDWIGE NORISMA,
24 Rue Lorimer Denis,
Paris, France
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Petition for Administration, Petition to W Bond of Personal Representative and Notice of Administration has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: David W. Veliz, 630 North Wymore Road, Suite 330, Maitland, Florida 32751 on or before August 24, 2026 and to file the original of the written defenses with the Clerk of this Court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice
Signed on July 1, 2026
Tiffany M Russell
As Clerk of Court
/s/ Carissa Bundy
As Deputy Clerk
Probate Mental
Health Division
425 N. Orange Avenue
Room 335
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-001609-O IN RE: ESTATE OF MARIE MARLENE JEAN, Deceased.
NOTICE OF ACTION (formal notice by publication)
TO: SAINCA JEAN, Unknown
IRANY JEAN, Unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Petition for Administration, Petition to Waive Bond of Personal Representative and Notice of Administration has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: David W. Veliz, 630 North Wymore Road, Suite 330, Maitland, Florida 32751 on or before August 24th, 2026 and to file the original of the written defenses with the Clerk of this Court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.
Signed on 7/8/2026.
Tiffany Moore Russell
As Clerk of Court
/s/ Kevin Drumm
As Deputy Clerk
Probate Mental
Health Division
425 N. Orange Avenue
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Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 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 **Touch Glass Creations**, with a mailing address of Brianna Snow 522 S. Hunt Clk Blvd, #155, Apopka, FL 32703 and a principal office located in Seminole County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Brianna Snow
August 7, 2026

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