

Officials scrutinize millions in overtime costs

Nesta cites lack of oversight after city spends more than \$3.4M on overtime

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Apopka officials are scrutinizing the city’s employee overtime practices after Mayor Nick Nesta said overtime had not been adequately monitored, as city records show the city paid more than

\$3.4 million in overtime last fiscal year. “Nobody was really monitoring it,” Nesta said in an interview with The Apopka Chief. “It was basically [used] as needed.” The city paid \$3,418,890 in overtime in fiscal year 2024-25 and another \$2,782,341 through July 23 of the current fiscal year, according to figures provided by city spokesperson Steven Montiero. City records show overtime spending has exceeded

\$3 million in each of the past three fiscal years: approximately \$3.09 million in FY23, \$3.46 million in FY24 and \$3.42 million in FY25. Resident Rod Olsen, a member of Nesta’s transition team who regularly speaks during public comment at City Commission meetings, calculated approximately 124,000 overtime hours for FY25, or about 2,400 hours per week, using information he said he obtained from the city’s human resources de-

partment. He subsequently called attention to the issue in emails to city commissioners. “These numbers are too significant to simply accept as the ‘cost of doing business,’” he wrote in an email to the mayor, city commissioners and key staff. On Monday, Montiero said the city was pulling its own reports for the hours and had not confirmed the numbers



Apopka resident Rod Olsen speaks during a recent Apopka City Commission meeting at City Hall. | PHOTO BY DANA O’CONNOR

OVERTIME, A5

Apopka Chamber focused on rebuilding after leadership tumult

Board chair says organization is financially stable, looking to the future

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce is rebuilding and working to expand its membership and events a year after a leadership dispute led to the termination of its president and CEO, according to the organization’s new board chairman. The chamber announced last week that it reached an “amicable resolution” with former president and CEO Nick Grounds. A press release said the resolution concluded all matters related to the separation, but it did not disclose any of the terms of the agreement. In an interview, Gerald Rooks, chairman of the

chamber’s board of directors, said the organization is working to expand events, working with new ambassadors to promote member businesses. “We’re rebuilding in a much more positive way, using technology,” Rooks said. The chamber is using a new directory system that allows members to post videos about their businesses, Rooks said. The organization is also encouraging businesses to host chamber events as it works to increase membership and help local companies grow. “We try to put money back in the community not so we can have cash on hand, but so we can build it to help support events and be in good financial standing,” Rooks said. The rebuilding effort comes a year after the chamber fired Grounds, setting off questions about how the de-

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Representatives of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce gather with Empire Pros Roofing and community members for a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony. | PHOTO BY TERESA SARGEANT

Crabb sworn in as county commissioner



Orange County District 2 Commissioner Michael “Mike” Crabb (L) takes the oath of office from Ninth Judicial Circuit Judge Andrew Bain (R) on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Orange County Administration Center. Crabb was sworn in shortly before taking his seat for his first Board of County Commissioners meeting. | COURTESY OF ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DeSantis appointed Crabb last month

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Michael “Mike” Crabb was sworn in Tuesday as Orange County’s District 2 commissioner shortly before taking his seat for his first Board of County Commissioners meeting. Ninth Judicial Circuit Judge Andrew Bain administered the oath of office during the ceremony at the Orange County Administration Center before the commission’s 9 a.m. meeting. Crabb’s wife Pamela joined him for the ceremony and held the Bible as he took the oath.

The Rev. Alexander H. Smith, senior pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Apopka, delivered the invocation before the ceremony. Apopka Mayor Nick Nesta also attended and was recognized prior to Crabb taking the oath of office. Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings welcomed Crabb to the Board of County Commissioners and noted his more than 30 years in law enforcement with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office. “While sometimes we don’t always agree on everything ... it means that we just have different opinions,” Demings said. During opening remarks after the oath, Crabb joked he didn’t have time to write a speech be-

cause he was too busy reviewing the tourism development tax in preparation for his first commission meeting. “I was up all night studying TDT, so I didn’t write a speech,” Crabb said. “Thank you, Mayor, for that agenda item. I appreciate that for my first one.” Crabb said he wants Orange County to strengthen its collaboration with communities throughout District 2, including Ocoee, Apopka, Eatonville, Tangerine, Zellwood, Lockhart and Clarcona. “I promise you that I will be a good commissioner for our district, and I will work hard,” Crabb said. “I will do my very best, and we will continue to try to move District 2 forward.”

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed Crabb on July 31 to fill the vacancy created by Christine Moore, who resigned to run for mayor of Apopka. Moore lost the April 14 mayoral runoff to Nesta and later sought reappointment from DeSantis to serve the remainder of her District 2 term. The seat had been vacant since April 27. Crabb had applied for the vacant commission seat earlier in the year and told the Apopka Chief after his appointment that he participated in a telephone interview with the governor’s office roughly two weeks before DeSantis selected him. At the time of the appoint-

CRABB, A6

CRA elects to hold off on \$299K Sixth Street property

Board members question wisdom of buying land without defined redevelopment plan

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency declined Monday to pursue the purchase of a \$299,000 va-

cant East Sixth Street property and later redirected the money toward restrooms at Alonzo Williams Park. No formal vote was taken Monday on the 0.42-acre property at 161 E. Sixth St. Instead, Mayor Nick Nesta said the consensus was to not move forward for now, and Economic Development Director Antranette Forbes acknowledged the board’s direction. Forbes presented an evalu-

ation requested by the board after the CRA held off on purchasing the property last year. Staff examined several possible uses, including about 40 parking spaces to support the Apopka Museum. Forbes suggested temporary parking as an interim use while preserving the property for potential future redevelopment or a public-private partnership. But several board members questioned buying the prop-

erty before determining what ultimately would be built there. Board member John Drago said the CRA should be cautious about acquiring property because doing so removes it from the tax rolls. “I’m opposed to buying a property just for the sake of storing the property for some future use,” Drago said. Instead, he suggested working



Board member Yesenia Baron said the city should use the property to drive revenue. | PHOTO BY DANA O’CONNOR

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It's almost quitting time — let's get something started

By the time this gets into print, I'll be 75.

If it gets into print and I lived until Wednesday. We won't find that out until it happens — none of us have a guaranteed contract.

Not to be morbid or anything, but if a lifetime was a 9-to-5 workday, I'd be at about 4:45, a time when a lot of otherwise pretty good employees start putting their tools away and keeping one eye on the clock. They've put in a good day's work, so they'll just play a little solitaire and kill what's left of the time.

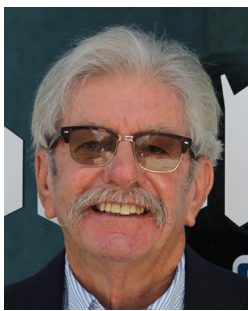
It's easy to get by with that because, seriously, nobody really expects much out of you here at the end of the day. That's why you have to be your own supervisor and expect something out of yourself.

I'm about as busy as I have ever been — and, oddly enough, I'm still doing pretty much what I've always done. Obviously, I'm still writing a column for a newspaper, and there doesn't seem to be any less to think about or comment on now than there was when I was doing it as a child of 45.

Part of my afternoons is spent these days trying to develop a new cartoon strip with the working title, "Uncle Jake and Junior," focusing on the Generation Canyon. It is an outgrowth of the "That's Jake" cartoon I used to do.

I haven't gotten over being a teacher yet. I work with kids, usually former students, helping them with the SAT and college admissions essays. Meanwhile,

Columnist



Jake Vest

I'm reliving some of the good times in the classroom and revisiting some of the bureaucratic nightmares in a memoir titled "H.I.T. Man" (High Impact Teacher). There are 59 chapters so far, which can be

read by going to jakevest.substack.com. It's available for free, so possibly priced at just about what it's worth.

There are also about a thousand cartoons there, and I'm still adding some.

It's all work, and I don't have to do any of it. So why do it? Why start projects at 4:45 when there's no tomorrow? Why create things that don't have time to go anywhere?

Why not just relax?

Because I love this job. And I plan on putting in a full day. It makes my "now" just as cheerful as my "then" used to be when I was looking forward to things. And, to the astonishment of some people who haven't gotten around to getting old yet and who think it is something to dread, I expect my 75th birthday was just as happy as my 25th.

If, indeed, I made it all the way to Wednesday.

Speaking of starting new things, did I mention I'm also considering a new career writing country music songs? Here's a lyric for this occasion:

Getting older's no cause to give up on yourself,

There's no reason for feeling bereft

It's not that you don't still have a bright future

There just ain't that much future left.

Strategic plan, org chart go together

Over the last several months, I have spent a great deal of time reviewing our 2026–2031 Strategic Plan, meeting with employees and department leaders, and taking a closer look at how our city government is organized.

The Strategic Plan gives us a roadmap for where Apopka needs to go. Now we have to make sure we have an organization capable of getting us there.

That is why one of the most important things we are working on during the current hiring pause is a new organizational chart for the City of Apopka.

An organizational chart may sound like boxes and lines on a piece of paper, but it is much more than that. It establishes responsibility. It determines who is accountable, who reports to whom, how departments communicate and ultimately how decisions move through City Hall.

Apopka has grown significantly, and in many ways, our organizational structure has not grown with it. Responsibilities have become spread across different areas, departments at times operate in silos, and it is not always clear who owns a project or decision.

Before we fill positions, create new ones or continue existing ones, we need to determine what the organization should look like.

We are looking at every department and asking some basic questions. Is there a clear chain of command? Do our directors have the right responsibilities? Are we duplicating work? Most importantly, do we have the right people in the right places?

This is not about personalities or changing titles for the sake of

Apopka Mayor



Nick Nesta

change. It is about building an organization around the needs of Apopka today while preparing for the Apopka we know is coming.

Our population has grown. Development continues. Infrastructure needs are increasing. Residents expect better access to information and faster service. Businesses expect us to be responsive. Our employees deserve a structure that clearly defines their responsibilities and gives them the leadership and tools they need to succeed.

The new organizational structure must also create accountability.

When a major project begins, someone needs to own it. When money is budgeted, someone needs to be accountable for how it is spent. When we establish a goal, someone needs to be responsible for moving it forward and reporting on its progress.

Accountability does not mean micro-managing employees. It means setting expectations, giving people the ability to do their jobs, then measuring the results.

And that accountability starts at the top.

As mayor, I am responsible for making sure the organization works for our

residents and that the priorities we establish don't just become another report sitting on a shelf.

The Strategic Plan identifies priorities involving infrastructure, organizational health, economic vitality, public safety, communication, community engagement and quality of life. Those priorities cannot live separately from the people responsible for carrying them out.

The organizational chart and Strategic Plan have to work together.

If something is a priority for Apopka, we need to know where it belongs within the organization, who owns it and how we are going to measure progress.

Reorganization should not be viewed as a negative. We have talented people throughout this city. Part of this process is identifying strengths and making sure employees are positioned where they have the best opportunity to succeed.

When the hiring pause ends, I want us to be able to explain why a position is needed, where it belongs, who it reports to, and how it helps accomplish our priorities.

That is responsible government.

This reorganization will not solve every challenge overnight. There will be adjustments, and as Apopka continues to grow, our organization will have to evolve with it.

Our goal is to build a better city government, one with the right people in the right places, clear lines of responsibility, better communication and accountability from the Mayor's Office.

We have a lot of work ahead of us, and I am confident we are moving in the right direction.

Hurricane season 2026: Be prepared

This time of year can get very busy with the winding down of summer and start of school, and slipping back into a fall routine (while wondering if Washington will get rid of daylight saving time). But there's one thing we can't afford to put off and that's storm preparedness as we move into the busy part of the storm season over the next few months.

I recently joined a call with Governor DeSantis' Faith and Community Initiative Office with other like-minded faith and community leaders to hear about Florida's emergency management strategy with Division of Emergency Management (DEM) Director Kevin Guthrie. I'm happy to share the efforts and resources offered by DEM to help you be prepared this hurricane season.

DEM is Florida's emergency management arm that plans for and responds to both natural and man-made disasters. Being the state's liaison in emergency preparedness, DEM collaborates with federal (i.e., FEMA) and local agencies (i.e., cities, counties), and provides assistance to local communities in ensuring their needs are prepared for in the event of a disaster. One of the things I love most about DEM's strategy is their recognition that no two communities are the same—where they go the extra mile to collaborate with community partners on the ground to meet their unique needs. For example, they partner with local food

Florida House of Representatives



Doug Bankson

banks, the faith community, and non-profit organizations to be a first point of contact to delegate resources as needed to Floridians. This shows that loving one another is not specific to any level of government, sector, or person—it is simply the divine principle of loving your neighbor as yourself. However, the opportunity to take part in the mission isn't just limited to officials—Floridians wanting to volunteer can sign up with DEM's partner Volunteer Florida at volunteer.volunteerflorida.org/ search.

DEM offers various resources on how to prepare for and seek assistance for a disaster that impacted your area. Each hurricane season, it is recommended that families and businesses prepare a plan and supply kit in the event of an emergency. Part of preparing a plan entails familiarizing yourself with your local emergency management office (usually held within your local city and county agencies) as well as local community partners (i.e., food banks,

resource centers). You can locate your local county management website at FloridaDisasters.org/counties. Signing up for emergency weather alerts (often through text messages or emails) either through your local municipality and/or AlertFlorida is also a great way to make sure you are informed of any updates during an emergency. It's also critical to know your home's ability to withstand severe weather and your evacuation zone, should an evacuation order be issued in your area. You should also take note of any family members that have special needs, where DEM has a Special Needs Registry for individuals who need support in the event of an emergency, such as needing electricity to operate medical equipment, transportation to evacuate due to a medical condition, and needing assistance in accessing medication. The registry can be found at <https://snr.flhealthresponse.com>. Last but certainly not least, you should build a disaster supply kit according to your needs that should last you at least seven days. For a checklist of items to include in your kit as well as additional resources, visit <https://www.floridadisaster.org/planprepare/>.

If you haven't already, I strongly recommend that you take advantage of these resources to prepare you and your family for any disasters we may have this season. I commend Director Guthrie for his leadership and the sacrifices he and his team have made to help save lives and keep Floridians safe.

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Recount confirms Strada as GOP nominee for District 11

Businessman will face Democrat James Pericola in November

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Recounts have confirmed businessman Joe Strada as the Republican nominee for Florida's 11th Congressional District, advancing him to a November contest against Democrat James Pericola and Libertarian Ralph Groves for the seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Rep. Daniel Webster. Strada finished with 27,388 votes, or about 33.5% of the Republican primary vote, across Orange, Lake and Sum-

ter counties. Former Lake County property appraiser and state lawmaker Carey Baker placed second with 26,995 votes, or about 33%, leaving Strada with a 393-vote advantage. The narrow margin triggered a machine recount after the Aug. 18 primary. The Lake County Supervisor of Elections announced Aug. 22 that its recount gave one additional vote each to Strada and Baker, producing no change in their margin in that county. Orange and Sumter counties have published official results. Strada thanked voters and election officials in a Facebook statement posted after the recounts. "Congressional District



James Pericola (left) and Joe Strada (right) | FILE PHOTOS

11 represents the best of our state and our nation," Strada said. "In just 10 weeks, our team knocked on thousands of doors, and I personally met nearly 3,000 Central Floridians on their front porches, in forums and halls across the district." Strada said he was grateful to have earned voters' trust and looked ahead to the general election. "To our competitors, their

supporters and those who may have sat this one out, I'm eager to earn your support and welcome you to the team as we work together toward victory in November," he said. Strada, owner and executive chairman of Strada Services, told The Apopka Chief before the primary that his priorities include immigration enforcement, government accountability and addressing the shortage of skilled workers. He said he would bring experience building a company with more than 4,000 employees across 11 states. Pericola, a lawyer who won the three-candidate Democratic primary with about 43.6% of the vote, has already begun criticizing his Republican opponent. "You don't serve Central Florida by hiding behind a \$5 million checkbook and skipping debates," Pericola wrote in a Facebook post. "You do it by showing up, talking to voters, and doing the work." In the questionnaire published before the primary, Pericola told The Apopka Chief that his campaign focused on protecting Social Security and Medicare, making health care more affordable, and cutting taxes for working families. Webster announced his retirement in April and endorsed Baker as his preferred successor. Strada, Pericola and Groves will compete in the Nov. 3 general election.

CRA advances \$156K land purchase for resource center

Board votes 4-2 to move forward with Eighth Street property

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency voted 4-2 Monday to advance the \$156,000 purchase of a vacant Eighth Street property, with a 120-day due diligence period to determine whether the site could support a resource center and attract outside partners. Board members Sam Ruth and Diane Velazquez opposed the action on the 0.45-acre property at 205 E. Eighth St., which is owned by Duke Energy. The CRA previously directed staff in April to make an offer on the property. The purchase price requires a

\$10,000 deposit with \$146,000 due at closing. Economic Development Director Antranette Forbes said additional due-diligence costs, including an environmental assessment and survey, are not included in the purchase price. Much of Monday's discussion centered on whether the city should purchase the property before securing firm plans and partnerships for a resource center. Board member Nadia Anderson supported moving forward, pointing to \$150,000 previously set aside for a resource center and discussions with Orange County about a possible partnership. "We need to put the money to work," Anderson said. "The need is there." Board Chairman Nick Nesta said he supports making progress toward a resource center



Board member Nadia Anderson supported the property purchase, saying the CRA needs to put its money to work. | PHOTO BY SARAH MERLY

but questioned whether the less-than-half-acre property has enough room for a building, parking and water mitigation. He also said the city cannot fund and operate such a facility alone. Nesta proposed using the 120-day due-diligence period to evaluate the site's feasibility and seek commitments from organizations that could help fund or operate the facility. "We need a plan in place," Nesta said, adding that plan should include determining "who's partnering" and how the project would be accomplished. The purchase agreement al-



A vacant property at 205 E. Eighth St. is under consideration for purchase by the Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency. | PHOTO BY TERESA SARGEANT

lows the purchaser to withdraw during the due diligence period. Nesta said that would give the board an opportunity to reassess the acquisition if satisfactory partnerships or plans do not materialize. The CRA was established in 1993 to address blight and encourage reinvestment within a 633-acre redevelopment area through tax increment financing. The agency's fiscal year (FY) 2026 adopted budget totals about \$6.3 million, including more than \$4.7 million carried forward from prior years for redevelopment projects.

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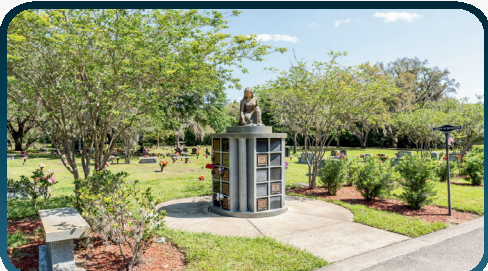


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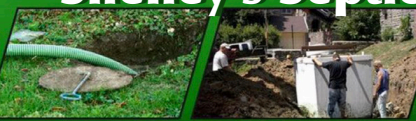
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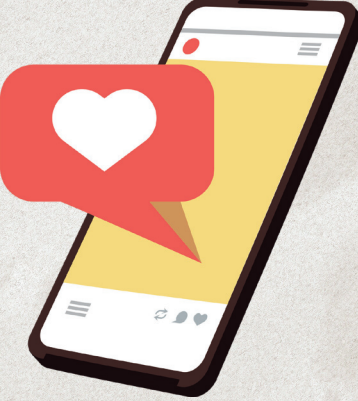


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7 fall dates for Apopka families to mark

From a downtown night out to Halloween stops and a veterans car show, Apopka’s fall calendar is already filling in

By Josh Peterson
Interim Editor

Summer may still be hanging on, but Apopka families can already start planning fall weekends. The city calendar has a run of free or low-cost community events from ear-

ly September into November, with options for children, first responders, runners and neighbors who want an easy reason to get out of the house.

1. NIGHT OUT ON 5TH
The city’s fall run of Market on 5th starts downtown from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, on Fifth Street. The city lists bounce houses, Touch-A-Truck with the Apopka Police Department and Apopka Fire Department, and Snowie’s Sno Cones. Think dinner, a walk downtown and home before the night gets late.

2. CITY OF APOPKA 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE
The 25th anniversary of the

Sept. 11, 2001, attacks falls on a Friday this year. Apopka’s Fire and Police departments are scheduled to host the city’s memorial service at 8:30 a.m. in front of Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main St. The city says the ceremony will honor the victims, survivors and first responders, with the flag lowered to half-staff.

3. APOPKA HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION
The fifth annual celebration is set for 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Kit Land Nelson Park. The timing gives families an early-evening option after the heat of the day. Check the city event page closer to the

date for entertainment, vendor and parking details.

4. APOPKA POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SAFETY DAY
This free Apopka Police Department event is scheduled 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Apopka Community Center, 519 S. Central Ave. The best fit is households with older teens, college students or adults who want a practical Saturday morning on personal safety.

5. HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK AND HALLOWEEN HIGHWAY
Families have two city Halloween options before the holiday itself. Halloween in the

Park is scheduled for 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 24, at Kit Land Nelson Park and is a free family-friendly event. Halloween Highway follows from 4 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 28, on East Station Street in front of True Coffee, with Apopka police hosting a drive-thru trick-or-treat event.

6. TEAM GINA 5K
The Team Gina 5K lands on Halloween morning at the Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway. The event will run 6:30-9 a.m., with a 7:30 a.m. race start and registration required. Runners and walkers support the Gina McReynolds

Foundation, which assists families impacted by breast cancer, and costumes are likely to feel more natural than usual this year.

7. HORSEPOWER FOR HEROES
Apopka police are planning the inaugural Horsepower for Heroes car show from 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 7 at Kit Land Nelson Park. The event is positioned around veterans and community support, making it a fitting bridge from Halloween weekend toward Veterans Day. Check the city’s page before leaving. A saved calendar item is useful, but a same-day weather or location check can save the trip.

Healthcare documentary, panel set for Saturday in Apopka

Event will focus on medical debt, access to care and community resources

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

A new mini-documentary featuring Central Florida residents affected by medical debt and barriers to healthcare will premiere Saturday in Apopka as part of an event that will also include a panel discussion and community health resources.

“Healthcare in the Community” will take place Saturday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The documentary screening begins at 11:30 a.m., followed at noon by a panel discussion and an opportunity for community members to share their own healthcare experiences.

The event is open to the public. Interested attendees may

RSVP at cfjwj.org/community-health. Although the screening will be in Apopka, the exact location is not being publicly disclosed as a security precaution, according to Community Change Senior Communications Manager Karen Ottoni. The venue will be provided to attendees after they register, according to the RSVP form.

Central Florida Jobs with Justice, Hope CommUnity Center, 1199SEIU and Community Change are hosting the event. The documentary features people and organizers from Central Florida and Milwaukee and examines issues including access to care, medical costs and community-based approaches to healthcare.

Eimear Roy, a Central Florida Jobs with Justice medical-debt-relief campaign leader who appears in the film, said she became involved after advocating for Orange County to dedicate American Rescue Plan Act money toward relieving



Behind the scenes of the “Healthcare in the Community” mini-documentary production in Central Florida, Central Florida Jobs with Justice leader Eimear Roy, left, speaks with U.S. Rep. Maxwell Frost during filming. | PHOTO COURTESY OF COMMUNITY CHANGE

residents’ medical debt.

Roy said the campaign focused on residents who could not afford their medical debts while meeting everyday expenses.

“The goal of that is to try and relieve people from medical debts that they just have no way of paying,” Roy said.

Roy, 58, is originally from Dublin, Ireland, and said her

experience growing up with universal healthcare has influenced how she views access to care in the United States.

“I grew up in Ireland, and so from when I was born, and we were pretty working class, I had universal healthcare,” she said.

Now a naturalized U.S. citizen, Roy said she hopes the documentary encourages res-

idents to recognize that their own experiences can have an impact and that they can speak up about healthcare issues.

“I don’t think people realize how powerful their stories are,” Roy said, adding that people can participate by speaking at public meetings, contacting elected officials or joining community organizations.

Jonathan Alingu, executive co-director of Central Florida Jobs with Justice, said Apopka was chosen in part because organizers see residents facing obstacles such as cost, language barriers and difficulty navigating the healthcare system.

He said the organization wants to explore whether a community care model developed in Apopka could eventually be used elsewhere in Orange County.

Alingu said organizers hope to “create a model in Apopka that can be replicated all across the county.”

Alingu said one of the big-

gest concerns organizers hear from Central Florida residents is access to affordable primary care. When people delay preventive or routine treatment, he said, their conditions may worsen until they require emergency care, potentially leading to larger hospital bills and medical debt.

Saturday’s event will also function in part as a health fair, with participating organizations providing information about services and help navigating available healthcare programs, Alingu said.

Roy said she expects representatives of disability organizations and other health-related organizations to attend.

Organizers hope the discussion continues after the screening. Alingu said he would like Apopka residents to help identify local needs and participate in developing longer-term approaches to community care.

“The solution actually comes from them,” he said.

CHAMBER

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cision was made and who had authority to terminate him.

Grounds said he learned through an Aug. 15, 2025, email that the chamber’s executive committee had voted to terminate him, effective immediately. Grounds disputed whether the executive committee had authority to make

the decision without approval from the full board of directors.

The full board later backed the executive committee’s decision. In an Aug. 25, 2025, statement, the board did not provide a specific reason for Grounds’ termination but said a change in direction

was necessary for the chamber’s “long-term stability and growth.” The board also said at the time that it would focus on reconciling internally, strengthening governance and moving forward.

Grounds had become president and CEO in July 2024, when the chamber was going through significant financial turmoil. That year the chamber lost \$37,409 and had negative net assets of \$131,685.

Grounds said he grew membership significantly during his one-year tenure, although the chamber disputes that claim.

The chamber said its board remains focused on maintaining services for members, investors and community partners while advocating for local businesses and promoting economic growth.

The chamber has announced several events scheduled for

the remainder of the year, including a Business After Hours networking event that was scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 27, at Hurricane Grill & Wings Apopka, 2209 E. Semoran Blvd. A portion of checks during the event was to benefit Lighthouse Leaders, a student-led program at Wekiva High School that promotes leadership, mental-health advocacy and an inclusive school environment.

The chamber has also opened ticket sales for its 113th anniversary Celebration & Awards Gala, scheduled for 6-9:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at The Highland Manor.

The annual event will recognize local businesses, organizations and individuals for their contributions to the Apopka area. Last year’s event sold out, according to the chamber.



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Apopka Chamber opens ticket sales for awards gala

Dec. 1 event to honor businesses, organizations and individuals for contributions

Staff Reports

The Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce has opened ticket sales for its 113th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Gala. The event will take place from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at The Highland Man-

or in Apopka (604 E. Main St.). The annual gathering will recognize local businesses, organizations and individuals for their contributions to the Apopka area. The gala will also allow business and community leaders and other attendees to network. Last year’s anniversary event sold out, according to the chamber. Tickets and additional information are available through the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce website.



Recipients of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce's 2025 annual awards gather for a group photo during last year's celebration at The Highland Manor. The chamber has opened ticket sales for its 113th anniversary Celebration & Awards Gala, scheduled for Dec. 1. | PHOTO BY RALO FLORES

OVERTIME
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Olsen cited. Nesta said the city needs greater oversight of overtime and must determine when continuing to pay overtime makes more financial sense than adding an employee — and when that equation changes. Hiring another employee carries additional expenses such as benefits and training, he said. Nesta connected the overtime issue to the organizational concerns behind the city’s hiring pause for most vacant positions through Oct. 1. He said overtime did not prompt the pause, which he said was not fiscally motivated. However, he cited overtime oversight as an example of broader problems with accountability and oversight that the city is reviewing. Fire and police account for substantial portions of the city’s overtime. The city’s FY25 report shows about

\$1.26 million in overtime for Fire Emergency Medical Service and about \$104,000 for Fire Suppression. Police Field Services accounted for about \$429,000, Police Support Services for \$208,000 and Police Communications/Dispatch for about \$337,000. Nesta said some fire department overtime is built into its scheduling structure and can be less expensive than hiring enough additional employees to eliminate it. In an emailed statement, the Apopka Police Department said overtime can result from court appearances, late arrests, criminal investigations and investigator call-outs because police work does not always fit within scheduled shifts. APD spokesperson Jennifer Rudich said that supervisors monitor overtime hours and that overtime would occur even if the de-



Mayor Nick Nesta speaks at the May 20 Apopka City Commission meeting. | PHOTO BY DANA O'CONNOR

partment were fully staffed. City-sponsored and co-sponsored events can also generate overtime. Rudich said the department continues to look for ways to improve efficiency without affecting service to the community. The Apopka Fire Department did not respond to a request for comment by press time. In an interview with the Chief, Olsen said that some overtime is unavoidable, par-

ticularly in public safety, but questioned whether the city adequately monitors it. “Labor is a controllable expense. It’s your biggest expense,” he said. “You need to monitor it.” In an emailed response to the Chief, Commissioner Sam Ruth said he is concerned when overtime becomes a recurring operating expense rather than a tool for emergency or temporary needs.

“We need to address the cause of the overtime, not blame the employees working it,” Ruth said. Ruth said the city should examine vacancies, staffing levels, scheduling and service demands and called for departmental reports showing overtime dollars, hours, vacancies, causes and trends. Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez also expressed concern in an email about overtime and said vacancies left by departing senior employees placed additional responsibilities on existing staff. She cited water-meter and backflow replacement, emergency work and fire department staffing as factors contributing to overtime. Velazquez said overtime should be monitored quarterly. She said overtime monitoring under the previous administration was not discussed with commissioners and that commissioners became aware of overtime expenditures through budget workshops. She said the

city should determine what is causing overtime before deciding how to reduce it. In an interview, former Mayor Bryan Nelson said the fire department and public services accounted for most overtime during his administration. He said the city used employee overtime along with an outside contractor to replace malfunctioning water meters, cutting the share of nonreading meters from around 30% to roughly 5%. Nelson said staffing vacancies generally were not a major driver of overtime during his administration. He said some overtime was unavoidable, including responses to water or sewer line breaks outside normal working hours. Looking back, however, Nelson said the city could have hired one or two additional public services employees and addressed the water-meter backlog sooner. “We could have reduced the amount of overtime for sure,” Nelson said.

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Culver's Apopka ranked seventh in nation

Restaurant now competing for No. 1 spot

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Culver's Apopka earned a ranking of seventh in the nation earlier this summer — and now, the location is competing for the No. 1 spot.

"Out of more than 1,000 Culver's restaurants across 26 states, this achievement reflects the extraordinary commitment of our owners, managers, team members, and — most importantly — the loyal guests who support us every day," said a July 22 news release from Culver's. "For years, the Apopka community has embraced our restaurant, allowing us to give back through partnerships with local schools, nonprofits,

youth organizations, and community events. This recognition is the result of a shared commitment to serving our guests and supporting the place we proudly call home."

Although the Apopka location opened in 2022, it already brings an award-winning legacy to the competition. Last year, Culver's Apopka won first place in The Apopka Chief's 2025 Best of Apopka Reader's Choice Awards' burger category. Culver's also placed in the top 50 locations in the nation in 2025, earning a silver banner, Culver's merchandise, and a \$2,500 check for a Christmas party.

"We did raffles with a bunch of gifts," said multi-unit manager Zachary Grissom in a sit-down interview with the Chief. "I think we had TVs and computers and a bunch of tech for the team to raffle and win."

Culver's annual restaurant ratings are based on a variety of factors, including food safety, turnover, and guest satisfaction as measured by customer surveys.

"Everyone gets a survey on the receipt — it's basically an all-or-nothing survey. They give you a one-through five-star rating; anything four stars or lower is technically like a zero," Grissom said. "Out of our surveys — I think the average for Culver's is about a 75 or 78 percent satisfaction rate — and all this year we've been pushing 90 percent."

If Culver's Apopka lands in the top five in the final nationwide results, members of Culver's corporate team will visit for a media day. The No. 1 restaurant will win \$100,000, with Nos. 2-5 winning \$25,000 each, according to manager Jordan Little.

"That prize money — that's for

the team, so that's not for the owner or for the restaurant," Grissom said. "Trying to figure out the math to divide that up has been crazy, if we do get there, but that's how passionate we are. We want to make sure that these team members are taken care of for their hard work."

According to Grissom, each Culver's general manager and owner of a top-five restaurant will also fly out to the annual Culver's Reunion, which will take place in Denver in January 2027.

"They celebrate the top five, bring them on stage, and explain their stories and the successes of the restaurant," he said.

To help Culver's Apopka reach No. 1, Little hopes to receive more five-star surveys from guests.

"The nice part about it, they get free custard if they do something," Little said.



Culver's managers Zachary Grissom (left) and Jordan Little (right) pose at Culver's Apopka. | PHOTO BY SARAH MERLY

CRABB

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Kamia Brown (standing) speaks at a May 21 town hall at St. Paul AME in Apopka. Brown is in a runoff with Mike Crabb to permanently fill the District 2 commission seat. | PHOTO BY J.C. DERRICK

ment, Crabb was one of five candidates campaigning for a full four-year term representing District 2. He faced Kamia Brown, Wes Hodge, George Oliver III and Marsha Summersill in the Aug. 18 nonpartisan primary.

No candidate received a majority of the vote, sending Brown and Crabb, the top two finishers, to a Nov. 3 runoff. Brown received 7,869 (32.24%) of the votes, while Crabb received 6,205 (25.42%) of the votes, ac-



Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings speaks at the swearing-in ceremony for Mike Crabb. | COURTESY OF ORANGE COUNTY

ording to election results.

Crabb recently retired from the Orange County Sheriff's Office after a 30-year career as a deputy, in addition to six years as a reserve deputy, according to Orange County. He also owns The Shirt Shop USA, a small business in Ocoee.

During Tuesday's ceremony, Crabb thanked his family, campaign supporters and former Sheriff's Office colleagues. He

said cooperation between county government and municipalities would be a priority during his time on the commission.

"The county needs to be a good collaborator and partner moving forward," Crabb said.

Crabb is serving the remainder of Moore's term while continuing his campaign for a full term in District 2. The winner of the Nov. 3 runoff is scheduled to take office on Dec. 8.

CRA

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to find a developer for the property.

Board member Nadia Anderson agreed that the CRA should not acquire the property without knowing how it would be used and suggested officials instead explore a private partnership.

Board member Yesenia Baron said that if the CRA were to acquire the site, the property should have a revenue-generating use that helps draw people using the nearby trail into downtown Apopka.

"What is it that we can put in that area that's going to be revenue-driven for our city?" Baron said.

Nesta agreed with the board's concerns and said that if additional parking is

desired, city-owned property next to the museum could potentially be formalized as a parking lot.

Later in the meeting, the CRA redirected the \$299,000 previously allocated for the Sixth Street purchase to restrooms at Alonzo Williams Park as part of its fiscal year 2027 budget. Parks and Recreation staff said estimates for a four- or six-stall prefabricated restroom building range from about \$250,000 to \$300,000, before costs to connect utilities.

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With that adjustment, the CRA Board unanimously approved the budget.

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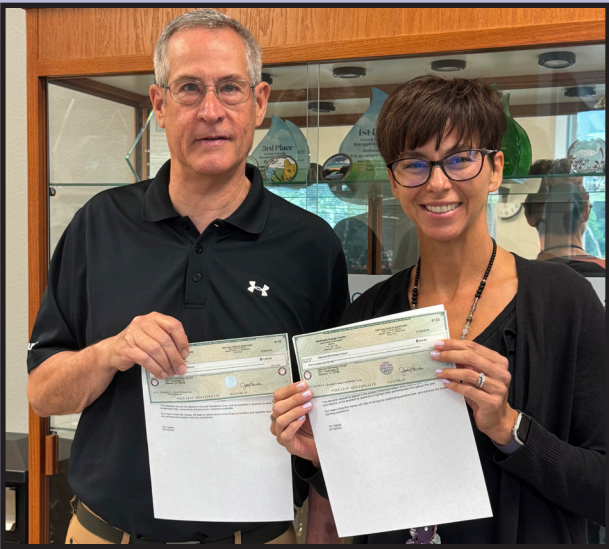
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Wekiva High School has named Brian Boeshko and Dorcas Ortiz as the school's Teacher and Support Person of the Year, respectively. Pictured is Principal Anthony Russell posing with Boeshko and Ortiz. "To Mr. Boeshko and Ms. Ortiz: thank you for your commitment to excellence, your selflessness, and the lasting positive impact you make on the students of Wekiva High School every day," said an Aug. 23 email newsletter from Wekiva High School. "We are endlessly proud to celebrate you both!" | PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANTHONY RUSSELL

NOCIA DONATION



The Northwest Orange County Improvement Association (NOCIA) recently donated \$1,500 to Zellwood Elementary School, helping teachers to purchase classroom decorations, award certificates, and ribbons for their students. Pictured are NOCIA Vice President Tim Heeke (left) and Zellwood Elementary School Principal Jennifer Lawrence. | COURTESY OF DENNY SHIVER

POLICE BEAT

APD makes 25 arrests, responds to 43 crashes Aug. 16-22

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In the period from August 16-22, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,586 calls for service, responded to 43 crashes, issued 113 citations, and made 25 arrests. Burglaries: 6 vehicles, 1 residence, 0 businesses. No juveniles were charged.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Shomari Devonte Miles, 32, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; larceny-other theft.

Tiarsheka Brenisha Mosley, 48, Altamonte Springs, simple assault-intent threat to do violence.

Johnny Leroy Woods, 31, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation.

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

Tiffany Frenk, 38, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Dany's Noe Pereira Mejia, 31, 207 M A Board St. #13, Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance

without prescription.

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

De'Jia Gwyneen Symone Brayboy, 26, 2570 Apopka Reserve Ln. Apt 208, Apopka, moving traffic violation-drive while license suspended, habitual offender; nonmoving traffic violation-attach registration license plate not assigned.

Mailin Ivan Arias Osorio, 21, Leesburg, battery-touch or strike.

Jaser Aly Solis Oporta, 38, 32 Circle Dr., Mt. Dora, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol 0.15 or higher or with person under 18 in vehicle.

Kevin Andres Pichal, 30,

Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Aliyah Iris Howie, 19, 2606 Briana Ct., Orlando, moving traffic violation-operate vehicle 100+ mph threaten person/property.

Efrain Esteban Roblero Diaz, 25, 119 Virgil St., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended revocation, equivalent status.

Kylee Maureen Green, 23, Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm.

Mary Elizabeth Stephenson, 40, 1322 S. Central Ave., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended revocation, equivalent status.

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Clyne, 26, Apopka, aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill; battery-touch or strike.

Michael Robert Willette, 54, Altamonte Springs, battery-touch or strike; aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Brandon Jamal Johnson, 31, 1031 Eagles Forrest Dr., Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Marquez R. Campbell, 22, Apopka, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

Tanasia Delores Blain, 18, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Daniel Scott Smith, 41, 290 Golden Days Dr., Casselberry,

DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs; DUI-unlawful blood alcohol refusal submit, DUI-testing subsequent offense.

Tracey Mary Steffen, 59, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Alissa Marie Russ, 26, 1010 High Meadow Rd., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; weapon offense-commit 3rd degree felony with weapon.

Yadani Yamilet Martinez-Jimenez, 22, 1032 Canyon Way, Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Anton Kareem Massey, 44, 3626 Cilia St., Mt. Dora, out-of-county warrant.

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Wekiva Mustangs trounce Cypress Creek, 52-0



Dominique Walker forces a fumble on the opening Cypress Creek drive of the game, sparking a dominant defensive performance for Wekiva in a blowout win. | PHOTO BY DANA O'CONNOR

Dominant defense shines as Wekiva starts season 1-0

By Johnny Outing
Correspondent

The Wekiva Mustangs brushed off a weather delay and stamped their way to a 52-0 rout against the Cypress Creek Bears in the regular season opener last Friday at Mustang Field. The big win, which came a week after Wekiva edged Tavares, 14-13, in a preseason match-up, got the Mustangs off to a 1-0 start on the 2026 season. Before the game, head coach Ashton Watts said he wanted his team to focus on the little details

and creating good habits. "If we do that, no matter who we line up against, we should win," he said. "We're not focusing on our opponent, just continuing to focus on us." Wekiva got off to a wobbly start in the first two minutes of the game, including a dropped kickoff that created a turnover for the Bears. But the Mustangs quickly took back possession when senior linebacker Braylen Bouie recovered a fumble. That set up a second-and-goal rushing touchdown by quarterback Dominick Sanguine, leading to an early 7-0 lead for Wekiva. From that point on, the Mustangs were in full control of the game. Coming off his heroic-like preseason game a week

earlier, Sanguine stayed locked in throughout the contest. He threw for 126 passing yards and two touchdowns while running for a third score — all in the first half. Senior running back Landon Jerome also pitched in with 36 first-half rushing yards and a touchdown, and senior receiver Bakary Manley hauled in 75 first-half receiving yards and a touchdown. By the halftime whistle, the Mustangs headed to their locker room with a 38-0 score in their favor. The huge lead triggered a running clock in the second half. With an ongoing clock and a

MUSTANGS, B2

Wekiva volleyball loses to Freedom after sweep of Oak Ridge

Mustangs hit tough stretch with 1-2 record

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Wekiva volleyball's early-season schedule got tougher Tuesday as the Mustangs hosted a Freedom team that came into the match as one of the top volleyball squads in Central Florida. Freedom controlled the match from the opening serve, defeating Wekiva 25-4, 25-11, 25-5 to hand the Mustangs their second loss of the season. Wekiva dropped to 1-2 while Freedom improved to 2-1. Despite the difficult night, several Mustangs had an offensive presence. Isabella Mancilla, Elyanna Sanchez and Avianna Ma-

ter each recorded three kills, while. Isabella Espada added an ace from the service line. The loss came after Wekiva opened its home schedule with a strong performance against Oak Ridge on Aug. 20. The Mustangs swept the visiting Pioneers 25-22, 25-13, 25-10 behind a balanced offensive attack. Mater led Wekiva with 14 kills and was named the player of the game. The junior was a consistent presence throughout the three sets as the Mustangs earned their first victory of the season in front of the home crowd. Mancilla, a freshman right-side hitter, also made an immediate impact in her first varsity home match. She finished with 11 kills in just two sets played.

VOLLEYBALL, B4



Elyanna Sanchez rises for a kill attempt. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

Apopka falls to Boone, 21-14



Apopka jars the ball loose and recovers it in the fourth quarter. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

Late rally nearly ties the game

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

After waiting through an hour-long weather delay, Apopka finally took the field Friday night for its first official game of the 2026 season. The Blue Darters battled Boone from the opening whistle to the final seconds, but a late comeback attempt came up just short as Apopka fell 21-14 to the Braves at Boone High School. For a team that entered the season with plenty of outside doubt, the Blue Darters showed

they could compete with a playoff team that went 10-2 last season. But turnovers, penalties and missed opportunities ultimately kept Apopka from completing the upset. "We gotta fix all the little details," Apopka head coach Marcus Neeson said. "We just gotta limit all the little mistakes, and tonight they just came back to bite us." Boone received the opening kickoff, but Apopka's defense immediately set the tone. Jakendall Kemp and Kentral Baker combined for an 8-yard tackle for loss on the first play. On the third play of the drive, Le'Melle Griffin forced a fumble on a run up the middle, and Apopka recovered.

The Blue Darters quickly turned the takeaway into points. Quarterback Hunter McNenney found Nyzier Collington for a 10-yard first down on third down, and a Boone offense penalty moved Apopka five yards closer. After McNenney was sacked, Jakyvion Kemp broke through the middle for a 21-yard run to the Boone 10. Kemp followed with a 6-yard rush before finishing the drive himself two plays later, powering into the end zone for a touchdown. The extra point gave Apopka a 7-0 lead with 6:03 remaining in the first quarter. The defense answered again on Boone's next possession.

After Boone moved toward a third-down situation, Apopka defensive line coach Matt Anderson recognized the upcoming play and alerted Demetri Tarpley to be ready for a rollout to his side. Boone ran the play exactly as expected. Tarpley blew it up for a 6-yard sack, forcing a fourth-and-13 punt. The Blue Darters' offense struggled to capitalize on the next possession, and a series of special teams miscues nearly proved costly. A fumbled fake-punt snap was eventually picked up and kicked, but the punt was blocked. Jaylen Laster recovered the loose ball and

APOPKA, B3

Apopka golf swings into season at Oviedo Invitational

Blue Darters finish fourth out of 12 behind two sibling pairs

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Blue Darters opened their 2026 season Monday in the Oviedo High School Invitational at Twin Rivers Golf Club. They finished fourth out of 12 teams in their first tournament of the year under head coach Christian Lundy. Apopka finished behind Spruce Creek, Lake Mary and West Orange, while finishing just ahead of Lake Brantley. The result gave the Blue Darters an early measuring stick against several of the teams they will see again throughout the season.

Lundy began coaching Apopka golf last season, taking over toward the end of the year. This is his first full season leading the program. Away from Apopka High, Lundy serves as the athletic director at Kelly Park Middle School, where he also coaches several other sports. Last season, Apopka advanced to the regional tournament and came within three strokes of qualifying for the state tournament. With 20 golfers on this year's roster, Lundy and the Blue Darters are looking to build on that momentum. Six players compete for Apopka in each tournament. The Oviedo Invitational featured 12 teams and 72 golfers, and the tournament began with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Apopka opened the day among the top three teams through the

first nine holes before ultimately settling into fourth place. Junior Paul Ancona led the way for the Blue Darters, finishing ninth individually out of 72 golfers with a score of 5-over par. Ancona delivered one of Apopka's highlights of the day with a long birdie putt on the sixth hole before adding another birdie on hole 14. His younger brother, freshman Owen Ancona, followed closely behind, shooting 7-over par to finish 16th overall. The freshman showed consistency throughout his first high school tournament, making par on 72% of the holes while also recording a birdie. Each Apopka duo was paired together in a foursome with golfers from University High School (Orange) during the shotgun-start format. The Ancona brothers were not

the only siblings representing the Blue Darters. Senior Isaiah Smith and sophomore Jordan Smith also competed together during the tournament. Isaiah finished 11-over par and inside the top half of the field, recording three birdies on holes 4, 6 and 10. His brother also finished in the top half at 13-over par. Sophomore Wyatt Pugh and senior Kyler Ransom rounded out Apopka's six-player tournament lineup. The fourth-place finish gives Apopka an early indication of where it stands against some of the area's top programs. The Blue Darters finished between West Orange and Lake Brantley, two teams they will see again when Apopka hosts a tri-meet Sept. 1



Kyler Ransom eyes down his shot from a fairway. | PHOTO BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

GOLF, B4

Shellcrackers are on the beds and a full moon to top it off

Hello Folks,
I hope you're havin' a great week, and... you're lookin' forward to doin' some fishin' this weekend. They are callin' for rain this weekend, but... they call for rain most days and we don't get any! If you decide to go fishin', just take along some rain gear and you *should* be good to go.
They're still catchin' some bass in Lake Fairview durin' the Maitland Bass Fishin' tournament. The FWC is invitin' anglers to celebrate their freshwater fish catches with the *Big Catch* program. This program is



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Jim Keck
Correspondent

open to all anglers and all ages to give everyone a chance to celebrate their memorable catches. You can go to *BigCatchFlorida.com* to learn more about it. You need to get yourself registered and submit your catch. There are 30 freshwater species to choose from, and you'll receive recognition of your fish!

The folks that fish the Wednesday Night Shootout on Johns Lake are still doin' pretty good... even in this hot weather. It's takin' as little as 12 pounds for three bass to get *in the money*. A couple of weeks ago, a 9.75-pounder was caught durin' the tournament. So, the big'uns are still bitin'... *if* you're in the right place at the right time! Last week on the Johns Lake Wednesday Night Shootout, the team of Justin Evans and Connor Lietz won the tournament with three bass that hit the scales at 11.80 pounds. The Big Bass for that night weighed in at 6.15

pounds and was caught by the team of Nick Paulett and Randy Fitzgerald.
Folks are catchin' some nice bass in West Lake Toho. With (accordin' to the statistics) 22,700 acres (Wow!), that's a pretty good-sized lake! Again, you need to get out there at the crack of dawn if you want to catch some bass. Most of the big bass are bein' caught on shiners.
The bass fishin' on the Kissimmee Chain has been hit or miss. You need to get on the water early and fish a noisy topwater bait around the Kissimmee grass at first light. Once the sun gets up,

try and find some deeper water with some submerged hydrilla or eelgrass patches, and you *should* be able to catch a few more bass before it gets too doggone hot.
The shellcrackers are still bitin' really good in Lake Kissimmee. Lots of folks are gettin' on the water early (like about 6:30 a.m.) and catchin' their limit by 10 a.m. If you want to get in on the action, go get you a bucket of red worms... find a shellcracker bed... and go to catchin'em! When the shellcrackers are on the beds, you'll *smell'em* before you get to 'em! Most of the shellcrackers that are bein' caught are

caught in the pads.
The fishin' on the Headwaters Lake is still doin' good, and most folks are gettin' on the water pretty early. You'll do best with shiners, and then you can try fishin' some artificials later in the day. Try fishin' a chatter-bait or a slow-sinkin' Senko type bait.
Well, that's it for this week. I hope to see you on the water real soon.
Tip of the week: *Shellcrackers on the beds and a full moon* (named the *Sturgeon Moon!*) on Friday!
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MUSTANGS

FROM B1



Dominick Sanguine passes to Bakary Manley during Wekiva's game against Cypress Creek. | PHOTOS BY DANA O'CONNOR

suffocating Wekiva defense, Cypress Creek was unable to find an offensive rhythm. The Wekiva front seven, led by sophomore De'Andre Payne, freshman Nehemiah Middleton, and senior middle linebacker Jaylyn Noel, held the Bears' running attack to just six yards for the remainder of the game.
"Last week we made mistakes, and we learned from those mistakes," defensive coordinator Jerry Middleton said. "We carried the momentum from last

week into this week, and because of that, we got better as a unit."
While the defense was doing its job, Jerome continued with strong runs up the middle and finished with a second rushing touchdown.
With the score completely out of reach, some of the Wekiva reserve players also got involved. At the top of the fourth quarter, freshman quarterback Ty'Rance Cook completed a seam route pass to receiver Dominique Walker for Wekiva's last score of



Dominique Walker hauls in a pass over the middle from freshman quarterback Ty'Rance Cook.

the game, making it a 52-0 final.
Kicker Jochrist Exantus also converted three extra-point attempts on the night to contribute to the scoring.
The Mustangs, coming off a 1-9 season in 2025, have already come a long way toward setting

a new standard on the gridiron following last week's preseason win over Tavares and the season-opening victory over Cypress Creek. The Wekiva community is taking notice, too.
"The coaches are doing a phenomenal job," said Wekiva



De'Andre Payne recovers a fumble against Cypress Creek.

assistant principal Vanessa Marshall. "I am very proud of these boys and the brotherhood they are starting to form. It seems that they are very disciplined."
On Friday night, the Mustangs

will travel to Lake Buena Vista (0-1) to take on the Vipers for their second game of the season — and a chance to double their win total from 2025.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

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1 Timothy 4:12

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **LUKE M. CLASSON, P.E.** has made application relating to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3170

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN TO MIXED USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; OWNED BY EFFIE ROAD HOLDINGS, LLC; LOCATED EAST OF PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD AND SOUTH OF KELLY PARK ROAD; COMPRISING 5.09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Parcel Identification Number(s): 18-20-28-0000-00-065
Contains: 5.09 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3170 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, September 2, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, September 16, 2026 beginning at 6:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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

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Community Development Department

August 28, 2026

APOPKA
FROM B1



Jakyvion Kemp cuts up the sideline after receiving the pitch from Jaylen Laster in an attempt to score the final touchdown.
| PHOTOS BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

raced left for a miraculous first down.

Apopka was stopped at its own 27, however, and a shanked punt gave Boone possession at the Blue Darters' 36.

The Braves tied the game to start the second quarter on a rushing touchdown with 11:18 left in the half.

Apopka's offense then stalled, and Boone eventually took its first lead of the night after a long drive from mid-field ended in another rushing touchdown. The Braves led 14-7 with 3:56 remaining in the half.

Apopka had opportunities to respond.

Laster caught a bubble screen for 10 yards, and Nicholas Taylor added another 10-yard reception on a screen. But the drive ended when a fumbled snap gave Boone the ball at the Apopka 38.

The Blue Darters kept fighting.

A Boone pass was deflected at the line, and Baker came down with the interception, returning it to the Braves 40-yard line with 1:40 remaining.

Apopka went into its

two-minute offense, with Mc-Nenney finding Collington for five yards and Kemp breaking loose for a 20-yard run. A deep pass intended for Collington fell incomplete, then a deflected pass was intercepted at the Boone 15 with 37 seconds left.

Boone kneeled into halftime with a 14-7 lead.

The Braves extended that advantage in the third quarter after back-and-forth defensive stops. Apopka fumbled another snap that gave them possession deep in Blue Darters territory. Boone punched the ball into the end zone with 23 seconds remaining in the quarter to make it 21-7.

Apopka, however, refused to go away.

Freshman quarterback Kai Goodling entered the game and immediately connected with Collington on back-to-back plays. Goodling also found Ceon Cotton for a 36-yard gain, and a pass interference penalty moved the ball to the Boone 21.

A potential touchdown drive was erased by a holding penalty, and Apopka eventually turned the ball over on downs.



David Wemberly (23) and Kamron Medina (29) tackle a Boone ball carrier in the second quarter of their Week 1 matchup.

The defense continued to give the Blue Darters chances, forcing another three-and-out and creating another fumble that Jayden Caban recovered.

McNenney returned to quarterback and led Apopka on its final two drives.

He connected with Kemp for five yards, benefited from a Boone offside penalty and watched Johnson Navilssaint take a reverse for a first down. McNenney then found Ryan Bacon at the 20 before delivering a perfectly placed touchdown pass to Kemp on a wheel route with 1:43 remaining.

The Blue Darters attempted an onside kick but could not recover it, leaving Boone with the ball and a chance to run out the clock.

Apopka's defense forced a fourth down, but Boone was able to drain the clock down to 32 seconds.

After a big stop, Apopka had one final opportunity.

McNenney found Laster deep to the Boone 37 with 17 seconds remaining. After an incomplete deep pass, Apopka went to its bag of tricks with five seconds left.

McNenney was hit as he threw, but the pass found Collington on a curl at the 20. Laster followed underneath for a hook-and-ladder lateral pass,

and after the defense swarmed the play, the ball was pitched again to Kemp.

Kemp fought his way to the 10-yard line before being tackled, ending the game. Kemp finished the night with both Apopka touchdowns and led the team with 94 total yards.

Though Apopka outgained Boone in total yards, they finished the night on the wrong side of a 21-14 score. Neeson said the performance showed his team can compete — if it cleans up the details.

"The play-calling is there," Neeson said. "We just can't turn the ball over. We can't put the ball on the ground. Quarterbacks, when they've got a pocket, they've got to be able to stay in the pocket and throw the football. Receivers did a good job of getting open and making some huge catches. Running backs did a good job running the ball. The line gave solid protection."

The Blue Darters entered the game as significant underdogs according to the On3 Massey ratings, but Neeson said outside expectations do not matter to his team.

"Everyone's gonna doubt us this year because of what's happened the past two years," Neeson said. "So I've tuned out of all the outside noise, and



Demetri Tarpley squashes the Boone quarterback.



Jayden Caban recovers a fumble late in the fourth quarter.



Jakendall Kemp spears through a Boone ball carrier as Jayden Caban cleans up the tackle.

doubters are gonna doubt."

Instead, Neeson is focused on improvement.

"I told my coaches we're gonna coach hard, and the kids gotta respond to it," he said. "It sucks that we're in this position, but you don't want to peak

in the first week. So being able to stack days and improve each week is the goal."

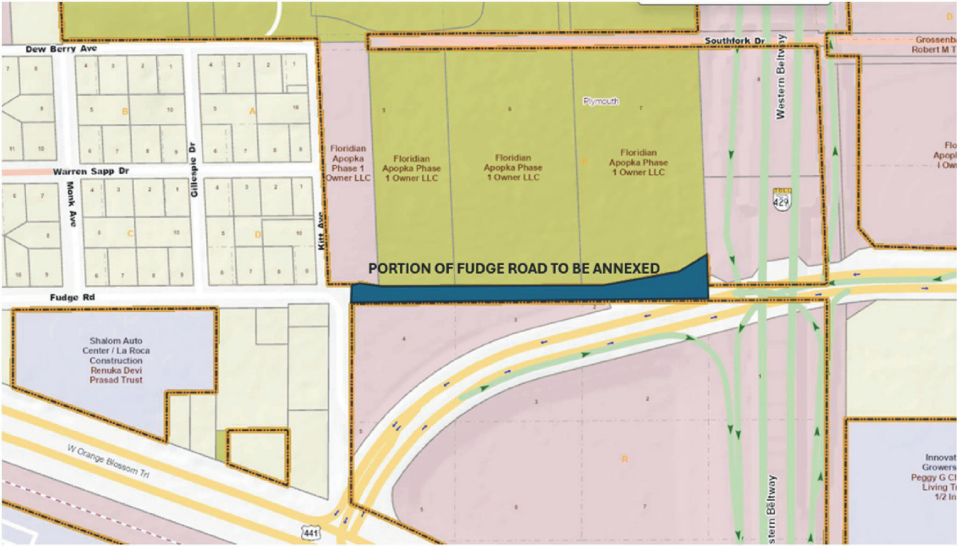
Apopka will get its first chance to do exactly that Friday when the Blue Darters return home to host Winter Park at 7 p.m. for their home opener.

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ANNEXATION
CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **the City of Apopka** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Commission for an **ANNEXATION** of a portion of Fudge Road between Kitt Avenue and 429 Connector Road. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3173

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; A PORTION OF FUDGE ROAD BETWEEN KITT AVENUE AND SR 429 CONNECTOR ROAD; COMPRISING 1.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Contains: 1.0 +/- acres

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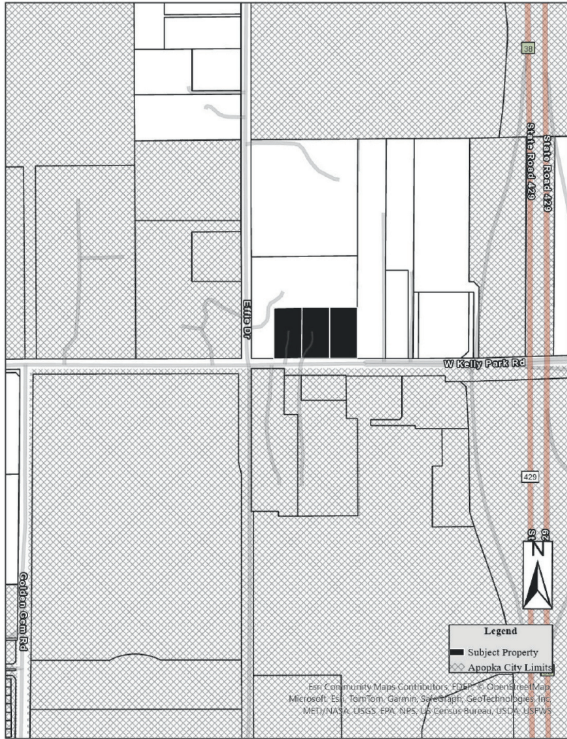
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CITY OF APOPKA
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SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE
AMENDMENT

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ORDINANCE NO. 3164

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RURAL AND FUTURE LAND USE-IN PROGRESS TO MIXED USE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; OWNED BY EFFIE ROAD HOLDINGS, LLC; LOCATED EAST OF EFFIE ROAD AND NORTH OF KELLY PARK ROAD; COMPRISING 3.48 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 12-20-27-0000-00-016, 12-20-27-0000-00-017 and 12-20-27-0000-00-018
Contains: 3.48 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3164 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, September 2, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, September 16, 2026 beginning at 6:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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

August 28, 2026

Apopka City Commission
Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department

GOLF
FROM B1



Jordan Smith hits a ball from the fairway. | PHOTOS BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

at their home course, Zellwood Golf Club. That matchup will provide Apopka with the first opportunity to defend its home course while continuing to measure itself against two rivals they just competed against.

The Blue Darters followed Monday’s tournament with consecutive road matches Tuesday and Wednesday against Lake Nona and Forest Lake Academy. They will return to tournament play at the West Orange Invitational on Sept. 18.



Owen Ancona chips a ball onto the green from the top of the fairway.



Wyatt Pugh putts from a distance.



Paul and Owen Ancona were paired with golfers from University High School (Orange).



Isaiah Smith hits a ball from the rough onto the green.

VOLLEYBALL
FROM B1



Isabella Espada attempts to save a ball over her head. | PHOTOS BY VINNIE CAMMARANO

Senior Sanchez added eight kills and three aces, while senior setter Isabella Espada kept the offense moving with 34 assists. Behind them, senior libero Mikayla Rivera provided

a strong defensive presence. Rivera received 19 serves and made several key saves to keep balls from hitting the floor or going out of play. The victory over Oak Ridge showed what the Mustangs can



Wekiva celebrates a big kill.

do when they establish their rhythm, while Tuesday’s loss provided a reminder of the high level of competition on Wekiva’s schedule. The Mustangs have entered one of their busiest stretches of the early season. Tuesday marked the beginning of three consecutive game days for Wekiva. The Mustangs

traveled to Lake Buena Vista (1-2) on Wednesday night before closing the stretch Thursday night on the road against Cypress Creek (2-1). After the demanding three-day stretch, the Mustangs will have an opportunity to regroup and build on their chemistry before they play Jones at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at home.



Mikayla Rivera steps up to serve.

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... in our community, so we can join in.

Kids: color stuff in!

News! Read All About It!

Our Town News

September 30 Sunny, 73° F

Dish Runs Away With Spoon!

Breaking News!

On Thursday, Sept. 29 at 9 p.m. officers responded to a complaint about loud noises in a small suburban kitchen.

On Friday, Mr. James Smith, owner of the home, explained what had happened.

“There was a rustling noise in the kitchen. I got up to check on it and, to my surprise, one of the dishes was running away with a spoon,” he said.

Eyewitnesses included forks and knives. Most occupants, except the kitchen sink, claimed to have been thrilled by the daring escape.

Who gets important community news, information and stories out to the public? Reporters and journalists. There is a whole team of people behind every item published – from the reporter and video crew in the front to the columnists, editors, printers and publishers in the back. Today, lots of people enjoy the paper version of the newspaper, while many also are reading the news on their tablets, computers and smart phones. People always want to learn about what is going on.



Newspaper articles try to answer the questions “Who, what, when, where, why and how.” **Read the story above and see if you can find out the answer to each of these questions.**

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5 date

6 maps

7 stories

8 name

9 headlines

10 advertisements

All About Newspapers!

Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle.

- short titles of articles
- day, month, year
- businesses pay to put these next to the news
- tells section and page where item is located
- pictures of people, events
- advice, opinions
- person who writes stories for publication
- often largest words on the front page, newspaper’s _____
- for weather, road construction, travel
- written information

I like to chew on the ideas in newspapers!

Hard news is best – it helps me to keep my gums healthy!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Friday, August 28

Will Patrick Live at the House on Lang
7 p.m. – The House on Lang (1308 Lang Ave., Orlando) Will Patrick's newest album "Sound of the Sky" blends soulful, high-energy rock with delicate, acoustic, and introspective folk arrangements. \$13.32.

Omar Jose Cardona - with Triple Threat
7 p.m. & 9 p.m. – Judson's Live (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Experience The Voice finalist Omar Jose Cardona in his Judson's Live debut, featuring powerhouse rock vocals, theatrical flair and special guests Rachel Potter and Marty Thomas. From \$64.90.

Ride the Cyclone
7:30 p.m. – Theatre South Playhouse (7601 Della Drive, Suite #15, Orlando)
In this hilarious and outlandish story, the lives of a Canadian chamber choir are cut short in a freak accident aboard a roller coaster. When they awake in limbo, a mechanical fortune teller invites each to tell a story to win a prize like no other — the chance to return to life. From \$21.58.

Saturday, August 29

End of Summer Pop-Up at Trim Salon & Spa

10 a.m. – Trim Salon & Spa (1910 Alden Road, Orlando)
Mark your calendars and join us at Trim Salon & Spa on Saturday, August 29 for an afternoon of beauty, baubles and bubbles. Stop by and help support some amazing creators. Light bites and drinks provided. Free.

Bookish Fantasy Sword Making
11 a.m. – Van Goghblin Cafe (805 W. Central Blvd., Suite A, Orlando)
Get ready to craft your own fantasy sword and bring your favorite bookish battles to life with a custom sword or dagger! From \$47.41.

OCLS American Road Trip: One Nation, Many Stories With Roy Stone
2 p.m. – OCLS Hiawassee Branch (7391 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando)
Take a magical road trip across America as Roy Stone blends history, humor, and heartwarming stories with dazzling illusions and puppetry. Recommended for ages 6–12. Free.

Cookie Painting Experience
3 p.m. – Dolce and Bake Cafe/Bakery (8143 S. John Young Parkway, Orlando)
Join us for a cookie painting experience filled with creativity, sweetness, and fun! \$36.05.

Lil Rascal's Dog Rescue Presents- 3rd Annual Ties & Tails Gala
6:30 p.m. – Lakeside Recep-



Which bird will be joining us? Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the reveal! | COURTESY OF HOLLERBACH'S GERMAN RESTAURANT

tion Hall (4005 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando)
Get ready for a fun night of fancy ties, wagging tails, and good vibes all for a great cause! From \$65.87.

Pops and Prodigy - Generations of Soul
7 p.m. & 9 p.m. – Judson's Live (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Experience father-and-son duo Casey Gulledge and Curtis Gulledge Sr. in an unforgettable evening of R&B, soul and gospel featuring timeless hits and heartfelt storytelling. From \$53.10.

Sunday, August 30

The American Sirens
3 p.m. & 6 p.m. – Judson's Live (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Step back into the Golden Age of Hollywood with The American Sirens, performing vintage jazz, swing classics and retro-inspired takes on today's biggest hits. From \$46.

Tuesday, September 1

Hollerbach's German Meat Bingo

6 p.m. – Avian Reconditioning Center (323 Lester Road, Apopka)
Have fun while you support a local nonprofit, the Avian Reconditioning Center! The first of six bingo games starts inside around 6:30 p.m. Each bingo game winner takes home meat donated by Hollerbach's German Market. Join us any time before 8:00 p.m. for your chances to win! Bingo cards are \$5 to play all night. Or triple your chances of winning with "triple decker" cards for \$10! All proceeds from bingo card and raffle ticket sales will benefit raptor care at the Center.

Wednesday, September 2

Handmade Gnocchi at a Local Brewery With Chef Ny
7 p.m. – Ten10 Brewing Company (1010 Virginia Drive, Orlando)
Join Chef Ny for a hands-on cooking class through Classpop! where you'll learn how to make something delicious without Googling "easy dinner ideas" mid-meltdown. \$65.86.

Sushi Making at an Orlando Meadery With Chef Mark
7 p.m. – Zymarium Meadery (1121 N. Mills Ave., Orlando)
Make your own rolls in this 2-hour cooking class! All ingredients and cooking tools are provided. \$65.86.

Thursday, September 3

Plant Your Fall Garden: Seeds, Seedlings & a Plan
9 a.m. – UF/IFAS Extension Orange County (6021 S. Conway Road, Orlando)
Learn how to grow a thriving fall vegetable garden in Central Florida, covering the timing, techniques, and classic crops. \$23.18.

The Felted Pebble Jewelry Workshop
9:30 a.m. – FAVO (718 Highland Ave., Suite #238, Orlando)
Using felt, beads, and embroidery thread, you'll learn how to turn a humble pebble into a beautiful statement necklace. \$64.48.

Orange County Retired Educators 2026/27 Kick-off Meeting
10 a.m. – Church on the Drive (1914 Edgewater Drive, Orlando)
The Orange County Retired Educators Association is open to any retired teacher, administrator or staff member who would like to join us. The group supports schools and teachers through scholarships and volunteer work. Free.

The Art of the Slow Stitch: A Fabric Collage Workshop
1:30 p.m. – FAVO (718 Highland Ave., Suite #238, Orlando)
Under expert guidance, you will curate a unique fabric collage panel, experimenting with texture, color, and tactile manipulation. \$75.84.

You just can't beat catfish, hushpuppies, and coleslaw

Emily Meggett's recipe for Okra Gumbo comes from her book titled *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking*. You can use fresh or frozen okra and shrimp. She also puts a little sugar in the recipe and says it helps to cut the acid from the tomatoes. You can serve this gumbo by itself in a bowl or over a bed of brown or white rice.

Pan-Fried Catfish from Marvin Woods' book, *The New Low-Country Cooking*, calls for nice big catfish fillets and buttermilk, sherry and two kinds of vinegar, along with sundry other ingredients. Marvin Woods says, "Catfish today... *most* catfish are farm-raised, which means they are bred (and raised) in clear water and are fed wheat and corn pellets. This makes the fish a lot sweeter and more subtle in flavor. This fish can be eaten with just a squeeze of lemon."

Hush puppies are traditionally served with seafood. To go with your catfish, we have a recipe from Jane Bradley in *Southern Style*. I used to make hush puppies with minced onion and white water-ground cornmeal, and buttermilk, of course! I would not have put sugar in mine, though. They looked like thick, round pancakes about 2 inches or so in width, and they were delicious... not those little overly sweet, hard, dark brown marbles they *call* hush puppies that you get out in the seafood places today. FYI, back in the days before paper towels, my mother used newspapers to soak up the fat from deep-fried foods!

Who can eat catfish without coleslaw on the side? Chef Dennis Littlely from *askchef-dennis.com* says, "My homemade coleslaw is the perfect side dish for grilled and barbecued dishes. However, the crunchy texture of the creamy coleslaw makes it my favorite anytime salad." Dennis got a score of 4.98 from 388 votes on his website. *I'll* sure try his coleslaw recipe!

EMILY MEGGETT'S OKRA GUMBO
Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett
INGREDIENTS:
3/4 pound salt pork, cut into 1-inch



pieces
1 onion, chopped
1 bell pepper, chopped
1 28-ounce can crushed or diced tomatoes
1 can tomato paste (fill the tomato paste can three times with water and add to gumbo)
3 pounds okra, cut into 1/2-inch pieces, or 2 pounds frozen cut okra
Crushed red pepper
Gold Medal seasoning salt
1 tablespoon sugar, plus more to taste
Kernels cut from 2 ears fresh corn or 1 each 15-1/4-ounce can corn, drained
1-1/2 pounds small shrimp, peeled and deveined (optional, but recommended)
DIRECTIONS:

1) In a large, heavy-bottomed pot, fry the salt pork over medium heat until crisp, 5 to 7 minutes. 2) Add the onion and bell pepper and sauté together for 5 to 7 minutes, until translucent. 3) Add the tomatoes and tomato paste. 4) Refill the tomato paste can with water three times. Pour the water into the pot. 5) Bring to a boil over high heat. 6) Turn down the heat to medium and cook for 25 to 30 minutes. If the mixture is too thick, add more water. 7) Add the okra, crushed red pepper, seasoning salt to taste, and the sugar. 8) Cook for 15 to 20 minutes. 9) Finally, add the corn and shrimp. 10) Stir and cook the gumbo over low heat for about 10 more minutes. Serve with rice or eat plain.

PAN-FRIED CATFISH
The New Low-Country Cooking
by Marvin Woods

INGREDIENTS:
Six 8- to 10-ounce catfish fillets (preferably farm-raised)
SHERRIED BUTTERMILK MARINADE:
3 cups buttermilk
1/2 cup sherry
1 tablespoon sherry vinegar *plus*
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
2 tablespoons celery seeds
1-1/2 tablespoons garlic powder
1 tablespoon paprika
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
BREADING:
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup fine yellow cornmeal
2 tablespoons garlic powder
1 tablespoon chili powder

1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon cayenne pepper
1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
DIRECTIONS:
1) In a large bowl, whisk together all the marinade ingredients. 2) Place the catfish in a large shallow dish. 3) Pour the marinade over the fish, cover the dish with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 24 hours. 4) In a shallow bowl or pie plate, combine all the breading ingredients. 5) Remove the catfish from the marinade, letting excess run back into the dish. 6) Dredge the fillets in the breading mixture to lightly coat both sides; shake off any excess. 7) In a large skillet (preferably cast iron), heat the oil over medium heat. 8) When the oil is hot, about 350 degrees Fahrenheit, carefully lower the fillets into the pan. 9) Cook until the fillets are lightly browned and the flesh is opaque throughout when flaked with a fork, 3 to 5 minutes on each side. 10) Use a slotted spatula to remove the fish to a warmed serving plate.

HUSH PUPPIES
Recipe from *Southern Style*
by Jane Bradley

INGREDIENTS:
1-1/2 cups fine white cornmeal
3 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2 tablespoons butter, lard, or shortening, melted
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup buttermilk (additional may be needed)
2 tablespoons finely minced onion
Oil or shortening for deep frying
DIRECTIONS:
1) In a medium bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Stir to blend. Add melted butter (or lard or shortening); beaten eggs; buttermilk; minced onion; and stir to blend. Mixture must be moist but must also hold its shape on a spoon. 2) Heat oil to 375 degrees Fahrenheit in a deep-fat fryer or large saucepan. Oil needs to be about 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep. 3) Dip spoon into the oil or shortening, scoop up about a tablespoon of batter and push batter into the hot oil with another spoon.

Don't crowd the fryer or saucepan; the hush puppies will fry more evenly and will float and stop sizzling when cooked through. 4) Turn frequently until golden brown. 5) Drain on paper towels. 6) You can keep hush puppies warm in a 250-degree oven until all the mixture has been cooked.

NOTE (this is important!): If *too much* liquid is used, the hush puppies will not hold their shape and won't cook through. If *not enough* liquid is used, the hush puppies will be irregularly and roughly shaped and will not be light and fluffy. Test your mixture by cooking one hush puppy and either add another tablespoon of cornmeal or another tablespoon of water or buttermilk, as needed. Serves: 6 to 8.

DENNIS LITTLELY'S BEST HOMEMADE COLESLAW RECIPE
Recipe from: Chef Dennis Littlely from *askchefdennis.com*

INGREDIENTS:
1 small cabbage shredded and chopped (about 6 cups)
1 large carrot shredded
1 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1-1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt (more or less to taste)
1/8 teaspoon pepper (more or less to taste)

DIRECTIONS:
1) Cut the cabbage in half and remove the core from each side. 2) Using a sharp knife cut the cabbage in very thin slices, then chop the slices into small pieces. Place the prepared cabbage in a large mixing bowl. 3) You can use a food processor to slice or shred the cabbage, or you can also use a box grater to shred the cabbage and carrot. 4) Lightly salting shredded cabbage for 20 to 30 minutes draws out excess moisture before the dressing is added. This simple step helps prevent watery coleslaw, especially if you're making it several hours ahead. 5) In a medium bowl, combine mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar, lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Mix until smooth and creamy. 6) Pour the slaw dressing over the cabbage and carrots. Thoroughly mix to combine. Refrigerate until ready to serve. 7) Cole-slaw is always better after sitting for a day; make sure to mix the slaw a few times as it sits in the fridge.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002542-O
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF JANICE BURNS a/k/a JANICE WAGNER BURNS
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Janice Burns a/k/a Janice Wagner Burns, deceased, whose date of death was July 5, 2026, 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.
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, 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 28, 2026.
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August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-2735
Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARIA LUGO AKA MARIA DEL C. LUGO AKA MARIA C. LUGO AKA MARIA DEL CARMEN LUGO AKA MARIA DEL C. PEREZ
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Maria Lugó, AKA Maria Del C. Lugo, AKA Maria C. Lugo, AKA Maria Del Carmen Lugo, AKA Maria Del C. Perez, deceased, whose date of death was July 24, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32703. 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 28, 2026.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002565-O
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF DONNA BARBARA HOMA a/k/a DANUTA HOMA
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Donna Barbara Homa a/k/a Danuta Homa, deceased, whose date of death was May 27, 2026, 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.
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 28, 2026.
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August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 48-2026-CP-02685A0010X
Division 2
IN RE: ESTATE OF WALTER ARTHUR REEVES
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Walter Arthur Reeves, deceased, whose date of death was June 30, 2026, 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.
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 28, 2026.
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August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026CP-2446
Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY MARK ALLEN
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION (intestate)
The administration of the estate of Gary Mark Allen, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801. The file number for the estate is 2026CP-2446. The estate is intestate. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. The fiduciary lawyer - client privilege in Sec. 90.5021, Fla. Stat., applies with respect to the personal representative and any attorney employed by the personal representative. Any interested person on whom a copy of the notice of administration is served must file with the court, on or before the date that is 3 months after the date of service of a copy of the Notice of Administration on that person, any objection that challenges the validity of a will admitted to probate, venue or jurisdiction of the court. The 3 month time period may only be extended for estoppel based upon a misstatement by the personal representative regarding the time period within which an objection must be filed. The time period may not be extended for any other reason, including affirmative representation, failure to disclose information, or misconduct by the personal representative or any other person. Unless sooner barred by Sec. 733.212(3), Fla. Stat., all objections to the validity of a will admitted to probate, venue or the jurisdiction of the court must be filed no later than the earlier of the entry of an order of final discharge of the personal representative or 1 year after service of the notice of administration. Persons who may be entitled to exempt property under Sec. 732.402, Fla. Stat., will be deemed to have waived their rights to claim that property as exempt property unless a petition for determination of exempt property is filed by such persons or on their behalf on or before the later of the date that is 4 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on such persons or the date that

is 40 days after the date of termination of any proceedings involving the construction, admission to probate, or validity of a will or involving any other matter affecting any part of the exempt property. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of Decedent's death by Decedent or Decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in Sec. 732.216-732.228, Fla. Stat., applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by the surviving spouse or a beneficiary as specified under Sec. 732.2211, Fla. Stat. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
Unless an extension is granted pursuant to Sec. 732.2135(2), Fla. Stat., an election to take an elective share must be filed on or before the earlier of the date that is 6 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on the surviving spouse, an attorney in fact or a guardian of the property of the surviving spouse; or the date that is 2 years after the date of Decedent's death.
Under certain circumstances and by failing to contest the will, the recipient of the notice of administration may be waiving his or her right to contest the validity of a trust or other writing incorporated by reference into a will.
All Decedent's creditors 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 of Decedent's other creditors 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 SEC. 733.702, FLA. STAT., WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The first date of publication of this Notice: August 21, 2026
Signed by:
Linda Allen
Personal Representative
/s/ Savannah Young Cerullo
SAVANNAH YOUNG CERULLO
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar Number: 79107
Boswell & Dunlap, LLP
Attorneys for Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 30
Bartow, FL 33831
Telephone: (863) 533-7117
E-Mail: Savannah@bosdun.com
August 21, 28, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002303-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE WARREN HALL, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GEORGE WARREN HALL, deceased, whose date of death was April 13, 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.
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.
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.
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.
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 21, 2026.
Personal Representative:
GRETCHEN PETERS
7350 WHITLEY DRIVE
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80920
Attorney for Personal Representative:
DANIELLE WHITE, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 1035906
VELIZ KATZ LAW
630 North Wymore Road,
Suite 330
Maitland, Florida 32751
Telephone: (407) 849-7072
Facsimile: (407) 849-7075
E-Mail:
VelizKatz@VelizKatzLaw.com
Secondary:
Probate@VelizKatzLaw.com
Attorney for Petitioner
August 21, 28, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002317-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF GAGE TREX SMITH, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GAGE TREX SMITH deceased, whose date of death was July 6, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North 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.
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.
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.
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.
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 21, 2026.
Personal Representative:
SHANE SMITH
7744 WHISPER PLACE
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32810
HEATHER SMITH
632 BALFOUR DRIVE
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA 32792
Attorney for Personal Representative:
DANIELLE WHITE, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 1035906
VELIZ KATZ LAW
630 North Wymore Road,
Suite 330
Maitland, Florida 32751
Telephone: (407) 849-7072
Facsimile: (407) 849-7075
E-Mail:
VelizKatz@VelizKatzLaw.com
Secondary:
Probate@VelizKatzLaw.com
Attorney for Petitioner
August 21, 28, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 2014-CP-001609-O
DIVISION Probate
IN RE: HISAKO WELKY 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 \$66,785.29 are being held for TERUMI SAGAE in the registry of court, deposited per order of 08/17/2026 in the Estate of HISAKO WELKY, deceased; case number 2014-CP-001609-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 25th day of August 2026.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Orange County
Clerk of the Circuit Court
425 N. Orange Ave.,
Ste. 335
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
By: /s/ Carissa Bundy
Deputy Clerk
Publish: The Apopka Chief
August 28, September 25, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 2024-CP-000370-O
DIVISION Probate
IN RE: BARBARA MCCORMICK AMBERTSON 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 \$977.50 are being held for CONWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in the registry of court, deposited per order of 04/14/2026 in the Estate of BARBARA MCCORMICK AMBERTSON, deceased; case number 2024-CP-000370-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 28th 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/ Carissa Bundy
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 31, August 28, 2026

NOTICE OF ACTION – QUIET TITLE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-006874-O
NICOLAS CHAILLAN, as Trustee of the CHAILLAN FAMILY TRUST, U/A DATED JUNE 21, 2018, Plaintiff,
vs.
DUANE E. THOMAS, CHANDRA R. THOMAS, and ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 182 KENTUCKY BLUE CIRCLE, APOPKA, FLORIDA 32712, Defendants.
TO: ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN
AND TO: All parties claiming interests by, through, under, or against the above-named Defendants, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title, or interest in the following described real property situated in Orange County,

Florida:
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
Lot 9, Bluegrass Estates, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 44, Page(s) 83 through 85, Public Records of Orange County, Florida.
Street Address:
182 Kentucky Blue Circle,
Apopka, Florida 32712
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the above-described property has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:
Derek E. Bruce, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 0148717
Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A.
200 South Orange Avenue
Suite 1400
Orlando, Florida 32801
Telephone: (407) 648-5077
Email: dbruce@gunster.com
on or before 30 days from the first date of publication 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.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on this 5th day of August, 2026.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
RUSSELL Clerk of the Circuit Court
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
By: /s/ Lauren Scheidt
As Deputy Clerk
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
PUBLISH:
The Apopka Chief
August 14, 21, 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-000131-O
DIV NO.: 34
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.
WILLIAM H. BLAND, AS INDIVIDU-AL, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XII
TO: GINA UMALI TING
7436 FERN AVE
NIAGARA FALLS,
ONTARIO L2G 5H5
CANADA
RAFAEL LORENZ TING
7436 FERN AVE
NIAGARA FALLS,
ONTARIO L2G 5H5
CANADA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 24, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009844-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT II
Unit Week 16 in Unit 2403, in LAKE-SHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 30th of September, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on August 24, 2026.
DATED August 24, 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 #126445.0026
MRHC #ORANGE
August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009844-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
TONY WANYIU CHENG, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI
TO: MARILYN A. SANDERS
7040 W FOSS RD
MONEE, IL 60449-9002
MCARTHUR SANDERS
7040 W FOSS RD
MONEE, IL 60449-9002
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 19, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012379-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012379-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of HAO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
TONY WANYIU CHENG, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI
TO: MARILYN A. SANDERS
7040 W FOSS RD
MONEE, IL 60449-9002
MCARTHUR SANDERS
7040 W FOSS RD
MONEE, IL 60449-9002
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 19, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012379-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
Unit Week 39 in Unit 1330, in HAO CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 6017 at Page 0143 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of September, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on August 20, 2026.
DATED August 20, 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 #110528.0815
MRHC #ORANGE
August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009844-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES W. ALBRIGHT, DECEASED, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II
TO: RICHARD J. FUCHS, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF RICHARD J. FUCHS, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
CHAS. MICHAEL S. DINNEY
ESQ 919 CONESTOGA RD
STE 3-114 BRYN MAWR,
PENNSYLVANIA 19010
MAUREN FUCHS, DECEASED
C/O MICHAEL S. DINNEY
ESQ 919 CONESTOGA RD
STE 3-114 BRYN MAWR,
PENNSYLVANIA 19010
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 24, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009844-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT II
Unit Week 16 in Unit 2403, in LAKE-SHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 30th of September, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on August 24, 2026.
DATED August 24, 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 #126445.0026
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August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-009844-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES W. ALBRIGHT, DECEASED, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT I
TO: JAMES W. ALBRIGHT, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF JAMES W. ALBRIGHT, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
3822 LINCOLNSHIRE DR
MCCHENRY, IL 60051-8562
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 24, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009844-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT I
Unit Week 34 in Unit 2212, in LAKE-SHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 30th of September, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on August 24, 2026.
DATED August 24, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who

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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 #126445.0025 MRHC #ORANGE August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-012379-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of HAO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
TONY WANYIU CHENG, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV
TO: DONNA M. CONQUEST
PO BOX 722 and 7251
NE 92ND CT
BRONSON, FL 32621-0722
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 19, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012379-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IV
Unit Week 06 in Unit 1019, in HAO CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 6017 at Page 0143 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of September, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on August 20, 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 #110528.0814 MRHC #ORANGE August 28, September 4, 2026

A-AAA Key Mini Storage
1001 S Semoran Blvd
Orlando FL 32807
407-404-9422
M306@trustedstoragepros.com
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 1001 S Semoran Blvd Orlando FL 32807, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for Credit/Debit only at www.storageauctions.com on September 16, 2026 at 11:30AM.
ELISE BELL:
Totes, bags, clothes
ELISE MARIE BELL:
Totes, bags, clothes
FAKRUDDIN AHMED:
Display cases
BAYRON ROANDOLFO PONCE DUARTE:
Furniture, bags, buckets, clothes, construction materials, fishing poles, coolers
JESSICA MARIE HENDRICKSON:
Microwaves, shelves
ARABELLA VARGAS:
Totes, boxes, fans, home difacor, wheelchair, walker
RAFAEL JOSE CRUZ CISCO:
Buckets, cleaning supplies, boxes
RAFAEL CRUZ:
Buckets, cleaning supplies, boxes
Publish: The Apopka Chief
August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-006789-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
ANDI MIGUEL, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: ADRIAN AMPUERO
CAMINO SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS 1 CASA 52 SANTIAGO, 1030000 CHILE
AND
ANALYA GUTIERREZ
CAMINO SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS 1 CASA 52

SANTIAGO, 1030000 CHILE
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**
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: CB3109 & CB3110 & CD4508 & CD4509) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082- 0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of October 01, 2021 (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 19th day of AUGUST, 2026.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
BY: /S/ Nancy Garcia
As Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR
PLAINTIFF
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#126435.9609/MP120
August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-000131-O
DIV NO.: 34
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.
WILLIAM H. BLAND, AS INDIVIDUAL, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII
TO: MAX WARREN BARBER
1028 S 1900 E
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108
SARAH GRACE NAVARRA
1028 S 1900 E
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 24, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2026-CA-000131-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VIII
16 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: T50551 & T50552 & T50601 & T50602 & T50603 & T50604 & T50605 & T50606 & T50607 & T50608 & T50609 & T50610 & T50611 & T50612 & T50613 & T50614) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 4000 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 December 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of September, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on August 24, 2026. DATED August 24, 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 #129710.0164 MRHC #ORANGE August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 2024-CA-008769-O
MANUEL OLIVA ROMERO and RAQUEL OLIVA ROMERO, Plaintiffs,
v.
MILYNEY BURGOS, Defendant.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on August 17, 2026, the property situated in Orange County, Florida, to wit:
18923 Old Cheney Highway, Orlando, Florida 32820
Parcel Number: 22-22-32-0728-22-412
The Southeasterly 157 feet of the Northwesterly 257 feet of Block 2241, of BITHLO, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book P, Page 69, Public Records of Orange County, Florida will be sold to the highest and best bidder by electronic sale at: <https://www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com> at 11:00 a.m. on September 23, 2026.

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 sixty (60) days after the sale.
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 Ninth Circuit Court Administration ADA Coordinator, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida 32801 (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Submitted by:
Cesery L. Bullard, Esquire
Florida Bar No. 793361
Bullard Law
815 North Magnolia Ave., Suite 300
Orlando, Florida 32803
Phone: (407) 648-9530
cbullard@bullard-law.com
Attorney for Plaintiffs
August 21, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-000131-O
DIV NO.: 34
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.
WILLIAM H. BLAND, AS INDIVIDUAL, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X
TO: LARRY S. MILLER,
LARRY S. MILLER, AS INDIVIDUAL
AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE MILLER FAMILY TRUST DATED OCTOBER 15, 1990
3378 CRISTOBAL WAY
SPRING VALLEY, CA 91977-3109
BETTY L. MILLER, AS INDIVIDUAL
AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE MILLER FAMILY TRUST DATED OCTOBER 15, 1990
3378 CRISTOBAL WAY
SPRING VALLEY, CA 91977-3109
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 24, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2026-CA-000131-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT X
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: W37945 & W37946 & W93221 & W97151 & W97152 & W97201) 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, 2024 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of September, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on August 24, 2026. DATED August 24, 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 #129710.0166 MRHC #ORANGE August 28, September 4, 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 9/21/26 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:
#A201-202-Wilbert Pierre-
#B029-Ja'leel Jackson-
#C003-Leeyeshika Candelario-
#C028-Ashari White-
C056-Julian Hamilton
Spades Cuts/ Julian Hamilton-
#1058-Kianna Gray-
#1064-Desiree Combs-
#1128-Jose Rodriguez-
#1187-Decarius Curry-
#1219-Kassendy Clerzeau
#1230-Rodney Jones
August 28, September 4, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-005670-O
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
ERWIN H. GONZALEZ LINERO; MARIANA ISABEL RONDON DIAZ; et.al.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: ERWIN H. GONZALEZ LINERO
(Current Residence Unknown)
(Last Known Address(es))
8582 POWDER RIDGE TRAIL
WINDERMERE, FL 34786
1511 CARLISLE DRIVE
CASSELBERRY, FL 32707
1407 WATER LILLY LANE
KISSIMMEE, FL 34744
MARIANA ISABEL RONDON DIAZ
(Current Residence Unknown)
(Last Known Address(es))
8582 POWDER RIDGE TRAIL
WINDERMERE, FL 34786
7628 BROFIELD AVE
WINDERMERE, FL 34786-923
1407 WATER LILLY LANE
KISSIMMEE, FL 34744
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 144, WINDERMERE TRAILS PHASE 3B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 85, PAGES 133 THROUGH 142, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A: 8582 POWDER RIDGE TRAIL, WINDERMERE, FL 34786.

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 12th day of August, 2026.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
As Clerk of the Court and/or Comptroller
/s/ Nancy Garcia
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
26-53042
August 21, 28, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK,
Case No: 2025-CA-010630-O
Plaintiff,
v.
RICHARD RUSSELL; THOMAS OUELLETTE; DANIEL PELLI; FIGURE LENDING LLC D/B/A FIGURE; PHIL KEAN DESIGNS, INC.; JPB7US HELOC TRUST 1; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendant.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., through the Courthouse of Orange County, Florida, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, in accordance with chapter 45, Florida Statutes, Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court, shall offer for sale the following described real property: **Lots 5, 6, Block 69, Revised Map of the Town of Winter Park, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book A, Page 67, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida together with the North one-half of vacated alley lying South of and adjacent to said lot.**
The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in Civil Case No. 2025-CA-010630-O, now pending in the Circuit Court in Orange County, Florida.

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, 425 N Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, 407.836.2303, fax: 407.836.2204, 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.
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 before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
Interested parties/bidders are advised that the property is being sold without any warranties or representations of any kind whatsoever as to the state of the title of the subject property, and there may be unpaid real estate taxes on the property.
Interested parties/bidders are advised to do their own investigation as to the state of the title and the state of the real property taxes on the subject property.
Dated August 10, 2026.
By: /s/ Eric B. Jontz
ERIC B. JONTZ
Bar No.: 64905
Eric B. Jontz, Esq.
Fishback Dominick LLP
1947 Lee Road
Winter Park, Florida 32789
Telephone: (407) 262-8400
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Seacoast National Bank
August 21, 28, 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 **23rd Day of September, 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.
-Personal Property-
Deketh Peterkin
Unit 2104
Personal Property
Keyvyn Bryant
Unit 2054
Personal Property
Monique A. Young
Unit 2060
Personal Property
Sakeenah Ballenger
Unit 2046
Personal Property
August 28, September 4, 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 Suraish Kissoon 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.: 2025DR-9358-O
Division: 41
Adriana Correa, Petitioner
and
Jan Brandon Carvajal, Respondent.
Amended
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR Dissolution of Marriage with Children
TO: Jan Brandon Carvajal,
3726 Palm Desert Lane
Apt 5213
Orlando FL 32839
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage with Children has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Adriana Diana Correa, whose address is 3726 Palm Desert Lane Apt 5213 Orlando FL 32839, on or before 10/8/2026, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N Orange Ave Orlando FL 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
(If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the person in Florida where the property is located)
N/A.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: 8/17/26
Tiffany M. Russell
Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Joana James
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 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 **Stillwood Home**, with a mailing address of 8981 LeVally Court, Orlando, FL 32819 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: The LeGardeur Companies, LLC
August 28, 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 **Pour Les Oiseaux**, with a mailing address of 8981 LeVally Ct, Orlando, FL 32819 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: The LeGardeur Companies, LLC
August 28, 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 **Stillwood Interiors**, with a mailing address of 8981 LeVally Court, Orlando, FL 32819 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: The LeGardeur Companies, LLC
August 28, 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 **Certah**, with a mailing address of 1010 Crews Commerce Drive, Orlando, FL 32837 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Brighter Future Inc.
August 28, 2026

The Apopka Chief

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JT 0821-0911 TFN 21

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CC 0821-0911 GRA 114

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cc 0821-0911 APO 70

And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask a loaf, and he give him a stone? or a fish, and he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke 11: 11-13

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133. HOMES FOR SALE

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CC 0821-0911 GRA 142

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CC 0828-0904 JER 142

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