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City Commission advances wastewater treatment projects

West Plant planning gets $500K, study grant extended

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Apopka city commissioners unanimously authorized a state financing agreement to advance rehabilitation of the city's offline West wastewater treatment plant and a grant extension for a phosphorus removal demonstration project on Wednesday.

Both measures passed in a single consent agenda vote without separate discussion, authorizing the mayor to execute the agreements with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The West Plant agreement initially awards $500,000 for planning through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, with the agreement estimating that the entire amount will be forgiven.

"Currently, only the East plant remains in operation," city staff wrote in a report accompanying the financing request.

The West Plant is part of the city's wastewater reclamation facility off East Cleveland Street. It was taken offline because of aging components and its inability to meet updated state nitrogen treatment standards taking effect in 2028, according to staff.

Staff said replacing outdated components and upgrading the plant would bring it into compliance, provide backup treatment capacity and strengthen the sewer system's ability to handle storm-related surges. Continued growth and development increase the risk of system overload during major storms, the report states.

Staff estimates the overall project at $25 million, including approximately $19.2 million in state revolving fund financing subject to full principal forgiveness and approximately $5.8 million in local contributions.

Beyond the initial planning allocation, the agreement identifies approximately $18.7 million for design, construction and other expenses as contingent funding. Subsequent allocations require amendments, according to staff.

PROJECTS, A6



Apopka city commissioners approved financing for West wastewater treatment plant planning and a phosphorus removal grant extension at their Wednesday meeting. | Photo by Dana O'Connor



Commissioners discussed developer impact-fee credits and legal representation options during a separate Wednesday workshop. | Photo by Dana O'Connor

Commission explores developer credit changes, legal services options

Officials discuss impact-fee credits and on-site legal counsel

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The city of Apopka plans to apply eligible developer credits against impact fees as building permits are issued rather than make upfront lump-sum payments, Mayor Nick Nesta said during the Wednesday City Commission workshop.

The approach is intended to keep money in city accounts longer and establish a consistent process for providing credits for eligible infrastructure improvements. Commissioners also discussed seeking proposals for legal services, including an arrangement placing an attorney at City Hall for scheduled hours.

"Nobody gets special treatment. We're doing it this way moving forward," Nesta said during the impact-fee discussion.

Commissioners took no formal action during the workshop.

Nesta said the city previously used different approaches to providing developer credits, including upfront payments and reductions in fees as development proceeded.

Commissioner Nadia Anderson supported phasing in the credits, saying it would avoid providing a large credit before a developer completes a project.

Public Works Director Vladimir Simonovski explained that utility improvements differ from roadway improvements when determining eligible credits. He said utility improvements aligned with master plans for water, sewer and reclaimed-water facilities

WORKSHOP, A6

OCPS honors Wolf Lake teacher



OCPS leadership surprised Jennifer Bennett in her classroom on Oct. 5. | Courtesy of OCPS

Jennifer Bennett teaches agriscience at Wolf Lake Middle School

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Wolf Lake Middle School agriscience teacher Jennifer Bennett was recently named an Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) Teacher of the Year finalist.

"I come in every day and just do my job, hope to pass on the knowledge to the students, and love to watch them just get excited about learning about agriculture, but... I guess I never really thought that I was that wonderful enough to be teacher of the year," said Bennett in a phone interview with The Apopka Chief. "It feels amazing. I was so surprised when they came in and announced it. It was not anything I ever would have imagined."

Bennett has taught at OCPS for 27 years, previously teaching at Zellwood Elementary School and Rock Springs Elementary School before arriving at Wolf Lake five years ago. She credits her middle school children's fascination with agriculture for her switch to teaching middle school.

"They went to Lake Minneola High School in Lake County," she said. "She [her kids' Future Farmers of America teacher] needed me to help her take some high school students to a state competition up in Gainesville. Just riding in the car with a bunch of high school seniors and listening to what they were competing in... and then being able to spend the day talking to that high school teacher — that's what truly hooked me. I realized that this is what I really wanted to do — teach kids and hopefully through them teach their families about lifelong sustainability."

Bennett describes herself as "a very hands-on teacher" with a classroom that's "very noisy as far as learning."

"I believe students should work in groups," she said. "There's a time and place to do independent work, but I believe they work off each other."

Her favorite projects to teach are part of her eighth-grade class, Agriculture Foundations, "the first level of high school-level agriculture." Using tilapia the University of Florida donates to the school, eighth graders learn "water quality testing," "how to take care of the pipes," and "how to feed the fish."

"When we're done — it takes about a year and a half to raise the fish — then they decide

STELLAR AWARD, A8

County OKs birding park funding

Funding for museum is part of larger county tourism plan

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter



Volunteers take part in a workday at Apopka Birding Park. The habitat restoration effort is part of the organization's plans to develop the property. | Courtesy of Orange Audubon

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners voted 6-1 Oct. 19 to approve a tourist development tax funding plan that includes $12 million for the Orange Audubon Natural History Museum at Apopka Birding Park.

The allocation, reduced from Orange Audubon's original $20 million request, would provide $3 million annually over four years. The funding is part of a broader county initiative supporting tourism-related projects throughout Orange County.

The funding would allow Orange Audubon to expand

PARK, A9

City to revisit discretionary funds

Resolution No. 2025-34 discussion follows music festival controversy

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The Apopka City Commission voted unanimously Oct. 21 to revisit the city's discretionary funds resolution on Nov. 4.

Resolution No. 2025-34 outlines four eligible uses of the commission's discretionary funds and prohibits their use for "political or campaign-related activities" and "personal expenses or benefits." The commission tabled possible changes to the policy Sept. 16. The resolution came under scrutiny from the commission after Commissioner Nadia Anderson requested approximately $13,000 for Oct. 10's Heart & Soul Music Festival.

"For me, this is about being creative with taxpayer dollars and maximizing the return to our community," said Anderson at the Oct. 7 commission meeting, further saying that the contribution would allow residents to enter the privately produced festival for free. "The city is not producing this event or collecting the event revenue."

Commissioner Sam Ruth began the Oct. 21 discussion of the discretionary funds resolution during his commission report.

"It's not that I was against any of the events that occurred. It's just that there's no bumper rails for it," he said. "It was the disbursement of the funds for the event that caused the discussion."

Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez said the resolution stemmed from an encouragement of public discussion after public comment was moved to the end of the previous administration's commission meetings.

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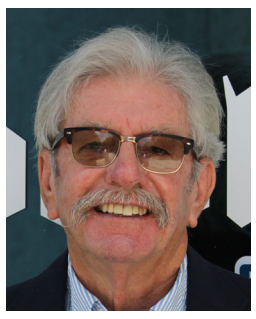
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An election should be a race, not a Demolition Derby

Columnist



Jake Vest

Would Alexander Hamilton or Thomas Jefferson have had more Facebook friends?

They disagreed bitterly about almost everything that has to do with running a country, but both of them ended up with their faces on money. Plus, Jefferson got a memorial and Hamilton got a musical.

Obviously, neither one of them was ALL bad or ALL wrong.

There's a lesson here – or would be if people would quit hollering at each other long enough to listen to it. It is possible for people you don't agree with to have a point and be able to bring something positive to the table.

This is not generally acknowledged by those who have taken sides, as is evidenced by what maybe should be called "anti-social media."

"WE the people" have come to believe that "THEY the other people" are trying to run OUR country into the ground. Judging by Facebook, half the voters in this country are crazy enough to think the other half is insane.

I saw two posts on social media sites just this morning, both from home-owning taxpayers who have raised children who are now raising children and who could be assumed to care about the future of the country.

One displayed a survey about attitudes toward corruption and concluded, "maybe those (blank) idiots are finally coming to their senses."

The other referred to a news item about some legislative outrage and included the comment "these people are nuts! They have to be stopped!"

There is a particularly dislikable sort of arrogance in believing beyond a shadow of a doubt that tens of millions of people are absolutely, stupidly, dangerously wrongheaded just because they don't agree with you. This is even less attractive when you consider that those who believe most fanatically don't seem to know any more than anybody else about anything and only feel the way they do because they picked a side to be on.

Instead of a contest between right and wrong, I think it would be better to look at party politics as a trip on I-95. Democrats and Republicans are like cars and trucks.

There are plenty of individual drivers with character issues in both kinds of vehicles, and neither has a monopoly on poor decision-making. A semi going 67.5 mph will occasionally pull out to pass one going 66.9. Every now and again there's an F-150 who thinks its name is the speed limit. There's not enough road to go around and some people want more than their share and we get in each other's way.

But, bottom line, we're all trying to get to the same place.

So, when you get out there on the electoral highway with the big election just a few exits away, remember, those other vehicles are not your enemies. Take your foot off the hate accelerator and don't cut people off. Share the road, drive courteously and it will be a better trip for all of us.

And above all, quit blowing your dadblamed horns at each other.

Finding our way out of envy

Columnist



Mike Gilland

Psalm 73 is attributed to one of the many celebrated musicians under King David. His name was Asaph, and he penned a total of 12 psalms that we enjoy reading. Many of you may have seen a portrayal of Asaph, presented in an episode of "The Chosen."

Asaph's first verse of Psalm 73 starts off with a declaration of God's goodness to Israel. But very quickly, in the next verse, Asaph gets quite transparent, and lets us in on a temptation that he faced—one that I think is common to us all.

Asaph begins to describe how he almost stumbled and his feet had nearly slipped. He wasn't having feet trouble. No, his problem was really due to another body part—his eyes.

He had begun to set his focus on others, and not in a good way. As he beheld those he deemed wicked being blessed and prospering, envy set in within his own heart.

The next several verses outline the many ways that Asaph observed this group upon which he was gazing, and these glances furthered Asaph down the path of an unhelpful and unholy comparison.

The Hebrew word for envy is *qana*, and at root it carries the thought of being jealous. Vine's Expository describes this experience: "It is the feeling of displeasure produced by witnessing or hearing of the advantage or prosperity of others."

Envy is the stepping stone to a serious sin, one included in the Ten Commandments: covetousness. It's a condition in which we sinfully desire what others have.

There are numerous examples of envy in the Bible, including Cain, who envied his brother Abel, and actually killed him in a jealous fit of anger. Sarah, Abraham's wife, was intensely envious of Hagar and her ability to conceive when she couldn't.

King Saul was nearly driven to madness over his envy of David and especially the chants that were shouted about the shepherd boy: "Saul has slain his thousands, but David has slain ten thousands."

No doubt about it… envy may start off as an innocuous thought. But it is like cancer to the flesh and leads to a much more serious state than we can imagine at the time.

For Asaph, his help came in the nick of time. He found relief from the temptations that were leading him astray, and it happened in a profound encounter with God.

Verse 17 of Psalm 73 records that he went into the sanctuary of God. And in his presence, Asaph was delivered from this envious state. He was able to remember the faithfulness of God, and how that, though the wicked may indeed prosper, it will eventually be seen as temporal. God and His truth will ultimately win the day.

We live in a culture that has moved a long way away from the teachings of the Bible. It is so easy for any of us to have those strong jealous feelings, those that take us down that dangerous path. But the good news is as true for us as it was for Asaph… we can discern the truth when we spend even just a little time in the presence of God.

I encourage you today to spend some time in this chapter, and pray for mercy and freedom from envy, if indeed you find yourself partaking in this unhelpful act. God did indeed care for Asaph. He cares for you, too.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why your vote matters to our shared future

All this week and next we'll see voters go to the polls throughout Orange County for early voting and then finally on Election Day — Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 — we'll see the results of long, hard campaigning done by many candidates and supporters or detractors of certain requests to change our policies.

Voting is one of the easiest ways we contribute positively to our society. We all have a say in shaping policy that impacts our lives. On a local, state, and federal level, we live with policy decisions every day ranging from housing and community development to how we provide grants for citizens and everything in between. Your vote does count and can actually impact an election in a critical way. Remember the year 2000 when the vote for president came down to a 537-vote margin in Florida between Al Gore and George W. Bush?

Today most American citizens 18 and older are entitled to cast their ballots. That's a vast difference from years ago when groups of people had to fight for their right to freely choose who is best for an office, or what policy is the one that should move forward.

Another point to consider: When we don't vote, others vote for us. By participating in this election, you create a government that reflects all of its citizens, not just a select few. This democratic process is one people in several other countries still aspire to achieve. Take part in this election, express your view, and make our great democracy work.

Mike Crabb

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wekiva's cyber grant should test the right skills

The new $10,000 CyberPatriot grant at Wekiva High will pay for five capable computers. That investment matters because students cannot learn to secure a network through theory alone.

Now give those students a second test: after an artificial intelligence tool recommends how to respond to a security problem, have them explain what it missed. Can they identify a dangerous permission, investigate an unusual log entry, restore a damaged system—and justify their decision?

An October working paper on 673 final-year IT apprentices in Germany found that AI helped them perform tasks beyond their formal training, with no evidence of reduced immediate comprehension. That is encouraging, but the study did not measure long-term learning.

Wekiva should track what students can diagnose without assistance after learning with AI. The five new machines can support supervised incident simulations, peer review and increasingly difficult problems. A good IT certification should mean the student can spot a confident but unsafe answer.

CyberPatriot can prepare Apopka students for work that increasingly involves AI while making their own judgment more valuable.

Gleb Tsipursky

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City restores treatment at Lust Road reclaimed water facility

Apopka spent some $221K on project

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The city of Apopka has restored its Lust Road reclaimed water facility so that it can treat canal water after nearly eight years without full treatment operations, following more than $221,000 in repairs.

The North Shore facility was restored to operational condition Oct. 15, according to Steven Montiero, the city's director of public information. The restoration allows the city to withdraw water from the canal connecting to Lake Apopka when water levels and permit conditions allow.

"The facility was not completely offline during that period," Montiero said in an Oct. 19 email to The Apopka Chief. "During the preceding eight years, the facility primarily served as a repumping station, moving reclaimed water from the City's Cleveland Street Water Reclamation Facility for offsite distribution."

Montiero said the specific reason canal withdrawals were discontinued remains unavailable.

The restoration cost $221,806.61, excluding city labor expenses. Work included pond liner repairs, vegetation removal, pump and valve repairs, electrical improvements and equipment painting.

Additional improvements included replacement of an electrical panel and enclosure, installation of new analyzers and flow and turbidity meters, instrument calibration and upgrades to the facility's control systems.



In an Oct. 15 Facebook post, Commissioner Sam Ruth praised the restoration of the Lust Road reclaimed water facility.| Photo by Dana O'Connor

The project was funded through the city's wastewater treatment and plant maintenance budget. Although the restoration was not originally budgeted for fiscal year 2026, funding became available through cost savings and the deferral of other projects, Montiero said.

A February assessment identified equipment requiring rehabilitation, including chlorine treatment components and water-level transmitters. The assessment also documented structural concerns at the transfer pump station, vegetation affecting the facility's sand filters and the need for automation testing before startup.

The St. Johns River Water Management District supported the restoration by performing canal vegetation management. The city remains responsible for maintaining and operating the facility.

Commissioner Sam Ruth praised the restoration in an Oct. 15 Facebook post, crediting cooperation among city staff, district officials and the city's leadership.

"In only five months on the job, our new leadership team, city staff and district partners worked together to return the plant to its original design and restart operations," Ruth wrote.

Ruth also credited former Mayor Joe Kilsheimer's administration and the district with establishing the project's original funding, while acknowledging Mayor Nick Nesta's oversight of the restoration.

According to Ruth, the facility includes a 3-million-gallon tank, two 10-million-gallon storage ponds, three 250-horsepower pumps and two 10,000-gallon chlorine tanks.

The restored facility is expected to supplement the city's reclaimed water supply when canal and lake levels permit, providing greater flexibility in meeting demand.

"This supplemental source is intended to reduce reliance on groundwater from the Floridan aquifer and support water conservation efforts," Montiero said.

Apopka seeks applicants for Planning Commission, CRA Board vacancies

City sets Nov. 6 deadline for applications

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The city of Apopka is accepting applications for vacancies on its Planning Commission and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board, with a Nov. 6 deadline for both.

"The Planning Commission plays an important role in guiding the city's growth and development and helping shape the future of the community," the city said in an Oct. 15 Facebook announcement.

The city also announced Oct. 15 that it is seeking applicants for a vacant resident position on the CRA Board.

"The CRA Board helps revitalize commercial areas and neighborhoods, support local businesses, improve public spaces, and encourage economic growth," the city said in a separate Oct. 15 Facebook post.

According to the city's Planning Commission notice, applicants must live within city limits and file annual financial disclosures. Members serve three-year terms, generally limited to two consecutive full terms unless the City Commission approves otherwise.

The city encourages applicants with experience in architecture, engineering, real estate, environmental science, urban planning, construction or project management. The Planning Commission reviews proposed developments, zoning changes and comprehensive plan amendments, making recommendations to the City Commission.



John Drago (left), Orange County's appointed representative on the Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency Board, speaks with then-City Commissioner Alexander H. Smith during a Jan. 21 CRA meeting. | Photo by Dana O'Connor

At a May 20 workshop, city officials discussed the Planning Commission's future following questions about its oversight of development and whether members could be removed. Longtime Chairman William Gusler resigned the following month, disputing suggestions that the advisory board was responsible for the city's growth-related problems.

Gusler's resignation in June left six members on the seven-member Planning Commission. Robert Ryan subsequently presided over meetings, although the board did not formally elect him chair. Eric Mock serves as vice chair.

On Sept. 2, the City Commission unanimously adopted two ordinances establishing appointment procedures for the Planning Commission and CRA Board, including application requirements and applicant qualifications. The measures followed earlier discussions about standardizing the city's board appointment processes.

For the CRA Board vacancy, applicants must reside in Apopka, with preference given to those who own or operate businesses within the CRA district. A resume is required. The city also favors candidates with redevelopment experience, including real estate, planning, architecture, engineering, construction or project management, as well as business or community leadership.

The CRA Board, chaired by Mayor Nick Nesta, includes the four city commissioners, an Orange County representative and a vacant city-appointed resident seat. The board administers redevelopment funding and oversees projects intended to encourage investment and economic activity within the designated district.

Apopka resident John Drago serves as Orange County's representative on the CRA Board. Chenicqua "Nikki" Williams resigned from her city-appointed seat effective Dec. 31, 2025.

The city's announcements do not specify how many Planning Commission vacancies are being filled or whether publicly advertising the application process represents a new practice.

Residents may apply through the city's Planning Commission and CRA webpages. Questions may be directed to the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@apopka.net.

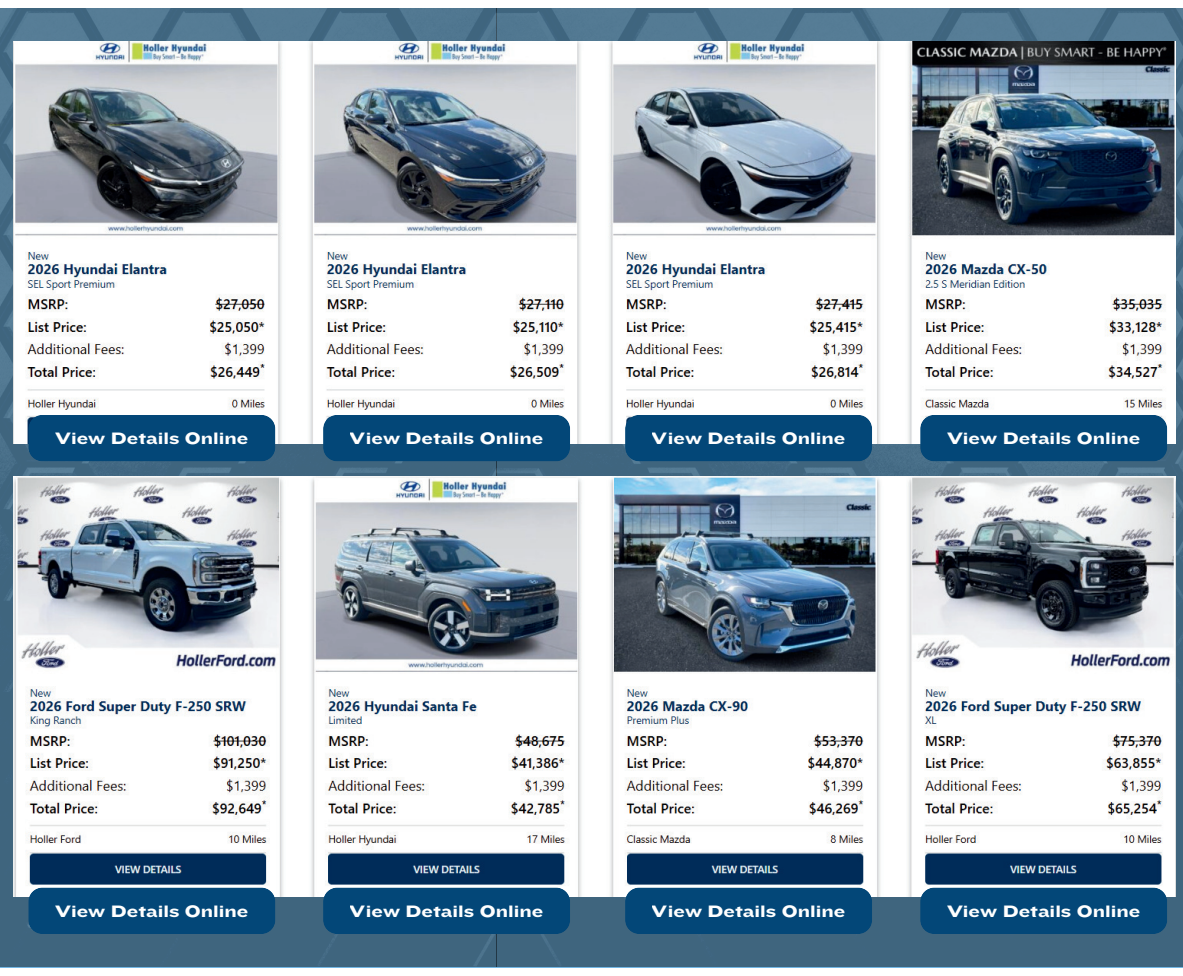
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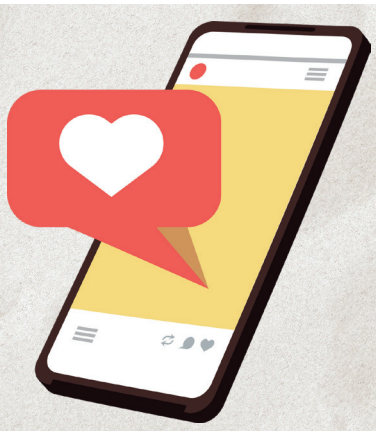
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Aspen Dental to offer free dental care for veterans on Nov. 7

Event marks Apopka office's first Day of Service

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Aspen Dental's Apopka office, at 1500 W. Orange Blossom Trail, will honor veterans with free dental care on Saturday, Nov. 7, as part of Aspen's Day of Service initiative.

"The main thing for this day is to just give back," said owner Duy Truong, whose grandfather served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. "I know they fought so hard for our freedom — for me to be here, for my family, for everyone — so the least we could do is to alleviate them of any dental pain."

This year marks the Apopka office's first time participating in the Day of Service initiative. However, the Apopka location's office manager Yannelly Tavarez previously participated in the Sanford office's Day of Service program as a dental assistant.

"A lot of the veterans, unfortunately, don't really get much help dental-wise with their insurance — their veteran insurance — and so they do have to be in a waiting list for a long time in order for them to be able to get some type of help with dental," she said. "Being able to have the Day of Service when we were able to help them out, they were able to schedule themselves, they came in, and we did an evaluation completely free for all of them."



The Aspen Dental Apopka team smiles in front of the office, located at 1500 W. Orange Blossom Trail. | Photo by Sarah Merly

According to Aspen Dental's website, the Day of Service has served over 30,000 veterans and donated more than $28 million in dental care. Each Day of Service appointment will last "approximately 30 minutes," and "care may include, but is not limited to, fillings, extractions, and denture repairs." Treatment depends on the exam and X-rays, the company says.

Truong said the office will also select veterans to "adopt" at the end of the Day of Service.

"We do a complete care for everything — if it's full-mouth extractions with implants, with dentures, whatever it is — we pick a few veterans that just really connected with us there for that day," he said.

Anyone who has served in any branch of the U.S. military is eligible, according to Aspen Dental. Advance appointments are required, and space is limited. To register for a Day of Service appointment, veterans may visit https://www.aspendental.com/schedule-an-appointment/dayofservice/?fc=4254.

"Every veteran I have the opportunity to care for reminds me of the families behind the uniform, and of the privilege of serving those who served," said associate dentist Eric Krochmalnek in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "My grandfather's service taught me the meaning of resilience, strength, and putting others before yourself. Those lessons have stayed with me throughout my life and providing free dental care is my way of expressing that appreciation and putting my profession and skills behind those words. If I have a way to help a veteran smile without worrying about the cost, then that's one of the most rewarding ways I can practice dentistry."

County planning board recommends denial of Stonemont Manor development

Residents oppose project over traffic safety, preservation of Tangerine's character

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Orange County Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended denial on Oct. 15 of a proposed 38-home development in the Tangerine Rural Settlement, rejecting county planning staff's recommendation for approval.

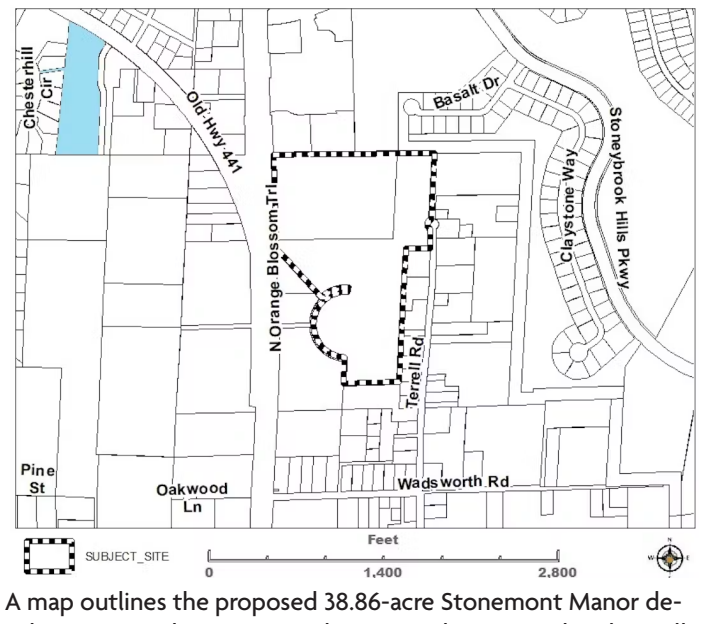
Stonemont Manor would rezone 38.86 acres at 6322 Terrell Road and 6409 N. Orange Blossom Trail from agricultural to planned development zoning. Commissioners questioned whether the proposed subdivision's smaller lots would preserve the area's rural character.

Commissioner David Boers questioned the compatibility of suburban-style neighborhoods with rural settlements, which county policies were designed to protect.

"I feel like this is just another breakdown of making a rural area more suburban," Boers said.

County planner Allison Rice recommended approval with 13 conditions, explaining that county policies encourage clustering homes to preserve open space.

"Clustering is a tool that the policy, the comprehensive plan, encourages to support the rural character of rural settlements," Rice said.



A map outlines the proposed 38.86-acre Stonemont Manor development site between North Orange Blossom Trail and Terrell Road in the Tangerine Rural Settlement. | Courtesy of Orange County Planning Division

The proposal would concentrate homes on one-third-acre interior lots and half-acre perimeter lots, preserving 50% of the property as open space.

Attorney Julie Kendig-Schrader, representing the applicant, described the property as unique because of its former borrow-pit use and inclusion in a joint planning area with the city of Mount Dora. She argued that those circumstances distinguished the proposal from other rural properties, limiting its value as a precedent for similar rezonings.

Applicant Tanner Kalebaugh said a traffic study estimated 40 vehicle trips during the busiest hour, including 15 entering and 25 leaving.

Residents opposed the project because of traffic safety, environmental concerns and potential changes to Tangerine's character.

"If everything [is] constantly rezoned, what is the point of having a rural settlement?" resident Mary Emanuel asked.

According to a public notice published Oct. 18, the proposal is scheduled for a Nov. 10 hearing before the Orange County Board of County Commissioners, which will make the final decision on the rezoning request.

The Tangerine Rural Settlement is one of several communities designated on Orange County's future land-use map to preserve rural lifestyles, agricultural uses and established development patterns. The designations recognize communities existing when the county adopted its comprehensive plan in 1991 and help direct more intensive development toward urban areas.

County policies specifically identify Tangerine as a community whose historic rural character should be preserved.

Country legend John Anderson dies at 71

Hall of Famer's career included five No. 1 hits and enduring hometown ties

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

John Anderson, the Apopka native and Country Music Hall of Famer whose distinctive voice carried five songs to No. 1 on the country charts, died Wednesday. He was 71.

His family announced his death on his official Facebook page. A cause was not disclosed.

"His music will live on, but for us, his greatest legacy will always be the love he gave his family and the memories we will carry with us forever," his family wrote.

Anderson earned 20 top 10 country hits, including signature recordings "Swingin'," "Wild and Blue," "Straight Tequila Night" and "Seminole Wind."


Apopka native and Country Music Hall of Famer John Anderson died Wednesday at age 71. | Photo courtesy of John Anderson's official Facebook page.

He won the Country Music Association's Horizon Award and Single of the Year for "Swingin'" in 1983. He entered the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2014 and the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2024.

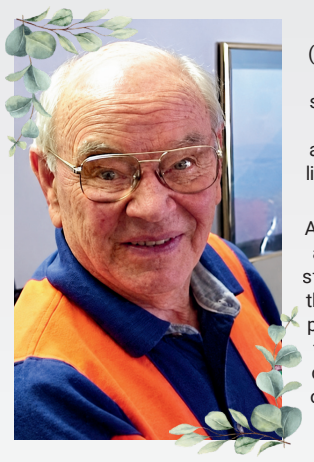
In the organization's statement, Kyle Young, CEO of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, called Anderson "a one-of-a-kind song stylist who proved that fresh innovations were best born from time-honored traditions."

Raised in Apopka, Anderson moved to Nashville after graduating from Apopka High School in 1972.

Survivors include his wife, Jamie; daughters Brionna and Alexa; and grandchildren.

Anderson and Sawyer Brown headlined the inaugural Apopka Proud concert at the Apopka Amphitheater on May 4, 2019.

ALEXANDER (ALEX) EDWARD DEWAR



After being granted 94 years on earth by The Creator of Heaven and Earth, Alexander (Alex) Edward Dewar went on to be with his wife, Libby, and our Savior Jesus Christ on October 14, 2026. Throughout his life, Alex wore many hats: son, brother to his six sisters, husband of 63 years to Libby, father to four, grandfather to nine, uncle to many nieces and nephews, successful businessman, church elder, Sunday School teacher, and friend to so many. And that is just the start of what could be an exceptionally long list. Somewhere, at this moment, the words are being spoken: "Well done, my good and faithful servant.

After receiving degrees in chemistry and horticulture from the University of Florida, and a brief stint in the Army, Alex moved to Apopka, Florida, in 1956. Shortly afterward, he started a family nursery business, Dewar Nurseries, which grew gradually over time and then expanded to become one of the nation's largest growers of seasonal flowers, fruit plants, and roses, with multiple locations and five hundred employees. Most important to Alex, through all his years in business, was living out his belief that work should be done with integrity, honesty, and fair dealing for all. That, rather than the size or scope of his work, was his key legacy. His employees became almost an extended family, as important to him as the business itself. Alex went out of his way to make sure they were taken care of fairly and with compassion.

Also important to Alex was faith. Over his 94 years, he was a member of only a handful of churches and faith communities, evidence of his belief that you should completely immerse yourself in the communities you join. Always more than just another member, Alex consistently led and actively participated in every church he was part of, living out his Christian faith in both word and deed.

Finally, and foremost, Alex was dedicated to family. Whether it was Libby, his children and grandchildren, or all the nieces and nephews he treated as his own children, Alex both drew his strength from them and offered joy to them. Many commented that when they were around him, he made them feel like the most important person in the world. That is because he truly felt that way, and it was another example of Christian faith in action.

Rest in peace, husband, father, grandpa, uncle, and friend. You deserve it.

Alex is survived by his son Marvin Dewar and wife Bev; son Bill Dewar and wife Patricia; son David Dewar and wife Cynthia; daughter Karen Voit and husband David; and nine grandchildren of whom he was very proud: James, Kevin, Kim, Patricia, Kimberly, Davis, Andrew, Lauren, and Bailey.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations on behalf of their dad to the Florida Baptist Children's Home (https://onemorechild.org/) , Lockhart Church (https://www.lockhartchurch.net/giving) , or sponsor a child through World Vision USA (https://www.worldvision.org/).

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Apopka football legend named grand marshal for Christmas parade

Foliage Sertoma's annual Christmas parade set for Dec. 12 in Apopka

Staff Reports

Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka has named local football legend Sammie Smith as the grand marshal for the club's annual Christmas parade, scheduled for Dec. 12.

"I am so honored to be asked and grateful for the foundation I had growing up and playing football in Apopka," Smith said in an Oct. 9 radio broadcast, as quoted in Sertoma's Monday news release. "It will really be fun to see all those folks again."

Smith was a USA Today high school All-American, according to Florida State University. The release credited him with helping "put Apopka High School football on the map."

"As the most highly recruited running back in the U.S.A., he was personally convinced by coach Bobby Bowden to play for FSU," the release said. Smith was MVP of the 1989 Sugar Bowl for Florida State and the Miami Dolphins' first-round draft pick, ninth overall, that year. "He is author of My Name Is Not 18121-018, encapsulating the highs and lows of a professional athlete. Most recently he was team chaplain/life coach for Ole Miss football serving head coach Lane Kiffin and staff."

Smith works with FCA Outdoors in Central Florida.

This year's parade, "A Star-Spangled Christmas," will celebrate America's 250th birthday along Park Avenue. Those wishing to sponsor or join the parade may visit foliagesertoma.org.



Sammie Smith | Courtesy of Sammie Smith



Students from Apopka High School, where Sammie Smith attended, perform in the 2025 Christmas parade. | Photo by Dana O'Connor

PINKSTONE DENTAL RIBBON CUTTING



PinkStone Dental celebrated its arrival in the Apopka community on Saturday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The office, located at 1765 Ocoee Apopka Road, is led by Dr. María E. Arcila, who has "over 15 years of international clinical experience in oral surgery, restorative dentistry, and full-mouth rehabilitation," according to the PinkStone website. | Courtesy of Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce

FIRST RESPONDERS HONORED AT LOCAL FUNERAL



Apopka resident Steve Samuels honored Seminole County Fire Station 13's first responders at his mother's memorial on Oct. 4.

"Some weeks ago, I had to make a 911 call for my mom. Station 13 responded — but they didn't just respond. It was as if they dropped out of the sky," said Samuels at the service, hosted by Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church. "Today, I am honoring every man here, and everyone in Station 13, because I am indebted to them."

Samuels presented the three first responders present with a quilt his mother, Phylis Louise Samuels, had sewn. Phylis had attended Forest Lake for several years and served in the Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry.

"My mother made the quilt for me some years ago, and I did not realize it," said Steve in a text message to The Apopka Chief. "It was after I decided to give it to the firemen and I looked at it closely I realized that was the quilt she made for me, because she was explaining to me the different patterns of fabrics that she used and why she used them."

Phylis was preceded in death by her husband, Nathaniel Samuels, and leaves behind her three sons: Henry, Steve and Herbert. | Photo by Amon Agali

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Matt DiSalvatore
One of our members recently shared a message that perfectly captures why community-supported journalism matters so much:
"Opportunities like this go far beyond entertainment — they create memories and reinforce the sense of community that makes Apopka such a special place."
His family had just attended Monster Jam using tickets they received through their Apopka Chief membership, and they wanted to say thank you. But their message was about more than a fun night out. It was about connection, community, and the impact of supporting trusted local news.
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Alex Dewar dies 63 years after founding Dewar Nurseries

Community shares condolences on social media

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Dewar Nurseries announced the death of founder Alex Dewar Oct. 16 on Facebook. He was 94.

"We are forever grateful for the foundation he built and the legacy that will continue to grow for generations to come," the post said.

Dewar graduated from the University of Florida with horticulture and chemistry degrees, breeding Aglaonema before starting his own nursery in 1963, according to the post.

"In the 1980s, Alex entrusted the business to his son, Bill Dewar, who continued building upon his father's vision," the statement read. "Together, they helped transform a small family nursery into one of the nation's largest growers of roses, fruit plants, and seasonal flowers. What began as one nursery, 10 employees, and a single pickup truck grew into five nurseries, 500 employees, and a fleet of 75 semis. More than six decades later, Alex's entrepreneurial spirit, dedication to quality, and passion for horticulture remain at the heart of everything we do."

According to Mary "Libby" Elizabeth Dewar's obituary from Loomis Family Funeral Home, Libby and Alex were married for over 63 years, from 1954 until Libby's death in 2017, and Libby accompanied Alex on his U.S. Army tour of duty. The couple had four children: Bill Dewar, David Dewar, Marvin Dewar and Karen Voit.

Friends and acquaintances of the Dewar family expressed condolences in the Facebook post's comments.

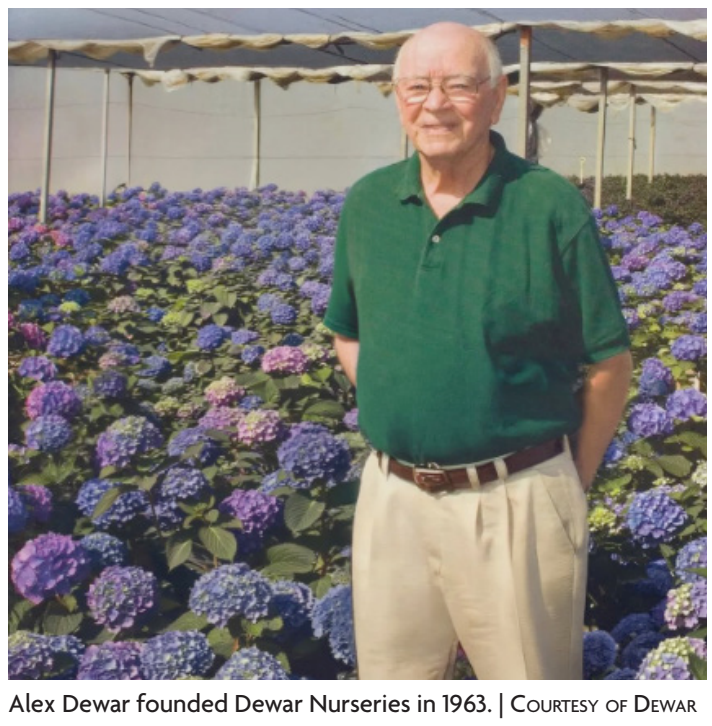
"Mr. Dewar was a true friend of high school horticulture programs, and, for that, my students and I are very grateful," said Chris Wilder, agriculture teacher at Crockett High School in Texas. "My thoughts and prayers go out to the Dewar family."

Facebook users Mike Arrowsmith and Skip Rountree shared how much they enjoyed working with Dewar.

"He was such a good man of faith," Rountree said. "I will always cherish my memories of working with him."

According to his children Marvin Dewar and Karen Voit, the public viewing will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Lockhart Church, 7601 Edgewater Drive, followed by a noon funeral at the same location. A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Highland Memory Gardens, followed by a 2:30 p.m. reception at Lockhart Church.

Instead of flowers, the family encourages donations to Florida Baptist Children's Home (onemorechild.org) or Lockhart Church (lockhartchurch.net/giving), or child sponsorships through World Vision USA (worldvision.org).



Alex Dewar founded Dewar Nurseries in 1963. | Courtesy of Dewar Nurseries

PROJECTS

FROM A1

Planning is scheduled for completion by May 15, 2027. Design and construction funding depends on state acceptance of planning documents, project eligibility under the American Relief Act, 2025, and documentation of hurricane impacts directly related to the wastewater system.

Commissioners also authorized a grant amendment for a phosphorus removal demonstration at a distributed wastewater treatment unit in the Wekiva Glen subdivision.

The amendment extends the grant's expiration by one year, through Aug. 1, 2028, revises the project timeline and updates agreement documents. It makes no funding changes and requires no local match, according to staff.

The demonstration builds on Apopka's use of distributed wastewater treatment technology to replace septic tanks near Wekiwa Springs and reduce nitrogen pollution, according to the grant work plan.

The project will evaluate whether modifying an existing unit's treatment cycle can improve phosphorus removal while maintaining treatment of nitrogen and organic waste.

Planned work includes adjusting operating conditions, installing monitoring instruments and collecting wastewater samples. Researchers will also evaluate how differences in incoming wastewater affect phosphorus removal.

Excess nutrients from wastewater can contribute to harmful algal blooms and degrade water quality, the work plan states. Wastewater pollutants can also affect groundwater, drinking water wells and nearby surface waters.

The demonstration operates as a reimbursement agreement, requiring department acceptance of project deliverables before the city can request payment for associated costs.

WORKSHOP

FROM A1

are addressed in the city's land development code. Roadway credits depend on a development's traffic impacts and needed improvements.

For utility upsizing, Simonovski said credits cover the difference in material costs between the infrastructure a development requires and the larger infrastructure installed to meet broader needs.

Simonovski said developers generally complete infrastructure improvements before constructing homes or commercial buildings. The city then applies eligible credits against the corresponding impact fees as building permits are issued.

Responding to questions from Commissioner Sam Ruth, Simonovski said the city reviews developers' estimates against costs from recent projects and requires documentation showing the contractor was paid.

Public Works tracks the credits, with the Finance Department providing backup tracking, Simonovski said. Nesta said the pace of development determines how quickly developers receive their credits.

Commissioner Yesenia Baron also asked about a previously requested audit of impact fees and credits. Nesta said procurement staff were developing that review, including examination of how changes in property use are tracked, along with a separate review of water bills, charges and meters.

On legal representation, Nesta said the city would seek proposals and bring the responses back to commissioners before a final decision. He emphasized that the process would not commit Apopka to replacing its current attorneys.

Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez favored a hybrid arrangement that would provide scheduled access to an attorney at City Hall while retaining a law firm's range of specialties.

Ruth also advocated readily available legal advice for daily city operations, including development and public safety matters.

Anderson defended the current firm's work and questioned whether the city should pursue changes while essential leadership positions remain vacant.

"I think first we need to hire for essential positions," Anderson said, identifying the city administrator and finance director positions as priorities.

Nesta said recruitment and the legal-services solicitation could proceed simultaneously. He said the current attorneys had offered an option involving scheduled hours at City Hall and could submit a proposal.

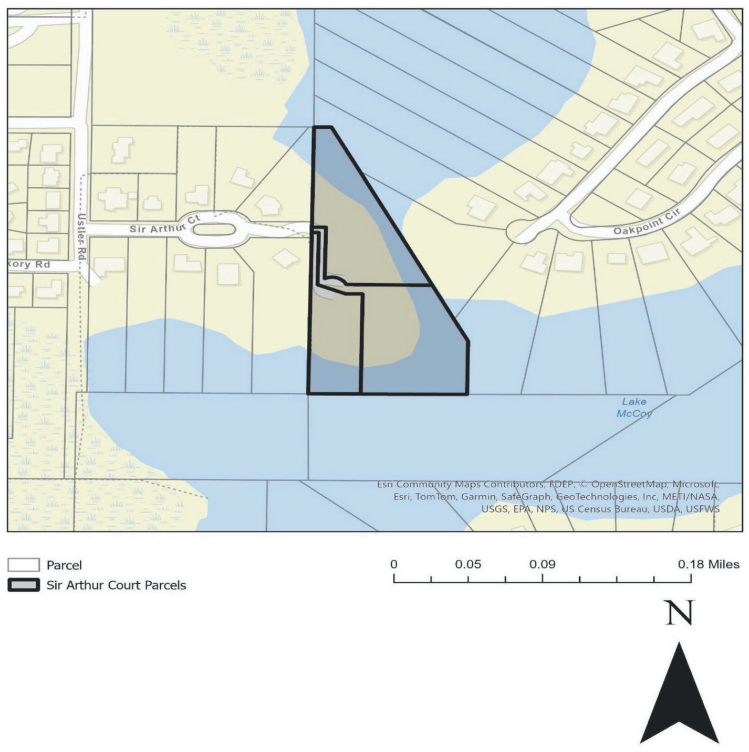
Anderson requested that the solicitation include board certification and government experience among the qualifications.

CITY OF APOPKA
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 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 **Michael Cooper** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3176

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITIONAL) TO RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY ESTATE DISTRICT), FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 543, 544 & 552 SIR ARTHUR COURT; OWNED BY MICHAEL COOPER AND SHARON COOPER COMPRISING 6.70 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 03-21-28-0000-00-024, 03-21-28-0000-00-118, 03-21-28-0000-00-117
Contains: 6.70 +/- Acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3176 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, December 2, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** or soon thereafter.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Rezoning Application 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.

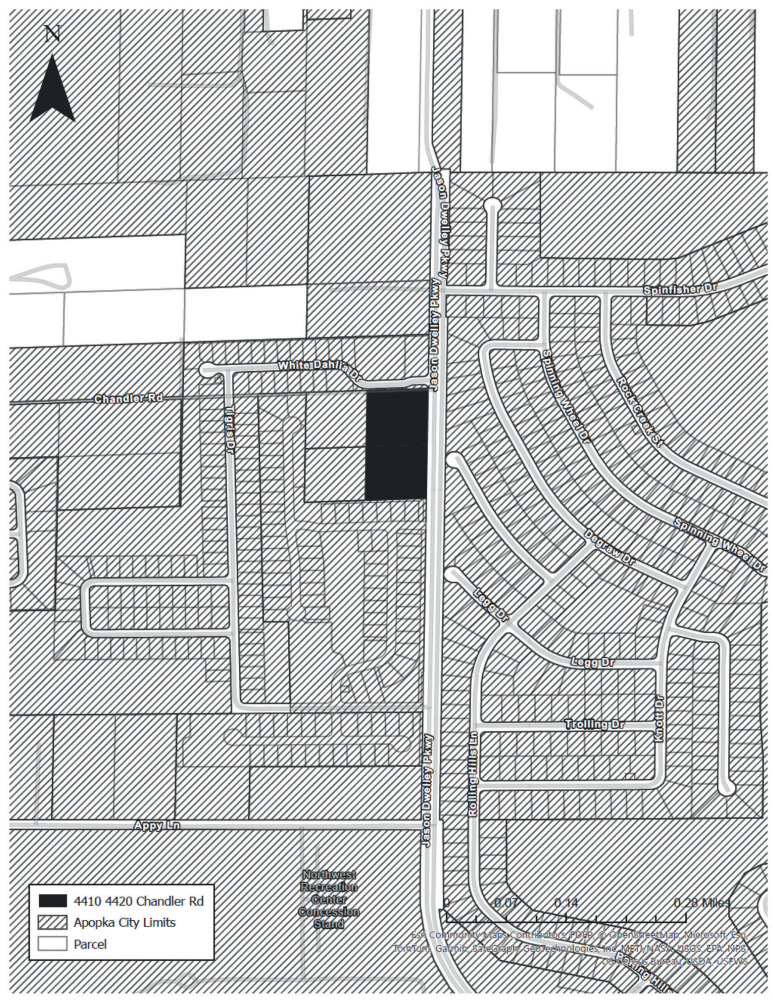
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CITY OF APOPKA
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Camila Neira** has made an application, in accordance with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 4.2.2.C to the City of Apopka Planning Commission for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW THE USE OF "CHILD CARE FACILITY" IN THE OFFICE (O) ZONING DISTRICT.**

This application relates to the following described property located at 4410 Chandler Road and 4420 Chandler Road:



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

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the Special Exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, beginning at 5:30 P.M.,** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Apopka graduate avoids student debt with scholarships, aid

Nonprofit mentorship helps UF senior navigate college costs

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

When Sean Javier entered Apopka High School as a freshman, he knew college was somewhere in his future. What he didn't know was what he wanted to study or how he would eventually finance his education.

Now a senior at the University of Florida, Javier is preparing to graduate in May 2027 with a degree in applied physiology and kinesiology. He has applied to doctoral programs in physical therapy.

Along the way, scholarships, financial aid and guidance from volunteer mentors helped him avoid taking out student loans.

"I didn't really want to take out loans for college," Javier said. "Figuring out financial aid and applying to scholarships and making sure that I got all of my Bright Futures requirements done ... was super important."

Javier participated in Take Stock in Children, a statewide nonprofit that provides college scholarships, mentoring and educational support to students from low-income households. The organization works with students beginning in middle or high school and continues providing support through college.

For Javier, who joined the program at approximately 14 years old, the mentoring extended beyond financial planning.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, he struggled personally early in high school. His first mentor provided regular encouragement and remembered details from their previous conversations.

"Just the fact that he was a constant presence in my life, someone that did not have to be there ... that was really important to me," Javier said.



Sean Javier, an Apopka High School graduate and University of Florida senior, stands at a podium during a Take Stock in Children event. Javier credits scholarships, financial aid and volunteer mentors with helping him pursue his college education without taking out student loans. | Courtesy of Take Stock in Children

Bethany Lacey, CEO of Take Stock in Children, said the organization's approach combines long-term mentoring with tuition assistance rather than providing scholarships alone.

Students must meet household income requirements, maintain their grades, participate consistently in mentoring and remain crime- and drug-free.

According to Lacey, the program provides a two-year tuition scholarship through a partnership with the Florida Prepaid College Foundation, which matches the scholarship's value. Students also receive assistance applying for federal financial aid, including Pell Grants, and other scholarships.

"We want to make sure that once they're in college, that they have the support they need to stay in college and to graduate," Lacey said.

The scholarships do not automatically cover every college expense. Housing, textbooks and meal plans can remain substantial financial burdens, Lacey said. However, combining multiple sources of aid can reduce students' out-of-pocket costs and dependence on loans.

Javier said Bright Futures, Pell Grants, a Take Stock scholarship and other grants helped cover most of his college expenses, significantly reducing his out-of-pocket costs.

In Orange County, Take Stock in Children currently serves approximately 200 students and has assisted more than 1,000 over its history, according to Lacey. She did not provide separate participation figures for Apopka.

Statewide, the organization reports serving approximately 46,000 students since its founding 31 years ago.

Take Stock in Children's 2025 annual report lists a 99% high school completion rate for its class of 2025, a 91% college enrollment rate for its class of 2023 and a 73% college graduation rate for its class of 2017.

The nonprofit relies on volunteer mentors, including more than 100 in Orange County. Mentors receive training and generally meet with students twice monthly, sometimes for approximately 30 minutes.

Javier, who now volunteers with Project Youth Build and serves as a college experience student ambassador for Take Stock in Children, said his experience inspired him to help other students navigate their educational paths.

His advice to students worried about college costs is to investigate scholarships and financial aid before assuming higher education is beyond their reach.

"There are ways forward if you don't think you can afford it to get a college degree," Javier said. "There are resources to help you navigate that."

Apopka-area residents interested in mentoring or learning about student opportunities can visit takestockinchildren.org.

Strong Towns Apopka to host West Orange Trail beautification event Saturday

Volunteers to improve the trail through landscaping, art

Staff Reports

Strong Towns Apopka will host a community beautification event Saturday, along the West Orange Trail, bringing together residents, students and local organizations for landscaping and public art projects.

The West Orange Trail Beautification Day will take place from 8 to 10 a.m. and include native plantings, an art installation and stepping-stone painting. A dedication ceremony recognizing the participating organizations and volunteers is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

The event is being organized in partnership with the Garden Club of Apopka, Wekiva High School Art Club, Creative Hub of Apopka and Orange County Parks & Recreation.

Wekiva High School Art Club students are creating the art installation, while Creative Hub of Apopka will lead the stepping-stone painting activity. Volunteers will also help plant native vegetation along the trail. Participants assisting with planting are encouraged to bring watering cans.

"Strong communities are built when people come together to care for the places they share," Strong Towns Apopka Chair Christine Moore said in a Tuesday news release.

Moore said the project illustrates how residents, schools, community organizations and government agencies can work together to improve public spaces.

"We are not just improving the trail—we are creating opportunities for connection, creativity, and community pride," Moore said.

The event is part of Strong Towns Apopka's efforts to encourage residents to participate in neighborhood improvements and community development.

The local initiative draws inspiration from the national Strong Towns movement, which advocates financially sustainable communities, thoughtful development and public spaces designed around residents' needs.

Residents and families are invited to participate. Parking will be available at the Fran Carlton Center and Doctors' Dog Park.

Additional information is available on the Strong Towns Apopka Facebook page. Volunteers can register at bit.ly/4BfKeHd.


Strong Towns Apopka Chair Christine Moore is helping organize a West Orange Trail beautification event on Oct. 24. | Photo by Dana O'Connor

FUNDS

FROM A1

"Then they turned the live feed off, and so at that time, Mayor Nesta, who was then the commissioner, held a town hall here in the chamber, and they asked him to pay for the use of the chamber and to have a police officer here while he was holding the town hall," she said. "He had to pay it himself for a town meeting, so that's where that resolution came from. It was in the spirit of having town hall meetings with our community and being able to have the facility."

Anderson said she had also "tried to have several events where I had to pay out of pocket."

"One of the reasons why we discussed it being open was because we wanted to make sure that whatever initiative that each commissioner wanted to support — if four of the commissioners didn't want to support that, we still could actually have that event," she said. "But [in] all fairness to myself, I actually was the one who initiated asking questions because it was so vague, and I wasn't sure, and I reached out to the attorney myself... I do agree that there should be some type of parameters put on the policy."

Commissioner Yesenia Baron noted that the resolution does contain eligible and ineligible uses, although it lacks "a minimum in terms of what the city staff or the cost to the city is going to be." She suggested a limit of $5,000, with Camp Wewa and the Apopka Amphitheater as exceptions.

During public comment, Apopka resident Sylvester Hall claimed that racism served as the basis for the resolution's discussion.

"To hear how someone sitting on this council, this dais here, the things that are being said on social media — it's like we're animals," he said. "A white band can come out there, and these things are not brought up at all."

Resident Albert McKimmie followed Hall's comments, denying racism as a factor in the discussion.

"I could be called racist, I could be called sexist — but there's a gentleman over there I defended when he was accused of shooting up somebody's house. If I was racist, I wouldn't be defending him at the time," he said. "I don't see any racism here. The only racism I see is people who have a chip on their shoulder and believe that they're second-class citizens."

Resident Nikki Maguire urged commissioners to "focus on the mistake that was made" instead of the singular concert.

"The mistake that was made was in 2025 when you guys voted for something without any guardrails," she said. "I'm not looking at just the concert because it could have been any one of you who could have done something."

THEME: HALLOWEEN

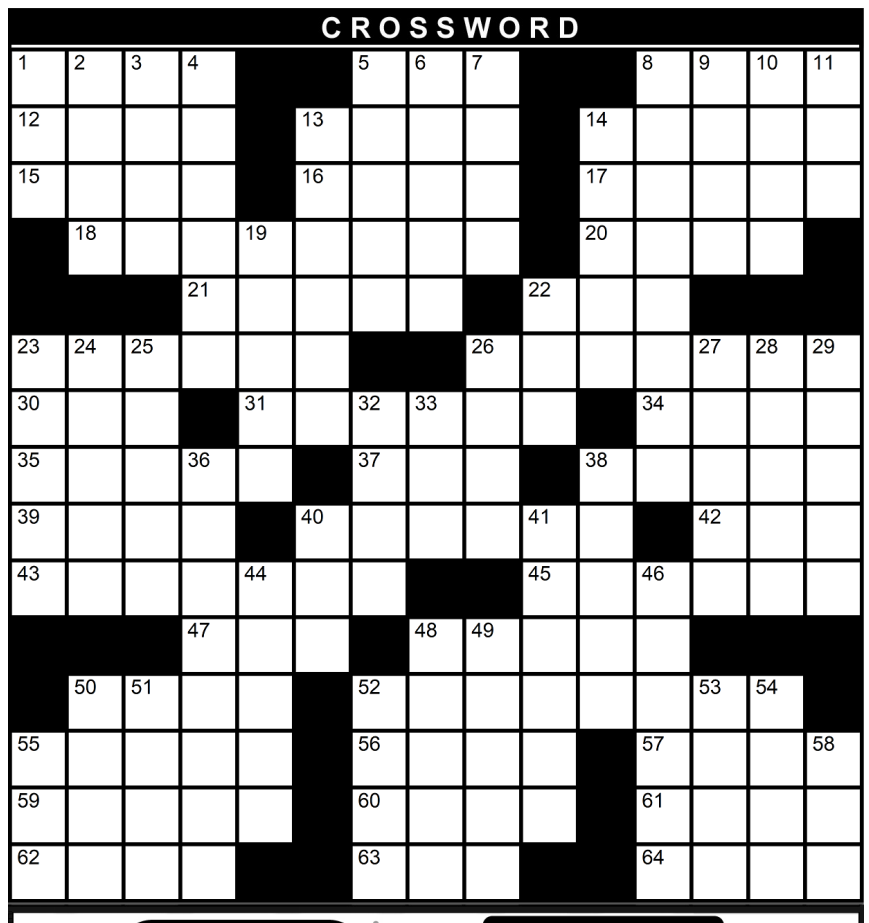
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1. *Count Dracula's creator
5. Zeppelin lead-in
8. Dry riverbed
12. Stew bean
13. Workbench holding device
14. Thing of the past
15. Just right (3 words)
16. "If all ____ fails..."
17. Thin mountain ridge
18. *Michael Jackson's Halloween party song
20. Exclamation, with Louise
21. Like days long gone
22. Lion's "hand"
23. Large seabird
26. YHWH
30. 50 states, acr.
31. Gone (2 words)
34. Drawn in the sand?
35. Long stories
37. Over there
38. Subsequently
39. Doris Day's "Que ____"
40. One million ohms
42. Vatican vestment
43. Causes of PTSD
45. Theater passages
47. Local Area Network
48. Like autumn air
50. '60s British teenagers
52. *Jason's last name
55. Subway in Paris
56. Pinnacle
57. First Nation nation
59. Cheerleader's prop
60. *____'s "swelter'd venom" in #36 Down
61. Capital of Ukraine
62. Any day now
63. Francisco lead-in
64. Dried-up

DOWN
1. Club alternative
2. '80s band "Quiet ____"
3. Wet nurse
4. Maid, after getting married
5. City in Northern France
6. Ruhr's industrial center
7. Hunted ruminant
8. *Full moon shapeshifter
9. Sheltered, nautically speaking
10. Flighty one
11. Skater's turf
13. South African grasslands
14. Indian prince
19. Intestinal obstruction
22. Liveliness in one's step
23. *Ghost at a Halloween party
24. According to
25. Nigerian money
26. Jupiter's sister and wife
27. Essential to life
28. Anoint
29. *Witches' hemlock and belladonna, e.g.
32. *Pennywise's are mismatched
33. *"Wool of bat, and tongue of ____"
36. *"....toil and trouble; fire burn and ____ bubble"
38. Anabaptist group
40. Gingerbread shape
41. *Red-____, like Winifred Sanderson of "Hocus Pocus"
44. Wide-mouth jar inventor
46. Small spots
48. "Cuckoo for ____ Puffs"
49. Kieran Culkin as ____ Roy
50. Not nice
51. Von Bismarck or Hahn, e.g.
52. Giant kettles
53. Great Lake
54. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.
55. Business degree, acr.
58. *All Hallows' ____

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



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Extension offers November classes on housing and gardening

Staff Reports

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Extension office in Orange County will offer eight November programs, including online housing classes, a garden tour and backyard chicken training. All times are Eastern Standard Time.

Take Control of Your Money for Renters (Online)

This practical online class is designed to help renters strengthen their financial skills, better understand housing-related expenses, and access resources that can help prevent housing instability. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 5 to 8 p.m. This class will be taught by agent Jenny Rodriguez. Free. Registration required at http://ocextension.eventbrite.com. 407-254-9200.

Foreclosure Prevention Class (Online)

This online class provides information and resources to help homeowners understand foreclosure prevention options and take steps toward maintaining housing stability. Thursday, Nov. 12, noon to 1:30 p.m. This class will be taught by agent Jenny Rodriguez. Free. Registration required at http://ocextension.eventbrite.com. 407-254-9200.

First Time Homebuyer Workshop – English (Online)

This workshop provides first-time homebuyers with information and resources to help them prepare for the homebuying process and make informed housing decisions. Thursdays, Nov. 5 and 12, 5 to 9 p.m. This class will be taught by agent Jenny Rodriguez. $12.51 fee. Registration for the first date automatically registers you for the second date. Registration required at http://ocextension.eventbrite.com. 407-254-9200.

Post Purchase – Home Maintenance (Online)

Learn important home maintenance practices and resources to help homeowners care for and maintain their homes after purchase. Monday, Nov. 16, 1 to 2 p.m. This class will be taught by agent Jenny Rodriguez. Free. Registration required at http://ocextension.eventbrite.com. 407-254-9200.

First Time Homebuyer Workshop – Spanish (Online)

This workshop provides first-time homebuyers with information and resources to help them prepare for the homebuying process and make informed housing decisions. The workshop is presented in Spanish. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This class will be taught by agent Jenny Rodriguez. $12.51 fee. Registration required at http://ocextension.eventbrite.com. 407-254-9200.

Urban Backyard Chicken Training Class (Online)

Learn the basics of raising backyard chickens in an urban setting, including information to help participants successfully manage a backyard flock. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to noon. This class will be taught live via Teams by JK Yarborough, Orange County Extension agent. $5 fee; online tickets are $7.18. Registration required at http://ocextension.eventbrite.com. 407-254-9200.

Guided Garden Tour

Explore the UF/IFAS Extension Orange County gardens during a guided tour and learn about the plants, gardening techniques, and resources available at the Extension garden. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m. This class will be taught by Heather Kalaman. $12.51 per person. Preregistration is encouraged at http://ocextension.eventbrite.com. 407-254-9200. UF/IFAS Extension Orange County, 6021 S. Conway Road, Orlando, FL 32812.

Backyard Habitat: Supporting Birds, Beneficials & Beyond

Learn about the four characteristics of supporting backyard wildlife: food, water, shelter, and a place to raise their young. Thursday, Nov. 19, noon to 1:30 p.m. This class will be taught by Clarissa Chairez. $5 per person; online tickets are $7.18. Walk-ins may pay with exact cash or a check. Online registration is available at http://ocextension.eventbrite.com. 407-254-9200. UF/IFAS Extension Orange County, 6021 S. Conway Road, Orlando, FL 32812.

Apopka DRC clears Crossroads revision, sets conditions for two projects

Warehouse and car wash plans must address remaining staff comments

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka Development Review Committee cleared a revised construction site plan for Crossroads at Kelly Park Phase 3B on Wednesday, Oct. 21, and recommended approval of warehouse and car wash plans subject to resolving staff comments.

The Crossroads revision, for a site on Soapberry Avenue, was on its second submittal. Project manager Jean Sanchez said no committee members had outstanding comments and that she would issue approval that day and circulate the plans for signatures.

The committee previously recommended approval of a 78-lot plat for Crossroads at Kelly Park Phase 2A-2.

The committee also reviewed plans for a proposed 30,000-square-foot warehouse at 3716 Hogshead Road, submitted for a third review.

Planning staff had no outstanding comments on the warehouse plans, but Public Works representative Dale Smith said roadway improvements needed revisions to accommodate a neighboring warehouse's turn lane being built in front of the property.

Smith said the applicant's improvements within the public right of way would need to extend to address the configuration. Applicant representative Dave Schmitt agreed to revise and resubmit the plans after receiving the neighboring project's full roadway plans.

The committee recommended approval subject to satisfying Public Works comments without requiring another committee review.

For Lux Car Wash Phase 1 on Rock Springs Road, staff sought clarification of where drainage, water, sewer and reclaimed water infrastructure would end within the first phase of construction.

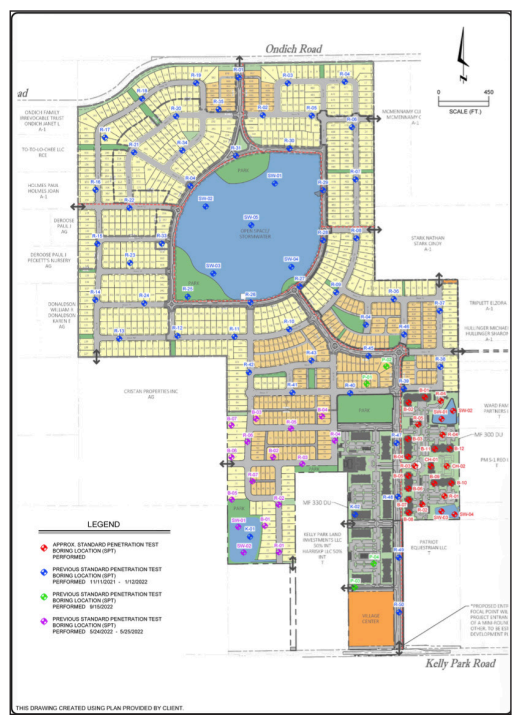
"They drew a phase line nicely, but they need to say, are they extending the pipe out of the drainage manhole and putting a plug in the end of the pipe, or are they plugging it at the manhole?" Smith said.

Smith said the plans also needed endpoints for water, sewer and reclaimed water lines so inspectors would know which improvements to inspect. Planning staff also had minor comments.

Applicant representative Gregory Crawford said the plans would be updated and resubmitted. He said construction was awaiting resolution of the plans and that the previous contractor's health problems had required a change in contractors.

The committee recommended approval once staff comments were resolved, without another committee appearance.

No one spoke during the meeting's public comment period.



A plan shows the overall layout of Crossroads at Kelly Park, including residential lots, parks and stormwater areas. Apopka's Development Review Committee cleared a revised construction site plan for Phase 3B on Wednesday. | Courtesy of the City of Apopka

STELLAR AWARD

FROM A1



Jennifer Bennett (right) poses with one of her students (left). | Courtesy of Jennifer Bennett



Jennifer Bennett was teaching when OCPS surprised her with her title of Teacher of the Year finalist. | Courtesy of OCPS

whether they want to have a fish fry," she said. "Last time we did this was two school years ago — the kids didn't want to eat them, so we just sold the fish as a donation for FFA, which was a really amazing thing."

An Oct. 5 news release from OCPS credits Bennett with "driving significant ELA learning gains" and "securing pass rates over 70% on state Agriculture Education Services and Technology (AEST) industry certifications." Bennett is particularly proud of the latter achievement.

"Not all of our students test industry certification, so the numbers look a little higher — but that is a true number," she said. "Industry certification is an adult-level test. It is actually given by agriculture industries, and these are seventh and eighth graders taking the test, so there's some really high-level knowledge that they have acquired in order to pass these tests. With that test, that gives them access to scholarships. It gives them access to different jobs... They are kids still, but they're actually putting the extra effort in to gain this certification that's going to help them in life."

Bennett hopes her students "will just learn to be self-sustaining in life."

"That's what I hope my legacy would be, is that I can just instill in them that even when it comes to food... don't buy a packet of seeds," she said. "You got a tomato in your refrigerator — you can grow, from those seeds inside that tomato, a bunch of tomatoes. Teaching the students that you will always have a way to eat. There's a lot of things that you can do."

Bennett is one of five Teacher of the Year finalists for this school year. OCPS will announce the winner at the Stellar Awards on Jan. 15, 2027, at the Gaylord Palms Resort, according to the release.



POLICE BEAT

Apopka police arrest 30, issue 90 citations Oct. 11-17

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In the period from October 11-17, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,563 calls for service, responded to 27 crashes, issued 90 citations, and made 30 arrests. Burglaries: 3 vehicles, 0 residences, 1 business. Juveniles were charged with battery-cause bodily harm; probation violation-child in violation of imposed conditions (X3); battery-touch or strike; out-of-county warrant (X2).

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Heng Youk, 71, Apopka, battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation.

Gerson Aldana Diaz, 26, 313 N. Maine Ave., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-damage to property or person of another; crash-refuse to submit to balance test; moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 1st conviction.

Nathan Michael Wilder, 44, 633 W. Ella J. Gilmore St., Apopka, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction; burglary of occupied structure unarmed; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Juliani Alexander Torres, 23, 122 Crestwood Dr., Longwood, battery-touch or strike.

Luis Alberto Morales, 42, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Ashton Jonathan Ramnauth, 24, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Marin Octavia Williams, 23, 227 E. 12th St. #1, Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence; out-of-county warrant.

Cardelus Deon Livingston, 47, 631 Doe Cove Pl., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation equivalent status 3rd subsequent violation.

Tyler Robert Scott, 33, 4575 S. Texas Ave. Apt 204, Orlando, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; vehicle theft-grand theft of motor vehicle.

Brandon Jamal Johnson, 31, 1031 Eagles Forrest Dr., Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Roscoe Alford, 64, 3453 Wells Street, Orlando, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction; simple assault-intent threat to do violence.

Sharon Andrea Lafayette, 65, Apopka, abuse elderly or disabled adult without great harm; battery on person 65+ years of age (domestic).

Ryan Bishundayal, 29, 5426 Florida Elm Way, Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Shonicka Denise Turner, 45, 1460 Marvin C Zanders Ave., Apopka, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction.

Marcus Maurice Thomas, 41, Orlando, battery-touch or strike; probation violation (X2).

Henry Noel Contarero Bautista, 35, 8212 Earlwood Ave., Mt. Dora, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol 0.15 or higher or with person under 18 in vehicle.

Allison Marie Gober, 34, 215 S. Forest Ave., Apopka, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Daniel Victor Dennerline, 81, 611 Business Park Blvd., Winter Garden, out-of-county warrant.

David Dwayne Wallace, 54, Apopka, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction.

Benjamin Edward Raysor, 68, 1495 Apopka Blvd., Apopka, sex offender violation-sex offender failed to provide re-registration information.

Adriana Janiyah Mills, 21, 520 Brighton Ave. #415, Apopka, violation of probation-conspiracy to sell methamphetamine.

Salma Nicol Millan Santos, 26, 4919 Emilee Grace Ln., St. Cloud, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 1st conviction; fraud-impersonate false ID given to law enforcement officer.

Camila Sofia Torres Tejada, 21, 19 Laurel Oaks Dr. #101, Winter Springs, larceny-other theft.

Amilcar Chen Calel, 36, 1178 Timberline Rd., Apopka, aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill; burglary dwelling/structure/conveyance armed.

Lee Noel Saucedo, 22, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Edgar Matthew Flores, 28, 1883 Marquette Ave., Orlando, larceny-other theft.

Roeli Gudiel Lopez-Aguilar, 42, 212 N. Cervidae Dr., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Kenyatta Jahmal Browne, 43, 7525 Fort Desoto St. #1020, Orlando, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction.

Jenrry Noe Perez Orellana, 23, 628 S. Lake Pleasant Rd., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

William Cal Webb, 42, 555 Monroe Ave., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

PARK

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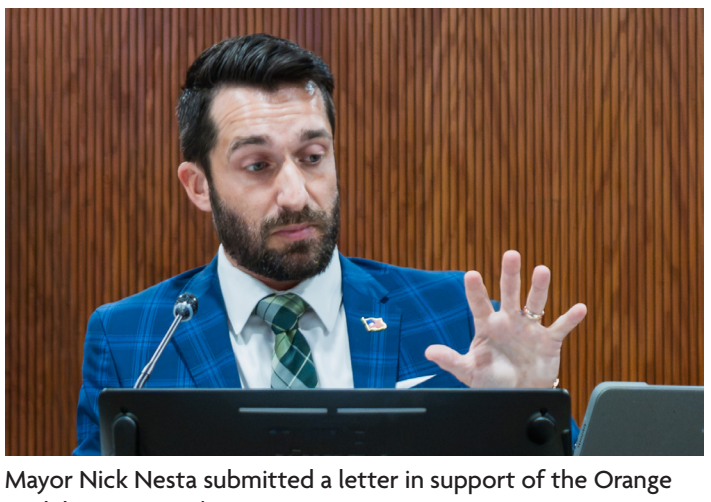
the museum's design and, with donors' permission, use existing savings for operations, educational programs and habitat restoration, according to an October news release from the organization. Orange Audubon launched a fundraising campaign in February to help finance the project.

"We are creating a place where wildlife can thrive and where people of all ages can experience and participate in conservation," Orange Audubon President Deborah Green said in the release.

The proposed museum would be developed at the 69.5-acre Apopka Birding Park, a former greenhouse nursery property adjacent to Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive.

According to a letter Apopka Mayor Nick Nesta submitted in support of the project, the St. Johns River Water Management District transferred the property to the city in 2018 in exchange for five acres. Apopka granted Orange Audubon a long-term lease in 2024 for nature-based recreation and education.

During public comments at the county work session, Nesta highlighted the city's partnership with Orange Audubon and urged commissioners to recognize tourism opportunities beyond Orlando's traditional tourism corridor.



Mayor Nick Nesta submitted a letter in support of the Orange Audubon project. | Photo by Dana O'Connor

"City of Apopka is partnering [with] and promoting one of our Orange Audubon parks that's going on there, so we really think these smaller municipal projects really do have a longing impression," Nesta said. "It may not be one of the bigger projects, but we do have a lot of stuff that's going on especially in Apopka and some of the other smaller municipalities."

Orange Audubon has begun restoring the property, with volunteers contributing approximately 500 hours and working group members another 2,200 hours. More than 122 bird species have been recorded at the park, according to the organization.

If funding is secured in early 2027, Orange Audubon anticipates opening the museum later that year, potentially hosting an expo during its North Shore Birding Festival in December 2027.

Commissioner Mike Crabb proposed alternative tourist development tax allocations that also included $12 million for Orange Audubon, but his amendments failed to receive a second.

Commissioners approved the overall funding plan after reducing the proposed Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts allocation from $400 million to $350 million.

Additional approvals remain necessary. According to Orange Audubon, the Tourist Development Council is scheduled to consider the projects Nov. 6, followed by a Dec. 1 County Commission meeting. Individual funding agreements also require commission approval before funding can be finalized.



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SPORTS

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Offensive fireworks extinguished by inclement weather



Jakyvion Kemp makes a Timber Creek defender miss. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Apopka vs. Timber Creek suspended with Blue Darters leading 12-7

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka celebrated its senior class Friday night, but the Blue Darters' matchup against Timber Creek was cut short by severe weather, leaving the teams with more football to play at a later date.

The Blue Darters honored 21 senior football players at Roger Williams Field, along with senior members of the band, cheerleading squad and Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. However, lightning in the area forced a lengthy delay before continued storms and heavy rain led to the game's suspension.

Apopka trailed early after Timber Creek opened the scoring with a 30-yard touchdown pass down the right sideline. The Blue Darters answered immediately with a trick play.

Coach Marcus Neeson said during the delay that he had some plays ready and designed for the birthday boy, Nyzier Collington.

After Johnson Navilssaint returned the kickoff to the 40-yard line, quarterback Kai Goodling threw what looked like a screen pass to Collington. Collington stopped and launched a pass deep downfield to Jakyvion Kemp, who caught it at the Timber Creek 30-yard line and raced into the end zone for a touchdown. The extra point was unsuccessful, leaving Apopka trailing 7-6 with 9:26 remaining in the first quarter.

The Blue Darters' defense responded on the Wolves' next possession. Jakendall Kemp

APOPKA FOOTBALL, B3

Wekiva works on standards during bye



Wekiva's first team offense lines up against the defense. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Mustangs' late bye week comes before two rivalry games

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Wekiva head football coach Ashton Watts knows the Mustangs have work to do with a 2-6 record, but he sees a team that is beginning to understand what it takes to build a winning program.

Coming out of their bye week, the Mustangs returned to the practice field with an emphasis on fundamentals, accountability and maintaining the standards Watts has set for his players. With crosstown rivals Evans and Apopka awaiting them, the focus remained on preparation rather than changing the approach because of the opponents.

"Our kids' spirits are high, and I know where our program could be at a time like this," Watts said. "We've been in the process of kind of cutting the fat and weaning guys out and trying to get the guys that are bought in. So when you do that, you find the guys who still love the game, and I feel like we've done that. So these guys, man, they're not paying attention to the record. They're just willing to work."

The bye week came later in the season than Watts would have preferred, especially with the Mustangs coming off several losses in games they believed they could have won. Rather than making the week a major departure from their regular routine, Wekiva continued working while taking time to address smaller issues and allow players to recover physically.

"I know a lot of people take time to do like a lot of team bonding and stuff like that, but for us, it was just work as normal," Watts said. "We did take some time to do some housekeeping, rest our bodies, and recuperate a little bit. We still lifted hard, but for the most part, it was just trying to find what we're fighting for, and I think when you have two big crosstown rivals coming up, I think it makes it easy to kind of fight."

Practice reflected that approach, beginning with two variations of Oklahoma drills that emphasized blocking fundamentals for wide receivers and the running game. The Mustangs then split into individual position drills, with the coaching staff working to sharpen execution on both sides of the ball.

Coach Anthony Grant worked with quarterback Dominick Sanguine and the receivers on route depth and finding openings against zone coverage. Receivers practiced maintaining their routes and identifying space between cornerbacks and safeties before working on proper footwork and direc-

WEKIVA FOOTBALL, B3

Stirring Homecoming victory illustrates dramatic Blue Darter football improvement

OPINION



Roger Williams
Correspondent

As Apopka Blue Darter football enters the final phase of the 2026 season, now is a good time to reflect on the tremendous progress since our program fell apart in late May of 2025.

Apopka's dramatic, last second homecoming victory over heavily favored Lake Brantley illustrates just how far Apopka football has come since the catastrophic events of May 2025, when more than 30 players defected from AHS to various other schools, sparking then-head coach Jeff Rolson's resignation and leaving Apopka football in tatters. This came on the brink of the 2025 season, which featured arguably the toughest schedule in Florida.

As I have written previously, Blue Darter football faced that daunting schedule in 2025 with only one returning starter and a roster that was essentially the equivalent of a JV/freshman team. Fast forward to Oct. 9, 2026, and we witnessed an Apopka team stocked with over 50 talented players defeat a Lake Brantley team led by one of the most highly touted quarterbacks in Florida.

Over the course of Apopka's dramatic come-from-behind last second victory, Coach Marcus Neeson's Blue Darters made big plays in the passing game and running game, demonstrated a deep pool of talented receivers, solid quarterbacking, effective play on both lines, a blocked kick, a solid kicking game and special teams, a 2-point conversion and a gritty "bend but don't break" defense, which slowed down one of Florida's most high-pow-

BLUE DARTERS, B4



Apopka Blue Darters gather for a pregame prayer. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Apopka bowling goes down in district

Girls qualify for semifinals while boys come up short by one spot

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter



Taylor Blaszak torques her body for a powerful roll up the lane. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

The Apopka bowling teams delivered strong individual performances at the Class 1A District 7 tournament Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Boardwalk Bowl, but the Blue Darters came up short of advancing deeper into the postseason. The girls reached the semifinal round, and the boys finished just outside the top four.

The tournament began with three games of 10-pin bowling, with the top four teams advancing to the semifinals. The top two individual bowlers whose teams did not qualify for state also advanced.

The Apopka girls opened with a strong performance from Madelynn Scofield, who rolled a 215 in the first game, the highest individual score among all girls in that game. Samantha Carlyle added a 170 as the Blue Darters combined for a team score of 756.

Jillian Fessia led Apopka in the second game with a 134, while Carlyle bowled a 132

APOPKA BOWLING, B2

Wekiva bowler falls short of state

Mustangs finish outside the top four as junior standout delivers a 247 game

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Wekiva's boys bowling team missed the semifinals at the Class 1A District 7 tournament Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Boardwalk Bowl. But junior William Warren delivered a strong finish that put him in contention for an individual state berth.

The Mustangs finished the three-game qualifying round with a team score of 2,441,



Delivering power and rotation, William Warren sends the ball tracking straight toward the pocket. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

WEKIVA BOWLING, B4

Cooler weather, full moon raise anglers' hopes



GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

Hello Folks,

I believe everyone is lovin' this great weather we're havin'. I know I am! It's been a lonnng summer, and I've been waitin' and anticipatin' for a good while… but now it's finally here, and it's just grrreat!

The bass fishin' and the speck fishin' should pick back up this weekend… that's if the weather doesn't get too bad. We have a full moon this comin' Monday, October the 26th, and usually three days before the full moon and three days after are good times to catch fish! If you've been waitin' to go fishin', this weekend just might be a good time to get out there and catch'em!

The bass are eatin' shiners, and that's a terrific way to catch a big ole bass durin' this time of the year. But the bass fishin' this past weekend was a little rough for most of the anglers. We had a lotta rain, and the wind was brisk, so that made the bass fishin' tough for everybody who decided to brave the elements to go fishin'!

Hopefully, this cooler weather will kick off the speckled perch season. Folks are already catchin'em in our area. They're catchin' some specks north of us in Lake Woodruff, which is 25 miles west of Daytona Beach; down south in Lake Kissimmee; and the Headwaters, a little further south down in Fellsmere.

The folks who are catchin' specks in Lake Woodruff are driftin' the open water with bright-colored jigs. Get you a bucket of minners and drift the open water, and you'll find'em. The jigs are workin' real good, but if you haven't gotten a bite yet, try puttin' a minner on your jig! That just might get you the bite you've been lookin' for!

Over on the Harris Chain, the Citrus Bass Club fished over the weekend, and it only took 13.0 pounds to win, with five bass. Congrats to the husband and wife team of Maverick and Christelle Molina on their win. They also caught the biggest bass of the day that weighed in at 3 pounds, 12 ounces. So, as you can see, this past weekend was pretty durned tough.

The bass fishin' down on the Headwaters Lake is good… if you're fishin' with some shiners. Most folks are catchin' lots of bass and an occasional big bass on shiners. You can catch'em on artificials also, such as a noisy topwater bait, chatter-baits, or a swim-jig.

The X-treme Bass Series held its team championship on Lake Okeechobee last weekend. This was the Falcon Boats Division Series Championship. Congrats to Derek Daniels and Michael Johnson on their win. This was a two-day event held on the north end of Lake Okeechobee. The lake was a little stingy for most of the 125 teams that qualified for the championship. The "Big O" showed out for Derek and Michael, and they're very happy with their win. Congrats to all the teams that made it to the championship.

Let's be sure to keep the family of Steven Hamilton in our thoughts and prayers. Steven was fishin' for bass at the Dr. Bradford Memorial Park along Lake Apopka in Winter Garden when he was attacked and killed by a 12-foot alligator that pulled him into the water. Trappers with the FWC have killed that gator. Thanks in advance for your thoughts and prayers for the Hamilton family.

Tip of the week: Go fishin'! And when you do, keep yourself safe!

SAVE A FEW, AND GOOD LUCK!

APOPKA BOWLING

FROM B1

and Scofield followed with a 130. The team finished the game with a score of 634.

Scofield led the way again in the third game with a 171, finishing the qualifying round with a 516 series, seventh among all girls. Apopka finished fourth overall with a team score of 2,040, earning a spot in the double-elimination Baker bracket.

The Blue Darters faced Winter Park in the semifinal round, where they struggled to keep pace with the Wildcats. Apopka opened with a 127 in the first game, highlighted by Scofield rolling three consecutive strikes in the final frame, but Winter Park finished with a 154.

Apopka managed 114 in the second game as the Wildcats extended their advantage with a 170. The Blue Darters continued fighting in the third game, but four consecutive strikes late in the game helped Winter Park pull away with a 167-108 victory.

Following their first loss, Apopka faced Oviedo in a matchup that featured several close finishes.

The Blue Darters dropped the opening game 122-113 before falling 129-124 in the second. With their tournament hopes on the line, Apopka responded in the third game, with Eviannah Escalante, Carlyle, Scofield, Fessia and Taylor Blaszak bowling consecutive spares in frames four through eight.

Escalante added another spare before Carlyle had her moment. Down by 19 in the 10th frame, she rolled a strike and knocked down the final pin for a spare on her final delivery to help Apopka edge Oviedo 153-152. However, Oviedo answered with a 139-129 victory in the next game to end the Blue Darters' run.

On the boys side, Apopka finished just outside the top four with a three-game team score of 2,778.

The Blue Darters opened with a 964 in the first game, led by Colby Todd's 224 and Logan Licavoli's 210.

Licavoli continued his strong performance in the second game, rolling three consecutive strikes in the 10th frame on his way to a 199. Maven Cardenas added a 183 as Apopka finished the game with a 908.

The Blue Darters posted a 906 in the third game but ultimately fell short of the semifinal cutoff.

Girls coach Jason Ramos described the team as one of the most talented and hardworking groups he has coached.

"It's probably the best team of girls that I've had as far as talent, effort, just transformation from what they were when they came to me to what they are now," Ramos said. "It came down to a couple of pins here and there, a couple of spares here and there, and we would have been solidified as at least a runner-up, and I can't be mad at that. I'm super proud of them. I love these girls, and they make me a better coach."

The tournament also carried personal significance for Ramos, who said he was unsure whether he would return to coaching next season.

For the seniors, the tournament marked the end of their high school bowling careers.

"If I'm fortunate enough to be able to come back here, I know I got three returners that are willing to bowl with me, and we'll do everything we can to piece another team together that's even more successful than this one," Ramos said.



Madelynn Scofield whips her ball up the lane in the district semifinal round. | Photos by Vinnie Cammarano



Apopka boys bowlers await their turns.



Colby Todd with a huge leg kick on a powerful roll up the lane.



Eviannah Escalante sends a ball down the lane in game 2 of the first round.

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APOPKA FOOTBALL

FROM B1

made a tackle for loss that helped force a turnover on downs. Later in the quarter, Marcus Young chased down a screen pass and forced a fumble near midfield. Jasiah Long recovered the ball and returned it to the Timber Creek 46-yard line.

Apopka capitalized on the opportunity in the second quarter. Goodling connected with Collington on a 24-yard screen pass to the Timber Creek 16-yard line. On the next play, Goodling launched a pass toward a streaking Collington, who 'Mossed' the opposing corner for a touchdown, giving the Blue Darters a 12-7 lead with 10:41 remaining in the quarter. A dropped snap prevented the extra point.

Timber Creek struggled to move the ball against Apopka's defense on its next possession and punted to the Blue Darters' 45-yard line.

Apopka picked up 2 yards on a Kemp rush before an incomplete pass. Kemp then took a direct snap and ran for 9 yards as the Blue Darters continued their drive.

With 7:30 remaining in the second quarter, lightning in the area forced officials to suspend play. Fans were sent to their vehicles while both teams retreated to their locker rooms. After more than an hour of delay, persistent lightning and heavy rain prevented the game from resuming, forcing its suspension for the night.

The teams are expected to resume play at a later date, with Nov. 6 as a possible option. If the game resumes as anticipated, Apopka will lead 12-7 with 7:30 remaining in the second quarter.



Kai Goodling hands the ball across his body to Joshua Taylor. | Photos by Vinnie Cammarano



Nyzier Collington mosses his defender and comes down with the touchdown catch to go up 12-7 in the second quarter.

WEKIVA FOOTBALL

FROM B1

tion changes on curl routes. Grant also coached Sanguine on throwing into windows created by the safeties.

"All you gotta worry about at your position is 'Am I getting myself open,' not 'Am I getting the ball,'" Grant told the receivers.

Meanwhile, coach Alex Vazquez worked with the offensive linemen on the five-man sled, emphasizing explosiveness off the line of scrimmage. Coaches Jerry Middleton and Brandin Hawthorne reviewed defensive schemes and gap-blitz responsibilities with the defense.

The Mustangs later came together for skeleton drills before working on punt and kickoff returns. Practice concluded with a best-on-best scrimmage, where Dominique Walker made a strong play in coverage before Sanguine delivered several accurate passes.

For Watts, the work goes beyond individual drills or a single week of preparation. One of the biggest challenges this season has been bringing players along in their understanding of the game while establishing the expectations necessary to compete consistently.

"We did a great job recruiting the hallways, and I know that sounds funny, but in doing that, you pick up a lot of guys who don't have football IQ," Watts said. "So the biggest challenge was teaching the game of football, and even in some of the guys who knew the game, it was still coaching and teaching some of our ways and our standards. I think that was probably the hardest, the most difficult point was the IQ."

Despite those growing pains, Watts feels the team's greatest growth has come from the players' willingness to embrace his expectations.

"The buy-in to the standard, and I know it still rubs certain people the wrong way," Watts said. "I'm tough on coaches, tough on players, but just their buy into the standard. The standard is the standard, it isn't going to change. If you're still here, you have to abide by the standard."

Walker, a four-year member of the program, has continued to prove himself as one of the team's leaders through his effort on both sides of the ball. Watts also praised Rashard Ricketts for bringing energy and competitiveness after joining the program, while pointing to the development of sophomore offensive lineman Jeremiah Allen as a reason for optimism about the future.

Watts said Allen has handled significant responsibility at a young age and expects him to continue developing over the next two seasons. Izayah Bell has also shown promise as the Mustangs look for more players to step into leadership roles.

As Wekiva prepares to return to game action against Evans, Watts does not plan to change the team's approach because of the rivalry or the stakes of the remaining schedule.

"I don't ever want to make it a big hoopla, whether it's Evans or Apopka," Watts said. "We're not going to change the work. We're not going to change the standard. We're going to go out there and just prepare."

Wekiva will host Evans (4-3), at 7 p.m Friday at Mustang Field.



Coach Vazquez works with the linemen on the sled. | Photos by Vinnie Cammarano



The Mustang offense gathers for a huddle.



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FROM B1

ered passing attacks and emerged with a storybook victory.

An additional benefit is the fact the Lake Brantley is a district game, which means Apopka is still in contention for a spot in the postseason. And, on top of all that, the 2026 freshman team finished with an outstanding 5-1 record at a time when many of our rival schools no longer even field a freshman team.

While I'm sure experts in the stands will still take to their keyboards with critiques, the view from this vantage point shows a program that has made monumental strides from the embers of 2025. It features a full roster of capable players, many of them underclassmen, and an uncommon spirit of resilience and perseverance, which was forged while suffering some of the most devastating adversities any high school football team could endure.

The team has now won three out of four games as it enters a big game with defending state champion Lake Mary on Friday, followed by the annual "Battle for the Mayor's Cup" next week.

These games provide opportunities for even greater accomplishments for the 2026 Blue Darters, but now is an appropriate time to acknowledge the exceptional job Neeson has done in just over a year on the job. He has stopped the hemorrhaging of players leaving the program, rebuilt bonds in the community, encouraged the young local players to remain at Apopka, and led his players with a spirit of resilience and optimism.



Apopka heads to the locker room to get hyped for their district clash with Lake Brantley. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

The Talkin' Old School with Roger Franklin Williams sports talk show on FM 94.9/AM 950 THE ANSWER will highlight the annual "Battle for the Mayor's Cup" with a remote program from Frogger's Grill and Bar Apopka on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6-9 p.m.

The program will include interviews with Blue Darter coach Marcus Neeson and assistant coaches, as well as Blue Darter players and alumni. The program is part of the Frogger's Spirit Night Series; Frogger's will donate 20% of proceeds from 6-9 p.m. to Apopka High athletics.

WEKIVA BOWLING

FROM B1

leaving them outside the top four teams that advanced to the semifinal round.

Wekiva opened with a team score of 761 in the first game. Warren led the Mustangs with a 181, while Nathan Karcher followed closely with a 176.

Karcher finished the second game with three consecutive strikes in the 10th frame, earning a score of 182. Blake McAuliffe also contributed with spare conversions in frames six through nine.

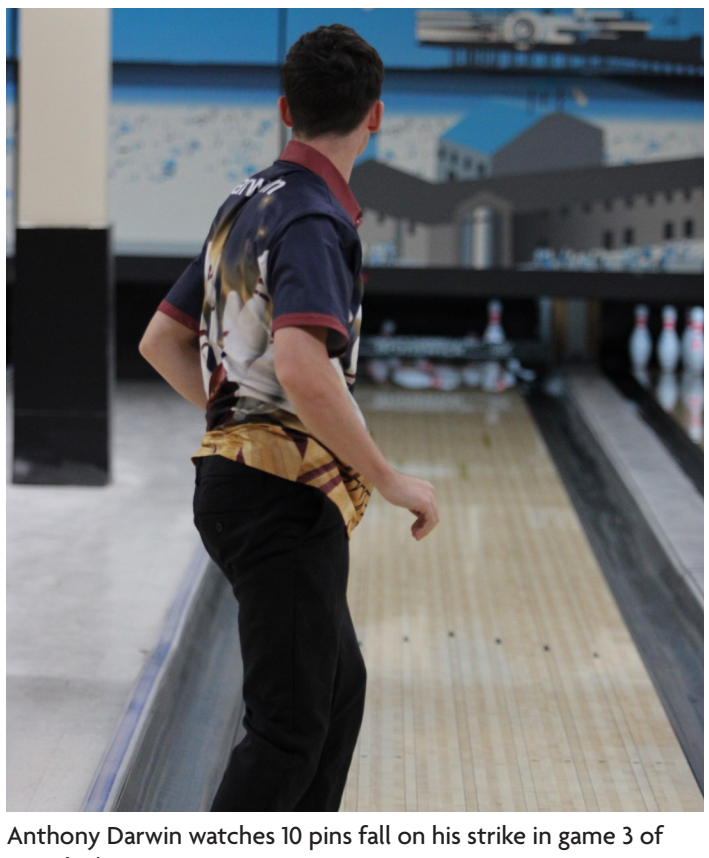
Warren started slowly in the second game before finding his rhythm late. He rolled three consecutive strikes across frames eight, nine and 10, while adding two more strikes in his final two deliveries of the 10th frame. The strong finish gave him a 215 for the game.

Warren saved his best performance for the third game. He rolled repeated strikes on his way to a 247, finishing qualifying with a 643 series.

Under the tournament format, the top two individual bowlers whose teams did not qualify for state also advanced.

However, after the semifinal rounds involving Lyman, Winter Park and Lake Mary, Warren missed the state tournament by one spot.

On the girls side, junior Cindy Caraballo represented Wekiva and recorded a total score of 276. Coaches and players praised her solo performance alongside teams with full rosters.



Anthony Darwin watches 10 pins fall on his strike in game 3 of round 1. | Photos by Vinnie Cammarano



Cindy Caraballo represents the Mustangs in the district tournament.



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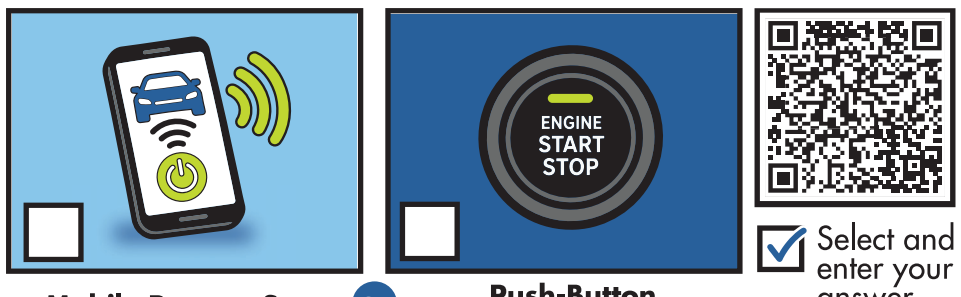
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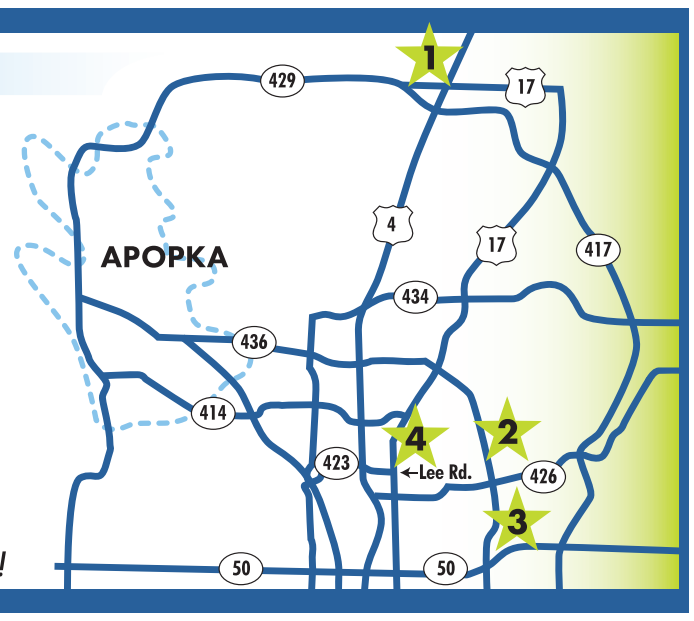


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Candlelight: A Haunted Evening of Halloween Classics
6 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. – The Abbey (100 S. Eola Drive, Unit #100, Orlando)
Discover the music of Halloween under the gentle glow of candlelight. $64.41.

Feltman: World's First Hot Dog
7:30 p.m. – Orlando Family Stage (1001 E. Princeton St., Orlando)
Before sliced bread, there was the hot dog! Actor, playwright, historian and former Feltman's hot dog brand owner Michael Quinn brings this incredible true story to life, performing every role in a dynamic one-person show. $40.51.

Buena Vista Social Club
8 p.m. – Dr. Phillips Center (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Once known as the "Queen of Feeling," her voice was celebrated throughout Cuba—until she vanished from the spotlight. But when an ambitious young record producer brings her a rare opportunity, the elusive diva must finally reckon with her past. From $73.60.

Saturday, October 24

Chamber Impact Day
8 a.m. – Piedmont Lakes Middle School (2601 Lakeville Road, #8975, Apopka)
Volunteers will come together for a campus beautification project at Piedmont Lakes Middle School, an event hosted by Apopka Serves Foundation in partnership with the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce. Free with RSVP.

2026 HOWL-O-WEEN Dog Walk-a-Thon and Canine Costume Contest
9 a.m. – Cranes Roost Park (274 Cranes Roost Blvd., Altamonte Springs)
This family- and dog-friendly event features a short dog walk, canine costume contest, adoptable dogs, pet-friendly vendors, raffles, food trucks, music, and more! Registration is $20 per person in advance and $25 at the event. Children ages 5 and under are free.

Owl at the Moon
10 a.m. – Avian Reconditioning Center (323 Lester Road, Apopka)
Bring friends and family to learn all about Florida's native owl species, experience hands-on activities, watch live flight demonstrations, and meet the resident ambassador birds up close. $5.

Third Annual Vocational Trade Expo Fair
10 a.m. – South Apopka (1104 S. Central Ave., Apopka)
The Third Annual Vocational Trade Expo Fair is a celebration of skilled trades, career opportunities and professional growth, featuring hands-on demonstrations, local vendors, food, music and prizes. Free.

Halloween in the Park 2026
10 a.m. – Kit Land Nelson Park (10 S. Forest Ave., Apopka)
Enjoy a morning filled with Halloween fun, including trick-or-treating and more. Free.

Sunday, October 25

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat 2026 at Windermere Union Church
11 a.m. – Windermere Union Church (10710 Park Ridge Gotha Road, Windermere)
This event will feature decorated trunks and plenty of treats, bounce houses, pumpkin painting, music, food trucks, and more family fun. Free.

Magic Brunch Show Starring Niels Sayers
2 p.m. – Morenas Latin Bar & Grill (2300 E. Semoran Blvd., Unit A, Apopka)
Comedy magician Niels Sayers—seen on NBC, Pawn Stars, Estrella TV and Las Vegas stages—brings an interactive, family-friendly brunch show to Apopka. Children under 8 not permitted. From $8.

Berlioz Requiem at Steinmetz Hall
3 p.m. – Dr. Phillips Center (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Experience a monumental once-in-a-lifetime musical event as the Bach Festival Choir and Orchestra perform Hector Berlioz's Requiem. Renowned for its massive orchestral forces and the thunderous "Dies irae," this performance utilizes dramatic space to create an overwhelming, almost apocalyptic wall of sound. From $53.10.

Mitch Rossell
5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. – Dr. Phillips Center (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
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Tuesday, October 27

CeCe Winans "Come Worship!" Tour
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Halloween Spooktacular Organ Concert
7 p.m. – The Chapel at Orlando Lutheran Towers (300 E. Church St., Orlando)
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7 p.m. & 9 p.m. – Dr. Phillips Center (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
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Wednesday, October 28

Young People's Concert: Bach to the Future
Noon – Dr. Phillips Center (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
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Apopka Police Halloween Highway 2026
4 p.m. – E. Station St., Apopka (in front of True Coffee)
Families will stay inside their vehicles as they enter the spooky APD Halloween Highway. Officers in their best Halloween costumes will hand out candy to occupants inside the vehicles as they pass through. Free.

Halloween Trick or Treat
5 p.m. – IKEA Orlando (4092 Eastgate Drive, Orlando)
A family Halloween event where kids 12 and under can follow a treat-filled scavenger hunt through the showroom. Free with registration.

Thursday, October 29

Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce Halloween Meet & Mingle
5:30 p.m. – Synovus Bank (130 S. Park Ave., Apopka)
Come dressed in your favorite costume, bring your business cards, and get ready to meet new people, reconnect with fellow members, and build valuable business relationships. Free with online registration.

Make & Take: Strawberry Pot Painting Workshop
6 p.m. – 4Roots Farm Campus Education Building (1101 N. John Young Parkway, Orlando)
During this interactive class, you'll learn how to paint and personalize your very own terracotta pot, then plant a fresh strawberry plant to make it truly yours. Our team will guide you step-by-step through decorating techniques, color combinations, and planting tips to help your strawberries thrive.

Band Fall Festival Concert
11:30 a.m. – Valencia College East Campus Mall (701 N. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando)
Valencia College's band/strings ensemble will perform music from the beloved video game series *Final Fantasy*, featuring solo vocalist Hanna Salzman from the vocal department. Free.

Ready for a one-pot meal that originated in West Africa?

In her book, *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking,* Mrs. Meggett has a recipe for Chicken Perloo. She says, "Many of the one-pot rice dishes in the Lowcountry and the South can trace their origins back to west Africa. There's jollof rice in West Africa, jambalaya in Louisiana, and here in the Lowcountry? We've got red rice and chicken perloo which has a lot of the same European and African cooking styles you find in dishes like Spanish paella and Ghanaian jollof rice. However, tender chicken, broth, and perfectly fluffed rice make this a *true* Lowcountry dish."

From New Vision Community Church's *Feeding the Flock*, we have Butternut Squash Casserole, contributed by Nancy Payne. Considering their benefits, these large winter squashes are thrifty. Not only delicious, butternut squash is nutritious and satisfying. They are very easy to roast in the oven. It is the preferred method of cooking over boiling or steaming because it comes out of the oven so fragrant and flavorful! After roasting for an hour or so, all you do is scoop out the roasted squash with a big spoon and then discard the skin. Then get out your large bowl and mash up the soft, cooked squash, using it for recipes or simply flavoring it with salt, pepper and butter for serving at your table. It is so delicious and beautiful, I prefer to get my knife and fork just as it comes out of the oven, put it on my dinner plate along with my other food, and butter it and season it with salt and pepper, and enjoy it just as nature provided!

Here are some directions for novices from Amy at PinchMeGood.com: Using a large sturdy cutting board, you will cut the ends off the squash. Stand it up, and, with a sharp kitchen knife, cut it in half lengthwise. Remove the seeds with a spoon, saving them for roasting, if you like. Then brush the squash ends with olive oil, sprinkling the squash with salt and pepper. Place on a baking sheet, cut side up, and bake for an hour or more at 350 degrees Fahrenheit. You will know it is done when you can easily stick a fork in it.

A delightful recipe from *Southern Living's All-Time Favorites* is Crispy "Fried" Onion Rings. They are fried for only a minute or so, then finished in the HOT oven. There is also a version for Beer-Battered "Fried" Onion Rings. Who doesn't *love* onion rings?

In celebration of our current cool weather, along with a big sigh of relief, we have Mrs. Violet Osborn's Orange-Nut Cake that she has shared with *Stew-Pot Favorites of Zellwood*, which just happens to be one of our *favorite* resources.

EMILY MEGGETT'S CHICKEN PERLOO

Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

INGREDIENTS:
6 tablespoons bacon grease or vegetable oil
1/2 pound salt pork, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 cup roughly chopped onion
5 cups chicken broth
1 teaspoon Nature's Seasons (Morton's Nature's Seasons Seasoning Blend)
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 pound cooked chicken thighs, skin removed and roughly chopped
2-1/2 cups long-grain white rice, unrinsed
DIRECTIONS:

1) In a large, heavy-bottomed pot, heat 2 tablespoons of the bacon grease or oil over high heat. Once the grease or oil is shimmering, add the salt pork and cook on high heat for 1 minute. Pour the remaining bacon grease or oil into the pot. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook the salt pork for about 5 minutes, until browned. 2) Once browned, remove the salt pork from the pot and set aside. Leave enough oil to coat the bottom of the pot. Add the onion and fry for 1 minute. Return the cooked salt pork to the pot and cook the onion and salt pork together over low heat for about 5 minutes, until onion just darkens. 3) Add the broth, Nature's Seasons, and poultry seasoning and bring to a boil. 4) Once boiling, add the chicken. Cook for about 2 minutes, then add the rice. Adjust the heat to medium-low and cook until most of the liquid has been absorbed, 10 to 15 minutes. 5) If using a steamer, transfer the rice mixture to the top of the steamer, cover and steam over medium heat for about 20 minutes, until done. If you're using the regular pot, continue to cook the rice mixture on medium-low heat for 20 to 25 minutes, until the rice has absorbed all of the broth. Once done, stir the rice with a fork, and serve immediately.

NANCY PAYNE'S BUTTERNUT SQUASH CASSEROLE

Recipe from New Vision Community Church's *Feeding the Flock*

INGREDIENTS:
2 cups butternut squash, cooked and mashed
3 eggs, beaten
1/3 cup melted butter
1/2 cup milk
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon coconut flavoring
DIRECTIONS:

1) Combine all ingredients, blending well. 2) Spoon into lightly greased 1-1/2-quart casserole dish. 3) Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until firm.

CRISPY "FRIED" ONION RINGS

Recipe from *Southern Living All-Time Favorites*

INGREDIENTS:
1 large sweet onion
1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk
1 egg white
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons olive oil
Vegetable cooking spray
1/2 teaspoon coarse kosher salt
DIRECTIONS:

1) Cut onion into 1/4-inch-thick slices and separate into rings. Select largest 12 rings, reserving remaining onion slices for another use. 2) Whisk together buttermilk and egg white in a small bowl until blended. 3) Dredge onion rings in flour; dip into buttermilk mixture, coating well. Dredge again in flour and place on a baking sheet. 4) Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Tilt pan to coat bottom of skillet. Add 4 onion rings to skillet and cook 1 minute on each side or until golden. Wipe skillet clean. 5) Repeat procedure twice with remaining onion rings and oil. 6) Place fried onion rings on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet coated with cooking spray. 7) Bake at 400 degrees for 3 minutes. Turn onion rings and bake 3 more minutes. 8) Remove from oven, and sprinkle with salt. Serve immediately.

DIRECTIONS FOR BEER-BATTERED "FRIED" ONION RINGS:

1) Prepare as directed through the first step. 2) Reduce buttermilk to 1/4 cup and whisk together with 1/4 cup light beer and 1 egg white. 3) Proceed with the rest of the directions as directed. 4) Makes 3 servings.

VIOLET OSBORN'S ORANGE-NUT CAKE

Recipe from *Stew-Pot Favorites of Zellwood* Woman's Society of Christian Service, Zellwood

INGREDIENTS:
1 large orange
1 cup raisins
1/2 cup pecans
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
3/4 cup + 1/4 cup milk (1 cup milk total)
2 eggs
INGREDIENTS FOR DRIZZLE:
1/3 cup orange juice
1/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped pecans for top of cake
DIRECTIONS:

1) Grind orange pulp and rind along with raisins and pecans. Save orange juice for topping. 2) Sift together the flour, soda, salt, and sugar. 3) Add shortening and 3/4 cup milk. 4) Beat two minutes with electric mixer at low speed. 5) Add eggs and remaining 1/4 cup of milk. 6) Beat two minutes. 7) Fold orange-raisin-nut mixture into the batter. 8) Pour into well-greased and lightly floured 13 x 9 x 2-inch cake pan. 9) Bake in 350-degree oven for 40 to 50 minutes. 10) While cake is baking, combine 1/3 cup orange juice, 1/3 cup sugar, and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. 11) Heat mixture to completely dissolve sugar and cinnamon. 12) Drizzle this mixture over the warm cake. 13) Sprinkle top with 1/2 cup chopped pecans (or more if you like).

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-003357-O
Division No. 01
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARJORIE SMITH PAZMAN, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Marjorie Smith Pazman, deceased, whose date of death was February 7, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
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 October 23, 2026
Personal Representative:
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Zellwood, Florida 32798
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/Joseph M. Percopo
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October 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002841-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT L. BURNS, SR., Robert Lee Burns, Sr. Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ROBERT L. BURNS, SR., also known as Robert Lee Burns, Sr., deceased, whose date of death was April 14, 2026; File Number 2026-CP-002841-O, is pending in the Circuit Court for ORANGE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Room 355, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' 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 PERIOD 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: October 23, 2026.
Signed on 6/8/2026.
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October 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-003027-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLABORN MORRIS, deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of **CLABORN MORRIS**, whose date of death was March 2, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division (File No. 2026-CP-003027-O), the address of which is 425 N Orange Ave #340, Orlando, FL 32801. The Name and address of Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney are set forth below.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:
All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the administration, the qualifications of the petitioners, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is October 16, 2026.
GWENDILLA BING
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF URSULA SINGLETON,
File No. 2026-CP-001122-O
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of URSULA SINGLETON deceased, whose date of death was July 26, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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 October 16, 2026.
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October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2026-CP-3282-O
Probate Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES PETER PANICO, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of James Peter Panico, deceased, whose date of death was April 29, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 340, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
ALL 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 October 16, 2026.
Personal Representative:
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October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-009563-O
DIV NO.: 37
Plaintiff,
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
vs.
JORGE FERNANDO FRANCO VARGAS, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV
TO: EDUARDO OSPINA FORERO
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COLOMBIA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 7, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009563-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT IV
10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: DS7331 & DS7332 & DS7333 & DS7334 & DS7335 & DS7336 & DS7337 & DS7338 & DS7339 & DS7340) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082- 0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 18th day of November, 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 October 7, 2026.
DATED this 7th day of October, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-010752-O
VICTORIA GRACE BATES, Plaintiff,
vs.
HENRY H. BERRY A/K/A HERBERT H. BERRY; the unknown heirs, legatees, beneficiaries and Grantees of The ESTATE OF HENRY H. BERRY a/k/a HERBERT H. BERRY; ELMINA BERRY a/k/a ELMIRA BERRY; the Unknown heirs, legatees, beneficiaries and grantees of The ESTATE OF ELMINA BERRY a/k/a ELMIRA BERRY and CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC., as SUCCESSOR TO THE ORLANDO AND WINTER PARK RAILWAY COMPANY OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA. Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION – CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: HENRY H. BERRY A/K/A HERBERT H. BERRY; the unknown heirs, legatees, beneficiaries and Grantees of The ESTATE OF HENRY H. BERRY a/k/a HERBERT H. BERRY; ELMINA BERRY a/k/a ELMIRA BERRY; the Unknown heirs, legatees, beneficiaries and grantees of the ESTATE OF ELMINA BERRY a/k/a ELMIRA BERRY and CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC., as SUCCESSOR TO THE ORLANDO AND WINTER PARK RAILWAY COMPANY OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title described in the Complaint on the following described property has been filed by the Plaintiff:
THE WEST 19.97 FEET OF THE NORTH 12.5 FEET OF THAT CERTAIN 25 FOOT STRIP OF ABANDONED CSX RAILROAD (FORMERLY KNOW AS S.A.L.) RIGHT OF WAY LYING NORTH OF LOT 4, BLOCK A, KENILWORTH SHORES SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK T, PAGE 128, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND LYING SOUTH OF LOT 3, BLOCK B, FREMAR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK T, PAGE 82, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JENNIFER BEAMAN CLARK, ESQ., Beaman & Clark Law Firm, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 501 S. New York Ave, Ste 220, Winter Park, FL 32789, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on October 14, 2026
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
Clerk of Courts
/s/ Takiana Didier
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-003552-O
NEWREZ LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
JEAN ORELUS; KATTIANA ORELUS; GOODLEAP, LLC; ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al., Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 7, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2026-CA-003552-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein NEWREZ LLC, Plaintiff, and JEAN ORELUS; KATTIANA ORELUS; GOODLEAP, LLC; ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A JULY OWELIS, are Defendants.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 2nd day of December, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:
LOT 35, AMERICAN HERITAGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.
If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
ADA Coordinator-
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue,
Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
Dated: October 14, 2026
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler
By: Brian L. Rosaler
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2026-CC-018342-O
HONEY BEE HOLDINGS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company
Plaintiff,
vs.
HERMAN GOODMAN, as Trustee of a Trust Agreement dated August 2, 1987,
Defendant
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: HERMAN GOODMAN, as Trustee of a Trust Agreement dated August 2, 1987
And all parties claiming interests by, through, under or against the Trust Agreement dated August 2, 1987, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for equitable lien on the following property in Orange County, Florida:
That part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 14 of Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, Orange County, Florida, lying Northeasterly of Colonial Drive (State Road 50), being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 32 East, Orange County, Florida; thence S00°09'55"E, along the West line of said Section 26, a distance of 1,835.51 feet to the Northerly Right of Way line of Old Cheyney Highway; thence S48°45'49"E, a distance of 39.79 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 14, Block 1, CHRISTMAS GARDENS DEVELOPMENT NO. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book P, Page 54 of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida; thence the following six (6) courses and distances along the boundary of Block 1 of said CHRISTMAS GARDENS DEVELOPMENT NO. 1: thence continue S48°45'49"E, a distance of 88.41 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 13, Block 1; thence S48°38'01"E, along the Southwesterly line of said Lot 13, a distance of 330.88 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 12, Block 1; thence S47°03'01"E, along the Southwesterly line of said Lot 12, a distance of 330.08 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 11, Block 1; thence S45°46'01"E, along the Southwesterly line of said Lots 10 and 11, a distance of 481.07 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence departing the Northerly Right of Way line of State Road 50, run S89°50'04"E, a distance of 384.22 feet; thence S00°05'18"E, a distance of 321.56 feet to a point on the Northerly Right of Way line of State Road 50, said point also being a Point on a Non Tangent Curve, Concave to the Southwest, having a Radius of 13,855.35 feet and a Central Angle of 01°52'18"; thence the following two (2) courses and distances along said Northerly Right of Way line, run Northwesterly along the arc of said curve, a distance of 452.63 feet (Chord Bearing = N50°28'43"W, Chord = 452.61 feet) to a point of Non Tangency; thence N45°46'01"W, a distance of 49.66 feet to the Point of Beginning.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses if any if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney as listed below on or before 30 days after the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action, 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 or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Orange County, Florida, this 25 day of September, 2026.
Clerk of Court
/s/ Brian Williams
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
James E. Walson, Esquire
Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.
Post Office Box 2809
Orlando, Florida 32802
Telephone (407) 843-4600
Attorney for Plaintiff
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-009563-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
JORGE FERNANDO FRANCO VARGAS, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII
TO: TOSHIHARU NAKAJIMA
1-603 UETAKECHO
KITAKU SAITAMA-SHI,
ST 331-0813
JAPAN
NAOMI NAKAJIMA
1-603 UETAKECHO
KITAKU SAITAMA-SHI,
ST 331-0813
JAPAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 7, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009563-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT VIII
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: FW2146 & FW2147 & FW8914 & FW8915) 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 September 01, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 18th day of November, 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 October 7, 2026.
DATED this 7th day of October, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.9577
MORI #ORANGE
October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWART, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIII
TO: MARC WILLIAMS
364 GOLF VIEW DR
LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ 08087
SUSAN E. ATHERLEY
168 ELY AVE
LAURENCE HARBOR, NJ 08879-2649
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 13, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012575-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT XIII
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: FO2714 & FO2715 & FO2716 & FO2717) 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 February 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 18th of November, 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 October 14, 2026.
DATED October 14, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #129710.0154
MRHC #ORANGE
October 23, 30, 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 18th Day of November, 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.
Kevyn Bryant–
Unit 2054
Personal Property
Xavier Jordan–
Unit 1107
Personal Property
Cliff Johnson–
Unit 6027
Personal Property
Ellen Byron-Thompson-
Unit 6072
Personal Property
Lakendra Thomas–
Unit 5033
Personal Property
Vanyelis Castillo-Rodriguez-
Unit 2087
Personal Property
April Leaster–
Unit 2093
Personal Property
Kimberly Alvarez–
Unit 5015
Personal Property
Jessy Surin–
Unit 2125
Personal Property
October 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWART, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI
TO: M.B. STEWART aka MONTE B. STEWART
3405 E 58TH PL
TULSA, OK 74135-7846
CONNIE S. STEWART aka CONSTANCE S. STEWART, DECEASED
3405 E 58TH PL
TULSA, OK 74135-7846
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 13, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012575-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT VI
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: V78101 & V78102 & V78103 & V78104 & V78105 & V78106 & V78107 & V78108) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
AND
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 867708 & 867709 & 867710 & 867711 & 867712 & 867713) 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, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of **11:00 a.m. on the 18th of November, 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 October 14, 2026.
DATED October 14, 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 #129710.0146
MRHC #ORANGE
October 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-008827-O
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2024-RP1, Plaintiff,
vs.
STEVEN A. JONES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEVEN A. JONES; PIEDMONT LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FIGURE LINE OF CREDIT TRUST 2020-1; JOY JANELLE SHASKY;, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et.al. Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: JOY JANELLE SHASKY
(Current Residence Unknown)
(Last Known Address(es))
6408 SLEEPY HOLLOW DRIVE

ORLANDO, FL 32810
407 LAKE HOWELL RD,
ST 103
MAITLAND, FL 32751
521 TRADEWINDS DR
DELTONA, FL 32738
922 PLYMOUTH SORRENTO RD
APOPKA, FL 32712
9901 EMMAUS
ST. JOHN, VIRGIN ISLANDS, 00830
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 205, PIEDMONT LAKES PHASE THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGES 34 THROUGH 36, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A: 2453 LAKE JACKSON CIRCLE, APOPKA, FL 32703.
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, (Please publish 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 16 day of OCTOBER, 2026
Clerk of Courts
/s/ Joji Jacob
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
25-52189
October 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-009563-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JORGE FERNANDO
FRANCO VARGAS, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT III
TO: ISMAEL RUBIO MARCOVICH
SANTO DOMINGO DE
MARCO C12 2 PISO
ICA, 11000
PERU
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 7, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009563-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT III
20 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: U23511 & U23512 & U23513 & U23514 & U23515 & U23516 & U23517 & U23518 & U23519 & U23520 & U23521 & U23522 & U23523 & U23524 & U23525 & U23526 & U23527 & U23528 & U23529 & U23530) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 5000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of March 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 18th day of November, 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 October 7, 2026.
DATED this 7th day of October, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.8682
MORI #ORANGE
October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-009563-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JORGE FERNANDO
FRANCO VARGAS, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT II
TO: CARLOS MARIO
HENAO JIMENEZ
CALLE 16 A SUR 29B20
CASA 138
MEDELLIN, OF 0000
COLOMBIA
MARTA LUZ ECHEVERRI GALLEGO
CALLE 16 A SUR 29B20
CASA 138
MEDELLIN, OF 0000
COLOMBIA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 7, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009563-O the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT II
14 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: E73219 & E73220 & E73221 & E73222 & E73223 & E73224 & E73225 & E73226 & E73227 & E73228 & E73229 & E73230 & E73231 & E73232) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of July 01, 2014 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 18th day of November, 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 October 7, 2026.
DATED this 7th day of October, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.7636
MORI #ORANGE
October 16, 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE FOLLOWING TENANTS WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH TO SATISFY RENTAL LIENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, SECTIONS 83.806 AND 83.807. CONTENTS MAY INCLUDE TOOLS, FURNITURE, BEDDING, KITCHEN, TOYS, GAMES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, PACKED CARTONS, CARS, TRUCKS, ETC. THERE IS NO TITLE FOR VEHICLES SOLD AT LIEN SALE. OWNERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BID ON UNITS. LIEN SALE TO BE HELD ONLINE, ENDING TUESDAY, November 3, 2026. VIEWING AND BIDDING WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.STORAGETREASURES.COM BEGINNING AT LEAST 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME.
PERSONAL MINI
STORAGE APOPKA,
1365 E Semoran Blvd.,
Apopka, FL 32703,
10:00 AM:
1511-Annette Mayo
1540-Annette Mayo
316-Oreste Mesidor
543-Gloria Mcelveen
610-Tamia Dorsey
October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-009563-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JORGE FERNANDO
FRANCO VARGAS, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT V
TO: GERALD D. TOMASZEWSKI, DECEASED
298 PECAN CT
AUBURN, AL 36830
CHARLOTTE A. TOMASZEWSKI
1904 NORTHSIDE DRIVE
DOTHAN, AL 36303
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 7, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009563-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT V
5 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: AJ4721 & AJ4722 & AJ4723 & AJ4724 & AJ4725) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1250 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2020 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on November 18, 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 October 7, 2026.
DATED this 7th day of October, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #126435.9456
MORI #ORANGE
October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-008693-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT C. STEIGER, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY
PUBLICATION AS TO
COUNT IV
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: DONITA LYONS
274 S. LA FAYETTE PARK PL. #317
LOS ANGELES, CA 90057
The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT IV
Unit Week 38 in Unit 9222, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 1st day of OCTOBER 2026.
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
/s/ Nancy Garcнa
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
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THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#110513.2153
October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-011020-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 33
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF
A 2024 KIA SORRENTO
VIN: 5XYRL4JC5RG295215
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT
TO: JUSTIN ROJAS
215 WILD PINE POINT
ORLANDO, FL 32828
and all others who claim an interest in A 2024 KIA SORRENTO VIN: 5XYRL-4JC5RG295215 which was seized on or about the 27th day September 2026, at or near 8901 Atlantic Ave, Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 16th day of October 2026.
/s/Jose C. Campa
Jose C. Campa
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Bar No 105781
Orange County
Sheriff's Office
Legal Services
P.O. Box 1440
Orlando, FL 32802
(407) 254-7170
jose.campa@ocsofl.com
October 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-005177-O
JAMIE LIM,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PATRICIA A. DOLEZAL, GLENN L. LANGE, ANGELA M. DUTSCH, SUSAN WOODRUFF, JOHN J. MEYER, JR., JOSEPH D. BURLESON, EARL BURLESON, NAOMI BURLESON, LONA S. HAYES, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CRYSTAL REILLY, DECEASED,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: PATRICIA A. DOLEZAL,
JOSEPH D. BURLESON,
LONA S HAYES, UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES FOR JOSEPH D. BURLESON, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES FOR LONA S. HAYES
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Complaint for Quiet Title by Adverse Possession without Color of Title on the following described lands located in Orange County, Florida, to wit:
Lot 125, CREEKSIDE VILLAS AT MEADOW WOODS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 13, Pages 103 and 104, Public Records of Orange County, Florida.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Rania A. Soliman, Esq., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 415 Montgomery Road, Suite 141, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714 on or before thirty (30) days from the first date of publication, 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.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on October 12th, 2026I
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
Clerk of Court
BY: s// Lauren Scheidt
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA- 07787-O
NEWREZ LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALBERTO JAVIER MEDINA MARINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALBERTO JAVIER MEDINA MARINEZ; MERIDIAN PARKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.;
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et.al.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: ALBERTO JAVIER
MEDINA MARINEZ
(Current Residence Unknown)
(Last Known Address(es))
11568 SUNSAIL AVENUE
ORLANDO, FL 32832
13226 WINTERTON LN
ORLANDO, FL 32832
3662 W SONNE LN
HERRIMAN, UT 84096
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 675, OF STARWOOD PHASE N-1C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 108, PAGES 25 THROUGH 30, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A: 11568 SUNSAIL AVENUE, ORLANDO, FL 32832.
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 8th day of October, 2026.
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
/s.Rasheda Thomas
Signature
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
26-53013
October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-007921-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 40
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF
$3,960.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Daron L. Jones Jr.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orange County Sheriff's Office on the following property in Orange County, FL: seized on or about the 6th day of June 2026, at or near 7600 Majorca Pl #2046, Orlando, Orange County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Assistant General Counsel for the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Legal Services, P.O. Box 1440, Orlando, Florida 32802, within 30 days of this publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture.
REQUESTS FOR
ACCOMMODATIONS BY
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
If you are a person with 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 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.
DATED this 9/15/2026
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
/s/ Charlotte Appline
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-009563-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JORGE FERNANDO
FRANCO VARGAS, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT I
TO: JORGE FERNANDO
FRANCO VARGAS
2DA PRIVADA DE
JACARANDAS 118 COL.
SAN FELIPE DE AGUA
OAXACA, OX 68020
MEXICO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 7, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009563-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT I
156 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 386716 & 386717 & 386718 & 386719 & 386720 & 386721 & 386722 & 386723 & 386724 & 386725 & 386726 & 386727 & 386728 & 386729 & 386730 & 386731 & 386732 & 386733 & 386734 & 386735 & 386736 & 386737 & 386738 & 386739 & 386740 & 386741 & 386742 & 386743 & 386744 & 386745 & 386746 & 386747 & 386748 & 386749 & 386750 & 386751 & 386752 & 386801 & 386802 & 386803 & 386804 & 386805 & 386806 & 386807 & 386808 & 386809 & 386810 & 386811 & 386812 & 386813 & 386814 & 386815 & 386838 & 386839 & 386840 & 386841 & 386842 & 386843 & 386844 & 386845 & 386846 & 386847 & 386848 & 386849 & 386850 & 386851 & 386852 & 386901 & 386902 & 386903 & 386904 & 386905 & 386906 & 386907 & 386908 & 386909 & 386910 & 386911 & 386912 & 386913 & 386914 & 386915 & 386916 & 386917 & 386918 & 386919 & 386920 & 386921 & 386922 & 386923 & 386924 & 386925 & 386926 & 386927 & 386928 & 386929 & 386930 & 386931 & 386932 & 386933 & 386934 & 386935 & 386936 & 386937 & 386938 & 386939 & 386940 & 386941 & 386942 & 386943 & 386944 & 386945 & 386946 & 386947 & 386948 & 386949 & 386950 & 386951 & 386952 & 387001 & 387002 & 387003 & 387004 & 387005 & 387006 & 387007 & 387008 & 387009 & 387010 & 387011 & 387012 & 387013 & 387014 & 387015 & 387016 & 387017 & 387018 & 387019 & 387020 & 387021 & 387022 & 387023 & 387024 & 387025 & 387026 & 387027 & 387028 & 387029 & 387030 & 387031 & 387032 & 387033 & 387034 & 387035 & 387036 & 387037) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 39,000 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 1, 2012 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 18th day of November, 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 October 7, 2026.
DATED this 7th day of October, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.4971
MORI #ORANGE
October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-009563-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JORGE FERNANDO
FRANCO VARGAS, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT VI
TO: ROSARIO UY,
DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ROSARIO UY, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
8628 CHATEAU DRIVE
POTOMAC, DC 20854
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 7, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-009563-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT VI
19 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: EC2342 & EC2343 & EC2344 & EC2345 & EC2346 & EC2347 & EC2348 & EC2349 & EC2350 & EC2351 & EC2352 & EC2401 & EC2402 & EC2403 & EC2404 & EC2405 & EC2406 & EC2407 & EC2408) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 4750 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on November 18, 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 October 7, 2026.
DATED this 7th day of October, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
OUR FILE #126435.9524
MORI #ORANGE
October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-008693-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT C. STEIGER, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY
PUBLICATION AS TO
COUNT V
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: TIFFANY A. LOCHAN
16 LEHIGH DR.
SMITHTOWN, NY 11787-2021
The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a mortgage and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT V
Unit Week 48 in Unit 2424, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 1st day of 2026.
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
/s/ Nancy Garcнa
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue,
Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
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HK#110513.2154
October 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 9th JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2026 DR 9573-O
Division: 44
Naica Jean Joseph.
Petitioner
and
Renet Pierre-Louis
Respondent.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)
TO: Renet Pierrerre-Louis
43068 NE 8th Ave St
Miami, FL 33162
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Naica Jean Joseph whose address is 2138 W Oak Ridge Rd Apt G, Orlando Fl 32809 on or before 11/19/2026/ 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.
The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: (insert "none" or, if applicable, the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal a property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located) N/A
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) 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: 9-28-2026
CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT
By
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 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 **El Coochie Piloto Studios,** with a mailing address of 3219 S. Orange Ave #547, Orlando, Florida 32806 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: Jose Garcia
October 23, 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 **MANEDA DESIGN STUDIOS,** with a mailing address of 613 Via Milano, Apopka, Florida 32712 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Manolo Alfonso Castaneda Goncalves
October 23, 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 **CLEARPATH HOMESCHOOL TESTING**, with a mailing address of 725 Yates Street, Orlando, Florida 32804 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida

Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: ClearPath Learning Academy LLC
October 23, 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 **Ren's Gutters,** with a mailing address of 3348 Vine Leaf St, Apopka, FL 32712 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Rennan Sales LLC
October 23, 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 **Starbucks #16059,** with a mailing address of 325 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: IA Lodging Orlando Downtown TRS, L.L.C.
October 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-3264
Division _____
IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUIS ROY KILMER NEZZER, JR.
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Louis Roy Kilmer Nezzer, Jr., deceased, File Number 2026-CP-3264, by the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801; that the decedent's date of death was August 13, 2026; that the total value of the estate is $18,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:
Name Address
Barbara Ann Iannone
1531 Cardinal Ct.
Winter Park, FL 32789
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
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 sections 732.216-732.288 Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
The date of first publication of this Notice is October 23, 2026.
Person Giving Notice:
Barbara Ann Iannone
1531 Cardinal Court
Winter Park, Florida 32789
Attorney for Person Giving Notice
/s/ Michelle A. Berglund-Harper
Michelle A. Berglund-Harper, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar Number: 0084028
MURPHY & BERGLUND PLLC
1101 Douglas Avenue
Suite 1006
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Telephone: (407) 865-9553
Fax: (407) 865-5742
E-Mail: michelle@murphyberglund.com
Secondary E-Mail: eservice@murphyberglund.com
October 23, 30, 2026

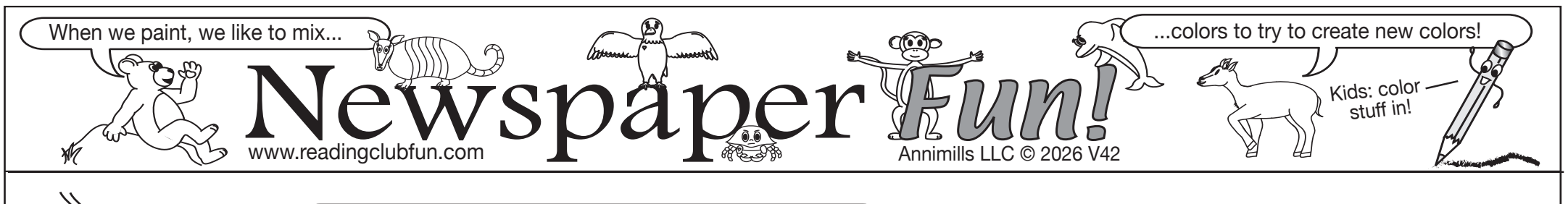
2027 Orange Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting Dates. 1-8, 2-12, 3-12, 4-9, 5-14, 6-11, 7-09, 8-13, 9-10, 10-8, 11-12, 12-10. Orange Co Admin Bldg Chamber, 201 S Rosalind Ave, Orl, FL. Subj to change. Open to the public. 189.015
October 23, 2026

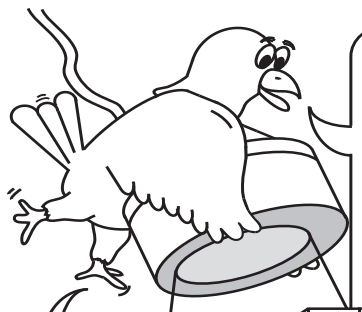
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWARD, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT XI
TO: WESLEY Y. YOUNG
600 KENTUCKY ST
UNIT 2753
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533-8290
CECILIA M. YOUNG
600 KENTUCKY ST
UNIT 2753
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533-8290
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 16, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012575-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT XI
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: F34240 & F34241 & F34242 & F34243 & F34244 & F34245) 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, 2015 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
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CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWARD, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT IX
TO: DAVID HARRIS LIPPMAN
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GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
HONEY SHARP-LIPPMAN
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COUNT IX
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vs.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWARD, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT VII
TO: LLOYD P. ALLARD
PO BOX 84
CUMBERLAND CITY, TN 37050-0084
TONIA R. ALLARD
PO BOX 84
CUMBERLAND CITY, TN 37050-0084
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COUNT VII
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When I went to the circus, I noticed that the main acts were highlighted with colored lights. The lighting crew used spotlights and color to attract the audience's attention, drawing our eyes to where the action was. By doing this they also drew our attention ***away*** from workers in the shadows who were setting up props and doing other jobs. We all focused on what ***they*** wanted us to see.

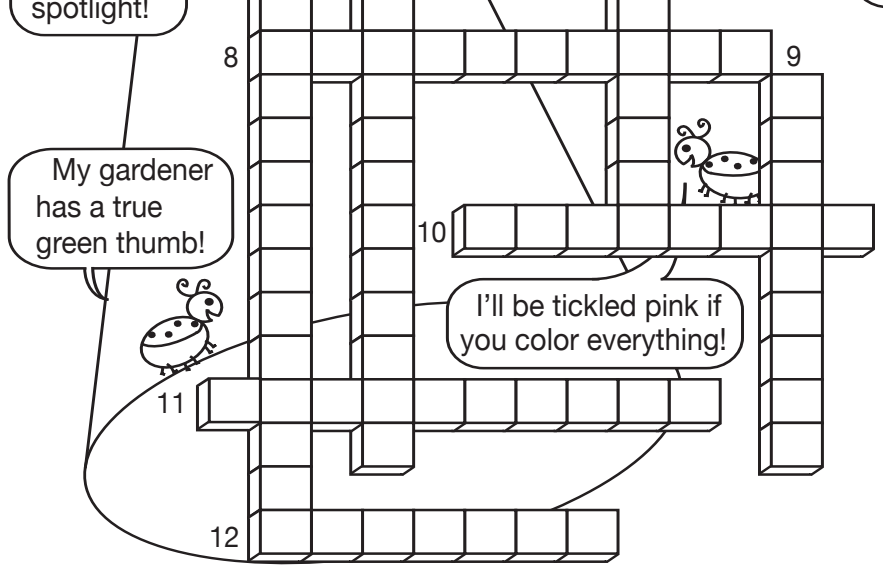
Our days are filled with color. We think about and use different shades of colors for many things. How many colors can you name?

It's a bit of a red-letter day when you get to be in the spotlight!

Ladybugs can be yellow, orange or red with black spots!

My gardener has a true green thumb!

I'll be tickled pink if you color everything!



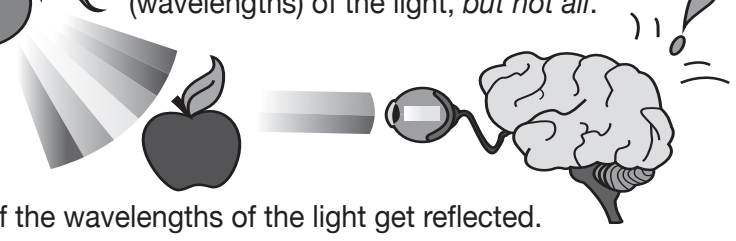
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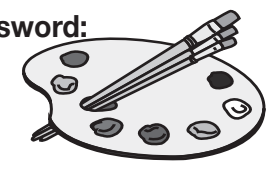
How Do We See Color?

When an object – in this case, an apple – is exposed to sunlight, it absorbs some parts (wavelengths) of the light, *but not all*.



Some of the wavelengths of the light get reflected. When we look at the apple, this reflected light strikes millions of special cells (cones) in our eyes. The information from the cones is sent to our brains, which tell us that the apple is a lovely *red!*

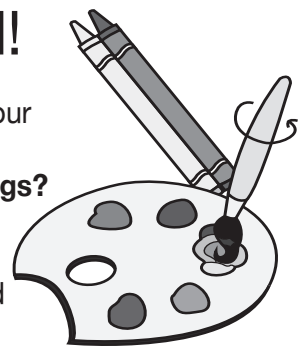
Read the clues to fill in the "colorful" crossword:



1. players wear the colors of their _____
2. red roses = love, expressing our _____
3. to make things look nice: materials for clothes or home; jewelry
4. on maps: yellow = land, blue = water
5. to trick the eye, in printing
6. flower bed, fruit bowl, cosmetics
7. red = hot, blue = cool
8. to make blend into the surroundings (soldiers in jungle)
9. red, white and blue, for flags or emblems
10. an artistic work hung on the wall
11. flashing yellow arrow on the road, pointing the way
12. white flag = a wish to surrender

I go to a white elephant sale once in a blue moon.

Words That Color Our World!



We use the names and images of colors to express our feelings and ideas. We give colors meanings! **Can you match these expressions to their "true blue" meanings?**

1. show a green - eyed monster
2. a black cloud over one's head
3. have a yellow streak
4. see red
5. feel blue
6. have a heart of gold

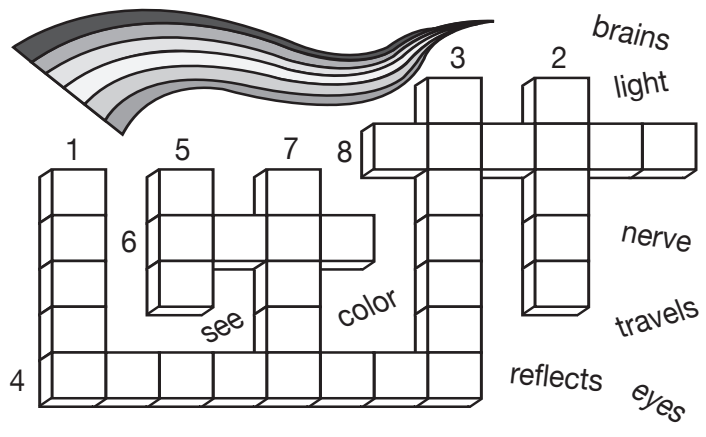
A. feel sad
B. be a coward
C. be jealous
D. have a big problem
E. become very angry
F. be a kind person

1. put an agreement in black and white
2. blue-ribbon pie
3. get the green light
4. see the world through rose-colored glasses
5. be in the red
6. as white as a ghost



A. only see the good things
B. the very best
C. be very pale from a scare, illness
D. write it down
E. be in debt
F. be able to start something

The Science of Seeing Color



Color is wonderful! But, how do we see color?

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle!

1. Do you know how we are able to see _____?
2. It all has to do with _____ and how our eyes see it.
3. Light _____ in tiny bits and different size wavelengths.
4. When we look at an object, its surface bounces or _____ some wavelengths of light and not others.
5. We _____ the wavelengths of light that are bounced off.
6. They enter our _____, which have cells shaped like rods and cones that can sense the light.
7. This information is sent out the back of our eyes, along the optic _____ to our brains.
8. Our _____ tell us that the grass is green or the sky is blue!

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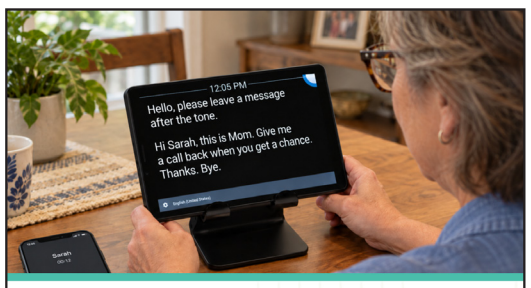
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