

Security: Out-of-state pension can make a difference in SS amount

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ployment are reduced. The GPO reduction to your survivor benefit is severe – a reduction by 2/3rds of the amount of your Ohio state pension, which can - and often does - completely eliminate any SS survivor benefit you might otherwise be entitled to.

For clarity, the monthly SS payment your husband was receiving at his

death stops automatically. At that point, your eligibility for additional SS benefits from your husband was assessed and, because of the GPO, Social Security offset your potential survivor benefit from your husband by 2/3rds of your Ohio state pension, which apparently eliminated your survivor benefit. As unfair as this may seem to you, note that the same thing happens to any surviving

spouse who also has their own earned SS retirement benefit – their personal SS retirement benefit offsets their SS survivor benefit, so a spouse with a regular SS retirement benefit higher than their deceased spouse’s benefit gets no surviving spouse benefit. FYI, the State of Ohio has an obligation to make clear that by not paying into Social Security your future SS spousal/survivor

benefits are affected. Without knowing how that was presented to you during your OH state employment, here’s a quote from Ohio’s Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS) website: “If you are eligible for Social Security benefits and are receiving a retirement benefit from OPERS, your Social Security benefits may be affected by the Government Pension Offset or the Windfall Elimination Provision. The Government Pension Offset may also affect you if you are eligible for Social Security benefits through your spouse. The Windfall Elimination Provision may affect you if you qualify for Social Security benefits due to your own work history.”

In any case, you are

certainly not alone in your feelings about how your Social Security benefits have been affected by the GPO. This provision was enacted in 1983 and has been challenged in just about every Congressional session since that time, without success.

In fact, there is a legislative bill active in the current Congress – H.R. 82 – The Social Security Fairness Act - which was introduced on the House floor in January and “referred to committee” for consideration.

Like all preceding WEP/GPO reform bills, this one sits idle in Committee.

If you wish to add your voice to those who oppose the GPO, you should contact your Congressional Representative to solicit action on H.R. 82.

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

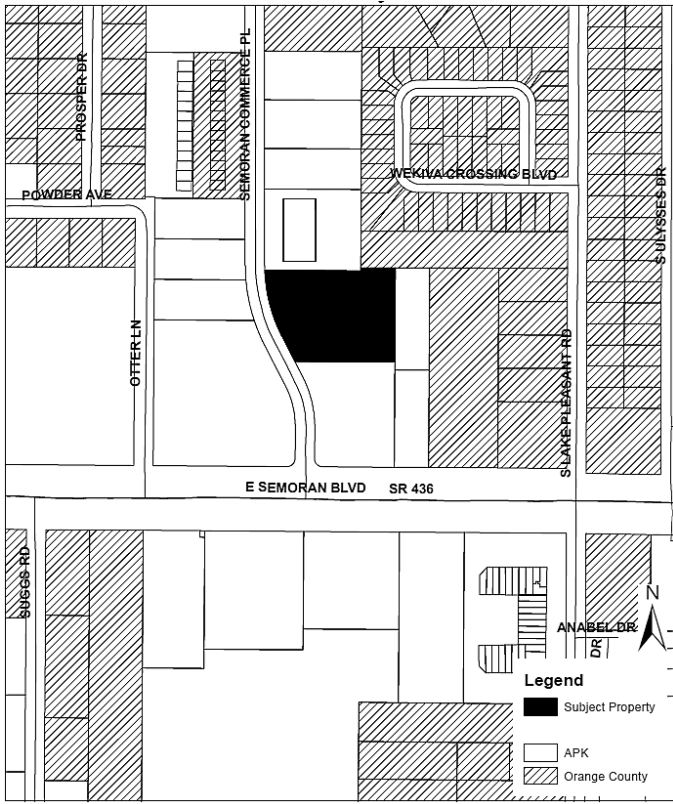
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3) (a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **JONATHAN HUELS, ESQ.** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM **INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL** FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF SEMORAN COMMERCE PLACE, WEST OF LAKE PLEASANT ROAD AND NORTH OF SR 436; OWNED BY **SHAKE THE NATIONS MINISTRIES, INC.**, COMPRISING 2.4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 3011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM **I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO C-COR (COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR)**, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF SEMORAN COMMERCE PLACE, WEST OF LAKE PLEASANT ROAD AND NORTH OF SR 436; OWNED BY **SHAKE THE NATIONS MINISTRIES, INC.**, COMPRISING 2.4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 11-21-28-7900-00-210
Contains: 2.40 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3010 and 3011 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, August 2, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and August 16, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications 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, Florida 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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discussion on social media and not enough action to make things better. Gail Piazza is a great example of how to make something a success. She stuck with advocating for the horse ring for over twenty years. Congratulations, Gail.

I would also like to provide a bit more information on the Clarcona Horseman’s Park. The facility boasts an equestrian path which connects the rings with the 22-mile West Orange Trail. Also, as the Coast-to-Coast Trail is completed, trails are accessible in connecting the Clarcona Horseman’s Park

with Winter Garden and the Seminole Trail. Additionally, the McCormick Road Trail will connect the West Orange Trail and the Clarcona Horseman’s Park to Magnolia Park. This then allows pedestrians, cyclists, and horse and riders to access the Lake Apopka Loop Trail.

Finally, the Horseman’s Park is located in the Clarcona Rural Settlement. It has been a challenge protecting this few-and-far-between remaining rural area which is sandwiched between the burgeoning cities of Apopka and Ocoee. It is vital to protect rural and suburban areas while Orange County is increasing-

ly urbanizing. The county is in the process of updating its comprehensive plan, which is called Vision 2050. The Clarcona Rural Settlement is protected in the Vision 2050 Comprehensive Plan from excessive, new development.

Lastly, the budget for the covered arena design and construction is approximately \$2.03 million dollars. It was paid from Orange County general revenue and park impact fees. I look forward to attending a show under this beautiful, covered ring. I hope you take advantage of this new amenity in District 2 as well.

Hayden: Respond to opportunity

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passed the whole church, and we were singing the song of joy and happiness that comes from serving others.

One more example: the church I attend now was pastored by a younger man and he mentioned that, instead of celebrating Thanksgiving at home, we ought to serve others for Thanksgiving. We had most of the church agree that is what the church should do, so he and his wife went shopping and presented a menu for the Anthony House in Zellwood. Many were shocked to find out shoes had been put on the list of ideas of serving others for Thanksgiving, but not at home.

Alas, the Pastor had corralled us, branded us, and we had no way out. Thanksgiving came, and after the Pastor’s pep talk,

we took our places at the jobs we had surrendered to for the Anthony House Thanksgiving. My job was washing the pots and pans as they finished using them, and I hated doing dishes! There were children, babies, mommies, daddies, and older people that were being assisted by the organization that ran the Anthony House and all of them were hungry! We were amazed at the thankfulness we experienced from those we served. We laughed, talked, and just enjoyed Thanksgiving like never before.

Our church had been close, and we took every opportunity to serve each other, but this Thanksgiving magnified our joy and our togetherness because we had allowed our Lord to use us for someone else’s joy. He showed His pleasure by drawing us to Himself, and in so doing, we

drew closer together, and more in love.

Oh, I never realized the joy of doing dishes so much before. I challenge you to try this.

Do not advertise, but do something for someone else when you see a need. Just do it. Do not think about it or you will talk yourself out of it. I do not have to tell you of something to do.

You see opportunities every day, and you may have taken it once or twice, but today do it as a “paying it forward” kind of thing, and do it for them – not for your ability to feel good, but for them.

Our nation needs a healing touch, and it starts with you and me being the kind of people that sing to each other when we arise to go into our daily routine. There are those out there that only *you* can reach. They are waiting!

Everybody has an opinion. Why not share yours?

Send a letter to the Editor online www.theapopkachief.com

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

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City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor’s Office	407-703-1701
City Administrator	407-703-1649
City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel	407-703-1712
Code Enforcement	407-703-1738
Finance Dept	407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.)	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.)	407-703-1771
Job Line	407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect	407-703-1731
Street Maintenance	407-703-1731
Utility Billing	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency	911
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. www.apopka.net	

Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept	407-836-8550
County Mayor	407-836-7370
County Commission	407-836-7350
County Attorney	407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor	407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection	407-703-1731
Health Dept	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-836-6200
Property Appraiser	407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative	407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint	407-836-4357
Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency	911
www.orangecountyfl.net	

Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Maxwell Frost (Dist. 10)	202-225-2176
State Representatives	
Doug Bankson	407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45)	unknown
State Senators	
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11)	407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
Orange County Public Schools	
Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
Miscellaneous	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441