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News from Town Hall

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Town Hall

Town Meetings:

February 6 - School Advisory Committee - 6:00 p.m. (HTH)

February 8 - Code Enforcement Meeting - 6:00 p.m. (HTH)

February 13 & 27 - Commission - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

February 19 - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)

February 20 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

February 22 - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

Around the Town

Dedication of VanderLey Park

On Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. the Town will hold a Dedication Ceremony of VanderLey Park, in honor of Former Mayor John VanderLey. The park is located at 117 East Gulley Avenue. All residents are invited to attend this special occasion.

Jazz Night



Jazz Night returns on Friday, February 23 in the Town Center, and will run every 4th Friday through October. Join us this month for live, smooth jazz music from "Yesterday's Future". Presented by HAPCO Music Foundation.

Save the Date!



Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 24 for the Town's 4th Annual "Celebration Among the Oaks" Spring Event! Come for a day filled with family fun, including pictures with the Easter

Bunny, an Easter Egg Hunt, bounce houses, petting zoo and pony rides, balloon artist, face painting and more! There will be a lot of fun carved into one fantastic day!

Oakland Avenue Charter School

On February 1, we will celebrate the 100th day of school! We also kick off our Boosterthon this month with our student pep rally on February 21 and culminates with the Fun Run on

March 2. As we head into the next few weeks, we will be distributing key details regarding state testing. Please be on the lookout for this information.

January 8 - March 31 is our open enrollment period for families new to OACS that wish to be placed in the lottery for the 2018-2019 school year. All applications must be submitted electronically using the online application found under the enrollment section of the school's website. Visit www.oaklandfl.gov for more info.

Police Department

Over the last month we have experienced three car break-ins at the West Orange Trailhead parking lot, near Bikes and Blades. Two of the cars were locked and the windows were broken to allow entry. The third vehicle was unsecured. At this time, we have no known suspects.

The reason that these lots are so inviting to the criminal element is that they know that the owners of cars parked there are likely going to be away, engaged in activity on the trail. The criminal element knows that most folks are simply hiding their personal items under the seat or placing them in the glove compartment, which is easily accessed. We encourage you to always lock the doors to your vehicle and place any valuables you leave behind in the trunk, if lockers are not available.

Cities and towns throughout Orange County have been plagued by this crime of opportunity. Please be aware of your surroundings whenever you enter a parking lot. If you see anything or anyone suspicious, contact the police department.

As always, please remember to buckle up!

Public Works Department

Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1C

This phase, currently under construction, extends the system across Oakland Avenue, and then along SR 50 to the intersection of Remington Road. Several property owners along the route, including the Town's largest employer, ABC Companies, will connect to the new facilities as soon as they are ready for service. Pre-construction activities are currently underway and we expect to break ground in the very near future.

Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1D

Phase 1D is fully designed and will soon be under construction. It is the result of a public/private

partnership between the Town and the Developers of the 57-acre Longleaf Project. Gaining permission to place the pipeline under the turnpike was no easy or quick task and took almost an entire year to engineer and permit. Phase 1D allows for immediate connection of the Longleaf development and will eventually serve as the connection point for all sewer facilities east of the S.R. 50 and Turnpike interchange.

Sanitary Sewer Project - Future Phases


A few months ago, the Florida State Legislature appropriated an additional \$1,000,000.00 to be utilized in constructing future phases of our sanitary sewer network. This is 100% grant money that we will not have to pay back!! The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, which oversees the administration of the funding, has recently approved our plans to extend centralized sewer to the industrial areas of West Oakland Avenue. They also approved our plans for an extension that is expected to bring sewer availability to the Tubb Street/S.R. 50 area. Once designed and constructed, these improvements are expected to spur economic growth in those areas of the Town.



Manhole installation along West Oakland Avenue



Sanitary sewer construction near the Circle K convenience store



10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- 💧 Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- 💧 Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- 💧 Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- 💧 Compost your yard waste
- 💧 Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- 💧 Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- 💧 Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- 💧 Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- 💧 Pick up after your pet
- 💧 Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency
 For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nps or www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

Oakland Nature Preserve

Happenings

You're invited! Bring your family and friends to our Open House Event on Saturday, February 10 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. There will be exhibits, nature programs, kiddie crafts, guided hikes and some very special encounters with some of our ambassador animals. Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted. All proceeds will help fund our education and conservation programs here at the Preserve.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Community Work Days:** Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Restoration Projects:** Mondays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(Pre-register at www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org.)

Upcoming Events

- **February 10** – Open House
- **February 19** - Presidents' Day Archery Camp
- **February 21** - Junior Naturalist Program Begins
****Follow us on Facebook to see everything that is happening at YOUR Nature Preserve!**