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## News from Town Hall

## March 2018

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

**March 7** - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)

**March 7** - Johns Cove HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

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

**March 12** - Trailside HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

**March 13** - School Advisory Committee - 4:00 p.m. (HTH)

**March 13 & 27** - Commission - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)

**March 15** - Oakland Pointe HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

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

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

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

HTH = Historic Town Hall      OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

### Around the Town

#### Celebration Among the Oaks!



Don't forget, Saturday, March 24 is our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "**Celebration Among the Oaks**" Spring Event! Come for a day filled with family fun, including the Easter Bunny, an Easter Egg Hunt, bounce houses, petting zoo and free pony rides, balloon artist, face painting, train rides and food trucks. We hope to see you there!

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

Spring is in the air at OACS! We start off the month with our Boosterthon Fun Run on March 2 and Field Day on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Our third academic night of the year, Literacy Night, will be held on March 13. As a reminder, the last day to submit applications for the 2018 - 2019 lottery is March 31. After that date you may contact us to be placed on the waitlist in a first come, first served order.

#### Important Dates:

March 15: End of third quarter.

March 16: No school for students.

March 19 - 23: Spring Break.

### Planning Department

The new **Oakland Mobility Master Plan**, which was funded by a grant from METROPLAN, is to be presented to the Public!

Many of you helped develop Oakland's Mobility Master Plan during on-site charrettes last year. Your work and opinions are reflected in the Mobility Master Plan that is now complete. You and the rest of the Oakland community are invited to the Plan's presentation as follows:

- Joint Oakland Planning and Zoning Board and Appearance Review Board Meeting.

**March 20, 2018: 6:30 p.m.**

Historic Town Hall, 220 N. Tubb Street

- Town Commission Meeting

**March 27, 2018: 7:00 p.m.**

Historic Town Hall, 220 N. Tubb Street

The Mobility Master Plan provides a transportation framework to manage anticipated growth, especially within the SR 50 Corridor. The master plan connects existing streets with potential new development in a manner that enhances and expands the existing bicycle and pedestrian circulation networks.

On SR 50, the objective is to create a footprint grounded in the adjacent local street network and to help create a framework for future development. Based on the FDOT Context Classification, SR 50 is currently classified as a C3 Suburban Context; however, it is the purpose of this master plan to show a future street network that will, over time, allow for SR 50 through the Town of Oakland to develop as C4 Urban General Context.

Instead of strip commercial development, with vast parking lots in front of buildings that are set back off the road, the Plan envisions an extension of the Town's historic grid street framework. This will create blocks, whereby building, parking and circulation can be integrated into an urban, traditional layout. This is in synch with the Town's Traffic Circulation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Master Plan further lays out a connected network of streets with a street hierarchy tied to land use context that accommodates parking, as well as motorists, bicycles, and pedestrians. The plan identifies future access points on SR 50 per FDOT standards. In addition to community input, the Plan incorporates planning efforts by FDOT, METROPLAN

Orlando, Lake County, Orange County and LYNX. Finally, the plan develops multimodal street sections, intersection treatments, and a variety of potential urban design prototypes for future development.

## Complete Streets



Colonial Drive/SR 50



Residents participating in one of the on-site charrettes last year.

## Police Department

In recent years there has been a significant increase in opioid abuse. Unfortunately, this abuse has resulted in scores of overdoses, leading to death. It is essential that our first responders take swift action to save the victim. Narcan is a medicine developed to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. It is administered as a nasal spray, resulting in a response from most patients in as little as two to three minutes. The timely administration of Narcan has saved numerous lives. Recently the police department was awarded a grant, which provided us with several doses of Narcan. Additionally, the grant included the training necessary for our officers to properly administer it. Now that our officers are equipped with Narcan, they are much more prepared to treat and possibly save the life of an opioid overdose victim.

With Spring break approaching, it is a good time to remind you to drive safely, and always remember to buckle up!

## Public Works Department

**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](http://www.epa.gov/nps) or [www.epa.gov/npsdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npsdes/stormwater)

## Oakland Nature Preserve

### Happenings

“Art in Nature Spring Break Camp” will run from March 19 - 23. Students will not only explore the natural world around them, but also interpret their experiences into visual art. Using various art mediums and techniques, students will create one-of-a-kind masterpieces that reflect the ecosystems and habitats of the Lake Apopka Basin. All art supplies are included.

### 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](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org).)

### Upcoming Events

- **March 3 - Insect Safari**
- **March 10 - Wildlife Photography Workshop**
- **March 17 - Blue Hike**
- **March 19 - 23 - Art in Nature Spring Break Camp**

**\*\*Follow us on Facebook to see everything that is happening at YOUR Nature Preserve!**