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## News from Town Hall

April 2018

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

April 9 - Southern Oaks HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

April 10 - School Advisory Committee - 4:00 p.m. (HTH)

April 10 & 24 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

April 17 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

April 18 - Winters Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

April 26 - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall      OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall



### Around the Town

#### Wine & Dine for the Arts



Get your tickets now for the *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine & Dine for the Arts* on Saturday, April 21, in the Oakland Town Center. Festivities include live entertainment and wine tasting, along with "Land & Sea" Caribbean inspired flavors. Proceeds benefit arts and music programs for community youth. Save with early bird ticket pricing! See flyer insert for more info.

#### Jazz Night



This month's *Friday Night Jazz* event will be on April 27, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Oakland Meeting Hall, with special guest Ricky Jackson. *Friday Night Jazz* is presented by HAPCO Music Foundation and runs every fourth Friday from March - October.

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

On April 3 and 5 we will be celebrating our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Honor Roll students. April also brings FSA testing for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We're happy to announce that several of our grade levels will also enjoy time off campus for educational field trips this month! The lottery window for the 2018-19 school year is now closed and the lottery will be held this month. Anyone interested in enrolling should call the OACS office to be placed on the waitlist.

### Police Department

The recent mass shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida has renewed the call for measures that would protect students from suffering the same type of tragedy in the future. School districts across the country are re-evaluating their school emergency plans as a result.

Our police department works closely with the Oakland Avenue Charter School throughout the school year to be as prepared as possible for incidents like we saw in south Florida.

As you know, the police department is located right next to the school. A response from the station to the school only takes seconds. Since we share our facility with the fire department, rescue personnel, with advanced life support capabilities, are located within seconds of the school as well. While we provide traffic control before and after school, our officers also walk the campus at least once a day. In the immediate aftermath of the Parkland, Florida event, we have doubled our presence on campus.

While the school has an up-to-date emergency action plan in place, it also engages in lockdown drills throughout the school year, and our officers assist in these efforts. Just prior to Christmas break, the police department and the school held a table top exercise. School faculty and staff, along with the police department, actually walked through an active shooter scenario. The school is already equipped with an array of video cameras and plans are in place to add security fencing on campus. These measures are designed to keep the students and faculty of the Oakland Avenue Charter School as safe as possible. We value nothing more than their safety and well-being.

Please drive safely and always 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. Right now, the most difficult portion of this phase is under construction. That's because the pipeline is very deep and right next to busy S.R. 50. 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.



Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1C, a.k.a. 'Gravity-One'

### 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 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 - Future Phases

In July of last year, the Florida State Legislature appropriated an additional \$1,000,000 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 South Tubb Street/S.R. 50 area. Once designed and constructed, these improvements are expected to spur economic growth in those areas of the Town. This past month, the Florida State Legislature and Governor approved an additional \$100,000 to be utilized, beginning July 1 of this year.

## Spring Cleanup



The traditional Spring Cleanup is undergoing some changes this year. **No longer will the Town will be placing open top dumpsters at the traditional locations as we have done in the past.** This worked when the Town's population and jurisdictional boundary was much smaller, but is not the best way to do it anymore. **Beginning this year, the Town's contracted trash hauler will perform a special curb-side pick up on Saturday May 12, and then again on Saturday May 19, for our residential customers.** Be sure to get it out to the curb before 8:00 a.m., or you might get missed. This is a great way to rid yourself of all the unwanted junk and old household items that seem to accumulate over time.

**DO NOT** place hazardous chemicals, old paint, electronic items, batteries, or anything else that might be hazardous, out for pickup. The Town does not provide for pickup or disposal of hazardous materials. Want to learn more? Please refer to the following website for more information to identify and learn proper disposal of items such as these. <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/watergarbagerecyclin/g/householdhazardouswaste.aspx#.WrKKWS7wblU>

## Oakland Nature Preserve

### Mark your Calendars!

Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Night at the Preserve" Saturday, May 12 - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Oakland Nature Preserve

747 Machete Trail Oakland, FL 34760

Festivities include an elegant evening of great food, music, chance drawings, sunset toast and more, all while supporting the work at YOUR local Nature Preserve. Visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org) for more information, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities.

### Summer Camp registration is now open!

Explore the environment while gaining an understanding of plants, animals, and the ecosystems in which they exist. Guest speakers, wildlife encounters, games, crafts, outdoor activities, and more! Visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.com](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.com) for more information and registration.

### 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

- April 7 - Insect Safari
- April 14 - Blue Hike
- April 21 - Earth Day

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