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News from Town Hall

May 2018

Town Hall

Town Meetings:

- May 8** - School Advisory Committee - 4:00 p.m. (HTH)
 - May 8 & 22** - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
 - May 10** - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)
 - May 14** - Trailside HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
 - May 15** - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
 - May 21** - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)
 - May 24** - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
- HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

Around the Town

Crafters for a Cause



Crafters for a Cause is a group of caring hearts that meet every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the Oakland Meeting Hall. **Knitters, crocheters, sewers and quilters** of all levels are welcome. All items made are donated to NICU babies and cancer patients in nearby hospitals. Contact Valerie Gibbons at 407.656.1117, x2105 or at vgibbons@oaklandfl.gov for more info.

Planning Department

Urban Design Guideline Workshops

Now that the Mobility Master Plan has been presented and is complete, the next step, the Urban Design Guideline Workshops have begun. All Town residents are officially invited to attend the second series of these all-important workshops. Mark your calendars!

When: **Wednesday, May 30 (5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)**
Thursday, May 31 (9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Where: **Oakland Meeting Hall**

Your input is important and we look forward to your participation. Contact Jay Marder at 407.656.1117 x2107 or at jmarder@oaklandfl.gov for more info.



Oakland Avenue Charter School

It's May and that means we are wrapping up the school year. The annual Eagle Pride Parade is Wednesday, May 9 at 12:15 p.m. We invite all of Oakland to pull up a chair along Oakland Avenue near the school to join in the fun! On May 1 and 5 students can create various art pieces at "Art Days" and then on May 17 all art creations will be on display at our "Gallery Walk" from 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m. We will close out the 2017-2018 school year on Friday, May 25. Have a safe, fun-filled summer Eagles!

Police Department

The cost of home security video cameras has come down dramatically in recent years while the picture quality has significantly improved. More and more folks are equipping their homes with home security system cameras.

Because of this, when our officers are working an incident, they will often check other homes or businesses near the occurrence to see if they might be equipped with video cameras. While the victim may not have a camera, they can often identify a suspect or suspect vehicle by checking other video cameras nearby.

That said, if you learn of a crime that has occurred near your home or business and you do have a security system with video cameras, you can be of significant help to the police department by checking your system to see if it may have picked up an image of a suspect or suspect vehicle. A growing number of crimes are being solved because suspects are being identified using video cameras. Please don't hesitate to give the police department a call if you believe your video cameras have picked up something or someone of interest. The police department phone number is 407.656.9797. We sincerely appreciate the help of our citizens!

Public Works Department

Some of you may have noticed the recent flurry of activity around our iconic water tower. Originally constructed in 1973, the tower (officially an "elevated water storage tank") served as the sole source of pressure and storage capacity for the entire water system until December of 2014 when the new facilities

at VanderLey Park went into operation. The tank's role since then has been to serve as a backup to the newer facility, should there be a failure of any sort, or should we need to take the new system off-line for maintenance or other reasons.

A simplistic hydraulic valve system allows the tank to automatically go in to service when pressures drop below a predetermined point in the water system. This has only happened twice since the conversion. Once due to an equipment malfunction, and then again during the extended power outage we experienced during Hurricane Irma. Since the water in the tank is recirculated through the system on a 24/7 basis, our customers never experience any change in water quality, and only a minor drop in pressure when the system operates in this fashion.

Keeping this tank in tip top condition requires periodic maintenance and inspections. The recent activity consisted of a complete epoxy recoating of the inside of the tank, and repainting of the outside, including touch up of our logo.



Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1D

Phase 1D is finally 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 and Hull Island developments, and will eventually serve as the connection point for all sewer facilities east of the S.R. 50 and the Turnpike.



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/watergarbagerecycling/householdhazardouswaste.aspx#.WtTivi7wbIU>

Oakland Nature Preserve

Mark your Calendars!

3rd 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

See flyer insert for more details.

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 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)

Upcoming Events

- May 3 - Tai Chi class begins
- May 5 - Insect Safari
- May 12 - Night at the Preserve
- May 19 - Blue Hike

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