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News from Town Hall

June 2018

Town Hall

Town Meetings:

June 6 - Johns Cove HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

June 12 - School Advisory Committee - 4:00 p.m. (HTH)

June 12 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

June 18 - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)

June 19 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)

June 19 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

June 28 - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

Around the Town

Jazz Night



This month's *Friday Night Jazz* will be on June 22, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Oakland Meeting Hall in the Town Center. Come enjoy a relaxing evening with live straight ahead Jazz music from North Texas musicians, featuring Saxophonist Sebastian Dones. Eats and drinks provided by Melts on Main Street. *Friday Night Jazz* is presented by HAPCO Music Foundation and runs every fourth Friday from March - October. <https://www.facebook.com/sebastian.dones/videos/10211487213951867/>

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. See flyer insert for more info.

Oakland Avenue Charter School

It has been a marvelous year here at OACS! May 25 is the last day of school for students. You may see activity on campus over the summer, as we are hosting several summer camps. Remember, you can always find more school information on our website. We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer, and we'll see you in August!

Police Department

The expansion of social media has changed the way that organizations communicate. Utilizing multiple sources is something that your police department is doing to keep you better informed.

The Town of Oakland's website, www.oaklandfl.gov is a great "go to" place to get general information, as well as specific information and news flashes from different departments.

When we want to push information out to our residents, the first place we post it is on the Police Department link on the Town's web site. If you would like to automatically receive these news blasts as notifications, simply sign up by clicking on the **Notify Me** tab on the home page.

Another source of communication is The Town of Oakland's official Facebook page. There is also a Facebook page, established by a resident, called **We Are Oakland**, where you can find information about our community. We have partnered with the site administrator and this page is now linked to our web page so information posted can be viewed there as well.

Last, but not least, another major source of communication is through the Town's active **Neighborhood Watch** group's email list. Utilizing these sources is a wonderful way to stay informed, but always feel free to contact the Police Department at 407.656.9797 to get information on anything in particular. Our objective is to keep our residents and visitors as informed as possible on criminal trends, serious crimes, general police activity and emergency situations.

This is your PSA to remind you to always buckle up!!

Public Works Department

Spring Cleanup

The Spring Cleanup effort was a tremendous success this year! More than 7 tons of junk and old household items were collected and disposed of. This is a wonderful way to rid yourself of all the unwanted items that seem to accumulate over time.

As a reminder, on regular trash days **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. Please refer to the following website for identification and proper disposal of items such as these.

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/watergarbagerecycling/householdhazardouswaste>

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Construction Activity

During the next few months, there will be periodic lane closures on Oakland Avenue between Jefferson Street and the bridge over the Florida Turnpike. This is due to water, sewer and roadway improvements associated with the Pulte Homes project. Please slow down and use extra caution when driving through these areas. We want to avoid any accidents, and most importantly, we want to be sure our workers can perform their duties without injury.

Hurricane Season

The 2018 hurricane season has arrived! Don't wait until a tropical storm or hurricane is imminent before you begin preparation. Timely, advance preparation can protect both you and your property from harm. Hurricane Irma was a "wake up call" to many of us as to how important it is to be prepared.

Please visit the following websites for tips on how you can protect your family, your property and yourself during times of emergency.

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/EmergencySafety/DisasterPreparedness>

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/EmergencySafety/HurricaneGuide>

Water Tower Rehabilitation

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 Oakland 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 provide pressure to the water system when pressures drop below a predetermined point. 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 which included 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 Turnpike interchange.

Oakland Nature Preserve

Happenings

Summer Camp at ONP

June 25-29 (*Only a few spots left!*)

Backbone Not Required! What do insects, spiders, snails, and centipedes have in common? They've got no spine! Join us for a week of exploring the amazing world of these spineless creatures. Camp includes guest speakers, wildlife encounters, games, crafts, plenty of outdoor activities and more! Register at www.OaklandNaturePreserve.com.

Summertime Story Time

Join us at the Oakland Nature Preserve for Summertime Story Time from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. on select Tuesdays. Please check Facebook or the ONP website for dates. Each Story Time session will focus on a theme and will allow children, with parent or caregiver, to enjoy a wonderful story, activity or animal interaction and time at the Preserve. Story Time activities will be targeted for ages 2 -5, but all are welcome to enjoy Story Time activities.

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

- June 2 - Insect Safari
- June 9 - Gopher Tortoise Run
- June 12 - Summertime Story Time
- June 18 - Summer Camp Begins

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