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News from Town Hall

July 2018

Town Hall

Town Meetings:

- July 9 - Trilside HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
- July 10 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)
- July 11 - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)
- July 16 - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)
- July 17 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
- July 19 - Southern Oaks HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
- July 24 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
- July 26 - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

Town Clerk

The Town is seeking volunteers to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board, and the Appearance Review Board. You must be a Town of Oakland resident. The Appearance Review Board has requirements such as an engineering, construction, or architectural background for some positions. If you are interested in serving on one of these important Boards, please contact Town Clerk Kim Gay at kgay@oaklandfl.gov, or you can visit our website www.oaklandfl.gov for an application. If you would like information on the duties of these Boards, please contact Town Planner Jay Marder at jmarder@oaklandfl.gov.

Around the Town

Jazz Night



This month's *Friday Night Jazz* will be on July 27, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Oakland Meeting Hall in the Town Center. Come enjoy a relaxing evening with live jazz music from Sebastian Dones of University of North Texas,

along with 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.

Pollard Park Dedication



Saturday, June 16, a crowd gathered under the Willie Welch Pavillion for the dedication of Pollard Park, on West Hull Avenue, and the old Masonic Lodge Cornerstone. Family members of those honored were present, along with Mayor Kathy Stark, Town Commission, Town Manager Dennis Foltz and Assistant Town Manager Steve Koontz. The park was dedicated in honor of Eugene Pollard, a well-respected leader and life-long resident of Oakland. Also honored was the late Lillie Wade, 32nd degree grand matron of the Masonic Lodge, a position she held for more than 25 years. The late Commissioner Willie Welch also had his marker placed on the pavilion named after him in a previous dedication ceremony.

Crafters for a Cause



Looking for an activity for your student this summer? 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. Students are also welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult. All items made are donated to NICU babies and

cancer patients in nearby hospitals. For more information, contact Valerie Gibbons at 407.656.1117, x2105 or at vgibbons@oaklandfl.gov.

Police Department

With summer in full swing, you can expect to see more children playing in our neighborhoods and parks and an increase in traffic with so many tourists coming to Central Florida. This requires us to pay more attention as we drive along the roadways during our daily routines.

Additionally, the town is continuing to grow. There are several new sub-divisions being developed. This results in construction related traffic utilizing our streets. While this is temporary, it is something you should take in to consideration as you head out on the road.

The increased amount of traffic requires our officers to be more vigilant in their effort to deter traffic violators. Patrolling every street in town is something we do daily. We also maintain a presence on SR50 to curb speed and other violations.

When necessary, our officers will cite drivers for violations. Our objective is to keep our residents and visitors safe as they travel through Oakland.

If you are going to be driving on vacation, please drive safe, and always remember to buckle up.

Public Works Department

2017 Annual Water Quality Report

You can now view your 2017 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more, as this report contains vital information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To view your report, feel free to visit <https://oaklandfl.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2908/Consumer-Confidence-Report-2017>.

If you would like to speak with someone about the report or request a paper copy mailed to your home, please call 407-656-1117 x 2304.

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.

Backflow Device Testing and Maintenance

Many business and home owners have backflow prevention assemblies (BPA's) installed either at their service connection (at the water meter) and/or near their building or home. These assemblies are installed to help protect the quality of water in the public water system by preventing the backflow of potentially contaminated water through cross connections. Per established Town Code, State of Florida Regulations and local Plumbing Codes, BPA's must be performance tested on an annual basis for commercial

facilities and every two years for residential customers to ensure they are working properly to protect the public water supply.

Recently, the Town of Oakland initiated a **BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY TESTING AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM** to assist businesses and homeowners test these BPA's. This important program will not only keep everyone in compliance with established laws, but will also assist us in protecting our water system from accidental contamination. As we begin implementation of the program in coming months, we will provide additional information through public meetings and written handouts.

Water or Sewer Emergencies - After Hours Assistance

In the event of a water or sewer emergency, most customers simply pick up the phone and call the Oakland Town Hall to ask for help. That works well when the problem takes place Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, what do you do if the problem occurs at night, on the weekend, or even on a Holiday? Don't worry, you can still get a real live person on the phone by calling 407-427-8835. Non-emergency questions or concerns should be reserved for Monday through Friday. And, as always, **if the emergency is life threatening, you must phone 911** before anyone else. Saving your life or someone else's is the most important thing to do!

Oakland Nature Preserve

Happenings

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

- **July 3 - Summertime Story Time**
- **July 7 - Insect Safari**
- **July 18 - Chipotle Fundraiser**
- **July 24 - Summertime Story Time**
- **July 28 - Avian Reconditioning Center**

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