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News from Town Hall

December 2018

Town Hall

Town Meetings:

December 5 - Johns Cove HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)

December 11 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

December 18 - P & Z - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

December 25 - COMMISSION MEETING CANCELLED

December 26 - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (OMH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

Holiday Hours

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas. Our office will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1, in observance of New Years.



Around Town



Light Up Oakland!

Get in the Christmas spirit as the Town of Oakland presents our 3rd annual "Light Up Oakland Event" on Saturday, December 1 from 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Town Center Circle. Bring the kids to meet Santa and enjoy some Christmas fun, including face painting, balloon artist, food trucks, Christmas carols with the *Oakland Avenue Charter School Choir* and a special performance from "Centre for Dance &

the Performing Arts!" And of course, stay for the lighting of the Town Christmas tree!!

Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Wednesday, November 14, over 70 people gathered to take part in the Groundbreaking Ceremony for The Arts & Heritage Center at Oakland. Construction will be starting soon on the nearly 3000 square foot venue that will highlight the Town of Oakland's history, as well as serve as a space that concentrates on the arts, something the Town is very passionate about.



The Town Commission, staff, supporters and officials from Orange County prepare to "officially" break ground.

Oakland Avenue Charter School

As we ramp up for the holidays OACS will once again be participating in the Winter Garden Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m. We are so excited to partner with Commissioner Sal Ramos and the talented folks at Empire Foam! Come out and see our float, and cheer on our students, parents, and staff as they walk the parade route representing Oakland Avenue Charter School.

December 13 is "Holiday Night" at OACS. This is a family event which will include holiday themed crafts for parents and children, as well as food trucks. We hope to see you there!

Important Dates:

Friday, December 21: Winter Break begins

Monday, January 7: Classes resume

Happy Holidays from the OACS family to you and yours!



Police Department



With Christmas just around the corner, it is time for our Annual Christmas Toy Drive. This year the Toy Drive will begin on Monday, November 26 and will run through December 17. Collection boxes will be set up in the lobbies of the

police station, Town Hall and the Oakland Avenue Charter School. DG Doughnuts, at the corner of Tubb and SR 50, and the 7-Eleven on Remington Road have also volunteered to collect toys at their locations. Gift cards to toy stores or department stores are also welcome, as well as financial donations. Checks for financial donations should be made out to the Town of Oakland with "PD Toy Drive" written on the memo line. Please submit financial donations no later than December 14, which will allow us enough time to purchase the toys. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby of the police station or mailed to the Oakland Police Department, P.O. Box 521, Oakland, FL 34760. Over the past seven years we have been able to purchase hundreds of additional toys because of financial donations and it is appreciated more than you know. Giving children a chance to enjoy the holidays is something that we look forward to every year.

Thanks to the food drive at the Oakland Avenue Charter School and kind donations from the Town's residents and businesses, we were able to put together several Thanksgiving baskets again this year. These baskets contained everything needed to provide a family a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The Oakland Police Department is happy to take part in this initiative, which helps to make Thanksgiving special to families who might not otherwise have been able to enjoy this traditional holiday.

As a reminder, please drive careful throughout the holidays, and remember, it is against the law to text and drive! Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Public Works Department

Holiday Trash Pickup

Have you ever caught yourself thinking "Today is a Holiday. Should I put my trash out today, or not?" We get this question a lot. Our provider, Advanced Disposal, observes the following Holidays: News Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

IF YOUR SCHEDULED PICK-UP LANDS ON A HOLIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE UNTIL YOUR NEXT SCHEDULED DATE.

For more information, visit the Advanced Disposal website at <http://www.advanceddisposal.com/fl/orlando/orlando-collection-for-more-information>.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

As the predominantly rural areas in the western areas of Oakland develop into vibrant new neighborhoods, fire protection, quality drinking water, and the continued reduction of septic systems are of paramount importance.

Water and sewer pipelines are currently being constructed, or upgraded, to serve the regions of Hull Island Road, Simeon Road, and ultimately, the Killarney area. The improvements will also include additional fire hydrants and connections for expanded restroom facilities within the Oakland Nature Preserve.

Over the course of the next several months, construction activity will be taking place along the streets mentioned, as well as Machete Trail and Oakland Avenue. All construction at this time is upon Town-owned properties, or within rights-of-way and easements, and will not impact residential properties.



Water Main Construction

Oakland Nature Preserve

Happenings

Cork & Canvas - December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a special evening of wine and snacks while creating beautiful art. Instructors will guide you to create your own masterpiece as you learn about the plants and animals that call the Preserve home.

Story Time Winter Celebration - December 19 at 10:00 a.m.

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 - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Restoration Projects:** Mondays - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(Pre-register at www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org)

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