

News from Town Hall

January 2019

Town Hall

Town Meetings:

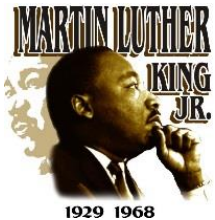
January 8 & 22 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
January 14 - Trailside HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
January 15 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
January 16 - Winters Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
January 21 - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (OMH)
January 21 - Southern Oaks HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
January 24 - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
 HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

Holiday Hours

Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, in observance of New Years. Our office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 8:00 a.m.



Around Town



Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

The Town of Oakland is once again proud to sponsor the Oakland Avenue Charter School 5th Grade Writing Contest! Mark your calendars for Friday, January 18, 2019 for the awards ceremony to be held at Oakland Avenue Charter School as we honor and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. and announce the winners of the contest. This year the entries celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. are presented in the form of collages and poetry. Everyone is welcome to come and support our 5th graders for a job well done!



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 27, 2019, as HAPCO Music Foundation and the Town of Oakland present **Wine and Dine for the Arts**, to be held at the Oakland Meeting Hall. You can grab your tickets now and get the "Early Bird" special" rate by visiting <https://hapcowedineforthearts2018.eventbrite.com>.

Light Up Oakland

Thank you to everyone who came out to our 3rd Annual Light Up Oakland event! The Town Center was filled with hundreds of happy faces, music, singing and dancing, and of course, Santa Claus and his elves!! When night time fell and after Santa left for his next destination, the Town Center was transformed into a magical scene of wonder!



Oakland Avenue Charter School

We are proud to announce that our "Candyland" themed float was awarded the Mayor's Award in the Winter Garden Christmas Parade. Thank you to the parent volunteers, students, and staff who worked on the float and walked the parade, and finally, to Empire Foam for their outstanding efforts and partnership. OACS begins its second semester when students return from winter break on Monday, the 7th of January.

Enrollment News - January 7 - March 31 is our open enrollment period for families new to OACS who wish to be placed in the lottery for the 2019-2020 school year. All applications must be submitted electronically using the online application found on the school's

website at <https://oaklandfl.gov/230/Oakland-Avenue-Charter-School>, then click on “About OACS/Enrollment”. The re-enrollment link for current families will be sent via Bloomz, closer to the end of January. ASP-VPK priority enrollment list begins on January 8 and their open interest list on the 15. Details can be found on the school’s website under “About OACS/VPK”.

Police Department

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas Toy Drive another great success this year. Because of the kindness of so many we were able to bring joy and happiness to many children in Oakland and the surrounding area. The families that received toys and games were very thankful that their kids would be able to enjoy Christmas morning with gifts to open.

This is the time of year that we like to remind residents of our Oakland Partners program. This free program ensures that those who may be living alone or otherwise may not have a family member or loved one to check on them, have a safety net to depend on. The program is a simple one and only requires the member to call the police department once a day before noon. If we do not hear from the partner, we give them a call. If they do not answer, we send an officer by to check on them. Oakland residents can enroll by going to the Town’s website, www.oaklandfl.gov. Click on the “Departments” tab, then scroll to the police tab. There you can download the membership application. If you don’t have that capability, feel free to give us a call at 407-656-9797 or stop by the police department and we will be glad to help you fill out the membership application in person.

As we continue through this Holiday season, we want to remind everyone to drive cautiously, and always remember to buckle up! *We wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year!*

Public Works Department

Holiday Trash Pickup

We often get calls regarding Holiday trash pickup. 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>.

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

Start the New Year with a visit to the Preserve. Come enjoy a class or workshop, go for a short hike on one of the upland hiking trails, walk to Lake Apopka on the .7-mile-long boardwalk, do research in the museum and library, or just relax in a rocking chair with a good book on the Serenity Porch. We look forward to seeing you in 2019!

Upcoming Events

- Jan 5 - Insect Safari
- Jan 8 - Homeschool Class
- Jan 12 - Project Learning Tree Workshop
- Jan 25-27 - FL Master Naturalist Habitat Evaluation Class
- Jan 26 - Blue Hike Paddle Tour (location TBD)

Volunteer Opportunities

- Community Work Days: Saturdays - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- Restoration Projects: Mondays - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

(Pre-register at www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org)

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

