

News from Town Hall

March 2019

Town Hall

Town Meetings:

- March 6** - Johns Cove HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
- March 7** - Oakland Pointe HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
- March 11** - Trailside HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
- March 12** - School Advisory Committee - 4:00 p.m. (HTH)
- March 12 & 26** - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
- March 13** - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)
- March 18** - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)
- March 19** - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)
- March 28** - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

Around Town



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 13 for the Town's 5th Annual "Celebration Among the Oaks" Spring Event! Come for a day filled with family fun, including pictures with the Easter Bunny, an Easter Egg Hunt, bounce houses, petting zoo and pony rides, balloon artist, face painting, food trucks and more! There will be a lot of fun carved into one fantastic day!



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. It's an evening of fine wines and the best cuisine of land and sea, presented by Chef Anthony Fothergill. This event supports Central Florida programs that connect young people with music and the arts. Grab your tickets now and get the "Early Bird" rate! <https://hapcowinedinejazzmonth2019.eventbrite.com>

Oakland Avenue Charter School

Spring is in the air at OACS! Daylight saving time begins on March 10th, so don't forget to "Spring Forward" an hour. Field Day is the 14th and it's also the end of the 3rd quarter. The 15th is a student holiday, and both students

and teachers will enjoy their well-deserved Spring Break the 18th through the 22nd.

Please consider supporting OACS by attending the first annual OACS Eagle Premiere Gala on May 2. Enjoy an evening filled with cocktails, dinner, dancing, and a silent auction at The Club at Bella Collina. Tickets go on sale March 1 and seating is limited. Contact the school's front office at 407-877-2039 to purchase tickets.

The last day to submit applications for the 2019-2020 school lottery is March 31. After that date you may contact us to be placed on the waitlist in a first come, first served order.

Police Department

The University of Louisville established the Southern Police Institute (SPI) in 1951. The institute was developed to provide a high level of training in the field of law enforcement in a manner consistent with college style curriculums and methods of instruction. One of the most prestigious and highly sought-after programs within the SPI is the Command Officers Development Course. Sergeant Angela Campbell was enrolled in this elite program. The five-month course requires a significant amount of study and effort, as well as the student performing a variety of exercises and addressing a myriad of problems regularly faced by command officers within law enforcement. This course is often compared to the FBI's National Academy in terms of its content and reputation.

On January 18, 2019, Sergeant Campbell became the first member of our department to graduate from SPI, while employed with our agency. This is a significant achievement for which we are all very proud!

As always, please remember to buckle up!

Public Works Department

Water System Maintenance

Public Works and Utilities staff have completed the process of flushing and flow testing all 153 of the Town's fire hydrants. All the newly installed hydrants in the Oakland Trails and Longleaf developments were a part of this exercise. This activity is a requirement of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and is performed on an annual basis. The purpose is to remove any accumulated sediment from the water mains and to identify any fire hydrants that may need

repair or maintenance. On the days that areas were tested, signage was posted along the streets as a reminder. It should be noted that 95% of those tested produced more than 1000 gallons per minute which is a huge increase from the test performed prior to the 2014 water system improvements project.



Hydrant Flushing

Arts & Heritage Center at Oakland

Now that we have finally “turned some dirt”, the project will begin to move much faster. As the building begins to take shape, other associated improvements coordinated by the Public Works Department will begin to take place. These include installation of the new electric and water services, as well as the necessary septic system. It should be noted that the septic system has been designed in such a fashion that it can be easily converted to centralized sewer, once the system is extended to the Town Center area. Other items such as the need for site lighting, landscaping and hardscape are currently being assessed and will take place later.



Construction Site

Spring Cleanup

The traditional Spring Cleanup underwent some changes last year. No longer does the Town place 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 most efficient process anymore. As we did last year, the Town's contracted trash hauler will perform a special curb-side pick up on Saturday, May 11, and then again on Saturday, May 18, for our residential customers. Be sure to get items 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. To learn more about identification and proper disposal of items such as these, please visit <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/watergarbagerecycling/householdhazardouswaste.aspx#.WrKKWS7wblU>.

Oakland Nature Preserve

Happenings

ONP by Night! - March 9

Join us for a very special Science Saturday event, and experience the Preserve by night! Look for tracks and scat, listen to the sounds of insects and animals, and you may even see an owl, raccoon, or bat! FREE for members. \$5 for non-members. Registration required at <https://oaklandnaturepreserve.regfox.com/onp-night-hikes>.

Save the Date!

Night at the Preserve - April 13 - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This year's Night at the Preserve will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, wine and beer selections, great music, exciting chance drawings, and a lakeside champagne toast at sunset. Visit www.OaklandNaturePreseve.org/NATP for more info.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event. For more information, please contact Jennifer Hunt at director@oaklandnaturepreserve.org.

Spring and Summer Camps

Camp registrations are now open! Camps fill fast so register early. For more information visit www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org/learn.

Upcoming Events

- March 1 - Summer Camp registration opens
- March 2 - Insect Safari
- March 9 - ONP by Night!
- March 18-22 - Art in Nature Spring Break Camp
- March 30 - Archeology Blue Hike

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