

News from Town Hall

June 2019

Town Hall

Town Meetings:

June 5 - Johns Cove HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

June 11 & 25 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

June 17 - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (OMH)

June 18 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)

June 18 - Winters Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

June 27 - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall



Around Town

JAZZ NIGHT



Friday Night Jazz is back this month with a special date and time. The event will be Thursday, June 20 and will run from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Oakland Meeting Hall, with special guests, the HAPCO Summer

Jazz Camp Attendees. **Friday Night Jazz** is presented by HAPCO Music Foundation and will resume its normal fourth Friday schedule in July.

Oakland Avenue Charter School

It has been a marvelous year here at OACS! The last day of school for students is May 24; however, you may still 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 at <https://oaklandfl.gov/230/Oakland-Avenue-Charter-School>. We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer, and we'll see you in August!

Police Department

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Christopher Hooper as our new code enforcement officer! Christopher becomes the Town's first full-time code enforcement officer, whose primary function is to identify code violations and to respond to code complaints. He comes with years of experience, most recently being with the County of Volusia where he served as a code compliance officer since 2012. Christopher earned his bachelor's degree from UCF and has a passion for meteorology. His office is located at the Police Department. We look forward to working with Christopher to help maintain the unique nature of our town.

The end of May marks the conclusion of another school year and there will be more children out in the neighborhoods. Please drive cautiously and always remember to buckle up!

Public Works Department

SPECIAL NOTICE

FEMA Update

It's hard to believe that almost two years have passed since Hurricane Irma blew into town! While Oakland was not damaged nearly as much as some other local communities, nonetheless, we felt the impact. While navigating through the "red tape" was not an easy task, our staff managed to make the case for our losses. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, has paid us to date, \$194,887.00 for our damages, and the State of Florida has added an additional \$23,635.00.

Hurricane Season

The 2019 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.

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.aspx#.V2Py3qT2aUk>

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/EmergencySafety/HurricaneGuide.aspx#.V2Pyq6T2aUk>

Sewer System Improvements

The Town is preparing to move forward with additional sewer system improvements! Bids were recently received on two separate extensions of the Town's sewer system. The improvements will include a gravity system in the area of West Oakland Avenue, which will allow for connection of the commercial businesses between the turnpike bridge and the Circle K store. A second improvement will also be constructed that will extend a force main sewer from the Longleaf at Oakland neighborhood up to Tubb Street, allowing for connection of commercial properties along SR 50.

The selected firm will be announced at the May 28, 2019 Oakland Town Commission Meeting.



Hull Island Road Construction

Arts and Heritage Center

Although it may seem like it's slowly taking shape, the Arts and Heritage Center is making progress. While it may be tempting to compare the construction of the facility with some of the developer housing that's going up around town, it's simply not the same. The amount of concrete and steel going into the structure, and the method of its construction make it a building that will last for a century, or even longer! We planned it that way and assure you it will be worth the wait!



Aerial view of the Arts & Heritage Center construction.



Arts & Heritage Center Construction

Oakland Nature Preserve

Celebrating 20 Years of Education, Restoration, and Conservation



2019 Oakland Heritage & Wildlife Festival

Registration is now open for the 2019 **Oakland Heritage & Wildlife Festival**, which will take place on October 26 in Speer Park. Sponsorship and vendor applications are available online at www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org.

Upcoming Events

- June 1 - Insect Safari
- June 12 - Summertime Story Time
- June 17 - 21 - Summer Camp Week 1
- June 24 - 28 - Summer Camp Week 2
- July 3 - Summertime Story Time
- July 6 - Insect Safari

Youth Volunteer Opportunities - *Eco-Interpreters*

ONP Eco-Interpreters (EI) can be found doing a variety of tasks here at the Preserve. EI's main priority is engaging with ONP guests at activity stations on the porch of our Education Center. These include animal bio-facts and interactive games to help guests learn more about wildlife and the ecosystems where they live. Volunteers may also be asked to participate with special events such as Oakland Heritage Festival, ONP Open House, etc. Limited positions available.

- Must be 15 to 17 years old.
- Must attend EI and animal handling training.

(For additional information and registration, visit <http://www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org/youth-volunteer-opportunities>)

Volunteer Opportunities

(Pre-register at www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org)

- **Community Workdays:** Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- **Restoration Projects:** Mondays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

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