

News from Town Hall

July 2019

Town Hall

Town Meetings:

July 9 & 23 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

July 15 - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (OMH)

July 15 - Trailside HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

July 16 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

July 22 - Southern Oaks HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

July 25 - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

will effectively double our residential population within the next 4 or 5 years. Along with this growth, we are making improvements to our water system and rapidly expanding our sewer system in order to serve you better. And the best part...we are making the developers pay for most of it!

It's hard to believe that five years ago the sewer system didn't even exist. Every building in Oakland including our Charter School was utilizing septic systems to get rid of their waste. Fast forward five years and we now have more than 300 customers hooked up to sewer and are still growing. We have three fully functional lift stations, one under construction, another one in the works and approximately 5 miles of sewer line!

The water system has seen similar growth in the past five years. Up until December 2014, the entire town was being served by the Oakland water tower. The improvements we made that year brought us into the 21st century. With specific pipeline upgrades in different parts of the system, we will be able to meet the demands of growth.

Those are only the water and sewer improvements. Other utilities are modernizing or adding to their network. Lake Apopka Natural Gas has expanded deep into Oakland, Duke Energy is working like crazy to meet the demands of the region, and all the communication companies are working hard to keep up. The roundabout project on West Oakland Avenue and the Florida Turnpike widening project will both begin next summer and will create challenges of their own.

With all of that going on, we all need to slow down a bit, let the workers do their job, and pay attention to the signs. You'll still get where you're going. Our roadside workers want to get home to their families just as much as you do. So please be careful and drive safely.

RaceTrac Project

The long-awaited RaceTrac convenience store, located at Remington Road and S.R. 50, is now under construction. It's hard to believe, but it's been more than eight years since they first came to us with their plans. After numerous attempts at getting a plan approved, they finally made it. The facility will boast 16 fueling stations, a 5500 square foot store and an outside eating area for those who want to enjoy the fresh air.

Around Town

JAZZ NIGHT



Friday Night Jazz is back! Mark your calendars for July 26 and come on over to the Oakland Meeting Hall and enjoy special guests, the Kealan Braden Trio. **Friday Night Jazz** is presented by HAPCO Music Foundation every fourth

Friday through October.

Police Department

The West Orange Trail is a terrific recreational asset for Oakland residents and those who live in West Orange and Lake Counties. Because the trail is so heavily traveled, we believe it is important to have a presence there. Several of our officers have received special police bike training and do spend time riding the trail. Additionally, our officers will often take up a position in their vehicles where they can observe trail activities. Our objective is to make this popular source of recreation safe for all that use it.

Please drive safely as you are traveling this summer and always remember to buckle up!

Public Works Department

Construction! Construction! Construction!

A special note from our Public Works Director-

No matter where you go in Oakland, or West Orange for that matter, it seems like **EVERYTHING** is under construction! Here in Oakland we are in a period of rapid growth, which

Apopka Sound Project

While you may not have heard about it yet, there is a new neighborhood planned for the area immediately west of Killarney, and in Lake County. What is quite unique about it is that **you can't get to it from Lake County**. The neighborhood is landlocked by Lake Apopka and the Florida Turnpike, so access is only through Oakland. Not to be taken by surprise by this, the Town Commission has made it a condition of the Development Agreement that the developer pay us for this access. Pretty smart, huh!! The funds will be used to make road and sidewalk improvements in the Killarney and J.W. Jones Road area. Construction starts in about six weeks.

Irrigation

With the recent hot weather, it may be tempting to water more often than usual; however, the Town of Oakland Code of Ordinances Chapter 30 - Environment, Article IV - Water Conservation for Landscape Irrigation specifies the dates and times that a resident can utilize landscape irrigation. Please refer to this graphic below for a quick reference to your irrigation days and times or feel free to visit https://library.municode.com/FL/Oakland/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH30EN_ARTIVWACOLAIR for more detailed information.

Time of year	Home addresses ending in an <u>odd</u> number	Home addresses ending in an <u>even</u> number	Non-residential properties
DST	Wednesday & Saturday	Thursday & Sunday	Tuesday & Friday
EST	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

- Daylight Savings Time: Second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
- Eastern Standard Time: First Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March.
- Odd numbered addresses end in either 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9.
- Even numbered addresses end in either 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8.
- Water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Water for no more than one hour per zone.
- Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water and water from public and private utilities.

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.

Happenings

Education Challenge Match

Oakland Nature Preserve is delighted to announce that we have received a Challenge Match Grant for our environmental education programs! This grant will provide matching funds of \$15,000 if we are able to raise \$15,000. This is extremely valuable to our environmental education programs, which serve people of all ages in both Orange and Lake counties. We are very proud of our educational accomplishments over the years, and with this opportunity we can continue to develop and expand our programs.

Your donation will be matched, dollar for dollar, so your contribution will have double the impact and will directly help fund our educational programs throughout the 2019-2020 school year.

Oakland Nature Preserve is an active 501c3 organization, and your donations may be tax deductible. You can make checks payable to Oakland Nature Preserve and mail to P.O. Box 841, Oakland, FL 34760. Please note on the memo line that your donation is for the Challenge Match Grant.

You can also visit www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org and click "donate" to have your gift matched. Thank you for your continued support of Oakland Nature Preserve!

ONP Winn Dixie Community Bag Beneficiary

Exciting news! ONP has been selected as a beneficiary of the Community Bag Program for the month of July. The Winn Dixie Community Bag Program, which launched in February 2019, is a reusable bag program that facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in the communities where shoppers live and work. ONP was selected as the July beneficiary of the program by store leadership at the Winn Dixie located at 684 East Highway 50. We will receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at this location during the month, unless otherwise directed by the customer through the Giving Tag attached to the bag. For more information visit www.seg.bags4mycause.com.

Upcoming Events

- July 3 - Summertime Story Time
- July 6 - Insect Safari
- Summer Camp throughout the month of July

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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