

News from Town Hall

November 2019

Town Hall

Town Meetings:

- November 11** - Trailside HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
November 12 - School Advisory Committee - 4:00 p.m. (HTH)
November 12 & 26 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
November 13 - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)
November 18 - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)
November 19 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
November 21 - Coffee with the Town Manager - 9:00 a.m. (OMH)
November 21 - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
HTH = Historic Town Hall OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

quarter. The always popular Scholastic Book Fair will be on campus the 19th through the 22nd and Thanksgiving break is November 25 - 29. **Happy Thanksgiving** to everyone from Oakland Avenue Charter School!

Planning Department

Update and News from Planning and Zoning

As the Town of Oakland continues to grow, it is working hard to retain its distinctive character when managing change and growth.

To that end, and in addition to managing ongoing individual development projects such as rezoning, site plans, etc., the Town's mid and long-range planning continues. Recent highlights include:

1. **Master Mobility Management Plan** - Funded by Metroplan Orlando and adopted in March 2018, the Mobility Plan provides a big picture and long-term transportation concept that extends the "Old Town of Oakland" street grid to the West Colonial Drive/State Road 50 Corridor. This key policy allows the Town to request additional rights-of-way for new streets which provides a traditional neighborhood traffic circulation plan that enables walkability and sustainability. It also ensures that the Town is eligible to tap into the Orlando Metroplan transportation funding opportunities, such as the \$3M Sidewalk Plus project for Oakland Avenue and Tubb Street.
2. **Design Districts** - In September 2018 the Commission adopted building and architectural standards for the entire Town, replacing the previous corridor guidelines. The Design Districts insure traditional neighborhood architecture and design for all types of buildings.
3. **Water Supply Plan** - The Town adopted a new state-required 10 Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan in October 2018. In addition to accomplishing the capital facilities recommendations on the ground, the Plan requires that the Town update the related policies contained in its Comprehensive Plan, specifically the Conservation, Infrastructure and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements.

Proposed Plan Amendment - In summary, the Town is now proposing two Comprehensive Plan text amendments. The first to reduce the residential density

Around Town

Coffee with the Town Manager



Thank you to all the residents who came out to the October **Coffee with the Town Manager!** We appreciate the involvement and the pride our residents have for their town. Our next event is Thursday, November 21 at the [Oakland Meeting Hall](#). Residents will

have an opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts and ideas. **Coffee with the Town Manager** events are the third Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and are open to the public. We hope to see you there!

JAZZ NIGHT



The next **Friday Night Jazz** event is November 22, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This month's special guest is the William Santos Quartet. Come join us in the Town Center for a relaxing evening of live music. **Friday Night Jazz** is presented by HAPCO Music Foundation every fourth Friday.

Oakland Avenue Charter School

OACS will begin our annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive Day on the 8th of November. We'll be having Honor Roll assemblies throughout the month to recognize all students who have achieved academic excellence in the first

range of the Mixed-Use Activity Center designation in the Future Land Use Element and another to amend policies in the Infrastructure, Conservation and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements to be consistent with the Water Supply Facilities Work Plan. By the time you read this, the Planning and Zoning Board, the Town's local planning agency, will have considered these changes and forwarded them to the Town Commission for a November 12, 2019 "Transmittal Hearing" to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Once the state and other review agencies make comments, the Town anticipates adopting the changes at an "Adoption Hearing" early in 2020. Additional information can be found on the Town's website under the October 15, 2019 Planning and Zoning Board's agenda, or by contacting Jay Marder at 407-656-1117, extension 2107.

Police Department

By now you have probably learned of the newest laws related to cell phone use while driving. There is no doubt that texting, and even talking on your cell phone while driving, is distracting.

On October 1 it became illegal to have your phone in your hand when driving through a school zone or road construction zone. What that means is that, unless you have a hands-free device, you should not be talking or texting when in these vulnerable areas. These are **primary offenses**, which means that you can be pulled over and cited without any other violation occurring.

This will take some getting used to, but in the long run it will no doubt result in fewer accidents and fatalities related to "distracted driving". If you have any questions about this law, feel free to call the Oakland Police Department at 407-656-9797.

Halloween is just around the corner. Please drive carefully and always remember to buckle up!!

Public Works Department

Arts and Heritage Center

After a slow start, the Arts and Heritage Center is finally making progress! While most days the West Orange Trail is not impacted by construction, occasionally we need to close the area for safety reasons. When we do, the Trail is rerouted along Tubb Street, west on Briley Avenue, and back to the Trail along Cross Street. It makes for a brief, but paved, detour, and provides a change of scenery. Keep watching our website for more information on the opening day ceremonies.

Did you know?

The Town has approximately 21 miles of streets and roads. Most of them, 16 miles, are paved and the remaining 5 miles are not. Taking care of that many miles of streets takes a lot of time, planning and resources. A new asphalt street is good for about 10 to 15 years. After that, if nothing is done, they will start to deteriorate. Depending on the severity of the damage, there are several ways to maintain, or extend the life of paved streets.

Unpaved streets require a higher level of maintenance to keep them in good shape. During the rainy season, our

unpaved streets need constant attention. The dry season still requires grading to keep them in good condition. If you notice a problem with one of our streets, either paved or unpaved, let us know and we will have someone check it out immediately.



Public Works employee, Scott Townsend, grading one of our unpaved roads.

Sewer System Improvements

The Town is moving forward with additional sewer system improvements on West Oakland Avenue. This is a difficult installation as we are "sandwiched" between the West Orange Trail and Oakland Avenue. These improvements will allow for connection of the commercial businesses between the Turnpike bridge and the Circle K store. Please be aware that some westbound lane closures may be necessary to allow for safety.

Oakland Nature Preserve



Celebrating 20 Years of Education, Restoration, and Conservation

Upcoming Events

- November 2 - Blue Hike Kayak Tour - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- November 2 - Insect Safari - 10:00 a.m.
- November 9 - "Goin' Batty" with Florida Bats - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Visit www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org or call 407.905.0054 for more information.

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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