

## News from Town Hall

## December 2019

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

**December 4** - Johns Cove HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)  
**December 16** - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)  
**December 17** - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)  
**December 19** - Coffee with the Town Manager - 9:00 a.m. (OMH)  
HTH = Historic Town Hall      OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

### Holiday Hours

Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas. Our offices will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Years.



### Around Town



#### Light Up Oakland!

Get in the Christmas spirit as the Town of Oakland presents our 4th annual "Light Up Oakland Event" on Saturday, December 7 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Town Center Circle. Bring the kids to meet Santa and enjoy some Christmas fun, including face painting, balloon artist, food trucks, DJ, Christmas carols with the *Oakland Avenue Charter School Choir* and special performances from *Centre for Dance & the Performing Arts* and the *Oakland Avenue Charter School Spirit Squad!* And of course, stay for the lighting of the Town Center Circle and the Christmas tree!!

### Coffee with the Town Manager



Our next event is Thursday, December 19 at the [Oakland Meeting Hall](#). We invite all residents to come and learn more about what is going on in our town, ask questions and share 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



**Friday Night Jazz** will be taking a break in December but will be back in full swing in January! Mark your calendars for Friday, January 24 where the special guest will be the Justin Mendez Quartet. Come join us in the Town Center from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for a relaxing evening of live music. **Friday Night Jazz** is presented by HAPCO Music Foundation every fourth Friday.

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

Congratulations to Andrea Wanuck, who was voted our **2019-2020 Teacher of the Year**, and Laura Campise, who was voted our **2019-2020 Staff of the Year!** We are thankful for their dedication to OACS and all they do to invest in the lives of our students!

December 12 is **Holiday Night** at OACS, where parents and children can enjoy food trucks and participate in holiday themed crafts. It is sure to be a fun family night! The last day of school before Winter Break is December 22, and classes will resume on Monday, January 6. From all of us at Oakland Avenue Charter School, we wish you and your family **Happy Holidays!**

### Police Department



Our Annual Christmas Toy Drive is here! From November 25 - December 18, your Oakland Police Department will be collecting toys at various locations throughout Town. Collection boxes will be set up in the lobbies of the Oakland Police Department, Town Hall, Oakland Avenue Charter School, DG Doughnuts and the 7-Eleven. Please consider dropping off a new,

unwrapped toy or gift card to a toy or department store. If you wish to make a financial donation, please do so no later than December 15, so we have time to purchase the toys for distribution. All checks should be made out to the Town of Oakland with "PD Toy Drive" written on the memo line. Cash or checks can be dropped off at the PD or mailed to the Oakland Police Department, P.O. Box 521, Oakland, FL 34760. Over the years we have been able to purchase hundreds more toys because of financial contributions!

We want to thank the faculty, staff and students from the Oakland Avenue Charter School for helping us prepare Thanksgiving dinner baskets for several families in our area. Because of the generous donations from local businesses and residents, and the donations from the OACS Food Drive, we were able to provide Thanksgiving Dinner to several area families.

Please drive safely, especially during the Holidays and remember it is against the law to text and drive! We wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season!

## Public Works Department

### Did you know?

There are approximately 21 acres of land that the Town mows and maintains on a regular basis? It's hard to believe, but in combination with contractors, we are taking care of three parks, the Town Center, the fishing pier site, four sewage lift stations, three water facilities, countless strips of roads and rights-of-way, the Public Safety Complex, the Charter School site... and the list goes on and on.

Future areas will include the walking trail within the Longleaf neighborhood, the beautiful, new public park out at Hull Island, a new sewage pump station and an expansion of VanderLey Park. These are under construction right now and will soon become ours.

Taking care of these areas in a reasonable fashion is no easy task. Let's all do our part. Use the trash cans for what they were designed for. Clean up after your pets, and please report any damage or vandalism. Most of these areas are open to the public and are meant to be enjoyed by everyone.



Public Works employee, Richard Wise, mowing one of the many Town maintained areas.

## Holiday Trash Pick-up

With the Holidays coming up, it is important to know what the schedule for Holiday trash pick-up will be. Our provider, Advanced Disposal, observes the following Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

***If your scheduled pick-up falls on a Holiday, there will be no service until your next scheduled date.***

Please visit the Advanced Disposal website at <http://www.advanceddisposal.com/fl/orlando/orlando-collection> to get more information.

## Rain Sensors

Having an operable rain sensor connected to your sprinkler system can save you money. These little devices will not allow your irrigation to turn on when there has been adequate rainfall. Installation is easy, and most homeowners can do it themselves. They are available at most hardware or big box home improvement stores.

## Oakland Nature Preserve



***Celebrating 20 Years of Education, Restoration, and Conservation***

### 2020 Community Open House

Join us January 25 from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. for guided tours, LEGO BUILD, animal interaction and presentations, food, crafts and more! Admission is FREE and FUN is guaranteed!

### 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>)

### Upcoming Events

- December 7 - Blue Hike Kayak Tour - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- December 7 - Insect Safari - 10:00 a.m.

Visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org) or call 407.905.0054 for more information.

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