



Town of **OAKLAND** Florida

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AGAIN NAMES OAKLAND A TREE CITY USA

Public Works Department employees recently planted Live Oak trees along W. Hull Avenue

For the 17th year, Oakland has been named a 2019 Tree City USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Oakland achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The town far exceeds these standards, and also requires developers to replace trees during construction.

In 2019, staff oversaw the installation of more than 300 trees throughout Town. "The trees being planted and cared for by Oakland are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life..." said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Residents of Oakland should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority."

With Tree City USA recognition, Oakland has demonstrated a commitment to doing its part to help address these challenges for Oakland residents now and in the future.

Historic Town Hall

Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. – School
Advisory Committee

Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. –
Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Oakland Meeting Hall

Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. – Commission
Work Session

Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. – Commission
Meeting

Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. – Joint
ARB/P&Z Work Session/Meeting

Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. – Coffee with
the Town Manager

Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. – Commission
Meeting



OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

John Peek has been appointed Chief of the Oakland Police Department, upon the retirement of Steve Thomas.

Chief Peek rose through the ranks in operational assignments and retired from the Apopka Police Department with 20 years experience.

He began his second career as a reserve officer in Oakland in 2006. He left to serve as a Police Advisor for the U.S. Army in Iraq.

When he returned to Oakland in 2008, he worked his way up from the rank of detective and eventually to Deputy Chief.

Professional development and more direct community involvement are his top priorities.

OAKLAND AVENUE CHARTER SCHOOL

The open enrollment period for the 2020-2021 school year has started and runs through March 31. All applications must be submitted electronically using the online application found online at <https://oaklandfl.gov/241/Enrollment>.

MAYOR KATHY STARK HONORED

The Florida League of Cities presents her with the John Land Award

The Florida League of Cities presented Oakland Mayor Kathy Stark with the John Land Years of Service Award for 25 years of public service.

The resolution, approved by the League of Cities Board of Directors, was presented to the Mayor during the Jan. 14 Town Commission meeting. It recognized her “unselfish commitment to municipal leadership and governance.”





OAKLAND NATURE PRESERVE

Oakland Nature Preserve is hosting the Gopher Tortoise Run in February. The run is a virtual 3-miler with REAL bling.

Run, walk, paddle, stroll, or swim anytime during the month of February.

Sign up at www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org.

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

The Texting and Driving law is now in full effect with agencies throughout Florida enforcing this as a civil infraction. Please remember to go “hands free” while driving to protect the motorists and pedestrians around you. Distracted driving makes up a disproportionate amount of traffic crashes throughout the state. There is technology available to help utilize your devices while still remaining hands free.

FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ

Friday Night Jazz is presented by HAPCO Music Foundation every fourth Friday

Friday Night Jazz will be held on Feb. 28 from 6-8:30 p.m., with special guests the Orlando Youth Chamber Youth Ensemble. Enjoy a relaxing evening of live music.

COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER

OAKLAND TOWN MANAGER STEVE KOONTZ INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TOWN SERVICES AND PROGRAMS. RESIDENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS. THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

FEB. 20, 2020

9 - 10 AM

OAKLAND

MEETING HALL



221 N. ARRINGTON ST.
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PUBLIC WORKS

Did you know that the Town produces, treats, and delivers approximately 225 million gallons - or 600,000 gallons per day - of water each year? Every time you turn on the faucet, flush the toilet, or run your irrigation system, it's because licensed and dedicated individuals work hard everyday.

As development in our service area continues, the Town has plans to move much of our neighborhood irrigation demand to an alternative water system. We have anticipated this for several years and have required developers to install dual water lines.

By doing so, when the time comes to make the switch, there is only one connection point for each neighborhood. In addition, land was recently acquired for construction of another production well that is planned for the not-so-distant future.

SANITARY SEWER PROJECTS

The Town's 2017 Legislative Appropriation dollars are hard at work

Cemetery Extension – The cemetery extension is approximately 80% complete. It consists of a force main sewer which will eventually connect the properties east of Tubb Street to the existing sewer network at the Longleaf neighborhood.

Industrial Extension – This gravity extension, about 70% complete, begins at Oakland Trails and parallels Oakland Avenue, west of the Turnpike bridge. This extension will allow for immediate connection of the remaining ABC Companies buildings, and other businesses in the area. During construction, underbrush, unsightly weeds and several trees were removed. This area is slated for the replanting of trees and shrubs once the sewer line has been placed in service in early 2020.

Arrington Lift Station – This phase is still in development. The facility will handle flows from the new development along S.R. 50, as well as the anticipated future flows from existing utility customers within a radius bound by Tubb Street, Gulley Avenue, Starr Street and Sadler Avenue.

DUKE ENERGY

Oakland residents will likely see Duke Energy and contractor crews replacing the existing structures with new concrete and steel poles that are approximately 100 feet above ground. This may require trimming and/or removal of vegetation on or near select parcels.

The purpose of the project is to enhance the ability of Duke Energy and neighboring utilities to provide safe and reliable energy to homes, community facilities and businesses in the area; increase capacity to continue delivering reliable electricity to meet the region's growing energy needs; and maintain a robust energy delivery system which is integral to the continued economic prosperity of the region.