



Oakland Meeting Hall

March 10 at 6 p.m.
Town Commission
Work Session

March 10 at 7 p.m.
Town Commission
Regular Meeting

March 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Planing and Zoning

March 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Commission
Work Session

March 24 at 7 p.m.
Town Commission
Regular Meeting

Coffee with the Town Manager

March 19 at 9 a.m.
Oakland Nature
Preserve
747 Machete Trail

Town of OAKLAND Florida

HEALTHY WEST ORANGE ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER AT THE TOWN OF OAKLAND SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Center is expected to open in the spring

Volunteers are needed to assist in various fun and fulfilling roles at The Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland, set to open this spring.

The nearly 3,000-square-foot building, ideally situated at Town Center along the West Orange Trail, seeks to attract visitors by offering a dynamic, educational experience dedicated to regional history, art and wellness.

Volunteers are the core of the Oakland community and can help the Center promote its mission. Opportunities to work as docents are available for both adults and students aged 16-18 seeking community service hours. Duties include greeting visitors, answering questions, folding brochures and collating mailings, data entry, and special projects and events.

To learn more, visit <http://bit.ly/ArtsAndHeritageCenter> or contact Special Initiatives Coordinator Pamela Stewart at (407) 656-1117, ext. 2112 or arts&heritage@oaklandfl.gov. This project is funded in part by Orange County Government through the Arts & Cultural Affairs Program.



OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oakland Police Department Cpl. Estid Lima has a way with people. Whether it's his nature, his training, or a combination of both, he has been credited with safely assisting Oakland residents through sensitive and often traumatic situations.

For his work, Lima was recognized as the department's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer of the Year. CIT programs support collaborative efforts for more effective interactions between law enforcement, mental health care providers, individuals with mental illnesses, families, and communities.

The award was given during the Central Florida Crisis Intervention Team's 19th Annual Appreciation Banquet.

OAKLAND AVENUE CHARTER SCHOOL

Oakland Avenue Charter School held a Red Carpet Storybook Character Parade in honor of Literacy Week! Students selected a book to represent and paraded across the red carpet with their reading buddy.

Fifth graders Emily S. and Isabella P. sang in the chorus at the Orange County Public Schools All County Music Series.

The lottery application period for Oakland Avenue Charter School closes March 31 for Oakland residents and the general public for children entering kindergarten through 5th grade for the 2020/2021 school year. All applications must be submitted electronically using the online application found on the Town's website at <https://oaklandfl.gov/241/Enrollment>.



ANGELA CAMPBELL PROMOTED

Angela Campbell has been promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Commander of Operations for the Oakland Police Department.

Through her many roles and ranks, she has earned a reputation as being proactive and successful, arresting numerous felons.

Lt. Campbell is the most highly decorated officer in the Oakland Police Department, with a staggering 90 Letters of Commendations earned in over 10 years of service. She has also been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and was twice decorated with the Chief Award Ribbon for exemplary service, duty and commitment to the Town of Oakland.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

Drivers should be aware of a speed limit reduction on Oakland Avenue. Orange County recently approved lowering the speed limit from 45 to 35 between State Road 50 to the City of Winter Garden boundary.

Keep your eyes on the road and focus on driving to ensure everyone can "Arrive Alive!"

All motorists should use extra caution when driving around bicyclists, motorcyclists and commercial motor vehicles.



TRANSPORTATION LISTENING SESSION

Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings, County Commissioner Betsy VanderLey and Mayor Kathy Stark hosted a Transportation Listening Session in Oakland in February

Mayor Demings discussed pursuing a transportation sales tax referendum in November 2020. For Phase I of this initiative, Mayor Demings has been asking for public input by participating in community meetings.

From these community meetings, Orange County will gather feedback and develop a proposed plan to improve transportation in our community.

For questions or more information, visit www.ocfl.net/Transportation.

PLANNING AND ZONING



The Town of Oakland has developed a proposed new and modern Zoning Code.

The code would regulate a full range of land development including but not limited to: design, subdivision platting, permitted uses in each zoning district, standards, lots, parking, landscape, traffic, tree protection, fences, lighting, signs, and more.

The Town Commission will begin hosting public meetings on the topic March 10 with the ordinance scheduled for adoption on April 14.

Both digital and hard copies of the code are available. Contact Jay Marder at 407-656-1117, ext. 2107 or Jeff Richardson ext. 2108; or view the proposed code online at www.oaklandfl.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Town operates four sanitary sewer pumping stations, approximately five miles of gravity sewer and an additional three miles of forcemain, or pressurized sewer. Keeping this system operating smoothly 24/7 is no easy task.

In 2011, the Town began working toward the elimination of septic systems as new development began. Once Oakland secured a treatment provider, the City of Clermont, we could begin moving forward with the plan.

Today, we currently have approximately 450 customers and another 500 permitted for sewer connection. Additionally, the Town Commission has developed policy that requires all new developments connect to the central sewer system. This allows for developers to partner with the town, at their expense, in constructing the sewer system.

Combined with the \$2.45 million in financial assistance Oakland has received from the State Legislature in recent years, the Town has essentially leveraged its money to further this initiative.

Other nearly finished sewer related projects include the construction of a septic system for the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland, the installation of a telemetry system at our primary lift station which will relay data to the City of Clermont; and the construction of a regional lift station on Hull Island Drive near Lake Apopka.

OAKLAND NATURE PRESERVE

The Crooked Can Brewing Company, based at Plant Street Market in Winter Garden, has partnered with ONP to assist in its mission of educating the public and restoring the Lake Apopka basin.

The brewery is donating \$1 of every specialty "Oakland Nature Preserve Beer" to the Preserve. The amber lager is made with blackberry, vanilla and cinnamon.

Also, Join Oakland Nature Preserve President, Jim Peterson, for a "Blue Hike" tour of the Alexander Springs run on Saturday, March 21 at 9 a.m. Details: www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org



OAKLAND NATURE
P R E S E R V E

FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ

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

Friday Night Jazz will be held on March 27 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Oakland Meeting Hall, with special guests the Millenia Quartet featuring headliners Ryan Devlin and Sebastian Dones

Enjoy a relaxing evening of live music, free of charge!

CELEBRATION AMONG THE OAKS

The 6th annual event will be held from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 at the Town Center. Free photos with the Easter Bunny will take place on the porch of the Oakland Meeting Hall, 221 N. Arrington St., between 10 and 11:45 a.m.

At noon, the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Lakeside Church, will begin at VanderLey Park. The hunt will kick off with infants through four-year olds at noon, followed by kids ages five through 12 at 12:20 p.m.

The event will feature bounce houses, balloon artist, face painter, petting zoo, Soul Haven Ranch horse-drawn carriage tours, food and more.

Event activity sponsorship opportunities are available for by contacting Pamela Stewart at (407) 656-1117, ext. 2112 or pstewart@oaklandfl.gov.

Celebration Among the Oaks
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
221 N. ARRINGTON ST.

Egg Hunt

Easter Bunny

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