



Community Calendar

All in-person events and meetings have been canceled through May.

The following meetings will be held virtually:

- May 12 - Town Commission
- May 26 - Town Commission
- May 5 - ARB
- May 19 - P&Z

For information on how to join virtual meetings, visit:

www.oaklandfl.gov

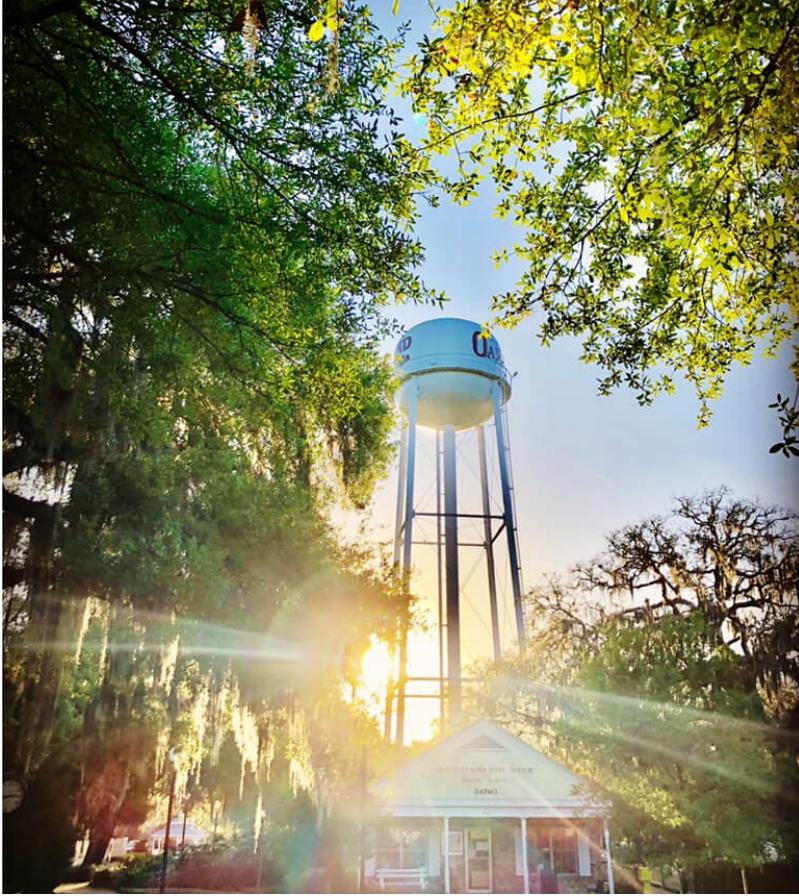


TOWN OF OAKLAND OFFERS UTILITY RELIEF DUE TO COVID-19

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, The Town of Oakland is offering eligible residents relief on their utility bills due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program will assist in offsetting a portion or all of customers' water, wastewater and garbage bills. For residents who meet the criteria and submit a completed application, the Town will reduce utility bills by up to \$80. Once the initial utility reduction is made, new applicants will get priority so the Town may assist as many affected residents possible. This assistance is offered on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to funding availability.

The application form can be found online at oaklandfl.gov. Printed forms are available in the flyer box outside Town Hall, located at 230 N. Tubb St. Completed and signed applications can be submitted by e-mail to tmastin@oaklandfl.gov, placed in the side door mail slot at Town Hall or in the Town of Oakland drop box at Town Center Circle.



ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day, first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, is now observed throughout the world.

Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife.

Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

Therefore, Mayor Kathy Stark, proclaimed April 24 as National Arbor Day in the Town of Oakland.

OUTSIDE MY OAKLAND WINDOW

During this time when we are staying safe at home, we'd like to share your views "Outside My Oakland Window."

If you'd like to participate, please share a photo of the view outside your window, along with your location (development or street name) by e-mailing epappacoda@oaklandfl.gov.





OAKLAND RECEIVES FUNDING FOR SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT

During the St. Johns River Water Management District's (SJRWMD) Governing Board's meeting this week, the Board approved project rankings for the annual Districtwide Cost-share Program and the Rural Economic Development Initiative/Innovative Cost-share Program. Included in the 34 projects that will share up to \$24 million is the Oakland Hull Avenue Septic to Sewer project, which is slated for \$429,800. All funds are contingent upon approval of the District's fiscal year 2020-2021 adopted budget.

The Oakland Hull Avenue Septic to Sewer project includes converting septic tank parcels to sanitary sewer service and includes the construction of approximately 3,800 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer; 14 manholes and approximately 48 lateral sewer connections for 46 residential lots, two commercial lots, and three vacant lots. Approximately 37% of residents within the community have committed to hooking up to sewer when it becomes available. The project is located just a half mile south of Lake Apopka and is within the Wekiwa - Rock Springs Springshed.

"The Town of Oakland is grateful that this important project was included in the Governing Board's prioritized funding for Districtwide and Rural Economic Development Initiative/ Innovative Cost-Share Programs, which benefit water resources within the District," wrote Mayor Kathy Stark in a letter to SJRWMD Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle. "We are pleased that this project was identified as one that supports the District's four core missions."

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES DONATION

The Committee of One Hundred of Orange County, a charitable organization, has donated funds to the Oakland Police Department to assist with the purchase of ballistic shields and vests.

This equipment will help to better protect officers in the field.

"I would like to thank The Committee of One Hundred for this generous gift and their charitable support to the men and women of the Oakland Police Department," said Oakland Police Chief John Peek. "This donation will go a long way to help modernize and protect our personnel should they need to respond to extreme situations and encounters."

The Committee of One Hundred of Orange County is a nonprofit focused on law enforcement agencies.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Town's Public Works staff has continued to be on the job every day during the Coronavirus pandemic, providing essential services such as water, wastewater treatment and trash collection.



To provide an easier transition for turning vehicles asphalt aprons were installed at the Brock Street and Oakland Avenue intersection. This will also make it safer for our road grader when making repairs to the unpaved road. Necessary drainage improvements will follow.



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COVID-19 Information

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