



Community Calendar

- SAC
January 12 at 4 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall
- Town Commission Workshop
January 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- Town Commission
January 12 at 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- Planning & Zoning
January 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall
- Town Commission
January 26 at 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual

Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Details: www.oaklandfl.gov

Town of OAKLAND Florida

TOWN CONTINUES WORK ON DRAINAGE SWALES

The Public Works Department is in the process of re-establishing drainage swales in certain areas of town. Over time, the swales have filled in due to natural processes, which “short circuits” the treatment process.

This work enables rainwater to percolate into the ground instead of draining directly into Lake Apopka. The work is performed within the street right of way, and drivers are asked to used caution when work is in underway

Pictured is a completed swale restoration on N. Tubb Street.



OAKLAND SWEARS IN NEW PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS



The Town of Oakland would like to welcome new Planning & Zoning Board member Michael Knapik, 1st alternate Blaine Dooley and 2nd alternate Tim Watts.

These members were officially appointed during the Town Commission meeting on Dec. 8 and sworn in by Town Clerk Elise Hui on Dec. 15.

The alternate positions were recently created as part of the Zoning Code revisions approved earlier this year. Alternates may attend meetings and can participate in discussions, however will only be able to vote if a regular member is absent from the meeting.

The Town of Oakland Planning & Zoning Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month as needed at 6:30 p.m. and may also meet for work sessions. The Board implements the comprehensive plan adopted by the Town with reasonable consideration, among other things, to the prevailing land uses, growth characteristics and the character of the respective districts. The Board encourages the most appropriate use of the land throughout the town, from time to time revising and amending the plan.

The Town of Oakland has a number of boards and committees which provide assistance to Town of Oakland staff and the Town Commission, most have monthly meetings and require only a few hours of a volunteer's time. These meetings are all open to the public.

For more information, visit www.oaklandfl.gov.

POLICE CHIEF HONORS PERSONNEL

Chief John Peek honored Oakland Police personnel for various acts of exemplary service to the department and residents of Oakland this year. The following commendations were given:

- Officer Anthony Edwards: Lifesaving Award
- Officer Roger Fisher II: Lifesaving Award
- Officer Anthony Gardner: Purple Heart Ribbon
- Corporal Jason Hayes: Patrol Unit Ribbon
- Officer Colten Horne: Bicycle Unit Ribbon and Training Unit Ribbon
- Officer Rajiv Lal: Meritorious Service Ribbon
- Sergeant Estid Lima: Officer of the Year Ribbon and Meritorious Service Ribbon
- Officer Andrew Ricks: Meritorious Service Ribbon
- Sergeant Anthony Vitale: Distinguished Service Medal



OAKLAND WELCOMES ARTS AND HERITAGE COORDINATOR



We are excited to welcome Ashlynn Webb to the Town of Oakland team! She joins the Town as Public Arts and Heritage Coordinator.

Ashlynn is an award-winning Public Relations professional with a background in theme parks, hospitality and entertainment.

She previously worked at Universal Orlando Resort, where she worked on Halloween Horror Nights, Nighttime Lights at Hogwarts Castle and more.

She also serves as a VP of Image Awards with the FPRA Orlando Area Chapter. Her role as Public Arts and Heritage Coordinator includes creating history and art exhibits, promoting the Center, working with partners and donors, leading programming initiatives and coordinating volunteers.

OAKLAND NATURE PRESERVE HOSTS VIRTUAL 3-MILER

Join the Oakland Nature Preserve for an exciting virtual run to benefit the Preserve.

Run, walk, paddle, stroll, or swim; anything that keeps you moving forward.

Complete your 3 miles for conservation any time during the month of January. Post a fun picture on our Facebook page when you have run your race.

Medals are limited to 75 participants and can be picked up Jan. 30 at the ONP Open House. The remainder will be mailed early February. Don't care about a medal? You can register at a discounted rate!

Register now at oaklandnaturepreserve.wildapricot.org.

The ONP mission is to promote an understanding of the fragile balance between mankind and the environment by educating present and future generations about the natural ecosystems and cultural history of the Lake Apopka Basin, and by restoring and conserving the lands within the Preserve.

All proceeds will help support this important work.



COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER RESUMES IN JANUARY

BYOC (bring your own coffee) to the first Coffee with the Town Manager of 2021 on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

Oakland Town Manager Steve Koontz invites you to join him for coffee and conversation to learn more about Town news, services and programs, including proposed and new development, a future roundabout and the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland.

Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts and ideas about various topics affecting the Town.

The event also offers residents and business owners an opportunity to network with each other virtually.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/34A4k1l>.

FRIENDS OF LAKE APOPKA ANNOUNCES FISH TAG CHALLENGE

Friends of Lake Apopka is partnering with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to host its first annual "Hooked on Lake Apopka" fishing tag challenge.

FWC is tagging 500 fish and is offering more than \$6,000 in prizes for the tagged fish caught between Jan. 15 and May 31.

FOLA is offering a \$3,000 reward for anyone who catches a specific tagged trophy bass named "Jim Thomas."

The event will encourage tourism to the area and celebrate the progress that has been made in restoring the lake over the the last 20 years.

Visit www.friendsoflakeapopka.org.

VIRTUAL 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.

RSVP TO EPAPPACODA@OAKLANDFL.GOV

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

9 - 10 AM
ZOOM



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Florida