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## News from Town Hall

## AUGUST 2016

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

August 9 & 23 - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
August 11 - Code Enforcement Magistrate - 6:00 p.m.  
August 16 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

### Town Clerk

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) is seeking a business member for the Committee. You must represent a business as a member of SAC. You do not have to be a resident of Oakland or have a business in Oakland. The SAC meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. as needed. The role of the SAC is to assist the Principal and represent Oakland Avenue Charter School (OACS). If you are interested, please contact Town Clerk Kim Gay for an application at [kgay@oaktownusa.com](mailto:kgay@oaktownusa.com) or 407-656-1117 ext. 2104.

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

August brings the start of another awesome school year here at Oakland Avenue Charter School. We are excited to announce the new teachers that will be joining our staff for the 2016-2017 school year. Melissa Austin and Rheanna Howard will be joining our First Grade Team. McKenzie Meuret will be joining our Second Grade Team. Natalie Wessling and Dacia Victor will be joining Fourth Grade. Courtney Hayes will be teaching Reading and Social Studies in Fifth Grade. Finally, Tim Fenu will join our Specials Team teaching Art. We are happy to welcome them to OACS and invite you to "Meet the Teacher Night" on August 11 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Don't forget, August 15 is the first day of school.

### Oakland Coalition of Churches

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 4, at 6:30 p.m. in Historic Town Hall.

### Police Department

In mid-July the Pokémon Go app was rolled out to the public and it has become incredibly popular. This software app, for mobile devices, directs the user to

various locations where they collect/capture virtual tokens related to Pokémon. The app can direct someone just about anywhere. Since users are searching for these tokens using their phones/mobile devices, they may not be paying attention to where they are going. There have been instances of users walking through other people's yards, going into businesses, churches and even out into traffic. Recently we received a call about a possible prowler in someone's yard, and upon our arrival, we discovered it was someone using the Pokémon Go app and searching for tokens in the neighborhood. Related criminal acts have been reported nationally as well.

The purpose of this communication is to inform you that you might observe folks acting in a strange and/or erratic fashion while using this app. Please know, however, that you are encouraged to contact the police department anytime you observe something or someone who seems suspicious. If you are using the Pokémon Go app yourself, please follow the instructions and most of all, stay aware of your surroundings. Like any other activity, doing so safely is the key. Whether you are playing Pokémon Go or just driving to the store, always remember to buckle up!!

### Public Works Department

#### Storm Water Project Funding

Persistent efforts in trying to find a funding source for the mid-town drainage project have finally paid off! Within a span of 15 days last month, Public Works staff were notified of two different "cost-share" grants that had been awarded to the Town. The first one, in the amount of \$184,803.00 from the St. John's River Water Management District, was announced on June 14. Two weeks later, the second grant, funded by the U.S.E.P.A. and administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, was in the eye-popping amount of \$270,270.00!! This funding will allow for Phase 1 of the much needed drainage project in the area of the Starr Gardens subdivision, to finally move forward.

### Oakland Art and History Center

On June 14, the Town officially received grant funding for what many believe will become an iconic symbol of the Town's history, its culture, and its people. In the near future, the Oakland Art and History Center will begin to rise from the site of the former "little white house" just across the street from Oakland Town



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## News from Town Hall

## September 2016

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

**September 6** - School Advisory Committee - 6:00 p.m. (HTH)

**September 8** - Code Enforcement Magistrate - 6:00 p.m. (HTH)

**September 12 & 27** - Budget Hearing - 6:30 p.m. Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)

**September 20** - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall      OMH = Oakland Meeting

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

It has been fun and exciting kicking off the 2016-2017 school year here at OACS! We have enjoyed seeing all the smiling faces back on campus. On Thursday, September 8, the PTO will kick off the Great American Fundraiser, which will continue through September 26. We want to invite everyone to the PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 20. The Parent Education Topic will be "Talking to your family about Community Events". Pictures will be on September 23. Students need to wear their uniforms and their best smile!

#### Important Dates:

September 5: Labor Day - No school

### Oakland Coalition of Churches

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Historic Town Hall.

### Police Department

The Oakland PD is proud to welcome three new reserve officers! Jason Hayes, Eli DeJesus and Vernita Carey are currently in field training. Officer Carey comes to us after a successful career with the Orlando Police Department. She will be assisting Detective McDonnell with follow-up investigations. Officer Hayes has spent time with both, the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Leesburg Police Department, and Officer DeJesus is currently a member of the Orlando Fire Department. All three of these officers bring a great deal of experience to our reserve ranks and we are very happy to have them on board.

The school bell rang a little early this year. As a reminder, school hours are 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.,

with the exception of Wednesdays, which lets out at 2:00 p.m. Please keep this in mind if you are traveling near the school, especially during drop off and/or pick-up times. This area becomes very congested and the 20 mph speed limit through the school zone is strictly enforced during that time. Using adjoining residential streets, such as those in Winters Landing, to drop off and/or pick up students is not permitted. New signs prohibiting this will be posted and violators can be cited. This has been done to enhance the safety of all students and residents.

We are glad to have the students back at OACS and our officers will be conducting daily walks on campus during school hours. Our goal is to enhance security while building a positive relationship between students and police officers.

Last, but not least, it is proven that using seatbelts saves lives. Please remember to buckle up!

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#### Yard Waste & Tree Removals - Special Reminder

Yard waste collection is included in the contract between the Town and Advanced Disposal. Yard waste is defined as various vegetative landscaping material, grass, leaves, and tree and shrub trimmings or clippings. When a resident or business owner cuts down a tree, or removes large limbs, the excessive amounts of wood debris generated is not included in the yard waste service. The debris should be taken to a transfer station, a landfill, or a recycling center that processes wood waste. Debris that is left by the curb is not only unsightly, but could become a home for rodents and insects; or worse yet, a fire hazard. Please



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## News from Town Hall

## November 2016

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

**November 1** - School Advisory Committee - 6:00 p.m. (HTH)

**November 8** - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)

**November 10** - Neighborhood Watch - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)

**November 10** - Code Enforcement Magistrate - 6:00 p.m. (HTH)

**November 15** - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

**November 22** - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

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### Oakland Avenue Charter School

November brings exciting events to our campus. OACS is now enrolling for the Performing Arts program. Please contact the school for more details. The Scholastic Book Fair will be operating on campus from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. Our PTO parent education topic for the month is "Internet Safety: Tips and Tricks". As the weather gets cooler, please remember that all outer wear needs to follow OACS dress code and be in school colors.

#### Important Dates:

November 15: PTO Meeting

November 23-25: Thanksgiving break. No school for students.

### Oakland Coalition of Churches



The Coalition of Churches is once again sponsoring the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Oakland Meeting Hall on Sunday, November 20 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. If you know of a resident in need, please invite them! This is a wonderful way to meet others in our community, as we break bread together. The next Coalition meeting will be Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Historic Town Hall.

### Police Department

Just a few short weeks ago powerful Hurricane Matthew was bearing down on central Florida. In preparation, a number of our officers had to leave their families and spend extended hours at the police station in order to handle whatever emergencies may have occurred during the storm.

The police department prepared for the storm by doing many of the things that you did; securing our building, filling up our cars, stocking up on provisions that may be needed during extended power outages, or other conditions that the wind and rain might have caused. Rather than risk not being able to report for work during the storm, we had a number of officers sleep at the police station so that they would be available to relieve on duty officers or be used to assist them as needed.

We were very fortunate that the eye wall of Matthew stayed just off the Volusia County coast as it passed by. We did experience power outages, a few trees down

### Town Clerk

The School Advisory Committee has a vacancy and is seeking someone who can represent a business to be a Committee Member. You do not have to own the business and you do not have to live in Oakland. The Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month as needed. The Committee works closely with the Oakland Avenue Charter School Principal. If you are interested, please contact Oakland Town Clerk Kimberly Gay at [kgay@oaklandfl.gov](mailto:kgay@oaklandfl.gov) or 407-656-1117 x 2104.

### Around The Town

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

The Town of Oakland is pleased to announce that the town closed a \$1.845M bond issue on September 29, 2016, through the Florida Municipal Loan Council. The town used the proceeds from the bond issue to refinance existing debt from the Town Center project and other projects completed several years ago. The refinancing resulted in savings to the town of \$250,244 or approximately 13.9% of the refunded bonds.

The Florida Municipal Loan Council (FMLC) offers local governments of all sizes a variety of funding options to finance capital projects, renovations, fixed assets additions and land purchases or to refinance existing debt. The FMLC works with a team of professionals and advisors to provide greater market access and lower financing costs for its borrowers. Visit [www.floridaleagueofcities.com/Finance.aspx](http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/Finance.aspx) for more info.

and one structure fire during the storm; however, we were able to respond to all calls and provide uninterrupted police services during its duration. While the power was out, we conducted patrol activities and we did not suffer any criminal events during this time. I want to thank the residents who heeded the warnings of emergency management officials. I also want to thank and commend the women and men of the police department, who were working throughout the storm to ensure that the residents of Oakland were safe and secure during this significant storm. Halloween is just around the corner. Please be extra cautious if you are out driving that night, and always remember to buckle up!

### **Orange County Fire Rescue**

Thanks to our partners at Orange County Fire Rescue, we now have a medical emergency vehicle in Oakland. Based on current and future projected needs, our OCFR Station 37 has been designated to house Medic 7 and its staff. This is a major step forward for medical service to our growing community!



### **Public Works Department**

#### **Storm Water Project Funding**

Through a collaborative effort between the Town of Oakland, the St. John's River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, funding has been secured that will allow for Phase 1 of a much needed drainage project in the area of East Henschen and the Starr Gardens subdivision, to finally move forward. Residents affected by the construction effort will soon be contacted by mail and given an opportunity to attend a question and answer session.

#### **Drainage Improvement**

Public Works staff will soon be taking advantage of the return of the "dry season" to continue with drainage maintenance activities in various sections of the Town. Storm water features such as ditches, swales, and pipes require periodic maintenance to keep them operating in an acceptable fashion. A lack of maintenance can result in damages to both public and private properties.

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

##### **Hurricane Season**

Well, the 2016 hurricane season is almost over! Here in Oakland, we were fortunate to have had only minor

damages as Hurricane Matthew brushed along Florida's coastline. While there were certainly a lot of tree branches, Spanish moss and "leaf litter" strewn around, we were fortunate to have only lost a few of our stately oak trees. In the ongoing efforts to be environmentally friendly, more than 200 cubic yards of the tree debris (2 tractor trailer trucks) was sent to a recycler who will transform the material into garden soil. Also, for about 16 hours during the storm, a large portion of Town lost electrical power, which also included our main drinking water facilities. Thankfully, early preparations paid off, as emergency power generators enabled us to maintain clean and safe drinking water for everyone throughout the storm. In addition, there were no instances of widespread street or property flooding. The drainage improvements we have been performing the past few years are a testament to being prepared.

So, once again, don't wait until a tropical storm or hurricane is imminent before you begin preparation! Timely, advance preparation can protect both you and your property from harm.

### **Oakland Nature Preserve**

#### **Visitor Programs**

*(Free for members. \$5 for non-members. Pre-register at [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org))*

- Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 a.m. - Insect Safari: Spiders
- Saturday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. - Observing the Night Sky with Michael McConville.
- Saturday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m. - Kayak Tour on North Shore: Meet at McDonald Boat Ramp. Must bring your own kayak or canoe.
- Saturday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m. - Birds & Butterflies Hike with Master Naturalist, Mary Keim.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

*(Pre-registration required.)*

Visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org).)

- **Restoration Work:** Mondays & Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- **Other Projects:** Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- **Junior Naturalist Program:** Begins in January. Topics range from metamorphosis, bird identification, and more! Students will receive a vest and badge for each topic completed! Visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org) to register.
- **Project Learning Tree:** Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Free environmental education training for both informal and formal teachers. Meet in the classroom.

*Our trails are open 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset, with free admission. Oakland Nature Preserve is located at 747 Machete Trail, Oakland, FL 34760.*



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## News from Town Hall

## January 2017

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

**January 9** - Trailside HOA - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)  
**January 10 & 24** - Commission - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)  
**January 12** - Neighborhood Watch - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)  
**January 16** - Deer Island HOA - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)  
**January 17** - P&Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)  
**January 17**- Winters Landing HOA - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)  
**January 25** - Southern Oaks HOA - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)  
**January 26** - Johns Landing HOA - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)  
**January 31** - State of the Town Address - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)  
HTH = Historic Town Hall      OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

### Holiday Hours

In observance of New Years, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 2. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

### Mayor Kathy Stark Receives Award



Mark Sittig, of the Florida League of Cities, recently presented Mayor Kathy Stark an award for more than 20 years of elected municipal service. Congratulations Mayor Stark and "Thank You for your service"!

### State of the Town Address

Mark your calendar for the State of the Town Address given by Mayor Kathy Stark. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakland Meeting Hall. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

### Around The Town



#### Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Join us Monday, January 16, 2017, as we come together as a community to honor and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Festivities include announcing the winner of our Oakland Avenue Charter School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay contest, plus a reenactment of the "I Have a Dream" speech. The celebration will be from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.



#### Knitting & Crocheting for a Cause

Classes for January 3 and 10 have been moved to Historic Town Hall. They will move back to the Oakland Meeting Hall on January 17. Openings still available!

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

As we head into the New Year we'll be celebrating a plethora of fantastic events at OACS. We are excited to announce that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Little Library is officially open. The library is located at the Oakland Post Office. This awesome outreach project's mission is to build literacy by an exchange of free books!

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in a Martin Luther King Jr. writing contest, sponsored by the Town of Oakland. The winner will be announced at the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 16 at the Oakland Meeting Hall. The second quarter Honor Roll Assemblies will be held on Tuesday, January 24 and Thursday, January 26. The PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. We will be celebrating Literacy Week January 23 - 27.

January 4 - March 31 is our open enrollment period where families new to OACS can be placed in the lottery for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Call our registrar at 407-877-2039 ext. 2501, or use the online application found under the enrollment section of the school's website at [www.oaklandfl.gov](http://www.oaklandfl.gov).

#### Important Dates:

January 13: Report cards go home.  
January 16: No school. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### Oakland Coalition of Churches

The next Coalition meeting will be Monday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Historic Town Hall. Please note, same time, different day.

## Police Department

We at the Oakland Police Department would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year. We hope that 2017 will be a good one for all of those who call Oakland home. We would also like to thank all of those who donated toys or made a monetary contribution to our Annual Christmas Toy Drive. This year we were able to distribute hundreds of toys to children who may not have otherwise had anything to open on Christmas day. This would not be possible without your help!

Once a year we like to remind our residents of our Oakland Partners program. This free program ensures that those living alone, or who may not have a family member to check on them, have a safety net to depend on. The program is a simple one and only requires the member to call the police department once a day before noon. If we do not hear from the partner we give them a call. If they do not answer, we send an officer by to check on them. We invite any Oakland resident to go to the town's website, click on the "Departments" tab, and then scroll to the police tab. You can read a little more about the program and you can download the membership application. If you don't have that capability, feel free to give us a call at 407-656-9797 or stop by the police department and we will help you fill out the membership application.

After the holiday break, school will be back in session and as always, please drive defensively and remember to buckle up!

## Public Works Department

### **SPECIAL NOTICE!** Fire Hydrant/Water Main Flushing -

*Beginning on February 20, 2017, Public Works and Utilities staff will begin the process of flushing and flow testing all of the Town's fire hydrants. This is performed on an annual basis to remove any accumulated sediments from the water mains and to identify any fire hydrants that may need repair or maintenance. On the days that your neighborhood is being tested, signage will be posted along the streets as a reminder. In some cases, you may notice a slight discoloration of the water when you initially turn on your faucet. And while it may look bad, it is harmless and you simply need to let the water run for a few minutes until it clears up. It is anticipated that the testing will be completed before March 31.*

### **Storm Water Project**

Through a collaborative effort between the Town of Oakland, the St. John's River Water Management District, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, funding has finally been secured that will allow for Phase 1 of a much needed drainage project in the area of East Henschen and the Starr Gardens subdivision, to finally move forward. Several residents affected by the construction effort attended a Q & A session on November 2 to better understand the need for the project and to learn how the construction activity would affect them. The work is scheduled to begin in February and will continue for approximately 6 months.

## Drainage Improvements

Beginning on January 9, Public Works staff will begin taking advantage of the return of the "dry season" to continue with drainage maintenance activities in various sections of the Town. Storm water features such as ditches, swales, and pipes require periodic maintenance to keep them operating in an acceptable fashion. Poor drainage can cause premature failures of our paved roads and rapid deterioration of our unpaved roads. It can also contribute to flood damage to private property.

### **Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1B**

The Town is currently soliciting for bids on this next important phase of the overall project. The work will consist of construction of gravity sewer facilities that will extend the system from a point along Old SR 50 easterly to Oakland Avenue. The new facilities will allow for immediate connection of the new homes being built in the new Oakland Trails subdivision. A further extension, Phase 1C, is nearly ready for bidding that will then extend the system across Oakland Avenue, and then along SR 50 to the intersection of Remington Road. Several property owners along the future route have indicated their desire to connect to the new facilities as soon as they are ready for service.

## Oakland Nature Preserve

### Visitor Programs

*(Free for members. \$5 for non-members. Pre-register at [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org))*

- Saturday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m. - Bugs of the Dead.
- Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 a.m. - Trimble Park Kayak Tour.
- Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. - Edible Plants.

### Volunteer Opportunities

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- Restoration Work: Mondays & Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- Other Projects: Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

- Junior Naturalist Program: Open to students ages 8 - 14. Program meets Wednesdays from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., January 11 - February 15. Visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org) for more info or to register.

- Florida Master Naturalist - Wetlands: Fridays, from January 20 - February 24.

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## February 2017

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#### Town Meetings:

**February 7** - School Advisory Committee - 6:00 p.m.  
(HTH)

**February 9** - Code Enforcement Magistrate - 6:00 p.m.  
(HTH)

**February 14 & 28** - Commission - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

**February 20** - Deer Island HOA - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)

**February 21** - P&Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

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#### REMINDER

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### Around The Town



We now have Oakland license plates for sale! Show your Town pride on the front of your vehicle. License plates are \$5.00 and can be purchased at Town Hall.

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

We, at OACS, welcome February and are excited to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the school year! Our Field Day is scheduled for Monday, February 6. Students will be partaking in numerous classroom celebrations for Valentine's Day, and we always look forward to these festivities. The PTO meeting will be on February 21 in the cafeteria. OACS will also be working in collaboration with PTO on the annual Boosterthon. The Boosterthon kicks off with a pep rally on February 22 and culminates with the Fun Run on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. As we head into the next few weeks, we will be distributing important details regarding state testing. Please be on the lookout for this information.

**Important Announcement:** The lottery window for the 2017-2018 school year is now open. To be placed in the lottery, new families can go to [www.oaklandfl.gov](http://www.oaklandfl.gov) and click on "Charter School", any time up until March 31, 2017. Oakland residents have first priority.

### Important Dates:

February 20: No school. Presidents' Day.

### Police Department

On Monday, January 9, 2017, we lost two dedicated law enforcement officers, as they worked to protect the citizens that they serve, from a homicide suspect. Master Sergeant Debra Clayton, of the Orlando Police Department was alerted that a person wanted for a recent murder was inside an area Walmart. She was shot to death as she encountered the suspect. Deputy First Class Norman Lewis, with the Orange County Sheriff's Office was enrooted to back up Sergeant Clayton when he was involved in a traffic accident that took his life. Within the span of five minutes we lost two people who had dedicated their lives to the service of their communities.

This tragic incident is just the most recent reminder of the challenging times that those in law enforcement are experiencing. The fact that it occurred so close to our town makes it that much more poignant. Our hearts go out to the families and co-workers of Sergeant Clayton and Deputy Lewis. They will certainly be missed, but they will never be forgotten.

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### Henschen Avenue Closures

Beginning on March 6, 2017, East Henschen Avenue will be closed to through traffic at 416 East Henschen. The

closure is expected to last approximately 100 days. Other sections of East Henschen (including intersections), between Tubb Street and Starr Street, will also be closed from time to time as construction needs dictate. This is to provide a higher level of traffic safety for residents along the street as our contractors construct the much needed storm water and drainage improvements. Advance notifications and special arrangements will be made that will allow residents in the affected areas to freely access their properties. If you reside on Henschen Street, between Tubb Street and Winters Street (the sidewalk to the school), and would like further information, you are urged to contact the Public Works Department at 407-656-1117 x2304.

**Storm Water Project**

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**Drainage Improvements**

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**Irrigation Schedule**

Time of year	Home addresses ending in an <u>odd</u> number	Home addresses ending in an <u>even</u> number	Non-residential properties
DST	Wednesday & Saturday	Thursday & Sunday	Tuesday & Friday
EST	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

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**Oakland Nature Preserve**

**Visitor Programs**

(Free for members. \$5 for non-members. Pre-register at [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org)).

- Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m. - Insect Safari: Buggy, Its Cold Outside with Christy LeDuc.

**ONP Docent and Volunteer Programs**

Do you love the outdoors, and enjoy meeting new people? We are looking for adults interested in learning about the history, wildlife, plants, and restoration efforts at ONP, to volunteer at the Preserve to greet visitors, help answer questions, and perhaps lead a tour from time to time. Some of the topics you can learn about include: Lake Apopka, native plants and wildlife, land restoration, and ONP history. Learn one topic or all of them. For more information, visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org/Guide](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org/Guide), or email [Outreach@OaklandNaturePreserve.org](mailto:Outreach@OaklandNaturePreserve.org).

**Upcoming Events**

- ONP Open House: Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Join us for guided tours, live animals, lectures, food and more! Donation proceeds go towards scholarships for education programs. Visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org) or call 407.905.0054 for more information.

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## News from Town Hall

## March 2017

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### Town Clerk

**Appearance Review Board Vacancy** - The Appearance Review Board (ARB) has a vacancy and is looking for someone who lives in the Town of Oakland and has a construction, architectural, and/or engineering background. We are also looking for an Alternate to serve on this Board, which does not require any of the above backgrounds. You must live in Town. Alternates fill in if someone on the Board is absent from a meeting. If you are interested, please contact Town Clerk Kim Gay at [kgay@oaklandfl.gov](mailto:kgay@oaklandfl.gov) or 407-656-1117 ext. 2104. If you would like to know exactly what the responsibilities are for this Board, please contact Town Planner Jay Marder at [jmarder@oaklandfl.gov](mailto:jmarder@oaklandfl.gov) or 407-656-1117 ext. 2107.

### Around The Town



#### Save The Date!

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#### Jazz Night

Love music? Join us at the Oakland Meeting Hall on Friday, March 24, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. for our very first **Friday Night Jazz** event, presented by HAPCO Music Foundation. It's sure to be a fun-filled evening! See flyer insert for more info.



#### Wine & Dine for the Arts

Get your tickets now for the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine & Dine for the Arts** on Saturday, April 1, to take place at the Oakland Avenue Charter School. It will be a great night, featuring "A Taste of New Orleans", live entertainment and wine tasting, with proceeds benefiting Oakland Avenue Charter School's arts and music programs. See flyer insert for more info.

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

The Month of March begins with the Boosterthon Fun Run on March 3. Spring Picture Day is March 13, and students may dress out of uniform for their pictures. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be taking the FSA Reading Test on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of March. We wish them the best of luck, and know they will try their hardest to represent OACS well. Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 30, as OACS will be hosting Family Science Night in the cafeteria. And last, but not least, third quarter report cards will go home on Friday, March 31.

#### Important Dates:

- March 17: No school. Teacher work day.
- March 20 - 24: Spring Break.

### Public Works Department

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE!** Fire Hydrant/Water Main Flushing -

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### Henschen Avenue Closures

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### Drainage Improvements

Drainage maintenance activities in various sections of the Town have nearly been completed. Storm water features such as ditches, swales, and pipes require periodic maintenance to keep them operating in an acceptable fashion. Poor drainage can cause premature failures of our paved roads and rapid deterioration of our unpaved roads. It can also contribute to flood damage to private property.

### Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1B

The Town Commission recently awarded the construction bid for this next important phase of the overall project. The work consists of construction of gravity sewer facilities that will extend the system from a point along Old SR 50 easterly to Oakland Avenue. The new facilities will allow for immediate connection of the new homes being built in the new Oakland Trails subdivision.

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### Irrigation Schedule

Don't forget, with the return of Daylight Savings Time on **March 12**, we return to watering **two days each week**. Please set your irrigation systems for the proper irrigation day and time. These irrigation limitations apply to water withdrawn from ground or surface water, a private well or pump, or the Town's water system.

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### Upcoming Events

**ONP Spring Break Camp** - Children ages 9 - 15 may attend one or both camp days from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 is Olympic Style Archery, and Thursday, March 23 is Fundamentals of Fishing. Space is limited to the first 10 children registered for each day. Visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org) or call 407.905.0054 for more information.



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## April 2017

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### Around The Town



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### Coalition of Churches

The next meeting for the Coalition will be Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Historic Town Hall.

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

April is busy at OACS, as students will be testing throughout the month. FSA testing dates are as follows: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be testing on March 28 - 29 and April 10 - 11. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade testing will be April 17 - 18 and April 26 - 27, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade testing will be April 12 - 13, April 19 - 20, and May 1 - 2.

**Important Dates:** April 18: PTO Meeting

### Police Department

Oakland is among a growing number of towns that allow the use of golf carts in certain areas of town. To see where the carts can be used and to find the rules related to their use, please go to the town website, [www.oaklandfl.gov](http://www.oaklandfl.gov).

If you currently have a golf cart, please remember to register it at the Oakland Police Department. There is a \$12.00, non-prorated fee for your initial registration. All registrations renew during the month of January. The renewal fee is \$10.00. Failure to renew during this period will require you to re-register your golf cart at the \$12.00 fee. As a reminder, those operating a golf cart without a current registration are subject to a \$25.00 fine. This is a great way to get around town and save gas, but we remind you to follow the appropriate rules. Please drive safely, and as always, buckle up!!

### Public Works Department

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water run for a few minutes until it clears up. It is anticipated that the testing will be completed before April 15.

### Street & Intersection Closures

In the near future, East Henschen Avenue will be closed to through traffic at 416 East Henschen. The closure is expected to last approximately 100 days. Other sections of East Henschen (including intersections), between Tubb Street and Starr Street, along with a portion of North Arrington, will also be closed from time to time, as construction needs dictate. This is to provide a higher level of traffic safety for residents along the street as our contractors construct the much needed storm water and drainage improvements. Advance notifications and special arrangements will be made that will allow residents in the affected areas to freely access their properties. If you reside on Henschen Street, between Tubb and Winters Street (the sidewalk to the school), and would like further information, you are urged to contact the Public Works Department at 407-656-1117 x2304.

### Storm Water Project

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Partial funding for Phase 2 of this project is currently in the process of being secured through a Water Quality Grant opportunity through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. There will be further updates as this initiative continues.

### Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1B

Primarily funded with a grant from the State Legislature, the work of this phase consists of construction of gravity sewer facilities that will extend the system from a point along Old SR 50 near our regional lift station, easterly to Oakland Avenue. The new facilities will allow for immediate connection of the new homes being built in the new Oakland Trails subdivision.

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### Fire Department Training

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### Oakland Art and History Center

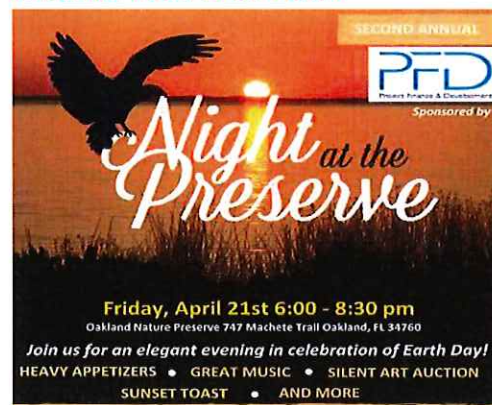
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Friday, April 21 - "Night at the Preserve"

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!**



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# News from Town Hall May 2017

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## Oakland Avenue Charter School

May is a whirlwind month as we wrap up the 2016-2017 school year! The Eagle Pride Parade is May 5 at 1:30 p.m. This year's theme is "The Pride of the US". We will be focusing on the many things that can be celebrated in our country. Each grade level will represent an element of our great nation. It's always a lot of fun and we invite all Oakland residents to pull up a chair along Oakland Avenue to join us!

On May 15 we will host Literacy Night. It will be a night to celebrate our school activities, as well as play some fun games. Please look for more details to come. PTO will meet on Tuesday, May 16, and the parent education topic for May is "Summer Activities to Enrich Children". Don't miss this final topic for the 2016-2017 school year. On May 26, the PTO will be hosting their breakfast club at Oakland Presbyterian Church. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. This quarter's theme is "Donuts with Dad".

### Important Dates:

- May 1 - 5: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 29: Memorial Day - No school
- May 31: Last day of school!

## Around The Town



### Jazz Night

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## Police Department

Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) have been responsible for saving scores of victims who were suffering from a sudden cardiac event. This state of the art device is truly a life saver. All personnel with the Oakland Police Department recently completed CPR/AED provider training. When the training was complete, every member of the police department was certified in the delivery of CPR as well as the use of AED's.

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Free  
Oakland Town Center

Live music!  
Spayed Koolie | DaCapo Trio  
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- **Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m. - Florida Black Bear** with Natalie Almeter from the Florida Black Bear Management Program. Free to members, \$5 donation for non-members. Register online.
- **Saturday, May 27 at 8:30 a.m. - Blue Hike: Touring the Dora Canal.** Launch at Summerall Park in Tavares, and follow tour guide Jim Peterson for a 2 -3 hour nature tour of the Dora Canal. Kayaks are available to rent for \$25. To secure your rental, please send an email to [information@oaklandnaturepreserve.org](mailto:information@oaklandnaturepreserve.org).
- **Controlled Burn in May:** Oakland Nature Preserve is planning a controlled burn behind the Education Center. Do not be alarmed if you see people in uniforms setting fires!

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**Police Department**

Each law enforcement agency is charged with the protection of life and property. This is accomplished in a variety of ways. When Departments receive calls for service, they respond in a manner designed to prevent injury or harm, or to actually save the life of someone in danger. Oakland Partners is designed to prompt a similar response in the absence of such a call.

With an increasingly elderly population, serious injuries and deaths resulting from falls or other incapacitating conditions are on the increase. Many of these incidents could have been prevented if the victim could have contacted someone by phone or some other means. The "I've fallen and can't get up" scenario is a real one, which is worthy of serious scrutiny by those of us in the public safety arena.

Many of our residents are elderly and/or live alone. In an effort to prevent these tragic incidents from occurring, we have developed a well-being check program entitled Oakland Partners. It calls for daily contact between the Oakland Partner and Police Department. If contact isn't made by phone, we send an officer by to check on the wellbeing of the Oakland Partner. There is no cost for the program and it is as easy as dialing your phone. Because the Oakland Partner is required to call us, they can do so at their leisure, anytime between 8:30 a.m. and noon. If we don't hear from a member, we call them. If we can't reach them by phone, we go by their home and check on their well-being.

The Oakland Partners program provides a measure of safety and security to those who need it most and we hope that residents in Oakland will take advantage of this valuable program.

Membership forms can be downloaded from the Town website or can be picked up in the lobby of the Oakland Police Department. The only requirement is that you be a resident of Oakland and that you provide a house key when submitting your membership form.

## Public Works Department

### **SPECIAL NOTICE!**

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#### **Storm Water Project**

Through a collaborative effort between the Town of Oakland, the St. John's River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, funding has been secured that will allow for Phase 1 of a much needed drainage and storm water project in the area of East Henschen and the Starr Gardens subdivision, to finally move forward. The construction work began on March 6 and will continue for approximately 3 more months. The improvements also include repairs and retrofits to existing storm water ponds that will provide for removal of phosphorus, nitrogen, and other contaminants commonly found in storm water runoff. Long term monitoring of water quality will take place for several years afterwards to document the performance of the improvements.

#### **Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1B**

The work consists of construction of gravity sewer facilities that will extend the system from a point along Old SR 50 near our regional lift station, easterly to Oakland Avenue. The new facilities will allow for immediate connection of the new homes being built in the exciting and new Oakland Trails subdivision.

#### **Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1C**

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#### **Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1D**

This phase of the sewer initiative is now in the final stages of design and permitting. Once completed, it will stretch from the Remington Road area, eastwardly under the Turnpike, to a terminus point within the 57 acre development currently known as "Oakland Preserve". This pipeline will allow for future phases of the sewer system to be constructed in all areas east of the Turnpike/SR 50 interchange. The construction of this segment has been made possible by a Public/Private Partnership recently approved by the Town Commission.

#### **Spring Cleanup**

It might be a bit later than usual, but the Town will once again be placing open top dumpsters at the traditional locations from June 16 thru 26. **DO NOT** place hazardous chemicals, old tires, old paint, electronic wastes, etc. into the dumpsters. Please refer to the Town's website for proper disposal of items such as these. Also, since this cleanup campaign is intended for residential customers, commercial businesses, including landscapers, are not allowed to utilize these dumpsters to dispose of waste materials. These activities will be considered illegal dumping and are punishable by law. Please refer to the Town's website for information relevant to the proper disposal of items such as these.

#### **Oakland Art and History Center**

In a recent public advertisement, the Town requested that persons or businesses interested in constructing the new facility submit their qualifications (RFQ). A review committee assessed the submissions and selected the ones that most appropriately fit our needs. Those selected have been given an opportunity to submit construction bids and on June 15, the bids will be opened. After several months of discussions and development of preliminary designs between staff and the Architect, the design is complete. We anticipate construction to begin in a few months.

#### **Oakland Nature Preserve**

- **Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m.** - Insect Safari: Join Entomologist Christy LeDuc to learn about the world of insects, then grab a net to go on an exploration.
- **Summer Day Camp:** Exploration, guest speakers, games, crafts and outdoor activities, all focused on plants, animals and the ecosystems they exist in! Camp runs Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Cost is \$150 per week for ONP members, and \$175 per week for non-members. Camp weeks are as follows...
  - **Animal Allies:** June 12 - 16
  - **Nature Ninjas:** June 19 - 23
  - **Water Warriors:** June 26 - 30
  - **Eco-Heroes:** July 10 - 14

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## News from Town Hall

## AUGUST 2017

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

August 1 - School Advisory Committee - 6:00 p.m. (HTH)

August 8 & 22 - Commission - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

August 15 - P&Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

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August 24 - Johns Landing HOA - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

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### Town Planner

#### Oakland's Mobility Master Plan Holds First Charrette

On July 11, 2017, the Town held the first of two charrettes to develop the Town's Master Mobility Management Plan. This was an invitation event with nine interviews in the morning and an interactive exercise in the afternoon. The program also included a "walking audit". The next program will be a two-day workshop that will tentatively take place on August 16 and 17. If you have something to add or would like more info, please send an email to Jay Marder, Planning and Zoning Director, at [jmarder@oaklandfl.gov](mailto:jmarder@oaklandfl.gov) or call 407.656.1117 ext. 2107.



### Around the Town

Mark your calendar for Friday, August 25, as Jazz Night will include the **HAPCO Arts & Music Fest**. There will be plenty

of family fun and food, as well as a variety of performances! See flyer insert for more information.

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

**We at OACS are excited to announce that we are an "A" school!!** Our students and staff have worked very hard to achieve this prestigious level. As we are about to embark on another great school year, please mark your calendars for our "Meet the Teacher Night" on August 10 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The first day of school is Monday, August 14. We look forward to welcoming both new and returning students!

### Police Department

Recently we had a series of residential burglaries occur in what is known as the "old town" section of Oakland. The most significant one occurred while the residents of the home were sleeping. Fortunately, no one has been hurt during any of these incidents. We posted information on our website and notified the Neighborhood Watch for the affected area and they pushed the information out to their members. We have responded to each burglary, collected evidence, and contacted any witnesses that may have seen something. In two of these burglaries, our K9 team could follow a track to the same basic area. We have conducted covert surveillance of the area that has been victimized and we have increased police presence as well. We are pleased to report that the residential burglaries in this area have ceased. With that said, we want to remind everyone to keep your cars locked, as well as the doors to your house. If you see anyone or anything that seems suspicious, contact the police department right away, as Detective Campbell has been working diligently to develop suspects in these cases. If you have any information that you believe may be of help, please give her a call at 407-656-9797. As the kids are still out for the summer, please drive carefully and always remember to buckle up!

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### 2016 Annual Water Quality Report

You can now view your 2016 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about the source and quality of your drinking water. To view your report, feel free to visit <http://www.oaklandfl.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2180>. If you would like to speak with someone about the report or request a paper copy mailed to your home, please call 407-656-1117 x 2304.

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## News from Town Hall

## SEPTEMBER 2017

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

**September 5** - School Advisory Committee - 6:00 p.m. (HTH)  
**September 11** - Trailside HOA - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)  
**September 11 & 26** - Budget Hearing - 6:30 p.m.;  
Commission - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)  
**September 13** - Johns Cove - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)  
**September 18** - Deer Island HOA - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)  
**September 19** - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)  
**September 21** - Neighborhood Watch Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)  
**September 28** - Johns Landing HOA - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)  
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### Around the Town

Mark your calendar for September 22 for this month's Jazz Night. Entertainment will include Dr. Otto Gomez Jazz Band. Music, food and fun for the whole family!



### Oakland Avenue Charter School

We are excited to welcome back our students! We look forward to another great year. Our PTO is ramping up and will be conducting their annual membership drive during the month of September. Families that sign up for PTO membership will earn the opportunity for their child(ren) to "Duct Tape the Principal" on September 29. How fun will that be!!  
As a reminder, school will be closed on Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day Holiday.

### Police Department

With the prevalence of social media, it is very common for folks to use it as a source of gathering news and other information. The official online source of information regarding the Oakland Police Department is the Town website. If you click on our link, you will find information about our agency, plus posts regarding certain criminal offences and crime trends that we believe will be helpful to our residents. You can receive these posts and other alerts on your computer or cell phone, simply by signing up.

Now that school is back in session, it's a good time to remind you that school hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. School lets out at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Please keep this in mind when you are traveling near the school in the morning and afternoon during drop off and/or pick-up times. This area becomes very congested and the 20-mph speed limit is strictly enforced when the yellow lights are flashing. Using adjoining residential streets, such as those in Winters Landing, to drop off and/or pick up students is not permitted. New signs prohibiting this will be posted and violators can be cited. This has been done to enhance the safety of students and residents alike.

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### Holiday Trash Pick-up

The Holiday trash pick-up schedule can be confusing. 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 LANDS ON A HOLIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE UNTIL YOUR NEXT SCHEDULED DATE.**

### Important News About Recycling

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<http://www.advanceddisposal.com/for-home/curbside-collection/recycling.aspx>.

### Proper Disposal of Old Medications

Do you know the proper way to dispose of old medications? Before we fully understood the environmental hazards of doing so, people used to think that flushing them down the toilet or dumping them down the drain was appropriate. This is no longer true. Please be responsible and dispose of old medications safely. Winter Garden Police Department and Ocoee Police Department are two nearby prescription drug disposal locations. Please visit <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/FamiliesHealthSocialSvs/DrugFreeCoalition.aspx#.WZXmDVWGOuk> to get more detailed information.

### Town Center Clock

Some of you may have noticed the recent disappearance of the clock that sits between the Post Office and Historic Town Hall. After more than a decade of "round the clock" service, it was time to give it a much-needed refurbishment. We are happy to report that it will be back soon!

### Storm Water Project

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### Oakland Nature Preserve

Mark your calendars and join us for the **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Oakland Heritage Festival** on Saturday, October 21. Bring the family and enjoy a day full of fun while supporting a great local nonprofit, Oakland Nature Preserve. Enjoy food, live entertainment, boat tours of Lake Apopka, historic hay rides, petting zoo, Human-Powered Snow Cones, wildlife and cultural presentations, a silent auction and much more! All proceeds benefit the Preserve.

- **Saturday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. - Insect Safari:** Join Entomologist Christy LeDuc to learn about the world of insects, then grab a net to go on an exploration.
- **Community Volunteer Workdays:** Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Pre-registration required.)
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## News from Town Hall

## JANUARY 2018

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

- January 8 - Trailside HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
  - January 9 & 23 - Commission - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)
  - January 15 - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (HTH)
  - January 16 - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
  - January 17 - Winters Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)
  - January 22 - Southern Oaks HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)
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### Holiday Hours

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 1 in observance of New Years. Our office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 8:00 a.m.



### Around the Town



#### Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Join us Monday, January 15, 2018, as we come together as a community to honor and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Festivities include announcing the winner of our Oakland Avenue Charter School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay contest, plus a reenactment of the "I Have a Dream" speech. The celebration will be from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

#### Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 21, 2018, as HAPCO Music Foundation and the Town of Oakland present **Wine and Dine for the Arts, International Jazz Month**. Join us for an evening of unlimited wine and New Orleans

theme menu by Chef Anthony Fothergill. Musical guests include Vincent Gardnerr quartet, plus local talent Thomas Milovac. Early bird tickets are on sale now: <https://hapcowedineforthearts2018.eventbrite.com>

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

We are proud to announce that our "Secret Life of Pets Celebrates the Holidays" themed float was awarded the prestigious Grand Marshall's Award in the Winter Garden Christmas Parade. Parent volunteers, students, and staff helped to create the amazing float, and an extra, extra special thank you goes out to Empire Foam for their outstanding efforts.

OACS begins its second semester when students return from winter break on Monday, January 8. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in a Martin Luther King Jr. writing contest sponsored by the Town of Oakland. We will be celebrating Literacy Week January 22 - 26.

January 8 - March 31 is our open enrollment period for new families that wish to be placed in the lottery for the 2018-2019 school year. All applications must be submitted electronically using the online application found under the enrollment section of the school's website. Visit [www.oaklandfl.gov](http://www.oaklandfl.gov) for more info.

### Police Department

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas Toy Drive an enormous success once again. This year, because of the kindness of so many we were able to distribute hundreds of toys to children in Oakland and the surrounding area. The families that received these toys are very grateful and thankful that their kids can enjoy Christmas morning with gifts to open and toys to play with.

This is the time of year that we like to remind residents of our Oakland Partners program. This free program ensures that those who may be living alone or otherwise may not have a family member or loved one to check on them, have a safety net to depend on. The program is a simple one and only requires the member to call the police department once a day before noon. If we do not hear from the partner we give them a call. If they do not answer, we send an officer by to check on

them. Oakland residents can enroll by going to the Town's website, [www.oaklandfl.gov](http://www.oaklandfl.gov). Click on the "Departments" tab, then scroll to the police tab. There you can download the membership application. If you don't have that capability, then feel free to give us a call at 407-656-9797 or stop by the police department and we will be glad to help you fill out the membership application in person.

As we continue through this Holiday season, we want to remind everyone to drive cautiously, and always remember to buckle up! We wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

## Public Works Department

### Stormwater Project

The construction work along East Henschen, slowed by the seemingly endless rainfall this past summer, is almost over! The improvements include repairs and retrofits to existing stormwater ponds that will provide for removal of phosphorus, nitrogen, and other contaminants commonly found in stormwater runoff. Long term monitoring of water quality will take place for several years afterwards to document the performance of the improvements. This project, Phase 1 of a multi-phase effort, was made possible through a collaborative funding effort between the Town of Oakland, the St. John's River Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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### Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1D

Phase 1D is fully designed and will soon be under construction. It is the result of a public/private partnership between the Town and the Developers of the 57-acre Longleaf Project. Gaining permission to place the pipeline under the turnpike was no easy or quick task and took almost an entire year to engineer and permit. Phase 1D allows for immediate connection of the Longleaf development and will eventually serve as the connection point for all sewer facilities east of the S.R. 50 and Turnpike interchange.

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### Volunteer Opportunities

- **Saturday Community Work Day & Monday Restoration Day:** Volunteers are needed every week for general work being done at the Preserve. Come join us from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. as we clean trails, pull weeds, and do maintenance and repairs. We appreciate everyone's time and hard work.

(Pre-register at [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org).)

### Upcoming Events

- **January 16** - After School Science Club
- **January 19** - Florida Master Naturalist Program Freshwater Module
- **January 20** - Invasive Species Blitz "Toga" Party
- **January 20** - Volunteer Appreciation Gathering

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