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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)
- HTH = Historic Town Hall      OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

## 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.

## Public Works Department

### SPECIAL NOTICE! Water Shortage Warning Order

Although we have certainly had a lot of rain lately, it has only slightly lessened the drought conditions across the state. To protect our important water resources and ensure there is enough to meet essential demands, everyone must do their part to conserve water. We can all make a difference by simply respecting the mandatory lawn watering restrictions already in place. Violators are subject to fines of up to \$500.00 as allowed by Town Code. Please visit the Town's website at <http://www.oaklandfl.gov> for more info, or visit the Water Management District website at <http://www.sjrwmd.com/facts/watershortageorder.html>.

## 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

"Why did they put my recycling items into the back of the garbage truck???" We have gotten this question recently and the answer is very simple. The recycle bin contained items that should not be in it. Recycling is vitally important to the health of our environment. Please visit the following website to learn more about what items can, and cannot, be placed in your recycling bin.

<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/FamiliesHealthSocialSvc/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

The construction work along East Henschen, recently slowed by the seemingly endless rainfall, will soon be over! The improvements 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. This project was made possible through a collaborative effort between the Town of Oakland, the St. John's River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Through the continued grant writing efforts of the Public Works staff, the Town was recently notified of an additional \$300,000.00 that might become available for construction of Phase 2. This will allow for further storm water treatment measures and flood prevention infrastructure to be installed in areas of East Gulley Avenue and portions of the Winters Landing Subdivision, eventually allowing the treated water to make its way to Lake Apopka. As you can imagine, we are working hard to get this additional funding approved.

### Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1B

You may have noticed the recent five-day closure of Old

State Road 50, out on the west side of town. The closure was necessary to allow the installation of a large diameter sewer pipeline associated with Phase 1B. 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 Oakland Trails subdivision. Public Works staff recently completed necessary testing of the improvements, and are now pumping wastewater to the City of Clermont's Hancock Road Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1C

Earlier this year, the Town Commission approved a further extension of the sewer system, Phase 1C, for construction. This phase will extend the system across Oakland Avenue, and then along SR 50 to the intersection of Remington Road. Several property owners along the future route, including the Town's largest employer, ABC Companies, have indicated their desire to connect to the new facilities as soon as they are ready for service. Pre-construction activities are currently underway and we expect to break ground in the very near future.

### Sanitary Sewer Project - Phase 1D

This phase of the sewer initiative has now been designed and permitted. Once constructed, it will stretch from the Remington Road area, eastwardly under the Turnpike, to a terminus point within the 57-acre parcel once owned by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise. 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.

### 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.)
- **Restoration Projects:** Mondays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Pre-registration required.)

*For additional information, call 407-905-0054 or visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org).*