

## News from Town Hall

April 2019

### Town Hall

#### Town Meetings:

**April 8** - Southern Oaks HOA Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (HTH)

**April 9** - School Advisory Committee - 4:00 p.m. (HTH)

**April 9** - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

**April 15** - Deer Island HOA Meeting - 6:45 p.m. (OMH)

**April 16** - P & Z Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (OMH)

**April 17** - Winters Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

**April 23** - Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (OMH)

**April 25** - Johns Landing HOA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (HTH)

HTH = Historic Town Hall      OMH = Oakland Meeting Hall

### Around Town



You won't want to miss our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **"Celebration Among the Oaks"** Spring Event on Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Come for a day filled with family fun, including pictures with the Easter Bunny, an Easter Egg Hunt, bounce houses, petting zoo and pony rides, balloon artist, face painting, food trucks and more! There will be a lot of fun carved into one fantastic day. Bring your fur babies too!



#### Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 27, 2019, as HAPCO Music Foundation and the Town of Oakland present **Wine and Dine for the Arts**, to be held at the Oakland Meeting Hall. It's an evening of fine wines and the best cuisine of land and sea, presented by Chef Anthony Fothergill. This event supports Central Florida programs that connect young people with music and the arts. Grab your tickets now and get the "Early Bird" rate! <https://hapcowedinejazzmonth2019.eventbrite.com>

### Oakland Avenue Charter School

April starts off by celebrating our third quarter Honor Roll students. We also begin FSA testing for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Several of our grade levels will enjoy time off campus for educational field trips this month as well. Our lottery window for the 2019-20 school year closed on March

31. Anyone interested in enrolling may complete a waitlist application which is found on the Town website in the **About OACS** section.

April is National Volunteer Appreciation month. We would like to thank all the OACS families, the Oakland community, and our educational partners for all they do throughout the school year. We wouldn't be successful without your continued support! Tickets are still available for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Eagle Premier Gala. This event will benefit OACS and will be held on May 2 at The Club at Bella Collina. Contact the school office at 407.877.2039 to purchase your tickets.

### Police Department

For those residents who enjoy the benefit of operating a golf cart within the Town of Oakland, we want to remind you that there is a \$12 annual registration fee that is due every January. The ordinance requires that all golf carts operated on Town of Oakland streets be registered through the Oakland Police Department. There will be no prorated registrations. Previously registered golf carts can "re-register" each January for only \$10. Owners re-registering golf carts after this date will be charged the annual fee of \$12. Owners reregistering after January 31 of each year will be considered expired until re-registered and not permitted for use on Town of Oakland designated streets. Driving a golf cart without a current registration could result in a fine of \$25.

We invite you to visit our website to review the entire golf cart ordinance and view the map of the areas of town where golf carts are permitted.

As always, please remember to buckle up!

### Public Works Department

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

The southbound side of the "Tubb Street Circle" will be closed to traffic beginning March 25 for approximately a full week. A water main leak that developed under the brick pavers a few months ago has provided an opportunity for us to replace a 45-year-old, and now inadequately sized pipeline with a new and larger diameter pipe that will serve the ever-growing demands on the system.

Southbound Tubb Street will be closed to through traffic at Briley Avenue during this period, and Petris Avenue will also be closed. Additionally, the U.S. Mail and the Oakland utility payment drop boxes will not be accessible during this time.

## Stormwater Maintenance

A small maintenance project will begin very soon in the area of North Daniels Street and Speer Avenue. The work consists primarily of re-grading of swale areas to facilitate restoration of historic stormwater flows. We anticipate the work to be completed well in advance of the onset of our traditional rainy season.

## Water System Improvements

Water system improvements are currently underway in various sections of the town. New pipelines are being installed and older ones upgraded along Oakland Avenue between Jefferson Street and Machete Trail, and along Simeon Road north of the Trailside neighborhood. More improvements include a new water main and fire hydrant within the Oakland Nature Preserve, new pipeline connections in the area of Macchi Avenue and Winters Landing Boulevard, and new water lines and fire hydrants to better serve existing residents and the new development in the Hull Island area.



## Spring Cleanup

The traditional Spring Cleanup underwent some changes last year. No longer does the Town place open top dumpsters at the traditional locations as we have done in the past. This worked when the Town's population and jurisdictional boundary was much smaller but is not the most efficient process anymore. As we did last year, the Town's contracted trash hauler will perform a special curb-side pick up on Saturday, May 11, and then again on Saturday, May 18, for our residential customers. Be sure to get items out to the curb before 8:00 a.m. or you might get missed. This is a great way to rid yourself of all the unwanted junk and old household items that seem to accumulate over time.

**DO NOT** place hazardous chemicals, old paint, electronic items, batteries, or anything else that might be hazardous out for pickup. The Town does not provide for pickup or disposal of hazardous materials. To identify and learn more about proper disposal of items such as these, please visit <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/watergarbagerecycling/householdhazardouswaste.aspx#.WrKKWS7wBIU>.



New infrastructure being constructed along Hull Island Road.

## Oakland Nature Preserve - Celebrating 20 Years of Education, Restoration, and Conservation

### Happenings

**Night at the Preserve - April 13 - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

This year's Night at the Preserve will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, wine and beer selections, great music, exciting chance drawings, and a lakeside champagne toast at sunset. For more info visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org/NATP](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org/NATP).

Sponsorship opportunities available. Email Jennifer Hunt at [director@oaklandnaturepreserve.org](mailto:director@oaklandnaturepreserve.org) for more information.

### Summer Camps Registration Now Open

Summer Camp registration is now open! Camps fill fast so register early. For more information, please visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org/learn](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org/learn).

### Youth Volunteer Opportunities

#### Leaders in Training

This year we will be continuing our Leader in Training (LIT) program for youth who want to gain knowledge in programming events, working with kids and learn leadership skills. Participants will take part in a counselor orientation/training and take on more responsibility as they plan and execute games, sports and nature education with the camp supervisors and counselors of our Environmental Summer Camp program. Limited positions available.

- Must be 14 to 17 years old.
- Must attend LIT camp and animal handling training.

#### Eco-Interpreters

ONP Eco-Interpreters (EI) can be found doing a variety of tasks here at the Preserve! EI's main priority is engaging with ONP guests at activity stations on the porch of our Education Center. These include animal bio-facts and interactive games to help guests learn more about wildlife and the ecosystems where they live. Volunteers may also be asked to participate with special events such as Oakland Heritage Festival, ONP Open House, etc. Limited positions available.

- Must be 15 to 17 years old.
- Must attend EI and animal handling training.

(For additional information and registration, visit <http://www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org/youth-volunteer-opportunities>)

### Upcoming Events

- April 6 - Insect Safari
- April 6-7 - Visit us at Spring Fever in the Garden
- April 13 - Night at the Preserve
- April 17 - Story Time at the Preserve

**\*\*Follow us on Facebook to see everything that is happening at YOUR Nature Preserve!**