



**Community Event
Cancellations due
to COVID-19**

The following
events have been
canceled:

- Celebration Among the Oaks – April 4
- Coffee with the Town Manager – April 16
- Jazz in the Town Center – April 24
- Wine and Dine – April 25

The following
meetings have been
canceled:

- ARB – April 7
- Planning and Zoning – April 21

Town of **OAKLAND** **Florida**

COMMUNITY SPONSORS SOUGHT FOR HEALTHY WEST ORANGE ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER

The Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland, nestled among the oaks on the West Orange Trail at Oakland Town Center, will be a dynamic hub for community activity.

The Founders' Circle is comprised of community leaders who are dedicated to Oakland's past, present and future. Founders will be recognized at the Center and will serve as ambassadors for its mission to promote wellness, share Oakland's history, and support the arts.

Founders' Circle donor levels – which include Seedlings, Cultivators, Guardians and Preservers - offer benefits ranging from digital recognition to VIP event invitations and merchandise discounts. Join the Town of Oakland in creating a new era of community connection with a nod to the past.

To learn more, visit <http://bit.ly/ArtsAndHeritageCenter> or email arts&heritage@oaklandfl.gov.

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR KATHY STARK

Residents of the Town of Oakland,

We are facing a trying time and a period of significant challenge. As of today, many people in Orange County have tested positive for the coronavirus and many more may have it.

On March 24, Mayor Jerry L. Demings signed an Executive Order mandating all Orange County residents, including those in all Orange County municipalities, to stay at home except for going to and from essential businesses for work, grocery shopping, medical appointments, isolated outdoor exercise, or walking your pet. The order goes into effect Thursday, March 26 at 11 p.m. and ends April 9 at 11 p.m.

It is vital that all Town of Oakland residents closely follow this order. The decisions made by our community leaders have not been made lightly, and are being put in place with the primary purpose of slowing the spread of this disease and saving precious lives. I ask that you follow the stay at home order, not only for your own health, but especially for the health of our aging population and those with underlying conditions. While we may not have control of this disease just yet, we can control our movements and habits to mitigate this public health crisis, save lives and shorten the duration of the impacts to businesses and the economy.

Additionally, your compliance will ease the strain on our healthcare professionals and first responders, who work on the front lines during these particularly trying times.

As a public servant of the Town of Oakland for 25 years, I am confident that we will face this crisis as a united community.

And remember, socially distant doesn't have to mean alone. Please consider safely reaching out to your neighbors, the elderly and those less fortunate than yourself. We are all in this together, and together, we can reduce the overall impact and save lives – perhaps your own or that of a beloved family member.

We will continue to post the most up-to-date Town, county and statewide coronavirus information on our website, www.oaklandfl.gov. Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,
Mayor Kathy Stark

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)


Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

***Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure.**

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms



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Please note: Photos were taken before social distancing and stay-at-home protocols were in place.



HISTORIC RECORDS TRANSFERRED

The Winter Garden Heritage Foundation transferred ownership of a ledger book containing hand-written minutes for the Oakland Town Council meetings held from September 1915 through July 1925.

“It turned out that this volume was the only one missing from what was otherwise a complete collection of minutes stored by the town,” said Jim Crescitelli, Winter Garden Heritage Foundation Operations and Program Director. “Since this municipal record legally belongs to the Town of Oakland, it was fitting that the material be brought back to its rightful place.”

“Receipt of this book back in Oakland completes the Town’s municipal record,” said Town Clerk Elise Hui. “We now have all the Town’s official minutes in our possession from our Incorporation in November 1887 to present day.”

WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

Mayor Kathy Stark proclaimed April as Water Conservation Month during the March 10 Commission meeting. April is typically a dry month when water demands are most acute.

The Town of Oakland is calling upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water saving measures and becoming more aware of the need to save water.

Florida’s Water Conservation Month intends to educate citizens about how they can help save Florida’s precious water resources. Oakland has always encouraged and supported water conservation, through various educational programs and special events.

Every business, industry, school and citizen can help by saving water and thus promote a healthy economy and community.



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

The Town of Oakland proclaimed April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Friday, April 3, 2020 as Wear Blue Day. The Town urges residents to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities.



GOLDEN EAGLE DINNER

Commissioner Sal Ramos, center, joined by his brother Frank Ramos, left, and sister Iliana R. Jones, right, was recently named the West Orange County Golden Eagle Dinner Honoree, presented by the Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The dinner brought together the county's top corporate and community leaders to honor an outstanding member of the community, with all proceeds benefiting the Boys Scouts of America.

The Central Florida Council is one of the largest youth serving agencies in Central Florida, instilling timeless values of character, citizenship and leadership in young men and women.

OAKLAND AVENUE CHARTER SCHOOL

OACS believes that kindness should be the heart and soul of all interactions and encourages students to celebrate kindness in many ways.

"Kindness and Confetti" represents this vision and is the theme for this year's yearbook. Congratulations to all the students who participated! We look forward to seeing you when school resumes.



MAYORS/MANAGERS LUNCHEON



The Town of Oakland was honored to host the Orange County, Florida Government Mayors/Managers luncheon at the Oakland Meeting Hall in early March. Thanks to all the dedicated officials who attended.