



Photo by Denise Positano Sweeting

Community Calendar

- School Advisory Committee
Nov. 10 at 4 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall
- Town Commission
Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/
Virtual
- Town offices will be closed
on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in
observance of Veterans
Day. Services will resume
on Thursday, Nov. 12.
- Virtual Coffee with the
Town Manager
Nov. 12 at 9 a.m.
RSVP to
epappacoda@oaklandfl.gov

Details: www.oaklandfl.gov

Town of OAKLAND Florida

TOWN SEEKS PARTNERS FOR 'SANTA'S LANE DRIVE THROUGH CHRISTMAS'

The Town of Oakland's beloved Light Up Oakland/Santa Day event will look a bit different this year, but the Town is committed to making the celebration even more special for the community!

"Santa's Lane Drive Through Christmas" will be marked by the same spirit of giving without the physical gathering. Area families are invited to drive through town from 4-7 p.m. on Dec. 5 to greet Santa and his elves from their cars and leave with a special gift direct from the North Pole.

A DJ will play festive music to get visitors in the spirit as they parade through Town safely in their vehicles. Visitors will be treated to a twinkling spectacle of double the lights this year, adorning the entire Town Center Circle, Town Hall and the new Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center.

Oakland and our valued volunteers are seeking the assistance of homeowner associations, business owners, residents, churches, and residents to help support this community efforts by becoming a sponsor of Santa's Lane Drive Through Christmas. Your donations will help us achieve our goal and continue this community tradition of giving. All donations will be recognized.

Check should be made payable to the Town of Oakland, Attn: Santa's Lane Drive Through Christmas, P.O. Box 98, Oakland FL 34760. We ask that donations be made by November 6, 2020. Contact Valerie Gibbons at 407.656.1117, ext. 2105. for more information.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



Supporting the fighters. Admiring the survivors. Honoring the taken.

Town of Oakland staff and law enforcement personnel wore pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

We can make a positive impact by simply educating ourselves, and then others, about breast cancer and how to be proactive with our breast health.

TIP-A-COP FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Oakland Police Department is partnering with the Special Olympics to light the way for acceptance and inclusion by supporting the Special Olympics' Law Enforcement Torch Run, which seeks to increase public awareness and generate resources for the movement.

“More than 58,000 unified partners and athletes with intellectual disabilities receive health exams and compete in year-round sports competitions at no cost to them or their families. By helping the police department to raise funds, even more athletes will get to experience the joy of sports through the programs of Special Olympics Florida,” said Lt. Angela Campbell, who is spearheading the effort for the Oakland Police Department. “Help us share a message with courageous Special Olympics athletes that COVID-19 could not stop us!”

The Oakland Police Department is hoping to raise \$5,000 for the non-profit and is challenging the community to support their Torch Run by donating.

To make a quick, secure online donation directly to Special Olympics Florida, visit <http://give.specialolympicsflorida.org/goto/OaklandPD>

Officers will also be participating in the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser at DG Doughnuts. Tip-A-Cop is an official Law Enforcement Torch Run Campaign fundraising event in which personnel volunteer their time as “celebrity waiters” to collect tips at a local business.

- Corporal Hayes on Oct. 29 from 7-11 a.m.
- Lieutenant Campbell on Nov. 6 from 7 - 11 a.m.
- Officer Castro on Nov. 12 from 7 - 11 a.m.



FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK



Florida City Government Week is a time for municipalities to provide and foster civic education, collaboration, volunteerism and more.

Cities and town provide a higher level of service than most governments, and generally receive higher approval ratings than other levels of government.

Yet, many residents are unaware of how city services impact their lives. Through Florida City Government Week, we hope to bring awareness to city government's role in enhancing the quality of life in communities.

Mayor Kathy Stark issued a resolution of the Florida League of Cities, Inc., recognizing the week of October 19-25, 2020, as "Florida City Government Week" and encouraging all Florida city officials to support this celebration by participating in "My Town: I'm part of it, I'm proud of it!"

POST OFFICE PARKING AT TOWN CENTER CIRCLE

YOU ASKED, WE LISTENED: Per a suggestion from residents, the Town Commission approved designating the parking spots surrounding the Post Office on Tubb Street and Gulley Avenue for Post Office patrons.

Parking is reserved for Post Office business from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

During regular business hours, we ask that Trail visitors park around the Town Center Circle.



BLIND AMERICANS EQUALITY DAY

Mayor Kathy Stark proclaimed Oct. 15 as Blind Americans Equality Day in the Town of Oakland to pay tribute to our fellow Americans who are blind or visually impaired for their many contributions to the strength and vitality of our Nation.

Approximately 32,000 residents in Central Florida are blind or visually impaired. It is important that all residents in the Town of Oakland that are blind or visually impaired have the opportunity to live active, independent lives.

We renew our steadfast commitment to ensuring their full participation in our communities, workplaces, and social life.

COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

BYOC (bring your own coffee) to this month's virtual Coffee with the Town Manager on Thursday, Nov. 12 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.

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.

The meetings will be held virtually on the second Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. through the end of the year, unless otherwise announced.

For login information for this virtual meeting, RSVP to Administrative Services Manager Elisha Pappacoda at epappacoda@oaklandfl.gov.

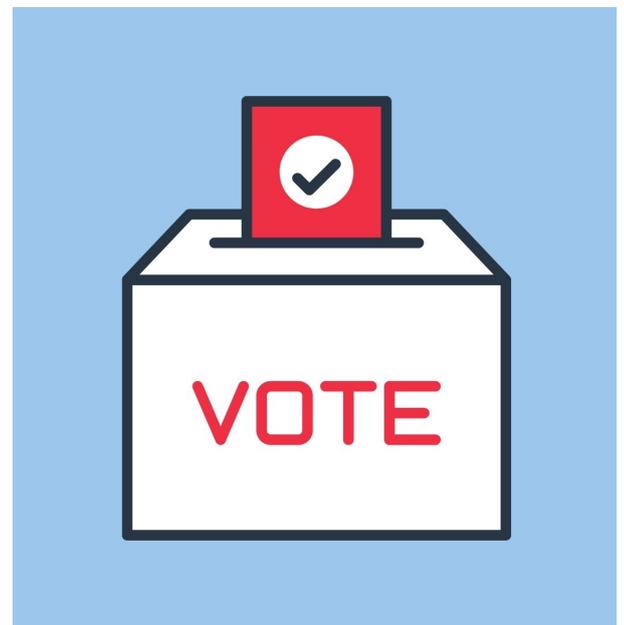
Coffee with the Town Manager will not be held in December, but will resume in January.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3

The General Election will be held on Nov. 3 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Oakland's polling location is at the Oakland Presbyterian Church, 218 E. Oakland Ave.

For more information, visit <https://www.ocfelections.com/>



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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OAKLAND
Florida