



## Community Calendar

- Santa's Lane  
Drive Through Christmas  
Dec. 5 from 4-7 p.m.  
200 S. Tubb. St.
- Town Commission  
Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.  
Oakland Meeting Hall/  
Virtual
- Planning & Zoning  
Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
Oakland Meeting Hall

Town offices will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holiday.

Details: [www.oaklandfl.gov](http://www.oaklandfl.gov)

# Town of OAKLAND Florida

## SANTA'S LANE DRIVE THROUGH CHRISTMAS!

The Town of Oakland's 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. This year, "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 at Town Center Circle from the safety of their cars. Visitors will go home with a special gift direct from the North Pole, while supplies last. Participants must line up in their vehicles at the West Orange Baptist Church at 200 S. Tubb. St., between 4 and 6:30 p.m. to participate in the event. Walk-ups and gatherings at the Town Center will not be permitted. Safety precautions will be in place for staff and volunteers, including masks, sanitizer and hand-washing stations. With more than double the lights of previous years, families will be also be treated to a new and exciting display of twinkling lights illuminating Town Center Circle, Town Hall and the new Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center. A DJ will play festive music on the Center porch to get participants in the holiday spirit as they drive through Town. Visitors will not want to miss Santa's grand arrival to Town in a one-horse open sleigh! His route will be posted at [www.oaklandfl.gov](http://www.oaklandfl.gov) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/OakTownUSA](https://www.facebook.com/OakTownUSA).

Our generous sponsors include: Co-sponsor Lakeside Church; Platinum Sponsor Orlando Health; Gold Sponsors DG Doughnuts and West Orange Creamery, and Silver Sponsors the Simmes Family, Michael & Mary Ann O'Donnell, the Fontenot Family and Nancy Ross, Crooked Can Brewing Company, Cut Ups Hair Salon, Michael Holt with Premier Power and the Whole Enchilada.

## OAKLAND PD ANNOUNCES PROMOTION AND NEW OFFICER



The Oakland Police Department welcomes new Code Enforcement Officer Matt Reusch. Reusch joins Oakland PD after 3 ½ years as the code enforcement supervisor at the City of Clermont. Before that, he served nine years with the US Army with multiple tours overseas.



Officer Jason Hayes has been promoted to Corporal and joins the supervisor ranks. Cpl. Hayes joined Oakland PD with 17 years of police experience. During those years, Officer Hayes had spent time in the Lake County Drug Task Force, worked as a K9 handler, served on the Dive Team and was a member of a Special Response Team. In Oakland Cpl. Hayes has served as a patrol officer, Training Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Taser Instructor, department Armorer, a Field Training Officer, member of our Honor Guard and a mentor.

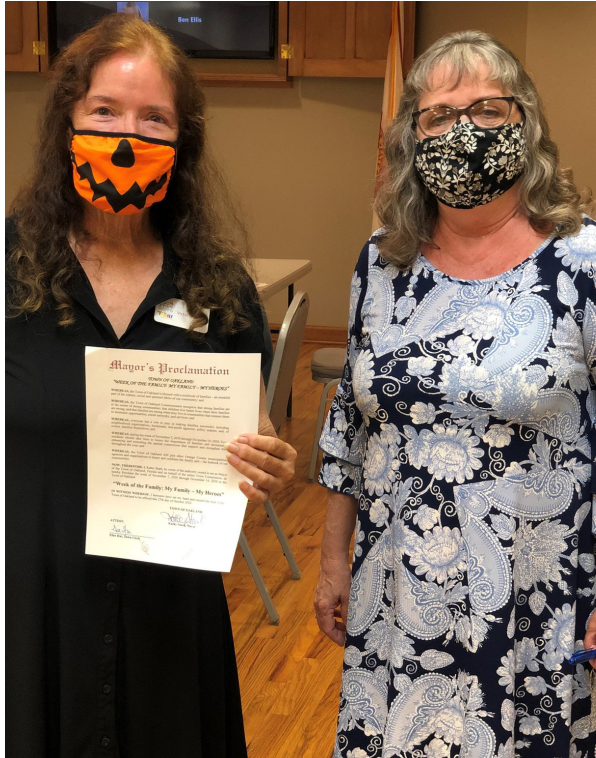
## POLICE DEPARTMENT GIVES FOOD TO FAMILIES IN NEED

The Oakland Police Department is continuing its traditional Thanksgiving food drive this year, adopting 18 local families in need.

The gift baskets given are filled with turkey, pie, rolls, butter, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, gravy, canned fruit, pumpkin pie filling, mac and cheese and beans.



## OAKLAND CELEBRATES WEEK OF THE FAMILY



The Town of Oakland joined other Orange County municipalities, agencies and organizations to honor and celebrate the family unit – the bedrock of our communities.

Mayor Kathy Stark proclaimed the week of November 7-14 in the Town of Oakland as “Week of the Family: My Family – My Heroes.”

Week of the Family celebrations have spread throughout counties in Florida and communities in several other states.

In the past, events included free festivals, concerts, family history conferences, parent seminars, service projects and other events—all meant to remind families to spend time together and strengthen the relationships that matter most.

This year, Mayor Jerry Demings partnered with the Week of the Family to engage residents through a Mayor’s Family Fun Photo contest.

## SEWER IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

The Town’s Public Works Department is steadily continuing construction of sewer improvements. A system is being built that will serve the S.R. 50 area east of Tubb Street, which includes the newest addition to the Tractor Supply Company, and the future home of The Lakeside Church.

Once the improvements have been certified as complete, existing businesses, as well as residential properties will be able to connect. These improvements are not being funded through your existing utility rates, but instead by a grant from the State Legislature, as well as direct funding and participation by the commercial developments.



## WATERING RESTRICTIONS

The St. Johns River Water Management District's watering restrictions are designed to ensure the efficient use of water for landscape irrigation.

The restrictions allow enough water to maintain healthy landscapes year-round. The mandatory restrictions specify the time when watering may occur, the amount of water that may be applied, and the days when watering may occur for residential and nonresidential locations.

These days depend on whether the address ends in an odd or even number, and on the time of year. With Daylight Saving Time ending Nov. 1, the watering schedule is as follows:

Odd numbered addresses that ends in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 may water on Saturdays. Even numbered address that end in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 may water on Sundays. Non-residential properties may water on Tuesdays.

Water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Water for no more than one hour per zone. Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps.

## SIGN UP FOR ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

The Town of Oakland launched a vital component of its emergency preparedness and mass notification system this year. The CivicReady solution will significantly improve our town-wide communication efforts by allowing the Town to communicate with residents and businesses quickly and efficiently before, during and after an emergency.

Residents and businesses with a utility account can enroll in Emergency Alerts, which will only be sent for critical public health and safety events. The Town is also encouraging residents to voluntarily opt-in for general Town Notifications, which will alert residents about routine events and community updates.

The Town encourages residents to sign up at <https://oaklandfl.gov/AlertCenter.aspx> and enter their contact information along with notification preferences.



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