



Community Calendar

- SAC
February 9 at 4 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall
- Town Commission and Work Session
February 9 at 6:30 and 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- Coffee with the Town Manager
February 11 at 9 a.m.
Virtual
- Joint ARB/P&Z Work Session
February 16 at 6 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall
- Town Commission
February 23 at 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual

Town offices will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Presidents' Day.

Details: www.oaklandfl.gov

Town of OAKLAND Florida

TOWN SOFT OPENS ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER

The Town of Oakland is proud to announce the opening of the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors of the Center will have the chance to explore the inaugural exhibition, "Est. 1887," and rediscover Oakland's rich history.

The Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland, located at 126 Petris Ave., is committed to preserving Oakland's past, present and future. The Center gives visitors the opportunity to see the Town of Oakland like never before as they step into a gallery of paintings, historical photos and artifacts featuring Oakland as its centerpiece.



COMMISSION APPROVES NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT SPEER PARK



As part of an ongoing initiative to reinvigorate Speer Park - which includes new playgrounds, and a pavilion - work began this week to replace the tennis court and construct a new pickleball court.

The work is expected to last for about three weeks before the courts open. A magnolia tree and water line have been relocated to accommodate the new sport courts.

In 2019, Oakland hosted public meetings asking the community which amenities they would like to see at Speer Park. With that input, the Speer Park Master Plan was developed in 2020 and presented to the Commission for approval.

The master plan also authorized replacement of the playground equipment, and established timeframes for various improvements. During the Jan. 12, 2021 Commission meeting, the Commission voted to approve purchasing new playground equipment from Game Time, which will be installed at Speer Park during FY 2021 and budgeted from existing Recreation Impact Fees, combined with a playground grant of more than \$29,000.

The Town continues to work to install new or upgraded amenities at Speer Park. Last year, Public Works staff planted 10 new trees of various varieties at the park and installed new sidewalks, benches and trash cans.

COMMISSIONER MCMULLEN NAMED PRESIDENT OF TRI- COUNTY LEAGUE

Oakland Commissioner Joseph McMullen has been elected as President of the Board of Directors of the Tri-County League of Cities. He was sworn in by Mayor Kathy Stark and honored during a virtual ceremony.

The purpose of the Tri-County League of Cities is to bring closer together local governments in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties for the purpose of mutual assistance in the solution of local government problems.

“All politics start local, and we need to have a linear relationship on all levels starting from the local, county, state and through our federal elected officials to have meaningful and impactful outcomes for our region,” said Commissioner McMullen. “In my year as President, I am seeking more collaboration on all levels of our government.”

Commissioner McMullen has served the Town in Seat 4 since 2006. He is the founder of HAPCO Music Foundation, a non-profit organization which connects young people with arts and music programs to help them succeed in life. A Miami native, he played baritone horn throughout his primary and secondary education years and attended college on a marching band scholarship.

He attended Florida A&M University and graduated with his B.S. in Pharmacy and Master Health Administration from Florida International University. For over 25 years, he has been a licensed Florida-registered and consultant pharmacist.



PD WELCOMES NEW OFFICER



The Oakland Police Department would like to welcome Reserve Officer Shawn Dozier.

Det. Dozier started his career with the New York Transit Police in 1994. In 1997, Officer Dozier was promoted to the rank of Detective, where he started on the NYPD Narcotics Division before spending eight years in the Vice Enforcement Division.

In 2006, Det. Dozier was transferred to the NYPD Intelligence Bureau, where he spent the next 14 years working high profile investigations. He retired after 26 years of honorable service as a Detective 1st Grade, the highest rank attainable for NYPD Investigators.

This year, Det. Dozier joined the Oakland Police Department as a Reserve Officer and has agreed to work as a part-time Detective in the Criminal Investigations Unit. Det. Dozier's experience will be an invaluable asset to the Oakland Police Department, and we are glad to have him here protecting our community.

OAKLAND CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join us in celebrating Black History Month. In February, the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland will be spotlighting Oakland's Black history and discussing how the Town intends to preserve and share these important community stories.

Visit the Center on Fridays between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to learn more, or visit facebook.com/HWOAHatOakland



COMMISSIONER RAMOS NAMED AS LIAISON

Commissioner Sal Ramos has been named the Town's liaison for MetroPlan Orlando's Municipal Advisory Committee.

MetroPlan Orlando is the metropolitan planning organization for Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. It helps the region create a vision for transportation 25 years into the future.



COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER TO BE HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY

BYOC (bring your own coffee) to Coffee with the Town Manager on Thursday Feb. 11 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.



The event also offers residents and business owners an opportunity to network with each other virtually.

To register, visit <https://bit.ly/2LDZR0l>.

ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Town of Oakland is seeking volunteers to assist in various fulfilling roles at The Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland.

The Center, along the West Orange Trail, seeks to attract visitors by offering a dynamic, educational experience dedicated to regional history, art, music and wellness.

Volunteers are the core of Oakland's community and can help the Center promote its mission. Duties include greeting visitors, answering questions, folding brochures and collating mailings, data entry, and special projects and events.

For more information, email arts&heritage@oaklandfl.gov or call Ashlynn Webb at 407-656-1117 ext. 2112.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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