



Community Calendar

- SAC
March 9 at 4 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall
- Town Commission
March 9 at 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- Coffee with the Town Manager
March 11 at 9 a.m.
Virtual
- Planning & Zoning Board
March 16 at 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- Town Commission
March 23 at 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- Pictures with the Easter Bunny
March 27, 10 a.m. - noon
Healthy West Orange Arts and
Heritage Center at the Town of
Oakland

Details: www.oaklandfl.gov

Town of OAKLAND Florida

OAKLAND NAMED TREE CITY USA FOR 18TH YEAR

For the 18th year, Oakland has been named a Tree City USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Oakland achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The town far exceeds these standards and requires developers to replace trees during construction.

In 2020, Public Works staff oversaw the installation of more than 230 trees throughout Town and in new developments. Locations where new trees were installed include Speer Park, a stretch of West Oakland Avenue and a buffer around Lift Station #4.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community firsthand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Oakland are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program brings residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

With this recognition, Oakland has demonstrated a commitment to doing its part to help address these challenges for Oakland residents.

FREE PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY



Hop on over to the new Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland to meet the Easter Bunny!

The Town is continuing its traditional Spring event - on a smaller scale due to COVID. We are welcoming families to pose for free photos with the Easter Bunny outdoors on our beautiful Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland porch between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, March 27.

Children will be given a special gift from the Bunny, courtesy of the Town of Oakland, while supplies last. Guests are asked to observe local mask mandates and distancing guidelines when attending this event.

All staff and volunteers will be required to wear masks with frequent hand sanitizing, for the safety of guests. We hope you will join us for a memorable family photo with the Easter Bunny.

SUMMER ADVENTURE DAYS REGISTRATION OPENS AT ONP

Summer Adventure Days registration is now open at the Oakland Nature Preserve. Join us in the wild for one-day small group adventure camps at ONP.

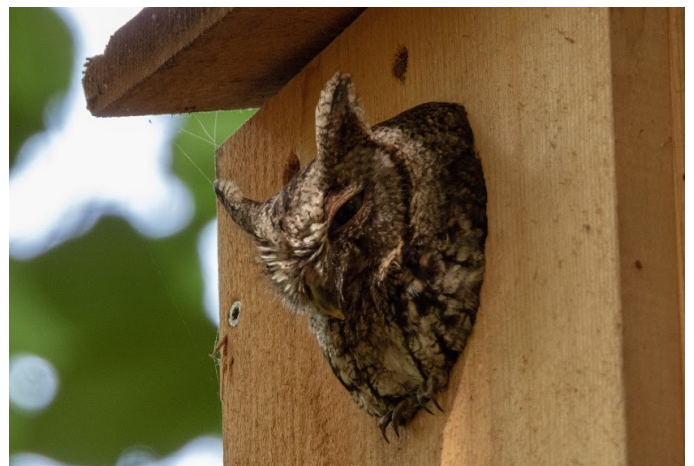
Explore the environment while gaining an understanding of plants, animals, and the ecosystems in which they exist. Enjoy wildlife encounters, games, crafts and outdoor activities.

Each Adventure Day is for a specific age group and is developed for the best camp experience possible. Adventure Days is open to campers ages 6-13. Please check specific camps for age requirements.

Camp runs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily (before / after care is not available at this time.) The cost is \$50/day for members and \$60/day for non-members. Family memberships are \$50/year.

To follow CDC guidelines each day, camp will be limited to eight campers, a teacher and an assistant. Additional staff will be on property to assist when needed.

Please see Adventure Days Guide for more information at:
<https://oaklandnaturepreserve.wildapricot.org/Adventure-Days>



CURT CREWS PROMOTED TO CORPORAL



The Oakland Police Department would like to congratulate Detective Curt Crews on his promotion to the rank of Corporal.

Corporal Crews started his career with the Winter Garden Police Department, serving over five years before returning to the civilian world. In 2017, Oakland recruited then Officer Crews, who proved himself very capable as a patrol officer and one of the most productive junior officers. Because of his superior work ethic, he was promoted the position of Detective, where he has worked in our Criminal Investigations Unit for more than one year.

He has developed into an outstanding detective and a superior role model for other officers.

After a competitive process over the course of many months, we have selected Detective Crews for promotion to the rank of Corporal.

We look forward to his continued service with the Oakland Police Department.

K-9 CHASE RETIRES, SGT. VITALE HONORED

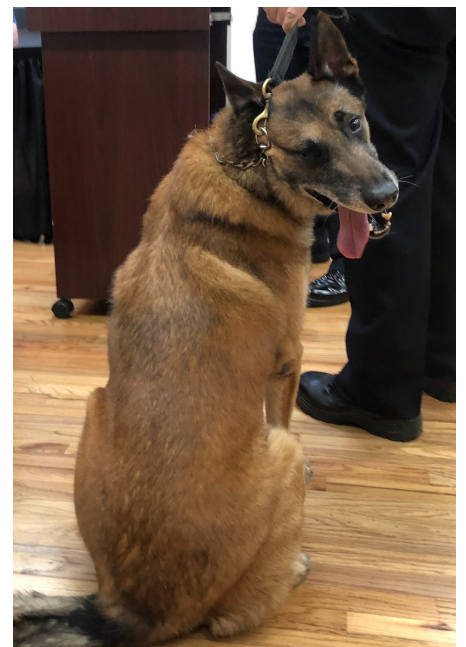
For Sgt. Anthony Vitale and K9 Chase, the Feb. 9 Town Commission meeting was bittersweet. The occasion officially marked K9 Chase's retirement and Sgt. Vitale's acceptance of the Police Chief's Award.

In 2016, Sgt. Vitale approached the Oakland Police Department with the concept of starting its own K9 Unit. With support from the Commission and the community, he collected enough donations to acquire the now eight-year-old Belgian Malinois, as well as the necessary equipment to put the skilled pooch to work.



Sgt. Vitale and Chase started working together in 2017. The pair have apprehended numerous felons, assisted with warrants and recovered narcotics in Town and neighboring jurisdictions.

K9 Chase will live out the rest of his days with his partner and friend, Sgt. Vitale. The Department plans to continue its K9 program.



COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER TO BE HELD ON MARCH 11

Bring your own coffee to Coffee with the Town Manager on Thursday March 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 services.



The Town welcomes special guest Amy DeYoung, MBA, RRT, Assistant Vice President of Orlando Health & Chief Operating Officer of Orlando Health - Health Central Hospital Administration. Registration is required by visiting <http://bit.ly/3kgQo2E>.

ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER IS NOW OPEN ON FRIDAYS

The Town of Oakland proudly opened the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland in late January 2021.

Visitors of the Center, located at 126 Petris Ave., are invited to explore the inaugural exhibition, "Est. 1887," and rediscover Oakland's rich history.

Center hours are Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Center is committed to preserving Oakland's past, present and future, and gives visitors the opportunity to see the Town of Oakland like never before as they step into a gallery full of paintings, historical photos, artifacts and more – all featuring Oakland as its centerpiece. Visit oaklandfl.gov/artsandheritage for more.



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Presents

PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Saturday, March 27, 2021

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Healthy West Orange Arts & Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland
126 Petris Avenue Oakland, FL, US 34760

