



Community Calendar

- Small Town Charm exhibition featuring artists Dave Minichiello and Joe Warren
Fridays from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Arts and Heritage Center
- Coffee with the Town Manager
May 13 at 9 a.m. / Virtual
- Town Commission
May 11 at 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- Planning & Zoning Board
May 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall
- Work Session and Town Commission
May 25 at 6 and 7 p.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- Tri-County League of Cities Citizen Advocacy Meeting
May 22 from 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Oakland Meeting Hall
- Art Scavenger Hunt and Music on the Center Porch with HAPCO Live band Mud Rooster
May 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Arts and Heritage Center

Town of OAKLAND Florida

TOWN RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS

April was National Volunteer Month, designated as part of President George H. W. Bush's 1000 Points of Light campaign in 1991. To celebrate this occasion, Oakland recognized Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center volunteers.



Those honored include Stephanie Berry, above, and Nancy Ross, left. We thank them for their service to the community.

To help make a difference in your community by volunteering, email arts&heritage@oaklandfl.gov.

SPORT COURTS OPEN IN SPEER PARK



Speer Park's new pickleball and tennis courts are now open! The sport courts are part of an ongoing initiative to reinvigorate Speer Park - which includes new playgrounds, additional trees, and a pavilion.

Player benches and a drinking fountain will soon be added.

Additionally, the Commission approved plans to incorporate Florida-friendly landscaping around the courts.

Construction of Speer Park's new playground will begin May 17 and is expected to be complete by June 11.

Please abide by the posted court rules.

MAYOR PROCLAIMS MAY IN HONOR OF TEACHERS, OFFICERS

Mayor Kathy Stark proclaimed the week of May 2 through May 8 as Teacher Appreciation Week and May 5 as Teacher Appreciation Day in Oakland. The Mayor urges citizens to pay tribute to our wonderful and dedicated Teachers at our Charter School.



Mayor Stark proclaimed the week of May 9 through May 15 as National Police Week and called upon residents to commemorate police officers, past and present, who have served their communities and have established an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens. May 15th is Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.



MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH



May is National Bike Month and there is no better place to celebrate than the West Orange Trail in Oakland.

The West Orange Trail is a 22-mile long multi-use rail trail. The paved trail passes through downtown Oakland, Winter Garden, and Apopka with most of its length built on old railroad alignments.

Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.

COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER TO BE HELD IN MAY

Bring your own coffee to virtual Coffee with the Town Manager on Thursday May 13 at 9 a.m. via Zoom.

Oakland Town Manager Steve Koontz invites you to join him to learn more about Town services.

Registration is required by visiting <http://bit.ly/3tnKali>.

TOWN RECOGNIZED FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK

The Town of Oakland was honored by the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) for excellence in public relations for “Santa’s Lane Drive Through Christmas.” The community holiday event was recognized with an Award of Distinction in the category of “Public Relations Programs: Special Event” during the Mid-Florida Image Awards last week.

Among the Town staff who planned and promoted the event were Event Coordinator/Permit Tech Valerie Gibbons, Administrative Services and Communications Director and FPRA Lake County Chapter President Elisha Pappacoda and Public Arts and Heritage Coordinator and FPRA Orlando Chapter Image Awards Chair Ashlynn Webb.

Oakland’s annual holiday event was reimagined in 2020 due to COVID-19. With a new drive-through format, the event offered residents the same spirit of joy without the risk associated with a physical gathering. It attracted over 50 percent more children than the previous year due to an outpouring of community support.

Conducted annually, the Image Awards provides public relations practitioners a platform to be recognized in their home markets for outstanding public relations tools and programs. To qualify, an entry must incorporate sound public relations research and planning and meet the highest standard of production, execution and evaluation of results and budget.





JOIN US IN BEAUTIFYING OUR
COMMUNITY!



THE TOWN OF OAKLAND SPRING CLEANUP

May 8 and 15

TOGETHER, LET'S CLEAN OUR TOWN!

Clean out unwanted household trash, recycling and yard waste to be collected curbside. No limits! Set items out before 8 a.m. No household hazardous waste, electronics, paint or batteries will be accepted.

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