



## Community Calendar

- Oakland Historical Homes & Buildings exhibition  
Fridays from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Arts and Heritage Center
- Town Commission  
August 10 at 7 p.m.  
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- Planning & Zoning Board  
August 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
Oakland Meeting Hall
- Town Commission and Work Session  
August 24 at 6:30 and 7 p.m.  
Oakland Meeting Hall/ Virtual
- For more details, visit [www.oaklandfl.gov](http://www.oaklandfl.gov)

# Town of OAKLAND Florida

## TOWN BREAKS GROUND ON WEST HULL AVENUE SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT

The Town of Oakland hosted a groundbreaking ceremony today for the West Hull Avenue Septic to Sewer Conversion Project, joined by our partners, St. Johns River Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The West Hull Avenue neighborhood will benefit from this grant-funded project, which will connect approximately 50 homes now on septic tanks to the Town's sewer system, saving homeowners' thousands of dollars and increasing property values, as well as helping to preserve our water supply and protect groundwater that flows to Lake Apopka.

"Elimination or reduction of septic systems is vital to the health of our environment," said Oakland Town Manager Steve Koontz. "The Town has worked diligently to leverage funding through partners at the state level and acquire grants and developer fees to ensure we are able to provide a central sewer system to our residents across Town in the future."

Construction is scheduled to begin July 26 and expected to take less than one year to complete.

## PUBLIC MEETING FOR TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), will hold an Alternatives Public Information Meeting for the Turnpike Widening PD&E from South of SR 408 to SR 50. The Department will provide several options to participate. You may participate virtually/online from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, via a computer, tablet, smartphone, or by telephone in listen-only mode. Alternatively, you may participate in-person from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at the Ocoee Lakeshore Center located at 125 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761.

Visit the project website, [www.Turnpike408to50.com](http://www.Turnpike408to50.com), to register for the Alternatives Public Information Meeting and to select your participation option. You should not attend in-person if you are not feeling well. Social distancing guidelines and local ordinances will be followed.

This meeting will give interested persons an opportunity to review project information, ask questions and provide comments concerning the conceptual design, and potential social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements. All Alternatives Public Information Meeting materials are available for review now on the project website.

Persons wishing to submit written or verbal comments/questions may do so at the Alternatives Public Information Meeting or may contact the Project Manager, Jazlyn Heywood at [Jazlyn.Heywood@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Jazlyn.Heywood@dot.state.fl.us) or by phone at (407) 264-3298.

## ONP OFFERS BLUE HIKE PADDLE TOURS



The Oakland Nature Preserve is delighted to announce upcoming Fall dates of the Blue Hike Paddle Tours.

ONP's Blue Hikes show paddlers the natural beauty, history, plants, and animals of Lake Apopka, along with an interpretative telling of the restoration progress of the lake. They have since diversified to include several other locations, highlighting features and importance of many other central Florida's waterways.

Upcoming Blue Hikes include:

- September 18 – Dora Canal
- October 16 – Bugg Spring Run
- November 13 – Smith Island
- December 11 – Wekiva Falls, Wekiva River

Registration for fall paddles will open in August.

For more information and registration visit [www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org/blue-hike](http://www.OaklandNaturePreserve.org/blue-hike).

This special program is made possible by generous support from Duke Energy.

## HISTORIC BUILDINGS EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY THROUGH AUGUST



The Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center is featuring breathtaking digital paintings by Craig K. Brown and sketches from Rod Reeves as part of a new exhibition called “Oakland Historical Homes & Buildings.” Plus, wood art pieces by photographer Scott Lineberger, a local Oakland artist with a longtime career in video productions, will be on display.

“Oakland Historical Homes & Buildings” will allow visitors to learn about the historical buildings and homes located in the Oakland area, all while catching a glimpse of well-known local art pieces featuring these gorgeous locations. Visitors will also see historical 1924 deeds from two of the homes and registry books from the Oakland Hotel. Visitors can see the exhibition on display from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Fridays starting Friday, July 2 and running until the end of August.

Brown is a West Orange County resident and professional photographer who photographs landmarks and digitally manipulates them. Reeves is an accomplished artist and draftsman who documented much of the West Orange County region and collected an assortment of drawings throughout his life.

## OAKLAND POLICE TEAM UP WITH BEST FOOT FORWARD

As we gear up for back-to-school, crosswalk enforcement is essential to prepare drivers for an increase of students walking and biking to class, especially in the morning hours. That’s why Oakland PD teamed up with Best Foot Forward.

The Town recently installed a crosswalk, signage and a rapid-flashing beacon at the mid-block crossing on Oakland Avenue near Sansparilla Road.

The law states that drivers must yield - slow down or stop - for a pedestrian crossing the street in a crosswalk, even when traffic controls are not present. Drivers who fail to do this can expect a ticket and points on their drivers license. Those drivers who fail to stop may be issued a warning or a citation of at least \$164 and three points on their license.

A proven theory is that sustained, high-visibility enforcement in conjunction with media attention will increase the public’s perception of the risk of being stopped by the police, thereby increasing compliance with traffic laws. Remember to always yield for pedestrians!



## TOWN OF OAKLAND SOLID WASTE GUIDELINES

- Place material out before 6 a.m. the day of collection within three feet of the curb.
- Remove containers from the curb within 12 hours after pickup.
- Containers, bundles, and bins must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Container capacity must not exceed 50 gallons.
- Do not mix yard waste, garbage, and recyclables; material not set out properly will be tagged.



### TRASH - TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

- Household waste is collected on Tuesday and Friday.
- Large items such as furniture, appliances, mattresses, and up to four vehicle tires are collected on Fridays only.



### YARD WASTE - WEDNESDAY

- Yard waste is landscaping material, grass, and tree and shrub trimmings.
- Bundle tree and shrub trimmings into lengths of five feet or less, or place into a container. Each container must weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Tree removal debris by homeowners or contractors is not accepted.

### RECYCLING – WEDNESDAY



- Newspapers, pasteboard, paper bags, magazines and junk mail should be placed in a recycle bin. Flattened cardboard may be placed next to the bin and should be no larger than 3x3 feet.
- Recycle aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles and jars, drink boxes and milk/juice cartons, empty aerosol cans, plastic containers marked with a #1 or #2, and plastic bottles marked with a #3 or #7.
- Do not use plastic bags for recycling.
- Put excess recyclables into brown paper bags or cardboard boxes no larger than the size of your recycling bin. Newspapers and magazines may be tied with string.



### HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Automobile parts, batteries, paint and paint thinners, motor oil, anti-freeze, fluorescent lightbulbs and freon containing devices such as freezers and refrigerators, are not included in your curbside collection.
  - Visit [bit.ly/OCHazWaste](http://bit.ly/OCHazWaste) for hazardous waste disposal information.
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