



Community Calendar

- Places of Worship Art Exhibition
- Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Opening Event Nov. 12, 5-7 p.m.
- Arts and Heritage Center

- ARB
- Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall

- Coffee with the Town Manager
- Nov. 4 at 9 a.m.
- Virtual

- SAC
- Nov. 9 at 4 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall

- Town Commission
- Nov. 9 Work session at 6 p.m., Regular meeting at 7 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall/Virtual

- Planning & Zoning Board
- Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall/Virtual

- Veterans Day- Town Hall closed
- Nov. 11

- Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Hall closed
- Nov. 25 and 26

Town of OAKLAND Florida

ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW EXHIBITION, 'PLACES OF WORSHIP'

The Town of Oakland reveals its new exhibition, “Places of Worship,” which explores a diverse array of organized religion and individual spirituality, debuting at the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland on Thursday, Nov. 4. The public is invited to the official exhibition opening event, to be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Center, located at 126 N. Petris Ave.

The exhibition dives into how we make a connection to a higher power through colorful pieces created by Central Florida artists and includes plein air paintings of Oakland churches.

Additionally, the public can learn more about the history of Oakland’s many churches and their roles as pillars of the community, through historic photos and artifacts. A work of art itself – the cornerstone piece of the Arts and Heritage Center – is the circa 1919 Oakland Presbyterian Church’s stained-glass window, which is on permanent display.

“Places of Worship” will run until Friday, Jan. 14, 2022. Additional information regarding featured artists and the opening event will be released at a later date.

The Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and select Saturdays.

OACS JOINS MONARCH PRESERVATION PROGRAM



The Oakland Avenue Charter School is proud to partner with Bloom & Grow in support of their Monarch Preservation Program.

Over the last few years, club members have become increasingly aware of the plight of the Monarch butterfly, the numbers of which are declining rapidly due to loss of natural habitat. The endangerment of butterflies and other pollinators present a great learning opportunity when studying land stewardship, climate change, and how insects live and thrive. Bloom & Grow members have embarked on a Monarch preservation project to encourage students and their families to join the effort. Together with partners Healthy West Orange and Orlando Health, Oakland Avenue Charter School has joined the school partnership program developed for public and private schools in Orange County.

OACS staff picked up waystations on Oct. 13 to create two locations for milkweed. Tropical milkweed, native milkweed, and pollinator plants are grown specifically for this project by local nurseries who support Bloom & Grow's various community programs.

Each waystation contains 10 plants which are essential to the lifecycle of a Monarch.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO VOTE FOR TREES OF THE SEASON

The Town of Oakland is hosting a tree decorating contest, "Trees of the Season," at the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center. Families, schools, non-profits organizations or businesses were invited to participate and showcase their creativity while engaging the community.

"Trees of the Season" will be on display from Nov. 30 to Jan. 3 and visitors have the chance to vote for their favorite tree to win Best Overall tree until Dec. 16. Plus, the winner will be announced on the Center's social media page.

The event will feature several personally decorated trees full of colorful lights and ornaments by members of the community and local businesses – such as Healthy West Orange, DG Doughnuts, Oakland Nature Preserve, The Curious Pangolin, Bridgewater Middle School and more!

"Trees of the Season" will be part of this year's "Santa's Lane" event on Dec. 4, which will feature more holiday lights than ever before, a DJ, socially distanced games and activities. More details about "2021 Santa's Lane" will be revealed soon.



OAKLAND PD SEEKS DONATIONS FOR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Oakland PD is kicking off its annual holiday food drive! The department is seeking donations of Publix gift cards so we can buy specific items such as turkeys and perishables to deliver fresh to families in need. Gift cards may be dropped off at OPD at 540 E. Oakland Ave. through Nov. 15.



OAKLAND PD INVITES RESIDENTS TO JOIN FUN RUN

The Oakland Police Department invites you to join their team during the Florida Fun Run at Lake Louisa State Park in Clermont on Nov. 13 at 7 a.m. OPD will be one of the local law enforcement agencies participating in Three Courses: 5K, 10K, and ½ Marathon. Sign up with the Oakland PD to receive \$15 off.

Contact: Officer Castro at 407-802-6967.

Register:

www.thefloridarun.com/lake-louisa-state-park

VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER



The final Coffee with the Town Manager of 2021 will be held on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Oakland Town Manager Steve Koontz invites you to join him virtually for coffee and conversation to learn more about Town news, services, events and more.

Residents who attend will have an opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts and ideas about various topics affecting the Town. The event also offers residents and business owners an opportunity to network with each other virtually.

This month's program will be held on the first Thursday instead of the second Thursday due to the Veterans Day holiday. There will be no Coffee with the Town Manager in December, with the virtual event to resume in January.

Join the meeting on Nov. 4 by visiting:
bit.ly/OaklandTownCoffee

Meeting ID: 829 2686 3680

Passcode: 773809

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,82926863680#,,,,*773809# US
(New York)

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

TOWN RECOGNIZES FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK



Mayor Kathy Stark proclaimed October 18-24, 2021 as "Florida City Government Week." Municipal government is the government closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents, providing services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents.

Local government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities. Town officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits, and Florida City Government Week offers an important opportunity for elected officials and Town staff to spread the word to all the citizens of Florida that they can shape and influence this branch of government.

We recognize those - from our police officers, to teachers, to administrative staff - who work to ensure Town residents receive the highest level of service expected from their public servants.