



## Community Calendar

- Places of Worship Art Exhibition
- Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. except holidays
- Arts and Heritage Center
  
- Trees of the Season Decorating Contest
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- Hanukkah Celebration with live music
- Dec. 2 from 3 -5 p.m.
- Arts and Heritage Center
  
- Santa's Lane
- Dec. 4 from 3-6 p.m.
- Town Center Circle
  
- SAC
- Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall
  
- Town Commission
- Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall/Virtual
  
- Christmas and New Year Holidays
- Town Hall closed
- Dec. 24, 27 and 31

# Town of OAKLAND Florida

## OAKLAND ANNOUNCES NEW EXPERIENCES AT THE 2021 SANTA'S LANE EVENT

The Town of Oakland's "2021 Santa's Lane" event is returning bigger and jollier than ever with more lights and new activities on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Town Center, offering brand-new experiences and bringing the community together for holiday fun.

At "Santa's Lane," guests will have the opportunity to sit with Santa and the elves once again for a jolly photo and they will even get to go home with a special treat from the North Pole, while supplies last. Plus, guests can see Santa's arrival in a horse-drawn carriage from the comfort of their homes.

With more than double the lights of previous years, families will be treated to a new and festive display of twinkling lights illuminating Town Center Circle, Town Hall and the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland as part of "2021 Santa's Lane." A DJ will play merry music in front of the Center to get participants in the holiday spirit as they enjoy the event.

Plus, the Town of Oakland is bringing exciting new experiences to this year's event - such as a Snow Zone sponsored by Healthy West Orange, Rudolph Rides," allowing guests to pet and ride ponies, photo backdrops, vote in the "Trees of the Season" tree decorating, milk and cookies hosted by The Lakeside Church, along with crafts, games and more.

## OACS AWARDS STAFF FOR 'ROCK YOUR SCHOOL'



Oakland Avenue Charter School participated in Rock Your School, which is a nationwide event intended to build up school communities by having teachers create out of the box educational experiences for the students.

Principal Dwyer recognized this amazing team of teachers for their hard work and dedication to this project and awarded them Rock Your School certificates.

Mrs. Mallory Guarino and Mrs. Carrie Sikes, with the help of Mrs. Parmer, Mrs. Epi, Mrs. Gant, Mr. Zavada, Ms. Colon and Coach Kimpel, planned an amazing outer space themed day for all students across the school to participate in.

She awarded two staff members a Principal's Honor Award for outstanding performance and going above and beyond with planning, organizing and executing timelines, schedules, staff support and trainings and all things technology throughout this "season of Covid." The honored staff members are Mrs. Holly Hernandez, Instructional Coach, and Mrs. Amanda Kohmetscher, Technology and Assessment Coordinator.

The winners are Mr. Carlos Torres for Support Staff of the Year and Mrs. Carole Kelly for Teacher of the Year.

## NEW PICKLEBALL RULES ANNOUNCED

The Town Commission approved new pickleball rules to help accommodate a growing interest in the sport in Oakland.

The following rules are in place to provide equal and fair opportunities for all players to participate in pickleball games at Speer Park.

The pickleball court is considered open for walk on play from sunrise to sunset and the Town of Oakland does not take reservations for the court.

No singles, private group play, practice, or instruction when people are waiting.

Paddle queue system is in effect.

When game is completed, winners remain on court and split. The other two players place their paddles at the end of the Queue. The two paddles at the front of the Queue enter the game.

Games are played to 11, win by 2



## OAKLAND PD THANKS THE COMMUNITY FOR DONATIONS

Oakland PD would like to offer its heartfelt thanks to the community for participating in its annual food drive.

The department collected more than \$600 gift cards to donate to families in need, as well as non-perishable items, which were given to Matthew's Hope.

## PUBLIC WORKS PLANTS TREES

As approved by the Oakland Town Commission in 2019, the Sadler Avenue Park and Trail is steadily becoming a reality. The 28 Eastern Red Cedar trees recently installed are absolutely breathtaking, and will soon be followed by a privacy fence that will continue to separate the residential area from the commercial area. Other approved improvements include an 8-foot wide pedestrian trail providing connectivity from the West Orange Trail, passing through the Longleaf neighborhood and terminating at South Tubb Street; as well as a future playground and parking area.



## POLICE PARTICIPATE IN BEST FOOT FORWARD

Florida drivers are required by law to stop and remain stopped to allow pedestrians to cross in the crosswalk.

In partnership with Best Foot Forward, Oakland Police Department officers participated in an enforcement operation that also included agencies from Orange County, Seminole County, Orlando, Kissimmee, and Casselberry.

The mission of the operation was to specifically crack down on drivers who fail to comply with Florida's driver yield law.



## TOWN OPENS PLACES OF WORSHIP EXHIBITION



The Town of Oakland opened its new exhibition, “Places of Worship,” which explores a diverse array of organized religion and individual spirituality at the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland in November.

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.

Through historic photos and artifacts, the public will learn more about the history of Oakland’s many churches and their roles as pillars of the community.

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.

The Center is open Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. except holidays. It is open during special events such as Santa’s Lane on Dec. 4.

## RESIDENTS INVITED TO HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Join Jay Marder, a rock, folk, blues and klezmer musician, and sing along to your favorite Hanukkah songs on the Center porch.

Additionally, step inside to view some of Jay’s personal collection of Judaica, as part of the “Places of Worship” exhibit, on displays through January 14.

