



Community Calendar

- Places of Worship Art Exhibition
- Arts and Heritage Center
- Town Commission + Work Session
- Jan. 11 at 6 and 7 p .m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall/Virtual
- Virtual Coffee with the Town Manager
- Jan. 13 at 9 a.m.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Town Hall closed, Jan. 17
- Planning & Zoning
- Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall/Virtual
- Town Commission + Work Session
- Jan. 25 at 6 and 7 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall/Virtual
- Healthy West Orange Fresh Start Festival and 5K
- Jan. 29 at 8 a.m.
- Arts & Heritage Center
- Details: www.oaklandfl.gov

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PLANNING, ZONING AND PERMITTING AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENTS TO MOVE

The Town of Oakland's Planning, Zoning and Permitting and Human Resources Departments have temporarily relocated to Historic Town Hall, located at 220 N. Tubb. St. The temporary transition is in preparation for both departments' permanent move to 2 W. Oakland Ave. scheduled for January 2022.

The offices will remain fully operational with services available during normal business hours from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The public is encouraged to call in credit card payments at 407-656-1117 ext. 2105 in advance of picking up Building Permits. Those with questions about payments should email jrichardson@oaklandfl.gov or vgibbons@oaklandfl.gov.

Permit Requirements are available online at www.oaklandfl.gov/876/Building-Permit-Information. Commercial and new residential construction must include a digital copy via disc or thumb drive and appropriate hard copies for the Building Official to review and must be dropped off at the Planning & Zoning Department's office.

The Planning and Zoning Department administers land development and building permits, planning and zoning, drafts reports and makes recommendations to the Town Commission.

OACS HOSTS SUPERHERO DAY FOR STUDENT



The Oakland Avenue Charter held a Superhero Day in honor of one of our own.

Kindergartener Alena Ramos was diagnosed with leukemia last month. Students and staff dressed up to show support for her fighting spirit and collect donations to help the family during this time. We are all cheering her on as she enters treatment.

VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER

The first Coffee with the Town Manager of 2022 will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13 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.

- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3EhRWSr>
- Meeting ID: 824 4801 8423
- Passcode: 495901
- One tap mobile
- +16465588656,,82448018423#,,,,*495901# US (NY)
- Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (NY)

OACS BUILDS 2 MONARCH BUTTERFLY GARDENS

The Bloom and Grow Monarch Preservation Partners Project has been working with schools to create waystations for monarch butterflies. Through the donation of plants and resources, Oakland Avenue Charter School has been able to create two wonderful environments for them to thrive.

OACS's two Monarch Butterfly Gardens were completed in the last few weeks.

A special thanks to Melanie Parmer for working with many of our fourth and fifth grade students to paint the fences, creating a beautiful border to each garden and to Karen Kieffer for working with kindergarten, first, second, and third graders to plant the plants to make the gardens complete.

A special thanks to our volunteers, Tracy Austin and Jessica Donovan for supporting the process!



OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS HONORED FOR SERVICE



Please join us in congratulating these dedicated Oakland Police officers for their outstanding service to the Town. The officers were honored by Chief John Peek during the Department's annual awards ceremony in December.

Officer Roger Fisher
2020 CIT Officer of the Year
Life Saving Award (2nd medal)

Officer Jamil Dib
2021 Officer of the Year
Patrol Service Ribbon

Officer Rene Castro
Meritorious Service Award

Officer Anthony Edwards
Meritorious Service Award

Corporal Curt Crews
Criminal Investigations Service Ribbon

Lieutenant Angela Campbell
Officer David Hall
Officer Andrew Ricks
Officer Jason Hayes
Unit Citation Award – Training Unit

Code Enforcement Officer Matt Reusch
Admin Assistant Kelly Sims
Unit Citation Award – Administration Division

TOWN AND HEALTHY WEST ORANGE PARTNER FOR NEW FESTIVAL AND 5K

Registration for Westly's 5th Annual Virtual 5K is now OPEN! Start the new year off on the right foot (literally!) and complete a 5K virtually or in person with the community! Both virtual and in-person participants will earn a sweet (and FREE) race T-shirt and medal to show off that healthy victory!

Register now

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Oakland/WestlysAnnualV5K>

Here's how a virtual 5K works: complete 3.1 miles between January 1-31 at your own pace, wherever you like, whenever you like. Tell your family and friends, because it's open to all ages! Or, join us on Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Healthy West Orange Fresh Start Festival at the Town of Oakland! Walk, run, or bike a 5K as a community.

All ages, strollers, and even pups are welcome! The race will begin at the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland, with check-in at 8 a.m., warm-ups at 8:30 a.m., and race kick off at 9 a.m.



TOWN CELEBRATES HOLIDAYS WITH SANTA'S LANE



The Town of Oakland was thrilled to welcome nearly 2,000 attendees for this year's Santa's Lane, the largest attendance in the event's history. Hundreds of children sat on Santa's lap, posed for free photos and left the event with a special gift from Santa's Elves. More than 750 visitors had the opportunity to visit the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland and hundreds voted for their favorite decorated Christmas tree. The winning tree will be announced in early January.

We'd like to thank our generous sponsors for helping make Santa's Lane a success: Co-sponsor The Lakeside Church; Platinum sponsors Orlando Health, Duke Energy, Healthy West Orange, Carr's Flooring America, Paradise Landscaping, Waste Management; and Gold sponsors DG Doughnuts, Lakeview Networks LLC, West Orange Creamery; and Silver sponsors Cut Ups on Main, Crooked Can, Michael & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Nancy Ross & The Fontenot Family, Bill & Cathy Schneck, Winters Landing Homeowners Association, The Simmes Family, The Placido Family and Martha & Denny Doyle.