



## Community Calendar

- Honoring Black History Exhibition
- Arts and Heritage Center - February and March
- SAC
- Feb 8 at 4 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall
- Town Commission
- Feb. 8 at 7 p .m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall/Virtual
- Virtual Coffee with the Town Manager
- Feb. 10 at 9 a.m.
- Planning & Zoning
- Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall/Virtual
- Presidents' Day
- Town Hall closed, Feb. 22
- Town Commission + Work Session
- Feb. 22 at 6 and 7 p.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall/Virtual
- Details: [www.oaklandfl.gov](http://www.oaklandfl.gov)

# Town of OAKLAND Florida

## OAKLAND NAMED TREE CITY USA FOR 19TH YEAR

For the 19th year, Oakland has been named a Tree City USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. In 2021, Public Works staff oversaw the installation of 2,562 trees, which included those planted in Town, at the Oakland Nature Preserve and within newly constructed neighborhoods.

Oakland has again achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Town exceeds these standards and requires developers to replace trees during construction.

“Due to the trees being planted by developers in the new neighborhoods, and a renewed emphasis on tree planting along right of ways and in publicly owned spaces, our per capita expenditure has increased,” said Public Works Director Mike Parker. “Once again, through the efforts of both public and private sectors, the Town of Oakland has done a remarkable job in preserving and maintaining our urban tree canopy for future generations.”

The benefits trees bring to urban environments are endless and include cooler temperatures, cleaner air, higher property values, and healthier residents. Oakland has demonstrated a commitment to doing its part in this effort. More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

## FREE AT-HOME COVID TESTS AVAILABLE

STAY POSITIVE, TEST NEGATIVE  
#COVID19



Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

Visit <https://www.covidtests.gov/>.

## VIRTUAL COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER

The first Coffee with the Town Manager of 2022 will be held on Thursday, Feb. 10 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/3nEILar>
- Meeting ID: 875 7470 5314
- Passcode: 332865
- One tap mobile
- +13017158592,,87574705314#,,,,\*332865# US (Washington DC)

## ONP HOSTS POURS AT THE PRESERVE

Oakland Nature Preserve invites you to its signature annual event, Pours at the Preserve, on Feb. 12 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Walk the romantic upland trails in the evening, sipping wine or tasting beer, enjoying the sunset through the trees or enjoy the stars in the night sky, listening to the owls, the frogs, maybe the whippoorwill. The half-mile trail will be lighted for you with luminaries.

Enjoy refreshments at the five tables stationed along the paths while tasting a variety of wines and beers.

Share a love-note or a remembrance or honor someone on one of the luminaries, to be arranged when you register for this special event.

This is an adult only event ages 21 and over. Limited to 200 guest so get your ticket early. Please indicate the time you would like to attend. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available at: <http://oaklandnaturepreserve.wildapricot.org/pours>



## OAKLAND WELCOMES NEW POLICE OFFICERS



Please join us in welcoming Detective Michael Bryant, Officer Ralph Szpak and Officer Reynalis Rojas Mercado to the Oakland Police Department!

## PD INVITES RESIDENTS TO JOIN BENCH PRESS FOR CHARITY

The Oakland Police Department is inviting residents to join their team in the Bench Press for Charity, to benefit the Special Olympics.

The tournament, which will be held on March 26 from 1-3 p.m. at Trailside Crossfit, is \$20 per participant with all proceeds going to Special Olympics.

Different classes of participants will be required to benchpress a designated weight for a certain number of reps, with trophies awarded to the top contenders.

Participants will also receive 20% off their first month's membership to Trailside Crossfit and a special T-shirt.

To enter, please contact Officer Rene Castro at [rcastro@oaklandpd.com](mailto:rcastro@oaklandpd.com).

**POLICE OAKLAND Florida**

### BENCH PRESS FOR CHARITY

**MARCH 26, 2022**  
**1PM-3PM**

**LOCATION:**  
Trailside Crossfit  
300 Countyline Ct, Suite A  
Oakland, FL 34787

**ENTRY FEE:**  
\$20 per person, all proceeds benefit special olympics.

**To register contact Officer Castro at [Rcastro@oaklandpd.com](mailto:Rcastro@oaklandpd.com)**

**RULES:**

**MEN:**  
185LBS AND BELOW BENCH PRESS 185LBS.  
185LBS & UP BENCH PRESS 225LBS.

**WOMEN:**  
ALL WEIGHTS BENCH PRESS 55LBS.

MEN AND WOMEN WILL BENCH PRESS THE DESIGNATED WEIGHT FOR AS MANY CONSECUTIVE FULL REPS AS POSSIBLE BEFORE RE-RACKING THE BAR. A FULL REP CONSISTS OF THE BAR TOUCHING THE CHEST ON THE DESCENT AND BRINGING THE ARMS TO A FULL EXTENSION ON THE ASCENT. ASSIGNED SPOTTERS WILL ASSIST WITH RE-RACKING THE BAR ONCE THE LIFTER HAS REACHED THEIR MAXIMUM NUMBER OF REPS.

Participants will receive 20% off first month membership at Trailside Crossfit & a special design T-Shirt!

**TROPHYS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP MALE & FEMALE FINISHERS!!**

## TOWN HONORS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The Town of Oakland is inviting the public to celebrate the contributions of African Americans during the “Honoring Black History” art and heritage exhibition, on display in February and March at the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland.

The “Honoring Black History” exhibition will delve into the contributions of Black residents of Oakland, first as the labor workforce of citrus growers when the citrus industry was king, how Black families formed distinct communities and how churches served as cornerstones of the community. The exhibit also highlights many of Oakland’s African American leaders, both past and present.

Visitors will learn about the Town’s Historic African American Cemetery, which was established in 1882 with burials continuing through the 1940s. The cemetery is the resting place of emancipated persons and families who migrated to West Orange County and contains archaeologically significant seashell grave markers.