



Community Calendar

- Est. 1887 Exhibition
- Now through June 17
- Wednesday - Friday
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Arts and Heritage Center

- Town Commission
- May 10 at 7 p.m.
- Meeting Hall/Virtual

- Coffee with the Town Manager
- May 12 at 9 a.m.
- Prairie House Coffee Co.

- Planning & Zoning
- May 17 at 6:30 p.m.
- Meeting Hall/Virtual

- Town Commission
- May 24 at 7 p.m.
- Meeting Hall/Virtual

- 4th Fridays Music on the Porch
with Sandy Back Porch
- May 27 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Arts & Heritage Center

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Town of OAKLAND Florida

COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER TO BE HELD IN PERSON AT PRAIRIE HOUSE COFFEE CO.

Oakland Town Manager Steve Koontz invites you to join him for coffee and conversation at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, at Prairie House Coffee Co., located at 4 S. Tubb St., Oakland.

Participants are welcome to purchase coffee, sip, chat, and learn more about Town news, services, events and more. Those attending will have an opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts and ideas about various topics affecting the Town.

Prairie House Coffee Co. is a quaint and charming specialty coffee shop and holistic eatery serving light bites, gluten-free baked goods, and single-origin coffee in a historic house on Tubb Street.



FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES HONORS COMMISSIONER JOSEPH MCMULLEN

The Florida League of Cities (FLC), celebrating its 100th anniversary as the united voice for Florida's municipal governments, recently recognized Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Seat #4, with a 2022 Home Rule Hero Award for his hard work and advocacy efforts during the 2022 Legislative Session. Commissioner McMullen worked tirelessly throughout session to promote local voices making local choices, protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities and advance the League's legislative agenda.

"On behalf of the League and its legislative team, we're very proud to present this year's Home Rule Hero Awards to a deserving group of municipal leaders," said FLC Director of Legislative Affairs Casey Cook. "We had a record number of Home Rule Heroes this year, which shows the dedication and impact of local officials on behalf of their residents and businesses in protecting local decision-making. These local officials were constantly engaged and actively advocating for their communities throughout the 2022 Legislative Session. They're heroes for Home Rule and we thank them for their efforts."

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and nonelected, who consistently responded to the League's request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective on an issue.

"I love the State of Florida and have a strong passion for the Town of Oakland and the West Orange County Region," said Commissioner McMullen. "Advocating for local towns, cities, and villages Home Rule, which equals local decision making, will always be a driving force and mission



for me as an elected official, which will result in Florida being one of the best states in the country."

Commissioner McMullen has served the Town in Seat 4 since 2006. In early 2021, he was elected as President of the Board of Directors of the Tri-County League of Cities and was appointed as the Florida League of Cities Vice Chair of Land Use & Economic Development. He is the founder and Chairman of HAPCO Music Foundation, a non-profit organization which connects young people with arts and music programs to help them succeed in life.

A Miami native, he played baritone horn throughout his primary and secondary education years and attended college on a marching band scholarship.

He attended Florida A&M University and graduated with his B.S. in Pharmacy and Master Health Administration from Florida International University. For over 25 years, he has been a licensed Florida-registered and consultant pharmacist. At Centene HMO, he works as a Senior Clinical Pharmacist. He served in the military for the Air Force Reserves from 1989-95, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. Commissioner McMullen is a member of the Florida League of Cities Growth Management and Economic Develop Committee, a board member of Matthew's Hope and member of the West Orange Chamber of Commerce.

'EST. 1887' EXPLORES OAKLAND'S ROOTS



Discover Oakland during its heyday as the headquarters of the Orange Belt Railroad with a thriving business district and opera house and learn about the repercussions the Great Freeze of 1895 had on the town's progress in becoming a major city in Florida. "Est. 1887," the new exhibit at the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center, explores Oakland's history as an industrial and social hub of Orange County 135 years ago.

Featuring historic photographs, documents, and artifacts, "Est. 1887" traces the origins of the Town of Oakland and the major players behind its founding, like Peter Demens, an enterprising Russian immigrant with goals to build a railroad from the St. Johns River to Tampa, and James Gamble Speer, a landowner with dreams of a flourishing town on Lake Apopka.

Local artists, including Joseph Warren, David Minichiello, Anne Fanelli, Heather Lorenz, and Mike Jakubowski, display complementary artwork highlighting the area's unique charm and beauty.

Displays feature artifacts relating to Oakland's incorporation and include historic minute books, the original Town seal, century-old railroad ties, and more. Visitors may also view the Center's cornerstone, the Oakland Presbyterian Church's stained-glass window, dating back to 1919.

The Center, located at 126 W. Petris Ave., is open Wednesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and during special events.

OACS TEACHERS HONORED

Eleanor Roosevelt took the idea of National Teacher Day to Congress in 1953, but National Teacher Day didn't become an official national day until 1980. Thanks to the assistance of the National PTA, it evolved into Teacher Appreciation Week.

Here in Oakland, we appreciate our wonderful Oakland Avenue Charter School teachers year-round and thank them for making a positive impact in the lives of their students!

Mayor Kathy Stark proclaimed May 2-6 as Teacher Appreciation Week in Oakland, recognizing teachers and staff who provide exceptional education services to our children.



VOLUNTEER SOUGHT FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

From June 5-12, 2022, the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games will unite more than 5,500 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the Caribbean during one of the country's most cherished sporting events.

Be part of history by volunteering for the largest ever humanitarian Florida and USA Games event. With over 21,000 volunteer shifts to fill, from welcoming delegations at the airport to supporting sports competitions and operations, there is a role for everyone.

There is a special need for medical shifts to be covered including doctors, nurses, medical retirees, medical students and more.

Visit <https://bit.ly/37RNyij> to register today.

OAKLAND PD BENCH PRESSES FOR CHARITY



The Oakland Police Department would like to thank all who supported the Bench Press for Charity, raising approximately \$1,000 for Special Olympics Florida.

The winners were:

- Female over 40 Division
- Danielle Coatney
- Female under 40 Division
- Allana Seegert
- Male 185 lbs. Division
- Derrick Richmond
- Male 225 lbs. Division
- Tim Arranetes

STOP SIGNS TO BE PLACED AT TRAIL CROSSINGS

The Oakland Town Commission adopted a resolution to approve installing stop signs at busy trail crossings in Town.

The number of trail users has surpassed vehicular traffic in the area. To maintain safety for all, a consultant's report completed in March recommended that vehicles travelling north and south on Winters Landing Drive, Starr Street, Arrington Street, Tubb Street, Cross Street, Daniels Street, Walker Street, and Nixon Street, be required to come to a full stop before crossing the West Orange Trail.

Vehicle drivers are urged to continue to use special caution when crossing the trail and be aware that signs will be installed in the coming weeks. Pedestrians and cyclists users are asked to continue to abide by proper trail etiquette.

OFFICERS COLLECT SPORTS BALLS FOR KIDS

Activities like recess play, belonging to a team or having equipment like sports balls helps children engage in physical activity. That's why the Oakland Police Department is proud to once again partner with GROW Central Florida, whose goal is to help develop the healthiest children by supporting community wellness initiatives. Help to collect donations of new sports balls for local kids by dropping off balls at Oakland Town Hall or the Oakland Police Department through May 5!



Our goal in 2022 is to generate over 4,000 resource bags which will be distributed by officers & deputies to children in their communities

**GROW
THE
GOOD &
DONATE
TODAY**