



## Community Calendar

- Old Town Road/Land, Water, Air
- Through Aug. 26
- Wednesday - Friday
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Arts and Heritage Center
  
- Town Commission
- Aug. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Meeting Hall/Virtual
  
- Coffee with the Town Manager
- Aug. 11 at 9 a.m.
- Oakland Meeting Hall
  
- Planning & Zoning
- Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- Meeting Hall/Virtual
  
- Town Commission
- Aug. 23 at 7 p.m.
- Meeting Hall/Virtual
  
- Summer Series: 4th Fridays
- Music on the Porch
- Aug 26. from 3-6 p.m.
- Arts & Heritage Center

# Town of OAKLAND Florida

## OAKLAND UNVEILS JOINT HISTORY AND ART EXHIBITION

The Town of Oakland invites visitors to explore its new joint history and art exhibition: “Old Town Road” and “Land, Water, Air” at the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center.

Local Florida artists will display artwork that celebrates movement and transportation on roads, waterways, trains, cars, bikes, boats, planes, and more in the vibrant “Land, Water, Air” display.

While browsing art, attendees will have the opportunity to dig deeper into the stories behind Oakland’s historic street names, as part of the “Old Town Road” history exhibit. Explore Oakland’s history of thriving citrus groves, industrial center, and social hub of Central Florida through the lens of the major players of Oakland’s past, featuring historic photographs and artifacts. In 1886, the Town of Oakland was platted in a uniform square of roughly ten blocks. Simple street names remained for 86 years, until 1972, when the streets were renamed to honor those who put the Town on the map.

The exhibition will run through Aug. 26. The Center, located at 126 W. Petris Ave., is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., and from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on the 4th Fridays.

# PROCLAMATION HONORS FRANCINE POSTELL



## Mayor's Proclamation

TOWN OF OAKLAND

### ACKNOWLEDGING AND HONORING THE CONTRIBUTION OF FRANCINE COLEMAN POSTELL

WHEREAS, Francine Coleman Postell is a lifelong resident of Oakland, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Francine Postell was born to Reverend Samuel and Gertrude Herriott Coleman; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology, and a minor in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Francine Postell served as Mayor of the Town of Oakland from 1987-1989; and as a Town Commissioner from 1997-1998; and

WHEREAS, for 21 years Francine Postell taught school at Ocoee Junior and Senior High Schools and is listed in "Who's Who Among American Teachers"; and

WHEREAS, Francine Postell was a very active member of Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Francine Postell served as a Board Member of Retirees and Friends of Orange County Community Action and Head Start; and

WHEREAS, Francine Coleman Postell's prevailing Mantra is: "I'm just a Nobody, Trying to Tell Everybody, About Somebody, Who Can Save Anybody"; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Stark, Mayor of the Town of Oakland, previously proclaimed April 9, 2017, as FRANCINE COLEMAN POSTELL DAY in the Town of Oakland, Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Oakland officials dedicated the Oakland Avenue Charter School media center to Francine Postell to thank her for her years of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Oakland Commissioners wish to once more publicly acknowledge and recognize the contribution of Francine Coleman Postell to our community. Francine Coleman Postell taught us the importance of giving back to your community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Oakland to be affixed this 12th day of July 2022.

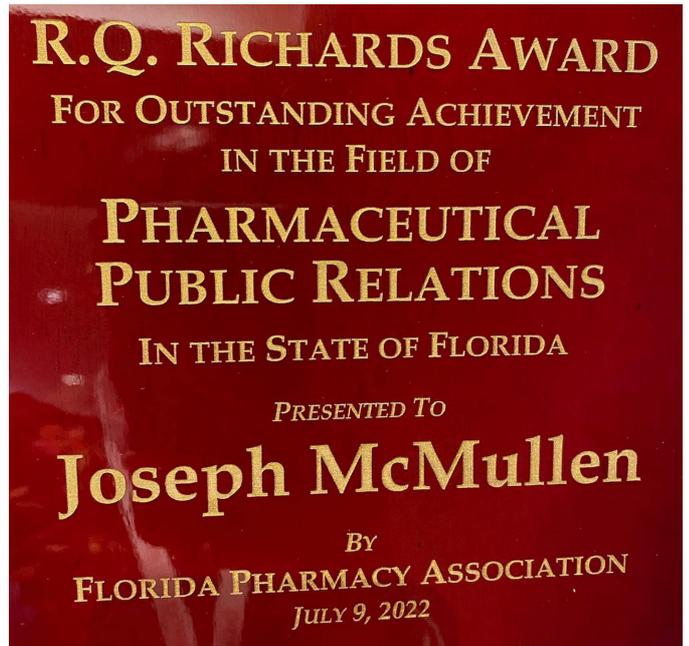
TOWN OF OAKLAND:

The Town of Oakland Commissioners publicly acknowledged and recognized the contributions of Francine Coleman Postell during a recent Commission meeting.

Francine Postell taught us the importance of giving back to our community. She served as Mayor of the Town of Oakland from 1987-1989; and as a Town Commissioner from 1997-1998. For over 20 years, Mrs. Postell was a school teacher.

Oakland officials dedicated the Oakland Avenue Charter School media center to Mrs. Postell to thank her for her years of service to the community. She was also a lifelong member of the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church.

# COMMISSIONER JOSEPH MCMULLEN HONORED



The Florida Pharmacy Association has recognized Commissioner Joseph McMullen for his Pharmaceutical Public Relations advocacy, awarding him the 2022 R.Q. Richards Award! This award is given annually to recognize outstanding achievements in the field of pharmaceutical public relations in Florida.

For over 25 years, Commissioner McMullen has been a licensed Florida-registered and consultant pharmacist. At Centene HMO, he works as a Senior Clinical Account Manager.

## COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER TO BE HELD AT OAKLAND MEETING HALL

Oakland Town Manager Steve Koontz invites you to join him for coffee and conversation from 9-10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Oakland Meeting Hall. Coffee will be served at the Meeting Hall, located at 221 N. Arrington St.

Participants are welcome to 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.

The August coffee meeting will feature a special presentation from Best Foot Forward, which focuses on one simple, measurable goal: to get more drivers to yield and stop for pedestrians in marked crosswalks, as Florida law requires. As a pedestrian safety initiative, Best Foot Forward focuses on one simple, measurable goal: to get more drivers to yield and stop for pedestrians in marked crosswalks, as Florida law requires.

Speaker Roni Wood was first introduced to Best Foot Forward after being struck by a driver in 2018. She will share her personal story of a one-year recovery and how she is turning her pain into her purpose to keep pedestrians safe.

Town Manager Koontz will discuss recent initiatives the Town has implemented to help keep pedestrians safe, such as installing stop signs at trail crossings.



**Roni Wood of Best Foot Forward will present at Coffee with the Town Manager to discuss pedestrian safety.**

## OAKLAND NATURE PRESERVE HOSTS FIRST NATURE FEST



Celebrate Florida's amazing natural history, conservation, and future!

Nature Fest will be held at the Oakland Nature Preserve, 747 Machete Trail, on Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Enjoy meeting members of the environmental community, participate in animal interactions and guided hikes, learn at interesting presentations, and much, much more!

Vendors include:

- Girl Scouts of Citrus
- Laura Bennett-Kimble – Native plant-inspired gifts
- Friends of Lake Apopka
- Bloom and Grow Garden Society
- Passionflower Chapter - Florida Native Plant Society
- Orange Audubon Society
- Barefoot Gnome Yoga
- Regenerative Designs – Permaculture Landscaping and organic plants
- Green Mountain Scenic Byway
- TakingRoot Wellness & Apiary

## TAKE THE TRAILS SAFETY SURVEY!



The Healthy West Orange Trails Connection brings together partners to promote, activate, and enhance the trail system. As part of that effort, we are planning a safety audit that begins with the West Orange Trail, and your feedback is key to its success. Let's make our community a safe and comfortable place to walk, bike and roll! Take the survey now at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TGV2KZ8>

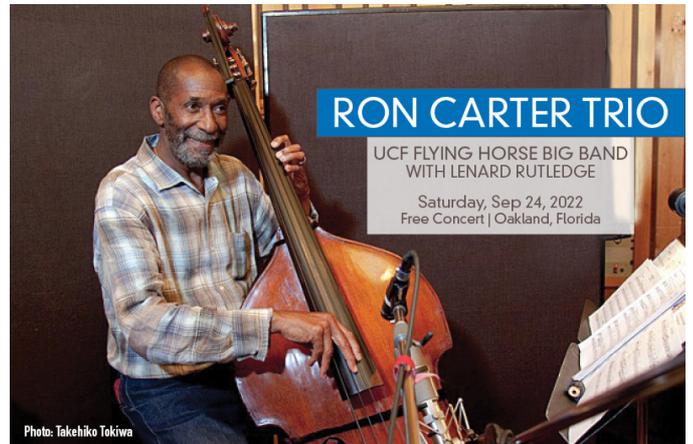
## WELL PROJECT CONTINUES

In order to accommodate the growing demands of our residents, as well as meeting strict regulatory agency requirements, the Town has begun drilling a new water well near the intersection of Brock Street and Gulley Avenue.

Traffic patterns will not be disrupted, however from time to time, there will be some construction noise. As a reminder, construction work within the Town of Oakland is allowed to begin at 7 a.m.

The hammering of the outer well casing will be somewhat noisy, but will be followed by the drilling, which will be quieter.

## LEGENDARY MUSICIAN RON CARTER TO PERFORM



The Ron Carter Trio will be headlining the free HAPCO Jazz Show on Saturday, Sep 24 in Oakland. It's your chance to experience his groundbreaking technique and style in person.

Ron Carter is a legendary jazz bassist who has performed all over the world and recorded over 2,500 albums. He has been a guiding influence in the world of music since he began his career in the early 1960s. He was a member of Miles Davis' now classic quintet from 1963-68, along with Herbie Hancock, Tony Williams and Wayne Shorter.

- HAPCO FREE JAZZ SHOW
- Ron Carter Trio
- UCF's Flying Horse Big Band
- Saturday, September 24, 2022
- 7-9 pm
- Oakland Town Center
- 221 North Arrington St | Oakland, FL

The performance is presented in collaboration with Pappy Martin Legacy Jazz Collective and Tennessee Valley Jazz Society and supported by Presenter Consortium for Jazz, a program of Chamber Music America, funded through the generosity of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

Details: [www.HAPCOpromo.org](http://www.HAPCOpromo.org)