

TOWN OF Oakland FLORIDA

"Among the Oaks"



SANTA ROLLS INTO TOWN DEC. 3

Offering exciting experiences and classic holiday joy, the Town of Oakland is thrilled to announce “Santa’s Lane” is returning bigger and jollier than ever with more sparkling lights and new activities including an alpine slide, snow flurries, food trucks, music and more!

Presented by Duke Energy, “Santa’s Lane” will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Oakland Town Center, located at 230 N. Tubb St. Guests will have the opportunity to sit with Santa for a free photo opportunity and kids will go home with a special treat from the North Pole, while supplies last.

Santa’s Lane is presented by Duke Energy with additional sponsors including The Lakeside Church, Orlando Health, Healthy West Orange, Paradise Landscaping, Waste Management, Lakeview Networks LLC, Oakland Presbyterian Church, and West Orange Creamery.

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AMONG THE OAKS EXHIBIT

Commemorating nearly two decades as a Tree City USA®, Oakland is hosting a special art and history exhibit celebrating the beauty of nature and delving into the inspiration behind Oakland's name. "Among the Oaks" will explore when the town was just a sapling and how Oakland continues to care for its towering trees.

The show is being held at the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at 126 W. Petris Ave., Oakland now through Jan. 6.

The exhibit will feature the works of 49 Florida artists.

An open house where attendees can meet the artists will be held during the Town of Oakland's Santa's Lane Community Event on Dec. 3 from 3-6 p.m. Art is available for purchase and pick-up at the conclusion of the show.

Additionally, guests will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite beautifully decorated Christmas tree as part of the "Trees of the Season" display at the Center, where community members display designed trees for a chance to win best in show.

For more, visit oaklandfl.gov.

OAKLAND NAMES NEW POLICE CHIEF

The Oakland Police Department is proud to welcome Darron T. Esan as its new police chief. Chief Esan brings 26 years of law enforcement experience and recently retired from the Orlando Police Department at the rank of Lieutenant.

"I am looking forward to the challenges of leading the Oakland Police Department," he said. "I have a strong desire to emphasize the principles of Community Oriented Policing and plan to be involved within the community while also remaining available to our citizens."

While with the Orlando Police Department, Chief Esan served as a Field Training Officer and a Criminal Investigator before being promoted to Sergeant in 2006. As a Sergeant, Chief Esan was assigned to and supervised units within Patrol, Community Involvement (Downtown Bikes Unit), Neighborhood Patrol Unit, Uniform Drug Unit, CID – Robbery, and CID – Homicide. There, he was able to create and supervise the first multi-jurisdictional task force in Central Florida related to the investigation of Homicide, the Joint Homicide Investigation Team (JHIT), falling under the 9th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office.

