

# TOWN OF Oakland FLORIDA

"Among the Oaks"



## "HOLD FAST TO DREAMS" CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

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The Town of Oakland is inviting the public to a new art and history exhibition "Hold Fast to Dreams": Celebrating Black History in Oakland." The exhibit's soft opening will be held during Oakland Heritage Day from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Jan. 28 at the Healthy West Orange Arts and Heritage Center at the Town of Oakland, 126 W. Petris Ave.

The exhibit's opening reception will be held on Feb. 9 from 5-7 p.m. and will feature a jazz performance by LeNard Rutledge and Friends, presented by HAPCO Music Foundation and the Town of Oakland, and food for purchase from Jacobs Joint food truck.

Featured artists include Fritz-Lee Saint Paulin, Ileana Miquilena, Cameron Bims, Mike Goodge, Michael Luzzi, Constance Sartor, Anne Fanelli, Dave Minichiello, Lori Warren, Joe Warren, Jambvant Ramoutar, Laura Serdiuk, Ileana Miquilena, Cheryl McLean, Maho Shing, Michael Volpicelli, Bianca Booz, Ronda Richley, and Kathleen Bell.

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## OAKLAND NAMED TREE CITY FOR 20TH YEAR

For the 20th 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 2022, Public Works staff oversaw the installation of approximately 500 new trees of various species, which included those planted on Town-owned properties, 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.

“Through the efforts of both public and private sectors, and the volunteer efforts at the Oakland Nature Preserve, the Town of Oakland has done a remarkable job of preserving and maintaining our urban tree canopy for future generations,” said Public Works Director Mike Parker.

## DUKE ENERGY TO TRIM TREES IN OAKLAND

Duke Energy crews will be pruning trees along electric lines located in Oakland through the 1st quarter of 2023. Typically, crews start at the substation and work their way out/down the line. The tree crews will be cleaning up all debris associated with our maintenance activities. As a reminder, debris resulting from storm damage or other events unrelated to Duke maintenance activities is the responsibility of the homeowners. Part of the pruning activity will occur on lateral lines, some of which will require climbing in rear lot areas.

Trees are a leading cause of power outages. Duke Energy's progressive tree care practices help minimize outages during storms. Duke Energy Florida has been recognized for its tree care practices with the distinctive Tree Line USA designation from The National Arbor Day Foundation for 16 consecutive years.

## TOWN CELEBRATES SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK



School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options. Mayor Kathy Stark, on behalf of the Town of Oakland Commission, recognized Jan. 22 – 28 as School Choice Week.