



Roll out the Barrel for Oakland Park's 10th Annual Oktoberfest Two-day Celebration at Jaco Pastorius Park October 3-4

The 10th Annual Oakland Park Oktoberfest is October 3-4 at the City's Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 North Dixie Highway.

Friday hours are 5 to 11 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 11 p.m.

Oakland Park has turned its annual Oktoberfest celebration into one of South Florida's signature cultural entertainment events featuring dozens of dashing dachshunds and an overload of "oompah."

"Oakland Park Oktoberfest has been one of the catalysts in our City's extreme makeover and we are excited this year's celebration is part of 'Broward 100' celebrating the art of community," Mayor Shari McCartney

said. "The event complements our new downtown Culinary Arts District and allows us to welcome many first time visitors to our community."

Oakland Park Oktoberfest attracts thousands of fun loving people who enjoy

the festive atmosphere with authentic German cuisine, beverages and music. The event also features a children's carnival area and other fun attractions.

The large tent replicates a traditional Bavarian village celebration, including a stage and dance floor. Scheduled entertainment includes one of the nation's foremost Oktoberfest show bands, the Texas-based "Alpine Express," as well as German musician and singer Sepp Diepolder. Performances by the "Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler Dancers" will delight attendees with their colorful attire and dancing display.

"Oktoberfest is truly meant to be a celebration for all ages and we encourage a lot of singing and dancing," says City Parks and Leisure Services Director Amy Flaherty. "We will also engage our audience with fun Oktoberfest games and contests, such as our popular 'Dachshund Dash,' beer stein races and apple strudel-eating contests."

For volunteer opportunities and other information, please visit www.oaklandparkfl.gov or call the City's Parks and Leisure Services office at 954-630-4502.



Mayor's Summit on Education Spawns Wide Array of New Volunteer Opportunities

Oakland Park Mayor Shari McCartney launched a recent initiative to partner with Broward County Schools to address and improve education in our City. A strong turnout from the schools and community participated.

"Our intent is to establish a strong and vibrant community, which requires strong and vibrant schools," Mayor McCartney stated.

One outcome from the summit on education is the City's Community Volunteer Corps joined forces with the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library to develop several programs to assist students and parents with increasing the literacy, test scores and performance skills of children though:

- Homework Help
- Technology Assistance
- Reading Buddies

The Library is recruiting interested volunteers of all ages to help improve youth literacy and education in our community. High school students are encouraged to become engaged and can acquire much needed community service hours. Bilingual skills such as Spanish and Creole are also needed.

Please join in the success of these exciting new programs. From the early stages of a child's life, you could help change and shape it forever! To learn how you can participate, please call the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library at 954-630-4370.



Mayor and City Commission

City Commission Meetings, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Live streaming at www.oaklandparkfl.gov
Comcast Channel 78
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Agendas and Backup online at www.oaklandparkfl.gov.



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The City Commission selected Mr. David Hebert as Oakland Park's new city manager following the announced retirement of longtime city manager John Stunson who served the City from 2001-2014 and also from 1974-1983.

Oakland Park "Night Out" Safety Event October 9

The Broward Sheriff's Office/Oakland Park District invites children and adults to its annual "Oakland Park Night Out" safety event at Jaco Pastorius Park from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, **October 9.**

BSO's Night Out, traditionally popular with the youngsters of Oakland Park, features free bicycle helmets and a bike rodeo for children, as well as free school supplies and entertainment. Sponsors and volunteers provide refreshments to attendees.

BSO/Oakland Park District Chief Al Hubrig recognizes the Night Out sponsors for their support, including the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida, Oakland Park Kiwanis, Sal's Towing and the City's Fire Rescue and Parks and Leisure Services Departments.

Chief Hubrig outlined the goals for this free community event:

- Enhance crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for participation in local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are engaged, inspired and united to eliminate criminal activity

To learn more, please call the City's Parks and Leisure Services Department at **954-630-4500.**



Is Your Property Crawling with Iguanas?



Iguanas can cause damage by eating landscape plants, flowers, shrubs, and trees. They also dig burrows next to seawalls and foundations. Iguana droppings around decks, docks and swimming pools are also a common complaint.

Green iguanas are not native to Florida, but thrive in our warm climate. Iguanas are typically not aggressive, but may defend themselves against pets and against people who try to catch or corner them. Iguanas can bite, scratch, or strike with their powerful tails. Since they are mostly herbivorous (plant eating),

iguanas are probably here to stay. As with all wildlife, iguanas are protected by anti-cruelty laws, and inhumane treatment of them is punishable by law. Tips to Discourage Iguanas:

Exclusion

- Never feed iguanas.
- Protect plants with cages or screen enclosures.
- Use iguana-resistant plants such as citrus, milkweed, pigeon plum, oleanders, coonties, etc., in your landscape.
- Install sheet-metal cylinders approximately 18 inches from the base of trees to prevent iguanas from climbing.
- Create an L-shaped wire barrier along the bottom of seawalls and other fixed objects to prevent iguanas from digging underneath.

Habitat Modification

- Avoid planting iguana favorites such as hibiscus, orchids, impatiens, roses, garden greens, melons, etc.
- Remove protective cover such as dense thickets and piles of landscape timber or rocks.
- Fill vacant burrows with rocks.

Humane Discouragement

- Keep a water hose ready and available to spray basking iguanas on pool decks or boats.
- A startling noise will also create an unwelcome atmosphere for a sunning iguana that feels a bit too much at home poolside.
- Hang CDs near seawalls or dangle them like wind chimes from trees or prized plants. Their reflective surfaces often scare away iguanas.
- For more tips and information on coexisting with iguanas, call the South Florida Wildlife Center at **954-524-4302.**

Parks and Leisure News & Notes

Youth Soccer -- Join the City's largest youth program. It's a great way to learn and play soccer. Separate teams for boys and girls in most divisions. Open to ages 4 to 16 with registration closing October 10 and league play beginning November 10. The fee is \$55 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Games are held at Wimberly Field (4000 NE 3 Avenue) and Stevens Field (3881 NE 6 Avenue).

Public School Holidays --Oakland Park's Public School Holiday sessions will keep your child busy, entertained and safe with games, movies, competitions, sports, fun time and arts and crafts. Advance registration is required. Upcoming dates are Friday, October 24 and Tuesday, November 4. This service is provided at Spiher Recreation Center (1246 NE 37 Street) from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. The daily cost is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

Veteran's Day Ceremony -- Remember U.S. Military Veterans with the City and American Legion Post 222. The ceremony will be held Tuesday, **November 11** at 11 a.m. at the City flagpole at Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Highway.

Moonlit Movie -- Beginning in November, Moonlit Movies will move to selected Saturdays every other month. There will be bounce houses, entertainment, music, games, and more for the entire family followed by a feature movie on our giant 40-foot outdoor movie screen when the sun goes down. So bring your lawn chairs and blankets to watch your favorite Hollywood stars. The next scheduled movie is "Free Birds" on Saturday, **November 15** at Jaco Pastorius Park. The activities begin at 3 p.m. and movie begins at sundown.

Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve Receives Recognition -- The City won the 2014 Broward County Emerald Award in the category of Municipality/Government for the Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve. This award is given to recipients that demonstrate and promote environmentally sound practices to protect the natural environment. The City's ongoing efforts at this site to adopt and protect the threatened gopher tortoise species were featured on Chanel 10 News with Reporter and Animal Advocate Jacey Birch. Experience this piece of paradise by visiting the preserve at 2820 NW 27 Avenue. To learn more about the programs, events and activities with the City's Parks and Leisure Services Department, please call **954-630-4500**.

Parks and Leisure Mini-Bus Helps to Market the City



As part of the Proud Oakland Park (POP) initiative to beautify the City, the Parks and Leisure Services Department is proud to announce their new mini-bus that really "pops!" The bus was recently wrapped to demonstrate the core services the

department provides including parks, recreational programs, reading and of course, fun. Transportation with the City's ADA-accessible mini-bus will be utilized for the Active Adults program, child care and field trips. Check out all of the variety of activities the department provides at www.oaklandparkfl.gov.

Decorated Vehicle Contest to Highlight City's Annual 'Fall-o-Ween' Event on October 25



The City's annual "Fall-o-Ween" event will take place at Jaco Pastorius Park (4000 North Dixie Highway) on Saturday, **October 25** from 4 to 9 p.m. This family oriented, non-scary event will feature Halloween costume contests,

interactive stage show, games, crafts, music and other entertainment. A popular feature of this event is "Trunk or Treat" which will be a display of decorated vehicles that will offer candy to the children -- from the trunk of a car or the tailgate of a truck. To enter a decorated vehicle or for other information, please call **954-630-4507**.

Volunteers Wanted for Rickards Middle School Garden



On Saturday, **November 1**, volunteers are needed to help create a butterfly and bird garden at Rickards Middle School, 6000 NE 9 Avenue. Some light gardening, planting and mulching are involved from 8 a.m. to noon. By planting the right kinds of plants and shrubs, the

garden will become a magnet for butterflies and birds which will be a delight for faculty and students to enjoy. Please bring gloves, hats and sunblock. Water will be provided. To participate, please call **954-630-4502**.

Volunteer Corps Members Tackle Road Cleanup



A small group of dedicated volunteers tackled a very big job clearing truckloads of trash and overgrowth on NE 12 Avenue north of Commercial Boulevard. Included in this project were members of Kiwanis of Oakland Park, Broward Sheriff's Office, and City Commissioner Tim Lonergan.

This energetic team requested a return date to address more details in effort to discourage future dumping and misuse. Thank you all so much for your commitment and service to your community and making a difference.

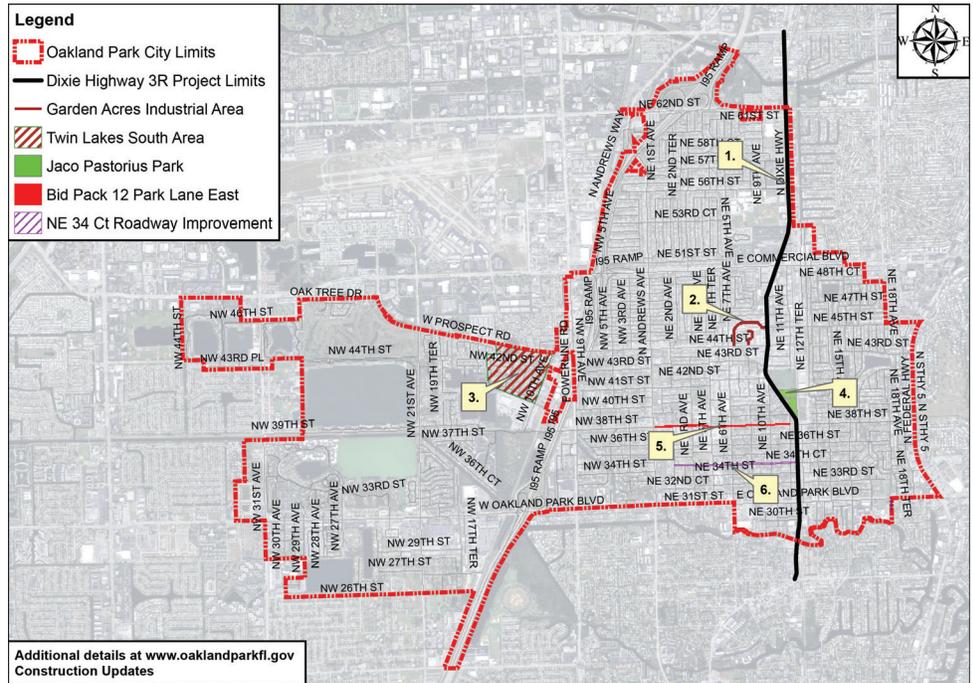
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Projects Under Construction Map

The City's Engineering and Community Development Department has created a "Projects Under Construction" map to help keep residents informed. The map pinpoints six (6) projects currently under construction impacting the City:

1. Dixie Highway Roadway Improvements Project (Florida Dept. of Transportation project)
2. Garden Acres Industrial Area Sewer Project (City project)
3. Twin Lakes South Neighborhood Improvement Project (Broward County project)
4. North Jaco Pastorius Park Improvements Project (City project)
5. Park Lane East (NE 38 Street) Road Improvements Project (City project)
6. NE 34 Ct Roadway Improvements (City project)

To learn more these and future construction projects, please visit www.oaklandparkfl.gov to view construction updates or call the City's Engineering and Community Development Department at 954-630-4480.



Flood Safety Checklist

WELL BEFORE: Tree pruning and trimming may lessen the possibility of uprooting.

JUST BEFORE:

- Stock up on drinking water and nonperishable food supplies.
- Relocate furniture/appliances off the floor.
- Pick up all loose debris and objects around your home. Bring exterior furniture and potted plants, etc. indoors.
- Turn the refrigerator to the coldest setting.
- Place your valuables in water tight containers.
- Check on the elderly, disabled, or others who may need assistance.
- Turn off all utilities at the main switch.

DURING:

- Confine your pets to an area that is not flooded.
- For information on where to board your pets, visit www.collierem.org/pets/broward.htm
- Watch where you're stepping in flooded structures because unseen debris could cause injury.
- Stay indoors until the official "all clear" is given.

AFTER:

- Do not drive or walk through flooded areas if the water is above your knees. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.

- Do not turn electricity back on if you see downed power lines, or until you get clearance from FPL
- Do not use appliances that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried out.

Drainage System Maintenance

Local flooding can result from the blockage of waterways and drainage facilities through the buildup of plant material. Our Stormwater Division helps keep canals clear by performing monthly cleaning of waterways, and regular cleaning of stormwater conveyance lines and City catch basins. You may contact the Streets & Stormwater Division at **954-630-4435**. A blockage can also occur through dumping. Dumping in waterways is a violation of State Law and City Code and should be reported to the Code Enforcement Division at 954-630-4400, or the Broward Sheriff's Office, District 12 at **954-561-6161**.

Additional Disaster Information

Each year the City of Oakland Park Library features a special display of disaster preparedness material. They also have an extensive selection of both reference and handout material available year round. Topics include: flood insurance, flood protection, hurricane preparedness, floodplain management, and flood maps. Several items are available in Spanish as well as English. To obtain this valuable information, visit the Oakland Park Library (**954-630-4370**), located behind City Hall, or visit FEMA's Website at www.fema.gov