



58th Annual Youth Day on April 11 | Come along on a Youth Day Safari!



The City of Oakland Park's Annual Youth Day Celebration will take you on a thrilling safari Saturday, **April 11**. The day will kick off with Broward County's longest consecutively run parade beginning 10 a.m. in front of Oakland Park City Hall. The parade will follow the traditional route from prior years:

- City Hall/NE 12th Avenue south to NE 34th Court
- NE 34th Court west to NE 6th Avenue
- NE 6th Avenue north to NE 38th Street
- NE 38th Street west to NE 5th Avenue
- NE 5th Avenue north to Wimberly Field Athletic Complex

Enter your float or decorated vehicle in the parade or enter your bike in the newest judged category, the Decorated Bicycle Contest where you can ride your safari themed two or three wheeler. Immediately following the parade, the excitement shifts to Wimberly Field where the festival will begin. Don't miss out on all of the fun carnival rides, games, great music, the world famous Mai-Kai

Polynesian Revue, Little Miss Oakland Park Contest (for registration information please call **954-630-4507**), the Penn House Productions interactive family stage show, fireworks and plenty of excitement.

Wristbands for unlimited rides are \$15/person and can be purchased in advance weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 23 to April 10 at Oakland Park City Hall, the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library or Collins Community Center. Ride wristbands can be purchased at the event gate for \$20/person with individual ride tickets also available.

View a detailed map with available parking and parade viewing areas, as well as the complete schedule of Youth Day events, on the City's website: www.oaklandparkfl.gov. For more information, please call **954-630-4500**.



Northeast High School Marching Band

Oakland Park's Mai-Kai Named to National Register of Historic Places



The National Park Service recently announced Oakland Park's Mai-Kai Restaurant has received prestigious placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

"The inclusion of the Mai-Kai on the register reflects its iconic place in popular South Florida culture, and cements growing recognition of the abiding importance of Mid-Century tourist-oriented roadside architecture to the region's development," according to an article published in the Sun-Sentinel newspaper.

With support from the Oakland Park Historical Society, the City's Historic Preservation Board previously approved the Mia-Kai's application for Historic Designation providing for protection under both the local and national designations. The Mai-Kai, located at 3599 N. Federal Highway in Oakland Park, has maintained its unique appearance and appeal since 1956.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: Watch your mail in April for the Spring-Summer edition of Oakland Park LIVE – your hometown magazine containing everything you need to know about living in the City of Oakland Park.

Mayor and City Commission

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

Live streaming at www.oaklandparkfl.gov
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Opportunities to Serve

Advisory Board applications are located on the City's website www.oaklandparkfl.gov. Interested residents can learn more about City Boards by calling the City Clerk's office at **954-630-4300**.

Oakland Park Fire Rescue Welcomes New Employees



The City of Oakland Park and Fire Rescue Department welcomes four new employees and one transfer from the Fire Prevention Bureau. **Michael Fishman, Franklin Herrera, Michael Karcher and Robert Youngblood** where selected as part of an extensive testing process. This process included a written exam, oral interview and extensive background review. The fifth is **Keith Braun** – a City Fire Inspector who went through the same testing process for hire.

These employees also underwent a two-week training program to acclimate them to their new assignments.

The first week consisted of administrative, medical and emergency vehicle driving training. The second week focused on fire training at the Broward Fire Academy where they received multiple types of fire-related training.

The Department also recognizes **Juan Sanchez** who started with Fire Rescue last October.

2015 Property Tax Exemption Filing Dates For Assistance at Oakland Park City Hall



Broward County Property Appraiser Lori Parrish announced special homeowner sign-up dates for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at Oakland Park City Hall.

Deputy Property Appraisers will assist residents in the City Commission Chambers the **first Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include:

- A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, and
- A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile
- Non-US citizens must also provide proof of permanent residency.

The City of Oakland Park approved an additional exemption for low-income seniors for the City portion of their property tax bill for the 2015 tax year. Documents required to file for the Senior Exemption include a 2014 income tax return or, if one does not file income taxes, a copy of the 2014 Social Security 1099 Form.

For additional information, visit www.bcpa.net or contact the BCPA Outreach Department at **954-357-5579**.

Aging & Disability Resource Center



The Aging & Disability Resource Center offers an Information and Referral Program to provide information on services for Broward County seniors, persons with severe and persistent mental illness, their families, and caregivers. It is the official Elder Help Line for Broward County.

Trained information and referral specialists listen to concerns and provide information for a variety of senior service providers, including publicly funded and private pay services. The staff can assist in English, Spanish, and Creole.

You can reach the ADRC Information and Referral staff by calling **954-745-9979** or TTY **954-745-5689**.

Walk-ins also are welcome. The ADRC's office is located at: 5300 Hiatus Road in Sunrise. Information and Referral Services are available week days 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parks and Leisure News & Notes

Moonlit Movie – March 7: Don't miss the City's free Moonlit Movie series featuring the Disney hit "Maleficent" **March 7**. This event begins at 3 p.m. with bounce houses, games, entertainment and great food. As the sun sets, make sure you grab your popcorn and blanket or lawn chair and watch your favorite Hollywood stars on the City's giant 40-foot outdoor screen.

Tunes & Tracks with Valerie Tyson – March 13: Join us Friday **March 13** for our first Tunes & Tracks concert with "South Florida's Very Own Queen of Soul" Valerie Tyson. Get ready for some rocking fun this spring with this free concert series held at Jaco Pastorius Park on Fridays from March through May. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and sit back and relax to the tunes. The concert dates are **March 13, April 24 and May 29**.

Earth Day – April 8: This year our Earth Day program is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve, 2820 NW 27 Avenue. Northeast High School's Ecology Club students will participate. This program is open to residents. To volunteer, please call **954-630-4502**. The City's Horticulturist will lead the volunteers in removing love vine and invasive rosary pea, thinning out dense stands of scrub oak, and removing lime rock from the garden in front of the pavilion. Volunteers will also assist Parks staff with the planting of native scrub plants. Volunteers should wear comfortable clothing and closed-toed shoes. A hat, sunscreen and gloves are advised. The city will supply tools, water and light snacks.

Spring Break Camp March 23-27



Keep your children busy over Spring Break and register them for the City's Spring Break Camp. Staff will keep them active and entertained with crafts, games, day trips, outdoor play and more. The City provides a safe and fun activities camp focusing on the healthy development of children through age-appropriate activities and lessons. Fun and exciting field trips include:

- **Monday March 23: Off The Wall \$25**
- **Tuesday March 24: Chuck E. Cheese \$15**
- **Wednesday March 25: Rapids Water Park \$30**
- **Thursday March 26: Cypress Regal Cinemas \$10**
- **Friday March 27: Galaxy Skateway \$10**

Grades: Kindergarten thru Eighth

Register at the following locations:

- Spiher Recreation Center: 1246 NE 37 Street, 954-630-4505
- North Andrews Gardens Recreation Center: 250 N.E. 56 Court, 954-938-0619
- Collins Community Center: 3900 NE 3 Avenue, 954-630-4494
- City Hall: 3650 NE 12 Avenue, 954-630-4500

Camps are divided by Grade Level:

Grades K-2 will be at North Andrews Gardens Recreation Center and Grades 3-8 will be at Spiher Recreation Center

Operating Time: 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

One-Week Session Fee: \$50 Resident, \$75 Non-resident

Registration is also open for the April 3 public school holiday. The one-day for children in grades K-8 camp takes place at Spiher Recreation Center. The fee is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. For more information, please call Parks and Leisure Services at **954-630-4500**.

Black History Month Celebration



The City of Oakland Park's Black History Month Celebration was held on Saturday, February 7 at Jaco Pastorius Park. Beautiful weather greeted a crowd of more than 300 who enjoyed listening to the fantastic sounds of Michelliah McCraney, Kayla Oliva and YD the Best. The entertainment also featured traditional African dance and drums provided by Motherland. Festival patrons enjoyed a sample of delicious foods, displays from the Dillard House and free ice cream courtesy of Sal's Towing.

Volunteer Opportunities for Annual Waterway Cleanup on March 7



38th Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup
WHERE BLUE MEETS GREEN

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida has once again selected the City's J. Dewey Hawkins Landing Boat Ramp/Canoe & Kayak Launch as one of the volunteer collection sites for the 38th Annual Waterway Cleanup on Saturday, **March 7**.

This year's event will begin 9 a.m. at the City's boat ramp at 2900 NE 12 Terrace (just south of Oakland Park Boulevard).

Take the family out for a canoe or kayak trip in our local waterways and collect unwanted debris during this countywide effort, or you can also walk the shores of waterway parks "where blue meets green." You do not need a boat to participate. The Waterway Cleanup is one of Broward County's largest environmental events. In 2014, nearly 1,700 volunteers by land and 70 boats worked at locations across Broward to successfully remove nearly 18 tons of trash and debris from our waterways and shorelines.

Help clean our Oakland Park waterways and improve wildlife habitats while enjoying a wonderful day outdoors. Meet new friends who share your interest in the environment and give your children the gift of nature. To sign up, contact Bruce Garrison, Volunteer Services Manager, at bruceg@oaklandparkfl.gov or call **954-630-4502**.

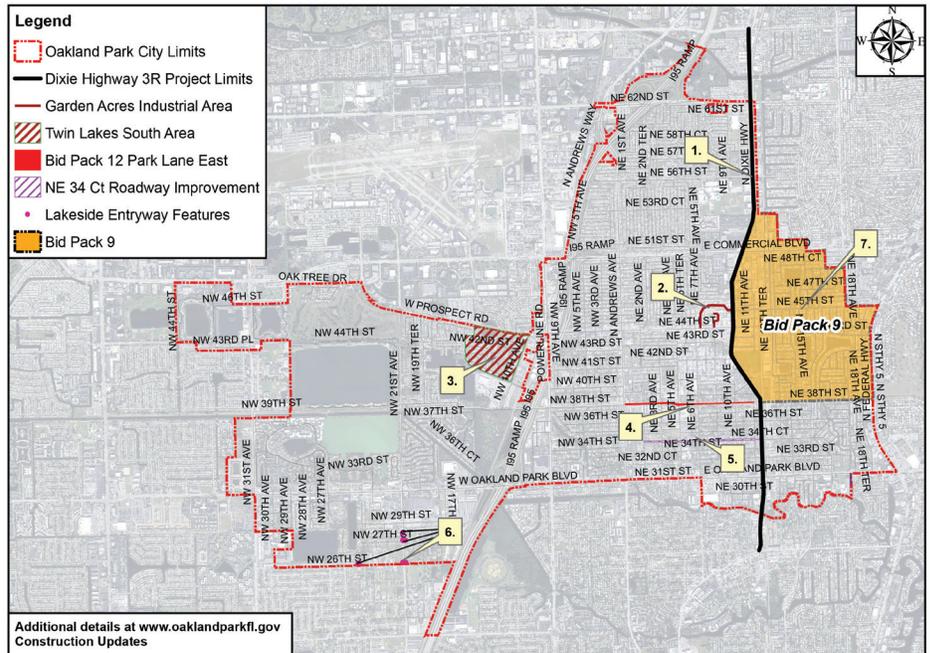


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Map of Projects Under Construction in March 2015

The City's Engineering and Community Development Department maintains a "Projects Under Construction" map to help keep residents informed. The map pinpoints seven (7) projects currently under construction impacting the City:

1. Dixie Highway Roadway Improvements Project (Florida Dept. of Transportation Project being completed and closed out)
2. Garden Acres Industrial Area Sewer Project (City project being completed and closed out)
3. Twin Lakes South Neighborhood Improvement Project (Broward County project being completed and closed out)
4. Park Lane East (NE 38 Street) Roadway Improvements Project (City project being completed and closed out)
5. NE 34 Court Improvements (City project)
6. Lakeside Entryway Signs (City project)
7. Bid Pack 9 (water, sewer, drainage, & roadway improvements) east of Dixie Highway and north of NE 38 Street/Park Lane East. (City project)



Projects Under Construction in March 2015

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.

Bulk Trash Reminder: No Bulk Collection March 30-April 3



As part of its continuing neighborhood beautification efforts, the City revised its Bulk Trash collection zone boundaries last September. To help achieve the objective of collecting bulk trash the first two days of the collection week, a limited number of residences were switched from Zone 2 (collection starts on second Monday of month) to Zone 4 (collection starts on fourth Monday of month).

Residential bulk trash must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. Monday of your neighborhood zone's collection week. Unacceptable bulk items are tagged by Code Enforcement and residents are given three days to remove items. **Please note that March has 5 Mondays so there will be no bulk trash collection the week of March 30 – April 3.** The Bulk Trash collection map can be viewed at: www.oaklandparkfl.gov or residents can call the Solid Waste Division at 954-630-4452 to confirm their collection zone/Monday of the month.