



City Enhances Website with New Look and Helpful Online Features



The City of Oakland Park transitioned to a new website which can be accessed in the same manner at www.oaklandparkfl.gov.

Helpful online features include:

- “Report a Concern” – This citizen request tracker allows users to “report a concern” such as graffiti, potholes, streetlights out, and other non-emergency issues online and track their progress
- “Notify Me” – Sign up for a variety of posted notifications, including agendas, alerts, calendars, events and other updates.
- “Online Services” – Online access to business tax receipts, City Commission agendas & webcasts, code of ordinances, code enforcement (E-code anonymous reporting), permit access, public records search, registration for parks and leisure activities, and utility bill payments.
- “Financial Transparency” – An “open government” portal featuring financial and budget information.

For more information, please call **954-630-4300**.

Community Redevelopment Agency Update



The Oakland Park Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) held a “Meet and Greet” with our downtown partners April 29 at Funky Buddha Brewery. A cross section of business and property owners, realtors and other Oakland Park business owners attended.

Prodeco Tech, an electric bicycle manufacturer in the Oakland Station, held a grand opening May 13 as one of the Foreign Trade Zone companies that operate within Broward County Port Everglades. FTZ No. 25 is the first of its kind and the largest in Florida.

Alberte’s, a popular Caribbean restaurant in Palm Beach County, plans to open at Oakland Station. The owners expect to open later this summer.

Another Castle, the new bar-cade at 1242 Park Lane East, is working on their licensing and architectural plans for renovation.

The Filling Station restaurant, 3200 NE 12 Avenue/Oakland Park Main Street, is moving forward with plans to open Downtown. A grand opening date is expected to be announced soon.

Allied Kitchen and Bath is working on their façade improvements and expect to have a grand opening of their showroom this September.

Due to popular demand, the Music on Main series will continue through the summer and into the fall. The June band is Pan Paradise, a steel pan band on **June 26** at 6 p.m. The events also feature a wide assortment of food trucks.

The community gardeners at the Discovery Farm are growing peppers, fresh herbs, greens and tomatoes. Several hydroponic towers have also been installed for large volume growing. The chefs from Funky Buddha and the Urban Farmer are working on menus featuring items grown at the Discovery Farm. Funky Buddha celebrates its 2nd Anniversary in Oakland Park Saturday **May 30** with a major event that will close-off NE 38 Street/Park Lane East.

The \$550,000 grant application for the “downtown connector” to Jaco Pastorius Park was submitted May 13. The downtown connector is an enhancement of the existing entrance from Park Lane East north along Dixie Highway to the park. The project includes a wider walkway, a more open entry and a plaza with a fountain feature.

Annual Father’s Day Weekend Fishing Tournament at Royal Palm Park



Get your fishing poles ready and get hooked on this free “catch and release” tournament open to all ages and genders. The first line goes in the water at Royal Palm Park at 7 a.m. on **Saturday, June 20**. The park is located at 1701 NW 38 Street/Park

Lane West. At 10 a.m., the results are tabulated with trophies awarded for the biggest fish caught, most fish caught and the casting contest winners. Refreshments will be available. For more information, please call **954-630-4500**.

Mayor and City Commission

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

Live streaming at www.oaklandparkfl.gov
Comcast Channel 78
AT&T U-verse Channel 99

Agendas and backup online 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**.

What to Do If You Have a Cooking Fire



While cooking, always keep a lid to the pot/pan nearby. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the

pan has cooled. Never pour water on a cooking pan grease fire. **Never** discharge a portable fire extinguisher into a grease fire because it will spread the fire. In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed until it is cool. After a fire, the oven should be checked and/or serviced before being used again. When in doubt, just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. After you leave, call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or a neighbor's telephone.

BSO/Oakland Park Helicopter Protocol

By Captain Allan R. Hubrig, District Chief



A primary focus of the Broward Sheriff's Office/Oakland Park District is addressing the concerns of citizens who are our partners in providing public safety and security. BSO allows for specialized resources available to assist Oakland Park and our helicopter is an important resource available to provide medical transport, assist in finding missing youths or seniors, and to offer perimeter control and assistance during police operations.

BSO/Oakland Park responds to burglaries in progress or that recently occurred as a top policing priority. When a burglary is dispatched that is recent or in progress, the entire district mobilizes to form a perimeter to help apprehend the offender(s).

This mobilization includes the use of K-9 dogs and the helicopter. Our actions do not represent any threat to the community at large and have proven to reduce the potential of suspect(s) causing additional harm. The helicopter provides a vantage point from which a suspect can be spotted, acts as a visible deterrent for the suspect to commit additional crimes, and curtails their movement to increase the rate of apprehension.

When the helicopter is overhead, the best course of action is to stay inside and call us if you observe anything suspicious. We will respond with all available resources to catch the suspect. This is part of our overall effort of partnering with city staff, elected officials, and, most importantly, the citizens of Oakland Park to reduce crime.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about the helicopter or other activity, please email me at Al_Hubrig@sheriff.org.

Hurricane Season Reminder



Florida's **2015 Atlantic hurricane season** officially begins June 1, 2015 and ends November 30, 2015. These dates historically describe the period each year when most tropical storms develop in the Atlantic Ocean.

Broward County recently launched a new "Hurricane Preparedness Guide" that can be viewed on mobile devices. Use the guide to assist with your annual hurricane preparations. Visit www.broward.org/HURRICANE and Oakland Park's Emergency Management page at

www.oaklandparkfl.gov to learn more.

Parks and Leisure News & Notes



Arbor Day -- The Arbor Day program was held April 24 at Northeast High School. City Horticulturist Charles Livio presented an assembly program for students. Vice Mayor Tim Lonergan read the Arbor Day proclamation and Beautification Advisory Board Chair Ed Mossa read the history of Arbor Day. A native gumbo limbo tree was planted in front of the school and students were taught proper planting, mulching and watering methods.

Summer Food Program -- The City of Oakland Park will again participate in the Florida Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program. Lunch and afternoon snacks will be served at the Collins Community Center, Spiker Recreation Center and North Andrews Gardens Recreation Center. This program is an open site to ALL youth under the age of 18.

Summer Camp -- Registration is open for the city's summer camp program. Summer camp is a 10-week, fun experience featuring field trips, swimming, sports, arts & crafts, games, movies, bowling and a variety of other activities. For locations, ages, dates, fees and other registration information, please call **954-630-4500**.

Parks and Leisure Busy with Enhancements

The city's Parks and Leisure Services staff has been busy with enhancements, including refurbishing the tennis and basketball courts at Green Leaf



Park, as well as adding Pickleball dimensions to the tennis courts, adjacent to the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library. Enhancements are also being completed to the courts at Royal Palm Park. Staff also enhanced the median landscaping of Park Lane West/NW 38 Street with attractive plantings.



Microsoft Office Student Advantage



Microsoft's Student Advantage Program provides free downloads of the full version of Microsoft Office (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher, Access, etc.) for all students in Broward County Public Schools, for use on their personal and mobile devices (Android and iOS).

The Student Advantage Program helps ensure students have access to the tools they need to be successful in their education and are prepared for the technology skills required in the workforce. To learn more, visit: <http://www.browardschools.com/StudentAdvantage>

Swimming Pool Safety

Drowning is the leading cause of death among children ages 1-4 in Florida and approximately 66 percent of drowning cases occur in residential pools.

Is your pool as safe as it can be? State law and the Florida Building Code require safety barriers for all residential pools built after October 1, 2000.

Barriers/fences/gates are intended to prevent a young child from crawling under, squeezing through, or climbing over to enter a pool.

- Pool covers, safety nets and childproof fences need to be secured at all times the pool is not in use.
- The ladder should be tightly affixed to the wall of the pool.
- Windows and doors leading to the pool area should be fitted with alarms.
- All doors leading directly to the pool area should be self-closing and self-latching.
- Research methods/options to prevent main drain entrapment injuries/fatalities.
- Another area to safeguard against suction problems is the vacuum line.
- Install safety face plates over wall skimmers to keep hands/fingers out.



A licensed swimming pool contractor should be contacted to review the safety features and entrapment prevention in your pool or spa. A licensed electrical contractor can inspect for electrical safety to prevent shock/electrocution.

In addition to these measures, pool safety experts remind us that supervision of children and emergency preparedness are essential to pool safety.

Earth Day Program

An Earth Day program was held on at the city's Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve. City Horticulturist Charles Livio led volunteers in clearing invasive species; opening up trails; trash cleanup; and planting of native wild flower seeds.



Volunteers included Northeast High School teacher Randa Flinn and students; Oakland Park Garden Club members; city volunteers; Chris Lockhart from Habitat Specialists and Kristen Hoss from Youth Environmental Alliance. A native planting demonstration was held with deer moss and the student volunteers received native tree and shrub seedlings.



