



City to Provide More Free Trees on June 25



Following the enthusiastic response to the Oakland Park **Free Tree Giveaway** in February, the city will hold another free tree giveaway Saturday, **June 25**, at Wimberly Field from 8 a.m. to noon (or when all the trees have been given away).

Included in the summer tree selection are a wide variety of trees and shrubs, as well as native slash pines. Both small (3-gallon) and larger (7-gallon) sizes will be available to choose from. Information will be shared regarding proper placement of your selected trees, as well as watering and maintenance tips.

In order to ensure that this opportunity can be enjoyed by all of our residents, Oakland Park has created a **Tree Assistance Program** through the city's Community Volunteer Corps to aid residents who require special assistance in the delivery and planting of trees.

For more information on the Free Tree Giveaway or to learn more about the Tree Assistance Program, please contact the Volunteer Services Manager Bruce Garrison at **954-630-4502**, or email at bruceg@oaklandparkfl.gov.

Studies have shown that the greenery and shade from trees provides a sense of serenity and wellbeing. We invite property and business owners to take part in our ongoing efforts "greening" our City.

2016 Playful City USA Communities Recognized for Prioritizing Play



The City of Oakland Park has been honored as one of 257 cities and towns across the United States as a 2016 Playful City USA.

Playful City USA is a national recognition program that honors cities and towns across the country for taking significant steps to make it easy for all kids

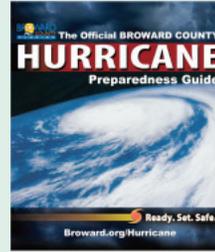
to get the balanced and active play they need to thrive.

The City of Oakland Park was recognized for structured children's programs, including after school care, summer camp and youth athletics, as well as a comprehensive calendar of activities at the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library such as the upcoming "Mighty Machines Day."

"Ensuring that Oakland Park youngsters have the proper play programs and facilities to thrive are primary areas of our focus," said the City's Parks and Leisure Services Director Heidi Burnett. "The idea of encouraging play is based on research that correlates play to the healthy development of children. Through play, children improve physical health and a greater sense of individual worth."

To see the full list of the 257 communities named 2016 Playful City USA honorees, or for more information on the Playful City USA program, visit www.playfulcityusa.org

Hurricane Season Reminders



Florida's 2016 Atlantic hurricane season officially begins June 1st and ends November 30th. The dates historically describe the period when most tropical storms develop in the Atlantic each year.

Broward County has a "Hurricane Preparedness Guide" to assist with hurricane preparations. Visit www.broward.org/HURRICANE and Oakland Park's Emergency Management page at www.oaklandparkfl.gov to learn more, including important information on:

Vulnerable Population Registry -- residents at risk due to disability, frailty or health issues, regardless of age, who elect to stay at home during a hurricane should register. This Broward County registry helps emergency personnel respond after hurricanes and other emergencies.

While registering in the database is not a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for responders, it will help responders be better prepared to meet resident needs following any disaster.

You can register online or by calling **954-831-4000** (TTY 954-831-3940).

Special Needs Shelters -- If you have a medical condition that requires a greater level of care than that provided at a General Population Shelter, but do not require hospitalization or a medical institution, a Special Needs Shelter may be appropriate. These shelters offer basic medical assistance and monitoring. They are staffed by qualified medical personnel and have back-up electricity for limited lighting and essential medical equipment.

Individuals with special needs are encouraged to make arrangements, in advance, for sheltering and evacuation transportation, if needed. Pre-registration for the Special Needs Shelter is open throughout the year and is strongly encouraged to ensure that the shelter will be adequately prepared to meet your needs.

To request or obtain an application for a Special Needs Shelter and/or Paratransit evacuation transportation, including applications in alternative formats, call Broward County Emergency Management at **954-831-3902** (TTY 954-831-3940).

CodeRED Notification System -- Oakland Park uses CodeRED to quickly deliver emergency messages to targeted areas, or the entire city. This system gives individuals and businesses the ability to add all of their phone numbers directly into the database and select how they receive emergency notifications (phone, text or emails). All businesses should register, as well as any individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number. CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. To sign up for Oakland Park's CodeRED alerts, please visit the Emergency Management page under City Services at: www.oaklandparkfl.gov

Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meetings scheduled for June 1 and June 15, 2016 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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Advisory Board Members Needed

Applications are located on the City's website www.oaklandparkfl.gov. Interested residents can learn more about City

Advisory Boards by calling the City Clerk's office at

954-630-4300.

Taking the "Bite" Out of Mosquito Season



Spring and summer brings frequent, heavy rain to South Florida and the potential for an increase in mosquito problems. Broward County Mosquito Control conducts aerial and ground spraying that target neighborhoods where high populations of the insects have been reported.

Mosquitoes are annoying and can pose a public health issue. The Broward County Biologist regularly traps mosquitos, separates them by species and detects any potential viruses. Findings determine the chemical application used and the type of spraying required.

The best protection from mosquito-transmitted diseases is to avoid exposure to mosquitoes. Other tips to take the bite out of mosquitos include:

- Keep doors and windows closed.
- Stay indoors at dusk and dawn.
- Dress in long-sleeved and light-colored clothing in a known mosquito-infested area.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET sparingly to clothing and skin.
- Inspect your yards and drains. Store or dispose cans, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools or other debris that can collect and hold standing water which promotes breeding.
- Maintain and clean roof gutters.

If you have a mosquito problem and need spraying, call Broward County Mosquito Control at **954-765-4062** or visit: <http://www.broward.org/Streets/Mosquito/Pages/Default.aspx>

Community Redevelopment Agency Update



Broward County unanimously approved the City's \$150,000 BRP funding request for the downtown Jaco Pastorius Park connector project – bringing the total funding received to \$700,000. County Commissioners Chip LaMarca and Dale Holness praised Oakland Park's redevelopment efforts.

Allied Kitchen and Bath's grand opening and ribbon cutting (see photo) attracted a large turnout. Switchbox Roasters plans to hold its ribbon cutting in June and Tenth Level Tavern (formerly Another Castle) will hold a grand opening event on June 4th from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Funky Buddha Brewery will celebrate its three-year anniversary with a beer fest at Jaco Pastorius Park on June 11th from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. This is a ticketed event (\$8) for attendees 21 years of age and over.

Koncept Events reports they have staged events for numerous Fortune 500 companies in Cabo, Mexico; Monterey & San Diego, CA; Park City,

UT, Dallas, TX; the Caribbean and throughout Florida – all planned by their team in their new headquarters in Oakland Park's Culinary Arts District.

A new restaurant "Kelvin 3200" will open later this summer at 3200 Oakland Park Main Street/NE 12th Avenue. The restaurant is a southern bistro and will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They will serve wine and beer. The business owners are renovating the exterior and interior, including an outdoor seating area.

The Prospect Plaza parking lot renovations continue on schedule. Construction commenced on the monument, trellis and directional signs. A Façade Incentive application was submitted for one of the recently purchased plaza properties at 222 NW 45th Street.

House Numbers: Can Emergency Responders Find You?

Oakland Park Fire Rescue recently ran a call and found the address number difficult to locate. Firefighters and emergency personnel need to find your home quickly should an emergency occur. Also, City Ordinance requires your home be identified with the house number.

How to Post Your House Number

- Directly on your house, apartment, or garage
- In a contrasting color that can be easily seen in daylight and at night
- On the mailbox or curb
- Anywhere it can be easily seen from the road
- Choose a letter style that is easy to read, not cursive style

Things You Can Do to Make Your House Number More Visible

- Purchase and install house numbers for your home.
- When purchasing house numbers, remember, your house numbers should be NO LESS THAN 4" TALL and in a contrasting color from your house color.
- Your house numbers should be visible up to 150 feet from all angles.
- Keep your numbers clearly visible throughout the year. Trees and shrubbery can cover the numbers.
- As a test, ask neighbors, friends, or others who visit your home if they would say your house numbers are easily readable.
- Encourage family, friends, and neighbors to post their house number, too.
- Have a family home fire escape plan and practice it often.
- Have a working smoke alarm on every level of your home, especially by the bedrooms.
- Contact the Oakland Park Fire Rescue Department at **954-630-4550** for additional information on help in protecting your home.

Annual Father's Day Weekend Fishing Tournament at Royal Palm Park June 18



Get your fishing poles ready and get hooked on this free "catch and release" tournament open to anglers of all ages and genders. The first line goes in the water at Royal Palm Park at 7 a.m. on Saturday, **June 18**. 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**.

Summer Food Program to Feed Children at Three City Facilities



The City Commission authorized Oakland Park to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) through the State of Florida, Department of

Agriculture. In 2015, the City served more than 5,000 lunches and 8,000 snacks to local students and children at the Parks and Leisure Services summer program sites.

For the 2016 SFSP, Oakland Park will serve lunch and afternoon snacks at Collins Community Center, Spihler Recreation Center, and North Andrews Gardens Recreation Center (same locations as 2015). The SFSP is open to ALL youth under the age of 18 at all three sites.

Oakland Park will be fully reimbursed for the cost of all meals and will receive an additional reimbursement for administrative expenses. In 2015, the city received \$27,562.04 from the State, which covered the food expenses of \$21,753.60 and \$5,808.44 for administrative costs for managing the program. Similar results are expected for 2016. To learn more, please call Parks and Leisure Services at **954-630-4500**.

Oakland Park Celebrates Earth Day & Arbor Day



For the annual Earth Day celebration, city staff engaged several diverse audiences to learn how they can help improve our planet's ecological health. The City's Parks and Leisure Services Department secured a \$5,000 grant through Broward County to plant nearly 30 new trees and shrubs

at the entrance to the Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve. Students and faculty from Northeast High School (photo of science instructor Randa Flinn at right) and members of the city's Community Volunteer Corps helped plant trees and spruce up the trails in the preserve.

Other Earth Day programs included a display with the City's Public Works Department to distribute recycle bags, information on the low flow toilet rebate program, energy saving pamphlets and information on how residents can certify their yard as a "Wildlife Habitat" thru the National Wildlife Federation, tips on how to attract birds & butterflies to your yard, and the benefits of planting trees in our community. Oakland Park was also honored that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services chose the Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve for a naturalization ceremony to swear in new naturalized citizens on Earth Day and invited City Horticulturist Charles Livio to be the keynote speaker on the importance of being an "environmental citizen."

City staff also presented an educational Arbor Day Program at Rickards Middle School which emphasized the importance of trees in our urban forests and the many benefits they afford mankind and wildlife. The program finished outdoors with students and faculty learning how to mulch and water a native Gumbo Limbo tree which the city planted on school grounds.

Library Receives 350 Entries in Illustrate-a-Book Contest



The Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library has been conducting its "Illustrate-a-Book" contest for 44 years to serve as a platform to connect children and tweens with books and their local library. An additional benefit of the contest is to provide an outlet for community children and tweens to express themselves and be recognized for their creative and artistic abilities. The Illustrate-a-Book Contest invites students K-8th grade to pick their favorite story and create an illustration much like a book cover. This year's contest featured a display of more than 350 submissions from local schools and learning centers.

This awards ceremony took place May 5th during Children's Book Week

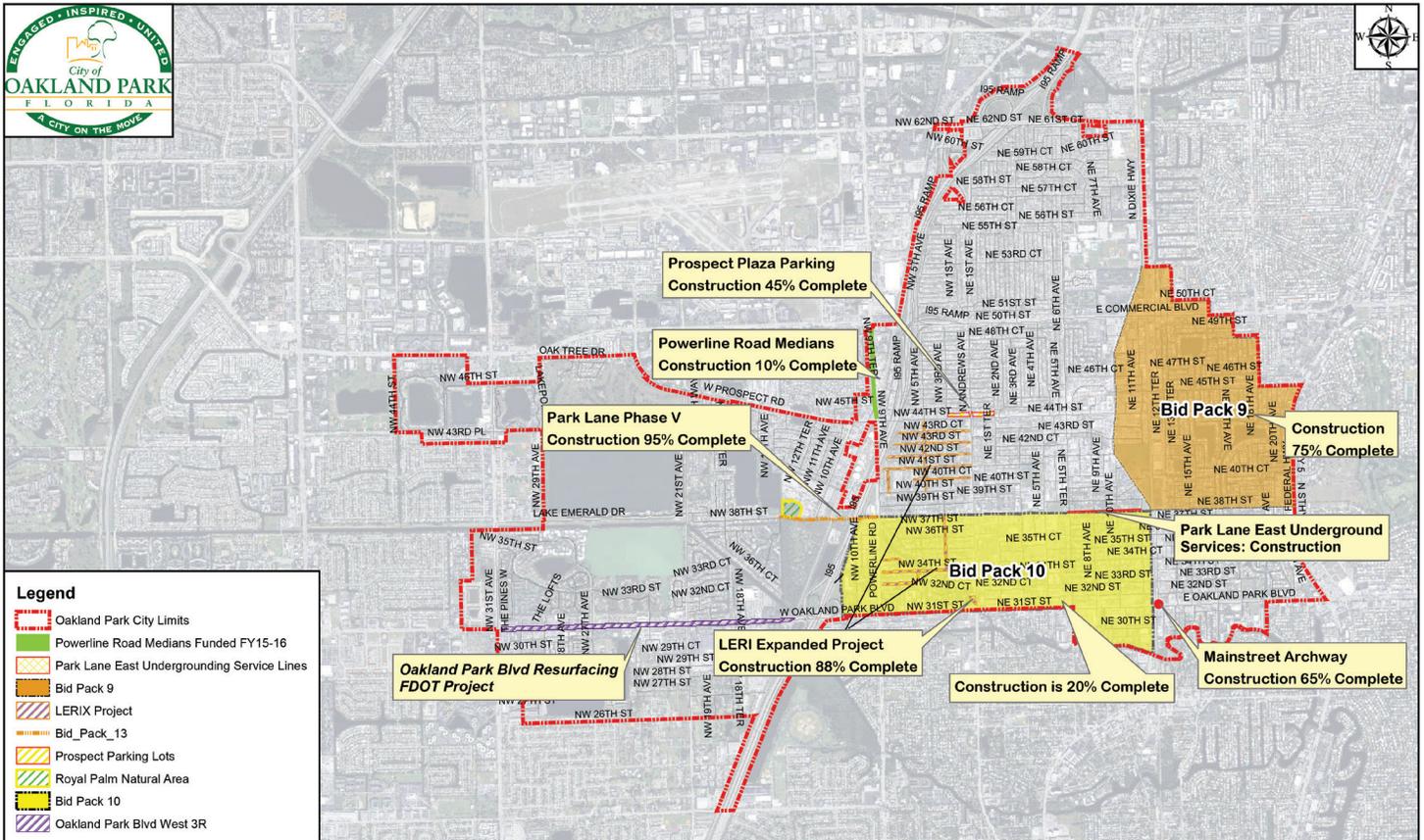
with nearly 200 parents, students and educators in attendance.

The Oakland Park Kiwanis Club graciously sponsored the contest once again and the program closed with some encouraging and inspirational words for Oakland Park's budding literary stars.



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Projects Under Construction June 2016



Projects Under Construction	Location	Status	Estimated Completion
Powerline Road Median Landscaping	Powerline Road: Prospect Road to Commercial Boulevard	Construction	Oct-16
Park Lane East Underground Service Lines & Pole Relocation	Park Lane from NE 11 Avenue to NE 6 Avenue	Construction	May-16
LERIX Drainage Improvements	Between Oakland Park Blvd and Prospect Rd and Powerline Rd and Andrews Ave	Construction	Jun-16
NE 12 Ave Entry Archway Design Build	Entrance to NE 12 Ave from westbound Oakland Park Blvd	Construction	Jun-16
Bid Pack 9 Infrastructure Improvements	Between Dixie Hwy and Federal Hwy north of Park Lane to City Limits	Construction	Jul-16
Bid Pack 1 Phase 4 Inflow & Infiltration Lining	Citywide within service area as needed	Construction	Oct-16
Bid Pack 13 (Park Lane Phase V)	Park Lane West from Powerline Road to Royal Park Drive	Construction	Oct-16
Prospect Rd/Andrews Ave Parking Lots	NE and NW side of intersection of Andrews Ave and Prospect Road	Construction	Oct-16
Bid Pack 10: Central Zone South of Park Lane	Between I-95 and Dixie Highway south of Park Lane to City Limits	Construction	Jan-17
Jaco Pastorius Park Downtown Connector	City of Oakland Park Mainstreet	Awarding	Oct-16
Other Agencies Projects Within City Limits			
FDOT 3R Resurfacing of Oakland Park Blvd	Between NW 31 Avenue and NW 10 Avenue	Construction	Oct-16

PROJECTS With Changes From Previous Report	
Reason for Changes	
LERIX Drainage Improvements	Contractor original plan for setting gate structure did not work and had to be redesigned. Revised scheduled shows completion in June 2016. Staff working with contractor and FDEM to get all grant funds expended before June 2016 deadline.

‘Music on Main Street’ Summer Concert Schedule

The free “Music on Main Street” concert events take place in front of City Hall on select Friday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. Besides fantastic music, the concerts feature popular food trucks and other fun attractions. Bring your family & friends to enjoy everything downtown Oakland Park has to offer. Upcoming concerts include:

- June 24 – Solid Brass Band** (Classic Rock)
- July 22 – Pocket Change** (Soul, Funk and Rhythm & Blues)

To learn more about these and other upcoming events or check on the weather status, please call **954-630-4240** or visit facebook.com/OPCRA

