



City Introducing ‘Taste of Oakland Park’ Event February 17



Oakland Park is hosting its first food and drink festival, “**Taste of Oakland Park**,” on Friday, **February 17** from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Jaco Pastorius Park.

This “grand tasting” style event will feature local restaurants and beverage companies providing sample items from their menus and portfolios. As part of the festivities, there will be a competition component -- both judged and people’s choice -- for best food items served.

In addition to the food and beverage tastings, the event will also offer family-friendly entertainment, including live music,

interactive games, and a vendor shopping area.

Admission to “Taste of Oakland Park” is \$10 with children 12 years and under admitted free with parent or guardian. To learn more about this and other culinary & cultural events, please call **954-630-4251**.

Date: Friday, February 17

Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Location: Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Highway

Free Tree Giveaway at Wimberly Field February 25



To help fulfill the City Commission’s objective to increase Oakland Park’s tree canopy, the City’s Parks and Leisure Services Department will hold a Tree Giveaway at the southwest corner of Wimberly Field (near the hockey rink) at 8 a.m. Saturday, **February 25**.

Included in the spring tree selection will be a wide variety of trees and shrubs, as well as native slash pines. Small (3-gallon), medium (5-gallon) and larger (7-gallon) sizes will be available to choose from. Information will be shared regarding proper placement and planting of your selected trees, as well as watering and maintenance tips.

Each City residence or business owner (proof required) will be allowed up to 3 free trees. The selection includes: Slash Pine, Bulnesia (Verawood), Orange Geiger, Dahoon Holly, Pink Tabebuia, Simpson’s Stopper, Silver Buttonwood and Fire Bush and Thatch Palm. Plan to arrive early to ensure the best selection – the supply of free trees usually runs out by 11 a.m.

In order to ensure 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 by email at bruceg@oaklandparkfl.gov.

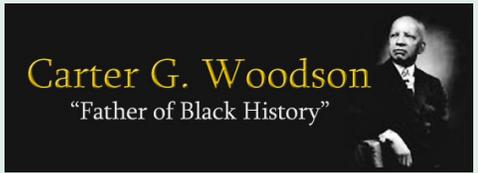
Studies have shown that greenery and shade provide a sense of serenity and wellbeing. We invite property and business owners to take part in our ongoing efforts “greening” our City.

Date: Saturday, February 25

Time: Begins at 8 a.m. and ends when the trees are all given away

Location: Wimberly Athletic Complex (near hockey rink), 4000 NE 3rd Avenue

Black History Month at The Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library



Carter G. Woodson
“Father of Black History”

The Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library will present several educational and inspiration programs in honor of Black History Month.

Tales for Tots-African Folktales -- Fun early literacy storytime program designed especially for toddlers (ages 2 through 4) that includes stories, interactive action rhymes, finger-plays, music, dance, and craft activities. Date: Wednesday, February 1 at 10 a.m.

Celebrate African Music & Culture with Positively Africa! -- Dance & sing along as this lively and enchanting group performs songs and movement and demonstrates authentic instruments. All ages welcome to attend this free program. Date: Saturday, February 4 at 2 p.m.

Family Night Out Movie & Popcorn: Queen of Katwe (PG) -- Story of a Ugandan girl who sees her world rapidly change after being introduced to the game of chess. All ages welcome to enjoy this free movie event. Date: Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m.

The Oakland Park City Commission recognized Black History Month and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday with a Proclamation at the January 18, 2016 City Commission Meeting.

One of the City’s Parks – Dr. Carter G. Woodson Park – was named after the esteemed educator and author who developed the concept for Black History Month which began in 1926.

Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meetings scheduled for February 1 and February 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

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

Agendas and backup online at www.oaklandparkfl.gov



John Adornato III

Mayor

Telephone: 954-646-9342
JohnA@oaklandparkfl.gov
Term Expires: Nov. 2018



Tim Lonergan

Vice Mayor

Telephone: 954-683-2658
TimL@oaklandparkfl.gov
Term Expires: Nov. 2020



Sara Guevrekian

Commissioner

Telephone: 954-735-5920
SaraG@oaklandparkfl.gov
Term Expires: Nov. 2020



Matthew Sparks

Commissioner

Telephone: 954-655-4853
MatthewS@oaklandparkfl.gov
Term Expires: Nov. 2020



Michael Carn

Commissioner

Telephone: 954-826-5685
MichaelC@oaklandparkfl.gov
Term Expires: Nov. 2018

City Administration:

David Hebert

City Manager

Telephone: 954-630-4209

DavidH@oaklandparkfl.gov

Proud to Be Oakland Park Business Awards



The Proud to be Oakland Park Business initiative was created to represent the values of people, progress and pride. Businesses are recognized for marketing/branding their business location as Oakland Park. The following businesses were presented Proud to be Oakland Park Business awards by the City Commission on January 18, 2017:

- **De Padro Realty**, 3455 NE 12th Terr., Suite 6, www.depadrorealty.com
- **Floranada Warehouse & Storage**, 1100 NE 45th St., www.floranadastorage.com
- **La Empanada Loca**, 4820 N. Dixie Hwy., www.laempanadaloca.com
- **Oakland Park Modern Dentistry**, 1005 E. Commercial Blvd., www.oaklandparkmoderndentistry.com
- **Pride Pottery**, 1101 NE 34th Ct., www.facebook.com/Pride-PotteryStore-1520057991635182/
- **Sal's Towing**, 4030 NE 9th Ave., www.salstowing.com
- **The Whole Enchilada**, 4115 N. Federal Hwy., #2, twefreshmex.com

Businesses receive a storefront award decal, an award logo to use on company communications and announcements in City publications.

Oakland Park Honored for Financial Reporting



The City's Financial Services Department was presented with a "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" by the Government Finance Officers Association. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded to the City of Oakland Park by the GFOA for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The City of Oakland has earned this honor each year since 2001, according to Director of Financial Services Andrew Thompson.

The City's CAFR reports can be viewed in detail on the City's website under: Your Government/Departments/Financial Services.

BSO/Oakland Park District Deputy Lauren Apollo Recognized for Work with Homeless, Seniors and Businesses

Popular BSO/Oakland Park District Deputy Lauren Apollo recently received several honors commending her exemplary efforts in working with special needs populations, including, but not limited to homeless, seniors and the local business community.

Deputy Apollo is part of BSO's community affairs team whose efforts include homeless outreach. The Countywide TRIAD organization honored Deputy Apollo with their "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" for 2016. Broward TRIAD is a three-way collaboration between law enforcement, seniors and community service organizations working to improve the safety and quality of life for Broward seniors since 1992. Her nomination read in part:

"She is a crisis intervention trained law enforcement officer which helps her, and the citizens, deal with those suffering from a variety of mental health issues, such as autism, post-traumatic stress disorder and addiction problems. She always has 'care packages' in her patrol car with underwear, socks and hygiene products."

In a newspaper interview, BSO/Oakland Park District Chief Allan Hubrig commended the work of Deputy Apollo:

"She has received specialized training and works closely with a variety of departments to solve community problems," said Capt. Hubrig. "She is also the primary liaison for churches and businesses."

Local business owners are also grateful to Deputy Apollo. The Oakland Park Business Group recently presented Deputy Apollo with their 2016 Business Guardian Award "for going above and beyond the call of duty in assisting businesses in keeping them safe."

When announcing Deputy Apollo's award, Oakland Park Business Group member Aneesh Lakhani stated:

"She is our guardian. She deals with the vagrant issue, and often at our businesses before the doors are open. She has touched so many of us.

Deputy Apollo also serves as BSO/Oakland Park District liaison with area churches. She keeps in touch with leaders from 60 churches in Oakland Park and updates them on activities of interest and crime prevention tips. She also speaks with local students about the importance of completing their education.

Parks and Leisure News & Notes

Youth Day Parade Registration Open

-- Save the date **March 25** to catch the wave to the 60th Annual Youth Day! This year's Youth Day will let you surf through Oakland Park at the longest consecutively run parade in Broward County, and after the parade, the Youth Day Carnival will include the Little Miss Oakland Park contest, rides, music and games. To buy a ride wristband (\$15 cash), visit Oakland Park City Hall and to register for the parade, please contact Recreation Coordinator Eric Waters at **954-630-4507**.

Library Offers Income Tax Assistance

-- Have your taxes prepared for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. IRS certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing for qualified individuals at the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library. To learn what documentation is needed to prepare your tax form or for other information, please call the Library at **954-630-4370**. The program is made available through the Hispanic Unity of Florida and services are provided in English and Spanish.

**Date: Tuesday & Wednesdays
thru April 16**

Time: 2 to 5 p.m.

Location: 1298 NE 37 Street

Adult Book Club -- Join other book lovers each month for a lively discussion of a different book which will be provided to participants ages 18 and over. "The Buried Giant" by Kazuo Ishiguro will be discussed in February and "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper" by Phaedra Patrick will be issued in February to be discussed in March. For more information, please call **954-630-4374**.

Date: February 9

Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: 1298 NE 37 Street

Designing the Edible Arrangement

-- This Urban Farm Institute class begins where floral arranging leaves off. Participants will learn the many uses and pleasures of an edible landscape when used in a floral arrangement. You'll learn how to scout your garden area for edible goodies that can be used in as a floral arrangement and supplemented with other plants from the garden. Learn from a local chef specializing in the edible bouquet.

Date: Saturday, February 18

**Location: Urban Farming Institute at
Jaco Pastorius Park**

Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Phone: 954-696-9577

14th Annual Polynesian Cultural Festival February 25-26 at Jaco Pastorius Park



The Polynesian festival offers all the entertainment and activities that festival-goers have come to expect, experiencing the dynamic array of ethnic identities, traditions, cultural expressions, native cuisine and artistry of Polynesian people from Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti, and New Zealand (Maoris).

Performances will showcase authentic Polynesian dances and live music, native culinary specialties and a touch of language introduction. There will also be hula dancing and contests, a ukulele exhibition, the popular Tiki Bar, drumming, and the exciting fire & knife dancers. South Pacific arts & crafts will also be on display and for sale.

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are available. Gate admission is \$10 with children under 12 admitted free. Sponsors include the City of Oakland Park, Funky Buddha Brewery and the Broward County Cultural Division.

For more information on the festival, sponsorships, vendor booths, or volunteer opportunities, contact Tama Leao at **954-938-9010** or visit www.polynesiancultureassociation.com

Volunteer Opportunities for Annual Waterway Cleanup on March 4



trip in our local waterways and collect unwanted debris during this countywide effort. Volunteers can also walk the shores of waterway parks. You do not need a boat or kayak to help clean up the waterways that make Oakland Park a better place to live and play.

This year's event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City's cleanup sites:

- **J. Dewey Hawkins Landing, 2960 NE 12th Terrace**
- **Royal Palm Park, 1701 NW 38th Street/Park Lane West**

Help clean our Oakland Park waterways and improve wildlife habitats while enjoying a wonderful day outdoors and sharing the gift of nature with others.

To sign up, visit waterwaycleanup.org and select Oakland Park on the registration or call **954-524-2733**. There is also a Waterway Cleanup essay contest for high school students and a short story contest for middle school students. Community Service hours are available for volunteers to help satisfy commitments to schools or other organizations.

Important Reminders:

- Free refreshments and T-shirts provided
- Gloves provided, but you may bring your own to ensure proper size
- Trash bags provided
- Please remember to wear closed toe shoes, sunglasses, and sunscreen
- Wear clothes that you don't mind getting a little wet or dirty

The Polynesian Culture Association will present their annual Polynesian Cultural Festival **February 25-26** at Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 North Dixie Highway. The hours of the festival are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"Many people recognize the Polynesian Islands as vacation getaway destinations," explains the festival's founder, Tama Leao. "This annual festival is a way to expand knowledge by sharing, educating, promoting, and preserving ancient, traditional, interpretive and modern aspects of Polynesian culture and heritage."

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida will partner with the City of Oakland Park for the 40th Annual Waterway Cleanup on Saturday, **March 4**.

Check-in begins promptly at 9 a.m. Volunteers can check in at the City's J. Dewey Hawkins Landing boat ramp/kayak launch (2960 NE 12th Terrace south off Oakland Park Blvd.) or Royal Palm Park (south entrance at 1701 NW 38th Street/Park Lane West).

Take the family out for a morning kayak or canoe



Post Master please deliver by

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
BOCA RATON, FL
PERMIT NO.1535

City of Oakland Park Events & Activities February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 City Commission Meeting	2	3	4 Vibrant Colors Adult Coloring Club
5	6 Planning & Zoning Board	7 Property Tax Exemption Assistance	8	9 Adult Book Club Development Review Committee Code Enforcement Board	10	11
12	13	14 Civil Service Board	15 City Commission Meeting	16 Art & Culture Board	17 Taste of Oakland Park	18
19	20 Presidents' Day Holiday	21	22	23 Development Review Committee Beautification Advisory Board	24 Music on Main Street	25 Free Tree Giveaway Polynesian Cultural Festival
26 Polynesian Cultural Festival	27 School Advisory Board	28	1	2	3	4
Please confirm meeting dates and locations at www.oaklandparkfl.gov						

February 1
City Commission Meeting,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

February 4
Vibrant Colors Adult Coloring Club,
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library,
3:30 – 5 p.m.

February 7
Property Tax Exemption Assistance,
Oakland Park City Hall,
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

February 9
Adult Book Club,
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library,
6 – 7:30 p.m.

February 15
City Commission Meeting,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

February 17
Taste of Oakland Park,
Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 – 10 p.m.

February 20
Presidents' Day Holiday, City Hall and
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park
Library Closed

February 24
Music on Main Street,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6 – 10 p.m.

February 25
Free Tree Giveaway,
Wimberly Field, 8 – 11 a.m.

February 25
Polynesian Cultural Festival,
Jaco Pastorius Park, 12 -7 p.m.

February 26
Polynesian Cultural Festival,
Jaco Pastorius Park, 12 - 7 p.m.

ADDRESSES:
Oakland Park City Hall, 3650 NE 12 Avenue
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library,
1298 NE 37 Street
Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Highway
Wimberly Field, 4000 NE 3 Avenue

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:
Parks and Leisure Services: **954-630-4500**
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library:
954-630-4370
Oakland Park City Hall: **954-630-4200**

