



Oakland Park will be ‘Dancing in the Street’ With Mile-Long Block Party January 26

Oakland Park will host its second annual “**Dancing in the Street**” block party on Friday, **January 26**. This live music fest along Oakland Park Main Street (NE 12th Avenue) will feature some of South Florida’s most popular and talented musical performers entertaining from 6 to 10 p.m. on seven stages set up throughout the City’s Downtown Culinary Arts District.

A lineup of food trucks will offer tasty eats and local Oakland Park businesses will host family-friendly activities. The tentative list of bands scheduled to perform at this free music extravaganza includes:

DANCING IN THE STREET
 FEATURING LOCAL BANDS:
 ★ Pocket Change
 ★ Joel DaSilva
 ★ Murph Aucamp
 ★ Synthesis
 ★ Glynn Dryhurst

FREE Community Event

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 | 6-10 PM
OAKLAND PARK MAIN STREET
N.E. 12 AVE. FROM OAKLAND PARK BLVD. TO N.E. 38 ST.



- **Pocket Change** – 60’s/70’s Motown/Soul Salute
- **Joel DaSilva** – Blues Rock Guitarist/Singer
- **Murph Aucamp** – Jazz Percussionist
- **Synthesis** – Jazz/Disco/Latin/Top 40/Romantic Ballads
- **Glynn Dryhurst** – Dixieland/Jazz/Swing Band

Free event parking will be available at the two City lots on N. Dixie Highway at NE 38th Street, along NE 32nd Street east of NE 12th Avenue and at the Jaco Pastorius Park/Urban Farm lot at 1101 NE 40th Court.

For more Dancing in the Streets details, please visit the City’s website or call **954-630-4251**.

Help Rebuild Oakland Park’s Tree Canopy with Next Tree Giveaway Scheduled February 24



The next City Tree Giveaway will be held Saturday, February 24 at Wimberly Field, 3000 NE Third Avenue.

Many trees were damaged or destroyed due to Hurricane Irma. The Tree Giveaway will help the City rebuild its tree canopy and remind everyone of the importance of “right tree, right place.”

Oakland Park’s Community Volunteer Corps members will once again deliver and plant trees for residents with special needs through the City’s “Tree Assistance Program.”

Details will be forthcoming in the February issue of the “Oakleaf.” For more information about the Tree Giveaway and the Tree Assistance Program, please contact City Horticulturist Lyzabeth Fiore at **954-630-4420**.

Recycle Reminder: Holiday Trees



During this Holiday Season, don’t forget to chip in and donate your used evergreen tree to Broward County’s annual Chip-a-Tree initiative. Last year Broward County Parks recycled more than 5,000 trees - tons of material that would otherwise have gone to landfills.

Your tree can join those thousands recycled. To participate in the free program, remove all decorations from our Christmas tree (no decorated tree will be accepted) and bring it to Easterlin Park (1000 NW 38th Street/Park Lane West), where it will be chipped and used for landscaping throughout the park system. There is a limit of two trees per vehicle, artificial trees are not accepted, and no commercial vehicles or garbage trucks are allowed.

This season’s program runs daily through Monday, January 15, 2018 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday) with the regular weekend and holiday gate entrance fee waived for recyclers. To learn more, call **954-357-5190**.

Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meeting scheduled for **January 3 and January 17** 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



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Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards



Mayor Tim Lonergan and the Oakland Park City Commission recently honored members of Oakland Park's Community Volunteer Corps by presenting Volunteer Recognition Awards at a recent City Commission meeting.

There are approximately 300 people in the City's Community Corps and they all deserve praise for contributing more than 10,000 hours of service in 2017.

Volunteers who performed more than 300 hours of service in 2017 were:

- **Chloe Gillings**
- **Nancy Rogers**
- **Daniela Schonis**

Volunteers who performed more than 400 hours of service in 2017 were:

- **Tom Hardy**
- **Sol Ferrero**
- **Brandon King**

According to Volunteer Program Manager Bruce Garrison, one volunteer performed more than 500 hours of service (actually nearly 800 hours!):

- **Lizzy Dost**

To learn how you can participate in the Oakland Park's Community Volunteer Corps, please call Bruce Garrison at **954-630-4502**.

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/promoting their business location as Oakland Park, as well as invested in community enhancement efforts.

The following businesses were recently presented Proud to be Oakland Park Business awards by the Mayor and City Commission:

- **Design Moves**, 3520 NE 12th Avenue, (954) 338-3004, dmoves.com
- **Dixie Pig Barbecue**, 4495 N. Dixie Hwy., (954) 772-5977, www.facebook.com/Dixie-Pig-BBQ

- **Grandmasters Pianos**, 4378 N. Dixie Hwy., (954) 564-0553, grandmasterspianos.com
- **Land and Sea Wraps**, 1101 NE 34th Court, (754) 779-3397, www.facebook.com/landandseawraps/
- **Living Reef Aquariums**, 4824 N. Dixie Hwy., (954) 579-2785, livingreefstore.wixsite.com
- **Street and Sand Toys**, 4400 N. Dixie Hwy., (954) 491-8085, www.facebook.com/Street-Sand-Toys-Inc
- **Tesco of America**, 1034 NE 44th Street, (800) 377-3329, www.tescoofamerica.com

Businesses receive a storefront award decal, an award logo to use on the company's communications & websites and announcements in City publications. Call **954-630-4240** to learn more about the Proud to be Oakland Park business awards.

Smart Metering Program for Oakland Park Utility Customers



The City is planning an open house on **January 9** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to explain the "Smart Metering Program" to Oakland Park utility customers. Oakland Park is working with Energy Systems Group (ESG) to develop energy efficiency and infrastructure solutions – the first phase of which is a Smart Metering Program. The meter infrastructure upgrades will enhance customer service, provide early leak detection, increase revenue, provide code compliance of backflow prevention, and reduce operation costs.

Check your Oakland Park utility bills and the City's website for when meter upgrades will begin in your service area. "Our City leadership identified smart metering as a long-term cost savings and water conservation measure during the fiscal year 2018 budget process," said Oakland Park Public Works Director Albert Carbon. ESG estimates that this project will result in approximately \$15.5 million of cost savings over the 15-year contract term. The Smart Metering open house will be at Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center. Call **954-630-4418** for more information.

Parks and Leisure News & Notes

Public School Holiday -- Teacher planning days are days when there is no school for children. The City of Oakland Park offers a safe, organized environment providing parents peace of mind and children a day of excitement and fun. Activities include games, sports, tournaments, movies, and field trips. Call Parks and Leisure to register at **954-630-4500**.

Location: Spihler Recreation Center.

Date: Monday, January 8

Fee: \$10 early registration/\$15 same day registration

Rockin' Reading Buddies -- The Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library conducts a free eight-week "reading out loud" program for elementary school aged children (grades K-4). The program takes place at 4 p.m. each Wednesday (January 10-February 28). Children are paired with teen reading buddies for one hour of shared reading (one-on-one) plus literacy-related games or activities. Interested teen participants (grades 6-12) and students (K-4) should stop by the Library's Youth Services Department to pick-up an application. Teen participants will receive community service hours. Space is limited.

Citywide Yard Sale January 20 -- The City offers you the opportunity to sell items at the Citywide Yard Sale. Take advantage of the shoppers attracted by numerous tables located in a single venue. It is an occasion for everyone to make some extra money by selling their unwanted goods or find some new treasures. To reserve your space, please call **954-630-4500**.

Resident: \$10 single space, \$5 each additional space and non-resident: \$20 single space, \$10 each additional space. More than one person may share a space.

Date: Saturday, January 20

Location: Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 North Dixie Hwy.

Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Adult Athletics Update -- Registration is open through February 4 for the City's new **Adult Ultimate Frisbee League**. The league for ages 18 and over begins February 18. Registration is \$35 for residents and \$40 for non-residents (includes uniform). Registration for the **Adult Soccer League** starts January 8 with league play beginning in March. Registration fee is \$600 per team. **Adult Basketball League** registration starts February 5 with league beginning in March. Registration fee is \$600 per team. Call **954-630-4506** to learn more about Oakland Park's adult athletic programs.

'The Tortoise and the Hare' -- The Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library welcomes Bob Nathanson's "Puppets to Go" Saturday, **January 27** at 2 p.m. All ages are invited to this delightful puppet show with a modern twist on Aesop's fable about a great race between a loveable tortoise and an arrogant hare. In addition to the moral that perseverance prevails, good nutrition and exercise are encouraged.

Location: Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2 p.m.

Fee: Free

Are You Ready for Chess? Grades 4-12: The Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library will offer an eight-week workshop taught by a chess master on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. beginning January 4. Participants will receive community service hours and have the opportunity to assist the Library in mentoring young children to help grasp the game of chess. Space is limited, register in the library youth services department or by calling **954-630-4372**.

Students of the Quarter and Character Counts Awards



Oakland Park's "Student of the Quarter" recognition is an initiative of the City's School Advisory Board. Schools in the Oakland Park Innovation Zone select one student each quarter who has excelled in the areas of good academics, attitude and attendance. Elementary schools select a 5th grader, the middle school selects an 8th grader and the high school selects an 11th grader.

Students of the Quarter:

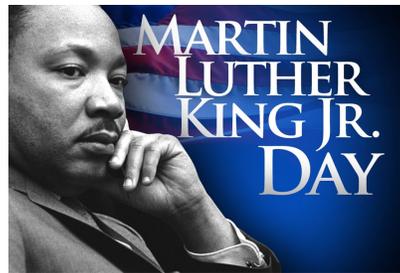
- Treasure B., a 5th grader from Floranada Elementary School
- Jonathan R., a 5th grader from Lloyd Estates Elementary School
- Kassidie S., a 5th grader from Oakland Park Elementary School
- Emily W., an 8th grader from James S. Rickards Middle School

The "Character Counts" award is an initiative of the Oakland Park Afterschool Care Program. One student is selected from Spihler Recreation Center and one from North Andrews Gardens Recreation Center.

Character Counts Awards:

- Kimora T., a 3rd grader from North Andrews Elementary School and the North Andrews Gardens Recreation Center
- Olivia M., a 5th grader from Lloyd Estates Elementary School and Spihler Recreation Center

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Event Monday, January 15



Join the City of Oakland Park as we honor and commemorate the life and message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This free event on Monday, January 15th, will include live performances from the Oakland Park After School Program children and local community leaders. The program takes place at 11 a.m. at Collins Community Center, 3900 NE Third Avenue. Complementary ice cream and refreshment will be provided.

Reminder: City Hall and all City facilities, including the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, will be closed on January 15th for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. All solid waste services (trash/bulk/recycling) will run as regularly scheduled.

Work Progressing on Stunson Nature Trail at Royal Palm Park



The wildlife habitats in the western part of Oakland Park are being enhanced with a new wetlands area that will be part of the Stunson Nature Trail at Royal Palm Park. This project -- named in honor of our late City Manager John Stunson -- will create an educational experience along a walking trail that emphasizes the primary environmental zones of the natural South Florida ecosystem. Construction is currently underway to add

new native landscaping and the creation of earthen berms. There will also be a decorative fence with a landscaped buffer along NW 38th Street/Park Lane West between the south entrance to Royal Palm Park and the City's Oakland Park. The project is a collaboration between the School Board of Broward County and the City. The accompanying photo shows a Great Egret perched above checking out the progress of this new wetlands habitat. To learn more, please call Project Manager Lori Douvris at **954-630-4479**.

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City of Oakland Park Events & Activities January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 City Commission Meeting	4	5	6
7	8 Public School Holiday Planning & Zoning Board	9 Adult Computer Class Smart Metering Open House Civil Service Board	10	11 Code Enforcement Board	12	13
14	15 MLK Holiday MLK Holiday Play	16 Adult Computer Class Special Magistrate Meeting	17 City Commission Meeting	18	19	20 Citywide Yard Sale
21	22 School Advisory Board	23 Adult Computer Class Police & Fire Pension Board	24	25 Beautification Advisory Board Art & Culture Board	26 Dancing in the Street	27 Puppet Show
28	29	30 Adult Computer Class Board of Adjustment	31			

Calendar Event Information

January 3:
City Commission Meeting,
Oakland Park City Hall,
6:30 p.m.

January 8:
Public School Holiday

January 8:
Planning & Zoning Board,
Oakland Park City Hall,
6:30 p.m.

January 9:
Adult Computer Class,
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library,
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

January 9:
Smart Metering Open House,
Jaco Pastorius Park Community
Center, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m

January 9:
Civil Service Board,
Oakland Park City Hall,
6:30 p.m.

January 11:
Code Enforcement Board,
Oakland Park City Hall,
6:30 p.m.

January 15:
MLK Holiday,
City Hall & City Facilities Closed

January 15:
MLK Holiday Play,
Collins Community Center,
11 a.m.

January 16:
Adult Computer Class,
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park
Library, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

January 16:
Special Magistrate Meeting,
Oakland Park City Hall, 3 p.m.

January 17:
City Commission Meeting,
Oakland Park City Hall,
6:30 p.m.

January 20:
Citywide Yard Sale,
Jaco Pastorius Park,
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

January 22:
School Advisory Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 5 p.m.

January 23:
Adult Computer Class,
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park
Library, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

January 23:
Police & Fire Pension Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 4 p.m.

January 25:
Beautification Advisory Board,
Oakland Park City Hall,
5 p.m.

January 25:
Art & Culture Board,
Oakland Park City Hall,
6 p.m.

January 26:
Dancing in the Street,
Oakland Park City Hall,
6 to 10 p.m.

January 27:
Puppet Show,
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park
Library, 2 to 3 p.m.

January 30:
Adult Computer Class,
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park
Library, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

January 30:
Board of Adjustment,
Oakland Park City Hall,
6:30 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

Collins Community Center,
3900 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

