



## ‘Holiday Village’ turns Jaco Pastorius Park into Winter Wonderland December 8-10

The City’s Christmas Tree, Menorah and other holidays decorations are already in place for the “Holiday Village” celebration at Jaco Pastorius Park the weekend of December 8th through the 10th.

The festivities commence at 6 p.m. on December 8th with the arrival of Santa Claus at the park’s Grand Plaza Fountains where the jolly gent will join the City Commission to light the Christmas Tree and Menorah.

In addition to free concerts each of the three days, Holiday Village attendees of all ages will delight in strolling through booths of vendors with holiday treats, gifts, arts & crafts and more.

### Holiday Village highlights include:

- Northeast High School Band
- Holiday Food Court
- Santa’s Snow Village
- Christmas Tree Competition
- Children’s Activity Corner
- Selfies with Santa
- Train Rides
- Holiday Cooking Demonstration

### Concert headliners for the free Holiday Village event are:

- Friday, December 8 (6 to 10 p.m.) --The eight-piece Solid Brass Band performing Classic Rock and R&B songs from the 60’s through the 80’s.
- Saturday, December 9 (4 to 7 p.m.) – The Wildfire Band featuring the renowned violin & vocal talents of Randi performing an electrifying show.
- Sunday, December 10 (4 to 7 p.m.) – The Otis Cadillac Band performing old-school R & B favorites that make everyone want to dance.

The Christmas tree decorating competition will have local businesses competing in three categories for Best Tree honors. A people’s choice category is also slated with attendees able to vote for their favorite tree. After the weekend-long event, the decorated trees will be donated to families in Oakland Park.

### Holiday Village hours are:

- Friday, December 8  
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, December 9  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, December 10  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To learn more about the “Holiday Village” celebration, please call **954-630-4251**.



**Toy Drive** – Anyone visiting “Holiday Village” can bring an unwrapped toy for a child or teenager. Collection boxes are also available at City Hall, the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library and Oakland Park Fire Rescue stations. All toys will be donated to The Light of the World free medical clinic in Oakland Park. Please call **954-630-4316** to donate to the Toy Drive.

**Santa Express** – Have Santa deliver a parent-provided toy(s) to your children from a shiny red firetruck instead of a sleigh on Sunday, December 17. Off-duty Oakland Park firefighters will donate proceeds to help brighten the holidays for Oakland Park families in need at the suggestion of our local schools. The Firefighters’ Benevolent Association is also accepting donations of new toys for all ages and money or gift cards for those who may not want to participate in the Santa Express, but would like to help brighten the holidays for those less fortunate. Toys and checks can be dropped off at Fire Station 87 (2100 NW 39 St.) or Fire Station 9 (301 NE 38 St.) between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. The deadline to arrange a toy delivery to your home is Friday, December 15. Parents can make arrangements by calling **561-901-3026** and will be notified in advance of the time of toy delivery.

## Northeast High School Student Inventor Team Receives \$10,000 Grant Invention of Mosquito Breeding Disruptor Helps Fight Zika & Malaria



Congratulations to Northeast High School for being awarded a Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam \$10,000 grant to create a mosquito breeding disruptor – a device to deter mosquitoes from laying eggs in standing water. Northeast High is one of only 15 high schools nationwide selected as an InvenTeam this year.

InvenTeams are teams of high school students, teachers and mentors who receive grants of up to \$10,000 each to invent technological solutions to real-world problems. This initiative of the Lemelson-MIT Program aims to inspire a new generation of inventors.

L. Clara Mabour, biology teacher at Northeast High, initiated the InvenTeam application process. Five years ago, Mabour was a member of another winning Northeast High inventor team awarded a \$10,000 InvenTeam grant. While a student at Northeast High, she was part of the team that created a portable water sanitation system to be used after natural disasters. Members of the winning InvenTeam team attended the 2013 White House Science Fair where President Obama rode the bicycle that powered their water filtration system.

The Northeast High InvenTeam is creating an environmentally safe device that breaks the surface tension of stagnant water, in shallow containers, underground sewer systems or ponds and lakes. Their goal is to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs in water sources and then spreading mosquito vectored illnesses like Zika and Malaria to humans in urban tropical environments.

During the rest of the school year, Northeast High’s InvenTeam will develop its mosquito breeding disruptor. In June 2018, the students will showcase a prototype of their invention at EurekaFest at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts. EurekaFest is a multi-day celebration designed to empower a legacy of inventors through activities that inspire youth, honor role models and encourage creativity and problem solving.

## Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meeting scheduled for **Dec. 6** at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission chambers.

Live streaming at [www.oaklandparkfl.gov](http://www.oaklandparkfl.gov)  
Comcast Channel 78  
AT&T U-verse Channel 99

Agendas and backup online at [www.oaklandparkfl.gov](http://www.oaklandparkfl.gov)



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## Proud to Be Oakland Park Business Awards



**PROUD TO BE OAKLAND PARK!**

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, 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:

- **Broward Tool Repair**, 3547 N. Dixie Hwy., (954) 566-4114, [www.facebook.com/BrowardToolRepair/](http://www.facebook.com/BrowardToolRepair/)
- **Castaways Cleanouts**, 4301 N. Dixie Hwy., (954) 366-1180, [www.castawaycleanouts.com](http://www.castawaycleanouts.com)
- **China A Restaurant**, 811 E. Commercial Blvd., (954) 616-2266, [www.chinaarestaurant.com](http://www.chinaarestaurant.com)
- **Georgie's Consignment & Thrift Shop**, 4281 N. Dixie Hwy., (954) 868-9274, [www.facebook.com/GeorgiesConsignmentthrift/](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgiesConsignmentthrift/)
- **Jasper Kane**, 4361 N. Dixie Hwy., (954) 440-4866, [www.facebook.com/JKvintage4u/](http://www.facebook.com/JKvintage4u/)
- **Landscape Solutions**, 668 NE 44th Street, (954) 525-5855, [www.landscapeofsolutionsflorida.com](http://www.landscapeofsolutionsflorida.com)
- **Living Green Fresh Market**, 1305 E. Commercial Blvd., (954) 771-9770, [www.livinggreenfreshmarket.com](http://www.livinggreenfreshmarket.com)
- **Lucky's Market**, 1033 E. Oakland Park Blvd., (754) 900-7521, [www.luckysmarket.com](http://www.luckysmarket.com)
- **Minuteman Press**, 1313 E. Commercial Blvd., (954) 772-0400, [www.fortlauderdaleprint.com](http://www.fortlauderdaleprint.com)
- **Snooty Fox Consignments**, 860 E. Oakland Park Blvd., (754) 206-2077, [www.snootyfoxflorida.com](http://www.snootyfoxflorida.com)
- **The Chosen Bean**, 2955 NW 27th Street, (954) 444-0679, [www.thechosenbean.com](http://www.thechosenbean.com)
- **The Garlic Knot**, 5073 N. Dixie Hwy., (954) 671-8400, [www.garlicknotfl.com](http://www.garlicknotfl.com)
- **The Little Seamstress**, 311 NE 44th Street, (954) 563-9892, [www.thelittleseamstressinc.com](http://www.thelittleseamstressinc.com)

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

## BSO's Holiday Season Safety Tips

The BSO/Oakland Park District reminds everyone to stay safe during this holiday season and remember these important safety tips:

- When parking your vehicle to go shopping, remember where you parked it.
- Always park in a well-lit and well-traveled area.
- When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Check to see if you are being followed.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. You will be ready to unlock the door and will not be delayed by fumbling and looking for your keys.
- Do not leave your purse, wallet, or cellular telephone in plain view.
- Don't resist if someone tries to take any of your belongings. Don't chase someone who robs you, they may have a weapon. Call 911 instead.
- Lock your vehicle and put up your windows even while you are driving.
- Carry only the credit cards you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. If you go to an ATM, do so in a safe location during daytime hours.
- Pay for purchases with a credit card instead of a debit card. Don't let store clerks walk away with your card or write down your account information.
- Make sure you have a good firewall or anti-virus software installed on your computer before shopping online and shop online only with companies you know and trust.
- Store gifts in an area that cannot be seen from the windows or doors of your home.
- Do not announce your holiday travel plans or gifts on social media.
- When traveling out of town, secure your doors, windows and garage. Leave a car parked in your driveway or ask a trusted neighbor to park in your driveway
- Have the post office hold your mail and stop your newspaper delivery.

Oakland Park residents can sign for BSO's free "Home Watch" program. A deputy, community service aide or COP volunteer will check on your home regularly while you are on vacation. To sign up, please call **954-202-3131**.



**Utility Billing Update** -- Please be advised that as of December 1, 2017, there will be a change in the convenience fee for credit and debit card payments. For more information please visit the City's website or call the Utility & Billing office at **954-630-4280**.

## Parks and Leisure News & Notes

**Used Book Sale December 1-2** -- The Friends of the Oakland Park Library invite everyone to shop for literary bargains at their "Used Book Sale" Friday, December 1 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Saturday, December 2 (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) in the Marie Wright Room of the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library at 1298 NE 37 Street. A large volume of titles representing a diverse range of fiction and non-fiction are available in this clearance sale, as well as books on CD, music CD's and DVD movies. Proceeds from the book sale are used to help fund Oakland Park Library programs and improvements. For more information on the Used Book Sale and other library activities, please call your hometown library at **954-630-4370**.

**Young Adults 'Dress for Success' Workshop** -- Are you a young adult and interested in succeeding in the job market and learning how to dress for success? Learn what to wear -- and what not to wear -- on a job interview. Also, how to present yourself to interviewers, such as how to greet a future employer and what to do once the interview is complete. Remember, it doesn't end with the interview. Get tips on how to dress and what to expect once you are hired.  
**Location: Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library**  
**Date: Tuesday, December 5, 4 to 5 p.m.**  
**RSVP: 954-630-4372**  
**Fee: Free**

**OPL Bookies - Adult Book Club** -- Book lovers ages 18 and above are invited to participate in a lively discussion of a book which will be provided to participants. This month's book to be discussed is "The Shadow Land" by Joan Anderson (New York Times best-selling author of "The Historian" and "The Seven Thieves").  
**Location: Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library**  
**Date: Thursday, December 7, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Fee: Free**

**Active Adults 'Health Talk'** -- The free monthly "Health Talk" gatherings focus on health, fitness and nutrition. This month's topic is "Nutrition IQ." To attend or learn more, please call Recreation Specialist Steve Mattair at: **954-630-3516**.  
**Health Talk Date: December 21**  
**Time: 11 a.m. to noon**  
**Location: Collins Community Center**

**Public School Holiday Monday, January 8** -- 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: Spiher Recreation Center.**  
**Date: Monday, January 8, 2018**  
**Fee: \$10 early registration/\$15 same day registration**

**Spanish Language e-Books** -- The Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library announces the expansion of its Spanish language collection with the addition of a new user-friendly online resource named Odilo. Odilo offers thousands of quality Spanish eBooks available through the Library page on the City's website. Bestselling fiction and non-fiction titles can be read on any mobile device, computer, or through your web browser. Simply login by using your library card number and your four-digit PIN number.

## City Presents POP Star Award for NE 13 Avenue Residence



The Mayor and City Commission are scheduled to present a "POP Star" award to Mr. Randy Washington for the beautification enhancements to his NE 13th Avenue residence.

The POP Star awards (Proud Oakland Park) are an initiative of the City's

Beautification Advisory Board. Properties can be either commercial or residential and may be nominated by a community member, City employees or self-nominated. Nominated properties are brought to the Beautification Advisory Board's monthly meeting for a vote. Applications are subject to review via a checklist of criteria.

The Beautification Advisory Board unanimously approved the application for Mr. Washington's POP Star award which will be presented by the Mayor and City Commission at the December 6th meeting.

To learn more about the POP Star program, please visit the City's website or call the Parks and Leisure Services Department at **954-630-4500**.

## Winter Break Camp



The City's annual Winter Break Camp will be comprised of two four-day weeks-- December 26 to December 29 and January 2 to January 5. City staff will keep children active and entertained with crafts, games, field trips, outdoor play and more. The City provides a safe and fun camp focusing on the healthy development of children in

mind and body through activities and lessons that are age appropriate. The Winter Camp will be held at North Andrews Garden Recreation Center (250 NE 56 Court) and Spiher Recreation Center (1246 NE 37 Street) from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. The fee is \$40 per resident per week and \$60 per non-resident per week. For registration and other information, please call **954-630-4500**.

## Music on Main Street Halloween Bash Event Draws Large Crowd to Downtown



Hundreds of ghosts, goblins and other costume characters filled Oakland Park Main Street for Oakland Park's "Music on Main Street Halloween Bash."

BSO Sheriff Scott Israel joined Oakland Park City Commissioners with greeting attendees and awarding trophies for the costume contest.

The "Trunk or Treat" feature showcased some of the most creative and spookiest decorated cars and trucks

around. Families and businesses such as Sal's Towing displayed their decorated vehicles and offered packaged treats to everyone.

South Florida's favorite Caribbean music band "Pan Paradise" had the crowd dancing to their diverse array of Calypso, Reggae, Steel Drum & Soca favorites.

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# City of Oakland Park Events & Activities December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Used Book Sale	2 Used Book Sale
3	4	5 Adult Computer Class Property Tax Exemptions Young Adults Workshop	6 City Commission Meeting General Employees' Pension Plan	7 Adult Book Club	8 Holiday Village	9 Holiday Village
10 Holiday Village	11 Planning & Zoning Board	12 Civil Service Board	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Active Adults Health Talk	22	23
24	25 Christmas Holiday	26	27	28	29	30

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## Holiday Schedule for Trash, Recycle and Bulk Collection

In observance of the Christmas holiday, there will be no Solid Waste collection service on Monday, December 25, 2017. Garbage, recycling, and bulk collection will resume on Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Solid Waste services will run on the regular collection schedule on Monday, January 1, 2018. To learn more, please call **954-630-4452**.

## Calendar Event Information

December 1:  
**Used Book Sale,**  
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 2:  
**Used Book Sale,**  
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

December 5:  
**Adult Computer Class,**  
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

December 5:  
**Property Tax Exemption Assistance,**  
Oakland Park City Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 5:  
**Young Adults Steps to Success Workshop,**  
Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 4 – 5 p.m.

December 6, 2017  
**General Employees' Pension Plan,**  
Oakland Park City Hall, 9 a.m.

December 6:  
**City Commission Meeting,**  
Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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

December 8:  
**Holiday Village,**  
Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 to 10 p.m.

December 9:  
**Holiday Village,**  
Jaco Pastorius Park, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

December 10:  
**Holiday Village,**  
Jaco Pastorius Park, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

December 11:  
**Planning & Zoning Board,**  
Location to be announced, 6:30 p.m.

December 12:  
**Civil Service Board,**  
Location to be announced, 6:30 p.m.

December 21:  
**Active Adults Health Talk,**  
Collins Community Center, 11 a.m. to noon

December 25:  
**Christmas Holiday,**  
City Hall/City Facilities Closed

**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