



Oakland Park's 61st Annual Youth Day Celebrating Diversity of our Youth



Youth Day is a time-honored Oakland Park tradition. Commencing on Saturday, **March 10th**, with Broward County's longest-running parade, this year's theme is "One World" celebrating the diversity of our youth.

The Youth Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. near the City's south archway on NE 12th Avenue off Oakland Park Blvd. and finishes at the Wimberly Field Athletic Complex where the Youth Day carnival and entertainment will take place. Parade entry forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the Youth Day page on the City's website.

The Youth Day carnival features amusement rides, stage shows, a craft fair, food and fireworks. Everyone is invited for a day of fun and excitement starting at 11:30 a.m. Armbands for unlimited Youth Day rides are available for sale at the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, Collins Community Center, and Parks and Leisure Services office in City Hall through Friday,

March 9 for \$15 cash (\$20 day of the event).

Attendees will enjoy a wide range of free Youth Day entertainment from the Mai Kai performers, karate demonstrations, and musical acts, including the N. Andrews Gardens Elementary Pizazz Show Choir and the Miami Sound-Byte Band. A crowd favorite is always the "Little Miss Oakland Park" for Oakland Park girls 4 to 7 years of age.

To learn more about Oakland Park's 61st Annual Youth Day, please call Parks and Leisure Services at **954-630-4500**.



City Seeks Input on Facility Initiative with March 14 Meeting & Tours

The City of Oakland Park

FACILITIES OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY • MARCH 14 • 6-8 PM

Collins Community Center | 3900 NE 3rd Ave., Oakland Park, Florida 33334

- ★ Learn about Facility Challenges
- ★ Discuss Improvement Opportunities
- ★ Presentation begins at 6:30 PM

Flip over for Tour Dates

For more information, please visit www.oaklandparkfl.gov or call (954) 630-4475. Send your comments and suggestions to HelpPlanOP@oaklandparkfl.gov

- Fire Station 9, 301 NE 38th Street/Park Lane East (Built 1967)
- Public Works, 3801 NE 5th Avenue & 5100 NE 12th Terrace (Built 1965 & 1971)
- Collins Community Center, 3900 NE 3rd Avenue (Built 1971)
- North Andrews Gardens Community Center, 250 NE 56th Court (original building 1960's)
- Park Place ("L-Shaped Building"), 1101 NE 40th Court (Jaco Pastorius Park)
- City Hall, 3650 NE 12th Avenue (Built 1963)
- Spiker Recreation Center, 1246 NE 37th Street (Built 1975)
- Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37th Street (Built 1963)

A "community engagement" event to discuss Oakland Park facilities – many more than 50 years old -- is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 14 at Collins Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m.** City facilities will be open for "open house" and tours from noon to 4 p.m. on **March 17, 18, 24 and 25.**

To learn more, please visit the City's website or call the Engineering & Community Development office at **954-630-4475** or send your suggestions to: HelpPlanOP@oaklandparkfl.gov

Oakland Park's City Commission and City officials have mapped out a strategy for public engagement and exchange to evaluate the feasibility of replacing or upgrading various City facilities, including, but not limited to:

- Fire Station 87, 2100 NE 39th Street (Built 1982)
- Fire Station 20, 4721 NW 9th Avenue (Built 1968)

SAVE THE DATE: 'Taste of Oakland Park' Festival Friday, April 27

Tickets for the "Taste of Oakland Park" festival are available for online purchase via the City's website and social media. This popular event at Jaco Pastorius Park will feature food & beverage tastings from local culinary establishments, along with live music. Adult admission tickets are \$15 with accompanied children under 12 admitted free. To learn more about "Taste of Oakland Park," please call **954-630-4251** or visit the City's website.

Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meeting scheduled for **March 7 and March 21** 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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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:

- **Americas Got Baseball**, 3486 N. Andrews Avenue, (754) 223-5928, americasgotbaseball.com
- **Art Buzz Studio**, 3455 NE 12th Terrace, (954) 290-1543, www.thekristinbeck.com
- **City Furniture**, 3501 N. Federal Highway, (954) 564-7700, www.cityfurniture.com
- **Fat Freddy's Sub Shop**, 221 W. Prospect Road, (954) 491-4334, www.facebook.com/Fatfreddysubshop
- **Jupiter Donuts**, 1500 W. Oakland Park Boulevard, (954) 870-6113, www.jupiterdonuts.com
- **projectROCK**, 3580 N. Andrews Avenue, (954) 766-4836, projectrock.com
- **Ride Element**, 3496 NE 12th Avenue, (954) 280-7433, www.therideelement.com
- **The Frug**, 3516 NE 12th Avenue, (954) 465-7017, www.facebook.com/The-Frug-Vintage
- **USA Health & Therapy**, 3434 NE 12th Avenue, (954) 563-6660, drcraingsinger.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.

Deputy Lashaundra Richardson BSO/Oakland Park District Employee of the Month



Sheriff Scott Israel

On the early morning of January 17th, a call was dispatched for a burglary in progress. A perimeter was established and Deputy Lashaundra Richardson was dispatched to a point on the south end of the incident location. Updates indicated that there were at least three burglaries committed and a detailed description of the suspect was provided.

Deputy Richardson positioned her vehicle and maintained a constant visual for the suspect. After an extensive search and exhausting all available resources, the suspect was not located and the search was discontinued.

Deputy Richardson remained vigilant and aware of her surroundings despite the search being over. A few moments later,

Deputy Richardson advised that she had located a possible suspect. She provided dispatch with the description of the suspect she was in contact with, which was identical to the information provided by the victim. The suspect was detained without incident.

The victim provided a positive identification and the suspect was subsequently arrested and charged with three counts of burglary conveyance as well as violation of felony probation.

The suspect has a criminal history including crimes such as; grand theft, burglary, resist without violence, loitering and prowling, corruption by threat, possession of cannabis, robbery, assault, and larceny.

Library Offers Free Tax Return Preparation



Residents can have taxes prepared for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program at the Ethel. M. Gordon Oakland Park Library. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing for qualified individuals at the Library on Tuesdays (2 to 5 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) with the service not available Saturday, March 17th.

Before going, make sure to call the Library at **954-630-7374** or **954-630-4378** to confirm the list of items you need to bring in preparation for your visit. The program is made available through the Hispanic City of Florida and services are provided in English and Spanish. The Library is located at 1298 NE 37 Street.

Parks and Leisure News & Notes

Mayors' Chess Challenge – Is there a budding chess master in your home? Mothers, fathers, children, relatives and neighbors are all welcome to join the fun. All ages and skill levels are welcome! This free and friendly event will draw attention to the benefits of chess in both the academic environment and in our community. Instructors are on hand to help those new to the game.

Date: Saturday, March 24

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Location: Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 1293 NE 37 Street

Chess Mates Workshop for Grades 4 – 12 -- Thursdays 5:30 to 7 p.m. Children are invited to learn how to play chess by joining an eight-week chess workshop taught by a NSCF master chess instructor. Some basic knowledge of the game will be helpful, but not required. Participants will receive community service hours. Space is limited so make sure you register soon by visiting the Youth Services desk or by calling the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library at **954-630-4372**.

2018 Spring Rockin' Reading Buddies -- Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. The Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library offers a free eight-week (March 14th through May 11th) reading out loud program for elementary school aged children (grades K-4). Children are paired with teen reading buddies once a week 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 March 17 -- 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, March 17
Location: Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 North Dixie Highway
Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer League – Registration is underway for teams interested in competing in the City's inaugural Women's Soccer League (ages 18 and over). Play begin April 8 and the games take place Sunday evenings at Stevens Field (3881 NE 6th Avenue). Registration fee is \$600 per team. Please call the City's athletic office at **954-630-4506** for more information on registration and league games.

Spring Break Sports Camp – Spring breakers from grades 3 through 5 enrolled in the City's Spring Break Camp the week of March 26-March 30 can sign up for the additional Spring Break Sports Camp. There will be an additional fee of \$50 per resident and \$70 per non-resident for the weeklong sports camp which runs 7:30 a.m. to noon. Please call **954-630-4506** for more information on the Spring Break Sports Camp.

Spring Break Camp Registration Open



The City's Parks and Recreation Department will once again conduct a "Spring Break Camp" for elementary and middle school children during the week of March 26 – March 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

The Spring Break Camp will be held at two locations. Children grades K-2 will attend North Andrews Gardens

Community Center (250 NE 56th Court) and children grades 3-8 will attend Spihler Recreation Center (1246 NE 37th Street).

Parents can register their children in the Parks and Leisure Services office at City Hall, either of the two camp locations, or online. The Spring Break Camp fee is \$50 for the week (resident) and \$70 (non-resident). Children must bring their own lunch and snacks.

Registration is also open for supervised care on the Public School Holiday Friday, March 23. Early bird registration is \$10 and the same day fee is \$15. For an additional \$3, parents can order lunch (pizza & drink).

For more information on the City's Spring Break Camp and public school holiday child care programs, please call **954-630-4500**.

Broward County Animal Care Handling of Nuisance Dogs

Oakland Park residents or business owners are reminded to report domestic animal issues to Broward County Animal Care & Adoption. There is a leash law in Broward County that states all dogs must be on a leash when off their owner's property. Oakland Park residents can report nuisance dogs as follows:

- Call Animal Care at **954-359-1313**, extension 9249 and provide the name and complete address of the dog owner and a time of day the owner is likely to be home. An Animal Care Specialist will be dispatched to the home, to inform the pet owner about the nuisance ordinance, and check for current rabies vaccination and rabies registration tag. The Animal Care Specialist can write a citation or 30-day warning for expired rabies vaccination and tags.
- If you don't know for sure where the dog lives, provide the dispatcher with as much information about the dog and its owner as you know, including description of the dog, when the dog runs loose, who the owner might be, where the owner might live, and when the owner might be home. An Animal Care Specialist will visit the neighborhood. Ask the dispatcher for the activity number of the call. You can call back a few days later, and ask the dispatcher for a report on the results of the visit.

Dog Bites -- To document a dog bite of a person or pet, call Broward County Animal Care at **954-359-1313**, extension 9297, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday. Provide them with the name and complete address of the bite dog's owner. An Animal Care Specialist will be dispatched to your home, and the dog biter's home, to investigate the situation and, if warranted, issue a citation to the dog biter's owner.



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City of Oakland Park Events & Activities March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Watch your mail for the Spring-Summer edition of the City's Oakland Park LIVE Magazine</p> 				1	2	3 Waterway Cleanup
4	5	6 Property Tax Exemption Assistance	7 General Employee Pension Board City Commission Meeting	8 Code Enforcement Board	9	10 Youth Day
11	12 Planning & Zoning Board	13 Civil Service Board	14	15	16	17 Citywide Yard Sale
18	19	20 Special Magistrate Meeting	21 City Commission Meeting	22 Beautification Advisory Board Art & Culture Board	23	24
25	26 School Advisory Board Historic Preservation Board	27 Board of Adjustment	28	29	30	31

Events & Activities Listing March 2018

March 3:
Waterway Cleanup,
J. Dewey Hawkins Landing,
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 6:
Property Tax Exemption Assistance,
Oakland Park City Hall,
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 7:
General Employee Pension Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 9 a.m.

March 7:
City Commission Meeting,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

March 8:
Code Enforcement Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

March 10:
Youth Day, Wimberly Field,
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

March 12:
Planning & Zoning Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

March 13:
Civil Service Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

March 17:
Citywide Yard Sale,
Jaco Pastorius Park, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 20:
Special Magistrate Meeting,
Oakland Park City Hall, 3 p.m.

March 21:
City Commission Meeting,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

March 22:
Beautification Advisory Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 5 p.m.

March 22:
Art & Culture Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.

March 26:
School Advisory Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 5 p.m.

March 26:
Historic Preservation Board,
Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

March 27:
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

Wimberly Field,
4000 NE 3 Avenue

J. Dewey Hawkins Landing,
2960 NE 12 Terrace

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