



CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

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City of OAKLAND PARK

Holiday VILLAGE

November 30 - December 2, 2018

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Friday, November 30 at 6:30 pm

Friday
November 30
from 6pm-10pm

Saturday
December 1
from 11am-7pm

Sunday
December 2
from 11am-7pm

- * Santa's Village
- * Snow Mountain
- * Artists & Crafters
- * Music & Entertainment
- * Food Court & Holiday Cheer
- * Tree Decorating Competition

Jaco Pastorius Park • 4000 N Dixie Hwy, Oakland Park, FL 33334

FREE EVENT

'Holiday Village' turns Jaco Pastorius Park into Winter Wonderland Nov 30 – Dec 2

The City's Christmas Tree, Menorah, Kinara and other festive holidays decorations will light up Oakland Park's "Holiday Village" celebration at Jaco Pastorius Park November 30th through December 2nd.

The festivities commence at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 30th, with the arrival of Santa Claus, at the park's Grand Fountain Plaza, for the 6:30 p.m. lighting of Oakland Park's 40-foot Christmas Tree.

- Holiday Village highlights include:**
- Children's Activity Corner
 - Holiday Food Court
 - Snow Mountain
 - Christmas Tree Competition
 - Selfies with Santa
 - Holiday Village Carousel
 - Holiday Cooking Demonstration

Musical performances for the free Holiday Village event feature:

- **Friday, November 30** -- The five-piece **Shane Duncan Band** performing high-energy Country Rock.
- **Saturday, December 1** -- South Florida Classic Rock favorites **Mr. Nice Guy Band**, **Dillard High School Jazz Ensemble**, **Yello Dancers**, Pianist & Vocalist **Kevin Laurence**, and the **Girl Choir of South Florida**.
- **Sunday, December 2** -- The eight-piece **Solid Brass Band** performing Classic Rock and R&B hits, **Sophia Anderson**, **Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida** and the **Bryan Dubrow Jazz Trio**.

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

- Holiday Village hours are:
- **Friday, November 30: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**
 - **Saturday, December 1: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.**
 - **Sunday, December 2: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

To learn more about the "Holiday Village" celebration, please call **954-630-4500**.

Toy Drive – Anyone visiting "Holiday Village" can bring an unwrapped toy for a child or teenager. Collection boxes are also located 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. To donate, please call **954-630-4316**.

Santa Express – Have Santa deliver a parent-provided toy(s) to children from a firetruck instead of a sleigh Saturday, **December 22**. Parents can make arrangements by calling **561-901-3026** to have off-duty firefighters assist Santa with toy deliveries. The deadline to arrange a toy delivery to your home is Friday, December 20. The Firefighters' Benevolent Association is also accepting new toy donations and gift cards for all ages to brighten the holiday for the less fortunate. Unwrapped toys and gifts cards 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. Oakland Park schools provide recommendations of children and families with the greatest needs.

Trash, Recycle and Bulk Collection Holiday Schedule



Oakland Park residents will receive regular collection service on all holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day. If your service falls on Christmas Day, your items will be collected on the next scheduled service day. There is no make-up collection day. Curbside cart collection regularly provided on Tuesday's will resume scheduled service Friday, December 28, 2018. Bulk collection will take place as regularly scheduled. Residents may place holiday trees curbside on their scheduled bulk collection week. To learn more, please call **954-630-4452**.

New Mayor and City Commission

The following 2019/2019 City Commissioners will be sworn in December 5th at 6:30 p.m.

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City Presents 'POP Star' Beautification Award

The Mayor and City Commission presented a "POP Star" award to Edgar Encarnacion and Ralph Michael Waters for the beautification enhancements to their Lloyd Estates residence. They created an inviting property enhancement featuring "brilliant use of landscaping – colors, textures, undercover and trees," according to the nomination.



The POP Star Award (Proud Oakland Park) is 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.

To learn more about the POP Star Award program, please visit the city's website or call the city's Horticulturist Lyzabeth Fiore at **954-630-4420**.

BSO REPORTS OAKLAND PARK CRIME RATE LOWEST IN DECADES

The BSO/Oakland Park District third quarter crime report documents a continued lower crime rate in comparison to past years. This is a continuation of the success leading to historically low crime rates for the City.

"Citizens have become a key part of our crime fighting strategy," said BSO/Oakland Park District Chief Allan Hubrig. "Oakland Park's citizens have become adept at recognizing suspicious behavior and – most importantly – calling it in!"

With Holiday Season here, the BSO/Oakland Park District reminds all residents to be aware and keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Remember to ask any contractor approaching you for roofing, driveway sealing, or portraying themselves as a utility worker, for authentic identification and contractor's license.

We encourage 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. 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 not delayed by fumbling while looking for your keys.
- Do not leave your purse, wallet, or mobile 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.
- After the holidays be sure to break down boxes of valuable items and place them in bags so as not to give any indication of valuables that were received and are likely in the house.



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

PARKS and LEISURE NEWS

Used Book Sale -- The Friends of the Oakland Park Library invite everyone to shop for literary treasures at their Holiday Bargains **"Used Book Sale"** Friday, **December 7** (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Saturday, **December 8** (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 -- including a special holiday selection of children's books -- representing a diverse range of fiction and non-fiction are available for 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**.

Mommy & Me -- The City's Parks and Leisure Services Department invites mothers (or grandmothers) to bring pre-school age children, up to four years of age, for a new weekly program called "Mommy & Me." Join the Spiher Recreation Center staff for this weekly program on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Each week will feature a different activity, including a Holiday Photo Shoot on December 13 and a Polar Express Craft on December 20. The cost is \$5 per family for each session. To sign-up or learn more, please call **954-630-4495**.

Learn a New Language for Free -- Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library cardholders can now learn a new language for free with the Mango Languages program. There are more than 70 languages to choose from along with foreign films to view in the language of your choice. All ages are welcome to participate. Library cardholders who complete a language course can bring their certificate of completion to the Library to receive free Mango Language merchandise. To get started, visit the Mango Languages link on the City's online Library page or call **954-630-4374**.

Christmas Tree Recycling -- 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. To participate in this free program, remove all decorations from your Christmas tree (no decorated trees will be accepted), then bring it to Easterlin Park (1000 NW 38th Street/Park Lane West), where it will be chipped and used to landscape parks. There is a limit of two trees per vehicle, artificial trees are not accepted, and no commercial vehicles or garbage trucks are allowed. To learn more, call Easterlin Park at **954-357-5190**. This season's program runs daily through Monday, January 21, 2019 (Martin Luther King Day) with the regular weekend and holiday gate entrance fee waived for recyclers.



Winter Break Camp December 26 – January 7



Registration is open for the City's annual Winter Break Camp running from December 26 to January 7. City staff will entertain and engage children with arts & crafts, games, field trips, outdoor play and more. The City provides a safe and fun camp focusing on healthy child development through activities and age-appropriate lessons.

Winter Camp will be held for grades K-3 at North Andrews Garden Recreation Center (250 NE 56 Court) and grades 4-8 at Spiher Recreation Center (1246 NE 37 Street) from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

The fee is \$30 per resident and \$60 per non-resident for December 26, 27 & 28 and \$40 per resident and \$70 per non-resident for January 2, 3, 4 & 7. Field trips to Chuck E. Cheese, Glacier Ice Skating and Regal Cinema are an additional charge. For registration and other information, please call **954-630-4500**.

Recycle Right Reminder: No Food Waste or Plastic Bags



Recyclable loads that do not meet specifications for contamination (anything that renders your recycling non-recyclable) may be rejected and not recycled.

Contamination can be avoided by thoroughly cleaning/rinsing any food waste (solid or liquid) from recyclable containers and placing your recyclable items in the cart loose. Never place plastic bags in your recyclables cart. Take them instead to your local supermarket for recycling.

Items accepted for recycling include cans (aluminum, steel and tin), PET/plastic bottles with the symbol #1, plastic containers with symbols #3-#7, glass (food and beverage) containers, newspaper, mail, magazines, glossy inserts, pamphlets and catalogs, uncoated paperboard (cereal boxes, food, and snack boxes), uncoated printing, writing and office paper, corrugated containers/cardboard, and phone books.

Please call Oakland Park's Solid Waste Division at **954-630-4452** for more information.

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City of Oakland Park Event & Activities December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					NOV 30 Holiday Village Jaco Pastorius Park 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	1 Holiday Village Jaco Pastorius Park 11 a.m. to 7 p.m..
2 Holiday Village Jaco Pastorius Park 11 a.m. to 7 p.m..	3	4 Property Tax Exemption Assistance City Hall 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	5 General Employees' Pension Board, 9 a.m. City Commission Meeting City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	6	7 Used Book Sale Ethel M. Gordon Library 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	8 Used Book Sale Ethel M. Gordon Library 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
9	10 Planning & Zoning Board City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	11 Civil Service Board City Hall, 6 p.m.	12	13 Code Enforcement Board City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	14	15
16	17	18 Special Magistrate Meeting, City Hall, 3 p.m.	19	20	21	22
23	24 City Hall Closed	25 City Hall Closed	26	27 Beautification Advisory Board City Hall, 5 p.m. Art & Culture Board City Hall, 6 p.m.	28	29
30	31 City Hall Closed					

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3650 NE 12 Avenue

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1298 NE 37 Street

Jaco Pastorius Park,
4000 N. Dixie Hwy

Collins Community Center,
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Telephone Numbers:

Parks & Leisure Services: 954-630-4500

Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library:
954-630-4370

Oakland Park City Hall: 954-630-4200

Meetings & Events Listing *(subject to change)*

- November 30: **Holiday Village**, Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- December 1: **Holiday Village**, Jaco Pastorius Park, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- December 2: **Holiday Village**, Jaco Pastorius Park, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- December 4: **Property Tax Exemption Assistance**, Oakland Park City Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- December 5: **General Employees' Pension Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 9 a.m.
City Commission Meeting, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- December 7: **Used Book Sale**, Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- December 8: **Used Book Sale**, Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- December 10: **Planning & Zoning Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- December 11: **Civil Service Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.
- December 13: **Code Enforcement Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- December 18: **Special Magistrate Meeting**, Oakland Park City Hall, 3 p.m.
- December 24: **City Hall Closed**
- December 25: **City Hall Closed**
- December 27: **Beautification Advisory Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 5 p.m.
- December 27: **Art & Culture Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.
- December 31: **City Hall Closed**
- January 1: **City Hall Closed**

