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Community Soul Festival at Jaco Pastorius Park Friday, January 18 MLK Holiday Program at Collins Community Center, Monday, January 21

The City of Oakland Park will honor the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday weekend with its annual "Community Soul" event Friday, January 18 and a celebration of the life and mission of Dr. King on Monday, January 21.

The Community Soul Festival at Jaco Pastorius Park will celebrate the contributions and achievements of the African and Caribbean-American community. This free event from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. features live music, cultural performances and a variety of food & beverages for sale.



Entertainment headliners include the popular Pocket Change band performing popular Motown, Funk, Soul and Top 40 dance classics. Performers from the BamiDele Dance of African Arts will also be showcased. The company's repertoire includes original choreography in traditional West African dances, Afro-fusion of modern, contemporary, Haitian folklore, Caribbean, Congolese Soukous and Storytelling. Children's activities will take place throughout the evening.

All ages are also invited to join the City to honor and celebrate the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 21 at Collins Community Center (3900 NE 3rd Avenue) beginning at 11 a.m.

This celebration of Dr. King's impact on American history will feature play performances by children from the Oakland Park After School program and local community leaders. Complementary ice cream and refreshments will be served.

To learn more about these events, please call **954-630-4500** or visit the City's website at: www.oaklandparkfl.gov

New Year's Resolution: Recycle Often, Recycle Right

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, nearly 70 percent of plastic bottles and almost 50 percent of aluminum cans don't get recycled.

In addition to increasing recycling participation, Oakland Park residents can take simple steps to avoid "contaminating" an entire truckload of recyclables resulting in disposing in a landfill instead of recycling.

Always remember:

- Place all recyclables loose into your recycle cart (not in plastic bags or trash bags).
- Never include plastic bags with your recyclables (rather take plastic bags to your local supermarket for recycling).
- Thoroughly clean/rinse any food waste (solid or liquid) from your recyclable items (spilled liquid can contaminate an entire load of otherwise recyclable paper).
- No hoses, holiday lights, hangers or extension cords (they can damage recycling equipment and should always be placed in your trash).
- No paper napkins, plates, cups & tissues (compost if possible, you can recycle the cardboard tubes).
- No Polystyrene foam or plastic cups & containers such as from restaurants or foam shipping materials from your holiday parcels.
- No Textiles, clothes, shoes and carpet/rugs (they can be donated to thrift stores).

Recyclable loads that do not meet processing specifications for contamination may be rejected and not recycled. Oakland Park pays more when recycling loads are contaminated.

Acceptable recyclable items 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 or visit the City's website at www.oaklandparkfl.gov

Recycle right

Don't put plastic bags
in your recycling bin.



Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meetings are scheduled for **January 9** and **January 23** at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

Comcast Channel 78
AT&T U-verse Channel 99

See agendas & backup, livestreaming, minutes and videos of prior meetings at: www.oaklandparkfl.gov



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2018/2019 CITY COMMISSION



As a result of the November 6, 2018, election and December 5, 2018, organization meeting, Oakland Park's 2018/2019 City Commission is the following:

- **Mayor Sara Guevrekian**
- **Vice Mayor Matthew Sparks**
- **Commissioner Tim Lonergan**
- **Commissioner Michael E. Carn**
- **Commissioner Jane F. Bolin**

The mayoral post rotates each year among the Commission Members with a new Mayor and Vice Mayor assuming office following the outgoing Mayor's Annual State of the City Address.



Railroad Quiet Zone Implementation

The City recently received notification that the 24-Hour Railway Quiet Zone has been approved for all railroad crossings within Broward County. However, **please note that there may be up to a 3-month delay** on the implementation of the Quiet Zone by the railroad companies (SFRTA/CSX in the west and FEC/Brightline in the east) as the Quiet Zone protocols are put in place. Please further note that although all crossings in Broward County will be 24-hour quiet zones, the Rail Engineer/Conductor will have the authority to use the train horn when deemed necessary. For the latest Quiet Zone updates, visit: www.BrowardMPO.org

City Receives 'Safe Routes to School' Grant of Nearly \$1 Million to Benefit the Lloyd Estates Elementary/Prospect Gardens Area

Oakland Park was awarded a "Safe Routes to School" Grant in the amount of \$922,749 from the Florida Department of Transportation. This grant program funds infrastructure-related projects that substantially improve the ability of students to walk and bicycle to school.

The City's grant – one of only 14 awarded statewide – will be used for the Lloyd Estates Elementary School/Prospect Gardens neighborhood where approximately 36 percent of the students walk to and from the school each day.

The proposed project includes a contiguous sidewalk system to the school, ADA ramps, crosswalks, curbs and gutter for pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Nearly 15,000 linear feet of five-foot wide sidewalks will be installed or replaced. The project also helps fund safety programs with the School Resource Officer and the school to educate students on traffic and bicycle safety.



PARKS and LEISURE NEWS

Teacher Planning Day on January 7 -- With no school for children on this day, 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, and movies. Call Parks and Leisure to register at **954-630-4500**.

Location: Spihler Recreation Center

Date: Monday, January 7

**Resident Fee: \$10 early registration
\$15 same day registration**

Grades: K - 8

Boys & Girls Baseball/Softball -- The Northeast Little League provides quality baseball/softball for boys and girls ages 4 to 14. The 2019 registration takes place in January with practices beginning in February. The season runs through the end of May. Sponsor, coaching and volunteer opportunities are available. For registration and other information, visit the Northeast Little League website at: NELLBB.com or contact league director David McLeod at **954-793-2348** or davemcleod33@aol.com

Citywide Yard Sale January 19 -- The City offers the opportunity to sell items at the Citywide Yard Sale. The event attracts many shoppers with numerous tables located in a single venue. It is an occasion for everyone to make some extra money by selling their unwanted goods or to find 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.

Location: Jaco Pastorius Park

Date: Saturday, January 19

Free Tree Giveaway February 23 -- The City is currently planning the next **Tree Giveaway** for Saturday, **February 23** at Wimberly Field, 4000 NE Third Avenue. Up to three free trees will be available per household or business with proof of Oakland Park residency or business ownership. The Tree Giveaway events serve to help Oakland Park rebuild its tree canopy and remind everyone of the importance of "right tree, right place." More details will be in the February issue of the "Oakleaf." To learn more about Tree Giveaways, please contact City Horticulturist Lyzabeth Fiore at **954-630-4420** or visit: www.oaklandparkfl.gov

Location: Wimberly Field, 4000 NE 3 Avenue

Date: Saturday, February 23



Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve Cleanup January 26



This beautiful nature preserve spans more than five acres of native sand pine scrub and plants, walkway, elevated decking and an educational shelter. The park is also home to many Florida native species, including the threatened gopher tortoise.

Volunteer cleanup efforts help remove invasive

vegetation, while maintaining trails and walkways. Participants are needed to assist and should wear comfortable work shoes/boots (no open toes shoes), long sleeve shirts and pants (clothes that can get dirty). Please bring gloves, hat and sunscreen. Water, tools and snacks will be provided.

For more information on this and other habitat restoration efforts, please contact the City's Volunteer Manager Bruce Garrison at **954-630-4502** or BruceG@oaklandparkfl.gov.

January 26th, 8:30 a.m. – noon

Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve, 2820 NW 27th Avenue (south off Oakland Park Blvd.)

SAVE THE DATE: 'Taste of Oakland Park' Festival Friday, February 15

Discounted Pre-Sale Tickets Available for Online Purchase



Extend your Valentine's celebration by attending one of the City's most popular events -- the **"Taste of Oakland Park"** scheduled for Friday, **February 15**, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Jaco Pastorius Park.

Tickets for the "Taste of Oakland Park" festival are available for online purchase via the City's website and social media. This popular culinary event features food & beverage tastings from local hospitality establishments, along with live music and other entertainment.

Adult admission tickets are currently available \$15 pre-sale (\$20 at the event) with accompanied children 12 and under admitted free. To purchase pre-sale tickets, please visit: www.facebook.com/OPCRA/events and click on the TASTE event's "Get Tickets" link. To learn more about the City's "Taste of Oakland Park," please call **954-630-4500**.

Date: February 15th, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Highway

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City of Oakland Park Event & Activities January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DEC 30	DEC 31 City Hall Closed	1 City Hall Closed	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Civil Service Board, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	9 City Commission Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	10 Code Enforcement Board, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14 Planning & Zoning Board, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	15 Special Magistrate Meeting, City Hall, 3 p.m.	16	17	18 Community Soul, Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	19
20	21 City Hall Closed MLK Holiday Event, Collins Community Center, 11 a.m.	22 Police & Fire Pension Board, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.	23 City Commission Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	24 Beautification Advisory Board, City Hall, 5 p.m. Art & Culture Board, City Hall, 6 p.m.	25	26
27	28 School Advisory Board, City Hall, 5 p.m. Historic Preservation Board, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	29 Board of Adjustment, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	30	31		

How Can We Help?
City Hall Staff is Just a Phone Call Away.
The City welcomes the opportunity to answer your questions or concerns. Please call us at 954-630-4300 or send us an email at DavidR@oaklandparkfl.gov. You may also find your answer on our website at www.oaklandparkfl.gov

Meetings & Events Listing *(subject to change)*

January 8	Civil Service Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
January 9	City Commission Meeting, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
January 10	Code Enforcement Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
January 14	Planning & Zoning Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
January 15	Special Magistrate Meeting, Oakland Park City Hall, 3 p.m.
January 18	Community Soul, Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
January 21	MLK Holiday Event, Collins Community Center, 11 a.m.
January 21	City Hall Closed
January 22	Police & Fire Pension Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
January 23	City Commission Meeting, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
January 24	Beautification Advisory Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 5 p.m.
January 24	Art & Culture Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.
January 28	School Advisory Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 5 p.m.
January 28	Historic Preservation Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
January 29	Board of Adjustment, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library
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

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