



# CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

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## Recycle Often, Recycle Right to Prevent Costly Contamination

The City pays for the processing of recyclables and gets credited for the value of the materials recovered. Non-recyclables (contamination) within the single stream recycling cart decreases the credited value of the recovered material. This contamination requires Oakland Park **to pay more** for processing the recyclables.

Help avoid costly contamination of recyclables by:

- **Place all recyclables loose into recycle cart (not in plastic bags or trash bags).**
- **Never include plastic bags with your recyclables (take plastic bags to your local supermarket for recycling).**
- **Thoroughly clean/rinse any food waste (solid or liquid) from your recyclable items and allow to dry (spilled liquid can contaminate an entire load of otherwise recyclable paper or cardboard).**
- **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 Styrofoam containers such as from restaurants or foam shipping materials from holiday parcels.**
- **No textiles, clothes, shoes and carpet/rugs (donate to thrift stores).**
- **Keep recycle container lid closed to avoid contamination from rain.**

The amount paid per ton for recyclables steadily and significantly increased in 2019. Since February 2019, the per ton fees for recyclables exceeded the cost to dispose of trash at landfills and continues to increase.

### Go on a Plastic Diet

Communities across America are raising awareness for consumers by encouraging a "Plastic Diet" to help eliminate or reduce single-use or disposable plastics which are used only once before disposed or recycled. These items include: plastic bags, straws, coffee stirrers, soda and water bottles, cutlery, and most food packaging.

### Carry a reusable bag

Use reusable bags when shopping at grocery stores, markets or anywhere else you may be given a plastic bag. Oakland Park's new reusable bags include a reminder of what can and can't be recycled. To get your free Oakland Park reusable bag and other recycling information, please call the City's Solid Waste Division at **954-630-4452**.



## Sustainable Oakland Park: What We Are Doing and How You Can Help

The City is committed to numerous sustainability initiatives; however, the long-term viability will depend on a community-wide effort and you can help!

Oakland Park and Wilton Manors pioneered the nation's first joint climate action plan leading the way to sustainability.

Recent sustainability updates include citywide energy efficiencies:

- **Smart Water Meters**
- **LED Street Lights**
- **Wimberly Field LED Lighting Retrofit after Hurricane Irma damage**

### Smart Water Conservation – Eye on Water

The City recently upgraded over 9,000 residential water meters to smart meters which efficiently transmit metered usages via cell phone technology without requiring manual meter reads. This modern technology also provides the ability for residents and City staff to monitor daily and hourly water usages down to a gallon per hour, which is extremely helpful to identify leaks. The feature provides helpful information for residents to recognize how much water is used. This information will help consumers curb their usage and achieve tangible water conservation. Learn more by visiting the Eye on Water website: [www.eyeonwater.com/signup](http://www.eyeonwater.com/signup)

### Irrigation Upgrade Rebate – Get Paid to Save!

Broward County is offering up to \$600 in rebates to upgrade your irrigation. Upgrade your sprinkler zones to improve efficiency and your existing timer to an EPA Water Sense smart irrigation controller. To be eligible, you must have a working system, must use metered, potable water, and must reside in the City. Visit the website: [www.Broward.org/IrrigationRebate](http://www.Broward.org/IrrigationRebate) to learn more.

### Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program

Residents and business owners can benefit from this program by replacing older toilets that use a greater quantity of gallons per flush with high-efficiency WaterSense toilets. Rebates are issued at \$100 per toilet, up to two (2) max per unit. Call **954-630-4414** for more information or email: [oprebateprogram@oaklandparkfl.gov](mailto:oprebateprogram@oaklandparkfl.gov)



## Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meeting scheduled for **August 7** 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](http://www.oaklandparkfl.gov)



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## Tree Giveaways Help Expand Oakland Park's Tree Canopy Next Tree Giveaway February 29, 2020

The City would like to thank our residents and business owners who participated in Oakland Park's summer Tree Giveaway Program on Saturday, June 22 at Wimberly Field. The next free Tree Giveaway is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 29, 2020.

Hundreds of native trees, including fruit trees and shrubs were provided free to residents and business owners. In addition to the free trees, the City offered educational stations ranging on topics from the right tree/right place to proper planting, watering & aftercare.

Tree Giveaways are another significant step in expanding Oakland Park's urban tree canopy. Maintaining the health of our tree population is a top priority.

Trees are one of our major lines of defense against the damage from greenhouse gas emissions and the heat island effect. Canopy cover cools our streets, cleanses our air, expands wildlife habitats, prevents soil erosion to help manage our floodplain, and beautifies our City.

More than 30 Volunteer Corps members helped welcome and educate attendees, as well as carry and load trees.

Oakland Park's Tree Assistance Program volunteers also delivered and planted 43 trees for residents with special needs in our community. To learn more about the City's Tree Giveaways, please call **954-630-4420**.



## 'Proud to Be' Oakland Park Business Awards

The "Proud to Be" Oakland Park Business Awards represent the values of people, progress and pride. Businesses are recognized for marketing/promoting their business location as Oakland Park, as well as investing in community enhancement efforts.

Check out the list of businesses who recently received "Proud to Be" Oakland Park Business recognition awards from the Mayor and City Commission.



"Proud to Be" Oakland Park Businesses receive a storefront award decal and an award logo to use on the company's communications, website and announcements. Call **954-630-4475** to learn more about the "Proud to Be" Oakland Park (P2bOP) business awards.

- **Adjusterman**  
682 NE 33 Street, Suite 1  
(954) 822-6945  
adjustermanllc.com
- **ARS Countertops, Cabinets & Floors**  
860 E. Prospect Road  
(954) 294-3889  
arskitchenandbath.com
- **Build-a-Field Trip**  
3440 NE 12 Avenue  
(954) 772-7800  
buildafieldtrip.com
- **Koncrete Art**  
760 NE 44 Street  
(954) 478-2700  
koncreteart.com
- **Newday Desserts**  
4008 NE 5 Avenue  
(754) 204-5618  
newdaydesserts.com
- **Oakland Coffee & Juice Bar**  
201 E. Oakland Park Boulevard  
(754) 312-2990  
oaklandcoffeeandjuicebar.com
- **Paper Metal Canvas**  
3242 NE 12 Avenue  
(954) 530-6185  
papermetalcanvas.com
- **Tole Electric**  
320 NE 44 Street  
(954) 987-7424  
toleelectric.com/cities/  
electricians\_oakland\_park\_fl/  
index.html

## PARKS and LEISURE NEWS

**Summer Food Program** – Free lunches are served weekdays from noon to 1 p.m. and free snacks available from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. through **Tuesday, August 13th**. The Summer Food Program is open to **ALL children ages 18 and younger**. The City of Oakland Park serves free lunch and afternoon snacks at the following locations:

- **Collins Community Center, 3900 NE 3rd Avenue**
  - **North Andrews Gardens Community Center, 250 NE 56th Court**
  - **Spiher Recreation Center, 1246 NE 37th Street**
- Call: **954-630-4500** for more information

**Summer Nights Friday August 9** – The final "Summer Nights" series at Jaco Pastorius Park features Oakland Park's popular Culinary Arts Showcase, Moonlight Movie, music and family fun. Activities and music begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Culinary Arts Showcase starting at 6:30 p.m. Lazo Empanadas will provide the culinary demo and beverage pairings. The fun continues at dusk with the smash hit "Incredibles 2" on the giant outdoor movie screen starting at 8:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside the community center.

**Library Wraps Up Summer Programs** – All ages are invited to attend "Moon Stories: A Storytelling Show" featuring folktales about the moon. This free program takes place Wednesday, **August 7** at 10 a.m. The **2019 Summer Reading Program** will hold an end of the summer party and raffle Friday, **August 9** at 1 p.m. All reading logs must be completed, signed and submitted by August 6 to be eligible for the raffle.

**Used Book Sale August 23-24** – The Friends of the Oakland Park Library invite you to shop for literary bargains at their "Used Book Sale" Friday, **August 23** (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Saturday, **August 24** (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. For more information on the Book Sale and other library activities, please call **954-630-4370**.

**Public School Holidays August 12 & 13 and September 30** – The City of Oakland Park offers a safe, organized environment providing parents peace of mind and children a day of excitement and fun. The service is provided at North Andrews Gardens Community Center for children in grades K-8. The one-day fee is \$10 per resident. Call Parks and Leisure to register at **954-630-4500**.

**Adult Soccer League** – Registration opens August 1 and league play begins September 2. The Adult Soccer League plays with modified rules at Stevens Field, 3881 NE 6 Avenue. Entry fee is \$600 per team with matches scheduled Tuesday and Saturday evenings. For registration and other information, please call **954-630-4506**.

**Youth Flag Football & Cheerleading** – Registration opens August 1 and league play begins September 3. Flag football and cheerleading available for all skill levels ages 6 through 13. This recreational league provides a fun experience in which youth develops athletic skills, good sportsmanship and increase self-confidence. Call Parks and Leisure Services at **954-630-4506** for more information. The fee is \$55 (resident) and \$100 (non-resident) and includes a uniform.

## Save the Date: Oakland Park's 15th Annual Oktoberfest October 4-6 at Jaco Pastorius Park Presented by Funky Buddha

Mark your calendars for Oakland Park's 15th Annual Oktoberfest, presented by Funky Buddha Brewery. This highly-anticipated event complements the Downtown Culinary Arts District with Bavarian-style food and beer, served in the traditional Oktoberfest Biergarten.



This year's entertainment includes live German music performed by the Alpine Express band and Sepp Diepolder, a master yodeler, zither and accordion player. Authentic dance performances by the Edelweiss and Auerhahn Schuhplattlers are also on the entertainment schedule.

In addition to the delicious German food, drinks and music, exciting field games and activities, such as stein races, beer barrel races, apple strudel eating contests and other fun will be scheduled all weekend long.

Visit the Oktoberfest Shopper's Market where two dozen talented artists, crafters & culinary artisans will offer something to satisfy everyone. This family-friendly event will have amusement rides and a Children's Activity Corner, to keep the youngsters entertained.

The Oakland Park Oktoberfest also features the Central Bark Dachshund Dash, where thousands of South Floridians come to watch and cheer on dozens of the most adorable short and stubby-legged dogs racing against one another. The Dachshund Dash takes place Saturday, October 5th. Registration for the Dachshund Dash closes one week prior to the event. Back by popular demand, the Oakland Park Oktoberfest Doggie Fashion Show, presented by Central Bark, takes place Sunday, October 6th.

Be sure to arrive early on Sunday-Funday, October 6th, to enjoy specialty brunch bites and cocktails to start the day. Please call **954-630-4500** for more Oktoberfest information.

**Oktoberfest Details:**  
**Friday, October 4, 6 to 11 p.m.**  
**Saturday, October 5, 1 to 11 p.m.**  
**Sunday, October 6, 1 to 7 p.m.**

**Event location: Jaco Pastorius Park,  
4000 N Dixie Highway  
Admission: \$5 per person  
with ages 12 and under are free**

## Free Back-to-School Immunizations

Prepare your children for the new school year (which begins Wednesday, August 14) by making sure their immunizations are complete.

The Florida Department of Health in Broward County is offering free back-to-school immunizations from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays (August 5 – 16) inside Lauderhill Mall, 1267 NW 40 Avenue.

These routine immunizations for students ages 4-18 decrease vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccination is one of the best ways to protect children and teens from 16 potentially harmful diseases. Vaccine-preventable diseases can be very serious, may require hospitalization, or even be deadly - especially in young children.

Each child must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who should also bring the child's immunization records. It is recommended children eat a meal or snack prior to vaccinations. Parents can call **954-467-4700** for more information.

Broward Health Community Health Services is also offering free immunizations for



**Get ready for the new school year!**  
Put vaccines on your child's back to school list.

children 4-18 years old who are uninsured or Medicaid enrolled. Immunizations will be available at the "Back 2 School Minifair" Friday, **August 9**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cora E. Brayon Family Health Center, 200 NW 7 Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. Call **954-759-6600** for more details.

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**City of Oakland Park Event & Activities August 2019**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <b>Space Crafts</b> Oakland Park Library, 2 p.m.	2 <b>Movie "Smallfoot"</b> Oakland Park Library, 1 p.m.	3
4	5 <b>Games Day</b> Oakland Park Library, 3 p.m. <b>Planning &amp; Zoning Board</b> Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	6 <b>Property Tax Exemption Assistance</b> City Hall, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. <b>Lego League</b> Oakland Park Library, 3 p.m.	7 <b>Moon Stories</b> Oakland Park Library, 10 a.m. <b>City Commission Meeting</b> Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	8 <b>Space Crafts</b> Oakland Park Library, 2 p.m.	9 <b>Summer Reading Party</b> Oakland Park Library, 1 p.m. <b>Summer Nights</b> Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 <b>Used Book Sale</b> Oakland Park Library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	24 <b>Rabies Clinic</b> Collins Community Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. <b>Used Book Sale</b> Oakland Park Library, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
25	26 <b>School Advisory Board</b> Oakland Park City Hall, 5:30 p.m.	27	28	<b>BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULE:</b> <b>Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30pm:</b> Regular Commission Meeting and Tentative Millage and Budget Hearings <b>Thursday, September 12 at 6:00pm:</b> Special Commission Meeting for Public Hearings on the Final Fire Assessment, Residential Solid Waste Assessment, and Stormwater Assessment Rates <b>Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30pm:</b> Regular Commission Meeting and Final Millage and Budget Hearings		

**Meetings & Events Listing** *(subject to change)*

- August 1: Space Crafts, Oakland Park Library, 2 p.m.
- August 2: Movie "Smallfoot", Oakland Park Library, 1 p.m.
- August 5: Games Day, Oakland Park Library, 3 p.m.
- August 5: Planning & Zoning Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- August 6: Property Tax Exemption Assistance, Oakland Park City Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- August 6: Lego League, Oakland Park Library, 3 p.m.
- August 7: Moon Stories, Oakland Park Library, 10 a.m.
- August 7: City Commission Meeting, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- August 8: Space Crafts, Oakland Park Library, 2 p.m.
- August 9: Summer Reading Party, Oakland Park Library, 1 p.m.
- August 9: Summer Nights, Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- August 23: Used Book Sale, Oakland Park Library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- August 24: Rabies Clinic, Collins Community Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- August 24: Used Book Sale, Oakland Park Library, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- August 26: School Advisory Board, Oakland Park City Hall, 5:30 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 Hwy
- Collins Community Center,  
3900 NE 3 Avenue

**Telephone Numbers:**

- Parks & Leisure Services: 954-630-4500
- Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library: 954-630-4370
- Oakland Park City Hall: 954-630-4200