



CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

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MLK Holiday Event at Collins Community Center, Monday, January 20

The City of Oakland Park will celebrate the life and mission of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, **January 20th**. All ages are invited to join the City as we honor the legacy of Dr. King 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 performances from local community leaders. Complimentary refreshments and ice cream will be served.

To learn more about both of this and other cultural events, please call **954-630-4500** or visit the City's website at www.oaklandparkfl.gov

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Competition - Adults between ages 18 to 30 are invited to submit an essay honoring the life and impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The topic is: **What does Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream Speech" mean to you? How has it influenced your adult life?**

Essays must be double spaced and be between 1000-1200 words. Submit essays to Verna Thomas, Adult Services Librarian, at vernat@oaklandparkfl.gov by January 17th. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at the library on January 30th at 6 p.m. The winners will read their essays to the audience and respond to questions during a short Q&A session.

The first prize will be an Amazon Kindle, second prize a \$50 Barnes & Noble gift card, and third prize a \$25 Publix gift card. All participants will receive a consolation prize. Light refreshments will be served at the awards ceremony. Call Verna Thomas at **954-630-4374** for more information.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
HOLIDAY

EVERYBODY
can be
great.
Because
ANYBODY
can
SERVE.
You only
need a
HEART
full of
A grace.
A
SOUL
generated
by LOVE.



REMEMBER! CELEBRATE! ACT!



Oakland Park Fire-Rescue Adds New Fire Engine to Fleet

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to equip its Fire-Rescue Department with the tools needed to best serve our community, Oakland Park recently added a new fire engine to its fleet of emergency vehicles.

This new fire engine is designed to provide extra protection to Oakland Park's firefighters by adding a center mount pump panel, which is elevated from the ground providing the operator/driver with a 360-degree view.

The elevation offers an added level of protection to the operator by raising them and preventing injury from accidents that may strike the engine.

The new fire engine also features:

- 1,000 gallons of water and 20 gallons of foam capacity, doubling the 500-gallon size of the previous fire engine

- A cab-mounted telescoping tower light that elevates and rotates above the engine
- Extra air supply bottles to provide additional air in times of need
- Two sets of the latest extrication equipment -- standard hydraulic-operated and battery-powered

The new fire truck is just one of the many recent investments made in the City's Fire-Rescue Department. Since 2015, the City Commission approved more than \$4 million in vehicles, equipment, tools, enhanced training, and other improvements. Investment in the Fire-Rescue Department will continue as the City prepares for the replacement and modernization of its existing fire stations as part of the \$40 million facilities bond approved by voters.

Fire Engine 20 will be stationed at Fire Station 20 on Powerline Road, which is one of the stations that will be completely replaced with a new station as part of the bond program.

Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meeting scheduled for **January 15** 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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Community Volunteer Corps Recognition and Awards

Oakland Park's Community Volunteer Corps experienced a 50 percent increase in active participants in 2019 and their contribution to the city grew from 11,000 hours in 2018 to more than 15,000 hours of service in 2019, including:

- Distribution of 4,000 sandbags pre-filled at the onset of Hurricane Season and 3,000 more they filled prior to Hurricane Dorian.
- Environmental projects, including Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve and Stunson Nature Trail enhancements.
- Volunteers repainted the Northeast High School concession building.
- They became Big Brothers and Big Sisters as the city partnered with the organization to develop mentoring programs for after school youth.
- Volunteers were instrumental in supporting increased programming at the City's Library.

Volunteer Team of the Year - Culinary Arts Showcase Team

- Mary O'Connell
- Irma Doerfler
- Linda Gordon
- Pat Crowley

Volunteer Business Partner of the Year - Wells Fargo

- Cesar Doza-Perez
- Guillermo Formoso
- Pedro Alfonso
- Jackie Kobialko
- Vincent Mattio

Youth Volunteer of the Year

- Tatiana Johnson

2019 Volunteer of the Year

- Dulce Avila -- Feral Friends Program



The volunteers were recognized at the December 4th City Commission meeting following their Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner at Funky Buddha.

'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.

Data Clique
4101 N. Andrews Ave., #204
954-839-9995
www.dataclique.com

The following businesses recently received "Proud to Be" **Oakland Park Business** recognition awards from the Mayor and City Commission:

JVR Ingrassi Impact Windows & Door
650 E. Prospect Road
954-564-5610
www.jvrwindows.com

Lighting of Tomorrow
840 E. Oakland Park Blvd., #117
954-626-0267
www.lifightingoftomorrow.com

Adamo Auto Repair
4313 NE 6th Avenue
954-561-0043

Tiger Automotive
4321 NE 6th Avenue
954-491-2536
facebook.com/pages/Tiger-Automotive/372769062755654

Living a Life of Love, LLC
2880 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Suite 220
954-908-5959
www.LifeofLoveHomecare.com

We Got The Beats Record Store
840 E. Oakland Park Blvd., #118
954-671-9482
www.wegotthebeatsrecordstore.com



"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.

PARKS and LEISURE NEWS

Public School Holiday – Monday, January 6 – Parks and Leisure Services offers a fun, supervised day (7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.) for students during teacher workdays (not legal holidays). A field trip or special activity is included. The cost of the January 6th program is \$15 per child, which includes a bounce house fun day with pizza and drink provided. This program is offered at North Andrews Garden Community Center, 250 Northeast 56 Court. Call Parks and Leisure Services at **954-630-4500** for registration and other information.

Men's Spring Soccer –Registration opens January 6th for the Men's Spring Soccer season. Oakland Park offers men's soccer leagues for all ability and experience levels, from novice to competitive players. Games are scheduled on Tuesdays and Saturdays at Stevens Field from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The fee is \$600 per team and open to men 18 years and older. Call **954-630-4403** for registration and other information.

Moonlit Movie – Friday, January 10 – Feature movie is **Toy Story 4**. Children's activities begin at 6 p.m., and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and the entire family to enjoy the children's activities and Moonlit movie at Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Highway. The Moonlit Movies series is made possible by the generous sponsorship of PNC Bank. Call **954-630-4507** for more information.



Coming Attractions:

SoulFest

Friday, February 7

6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Jaco Pastorius Park

Polynesian Cultural Festival

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

12 p.m.-7 p.m. both days

Jaco Pastorius Park

Taste of Oakland Park

Friday, February 28

6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Jaco Pastorius Park

Free Tree Giveaway

Saturday, February 29

8 a.m. (arrive early for best selection)

Wimberly Field

4000 NE Third Avenue



Dillon Tennis Center Making Quite a Racquet

Congratulations to the Mixed 18 & Over 7.0 team from Oakland Park's Dillon Tennis Center for winning the national title at the USTA League National Championships held at the USTA National Campus in Orlando. The Dillon Tennis team defeated a team from Little Rock, Ark. in the finals 2-1. Earlier in the day, they defeated a team from Eden Prairie, Minn. 2-1 in the semifinals.



Dillon Tennis Center Manager Mike Bennett introduced the team captained by **Kevin Sims** and included **Sue Mitchell-Greig, Chuck Greig, Michael Stites, Marcus Pfenninger, Loren Levine, Stuart Flanzer, Eliu Montero, Frances Cubano, Jenna Painter, Eduardo Noriega, Patricia Vegas, Anthony Phillips, Brandon Cox, Marie Ferrigno, Natasha Torres, Maria Lanza, Armando Orozco** and **Rene Elvir**.

Students of the Quarter and Character Counts Awards

Oakland Park's "Student of the Quarter" recognition is an initiative of the City's School Advisory Board. Each quarter, Oakland Park schools select one accomplished student in the areas of academics, behavior, and attendance to be recognized.



Students of the Quarter:

- Allison C., a 5th grader from Lloyd Estates Elementary School
- Bailey W., a 5th grader from N. Andrews Garden Elementary School
- Deylin M., a 5th grader from Oakland Park Elementary School
- Jeremiah M., an 8th grader from Rickards Middle School

The "Character Counts" award is an initiative of the Oakland Park Afterschool Care Program.

Character Counts Awards:

- Adam A., from the N. Andrews Gardens Recreation Center Aftercare Program and 2nd-grade student at North Andrews Gardens Elementary School
- Kayo N., from Spiher Recreation Center Aftercare Program and 5th-grade student at Oakland Park Elementary School

Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve Cleanup January 25

This beautiful nature preserve boasts more than five acres of native sand pine scrub and plants, walkway, elevated decking, and an educational shelter.

Volunteer cleanup efforts help remove invasive vegetation while maintaining trails and walkways. Participants are needed to assist and are advised to wear comfortable work shoes/boots (closed toe), long sleeve shirts, and pants (clothes that can get dirty). Please bring a hat and sunscreen. Tools, gloves, water, and snacks will be provided.

This event is appropriate for ages 15 and up (younger volunteers welcome with adult supervision). For more information, please contact Volunteer Manager Bruce Garrison at **954-630-4502** or BruceG@oaklandparkfl.gov

Saturday, January 25th, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve, 2820 NW 27th Avenue

3650 NE 12 Avenue,
Oakland Park, FL 33334

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City of Oakland Park Event & Activities January 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year Holiday City Hall Closed	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Code Enforcement Board City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	10 Moonlit Movie Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	11
12	13 Planning & Zoning Board City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	14 Civil Service Board City Hall, 6 p.m.	15 City Commission Meeting City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	16 Special Magistrate Meeting City Hall, 3:00 p.m.	17	18
19	20 MLK Holiday Event Collins Community Center, 11 a.m. City Hall Closed	21 Police & Fire Pension Board City Hall, 5:30 p.m.	22	23 Beautification Advisory Board City Hall, 5 p.m. Art & Culture Board City Hall, 6 p.m.	24	25 Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve Cleanup 8:30 a.m.
26	27 School Advisory Board City Hall, 5:30 p.m. Historic Preservation Board City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	28 Board of Adjustment City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31	

Meetings & Events Listing *(subject to change)*

- January 9: **Code Enforcement Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- January 10: **Moonlit Movie**, **Jaco Pastorius Park**, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- January 13: **Planning & Zoning Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- January 14: **Civil Service Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.
- January 15: **City Commission Meeting**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- January 16: **Special Magistrate Meeting**, Oakland Park City Hall, 3 p.m.
- January 20: **MLK Holiday Event**, Collins Community Center, 11 a.m.
- January 20: **City Hall Closed**
- January 21: **Police & Fire Pension Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- January 23: **Beautification Advisory Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 5 p.m.
- January 23: **Art & Culture Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.
- January 25: **Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve Cleanup**, 2820 NW 27 Ave., 8:30 a.m.
- January 27: **School Advisory Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- January 27: **Historic Preservation Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- January 28: **Board of Adjustment**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

No Texting While Driving – It’s the Law

As of **January 1, 2020**, drivers will be cited for using any wireless communication device in a handheld manner in a work zone or school zone. In addition, Florida motorists can be stopped and cited for texting and driving.

- First violation – a non-moving offense with no points
- Second violation – moving violation with three points



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