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Soul Fest

FEBRUARY 7 | 6-10PM

MUSIC & DANCING + KIDS' ACTIVITIES
FOOD & DRINK + FREE EVENT

LIVE MUSIC BY THE OLD SKOOL GANG
60's - 90's TOP HITS OF MOTOWN AND SOUL

JACO PASTORIUS PARK | 4000 N. Dixie Hwy.
954-630-4500 | WWW.OAKLANDPARKFL.GOV

The City of Oakland Park is proud to present **"SoulFest"** on Friday, **February 7**, at Jaco Pastorius Park as part of the city's Black History Month celebration. This annual cultural arts event showcases 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.

SoulFest entertainment headliners include the popular "Old Skool Band" performing everyone's favorite Motown and soul classics from the 60's to the 90's. Children's activities will take place throughout the evening. Call **954-630-4507** to learn more about this and other cultural arts events.

• Friday •
February 28, 2020 • 6-9 PM

Admission
\$15 Pre-Sale • \$20 At the door
Children 12 and under free
No refunds

Jaco Pastorius Park
4000 North Dixie Hwy, Oakland Park, FL 33334

To purchase pre-sale tickets, please visit: Eventbrite.com and look for Taste of Oakland Park

For more information, please call (954) 630-4500 or visit: www.oaklandparkfl.gov

'Taste of Oakland Park' February 28 Discount Tickets Available Online

"Taste of Oakland Park" is a grand tasting celebration of food and drink, showcasing and sampling the finest of our city's culinary arts scene. This annual culinary event takes place Friday, **February 28**, at Jaco Pastorius Park from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission tickets include food and beverage samples from a long list of participating vendors. Tickets can be purchased and printed online via a link on the city's website at an advance discount of only \$15 (no processing fees!). Taste of Oakland Park tickets are an ideal addition to your Valentine cards.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the gate for \$20, but advance purchase is strongly recommended. Accompanied children 12 and under will be admitted free. Updates on participating restaurants, beverage providers, and featured entertainment will be posted to the city's website. To learn more about this and other Oakland Park cultural events, please call **954-630-4507**.

Tree Giveaway February 29

Oakland Park residents and business owners are invited to the city's **Tree Giveaway** on Saturday, **February 29** at Wimberly Field, 4000 NE 3 Avenue. The Tree Giveaway begins at 8 a.m., and early arrival is encouraged for the best selection of trees and shrubs.

The city selects native or Florida-friendly trees and shrubs to help increase the tree canopy and understory in our neighborhoods. These low-maintenance plants are environmentally sustainable and will be available with information on the right-plant-right place, water efficiency, planting instructions, mulching, etc. The Native (N) or Florida-friendly (FF) list of available trees and shrubs include:

- Beautyberry shrub (N)
- Dahoon Holly small tree (N)
- Firebush shrub (N)
- Florida Slash Pine large tree (N)
- Gumbo Limbo medium-large tree (N)
- Jamaican Caper small tree (N)
- Milkweed shrub (N)
- Orange Geiger small tree (N)
- Live Oak large tree (N)
- Verawood medium tree (FF)
- Walter's Viburnum medium-large shrub (N)

Call **954-630-4420** for more Tree Giveaway information.



Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meeting scheduled for **February 5 & 19** 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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City Regulation of Short-Term Rentals Under Attack in Tallahassee!

A bill pending before the Florida State Senate (SB 1128: Vacation Rentals) would deny local communities such as Oakland Park the ability to regulate vacation rental properties.

The bill, sponsored by State Sen. Manny Diaz, Jr. (R-Hialeah), follows previous state efforts to limit local oversight of Airbnb, VRBO, and other short-term rental broker corporations. This bill has been followed by a similar one in the Florida House of Representatives (HB 1011: Vacation Rentals) sponsored by State Rep. Jason Fischer (R-Jacksonville).

The two bills are attempting to amend several Florida statutes regarding vacation rentals by taking away the power of regulation – including licensing and enforcement – from local municipalities and giving it instead to Tallahassee.

Unruly behavior and issues with parking and public safety negatively impacts the residential character of Oakland Park's neighborhoods. Why should our residents suffer while corporations profit?

Cities across Florida see this state regulation as another attack on the Home Rule rights of local government. In Oakland Park, the City Commission carefully crafted and adopted rules for short-term rentals in 2018. The city's adopted ordinance specifically addresses issues with vacation rentals that were raised by residents and includes language mandating the properties to be safe and well-maintained.

Oakland Park's short-term rental ordinance was one the reasons the Florida League of Cities honored former mayor and current City Commissioner Tim Lonergan with its 2018 "Home Rule Hero" Award.

Home rule is the belief that government closest to the people governs best, that local decisions should be made locally, and that the people who live, work and play in a city know what's best for their unique community. Municipal home rule authority has been challenged through numerous measures seeking to undermine local decision-making and restrict municipal officials from doing the jobs they were elected to do effectively. The importance of this constitutional right can never be underestimated.

Oakland Park residents can contact their elected representatives in Tallahassee to share opinions and concerns on any legislative issues impacting the quality of life in our community. Visit the Florida Senate page at <https://www.flsenate.gov/> for a complete list of 2020 bills and track their status. Contact the district offices of your representatives at:

State Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr./District #33 at 954-321-2705
State Rep. Patricia H. Williams/District #92 at 954-202-3201
State Rep. Chip LaMarca/District #93 at 954-784-4531
State Rep. Bobby DuBose/District #94 at 954-467-4206



BSO Shred-a-Thon and Operation Medicine Cabinet February 8 at Oakland Park City Hall

Oakland Park residents can shred away identity theft by safely disposing of their personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive data.

The "Shred-a-Thon" and "Operation Medicine Cabinet" event will be held outside of Oakland Park City Hall Saturday, **February 8**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This service is free of charge. There is a 5-box maximum per car with boxes being no larger than 15"L x 12"W x 10"H.



Residents can also bring unused, unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal (needles or sharps will NOT be collected). Come early and receive a \$5 gift card while supplies last. Gift cards will only be given when turning in prescription medication. Please call **954-831-8902** for more information.

PARKS and LEISURE NEWS

Doggy Fun Fest on February 16 - Join the Rotary Club of Oakland Park/Wilton Manors for this year's event at Jaco Pastorius Park. The festivities will commence at the south end of the park with a "Struttin' for Strays" pet walk. The walk starts at 10 a.m. - visit www.doggyfunfest.com or the Doggy Fun Fest Facebook event page to learn how to participate, donate or to be a walk sponsor. Doggy Fun Fest begins at 11 a.m. and activities include a Doggy Fun Zone obstacle course, Central Bark's "Notschund Races" at 1 p.m., cornhole tournament, pet look-alike contest, silent auction, raffles, and cool zone doggy pools. For more details, email doggyfunfestteam@gmail.com or call **954-998-3065**.



Free VITA Tax Assistance - The Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library offers free tax preparation assistance by IRS-certified volunteers through a partnership with Hispanic Unity of Florida. Make sure to bring all required tax documents. Call **954-630-4370** for dates, times and other information.

Men's Basketball League - Registration opens February 3 for the city's Men's Basketball League for ages 18 and over. League games (full court 5-on-5 with 2 referees) take place Monday and Wednesday evenings in the Rickards Middle School gym (6000 NE 9th Avenue) and begin in March. Registration fee is \$450 per team for the 10-game season plus playoffs. Sign up with a complete team or as a free agent. The ball is in your court, call **954-630-4403** to sign up.

Waterway Cleanup -- Saturday, March 7: Volunteers check-in by land or boat at J. Dewey Hawkins Landing, 2960 NE 12th Terrace, beginning at 8 a.m. This countywide effort focuses on removing trash and debris from our beaches, rivers, canals, lakes and shorelines. Boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and shore walkers are welcome! Watercraft can launch at Hawkins Landing or an Oakland Park Waterway of your choice. All trash collected will be brought to Hawkins Landing for disposal. This event is appropriate for volunteers 15 and over. Younger volunteers are encouraged with parental supervision. Register at www.waterwaycleanup.org for your t-shirt and select the Oakland Park site (Hawkins Landing) from the dropdown menu.



Youth Day Parade Theme Announced Parade Registration Open

Mark your calendars now for the 63rd annual **Oakland Park Youth Day** on Saturday, **March 14**.

The theme is this year's Youth Day Parade is **"Where Everyone Can Be A Superhero!"**

The Oxford dictionary defines a superhero as "a benevolent fictional character with superhuman powers," but not all superheroes wear capes and we interact with them every day. If you use your own strengths to help make the world a better place or perform heroic deeds, then you can be a superhero! What types of superheroes do you know -- teachers, doctors, nurses, parents, first responders? The Youth Day Parade will highlight some of the many faces of being a superhero.



The Youth Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. from Jaco Pastorius Park, heads down Park Lane East, and ends at Wimberly Field where a full day of live entertainment, carnival rides, food, and fun will end with a spectacular fireworks display. For more information about parade entry or festival participation, please call Oakland Park's special events office at **954-630-4507**.

17th Annual Polynesian Cultural Festival February 22-23 at Jaco Pastorius Park



Experience the culture, beauty, and spirit of the Polynesian Islands at the annual Polynesian Cultural Festival February 22-23 at Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 North Dixie Highway. The hours of the festival are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Polynesian festival offers all the entertainment and activities festival-goers have come to enjoy

from the dynamic array of ethnic identities, traditions, cultural expressions, native cuisine and artistry of Polynesian people from Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti, and New Zealand (Maoris).

Performances will showcase authentic Polynesian dances and live music, native culinary specialties and a kid's corner. There will also be hula dancing and contests, a ukulele exhibition, Tiki Bar with tropical libations, and the exciting fire & knife dancers. South Pacific arts & crafts - including fresh flower leis -- will also be on display and for sale.

"We want people who might not be able to visit the Polynesian Islands to have an opportunity to experience and learn about the history, ethnic heritage and culture of Polynesian and Pacific Islands," explains the festival's founder, Tama Leao.

Gate admission is \$10 with children under 12 admitted free. For more information on the festival, sponsorships, or volunteer opportunities, contact: Tama Leao at **954-938-9010** or visit www.polynesiancultureassociation.com

Location: Jaco Pastorius Park (4000 North Dixie Highway)

Times:

Saturday, Feb 22 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb 23 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission: \$10 per person, children 12 and under free

3650 NE 12 Avenue,
Oakland Park, FL 33334

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City of Oakland Park Event & Activities February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Property Tax Exemption Assistance City Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unsafe Structures Board City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	5 City Commission Meeting City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	6	7 SoulFest Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	8 BSO Shred-a-Thon City Hall, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
9	10 Planning & Zoning Board City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	11 Civil Service Board City Hall, 6 p.m. 2020 U.S. Census Meeting Collins Community Center, 6:30 p.m.	12	13 Code Enforcement Board City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	14	15
16	17 Presidents' Day City Hall Closed	18	19 City Commission Meeting City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	20 Special Magistrate Meeting City Hall, 3:00 p.m.	21	22 Polynesian Cultural Festival Jaco Pastorius Park, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
23 Polynesian Cultural Festival Jaco Pastorius Park, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.	24 School Advisory Board City Hall, 5:30 p.m.	25 Board of Adjustment City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	26	27 Beautification Advisory Board City Hall, 5 p.m. Art & Culture Board City Hall, 6 p.m.	28 Taste of Oakland Park Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	29 Free Tree Giveaway Wimberly Field, 8 a.m.

Meetings & Events Listing *(subject to change)*

- February 4: **Property Tax Exemption Assistance**, Oakland Park City Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- February 4: **Unsafe Structures Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- February 5: **City Commission Meeting**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- February 7: **SoulFest, Jaco Pastorius Park**, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- February 8: **BSO Shred-a-Thon**, Oakland Park City Hall, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- February 10: **Planning & Zoning Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- February 11: **Civil Service Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.
- February 11: **2020 U.S. Census Meeting**, Collins Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
- February 13: **Code Enforcement Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- February 17: **Presidents' Day**, City Hall Closed
- February 19: **City Commission Meeting**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- February 20: **Special Magistrate Meeting**, Oakland Park City Hall, 3 p.m.
- February 22: **Polynesian Cultural Festival**, Jaco Pastorius Park, 12 to 7 p.m.
- February 23: **Polynesian Cultural Festival**, Jaco Pastorius Park, 12 to 7 p.m.
- February 24: **School Advisory Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- February 25: **Board of Adjustment**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- February 27: **Beautification Advisory Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 5 p.m.
- February 27: **Art & Culture Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.
- February 28: **Taste of Oakland Park**, Jaco Pastorius Park, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- February 29: **Free Tree Giveaway**, Wimberly Field, 8 a.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

