



CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

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63RD ANNUAL Youth Day Parade

MARCH 14, 2020

LEAVING FROM JACO PASTORIUS PARK AT 10AM
4000 N DIXIE HWY. OAKLAND PARK, FL 33334

Youth Day
WHERE EVERYONE CAN BE A
SUPERHERO!

United States Census 2020 | **COMING** | **EVERYONE COUNTS!**
April 1, 2020
EVERYONE COUNTS IN OAKLAND PARK

*Carnival Rides • Live Music
Fireworks • Delicious Food*

*Taking place at Wimberly Field
4000 NE 3RD AVE. OAKLAND PARK, FL 33334
954-630-4500 | WWW.OAKLANDPARKFL.GOV*

Oakland Park's signature celebration of its youth is Saturday, **March 14**. The festival begins with the Youth Day Parade leaving from Jaco Pastorius Park at 10 a.m.

Don't miss out - Local marching bands, community groups, school clubs, and local businesses can register for the parade, which will be led by Oakland Park's elected officials.

The parade begins at Jaco Pastorius Park and turns west onto NE 38th Street. View the parade at the free grandstand at the West Dixie Lots on NE 38th Street and by Stevens Field and the Giusti Heart walking trail at NE 6th Avenue.

The parade will go north on NE 5th Avenue and end at Wimberly Field, where the festivities continue until 9 p.m. Youth Day features carnival rides, children's activities, delicious food, live entertainment, and music featuring Impact Artist Alexander Star. A spectacular fireworks show will complete the fun.

Wristbands for unlimited rides can be purchased in advance at City Hall for \$15 or at the event for \$20. For more information about Youth Day, including parade participation and Little Miss Oakland Park entry, please call **954-630-4500**.



Everyone Counts in Oakland Park!

April 1, 2020 is Census Day – a once-a-decade census to count every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.

• **Everyone matters**, so it's important you respond. Taking part in the Census is your civic duty.

- The census collects basic information about the people living in your household on April 1, 2020.
- The Census data determines how more than \$675 BILLION is spent to support state, county, and Oakland Park programs, how we plan for the future, and your representation in government.



The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to:

- **Protect your census answers**
- **Keep your household information strictly confidential**
- **Every employee takes an oath to protect your information for life**

The easy ways to complete the 2020 Census:

- 1. Online:** Beginning March 12, 2020, each household will receive a postcard with a personal code to complete the census online. Computers will be available at the library.
- 2. By phone:** If you prefer, you can call to complete the census by phone in 13 languages.
- 3. By mail:** Call to request a hard copy form to complete and return by Census day.

Mayor and City Commission

City Commission meeting scheduled for **March 4 & 18** 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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Oakland Park Receives \$100,000 Childhood Obesity Prevention Grant

The United States Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Association for a Healthy America have presented the City of Oakland Park with a \$100,000 grant to fund the city's "**Oakland Park Paddle Club**" program.

Oakland Park's newest youth recreation program will provide kayak and standup paddleboard instruction to children ages seven to seventeen. This program will take place at various venues throughout the city's 118 acres of waterways.

"With this program, we're able to get kids off the sofa and on the water so they can have fun getting the much-needed exercise that children need," said Mayor Matthew Sparks. "The Oakland Park Paddle Club will complement our wide array of existing programs that encourage the youth of our city to experience and enjoy healthy outdoor recreation."

"One of the great benefits of kayaking is that it offers both physical activity and emotional enjoyment all while having fun," added Vice Mayor Jane Bolin. "Kayaking allows children to enjoy a part of Oakland Park that is not normally accessible to them."

Oakland Park's Acting Director of Parks and Leisure Services Chris Casale said the city will provide the necessary equipment and instruction, as well as transportation to the waterways.

"The Oakland Park Paddle Club will provide a new outlet for family recreation while increasing the utilization of city park facilities and resources," said Casale.

"I think this program will thrive," said Mayor Sparks. "We're helping to make exercise fun and creating more social interaction for Oakland Park's diverse youth population."



Be on the lookout for additional information about the Oakland Park Paddle Club!

Commissioner Tim Lonergan Appointed to National League of Cities 2020 Race, Equity and Leadership Council

Oakland Park City Commissioner Tim Lonergan has been appointed to serve on the National League of Cities (NLC) 2020 Race, Equity and Leadership (REAL) Council.

"I look forward to representing the City of Oakland Park and joining other local officials from across the United States," said Commissioner Lonergan. "Together, we will work toward building a world in which every local official is equipped to effectively lead and serve an inclusive and healthy community."

As a member of the REAL Council, Commissioner Lonergan will play a key role in identifying common trends across municipalities and developing policy options and responses for cities, towns, and villages.

PARKS and LEISURE NEWS

Spring Break Camp Registration Open - The City is offering its annual "Spring Break Camp" March 23 – March 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. The Spring Break Camp will be held at North Andrews Gardens Community Center (250 NE 56th Court). Parents can register children (Pre-K through 8th grade) in the Parks and Leisure Services office at City Hall or online. The Spring Break Camp fee is \$100 (resident) and \$150 (non-resident) which includes daily lunch and snacks. For more information, please call **954-630-4500**.



Public School Holidays - 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. This program is offered at North Andrews Garden Community Center, 250 Northeast 56 Court. Call **954-630-4500** for registration and other information. Dates and fees:

- **March 17** to Xtreme Action with chicken tenders & pizza lunch for \$22
- **March 20** to Liberty Park & Splash Pad with BBQ lunch for \$15
- **April 10** with Easter Egg Hunt, games and Honey Baked Ham lunch for \$15

Active Adult Programs - Join Oakland Park's Active Adults Program to participate in a variety of fun and interesting social activities. Upcoming trips include:

- **March 28** to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens
- **April 25** to Fort Lauderdale Riverfront Cruises

Trips depart from Collins Community Center and cost \$25 per person. Call **954-630-4500** to reserve your spot.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **April 18** – Citywide Yard Sale at Jaco Pastorius Park, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **April 24** – "Dancing in the Street" on Oakland Park Main Street, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

City Completes Utility Box Wrap Beautification Project

As part of the ongoing efforts to beautify Oakland Park and combat graffiti, the city approved the installation of artistic wraps on 45 utility boxes at different locations throughout our community.

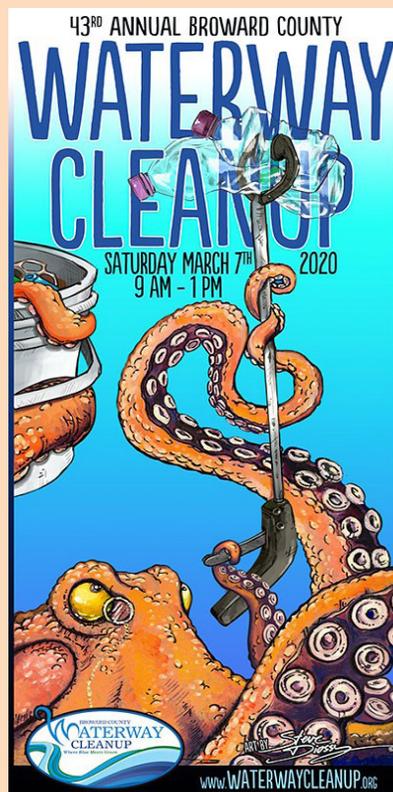
This public art project enhances the streets and sidewalks by adding local artists' work to surfaces often targeted by vandalism. The project features native flora and fauna artwork and photography created by Mimi Botscheller, Kathy Kafka, Georgeta Fondos, Frank Karpinen, E. Scott Kennedy, Paul Krashefsky, Lynn Marks, and Frank Polanco.

The City published a Call to Artist to select the artist and designs that were going to be used in this project. Artist Mimi Botscheller was selected for her professional experience in the public art field and the quality of her designs. The designs include Lantana, Coleus, and Butterflies at the intersection of W. Oakland Park Boulevard and NW 21 Avenue.



Waterway Cleanup Saturday, March 7

This **43rd Annual Waterway Cleanup** focuses on removing trash and debris from our beaches, rivers, canals, lakes and shorelines. You can participate on land or by personal watercraft. Boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and shore walkers are all welcome!



Watercraft users can check-in at J. Dewey Hawkins Landing, 2960 NE 12th Terrace. Shoreline volunteers can check-in at 3391 NW 18th Avenue in the cul-de-sac behind Home Depot (park on the right side of the street opposite homes). Check-in begins at 8 a.m. with the cleanup conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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. Call **954-630-4502** to learn more.

FREE TAX PREPARATION



Free VITA Tax Assistance at Library

Visit the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library for free tax preparation assistance by IRS-certified volunteers made possible through a partnership with Hispanic Unity of Florida.

The following dates and times are available through Tuesday, April 14th: Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 2 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. No tax assistance service will be available on March 14th, 17th, 24th, and 26th. Make sure to bring all required tax documents. Call the library at **954-630-4370** for more information.

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Oakland Park, FL 33334

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City of Oakland Park Event & Activities March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Property Tax Exemption Assistance City Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unsafe Structures Board City Hall, 7:30 p.m.	4 City Commission Meeting City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Waterway Cleanup J. Dewey Hawkins Landing, 8 a.m.
8	9 Planning & Zoning Board City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	10 False Alarm Hearing City Hall, 2 p.m. Civil Service Board City Hall, 6 p.m.	11	12 Code Enforcement Board City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Youth Day Wimberly Field Athletic Complex
15	16	17 Special Magistrate Meeting City Hall, 3:00 p.m.	18 City Commission Meeting City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21
22	23 School Advisory Board City Hall, 5:30 p.m.	24	25	26 Beautification Advisory Board City Hall, 5 p.m. Art & Culture Board City Hall, 6 p.m.	27	28 Mayors' Chess Challenge Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
29	30	31 Board of Adjustment City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	APRIL 1 U.S. Census Day			

Meetings & Events Listing *(subject to change)*

- March 3: **Property Tax Exemption Assistance**, Oakland Park City Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- March 3: **Unsafe Structures Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- March 4: **City Commission Meeting**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- March 7: **Waterway Cleanup**, J. Dewey Hawkins Landing, 8 a.m.
- March 9: **Planning & Zoning Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- March 10: **False Alarm Hearing**, Oakland Park City Hall, 2 p.m.
- March 10: **Civil Service Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.
- March 12: **Code Enforcement Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- March 14: **Youth Day**, Wimberly Field Athletic Complex
- March 17: **Special Magistrate Meeting**, Oakland Park City Hall, 3 p.m.
- March 18: **City Commission Meeting**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- March 23: **School Advisory Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- March 26: **Beautification Advisory Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 5 p.m.
- March 26: **Art & Culture Board**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6 p.m.
- March 28: **Mayors' Chess Challenge**, Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- March 31: **Board of Adjustment**, Oakland Park City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

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Oakland Park Library
1298 NE 37 Street

Jaco Pastorius Park,
4000 N. Dixie Hwy

Collins Community Center,
3900 NE 3 Avenue

Telephone Numbers:

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

Oakland Park City Hall: 954-630-4200