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City Manager's “FYI” June 30, 2010



WorkForce One Youths Gain Valuable Experience with Oakland Park

The City of Oakland Park has entered into an agreement with WorkForce One Employment Solutions to serve as a host site for eligible youths between the ages of 16 and 18, and to provide them with a meaningful work experience this summer.

City staff from various departments and divisions is working closely with the WorkForce One participants to ensure a worthwhile work experience for everyone involved.

“The program helps to teach responsibility and become more mature,” said Kiana, who is working in the office of City Manager John Stunson. “I’m learning a lot of interesting things working in City Hall.”

Many of the summer youth participants have been matched with work assignments in which expressed an interest during the application process. For some of these youths, working with the City of Oakland Park is their first work experience.

“This is my first actual job and I love it,” added Zekedra, who has been assigned to the Financial Services Department. “Everyone at City Hall is always nice and the job helps prepare me for my future.”

Funds to support this program are made available through a grant from the Children’s Services Council of Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale.



**Oakland Park City Hall, City Library and Community Centers will be closed July 5th
In observance of our Nation’s Independence Day Holiday
City Parks and the City’s Dillon Tennis Center will be open to the public on July 5th**

PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES NEWS & NOTES

Athletics

Youth Basketball – The City’s youth basketball season tipped off last week. The league consists of nineteen (19) teams in four (4) different age groups with games being played Monday through Thursday night in the Rickards Middle School gymnasium.

Youth Flag Football/Registration Underway — A fun and safe way to introduce boys and girls ages 6 to 16 to the game of football. Children learn the fundamentals of catching, throwing and passing in this non-contact version of football. The season from August to October and the games are played at Wimberly and Stevens Fields.

These City-sponsored youth athletic programs are operated by city staff with volunteer coaches. The fees are \$50 for residents and \$90 for non residents. Contact 954-630-4500 for more information. **Volunteer coaches** are needed to assist city staff with the youth athletic programs. Volunteers must fill out an application, attend a coaches’ meeting and pass the NYSCA background check.

Men’s 7-on-7 Soccer League/Registration begins soon — This league plays with modified rules and soccer field.

Season: July – September (depending on registration)

Games played at Stevens Field

Registration: \$500/team (includes officials fees) began June 7, 2010

For more information call **954-630-4506**.

Tennis — The Dillon Tennis Center is looking for tennis players of all levels to join Iola McCoy, Broward and USTA teams starting in the fall season. For the morning ladies leagues, we have Open, A-1, A-2, A-3, B-1, B-2 levels. For the Broward morning leagues, we have 4.3, 4.5, and 5.0 and also SWFTL morning league.

Evening play features men’s and women’s 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and men’s 5.5. Also underway is mixed doubles teams. If you are interested in participating on any of these teams, please contact Mike Bennett at **954-561-6180**.



Children’s Programming: The SUNSATIONAL SUMMER program is “SUNSATIONAL”. As we conclude our first three-week session, more than 275 children have traveled all over Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County. We have visited Rapids Water Park, Monkey Jungle, Boomers, Coconut Cove, Ice Skating, Swimming and Bowling!

Last week’s competition between the Campers vs. the Counselors was a big hit, with the Counselors barely winning...This weeks “Anything Goes” competition is in full swing...We wind out this first session with Movies, popcorn, snow-cone Fridays, Arts and Crafts, and Fun, fun, fun!!!!

Harris Chapel Life Enrichment Center Programs - The Parks and Leisure Services Department has begun offering programming at the Harris Chapel Life Enrichment Center. The address is 2351 NW 26 Street and the programs include:

- ◆ Open Basketball on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6 to 9 p.m.
- ◆ Library Annex is operating during the Center’s operating hours

PARKS and LEISURE SERVICES NEWS (continued)

Special Events

The 3rd Annual Father's Day Weekend Fishing Tournament drew 42 anglers of all ages to Royal Palm Park on June 19. Beautiful weather greeted the participants for the a majority of the tournament and **four-year-old** Daphne Dalton surprised the entire tournament field with her 2nd Place tie for Most Fish in the 10 and under division.

Trophies were awarded in three age groups and in three categories, Biggest Fish, Most Fish Caught and the Casting Contest. The age groups were 10 and under, 17 and under and 18 and older.

The winners in each age group and category are as follows:

Biggest Fish

11&under	1 st Place	Tyler Wrains
	2 nd Place	Veronica Dalton
	Tie	Elijah J. Padin
17&under	1 st Place	Dixon Waters
	2 nd Place	Alejandro Castellanos
Adult	1 st Place	Larry Cooke



Most Fish Caught

11&under	1 st Place	Tyler Wrains
	2 nd Place	Veronica Dalton
	Tie	Riley Waters
	Tie	Daphne Dalton
17&under	1 st Place	Dixon Waters
Adult	1 st Place	Carlos Castellanos



Casting Contest

11&under	1 st Place	Elijah J. Padin
	2 nd Place	Tyler Wrains
17&under	1 st Place	Patrick Moore
	2 nd Place	Darius Newsome
Adult	1 st Place	Larry Cooke
	2 nd Place	Juan Cabrera



Celebrate Oakland Park's 81st Birthday
With the Oakland Park Historical Society
Thursday, July 1, 2010
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
4711 North Dixie Highway
Birthday Cake and Soft Drinks will be Served



PARKS and LEISURE SERVICES NEWS (continued)

The turf renovation of Jaco Pastorius Park began on Friday, June 25. The renovation includes “verticutting” the turf which is actually cutting the grass vertically instead of the traditional horizontal direction. The process is done in two directions, thus resulting in a crisscross pattern. The verticutting removes the thatch buildup that occurs during the year and vacuums up the residue. By removing the thatch this will allow the fertilizer and irrigation to reach the root of the grass which is important for the grass to grow properly. The next steps include topdressing the grass with sand and lightly fertilizing.



Last week, Parks Staff installed a foxtail palm and a bed of dwarf red crown of thorns at the Oakland Park Library entrance. The plant selections are “Florida friendly” and enhance the look of the library entrance for all to enjoy.



Recycling Anyone?

Since the beginning of 2010, the City of Oakland Park has donated approximately six (6) dozen used ink cartridges to Lloyd Estates Elementary School. Lloyd Estates Elementary works with a local vendor who gives them credit for each cartridge recycled amounting to a small monetary benefit but more importantly, helping the environment.

Thanks to the efforts of the employees and especially Office of Management and Budget Director, Bob Anathan for his diligence in getting them to staff for delivery to the school. Please help spread the word throughout the City so we can do even more!

PARKS and LEISURE SERVICES NEWS (continued)

Tornado Restoration Update

The Collins Community Center playground shade cover that was destroyed by the tornado has been removed. A brand new shade structure and canopy have been installed. The new canopy has a “quick release” mechanism so staff can easily remove and reinstall in the event of hurricane or tornado warnings.

The foul ball netting that was also destroyed by the tornado has been completely replaced. It too has some “quick release” features that can be used in preparing for a hurricane or severe weather event.



Student of the Quarter Initiative

During the 2009-10 school year, the City’s School Advisory Board recognized twenty five (25) students from area schools that exemplified the following characteristics; academic achievement, positive attitude, model behavior and attendance. These students were invited to attend a City Commission meeting and received “certificates of recognition” signed by the Mayor.



Code Enforcement/Beautification Efforts & Community Development

Before and after photos of the Shell Gas Station, located at the southeast corner of the Powerline Road and Commercial Boulevard corridors. Interested residents are invited to participate in community meetings for the Powerline Road Corridor (July 14) and the Commercial Boulevard Corridor (July 28). Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, 1098 NE 40 Court (just off North Dixie Highway one block north of NE 38th Street/Park Lane East).

BEFORE



AFTER



FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Total # of Fire Safety Inspections: May 31 – June 13:

Total number of inspections 112 and 53 re-inspections

Total # EMS Calls: June 9 – June 29:

Total number of EMS calls for this period 287 vs. same period for last year 287

Total # Fire Calls: June 9 – June 29:

Total number of Fire calls for this period 12 vs. same period for last year 7

Noteworthy Events:

- ◆ On June 22 at 22:00, Oakland Park Fire Rescue received a call for structural fire. Upon arrival, one large boat was fully involved parked underneath a shelter and adjacent to a building. Defensive fire attack was initiated with exposure protection as main priority. The response time was three minutes reducing further damage .



Public Education Events:

- ◆ Fired Up for Reading will be held Monday, July 19 at 10 a.m. at the Oakland Park Library.
- ◆ On June 28, Fire Rescue hosted Camp Olympiad. This is a summer program for disabled adults. The participants received a tour of the station and fire safety messages from Fire Rescue personnel.

Employee/Fire Department:

- ◆ On June 11, Oakland Park Fire Rescue presented local resident Matt Welsh with a **Certificate of Appreciation**. On May 11 at 11 p.m., Matt noticed flames were visible from his neighbor's kitchen. Matt ran over and was able to extinguish the flames preventing further damage. Cause of damage was a pot on the stove left unattended.



Fire Safety Tips — 4th of July Weekend

As July 4 approaches, people often make plans to sit out on the lawn with family and neighbors, enjoying a barbecue, and watching beautiful fireworks bursting in the night sky. July 4 celebrations can be a lot of fun. But, what's the best way to ensure that you and your family have both a fun and a safe July 4?

Fireworks, often the centerpiece of July 4 celebrations, can actually be very dangerous and in many cases illegal.

Sparklers are perhaps even more dangerous because many people think of them as harmless fireworks that children can use. But, sparklers are the second highest cause of fireworks-related injuries requiring trips to the emergency room. Sparklers can potentially catch clothes or hair on fire, and they can heat up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit (hot enough to melt gold).

To keep July 4 fun and safe, check out these fireworks safety tips:

- Do not let your child play with fireworks, and do not use them yourself. Instead, take your family to see a professional fireworks display.
- Avoid sparklers. They can potentially catch clothing on fire.
- Never attempt to make your own fireworks.
- Keep yourself and your child away from other people who are using sparklers or lighting their own fireworks-bystanders are more frequently injured by fireworks than the people who use them.
- Have water handy if you are around fireworks (water hose and bucket).

Know where the closest phone is located-or carry a cell phone-in case a fire occurs and the fire department is needed.

If an injury does occur:

- Stay calm, and keep your child as calm as possible.
- If your clothes catch on fire, lie on the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll. Make sure your child knows how to do this. Seek medical help for burns.

If an eye injury occurs from a fireworks explosion, do not rub, rinse or self-medicate the eye. Seek medical help immediately, even if the injury seems mild.

Have a spectacular July 4, and remember to play it safe!





Celebrate! **Oakland Park's** **81st Birthday!**

With
The Oakland Park Historical Society

July 1, 2010
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

At
Tequila Sunrise

4711 N. Dixie Hwy.
Oakland Park, FL 33334

“Images of America OAKLAND PARK”

books will be on sale!

Book signing by author!

(Free Margarita with book purchase!)

Historical Exhibit!

Hors d' oeuvres, Birthday cake and Soft drinks will be served!

Cash bar available! 50/50 Raffle! Live music/entertainment!

Donations welcomed

David Rafter

Subject: Broward Property Appraiser, July Outreach

Broward County Property Appraiser's Office
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 111
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
(954) 357- 6830 – Fax: (954) 357- 8474

Property Tax Exemption Filing Dates Announced For July 2010

The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office hosts a series of community outreach events each month throughout Broward County. Deputy Appraisers will be available to assist with Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemption applications, as well as answer questions on property taxes. We are also accepting applications for Portability. The outreach program is designed to provide convenient and accessible service to the residents of Broward County. All outreach events listed below are open to the public.

Documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include:

- A current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, and
- A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile
- Non-US citizens must also provide proof of permanent residency.

Qualified residents 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2010 may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption. Eligible seniors must have a total household adjusted gross income not to exceed \$25,780. Documents required for the Senior Exemption include a 2009 income tax return or, if one does not file income taxes, a copy of the 2009 Social Security 1099 Form.

You still have time to file if you forgot to file for a 2010 Homestead Exemption, Widow/Widower Exemption, Disability Exemption, Portability, or other exemption. Simply contact us to complete your application by the September 20, 2010 deadline.

For further information please visit our website at www.bcpa.net or contact the Outreach Department by phone at 954.357.5579 or email at kbrown@bcpa.net.

July 6 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Oakland Park City Hall, 3650 NE 12 Avenue

Kelly M. Brown, CFE, MPA
Community Outreach Coordinator
Office of Lori Parrish, CFA
Broward County Property Appraiser

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**“THE POWERLINE ROAD PLANNING ASSESSMENT
COMMUNITY MEETING”**

Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
@ The Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center
1098 N.E. 40th Court, Oakland Park, FL

The meeting is to provide all businesses, residents, and property owners an opportunity to discuss the “Powerline Road Planning Assessment”. The assessment is of all the properties fronting Powerline Road between W. Oakland Park Boulevard and W. Commercial Boulevard.

The purpose of the planning assessment is to evaluate the existing conditions of this area, identify issues, and recommend solutions with proposed language for the Land Development Code and/or new goals, objectives and policies for the Comprehensive Plan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**“THE COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD CORRIDOR STUDY
COMMUNITY MEETING”**

Wednesday, July 28, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
@ The Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center
1098 N.E. 40th Court, Oakland Park, FL

The meeting is to provide all businesses, residents, and property owners an opportunity to discuss the “Commercial Boulevard Corridor Study”. The study focuses on the properties north of Commercial Boulevard, south of N.E. 51st Street, east of N.E. 6th Avenue, and west of North Andrews Avenue.

The purpose of the corridor study is to evaluate the existing conditions of this area and the opportunities and constraints for redevelopment. The study will also evaluate the existing development and use potential within the current B-1 Zoning District, and propose recommendations to support redevelopment while striving to maintain a balance and relative compatibility with the surrounding residential areas.

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