



## ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM IMPROVING CITY'S IMAGE

The City Commission adopted a Business Plan that includes several initiatives focusing on improving Oakland Park's image. One important way is enhancing the City's arterials/gateways.

The City's "Adopt-a-Street" program encourages citizen involvement by improving the aesthetic appearance of local roadways. Beside the beautification factor, the City's stormwater program benefits because debris removed from the street will not enter catch basins during rain events.

The Oakland Park Beautification Advisory Board has "adopted" NE 12 Avenue (Oakland Park Main Street) and their efforts have improved the appearance of the downtown district. It is a common site to see people who work or live near downtown, enjoying the new benches and fountain plazas in a pristine environment.

Civic groups, clubs, families, and individuals can be an Adopt-a-Street sponsor. Sponsors receive two recognition signs denoting the

boundaries of their site.

To sign up a group for the Adopt-a-Street program or join an existing group, please contact the Public Works Administration during business hours at 954-630-4414. This is an outstanding way to help the community and improve the local environment.

The current Adopt-a-



Street sponsors are:

- Oakland Park Beautification Advisory Board

- Northeast High School Latin Club
- Sal's Towing

- Oakland Park Kiwanis Club
- McDonald's
- American National Bank
- R&S Realty
- BSO/Oakland Park District
- All Saints Catholic Mission
- Law Offices of David Crane
- In Memory of Ginger Way
- Dillworth Photography
- Pierce Brothers
- The Richmond Family
- Diana Eustice

## City on the Move Updates

Oakland Park Main Street will present a "Classic Car Show" on Sunday, February 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. along NE 12 Avenue in Downtown Oakland Park. The show features German brand vehicles including Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche, and Volkswagen built prior to 2000.

Car clubs throughout South Florida have been invited and their mem-

bers informed of this upcoming opportunity to participate in this great show. Anyone interested in entering a vehicle into the competition can visit [www.oaklandparkmainstreet.com](http://www.oaklandparkmainstreet.com) for details and to download a registration form. All competing vehicles will be judged based on official AACA (American Antique Car Association) standards.

The Classic Car Show will kick off with a wine

tasting event at the Wine Warehouse on Oakland Park Boulevard on Saturday, February 27.

Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please call Oakland Park Main Street at **954-565-2627** for more information.

Calling any interested Homeowner/Neighborhood Associations and other community groups: Is there an interest in

submitting an Oakland Park float or floats for the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** in Fort Lauderdale on March 13 along Las Olas Boulevard from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Any interested parties are encouraged to call **954-630-4204**.

Oakland Park employees conducted a **Holiday Toy Drive** and donated the toys to the Light of the World Clinic. "Just wanted to take this time to personally thank all of you for helping our clinic



families this year with your generous donation of Christmas toys, games and wonderful plush animals," wrote Clinic Director Sandy Lozano-Barry. "Our families

were truly touched by your acts of kindness. Words aren't enough to express how grateful I am for your continued support and for the hope you give to so many."

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Zoning and Code Enforcement Administrator Don Kas recently retired after a 30-year career with the City of Oakland Park. Kas was presented with a watch by members of the City Commission who also thanked him for his many years of service to Oakland Park. Pictured from left to right are: City Manager John Stunson, City Commissioner Suzanne Boisvenue, Don Kas, Vice Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy and City Commissioner Anne Sallee.

## Residents Providing Input to City Staff

The Engineering and Community Development Department continues to meet with City residents.

The Neighborhood Planning Community Meeting allowed residents to provide input on the following issues:

- The future planning zones and introduction of the individual planners. Basic overview of the planning process, detailing specific terms and concepts.
- Presentation and discussion

of Phase IA: Community Appearance Ordinances. The community was receptive to the ideas presented, provided insightful comments, thus allowing staff to bring back to the City Commission for final adoption.

- Discussion on Phase IB: Neighborhood Compatibility & Incompatible Land Use Ordinances.
- Briefing of Phase II: Presentation of future Complex Community Appearance

Issues. Details of more complex subject matters were presented, including a timeline of future meetings with the community to provide for full and open public input.

The next Neighborhood Planning Community Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 10** at 7 p.m. in the Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center. Call **954-630-4339** for more information.

## Value of 2009 Construction Projects Tops \$43 Milion

Oakland Park's Engineering & Community Development Department issued 2,594 Building & Engineering permits in 2009 with a total construction value of \$43,522,141. The 39 Engineering permits had a construction value

of \$10,366,152.

The City's Building and Permitting Division reports that Holy Cross Hospital has filed permits for a Women's Center project valued at \$2 million at 1000 NE 56th Street.

## 'E-Gov' Feature On-line Building & Permitting Services

The City's Engineering and Community Development Department has made it easier and more efficient to access Building and Permitting Services using the enhanced website:

- 1) Go to [oaklandparkfl.org](http://oaklandparkfl.org)
- 2) Under E-GOV SERVICES, click on the drop down menu for Permit Access
- 3) Click on link for and enter the entire Permit Number (required)

- 4) Enter the Valid Number (which is last 3 digits of Permit Number)

### 5) Select:

1. View or Print Comments
2. Schedule an Inspection
3. Cancel a Scheduled Inspection
4. View Inspection Details.

- 6) Follow the Prompts to Select a Report

- 7) Click on View Report.

# Oakland Park Library

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

All programs are FREE. Call 954-630-4372 for more information

### FEBRUARY 1, 15

"Fired Up About Reading" Story Time. Come and meet an Oakland Park Fire Fighter as she/he shares stories with the children.

### FEBRUARY 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Homework Help provided for elementary age students.

### FEBRUARY 2

6:30 p.m. Family Night "Valentine's Crafts and Stories." Children of all ages are invited to attend.

### FEBRUARY 3, 5

"Valentine's Crafts and

Stories" with storyteller Miss Jo. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

### FEBRUARY 8, 22

10 a.m. Deputy Story Time. Come and meet a Broward Sheriff's Deputy as he shares stories with the children.

### FEBRUARY 9

6:30 p.m. Family Night "Raining Chocolate" for everyone. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

### FEBRUARY 10

10 a.m. "Valentine Party" with storyteller Miss Jo. Free. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

### FEBRUARY 12

10 a.m. Toddler Time "You are My Sweetheart" with storyteller Miss Jo. Everyone is invited to attend!

### FEBRUARY 16

6:30 p.m. Family Night "Anansi" puppet show for everyone. In celebration of Black History Month. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

### FEBRUARY 17, 19

10 a.m. "Anansi" puppet show for everyone. In celebration of Black History Month. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

### FEBRUARY 23

6:30 p.m. Family Night "Happy ½ Birthday to All" for everyone. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

### FEBRUARY 24, 26

10 a.m. Toddler Time "Happy ½ Birthday to All" Stories and celebration with storyteller Miss Jo.

## Environmental Lecture Series Schedule

The City's Parks and Leisure Services Department has announced the 2010 Environmental Lecture Series. The programs are free and take place at the Oakland Park Library, Marie Wright Room, 1298 NE 37 Street. Programs are on Thursday evenings and start either 6:30 or 7 p.m. Call 954-630-4511 to confirm the time of each lecture.

**January 14:** "Backyard Medicinal Gardens" by David McLean

**February 11:** "Know the Flow, How to Reduce Water Pollution in Our Waterways" by Asif Ali

**March 11:** "Birds of the Everglades" by Barry Heimlich

**April 15:** "NatureScaping for Birds" by Diana Guidry

**May 13:** "Best Practices for Building Healthy Tree Canopy in Your Community" by Mike Orfanedes, PH.D.

## Parks and Leisure Services News

### 5TH ANNUAL DR. CARTER G. WOODSON FESTIVAL

The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Festival will take place on Saturday, February 20 at Dr. Carter G. Woodson Park, 3490 NE 3 Avenue. The Festival will also celebrate the "Grand Reopening" of Dr. Carter G. Woodson Park with City Commissioners addressing residents in officially re-opening the park with all of the new amenities.

This festival was established in 2006 by the Harlem McBride – NE 43 Street Neighborhood Association and the City of Oakland Park to provide the general public with knowledge of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African-American historian, author, journalist and the founder of Negro History Week, which eventually became Black History Month.

The event is scheduled from Noon to 7 p.m. and will feature entertainment by Joe Wright & Pure Justice Band, featuring Felicia Flint, rhythm and blues singer Cynthia Strachan, food booths serving plenty of traditional festival foods and much more. The vendor market place offers an assortment of art, collectables celebrating the Negro Baseball League, crafts and lots more.

In addition to great food



and music, the festival provides an array of children's activities in the Kids Zone packed with music, storytelling, tug-a-war, contests, relays, etc. Children of all ages are invited to participate and will have a valuable cultural and educational experience. For more information, please visit [www.oaklandparkfl.org](http://www.oaklandparkfl.org) or call 954-552-0890 or 954-630-4500.

### 7-ON-7 MEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

Registration at City Hall (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or Collins Community Center (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). This league plays with modified rules and field dimensions. The cost is \$500/team (registration fee \$400 and referee's fee \$100). The league will begin play on Saturday, February 13. For more information, please call 954-630-4506.

### 17TH ANNUAL OAKLAND PARK KIWANIS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The 17th annual Oakland Park Kiwanis Tennis Tournament is scheduled for March 6 and 7 at the Dillon Tennis Center. The week will also feature the City Commission cutting the ribbon for the tennis center's two new courts and renovated restroom facility. Tournament divisions include Men's Open/A, Men's B, Women's A and B in both singles and doubles play. Tournament proceeds go to the Oakland Park Kiwanis for youth programs benefiting the City's Parks and Leisure and Library programs, as well as students and families in our area schools. For more information, please contact Tennis Manager Mike Bennett at 954-561-6180.



## Welcome Back

Heidi Burnett has returned after 10 years to the Oakland Park Library as the Library Manager. An Oakland Park resident, Mrs. Burnett returned after working for seven years at St. Mark's school as the Library Director. She looks forward to coming back and working at her hometown library.

## Oakland Park Fire Rescue Update



Mayor Steven Arnst and Oakland Park Fire Rescue personnel attended a New Year's

weekend event in Royal Palm Park hosted by the Royal Palm Isles Neighborhood Group. The ladder truck was well received by the children and made for a nice addition to the morning's activities. The Royal Palm Isles Neighborhood Board thanked Mayor Arnst for attending, as well as expressed appreciation to the Fire Rescue staff for their efforts in bringing the truck out to the park and meet with residents.



## Business Partnership

**The Oakland Park Business Partnership**, a network of local businesses and City leaders, is working to improve communication between business and government. The goals are to improve the City's image and appeal, promote a vital, self-sustaining city with a vibrant business climate, as well as to enrich the community's economic well-being and further

enhance the high quality of life in Oakland Park.

The next meeting is scheduled for **February 8** from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call Jennifer Lovell at **954-907-4254** or via email to [jenniferlovell@finsvcs.com](mailto:jenniferlovell@finsvcs.com) or contact Commissioner Anne Sallee at **954-253-0850** or email [annes@oaklandparkfl.org](mailto:annes@oaklandparkfl.org).

### Community Contact Information

*Our Mission: We strive every day to deliver – in a friendly, courteous, reliable, and responsive manner – a diverse set of efficient and effective City services that exceed the expectations of our residents, businesses, and employees.*

#### CITY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Active Adults Program	954-630-4494
Building & Permitting	954-630-4350
Business Tax Receipts	954-630-4337
City Clerk/City Boards	954-630-4300
City Manager/City Hall (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)	954-630-4200
Code Enforcement	954-630-4400
Collins Community Center	954-630-4515
Community Redevelopment (CRA)	954-630-4344
Dillon Tennis Center	954-561-6180
Engineering	954-630-4480
Financial Services	954-630-4250
Fire Department (NON-emergency)	954-630-4550
Human Resources/Employment	954-630-4313
North Andrews Gardens Community Center	954-938-0619
Oakland Park Library	954-630-4370
Parks and Leisure Services	954-630-4500
Planning & Zoning	954-630-4333
Police Department (NON-emergency)	954-561-6161
Public Works (After Hours Emergencies)	954-561-6275
Solid Waste & Recycling	954-630-4460
Spiher Recreation Center	954-630-4495
U.S. Census Complete County Committee	954-630-4205
Utility & Billing Services	954-630-4280
Volunteer/CERT Team	954-630-4544

#### FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Emergency (police, fire and medical calls)	911
First Call for Help	211
Broward County Services (NON-emergency)	311
Broward County Animal Care	954-359-1313
Broward County Emergency Operations	954-831-4000
Broward County Schools	754-321-0000
Comcast (Cable Operator)	954-252-1937
Drivers License Office	954-497-1570
Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport	954-828-4955
FPL	954-797-5000
Poison Control	800-222-1272
Post Office	800-275-8777
Taxes (Property Appraiser)	954-357-6830



The City of Oakland Park's H1N1 POD (Point of Distribution) with the Broward County Health Department was a successful "shot in the arm" for residents. Nearly 800 people received free H1N1 vaccinations. State Senator Chris Smith (third from the right) congratulated City staff and Health Department employees for their efforts. The overwhelming positive customer service comments from the public reflected favorably on the City.