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**Oakland Park's Youth Day Parade & Celebration on March 26
Theme of 54th Annual Event is 'Groovin' Back to the 70's'**

OAKLAND PARK, Fla....(March 7, 2011) – Oakland Park is putting the finishing touches on its 54th Annual Youth Day which includes Broward County's longest-running parade.

The theme of this year's Youth Day Parade is "Groovin' Back to the 70's" and many local schools and community organizations have already registered their floats or musical/marching units for the March 26th extravaganza.

"Our City provides a diverse array of special events and Youth Day is definitely the largest," said Parks and Leisure Services Director Jenna LaFleur. "We have many families with three generations who have participated in our Youth Day Parade."

The Youth Day Parade will commence at 10 a.m. from its new starting location in front of Oakland Park City Hall, 3650 NE 12 Avenue. The parade will proceed south to NE 34 Court and then head west to NE 6 Avenue. The procession will go north to NE 38 Street and then west to NE 5 Avenue where it will turn north to the entrance of the City's Wimberly Field Athletic Complex. Parade goers have been lining the parade route for years and enjoying the long standing tradition of parade participants tossing candy and trinkets to the crowd.

The rest of the Youth Day activities will include carnival rides, midway games, festival food and continuous entertainment featuring the Mai Kai Polynesian Review, the grand prize winner of "Showtime at the Apollo" Stephen J. and an evening performance by Larry Johnson of Richard Street's Temptations.

Other Youth Day highlights include a Craft Fair and the "Little Miss Oakland Park" Contest.

Youth Day will conclude with a festive fireworks display lighting up the skies of Oakland Park.

Admission and parking to the Youth Day Parade and Festival is free. For additional information, please call the City's Parks and Leisure Services Department at **954-630-4500** or log on to www.oaklandparkfl.org