



Youth Day Ready to Groove Back to the 70's on March 26



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 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 com-

mence 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 longstanding 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 above Oakland Park in a dazzling display of colors.

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

Adornato and McCartney Elected to City Commission Both Graduates of Oakland Park Local Government Academy

Oakland Park voters elected John Adornato and Shari McCartney to the City Commission in the Municipal Election held on March 8.

Adornato and McCartney were elected to the Commission seats previously held by Allegra Webb Murphy and Steven R. Arnst, who were both term-limited after serving two four-year terms on the City Commission.

Adornato is Director of the Sun Coast Regional Office of the National Parks Conservation Association and has served on the Board of the North Andrews Neighborhood Association and the City's Planning and Zoning Board.

McCartney is an attorney with the Tripp-Scott law firm and has served on the Board for the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center and the City's Code Enforcement Board.

Adornato and McCartney are both graduates of the Oakland Park Local Government Academy.

They were sworn in at the March 16 City Commission meeting when Suzanne Boisvenue and Anne E. Sallee were sworn in for one-year terms as Mayor and Vice Mayor respectively.

City Commission terms are four years in length and the Mayor and Vice Mayor titles are appointed on an annual basis.



John Adornato



Shari McCartney

City Honors Term-Limited Commissioners

Outgoing Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy and Commissioner Steven R. Arnst were honored for their service to the Oakland Park community at the March 16 City Commission meeting.

Murphy and Arnst are both term-limited after serving two consecutive four-year terms on the City Commission. They received plaques of appreciation from incoming Mayor Suzanne Boisvenue and were also honored for epitomizing the City Values of Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence by City Manager John Stunson and City staff.

During her time on the City Commission, Murphy was elected to the Broward Senior Hall of Fame and received a "50 Years of Distinguished Public Service Award" from the Georgia Conference of Black Mayors.

Arnst has served as City Commissioner from 1993-2001 and 2003-2001. In between he served on the City's Civil Service and Charter Review Boards.



Allegra Webb
Murphy



Steven R. Arnst

Annual Budget Process Underway with Town Hall Meeting Scheduled April 25

City staff has been presenting financial updates and generating input from community leaders at a series of Roundtable meetings. These presentations can be reviewed on the City's homepage: www.oaklandparkfl.org

The time and location for the April 25 Town Hall Meeting will be announced in next month's Oakleaf, as well as on the City's website. Residents can call the Office of the City Manager at 954-630-4200 for additional information on the Town Hall Meeting

Project Updates

NE 38 Street/North Dixie Highway Intersection Improvement Project -

All drainage installation on NE 38 Street is complete. Currently the contractor is proceeding with curb, sidewalk installation and road restoration of NE 38 Street (east of the FEC Railroad tracks). NE 38 Street is expected to be open by the end of March. Milling and resurfacing of North Dixie Highway -- including installation of mastarms -- will begin in April with the entire project expected to be completed by the end of May.

Cherry Creek/Coral Lakes Dredging Project - The City Commission recently awarded the contract to Gator Dredging and construction is already underway. All dredging-related activities are being closely coordinated with the nearby property owners.

Lloyd Estates Drainage Project - Project is substantially completed. Contractor is currently addressing final punch list items

NW 21 Avenue Streetscape Improvements - Newly paved streets, new sidewalks and new landscaping installed.

NE 5 Avenue Streetscape Improvements - Newly paved streets, new sidewalks, paver parking areas and new landscaping is being installed.

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City Commission Meetings, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Agendas and Backup on-line at www.oaklandparkfl.org. Call the Office of the City Clerk at 954-630-4300 for meeting information.

Students of the Quarter



The City's School Advisory Board recognized the "Students of the Quarter" at a recent City Commission meeting. Students of the Quarter included Victoria (5th grade at North Andrews Gardens Elementary), Erika (5th grade at Lloyd Estates Elementary), Brandon (5th grade at Floranada Elementary), Emmanuel (5th grade at Oakland Park Elementary) and Alexa (12th grade at Northeast High).

In other school news, Lloyd Estates Elementary School invites the parents of all new kindergarten children to meet and register for the next school year on Friday, April 1 at 8:15 a.m. in the school's new cafeteria. Incoming kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011 to register. The first day of school will be August 22. For more information, please call Lloyd Estates Elementary School at **754-322-6800**.

Parks and Nature Enhancements

ROYAL PALM PARK



Parks Division Staff recently planted a set of three sea grapes in an open area at the southeast part of Royal Palm Park. As the sea grapes mature they will supply shelter and food for our wildlife.

THE OAKLAND PARK GARDEN CLUB

The first meeting was March 15 at the Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, 1098 NE 40 Court. Future meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. For more Information, please call the Parks and Leisure Services Department at 954-630-4500.

ENVIRONMENTAL LECTURE SERIES

John Shave will present “All About Local Community Gardens” on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, 1098 NE 40 Court, starting at 6:30 p.m. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Waterway Cleanup Draws 42 Volunteers to Two City Sites



The 34th Annual Waterway cleanup recently took place and 42 volunteers with six boats participated at the two cleanup sites: the City Boat Ramp and Cherry Creek Park.

Waterway Cleanup volunteers led by a large contingent from the Oakland Park Kiwanis Club “Adopt-a-Waterway” group collected one and a half TONS of trash from City waterways and shorelines, including numerous tires and a shopping cart from the Jefferson Ward department store which went out of business approximately 30 years ago!

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF), organizer and sponsor of Broward’s Waterway Cleanup, announced that more 1,180 volunteers came by land and in 60 boats to 24 sites to successfully remove 18.6 tons of trash from Broward’s waterways, rivers and canals.

MIASF’s Director of Marketing Lacie Randall presented the Group Year-Round Environmental Stewardship Award to the Oakland Park Kiwanis Club for their efforts to keep their adopted canal in Oakland Park clean by conducting regular cleanups and raising awareness of the need to care for our waterway system among the area’s residents.

City Celebrates Black History Month with 6th Annual Dr. Carter G. Woodson Heritage Festival

The City’s Parks and Leisure Services Department partnered with the Harlem McBride-NE 43 Street Neighborhood

Association to present an entertaining and educational event. Among the many dignitaries who joined Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy and the Oakland Park City Commission in attendance were U.S. Representative Allen West, State Senator Chris Smith, State Representative Gwyn Clarke-Reed, State Representative

Hazelle Rogers, County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, County Commissioner Dale Holness and Broward Supervisor of Elections Dr. Brenda Snipes.



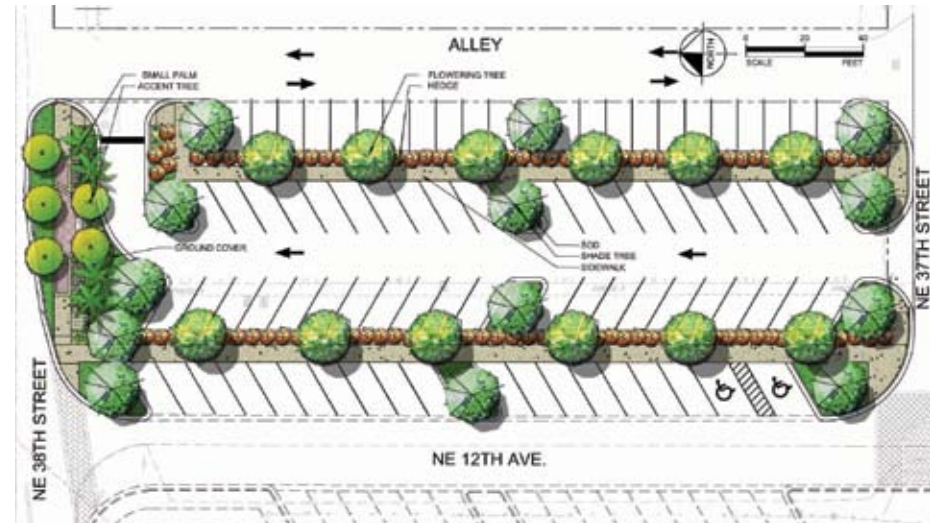
Redevelopment Efforts in the Downtown

The City of Oakland Park has a unique Community Development Area (CRA), since it doesn't receive tax increment financing (TIFs) for redevelopment projects. Instead, the CRA applied for and received Broward County's Redevelopment Capital Program (RCP) grant funds in the amount of \$13 million to use for defined infrastructure improvements. These RCP funds were given through an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with specific terms: 1) the funds can only be used after private development occurs to repay the investment and 2) the funds had to be used within a five year term expiring in June 2012.

Unfortunately, recent economic conditions have not produced the private redevelopment investment anticipated and required to support the \$13 million

RCP funding received. Oakland Park has remained active and successfully funded some of the infrastructure projects identified in the ILA through other federal, state and city funds. As a result, it gives the City an opportunity to reprogram some of the RCP funds to forgivable loans offered by the County through the same RCP program.

The City plans to purchase the blighted shopping strip center located at 3700-3798 NE 12 Avenue (the SE corner of NE 38 Street) and redevelop it into an interim parking lot using the reprogrammed RCP funds. This will strategically position the City for future redevelopment potential from the FEC rail transit line, but more importantly, it will allow the completion of both the NE 12th Avenue Street



and North Dixie Highway & NE 38th Street Intersection Improvement Projects and provide a much needed attractive parking area in the Downtown.

Funding for the property purchase was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 8.

Oakland Park Fire Rescue Update

Chief of Fire Rescue Donald P. Widing is proud to provide the following update on grants/funding recently received by the City's Fire Rescue Department:

- \$240,000 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with a 10% match from City funds for the purchase of eight defibrillator/monitors. These new Lifepak monitors will replace the current units with the latest digital and touch screen technology.
- \$41,291 Area Security Initiative Grant for the development of a Continuity of Operations Program that would aid the City with relocation of vital services in the event of a catastrophic event.

Welcome Our Wildlife



This month's showcase "Certified Wildlife Habitat" property is a NE 49 Street residence. To learn how you can certify your property as a wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation, pick up an application at Parks and Leisure Services Department, located at City Hall, 3650 NE 12 Avenue, or visit the NWF website at: www.nwf.org/certify.

Cutting the Ribbon on a New Downtown Business

More than 100 people attended the recent Grand Opening of Oakland Park Main Street's first store front real estate company, Lanham & Associates Inc. dba Real Estate Recovery. A resident of the Corals of Oakland Park, Lanham chose to locate his new venture in the business-friendly environment promoted by Oakland Park Main Street.



Real Estate Recovery joins an ongoing revitalization in Oakland Park, bringing jobs and retail traffic to Main Street. "I live in The Corals," notes Lanham, former COPHA board president. "I selected Main Street because of the continuing ease of doing business in Oakland Park."

Pictured from left to right: Office Manager Dennis Spangler, Oakland Park Main Street Executive Director Siegi Constantine, City Manager John Stunson, Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy, Broker/Business Owner Gary Lanham, Elsie Lanham, and Property Owner Gloria Wetherington.

Real Estate Recovery is located at 3242 NE 12 Avenue. For information, please call 954-695-6518 or visit www.LanhamAssociates.com