



ANSWERING THE CENSUS IS SAFE AND PRIVATE

Rest easy, Oakland Park residents. Filling out the 2010 Census is safe and private.

The City's Census 2010 Complete Count Committee wants residents to know that data obtained in Census 2010 cannot be shared with anyone outside the Census Bureau for any reason.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share individual records with the IRS, FBI, immigration, welfare or any other government agency. No court of law – not even the President of the United States – can access individual responses for 72 years.

Privacy guides everything the Census Bureau does, including hiring, training,

planning, procedures and reporting. Census workers are subjected to strict FBI background checks and are fingerprinted. If they disclose any information that could identify a respondent or household, they can face a \$250,000 fine and a five-year prison term.

“No one can connect your answers with your name or address,” said a Census representative. “It does not ask about citizenship or immigration status, bank account information, salary or income, and will never require your Social Security number.”

Answering the Census is important for you, your family and your community. The questions that are

asked help planning and funding decisions for the next 10 years.

Governments use census data to allocate billions of dollars in funding for education, public safety, housing, roads and bridges, human services and community services. Community organizations use it to develop social service programs for seniors and children, and businesses use it to identify where to locate factories, shopping centers, movie theaters, banks and offices – activities that lead to new jobs!

The loss in funding for government services for just one uncounted person in Oakland Park was estimated at \$1,300 by the

2000 Census Monitoring Board. An undercounting of 1,000 residents could mean a loss in funding for Oakland Park of \$1.3 million or more! Census results are also used to determine representation in the federal and state governments. Undercounting leads to underrepresentation.

“Answering the Census is important, easy and safe,” says Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy. “Fill out your Census form. It's your best opportunity to make a difference.”

For more information, please visit http://oakland-parkfl.org/news/events/us_census.cfm



ROUNDBABOUT SAFETY

Modern roundabouts are the newest form of intersection in the United States, including Oakland Park. In addition to the roundabout on NE 38th Street, there are two roundabouts in the planning stages for Floranada Road.

Roundabouts provide safe and efficient traffic flow and make use of extensive safety and traffic research conducted over the past 25 years. Today's roundabouts are much smaller than the “traffic circles” of earlier years.

Roundabouts move traffic safely through an

intersection because of:

- Slower speeds
- Fewer conflict points
- Easier decision-making

Studies by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) show roundabouts results:

- 90% reduction in fatal crashes
- 76% reduction in injury crashes
- 30-40% reduction in pedestrian crashes
- 10% reduction in bicycle crashes

THE ROUNDABOUT IS EASY TO USE

In addition to increasing

public safety and traffic efficiency while reducing pollution and fuel consumption, the roundabout is easy to use. Motorists must follow the simple roundabout rule -- you never merge; all motorists approaching a roundabout must yield.

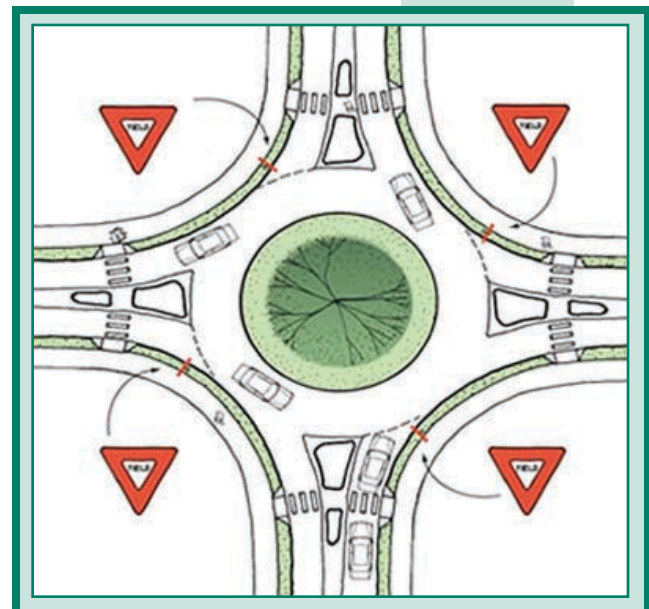
The modern roundabout is not built for speed. The key word to remember is **SLOW**:

- Slow down to 15-25 mph when entering.
- Let vehicles already circulating go ahead.
- Obey all one-way signs.
- Watch for pedestrians, bicyclists, emergency and

large vehicles.

The cities where roundabouts have been built -- even where they were initially questioned -- have come to accept this traffic control management option because of increased safety and traffic calming, as well as aesthetic improvements.

Based on sound engineering principles, safety studies, traffic studies and community input, the City's Planning Division will continue to consider the roundabout as another tool for intersection improvements.



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LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION UPDATE

Substantial Improvement Requirements -- The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that existing buildings meet the same construction requirements as a new building if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, repair, addition, or other improvements equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value.

Disaster Information -- Each year the City of Oakland Park Library features a special display of disaster preparedness material. The City also has an extensive selection of both reference and handout material available year round. Topics include: flood insurance, flood protection, hurricane preparedness, floodplain management, and flood maps. Several items are available in Spanish as well as English. To obtain this valuable information, visit the Oakland Park Library (954-630-4364), located behind City Hall, or visit the Flood Protection Information page on the City's web site:

http://oaklandparkfl.org/news/advisories/flood_protection.cfm

Severe Storm or Flood Warnings -- Major local radio stations such as 1680 AM (City Radio), 610 AM, 93.9 and 102.7 FM and local television stations such as Channels 7 and 10 broadcast severe weather warnings. In the event of a hurricane, advisories are given every six (6) hours. Intermediate or special advisories are given every three (3) hours. For the latest weather information and other emergency updates, visit the City News and Advisories page of the website:

<http://oaklandparkfl.org/news/advisories/index.cfm>

8th ANNUAL CITY APPRECIATION EVENT

The City held its 8th Annual Appreciation Event on February 26th recognizing more than 100 City Advisory Board members and community volunteers. In addition to recognizing each member of the City's nine Advisory Boards, community volunteers were honored for their contributions to the following organizations:

- Census Count Committee
- Citizens on Patrol
- Community Emergency Response Team
- Friends of the Oakland Park Library
- Oakland Park Historical Society
- Oakland Park Main Street

Highlights included entertainment by the Northeast High School Jazz Band, the annual "State of the City Address" delivered by incoming Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy and a special recognition for years of volunteer service to Ms. Darleen Mitchell (photographed with members of the City Commission and the City



Manager).

Ms. Mitchell was one of the first residents born and raised in Oakland Park. Throughout her life she was active in the city and worked as an employee for 32 years, including 22 years as City Clerk.

In 1974, Ms. Mitchell established the Oakland Park Historical Society, becoming one of its charter board members. The creation of the

historical society inspired interested people to preserve our City's unique beginnings. Under her leadership, this group understood and believed in the effort to organize, preserve, and promote the history for the city's citizens, young and old. In addition, Ms. Mitchell has volunteered with the Oakland Park Friends of the Library since 1995.

CITY HONORED BY AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER



At the March 3rd City Commission meeting, Executive Director of the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Broward County Edith Lederberg presented a commemorative plaque to Mayor Steven R. Arnst and the Oakland Park City Commission for 25 consecutive years of financial support to the non-profit organization serving more than 5,500 senior residents of Oakland Park. Ms. Lederberg acknowledged "the benevolence and friendship" in her presentation to the City Commission. To learn more about the advocacy efforts and services provided by the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Broward County, log on to: www.adrcbroward.org

Oakland Park Library

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

APRIL 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29

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

APRIL 2

10 a.m. Toddler Time "Little Quack" stories and crafts with storyteller Miss Jo. Everyone is invited to attend.

APRIL 5, 19

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

APRIL 6

6:30 p.m. Family Night Puppet Show "Little

Red Riding Hood" for all ages.

APRIL 7, 9

10 a.m. "Little Red Riding Hood" with storyteller and puppeteer Miss Jo. Free. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

APRIL 12, 26

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

APRIL 13

6:30 p.m. Family Night "National Library Week Celebration" Children of all ages are invited to attend.

APRIL 14

10 a.m. "Favorite Stories" in celebration of National Library Week. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

APRIL 16

10 a.m. Toddler Storytime: "Good Night Moon" storytelling with Jo Bridges. All ages invited.

APRIL 20

6:30 p.m. Family Night Puppet Show "Little Red Hen." Children of all ages are invited to attend.

APRIL 21, 23

10 a.m. Toddler Time "Little Red Hen" puppet show with Miss Jo. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

APRIL 27

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

APRIL 28, 30

10 a.m. Toddler Time "Mother's Day Crafts" with Miss Jo. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

Parks and Leisure Services News

SUMMER PROGRAM

Oakland Park residents may register for the Summer Program beginning on Monday, April 12. Registration will be accepted at the Parks and Leisure Services administrative office located inside Oakland Park City Hall. For more detailed program information, please call **954-630-4500**.

YARD SALE/ FARMER'S MARKET

The City of Oakland Park Parks and Leisure Services Department is seeking vendors for the Yard Sale/Farmer's Markets in 2010. The City will be hosting a **Yard Sale on the Green** on three (3) Saturdays, **April 10**, August 21 and November 20 at Jaco Pastorius Park (4000 North Dixie Highway) from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. As an added feature, the City would like to add a **Farm-**

er's Market to each event. Residents may reserve a 10' X 10' space for \$25 or a 10' X 20' space for \$40. Non-resident cost is \$40 for a 10' X 10' or \$60 for a 10' X 20' space. For more information please call **954-630-4507**.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

• **Earth Day Clean-Up:** April 22 at Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve, 2820 NW 21 Avenue, 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Call **954-630-4511** to confirm.
• **Arbor Day Tree Planting:** April 30 at Northeast High School, 700 NE 56 Street. Call **954-630-4511** for more information.

NORTHEAST REBELS

Tackle Football & Cheerleading Club, established in 1968 and a member of the American Youth Football League (AYFL). Visit NERebels.com or call **954-771-7151**

for registration information on youth tackle football, cheerleading, coaching and sponsorship opportunities. The Northeast Rebels play a 10 game regular season and have seven (7) Football & Cheerleading teams with ages ranging from 6 to 14 years old. Important dates:

- Spring Camp Starts in May
- Practice Starts July 6th
- Games Start in August

YOUTH SOCCER

Last month, the City's youth soccer league concluded another successful season. The Parks and Leisure Services Department youth soccer program consisted of 474 boys and girls divided into 43 teams in multiple age groups. Children between the ages of 4 and 15 participated with games played at the Wimberly Field Athletic Complex and Stevens Field.

WONDERFUL WEATHER FOR WATERWAY CLEANUP



The City of Oakland Park was once again an active participant in the annual Waterway Cleanup presented by the Marine Industry Association of South Florida. Volunteers gathered at the City Boat Ramp to launch watercraft ranging from canoes to a 30-foot pontoon boat. City staff led a group of shoreline volunteers to the nearby Cherry Creek Park where they collected a variety of trash from along the banks of the park. Some of the more unusual items collected from this year's waterway cleanup were a car bumper, a toy machine gun and a children's wagon.

First Annual Classic Car Show Showcases Downtown Main Street



Oakland Park Main Street's First Annual Classic Car Show was held on February 28 in Downtown Oakland Park along "Main Street" (NE 12 Avenue). The show featured more than 50 German brand cars including Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche, and VW built prior to 2000. Owner of these beautiful vintage vehicles displayed their prized possessions. A sizeable crowd turned out

to enjoy the event, including entertainment from Majic102.7 FM and food & beverages from local vendors. The competing vehicles were judged based on official AACA (American Antique Car Association) standards. Many of the participants are looking forward to next year's show. To become involved with Oakland Park Street, please call **954-565-2627**.

City Celebrates 5th Annual Dr. Carter G. Woodson Festival

The 5th Annual Dr. Carter G. Woodson Festival was held Saturday, February 20 at the City's recently renovated Dr. Carter G. Woodson Park. This Festival was established in 2006 to recognize Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African-American historian, author, journalist and the founder of Negro History Week, which became Black History Month.

More than 300 attend-

ees enjoyed songstress Cynthia Strachan, better known as "Jus' Cynthia" and "Sista Idya" of Jali Kunda Vibe and her African folklore and chants. The Parkway Middle School African Drummers electrified the crowd with stories of the past told through the pounding of their hands. The Chosen School of Dance and the Warfield Park Double Dutch Warriors delivered spirited performances. The evening concluded

with the entertaining performances of the Northeast High School Jazz Ensemble, Eloquence the Band and Joe Wright & Pure Justice Band with Felicia Flint.

Broward County Commissioner Albert C. Jones and Harlem McBride—NE 43rd Street Neighborhood Association President Sandra Edwards assisted Mayor Steven R. Arnst and the Oakland Park City Commission with cutting the ribbon on



the park's major improvements and enhancements. To help fund the park renovation project, Oakland

Park received two Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grants totaling more than

\$400,000, which required a 100 percent match by the City.

BSO/Oakland Park District Reminds Residents to Avoid Census Scams:

THE 2010 U.S. CENSUS DOES NOT:

- Ask for social security numbers.
- Ask for bank account or personal identification information. They do not need to know where you do your banking, where you have any financial accounts, or where you keep your money.
- Ask for credit card account information. The Census is free, there is no charge to those participating in it, and no reason to need a credit card number. They also do not need to know which, if any, credit cards you have, how long you've had them or when they were last used.
- Ask for any other identifying numbers such as Driver's License, Visa, Passport, or Alien numbers. They simply want to know the number and ages of people residing in your household.
- Solicit information via e-mail.
- Solicit pre-Census information.
- Send a representative to your home unless you fail to return the questionnaire via the pre-paid envelope in the mail.
- Ask for the name of your mortgage company or for your landlord's information.

Census forms will begin arriving in mailboxes in mid-March. Anyone contacting you prior to then claiming to have any affiliation with the Census and requesting any of the above information is likely a fraud. DO NOT provide any information to them and contact the BSO/Oakland Park District immediately.

Oakland Park Fire Rescue Improves Safety for Pediatric Transports



Oakland Park Fire Rescue has placed Pedi-Mate in each Fire Rescue vehicle. Pedi-Mate is an innovative restraint system for pediatric transporting, which is quickly attached and easily secured onto the stretcher. The five point harness system fits each child firmly to provide safe control during transport for children weighing 10 – 40 lbs. This new system is made from nontoxic, easy-to-clean vinyl and rolls up for compact storage eliminating the usage of car seats.

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 3 at Royal Palm Park

1701 NW 38 Street

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Oakland Park Firefighters Benevolent Association

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