



Oakland Park Demonstrates What 'Love Thy Neighbor' Means

The June 16th City Commission meeting was one of the most highly attended as residents, community organizations and the media were on hand to show their support for Oakland Park resident Christine Kent who suffered near fatal injuries after being shot, run over by an SUV and left for dead in a vicious murder attempt.

Kent, who was left with a permanent spinal cord injury, received a tremendous outpouring of support to make her home and yard wheelchair accessible and receive an adapted

van.

Upon accepting an award from the Beautification Advisory Board for the dramatic improvements to her property, Kent expressed her gratitude to the many individuals and organizations that assisted, including the Spinal Cord Injury Support Group of South Florida, Oakland Park Kiwanis Club, Center for Independent Living of Broward, Rotary Club and Oakland Park Fire Rescue personnel who were the first responders to the scene.

Kent is also giving back to her community by



speaking to others about her ordeal. One of the groups she speaks to is the youth at risk in the "Community Justice Program" through the BSO/Oakland Park District and she has

also become involved with "Women in Distress."

"I am so very blessed for all of the help and support which I've received since this tragic event took place in my life," Kent stated.

Damaged Billboard Removed



BEFORE



AFTER

Several of the City's Homeowner and Neighborhood associations spoke out in favor of the removal of a damaged billboard in the 800 block of NW 41st Street. The billboard had suffered extensive storm damage and the City's Unsafe Structures Board ordered the billboard removed before any hurricane threats this season. For residents interested in applying for an opening on the Unsafe Structures Board, please contact the City Clerk's office at **954-630-4300**.

Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Update

City Manager John Stunson reviewed the results of the 2010 Citizen's Survey at a recent "Community Roundtable" meeting with community leaders and other interested residents. He explained how the budget process begins with the public and discussed how City staff worked to close a projected \$5.5 million budget gap.

The City Commission was presented with a recommended budget on July 7th and held a public workshop to discuss the budget on July 13th. This recommended budget reflects the City's desire to address the community's needs in pursuing the Strategic Plan, Business Plan Initiatives and other goals that enhance the quality of life in Oakland Park.

The Fiscal 2011 Recommended Budget and Citizen Survey results can be viewed on-line at www.oaklandparkfl.org

Key dates in the Budget process timeline:

- **July 21:** Set Preliminary Millage Rate, Fire & Solid Waste Assessments



- **Sept. 13:** Public Hearing: Final Fire Rescue Assessment & Solid Waste Fee
- **Sept. 15:** Public Hearing: Tentative Budget & Millage
- **Sept. 29:** Public Hearing: Final Millage Rate & Annual Budget Adoption

Mayor and City Commission City Election for Seat #4 August 24, 2010

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Mayor
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Term Expires: March 2011

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Suzanneboisvenue@yahoo.com
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Term Expires: March 2013

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Telephone: 954-943-2055
StevenA@oaklandparkfl.org
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Layne Dallett Walls
Commissioner
Telephone: 954-561-3025
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Appointed: June 2010

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Telephone: 954-630-4209
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PROJECT UPDATE:

Improving Flow of City Waterways



Sleepy River North Dredging: On June 2nd, the City Commission rejected all bids for this project. The project was re-advertised for bid on June 14th and the bid opening was July 6th. Construction is expected to begin within 90 days after bid opening.

Coral Lakes Dredging: The design has been completed and permit applications have been submitted. Consultants are currently responding to comments and requests from all permitting agencies. Permits are expected to be issued in approximately three to four months.

Business Spotlight: GardenWorks Supply Center

GardenWorks Supply Center opened last November at 1501 East Oakland Park Boulevard. Owner Keith Milam stated that he drove by the property for years hoping to one day recycle an old gas station and empty lot into his dream business. With its high-traffic volume and central location, Oakland Park Boulevard seemed to be a perfect spot for his business. Following the closure of Target's Garden Center last year, there was an opportunity to serve value-conscious horticulture consumers.

Milam's love and knowledge of plants and gardening stems from the landscaping and maintenance company he has owned for 11 years. The garden center is managed by Andy Ludwig who has many years of horticultural experience and education.

After being open less than a year, the business was nominated for and received a Beautification Award from the City's Beautification Advisory Board at the June 16th City Commission meeting. The nomination read in part: "What an improvement over junky cars" and "The nursery is laid out in park-like setting with gor-



geous landscaping all around the building."

Growing from a sod and mulch supplier last year, the nursery now provides a full array of landscape plants and supplies. The inventory includes sod, plants, cap rock, bagged stone, mulch, and fertilizers. Future plans include the addition of pottery, containers, statuary, fountains, garden supplies, pesticides, and gift items. GardenWorks is open seven days a week – call **954-537-1111** for hours and information.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS: The Oakleaf would like to feature your Oakland Park business. Please e-mail us your story in 250 words or less telling readers about your business:

- **Why did you choose Oakland Park?**
- **What special service or product do you offer?**
- **Do you have a newsworthy promotion to share with our readers?**
- **How is your business unique?**

Please include a photo of your business façade and/or employees to: DavidR@oaklandparkfl.org **Note:** One submission will be drawn each month and may be edited for clarity and length.

County Showcases New Hybrid Buses in Oakland Park



Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy (right) and Commissioner Anne E. Sallee (left) were among those on hand to take the first ride on the new hybrid articulated buses on Broward County Transit's Route #72 (Oakland Park Boulevard). Also photographed is Chris Walton, Director of the Broward County Transportation Department, who credited Mayor Murphy for her work on the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization to help make the new hybrid articulated buses a reality. The Oakland Park Boulevard corridor is Broward County Transit's busiest in terms of ridership per hour.

Parks and Leisure Services News & Notes

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

Registration is under way for this 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 in the season which runs from August through October. 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.

TENNIS

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

In evening play, the Dillon Tennis Center has men's and women's 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and men's 5.5. If you are interested in participating on any of

these teams, please contact Mike Bennett at **954-561-6180**.

TORNADO RESTORATION UPDATE

The Collins Community Center playground shade cover that was destroyed by the tornado has been replaced with a brand new shade structure and canopy. The new canopy has a "quick release" mechanism so staff can easily remove and reinstall it in a threat of a hurricane. 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.

Vendor and Volunteer Opportunities Available for Oktoberfest



By making the City's annual Oktoberfest a two-day event for 2010, the festival's organizing committee will be accepting more vendors and volunteers.

The 6th Annual Oakland Park Oktoberfest -- which has become the largest of its kind in Broward or Dade -- will take place on October 1-2 at the City's downtown Jaco Pastorius Park.

Oktoberfest hours are 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, October 1st and 1 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, October 2nd.

"We are beginning on Friday to appeal to the after work crowd and young professionals who will enjoy partying and dancing to a performance by the 'Funkabilly Playboys,'" said the City's Special Events Coordinator Eric Waters.

"Saturday will feature our more authentic Bavarian Oktoberfest activities and entertainment, including our always popular 'Dachshund Dash.'"

The award-winning Ambry Restaurant will once again serve traditional Bavarian beverages and food favorites such as bratwurst, knockwurst and chicken schnitzel.

For vendor, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please call Oakland Park Main Street at **954-565-2627**.

Oakland Park Library Update

Surf the Web -- In addition to 18 PC stations free to Library card holders, patrons can enjoy a free wireless Internet connection on their laptop in the Library or outside on the park benches. The wireless Internet log-on is **Op public access** (no password is needed).

Summer Library Program -- We have daily programming Monday -- Friday through August 12th with story times, puppet shows, craft programs and movies. Create your own photo album with our mascot, "Flat Stanley," from the children's book series. Attend a drawing class, a cartooning lesson or maybe Science Night featuring experiments with Oreo cookies! Coming to the Library is an effortless way to keep your children reading over the summer. The Oakland Park Library has a wealth of current materials for the whole family. A visit to your Library where all family members check out a book or just browse the materials is a powerful way for parents to model good reading habits. Did you know that on an average visit to the Library when a family checks out 9 items they have saved \$180, which is the retail price of these items? Call **954-630-4372** to learn more.

Library Tile Fundraiser -- Join members of the community who have become library supporters and have their names on the Founders' tile wall mural in the Library's lobby. For a contribution of \$500, individuals, businesses or organizations will be recognized through the placement of an inscribed tile on the mural. Your name can be added to one of the 70 spaces that are still available. The mural was designed in 1988 by renowned artist Carla Kenny the tiles provided by local businessman Leon Sikes. The proceeds from the original donations were used to purchase the furniture and shelving which are still in use today. The Library offers an extensive collection of books, DVDs, CDs and computer use to our patrons. Show your support by having your name placed in this prominent location. Call Heidi Burnett at **954-630-4366** for more information.

2010 Citizen Survey Results on-line at: www.oaklandparkfl.org

Citywide Yard Sale Scheduled for August 21

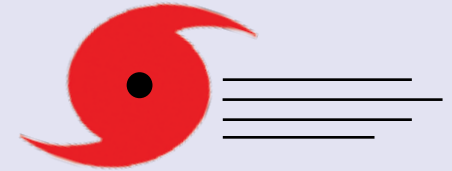


The City of Oakland Park Parks and Leisure Services Department is seeking vendors for their Yard Sale on Saturday, August 21. The **Yard Sale on the Green** will be held at Jaco Pastorius Park (4000 North Dixie Highway) from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited so don't miss this opportunity to bring your tables full of goodies. Residents may reserve a 10' X 10' space for \$20 and the cost for non-residents is \$40. For more information please call **954-630-4500**.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall Emergency Hotline	954-630-4200	Pet Friendly Shelters	954-989-3977
Broward Hurricane Hotline	954-831-4000	Salvation Army / Broward	954-524-6991
Hurricane Hotline TTY	954-831-3940	Broward Schools Hotline	754-321-0321
Special Needs Registration	954-357-6385	Homeless Help	954-563-HELP
Special Needs TTY	954-357-5608	FEMA	800-342-3557
Vulnerable Population Registry	954-831-4000	First Call for Help Broward	2-1-1
Broward Emergency Mgt.	954-831-3900	Broward County Call Center	3-1-1
Red Cross / Broward	954-797-3800	Road / Traffic Conditions	5-1-1

Oakland Park Emergency Radio 1680-AM



WEBSITE UPDATES

www.oaklandparkfl.org
www.broward.org/hurricane/
www.broward.org/disaster/
www.nhc.noaa.gov/
www.floridadisaster.org
www.fema.gov

Fire Rescue Station Hosts 'Camp Olympiad'

Oakland Park Fire Rescue welcomed "Camp Olympiad" on June 28th and the firefighters joined the camp participants for lunch and discussion about first aid and safety topics, including demonstrating blood pressure and cardiac apparatus.

Following lunch, Camp Olympiad participants demonstrated their skills using a pressurized water hose to knock down three cones from a distance.

Camp Olympiad is celebrating its 35th year of providing a summer recreation program for mentally and physically challenged adults, including bowling, basketball, bocce, arts & crafts, morning walks, indoor games and movies. Many of the activities take place at the City's Royal Palm Park.

Anyone interested in supporting Camp Olympiad can make a donation payable to the City of Oakland Park to provide scholarship assistance to needy participants. A donation of \$150 will provide a six-week activity program for a participant (most reside in group homes). For more information, please contact **954-630-4513**.



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 19, 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 us 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 they expressed an interest during the application process. For some of the 27 youths, working with the City of Oakland Park is their first work experience.

"This is my first actual job and I love it," added Ze-



kedra, 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.

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	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