



## TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF AND A LOT MORE

The City's Code Enforcement Division frequently reviews original landscape plans and inspects properties as part of an ongoing effort to enhance entryways to our community. In many cases, landscape has been neglected with numerous instances of damaged or missing hedge material (mainly ficus) due to white fly infestation. The Code Enforcement Officers work with the property owner to ensure the landscaping is in compliance. Recent examples include:

### 2759 W. Oakland Park Boulevard



The manager of a Pizza Hut contacted City staff to assist with landscape issues. After a tree and plant inventory, City staff determined that several trees and shrubs were missing from the site and extensive overgrowth existed on the perimeter of the property. City staff made plant recommendations and several new trees and shrubs were planted to update the outside appearance and

generally clean up the site. New tree selection included Gumbo Limbo, Dahoon Holly, Cattley Guava, and Queen Palms. New shrub selections included native Simpson's stopper, red tipped cocoplum, mammey crotons and red flowering Taiwanese ixora.

### 4010 - 4054 NW 9 Avenue (Powerline Road)



Three adjacent properties were re-landscaped due to lack of maintenance and missing trees and shrubs. New landscape islands were created in the parking lot, and much thought went into the selection of quality native plant material including cocoplum, green buttonwood and firebush. New trees included ligustrum, gumbo limbo, Royal Poinciana and Dahoon Holly. The entire face of the shopping center was changed due to the extensive new planting.

### 531 E. Commercial Boulevard

A landscape inspection of the insurance agency property showed



several missing trees and shrubs. The property owner was pro-active and City staff worked with the landscaper to choose size appropriate plant material for the site. A Podocarpus tree and a multi-trunked Simpson's stopper tree were added to the site, along with new perimeter hedge material and groundcover shrubs.

**NOTE:** City code requires Commercial property owners to follow Chapter 24-105 (D) (2) *"Landscaping shall be maintained in a healthy growing condition free of refuse and debris; Maintenance shall include watering, weeding, mowing, fertilization, insect and disease control, mulching, pruning, regular mowing to at least no higher than six inches, removal/replacement of dead or diseased trees and shrubs and removal of refuse and debris on a regular basis so as to present a neat and well maintained appearance at all times."*

## Community Volunteer Corps to Clean Up Nature Preserve



The Oakland Park Community Volunteer Corps will be working off those Holiday calories with a clean up event scheduled for Saturday, January 29 at the City's Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve located at 2820 NW 27 Avenue (just south of Oakland Park Boulevard).

Volunteers will work on sprucing up the nature preserve from 8:45 a.m. to Noon and then enjoy a potluck lunch together.

Participants should wear comfortable work shoes (no open toe sandals) and clothes they don't mind getting dirty. Please bring work gloves, hat and sunscreen. Water and tools will be provided.

Volunteers will need to fill out and submit a Community Volunteer Corps registration form prior to event day. Please call Community Volunteer Corp Coordinator Crystal Rothe at **954-630-4513** or Parks Division Horticulturist Charles Livio at **954-630-4511** for additional information.



Qualifying for the March 8, 2011 City Commission election closed at Noon on January 10. The election will be for City Commission Seats #2 and #3. Current City Commissioners Allegra Webb Murphy and Steven R. Arnst are term limited after serving two consecutive four-year terms. For more information on elections and candidates, please call the Office of the City Clerk at **954-630-4300** or log on to [www.oaklandparkfl.org](http://www.oaklandparkfl.org).

## Final Call to Apply for 2011 Local Government Academy



Residents are encouraged to submit applications for the final spots in Oakland Park's 7th Annual Local Government Academy (LGA). The academy will meet nine consecutive Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning February 3.

"The focus of the LGA is to provide a forum for residents to have a better understanding and greater awareness of how the City delivers a multitude of services and programs to residents and businesses," said Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy.

Past graduates of the Local Government Academy include current City Commissioners Anne E. Sallee and Jed Shank, as well as former Mayor Layne Dallett Walls and former Vice Mayor Anthony Niedwiecki. Several candidates for the two Oakland Park City Commission seats up for election in March are also graduates of the academy.

To apply for the City's Local Government Academy, please contact Assistant to the City Manager Marie W. Elianor at **954-630-4205** or e-mail [MarieE@oakland-parkfl.org](mailto:MarieE@oakland-parkfl.org). Space is limited so applications will be accepted on a first-come basis.

## Students of the Quarter Recognized



The Oakland Park City Commission recently recognized the "Students of the Quarter." Pictured from left receiving their Certificates of Recognition from Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy are Holly L. from Floranada Elementary and Chloe P. from Oakland Park Elementary. Also pictured are City Library Manager Heidi Burnett and Lewis Naylor of the City's School Advisory Board.

## Mayor and City Commission

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**January City Commission Schedule – January 19 at 6:30 p.m**

## CITY CELEBRATES MULTI-ETHNIC COMMUNITY MONTH

The Oakland Park City Commission proclaimed January as "Multi-Ethnic Community Month" in recognition of the City's rich ethnic and cultural diversity. Local Government Academy graduate Hebertny Perez accepted the proclamation from Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy – who became the City's first African-American Mayor in 2005. Some of the remaining activities celebrating Multi-Ethnic Community Month include a family night "Freedom Program" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 6:30 p.m. on January 18 in the Oakland Park Library (call **954-630-4372** to learn more), an Active Adults' Cultural Luncheon on January 19 (call **954-630-4494** for details) and the Oakland Park Historical Society art show featuring acclaimed African-American artists "The Highwaymen" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 22 at Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center. This art show and cultural presentation is free and open to the public. Please call **954-254-0295** for more information.



## Parks and Leisure News & Notes

### PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

On January 29 & 30, the historic Oakland Park Elementary School Theatre, located at 936 N. E. 33rd Street, will host “**A Salute to Broadway**” presented by Curtain Call Productions. Join us for singing and dancing from *Chicago*, *Pippin*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Damn Yankees*, and many more of Broadway’s greatest performances. Admission to each performance will be \$5 and all seating will be general admission. Show times are 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 29 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 30. Contact the Parks and Leisure Services Department at **954-630-4500** for ticket information.

### CITYWIDE YARD SALE

The City of Oakland Park Parks and Leisure Services Department is seeking vendors for their upcoming Citywide Yard Sales. The City will be hosting a **Yard Sale on the Green** on 3 Saturdays this year - **January 29, April 16 and November 19** - at Jaco Pastorius Park (4000 North Dixie Highway). Yard Sales are held from 7 a.m. until 12 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 or a 10’ X 20’ space for \$35. 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**.

### ACTIVE ADULTS UPDATE

Senior citizens are invited to the first “Tea Talk” on Monday, January 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. Tea Talk will be held at Collins Community Center, 3900 NE 3rd Avenue. This event will focus on discussing what the Department can do for you to enhance the quality of your active life in Oakland Park. We will talk about the types of programs you’d like us to offer, how we can best market them to encourage participation by more seniors in the City, and enjoy raffles and games together. Seniors already participating in our programs will get an extra raffle ticket for bringing a friend who hasn’t yet participated. Tea Talk will be held quarterly throughout the year. Tea Talk is free and the City will supply tea, pastries, and all paper goods, but if you want to bring your best china to enjoy your tea you are welcome to do so. For additional information please call **954-630-4494**.

## Dr. Carter G. Woodson Heritage Festival Annual Event Will Honor Black History Month

The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Heritage Festival was established in 2006 to honor the legacy and contributions of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African-American historian, author, journalist and the founder of Negro History Week, which became **Black History Month**.

On February 19, the Harlem McBride-NE 43 Street Neighborhood Association and the the City’s Parks and Leisure Services Department will host the 6th Annual Dr. Carter G. Woodson Heritage Festival at a **new** location, Jaco Pastorius Park located at 4000 North Dixie Highway in Oakland Park. This celebration will take place from Noon to 9 p.m.

Continuous entertainment will feature Joe Wright & Pure Justice Band with Felicia Flint, Eloquence the Band, African Drums and Dance, Spoken Word, and Step Show exhibitions. Attendees will enjoy food booths serving a variety of traditional festival favorites. The vendor market place will offer an assortment of art, crafts and collectables.

In addition to great food, music and fun, the festival provides midway rides and games for all. Packed with music, dance, food and fun, children of all ages will have a valuable cultural and educational experience. Admission and parking is free.

For more information, please visit [www.oaklandparkfl.org](http://www.oaklandparkfl.org) or call: **954-552-0890** or **954-630-4500**.



## Raising a Racquet at the Dillon Tennis Center



The City’s Parks and Leisure Services Department will continue to offer a professionally-supervised tennis program for a variety of ages and skill levels in 2011.

The programs are based at the City’s Dillon Tennis Center (4091 NE 5 Avenue) which features eight lighted clay tennis courts that are open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends.

The 2011 programs include clinics for Junior and Adult players, private lessons, and various team play. Players of various skill levels can sign up to play for fun or to compete in a league.

Junior clinics are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. for beginners and 5 p.m. for advanced players. Adult clinics are held on Mondays. Morning teams are Open, A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0 levels. Night and weekend teams are 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, Open, and Mixed doubles. Match play can be arranged by calling the Tennis Pro.

“Our Parks and Leisure Services Department is proud to offer a diverse array of athletic and recreational programming,” said Director Jenna LaFleur. “We are always looking for ways to increase resident participation and our tennis program has developed an outstanding reputation locally and regionally.”

Interested tennis players can call the City’s Tennis Pro Michael Bennett in the Parks and Leisure Services Department at **954-561-6180** to register or for more information.

The City of Oakland Park’s Parks and Leisure Services Department is one of only 95 park and recreation agencies in the United States accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

# CLEANING OUT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## Free, Earth-Friendly Disposal for Oakland Park Residents

Oakland Park's 2011 Solid Waste handbook with the recently revised collection maps and schedules has been printed and is posted on the City's website: [www.oaklandparkfl.org](http://www.oaklandparkfl.org)

In addition to the revised collection routes for bulk, recycling and refuse, the guide explains how residents can dispose of their household hazardous waste for free in an earth-friendly manner at the Broward County Trash Transfer Station on 2780 North Powerline Road (just north of Copans Road). This location is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (proof of Broward County residency is required).

Broward County Waste and Recycling Services have provided a list of what residents can and cannot bring for disposal.

### Permitted Items:

Paint	Household Cleaners
Solvents	Lawn/Pool Chemicals
Motor Oil	Mercury Thermometers
Pesticides	Rechargeable Batteries
Car Batteries	Fire Extinguishers
Tires *	Propane Tanks

\* Limit of 4 Tires

### Not Permitted:

Explosives  
Bio-hazardous Waste  
Needles & Sharps  
Business Waste  
Containers  
(Larger than 5 gallons)

For more information, please call Broward County Waste and Recycling Services at **954-765-4999** or visit [www.broward.org/waste](http://www.broward.org/waste)

## BSO/Oakland Park District News



*Pride in Service with Integrity*

Congratulations to BSO Deputy Mitchell Lyden for being selected as the Oakland Park District Employee of the Month for December.

Deputy Lyden played a key role in the apprehension of two violent felons. In the first incident, Deputy Lyden responded to a call regarding a cell phone snatched from the hand of the victim. Deputy Lyden observed a suspect fitting the description and transported him back to the scene where he was positively identified. The following day, Deputy Lyden responded to a burglary. Deputy Lyden located the suspect and after a short chase he apprehended him and the suspect was positively identified by the victim.

Deputy Lyden's rapid response, attention to detail and investigative instincts culminated in the prompt arrest of two dangerous criminals and made the Oakland Park community safer for its citizens.

## Welcome Our Wildlife

Oakland Park's "Welcome Our Wildlife" volunteer group encourages property owners to certify their yards as wildlife habitats through the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). The NWF established a set of criteria based on the City's population. Oakland Park needs a minimum of 5 schools, 5 parks and 150 residential properties to be declared a "Certified Community Wildlife Habitat". The City has reached this goal with schools and parks – including Royal Palm Park where Parks staff recently planted new cocoplum shrubs to provide additional food and cover for birds. There are currently 103 residential properties certified with 47 more required to attain this prestigious certification. The photo shows a Cer-



tified Wildlife Habitat property on NE 40 Court. To learn how to increase the beauty and value of your property by becoming a Certified Wildlife Habitat, please call City Horticulturist Charles Livio at **954-630-4511**.

## 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
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