



Oakland Park 'Oktoberfest'

October 1st and 2nd at Jaco Pastorius Park

Oktoberfest aficionados and anyone else looking for a fun party need not worry about air-fare to Munich when they can drive to **Oakland Park's 6th Annual Oktoberfest Celebration** on October 1 and 2.

Oakland Park's annual Oktoberfest is not only the largest in Broward or Dade, but it has become one of the most popular in Florida, according to Siegi Constantine, Executive Director for Oakland Park Main Street.

Oktoberfest hours are **Friday, October 1 from 6 to 11 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 2 from 1 to 11 p.m.** at the "Bavarian Village" set up in downtown Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 North Dixie Highway (just north of NE 38th Street).

Constantine has been working with her committee to ensure each detail of the event is carried out in true Oktoberfest tradition. The award-winning Ambry Restaurant will operate the Bavarian-style "Biergarten" offering a selection of popular German foods and beverages.

The large tents will be erected to replicate the authentic atmosphere of a Bavarian village celebration, including a stage and a dance floor. Performances by the "Edelweiss Schuhplattlers" (children's dance troupe) and the "Original Auerhahn Schuhplattler Dancers" (adults) will delight the guests. Vendors in the Alpine market will offer a variety of



gift items and collectibles. A carnival featuring rides, games and refreshments will entertain children and adults alike.

"Oktoberfest is truly meant to be a celebration for all ages and we want to encourage a lot of singing and dancing," said the City's Special Events Coordinator Eric Waters. "We will also have fun Oktoberfest games and contests such as our popular Central Bark 'Dachshund Dash,' keg races, and for the first time a bratwurst-eating contest."

The musicians scheduled to fill the air with oompah and polka dance melodies until the 11 p.m. closing each evening include the Oktoberfest mainstays "Euro Express." Longtime South Florida dance

and party band favorites, the "Funkabilly Playboys," will perform both nights with an Oktoberfest twist to their always popular show.

Oktoberfest sponsors to date include the City of Oakland Park, presenting Sponsor Lipton Toyota/Scion, AirBerlin, Central Bark Doggy Day Care, Comcast, Days Inn, FPL, Graphic Banner, Holy Cross Hospital, S.MarkGraphics, Sal's Towing and The Pelican.

For sponsorships, vendor opportunities, and other information, please call Constantine at **954-565-2627** or visit www.oaklandparkfl.org. There will be a \$3 donation for adult admission while children 12 and under are admitted free.

Jed Shank Elected to City Commission Seat #4

Jedidiah "Jed" Shank was elected from a field of three candidates on August 24 to Oakland Park City Commission Seat #4. Commissioner Shank received more than 55 percent of the 3,542 votes.

Commissioner Shank is a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) employed in the Broward County Auditor's Office. He graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration and earned a Masters in Accountancy from the University of Notre Dame. The 31-year-old resident is also a graduate of the City's Local Government Academy and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Oakland Park and Twin Lakes South Neighborhood Association.

Commissioner Shank's term will expire in March 2013. He can be contacted at JedS@oaklandparkfl.org or 954-647-4359.



Outdoor Storage & Property Maintenance Community Meeting

A Community Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center at 1098 NE 40 Court with a presentation and discussion on the proposed Ordinances to address Outdoor Storage & Property Maintenance. The City needs input from residents, property and business owners concerning the Ordinances that are proposed for the City's land development code. Topics to be discussed:

- Outdoor Storage Ordinance
- Property Maintenance Ordinance

For more information, contact Rick Buckeye, Senior Planner at 954-630-4345.

Project Updates: NE 21 Avenue & Lakeside Estates



Sewer main installation along NW 27 Street.

The NW 21 Avenue & Lakeside Estates (Rock Island) Capital Improvement Project is divided into three phases that are all being built by Broward County as a result of several Joint Participation Agreements (JPA's) with the City.

First Phase (NW 21 Avenue) – This phase began in October of 2009 with the reconstruction of NW 21 Avenue south of West Oakland Park Boulevard. The new roadway will provide for a three-lane section with drainage, street lighting, and landscaping with irrigation. A 72-inch drainage pipe will be installed on NW 27 Street, go under the CSX railroad track and north to the C-13 Canal. A new right-hand turn lane will be installed on the west side of NW 28 Street for southbound traffic turning movements onto NW 21 Avenue. Three new mast arms for traffic signalization will be installed at the intersection of NW 21 Avenue and West Oakland Park Boulevard and a new raised type “F” median will be constructed from West Oakland Park Boulevard to NW 32 Court in November 2010. This project also includes the installation of the NW 21 Avenue Pedestrian Bridge over the C-13 Canal. Pre-fabrication of the bridge has begun and completion is scheduled within the next month. Drainage work is proceeding along NW 27 Street and along NW 21 Avenue on the east side of the road. By the end of each day the contractor will maintain access for the residents on the east side of NW 21 Avenue and the south side of NW 27 Street. Project completion is estimated to be on March 2011.

Second Phase (NW 26 Avenue area) – This phase began in February, 2010 with the installation of water, sewer, drainage, and roadway improvements in the NW 26 Avenue area north of NW 26 Street. The Contractor has completed the installation of the water main, drainage and sewer, as well as the road restoration and the first lift of asphalt.

Third Phase (NW 24 Avenue area) – This phase began in March 2010 with the installation of new sewer, drainage, roadway reconstruction and the water main improvements in the NW 24 Avenue area also north of NW 26 Street and west of NW 21 Avenue. The Contractor has completed the installation of the water main underground pipe and drainage lines. The sewer main portion has been completed followed by the installation of sewer laterals and drainage crossings. This will be followed by the road restoration and the first lift of asphalt should be completed in October. Substantial completion for the Second and Third phase projects is estimated to be November 2010 and project completion is targeted for January 2011.

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Business Spotlight: Constantine's Wood Center

Located on Oakland Park Boulevard near Dixie Highway since 1975, Constantine's Wood Center specializes in supplying woodworkers with exotic woods, veneers, tools, finishing products, etc. Constantine's is and has been a family-owned and operated business since 1812 - currently run by John Constantine Docherty, and his daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Rodolfo Rodriguez (with help from their children also).

In the mid 1800's, The Constantine Company, then known as Furniture Makers, Thomas Constantine & Co., built the 48 desks and 48 chairs for the United States Senate, including Daniel Webster's original desk.

In the year 2012, Constantine's Wood Center we will be celebrating their 200th

birthday of the company - and are looking forward to many more in Oakland Park.

Constantine's Wood Center owners are proud of their extensive history and invite the public to come to their store and see some of the interesting historical photos.

For directions and hours, please call Constantine's Wood Center at 954-561-1716.



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.

Parks and Leisure Services News & Notes

After-School Programs are offered at two different locations: Spiher Recreation Center and North Andrews Gardens Community Center. A.S.C.O.O.P or After School Care Of Oakland Park serves 120 children ages 5 years to 13 years daily. Activities include homework time, soccer, kickball, basketball, bombardment, four square, foosball, tournaments, arts and craft, movies and more. For fee structures, scholarships and other information, please call the Parks and Leisure Services Department at **954-630-4500**.

SURF THE WEB AT OAKLAND PARK LIBRARY

FREE Wireless Internet Connection for your laptop inside the Oakland Park Library and outdoors on park tables/benches. The log-on: **Op public access** (no password necessary). There are also 18 PC Stations to use free with your Library Card. Call the Oakland Park Library at **954-630-4366** for more information

Are you an Active Adult? Retired? Are you looking for some exciting things to do during the day? If so, we

have just the thing for you in Oakland Park. The Active Adults program provides a variety of activities geared towards those 55 and over. Some of the activities include arts and crafts, bridge, aerobics, luncheons and various trips. The programs are held at Collins Community Center located at 3900 NE 3rd Ave and Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, located at 1098 NE 40th Court. There is a full schedule of events and activities each weekday. For more information or to obtain a calendar of events, please contact Sheila Thomas at **954-630-4494**.

Come join us for our annual **Halloween Fun** event happening October 23 & 24 at Wimberly Field located at 3900 NE 3rd Avenue, Oakland Park. This event will include a teen dance for children ages 11 to 15, carnival rides, a costume contest, game booths and a free treat bag given to the first 1,000 costumed children....and only for those brave souls who dare to enter....a haunted house guaranteed to scare even the scariest ghouls and goblins! For more information, please visit www.oaklandparkfl.org or call **954-630-4500**.

CITY PLANS TO REVISE ROUTES FOR TRASH, BULK & RECYCLE COLLECTION

The City of Oakland Park will begin providing refuse (garbage), recycling and bulk trash collection service in the areas of the City that were annexed in 2005. The change in service in the annexed areas from outside contractors (Waste Management or All Service Refuse) to City staff provided the City with the opportunity to revise the collection routes in a more efficient manner by reducing the number of large collection vehicles on the neighborhood streets, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and making neighborhoods a little safer.

The new citywide route maps identify the collection days for refuse, recycling and bulk trash collections which will be effective January 1, 2011. The residents of

the annexed areas will be provided with the City's 95-gallon refuse carts during the last two weeks of December 2010 and are only to be used for the collection of refuse after January 1, 2011. The refuse carts will be collected via an automated collection system requiring less labor and reducing the incidents of worker injuries when compared to the current collection systems in the annexed areas. The refuse carts also reduce the incidents of litter in the neighborhoods since the lid is attached to the container and must be closed at the time of collection.

The Solid Waste Division staff looks forward to servicing the needs of the City's customers through the new routing system.



Friends Continue to Respond to Library's Needs in a Variety of Ways

If you have attended a meeting or program in the library's Marie Wright Community Room recently, your experience was made more enjoyable by the latest project of the Friends of the Oakland Park Library: refurbishing the facility with 100 comfortable stacking chairs with stacking carts, 12 six-foot lightweight tables with upright storage carts, 24 Samsonite plastic chairs with sled bottoms for the children's programs, and a thorough cleaning of all the carpeting in the room. Scheduled next is having all the furniture and carpeting cleaned in the main library area.

Since its founding in 1994 as a nonprofit organization to benefit the library, Friends' projects and programs have changed as the library's needs have changed, but its objectives have remained constant:

- to maintain an association of persons interested in the Oakland Park Library;
- to focus public attention on library issues, services and programs;
- to stimulate the use of library resources and services;
- to promote the library as a cultural and educational asset in our community;
- to sponsor fund-raising projects to enhance library services and resources beyond the level funded by the library's budget.

Friends' range of service has been broad. For example, when the library received a grant from the state of Florida to convert the library card catalogue to a computer catalogue, members of the Friends volunteered throughout the summer of 2000 to manually transfer the appropriate bar codes to each of the more than 40,000 items in the collection.

A variety of projects, from the purchase of a laminating machine to the purchase of supplies for children's programs, continue to be funded by the proceeds from Used Book Sales and membership dues. New members are always welcome, and membership brochures are available at the library circulation desk.



Thomas E. Hardy, President, Friends of the Oakland Park Library, assists a Library patron at the Reference Desk.

A HELPING HAND

by the Community Association Institute
(www.caionline.org)

Community associations are not immune in this recession. Sadly, some homes have been abandoned. The homes were foreclosed and the owners moved



away. When banks take over these properties, they usually don't realize they need to pay the regular assessment. With the depth of the foreclosure crisis and their own financial problems, banks are struggling to keep up.

It's hard not to complain about a nearby property looking downtrodden. We all want to come home to a community we can be proud of. If the house next door is abandoned or not maintained, offer to help. Be sure to check with the association first if you want to clean up an abandoned property. The property may belong to bank, the association or the financially-strapped owner.

If no one is given notice that volunteers are coming to maintain a property, trespassing charges can be filed – not exactly a nice return on generosity.

If given approval to access a property, there are simple things volunteers can do to improve the look. When the trash is cleaned up, the yard is watered and mowed and the newspapers, door hangers and phone books are picked up off the porch, the home is less inviting to thieves and looks better.

Having unity in the community has never been more important than in times like these. Thankfully, as neighbors, we have one another. Don't get angry, get helpful.

Young Workers Gain Valuable Experience in City Government



The City of Oakland Park served as a host site for WorkForce One Employment Solutions over the summer. Nearly 30 youths from 16 to 19 gained a meaningful summer work experience assisting City staff from various departments and divisions. Funds to support this program were made available through a grant from the Children's Services Council of Broward County and the City of Fort Lauderdale. In the photo above, Oakland Park Director of Engineering and Community Development Harris Hamid with two of the WorkForce One Employment Solutions participants who worked assisting staff in his department.

"SMOKE ALARMS: A SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH!"

Oakland Park Fire Rescue will be participating in Fire Prevention Week, October 3 – 9 with "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You can Live With" as the official theme.

This year's campaign is designed to educate people about the importance of smoke alarms and encourages everyone to take the necessary steps to update and maintain their home smoke alarm protection.

The Fire Prevention Division will be campaigning and educating school children on the importance of smoke detectors in the home.

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

Local Flood Hazard Information

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

There are several different ways to help make your home safer during a flood. Some methods include: re-grading your lot to slope away from the building; building a small flood wall, earthen berm, or ditch; placing watertight closures over the doorways; or raising the structure. All of the above require a permit. Continue reading to learn where you can find more detailed information on what these methods involve.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Local flooding can result from the blockage of waterways and drainage facilities through the buildup of plant material. Our Stormwater Division helps

keep canals clear by performing monthly cleaning of waterways, and regular cleaning of storm water conveyance lines and City catch basins. You may contact the Streets & Stormwater Division at 954-630-4435. A blockage can also occur through dumping. Dumping in waterways is a violation of State Law and City Code and should be reported to the Code Enforcement Division at 954-630-4394, or the Broward Sheriff's Office, District 12 at 954-561-6161.

MAPPING INFORMATION

The Planning Division (954-630-4345) provides Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information to lenders, insurance agents, and real estate agents, as well as to homeowners. Elevation Certificates showing finished

construction elevations for all newly constructed or substantially improved buildings on file are available upon request by contacting the Building Division at 954-630-4346.

FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Among other things, a building permit is required for: construction of a building or structure, permanent storage of materials or equipment, dredging, filling, grading, paving and excavating. This applies to commercial and industrial property as well as residential. Contact the Building Division at 954-630-4346 prior to performing any of these activities, or if you observe these activities being performed without a permit being posted on the property.