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Community Volunteer Corps to Clean Up Nature Preserve

OAKLAND PARK, Fla....(January 12, 2011) -- 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.

The volunteers will be divided into work teams to remove trash from the parking area and trails, remove the love vine that smother vegetation and remove excess organic matter to expose the "sugar sand."

"We will also teach volunteers about the geology and unique ecology of the sand pine preserve, including up close identification of sand pine seedlings, prickly pear cactus in bloom and fruiting huckleberries," said City Horticulturist Charles Livio.

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

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