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**Oakland Park Announces Summer Food Service Program**

**OAKLAND PARK, Fla. (June 7, 2011)** – The City of Oakland Park will once again offer a Summer Food Service Program administered by the Parks and Leisure Services Department.

The Summer Food Service Program will provide nutritionally balanced meals at no cost to children under the age of 18 dates from June 13 through August 12.

The City's Summer Food Service program sites are the Collins Community Center, North Andrews Gardens Community Center, Spiher Recreation Center and the Camp Olympiad Program. In addition, City staff anticipates students attending Mt Zion AME Church summer camp program to participate as well. Harris Chapel is not holding a summer program and will not be a host site this year, but parents are invited to call the City to identify other Summer Food Service program locations.

"In these difficult economic times, it is important for our City to provide this Summer Food Service Program to our residents," said Mayor Suzanne Boisvenue. "Many of these children would go hungry without this service and nutritious meals will help to ensure their growth and development."

Lunches will be served weekdays from Noon to 1 p.m. with an afternoon snack available between 3 and 4 p.m.

Oakland Park is eligible to participate in the Summer Food Service Program based upon the location of the City's summer camp sites and the proximity to public schools. The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and reduced price meals during the school year.

This program is made available by the State of Florida, Department of Education. The City will be fully reimbursed for the cost of all meals. For more information, please call the City's Parks and Leisure Services Department at 954-630-4500.

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