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Oakland Park Moving Carter Woodson Heritage Festival

OAKLAND PARK, Fla...(February 2, 2010) – On February 19, the Harlem McBride/N.E. 43 Street Neighborhood Association and the City of Oakland Park Parks and Leisure Services Department will host the **6th Annual Dr. Carter G. Woodson Heritage Festival** at its new location, **Jaco Pastorius Park** located at 4000 North Dixie Highway in Oakland Park. The celebration will take place from Noon to 9 p.m.

“The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Festival has grown into of our City’s most popular events – along with Youth Day and Oktoberfest,” said Oakland Park Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy. “Moving the festival to our new downtown park will increase the visibility and provide additional space for parking, vendors, rides and other attractions.”

The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Heritage Festival was established in 2006 to recognize and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African-American historian, author, journalist and the founder of Negro History Week which later became known as Black History Month.

Continuous entertainment will feature Joe Wright & Pure Justice Band with Felicia Flint, Eloquence the Band, African Drums and Dance, Spoken Word, and a step-show exhibition will highlight the afternoon. Food booths will be serving traditional festival favorites, and a vendor marketplace will offer an assortment of art, collectibles and crafts.

“This year’s festival will be significantly larger,” said Oakland Park’s Special Events Coordinator Eric Waters. “We have a full day of entertainment – including South Florida’s radio favorites HOT 105 -- and activities that will appeal to the entire family.”

In addition to fantastic food and music, the festival will include midway rides and games. Packed with music, dance, food and fun, children will also benefit from a valuable cultural and educational experience.

City staff will also be distributing vouchers for free flu shots courtesy of Walgreens and the Broward County Health Department.

Admission and parking to the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Festival is free. For more information, please visit www.oaklandparkfl.org or call **954-459-0544** or **954-630-4500**.

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).

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