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## **OAKLAND PARK CREATES YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**OAKLAND PARK, Fla...(December 1, 2010)** – As part of the Oakland Park’s ongoing efforts to enhance recreational programs for teenagers, the City’s Parks and Leisure Services Department has created a Youth Advisory Council.

“Oakland Park welcomes input from local youths on their community needs and interests,” said Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy. “We believe this council will help our City leaders make sound decisions on youth matters, as well provide them with programming that meets their diverse needs.”

Oakland Park residents enrolled in grades 6 - 12 are invited to submit an application to serve on the Youth Advisory Council. Applications are available from the Parks and Leisure Services office on the first floor of City Hall and at Collins Community Center. They can also be downloaded from the City’s website: [www.oaklandparkfl.org](http://www.oaklandparkfl.org)

“We are already planning ahead for 2011, including our Black History Month activities for February and our 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Day celebration in March,” said Director of Parks and Leisure Services Jenna LaFleur. “It is important that the youth of Oakland Park feel like they are partners and have a voice in the types of programs and activities our Parks and Leisure Services Department offers.”

Interested teens can call Steve Mattair in the Parks and Leisure Services Department at **954-630-4516** for additional information. Completed applications are requested by December 17.

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).