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### **Fire Station # 9 Groundbreaking**

On January 20, 2023, the City celebrated its groundbreaking for Fire Station 9. The project will include relocation and construction of Fire Station 9 to the east side of Stevens Field, making way for Phase II of City Park. The new building will be designed to include fire station operations, fire administration and fire prevention.



## **Improvement Projects Update within the CRA**

**Richard E. Giusti Heart Par Cours Park** - improvements to the park located at 600 NE 38<sup>th</sup> Street, are set to begin in February 2023 and will include a new dog park, additional lighting, ADA parking, and upgrades to exercise equipment and trails.



**NE 11th Avenue Oakland Park Elementary Sidewalk Project** – the first phase of improvements to NE 11th Avenue between NE 38th Street and NE 32nd Street – decorative lighting installation is complete. Construction preparation for the second phase – sidewalk installation – is now underway.



**Parking Stop Replacement** – the first phase of replacement of all parking stops on Main Street has begun. The lower-profile stops will be installed in all city-owned parking areas on Main Street. A second phase of the installation is being planned and will include installation of the parking stops in public parking areas on the west side of Dixie Highway.

## **Other Projects in Design within the CRA**

- **Stevens Field** – proposed improvements include installation of a new walking trail, sports lighting, fence replacement, regrading/resodding field, site furnishings, and landscaping.
- **Carter G. Woodson Park** – proposed improvements include a community garden, parking, basketball court, playground surfacing, security cameras, lighting, and exercise stations.
- **NE 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – design drawings were received and are under review by Engineering and Building Services. This project will provide a continuous network of sidewalks for pedestrian safety in and around the downtown. Proposed improvements include a shared pedestrian/bicycle path along N.E. 13th Avenue from Oakland Park Boulevard to Park Lane East, as well as a continuous sidewalk network connecting downtown (12th Avenue) to 16th Avenue. The project will be designed and constructed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).
- **NE 36<sup>th</sup> and NE 35<sup>th</sup> Streets (between NE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dixie Highway)** - design plans are being finalized for upgrades to NE 36th and NE 35th Streets. Proposed improvements include installation of sidewalks, raising paver brick areas, and installing landscaping, irrigation, and utility improvements.

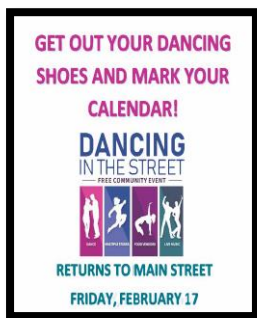
## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

January 14, 2023, the City of Oakland Park celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The celebration took place at Collins Community Center and included performances and activities for the entire family.



## Soul Fest

The Oakland Park Soul Fest returns to Downtown Oakland Park on February 3, 2023. The annual free event will take place at Jaco Pastorius Park, celebrating Black History Month and marking the contributions and achievements of the African and Caribbean American community. The family-friendly event will feature live performances, music, food trucks and a children's activity area.



## Dancing in the Street

Dancing in the Street will return to Main Street on Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6-10 PM. The free mile-long block party will feature live performances by multiple artists on multiple stages and will also feature food trucks, a Kids' Zone with a DJ, and goods from local artists and crafters. The family-friendly event will take place on Main Street between Oakland Park Boulevard and Park Lane. The event will also feature free shuttle service and a public rideshare pick-up and drop-off area.

## Grow

There is a downtown area built around a food and arts culture. It's no surprise that Oakland Park's Cultural Arts District has developed at this time. The district's location, proximity to downtown, and its location in the heart of the city are all factors that make it an attractive, appropriate area for development. With its central location, Oakland Park is the perfect location for small businesses to thrive.

### Retail Market Stats

■ Downtown Oakland Park  
■ Downtown Hollywood  
■ Uptown Cypress Creek



## State of the Market Report

The annual comprehensive market overview of the Downtown and surrounding CRA is now complete and set for release at the in-person Oakland Park Downtown Business Partners Meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The report provides high-level statistics, business overview, market drivers, and more. The report serves as a centerpiece document in the City's business recruitment activities.

## Business Activity



### **Maggie's Favorite Bake Shop**

The OPCRA is pleased to welcome Maggie's Favorite Bake Shop to the CRA. Maggie's Favorite is a unique, charming and inviting European coffee and bakeshop, offering breakfast items, sandwiches, sweet and savory crepes, salads and a variety of homemade cakes by the slice, cupcakes, cookies and a lot more. Maggie's also specializes in custom made cakes. Learn more about Maggie's Favorite Bake Shop at: [www.maggiesfavorite.com](http://www.maggiesfavorite.com).

### **Wine Lovers Distributor**

We are pleased to welcome Wine Lovers Distributor to the OPCRA. Originally founded in 2020 in Miami as the Wine Division of BeviBirra Inc., an importer of superior quality Italian craft beers, Wine Lovers Distributor specializes in the import and supply of high-quality wines sourced directly from Italy. Learn more about Wine Lovers Distributor at: [www.wineloversdistributor.com](http://www.wineloversdistributor.com).



### **DGM Flowers Co.**

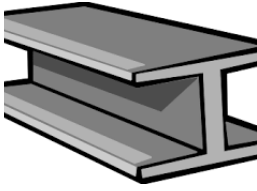


We are pleased to welcome DGM Flowers Co., LLC to the OPCRA. Located at 1080 NE 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, DGM Flowers offers same-day flowers and gift delivery, whether it is across town or across the country. In addition to floral arrangements, DGM offers a collection of balloons and gourmet gift baskets, as well as wedding and event flower design at: [DGM Flowers Co](http://DGM Flowers Co).



### **Dentists of Oakland Park**

Dentists of Oakland Park has joined the OPCRA community. Located at 620 E. Oakland Park Boulevard, Suite 100, Dentists of Oakland Park provides quality dental solutions with an experienced staff and the latest technology. Dentists of Oakland Park also provides emergency care 24/7 for patients in urgent need of relief. Learn more about Dentists of Oakland Park at: [www.dentistsofoaklandpark.com](http://www.dentistsofoaklandpark.com).



### **Fabrication Solutions, LLC**

Fabrication Solutions, LLC has joined the Oakland Park Downtown community. Located at 4478 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fabrication Solutions, LLC provides a wide variety of metal fabrication services.

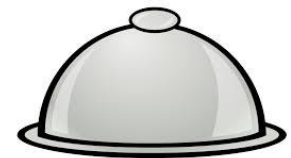
### **Celupal Worldwide Industries, Inc.**

OPCRA welcomes Celupal Worldwide Industries to the CRA. Celupal provides wholesale printer and cutter sales and services, as well as large format printing and graphic services.



### **COMING SOON: Nour Thai**

OPCRA will also soon welcome Nour Thai to the CRA. Located at 3554 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Nour Thai will be an authentic Thai-themed restaurant joining our burgeoning Culinary Arts District.



## **Business Meetings**

### **Downtown Partners Meeting**

The next Downtown Partners Meeting will be held on February 14, 2023, at 8:30 AM. The meeting will be held in-person and hosted by the OPCRA at Funky Buddha Brewery, located at 1201 NE 38th Street. These meetings are open to the community and any members of the public interested in learning more about the projects in our Downtown and throughout the City that are driving economic development. The link for more information is on our website at [www.OPCRA.com/resources/](http://www.OPCRA.com/resources/)



# URBAN farming

## INSTITUTE

GROWN IN OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

The Urban Farming Institute (UFI) proudly celebrates 10 years with the City of Oakland Park this year! UFI is a supported and beloved asset to our City, and we are proud to be in partnership with an organization that provides so much for our community. Happy 10 Years, UFI!

Pick up for the Community Support Agriculture farmshare is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The farmshare crops are only available through April! To learn more or subscribe,

please visit the Urban Farming Institute website at [www.ufi.us.org](http://www.ufi.us.org)



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