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Update | February 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Film Industry Professionals Visited Cosmix School of Makeup Artistry



Cosmix School of Makeup Artistry (3440 N Andrews Ave.) students were visited by Film Lauderdale and a professional Hollywood makeup artist (MUA) on December 15, 2025. The visitors described career opportunities via the Broward County Film Commission and the screen industry. The MUA instructor, Marietta Carter-Narcisse, has an impressive resume that includes work on iconic films like “Boyz in the Hood”, “Malcolm X”, and “Ghost and Jackie Brown.” (Source: Broward County OESBD)

Mike Mayo Attends Happy Hour at Camille’s

South Florida restaurant reviewer turned food personality, Mike Mayo, dined at **Camille's Pizzeria & Ristorante** to kick-off the restaurant’s new happy hour menu on January 8, 2026.

Mike Mayo is the co-founder of “Let’s Eat, South Florida” and the host of the weekday streaming show, “Mike Mayo’s Lunchbox.”



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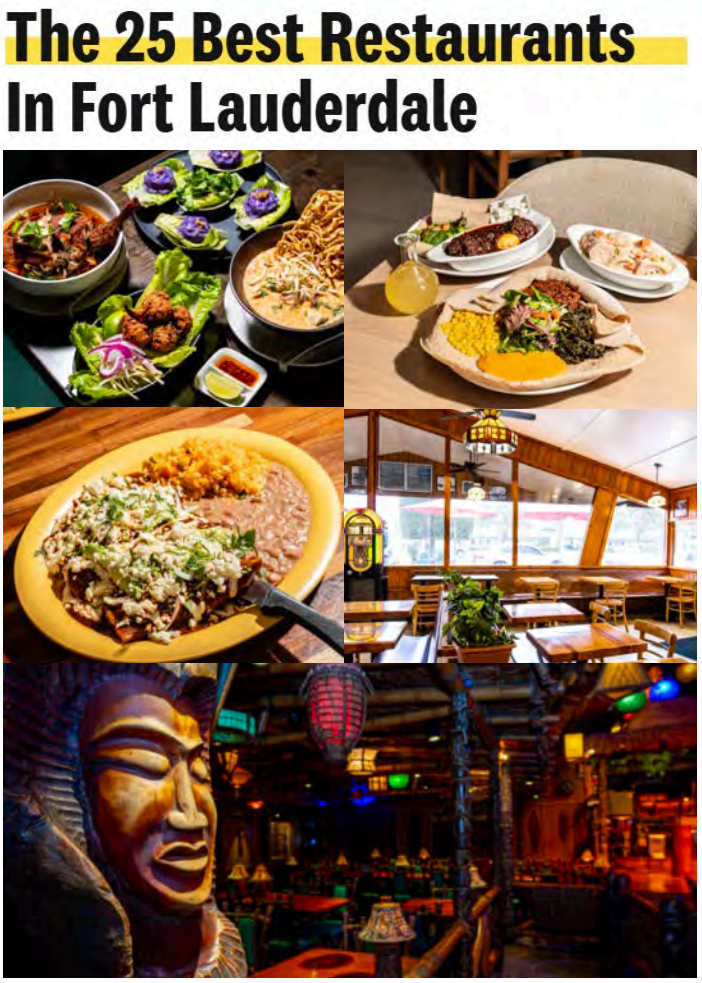
International Food Guide Calls 4 Loakl Restaurants "Must-Try"

The Infatuation, an international food guide, names 5 Oakland Park restaurants among ***The 25 Best Restaurants In Fort Lauderdale***, in their December 4, 2025 publication.

Four of the 5 restaurants scored an 8/10 or 8.8/10 rating. *The Infatuation* describes a score in the 8s as, "Truly Excellent: An 8 should be on your must-try list, because 8s are great. These spots are worth making an effort or crossing town for."

Oakland Park restaurants that were featured in the "25 Best" list are, in order of appearance:

- Mai-Kai
- Nour Thai Kitchen
- Tortilleria Mexicana
- Red Sea Eritrean & Ethiopian Cuisine
- Jack's Old Fashioned Hamburger House



Loakl Restaurants Make Yelp Elites' "Top" in Broward



Yelp Elites rank 4 Loakl restaurants among their **Top Places to Eat in Broward County**. Out of the whole county, our restaurateurs claimed spots within the first 20 places, and 3 in the first 10, alone!

- **BMC Smash Burgers** (#2)
- **Bulegreen Café Yard** (#8)
- **Gai Chicken and Rice** (#10)
- **Funky Buddha Brewery** (#15)

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Spotlight on Bulegreen Cafe Yard by Visit Lauderdale

Broward County's official tourism marketing agency named **Bulegreen Cafe Yard** #1 for brunch in Visit Lauderdale's "**8 Brunch Spots You HAVE to Visit**".

Anniversaries & Grand Openings

Oakland Park Family Dental 40th Anniversary

Celebrating 40 years of smiles! **Oakland Park Family Dental** (2901 W Oakland Park Blvd., Ste. B-21) first opened its doors in 1986. As a local, family-owned practice, we are honored to reach this landmark anniversary in 2026. Now led by Dr. Lakshay Goyal and Dr. Brad Lewis, our practice blends decades of community trust with a modern, patient-centered approach. Our mission remains simple: providing a warm, professional, and welcoming environment for every patient who walks through our doors.

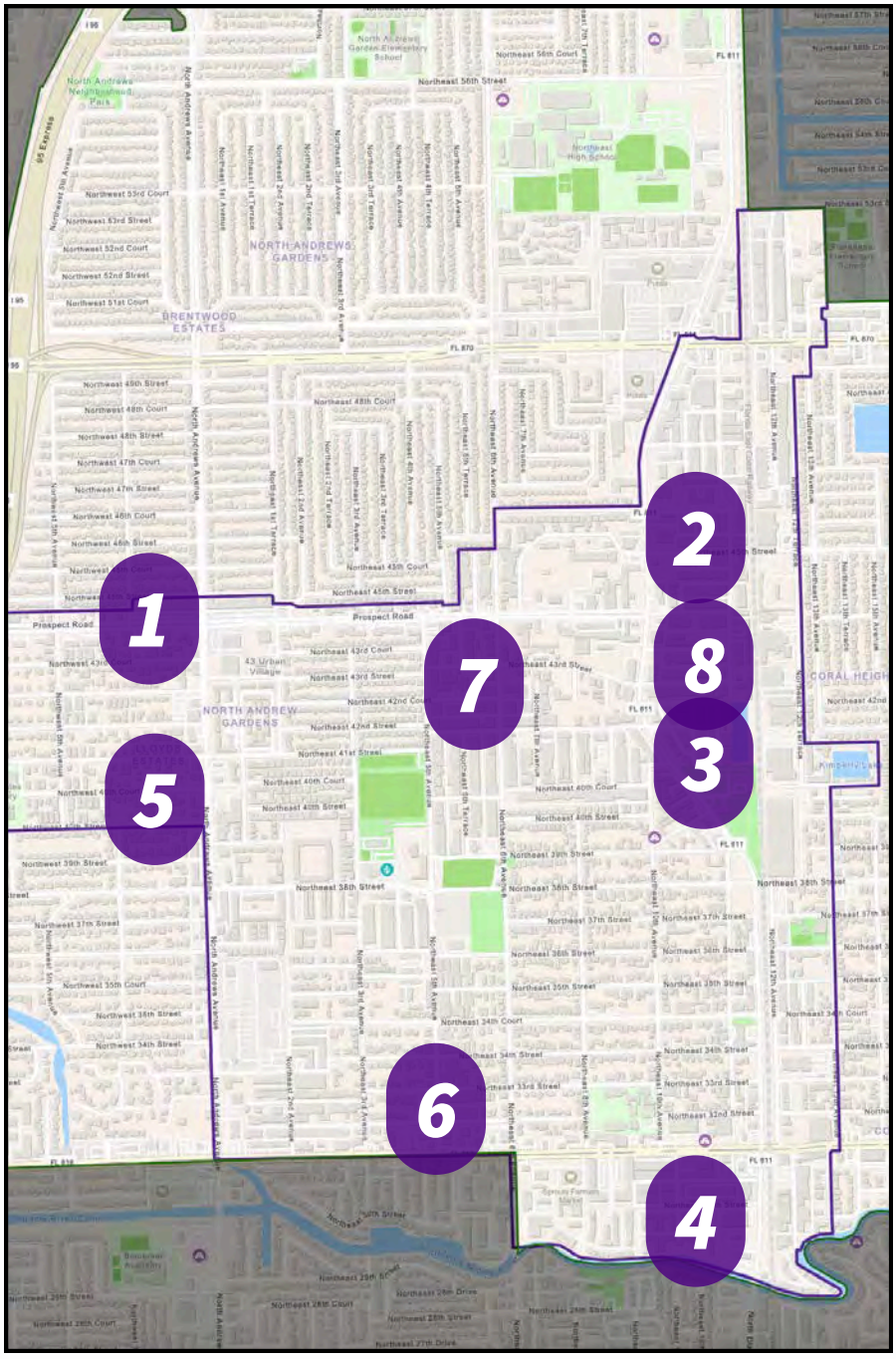
The Whole Enchilada 20th Anniversary

The Whole Enchilada (TWE, 4115 N Federal Hwy.) has been "keepin' it fresh" since 2006 and was conceptualized by two local brothers with a taste for tacos and a hankering for hot sauce.
We have been taking the burrito business by storm with our unique blend of 'classic with a twist' menu favorites enjoyed amongst a hip and trendy atmosphere. Promising a fun and friendly dining experience for customers and connoisseurs alike, guests of TWE can enjoy an ambience of personality, wit and cutting edge charisma while choosing from a selection of simple, yet savory, no frills "Fresh Mex." We look forward to hosting you soon!"

Bondi Sushi Grand Opening February 5, 2026

The popular New York-based Japanese dining experience celebrates its Oakland Park grand opening on February 5, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Oakland Park is **Bondi Sushi'**s newest and largest location (3331 N Federal Hwy., Unit B) of its 12 between New York and Florida.
Aside from a sushi bar, indoor/outdoor seating, the Oakland Park restaurant debuts The Bar at Bondi, a cocktail bar brought by Bondi's collaboration with Shinji's, named among the Top 100 Cocktail Bars in North America. **RSVP by contacting Bondi Sushi via email.**

NEW BUSINESSES



1. ROYAL BEAUTY SCHOOL, INC.

Royal Beauty School invites prospective cosmetology students to visit.

- 145 W PROSPECT RD., Unit: 141

2. EMPIRE AUTO & MARINE WRAP, INC.

Whether enhancing your car's personality or giving your yacht a striking new look, Empire craftsmanship is built to shine under the Gold Coast sun.

- 4751 NE 10 AVE., Unit: 4
- **empireshowoff.com**

3. FOUNTAIN REPAIR MAN, LLC

Repair, service, maintain, and install commercial fountains with these 3rd generation experts.

- 1043 NE 46 CT.
- **www.fountainrepairman.com**

4. CARL'S FURNITURE AND MATTRESS

Carl's Wholesale Furniture Warehouse Quality Furniture & mattresses for less is open daily and offers delivery.

- 874 E Oakland Park Blvd.
- **www.instagram.com/carlsfurniturefl/**

5. MISLENE BEAUTY SALON

Visit Mislene Beauty Salon to see how they could tend to your styling needs.

- 4087 N ANDREWS AVE.

6. WOOD & ART

Wood & Art provides kitchen remodeling, bathroom renovations, cabinets, closets, and wall units to the South Florida market.

- 3200 NE 5 AVE., Unit: B
- **www.woodandart.net**

7. POWDER COATING TECHNOVATION

Powder-coating service that works on valves, calipers and wheels.

- 4324 NE 5 TER., Unit 4324
- **www.instagram.com/powdercoatingtechnovation**

8. COASTAL FENCE SUPPLY

Our aluminum fence panels and gates are the perfect barrier for your residential, commercial or industrial property.

- 1048 NE 44 ST
- **www.coastalfencesupply.com**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Soul Fest- February 6

A Black History Month Celebration of Culture, Music & Community
Join the City of Oakland Park for Soul Fest, a vibrant, family-friendly celebration honoring Black History Month and the rich traditions of African and Caribbean American culture. **Soul Fest** is a dynamic outdoor festival and brings together an engaging Kids & Family Zone, electrifying live music, mouth-watering food and spirits—creating a space where heritage, creativity, and community unite.

- 📅 Date: Friday, February 6, 2026
- ⏰ Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- 📍 Location: Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 North Dixie Highway, Oakland Park, FL
- $ Cost: FREE and open to the public

FIND ALL INFORMATION AT THE SOUL FEST PAGE
https://www.oaklandparkfl.gov/590/Soul-Fest



SPECIAL EVENTS

Calling Artists & Vendors! Oakland Park Art Walk - February 21

Main Street comes alive with art, local food, drinks, and live entertainment. In partnership with Art Fusion Galleries, Oakland Park Art Walk (OPAW) showcases the city's local artists, restaurants, and businesses. If you love art, we will see you at OPAW!

- Event Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026
- Event Time: 6 PM - 9 PM
- Location: Oakland Park Main Street, 3496 NE 12th Avenue, Oakland Park, FL 33334
- Cost to attend: Free

ATTENDEES AND VENDORS, SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
To apply, visit the **OPAW site**. Applications are due February 13, 2026, at 5 PM.
www.oaklandparkfl.gov/776/Oakland-Park-Art-Walk-OPAW



SPECIAL EVENTS

Youth Day Celebration - March 7

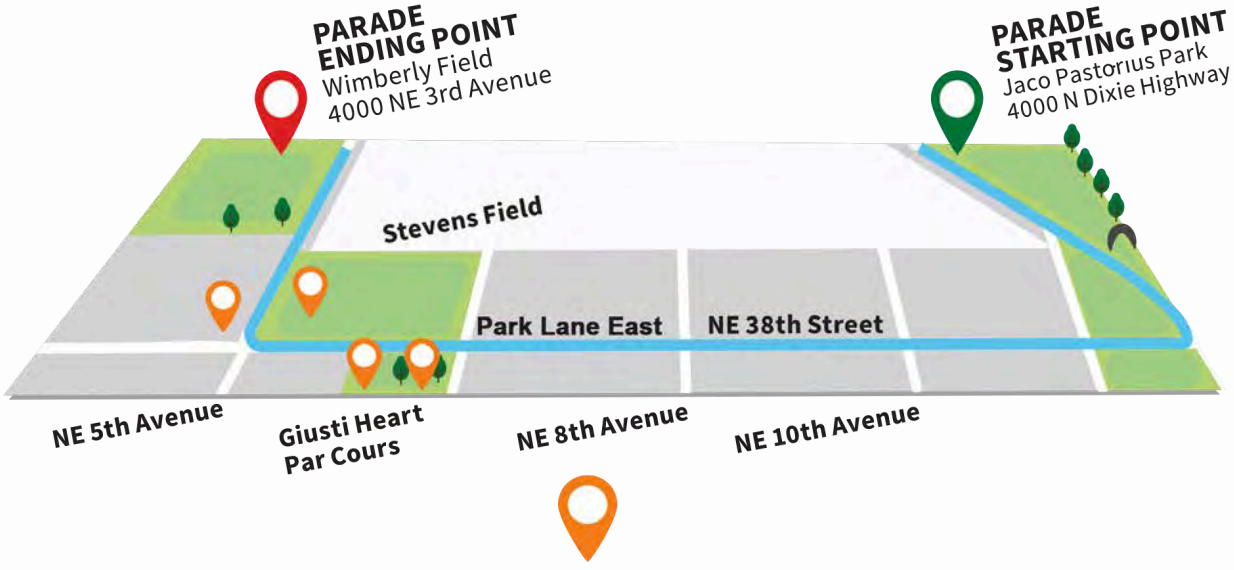
Join the City of Oakland Park for **Youth Day 2026**, a celebration dedicated to uplifting, empowering, and celebrating our youth and families. By the way, it's the longest-running parade in Broward County!

Youth Day begins with the Youth Day Parade leaving from Jaco Pastorius Park (4000 N. Dixie Hwy) at 10:00 am and making its way to Wimberly Athletic Field (4000 N.E. 3rd Avenue) via NE 38th Street. This is where the remainder of Youth Day will then take place, a carnival packed with food, rides, and activities, concluding with fireworks in the evening.

📅 Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026
🎉 Theme: Cartoon Carnival

Businesses are encouraged to participate in the parade and join the beautifully decorated floats, incredible marching bands, and thousands of smiling faces as the parade winds its way through Oakland Park. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact staff at 954.630.4500.

SEE FULL DETAILS AT YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION SITE
https://www.oaklandparkfl.gov/594/Youth-Day



SPECIAL EVENTS

Dancing in the Street - March 27

Grab your dancing shoes! Oakland Park will host its annual Dancing in the Street event on Friday, March 27, 2026 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The free 1/2-mile long block party will feature live performances by multiple artists.

The event will offer food from local restaurants and food trucks, a Kids' Zone with a DJ, and goods from local artists and crafters. The family-friendly event will occur on Main Street/NE 12th Avenue, between Oakland Park Boulevard and Park Lane East/N.E. 38th Street.

FULL DETAILS MAY BE SEEN ON THE DANCING IN THE STREET SITE.
https://www.oaklandparkfl.gov/593/Dancing-in-the-Street



SPECIAL EVENTS

Call to Vendors for Taste of Oakland Park - April 17

Taste of Oakland Park celebrates 10 years of spectacular tastings that have showcased our multicultural array of restaurants and bars located throughout Oakland Park.

With an exclusive focus on local establishments, this event celebrates the vibrant flavors of our community while honoring the creativity and passion of our culinary entrepreneurs.

NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS. SPACES ARE LIMITED!
We invite Loakls to be a part of the culinary experience that keeps people, near and far, wanting more!

Submit your vendor application between now and **March 31, 2026**.
Please contact the CRA through these channels to receive an application:

- Email **opcra@oaklandparkfl.gov**
- Instagram **@FinditinOaklandPark**
- Call/Text **954-649-3593**



INITIATIVES

Find It in Oakland Park: Your Business Story - Culinary Depot



3555 N. Andrews Avenue

How did your business get started?

Culinary Depot was founded by Sholem Potash, a trained chef who understood the daily pressures and challenges of running a kitchen. After experiencing firsthand how essential reliable equipment and knowledgeable support are, he set out to build a company that would make life easier for chefs and foodservice operators. That vision grew into a business built on expertise, service, and genuine partnership.

Why did you choose to open your business in Oakland Park?

Our presence in Oakland Park began through our 2022 acquisition, and we were immediately drawn to the area's ***thriving food and hospitality scene***. We were also excited for the opportunity to better serve the many local customers who had already been working with us through our New York headquarters, giving them a nearby location and more direct support.

How has being in Oakland Park helped your business grow and connect with the community?

Oakland Park has allowed us to build strong relationships with local chefs, entrepreneurs, and community leaders. The city's collaborative spirit has helped us expand our reach while giving us ***opportunities to support new culinary ventures*** and contribute to local growth.

What makes your business unique?

Culinary Depot combines deep industry knowledge, a relationship-driven approach, and a focus on responsiveness. Our team doesn't just sell equipment, we help customers solve problems, design efficient kitchens, and make smart long-term decisions. That blend of expertise, service, and genuine partnership sets us apart.

What major milestones has your business achieved?

Over the years, Culinary Depot has grown from a small operation into a multi-location company serving clients nationwide. We've built strong partnerships with leading manufacturers and supported the openings of hundreds of restaurants, school cafeterias, hotel kitchens, and healthcare foodservice operations. In 2022, we acquired our Oakland Park location along with the Restaurant Warehouse locations in West Palm Beach and Boca Raton, strengthening our ability to serve the region's vibrant and growing culinary community.

What's next for your business?

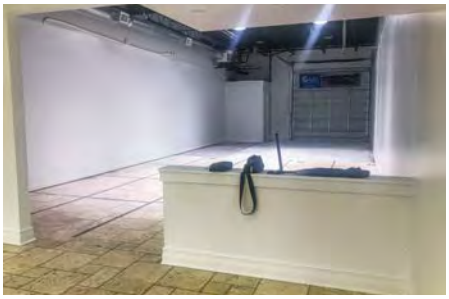
We're currently renovating and refreshing both the interior and exterior of our Oakland Park store to create a more welcoming and functional experience for our customers. We're also gearing up for our Flavorworks event on February 12, a gathering for anyone in the foodservice and restaurant industry to explore live equipment demos, enjoy great food, and build new connections. It's an exciting moment of growth and community engagement for us, and we're looking forward to what's ahead.

Get featured and inspire others through "***Find It in Oakland Park: Your Business Story*"!**

CITY BUSINESS RESOURCES

Business Incentive Program Outreach

The City of Oakland Park has launched a proactive outreach effort to raise awareness and increase participation in all available incentive programs. Letters were mailed to commercial property owners in eligible areas to inform them of funding opportunities that can support improvements, encourage investment, and strengthen the visual appeal and vibrancy of the community. These efforts are part of the City's ongoing commitment to supporting local businesses and fostering long-term economic growth. Have questions or ready to apply? Reach out to us at **OPCRA@oaklandparkfl.gov**





Drapes Contempo: Before and After

Oakland Park CRA Business Incentive Program

If your business is located within the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), you may be eligible for a grant to support improvements that enhance your space and contribute to the overall vitality of the district. This includes a wide range of enhancements, both inside and out, that help make your business more welcoming, functional, and attractive. The program is designed to encourage investment, stimulate economic activity, and support long-term business success.

Depending on your type of business, you may qualify for up to $35,000 in reimbursement-based funding.

www.oaklandparkfl.gov/787/Business-Resources



Sky Building Job Creation Incentive Pilot Program

This pilot program is tailored for businesses located in the new Sky Building, right in the heart of Downtown Oakland Park. It provides financial support to help businesses grow during their first two years of operation by reimbursing a portion of payroll expenses on a quarterly basis. The goal is to encourage job creation, support new businesses, and activate the downtown area with vibrant storefronts and increased foot traffic.

www.oaklandparkfl.gov/787/Business-Resources

CITY BUSINESS RESOURCES





Oakland Park Plaza: Before and Current

Qualified Census Tract (QCT) Business Incentive Program

The QCT Business Incentive Program provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants of up to $20,000 to businesses within designated Qualified Census Tract (QCT) areas to encourage private investment and economic development. This program offers funding on a reimbursement basis for capital improvements, helping businesses expand, relocate, or enhance their physical space while improving the surrounding community.

www.oaklandparkfl.gov/787/Business-Resources

2152-2192 W. Oakland Park Boulevard



Before



Undergoing Renovations

Oakland Park

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS PARTNERS MEETING



Next Meeting: Virtual - February 5

The purpose of the meeting is to provide updates on the Horizon of Oakland Park Project, including parking availability, estimated construction timeline, upcoming events, and other capital improvement projects in the Downtown area.

Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Location: Virtual only.







School Advisory Board Partnership Breakfast - February 10



This event is your chance to connect with local schools, network with fellow business owners, and explore ways to support and collaborate with the next generation of talent in our community.

Event Details

📅 Tuesday, February 10th, 2026
⏰ 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
📍 Funky Buddha Brewery, 1201 NE 38th Street, Oakland Park, FL 33334

Registration is required by February 7, 2026.
Please complete the registration form, or scan the QR code in the image above, to secure your spot today.

CITY BUSINESS RESOURCES



Step-by-Step Business Assistance

Starting or expanding a business can be a complex process, but our CRA and Economic Development team is here to make it easier. In coordination with the Building Department and Planning and Zoning Department, we have created an updated Trifold-Brochure that outlines the essential steps to open a business in Oakland Park.
www.oaklandparkfl.gov/789/How-to-Open-a-Business-in-Oakland-Park



Building & Permitting FAQs

Visit our FAQ page to get quick access to essential information and resources to help streamline your project.
www.oaklandparkfl.gov/584/Building-Permitting-FAQs



Have Questions Regarding Your Business? We've Got Answers!

Our Economic Development Team is now offering personalized one-on-one sessions to help you start or grow your business in Oakland Park. These sessions provide guidance on everything from permits and licensing to funding opportunities and more. If you're thinking about launching or expanding your business, book a session with us today to get the support you need.
https://bit.ly/3MD7GWw

BUSINESS RESOURCES
ACCESS TO CAPITAL



FIFA Local Suppliers Interest Form

Complete the **FIFA Local Suppliers Interest Form** to stay informed about local opportunities, upcoming contracts, and important announcements related to the FIFA World Cup 2026™ Miami Host Committee and help bring the FIFA Fan Festival™ and other Miami Host Committee events to life.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZHB5SLT



Amber Grants

Must be a woman-owned business or non-profit in the US or Canada. Three $10,000 Amber Grants are awarded each month. Three of the 36 monthly winners get an additional $25,000 Year-End Amber Grant.
Learn more: www.ambergrantsforwomen.com



Broward Artist Grants – Apply Now

Are you a visual, performing, literary, or media artist in need of funding? The Broward Cultural Division is offering three grant types:

- **Artist Support Grants ($3,000)**
- **Regional Artist Grants ($5,000)**
- **Innovation Grants ($15,000)**

These are ideal for both emerging and established artists working in Broward or the region.
Learn more, www.broward.org/Arts/Funding/Pages/artistsupport.aspx

Amazon's Black Business Accelerator

Dedicated to helping build sustainable equity and growth for Black entrepreneurs by enabling their success as sellers. Grow your business with access to financial support, strategic business guidance and mentorship, and marketing and promotional support. www.sell.amazon.com/programs/black-business-accelerator

BUSINESS RESOURCES ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Grow Your Business with Support from the Urban League

The Urban League of Broward County is committed to building community wealth through ownership. Their Entrepreneurship Center uses the M3 Model (Money, Market, & Management) to provide small business owners with the tools needed for growth and development. Services include technical assistance, business management training, and lending solutions to support the success of entrepreneurs. www.ulbroward.org/EntrepreneurshipCenter

Grow Your Business with the US Small Business Administration (SBA)

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) provides the essential tools to plan, launch, manage, and grow your business. From helpful resources to expert guidance, the SBA supports businesses at every stage of their journey. Take advantage of the wealth of knowledge and resources available to entrepreneurs across the country.
www.sba.gov

Veterans Business Outreach Center

The Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) program is designed to provide entrepreneurial development services such as business training, counseling, and resource partner referrals to service members, veterans, National Guard and Reserve members, military spouses, and family members interested in starting or growing a small business. SBA has 31 organizations participating in this cooperative agreement and serving as VBOCs. Learn more:
https://www.sba.gov/local-assistance/resource-partners/veterans-business-outreach-center-vboc-program

BUSINESS RESOURCES - UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRAINING, AND EVENTS



Broward County Business Management System (BMS)

Broward County is launching the Business Management System (BMS) in January 2026! If you were unable to attend the live training sessions, you may watch the **BMS Vendor Training: Certification and Renewal** recording on YouTube.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lLNp0s7mDk

AERO Business Expo - February 5, 2026

The **Alliance of Entrepreneur Resource Organizations (AERO) South Florida Business Resource Expo** is meant to showcase the many (free and low cost) resources available to entrepreneurs and business owners in South Florida. **Register today!**

BUSINESS RESOURCES - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Broward SCORE

Broward SCORE provides free mentoring, workshops, and valuable resources for entrepreneurs and small business owners. Tap into their expertise to grow your business and thrive in today's market.
www.score.org/broward

Florida SBDC

The Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offers no-cost consulting, expert guidance, and affordable resources to support small businesses at every stage. With convenient locations at FAU and FIU, help is just a consultation away.
www.floridasbdc.org/request-for-consulting

Small Business Success Studio

Running a business comes with its challenges, but the Small Business Success Studio is here to help. This free program from Amazon provides small business owners with practical solutions, expert insights, and tools to grow and manage their businesses effectively. Learn more:
business.amazon.com/en/small-business/success-studio/welcome

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance

Supports entrepreneurs with business expansion assistance, market research, incentive programs, and other resources to help businesses grow in Broward County. Learn more:
www.gflalliance.org/information-center/resources-for-entrepreneurs/

BUSINESS RESOURCES
MARKETING & PROMOTION

Partner with Visit Lauderdale – The Official Tourism Marketing Agency for Broward County

Visit Lauderdale, the official tourism marketing agency for Broward County, offers a variety of programs to help local businesses in the hospitality, retail, and events industries grow and succeed. Through participation in global trade and MICE tradeshows, marketing initiatives, and other strategic opportunities, businesses can gain industry knowledge, expand their reach, and boost revenue.

For more information on partnership opportunities, visit www.visitlauderdale.com/partners/#PartnerOpportunities
or contact:
Brittney Lumb
Partner Engagement Specialist
blumb@broward.org | 954.853.0605



Highlight Your Property with Film Lauderdale

If you own or manage a property that could be used as a filming location, Film Lauderdale offers a free listing service through their film office. By submitting images of your property, it can be added to their library and made available to location professionals worldwide. This is a great opportunity to showcase your property for use in television, film, and other productions at no cost.
https://lauderdale.reel-scout.com/loc_add.aspx

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development

115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room A680, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
954.357.6400
www.broward.org/EconDev

Florida Women's Business Center

330 N. Federal Highway, Hollywood, FL 33027
954.923.4000
www.flwbc.org

Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance

110 E. Broward Boulevard, Suite 1990, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
954.524.3113
www.gflalliance.org

Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce

512 NE 3rd Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
954.462.6000
www.ftlchamber.com

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Prospera South Florida – Advancing Hispanic Business

2315 NW 107th Avenue, Office #1M17, Miami, FL 33172
786.329.5830
www.prosperausa.org/south-florida

Oakland Park Business Association

Desiree Avila, President
954.993.4246
https://opbusinessassociation.com/contact-us/

Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Broward Chapter

Rozeta Mahboubi, FRLA Broward Chapter Director
954.270.5814
rmahboubi@frla.org

Broward College Entrepreneurship Experience (BCEx)

111 E. Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
954.201.7402
www.broward.edu

BUSINESS RESOURCES

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Be in the know about all things Oakland Park!

Sign Up for the City of Oakland Park Business Newsletter!

Stay informed and connected with the City of Oakland Park Business Newsletter. Scan the QR code below to sign up and receive the latest news on new businesses, business resources, and learning opportunities. You'll also get updates on local development projects, delivered straight to your inbox.

SCAN ME

CONNECT WITH US

Live Loakl Facebook Group

Join our community of local businesses and residents to stay informed about the latest deals, events, and updates.
www.facebook.com/groups/liveloakl

Oakland Park CRA Facebook Page

Follow the official CRA page for updates on programs, events, and resources for the Oakland Park business community.
www.facebook.com/OaklandParkCRA

Find It In Oakland Park Instagram Account

Follow **@FindItInOaklandPark** and discover local businesses, and share your favorite spots in Oakland Park. Use hashtags #FindItInOP and #LiveLoakL to stay connected. **www.instagram.com/finditinoaklandpark**

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