



City Hall Commission Chambers  
1100 Park Lane East  
Oakland Park, Florida 33334

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**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA**  
**JUNE 17, 2026 6:30 PM**

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**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**\* CRA Update - June 2026**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City Business for a length of time not to exceed four minutes per person.

**2. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**3. REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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Español - Por favor llame al 954-630-4300, o envíe un correo electrónico a [publiccomments@oaklandparkfl.gov](mailto:publiccomments@oaklandparkfl.gov) para recibir esta información en español.

Kreyòl ayisyen - Tanpri rele 954-630-4300, oswa voye yon imèl bay [publiccomments@oaklandparkfl.gov](mailto:publiccomments@oaklandparkfl.gov) pou resevwa enfòmasyon sa yo an kreyòl ayisyen.

I, the undersigned authority, certify the above Notice of Meeting of the Community Redevelopment Agency is a true copy of the Notice posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the main entrance of City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times.

Posted: \_\_\_\_\_ By: Renee M. Shrout  
Renee M Shrout, CMC  
CRA Clerk

**CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGENDA ITEM  
REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.**

MEETING DATE: 6/17/2026

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| <b>PREPARED BY:</b> | Neysa Herrera,<br>Director of CRA &<br>Economic<br>Development | <b>DEPARTMENT HEAD</b> | CRA |
|                     | Lorena Ledesma,<br>Economic<br>Development<br>Coordinator      | <b>APPROVAL:</b>       |     |

**SUBJECT:** Not Applicable.

**1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Not Applicable.

**2. CURRENT ACTIVITY**

Not Applicable.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Not Applicable.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

Presentation Only.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

CRA Update - June 2026

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OAKLAND PARK  
COMMUNITY  
REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY

**Update | June 2026**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

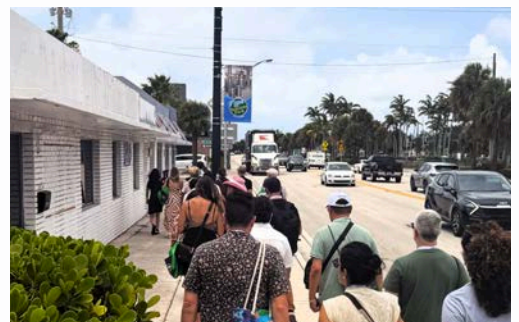
## Oakland Park Businesses had an International Audience at IPW 2026

In addition to the Ale Trail tours and Closing Night Ceremony organized by Visit Lauderdale during IPW 2026, which saw the participation of four Oakland Park businesses alone (ChainBridge Distillery, Funky Buddha Brewery, Rebel Wine Bar, and Voodoo Brewing Company), Oakland Park had the honor of touring the U.S. Correspondent for Revista Traveling, a Spanish travel and gastronomy magazine.

With Jaco Pastorius' early career as the frame, Larissa Rolley intends to write an article about Broward County. She contacted the Oakland Park CRA in pursuit of learning more about Jaco Pastorius, famed bass guitarist, and his hometown. The tour started at the park that carries the musical pioneer's name, and continued in and around the Culinary Arts District. The CRA will share it once published.

While strolling, Ms. Rolley asked about the history and vision for the area, and took interest in the acclaim the Downtown has received, namely the Sun-Sentinel's comparison to Brooklyn, its high walkability score, and especially the feature in Deco Drive as a "hip" spot for finding one-of-a-kind eats. The rare combination of diverse business owners, independent ownership, and attention to pedestrian accessibility stood out in bustling South Florida.

Jaco Pastorius drew her to visit, and she ultimately found herself in the only Culinary Arts District of the State – befitting for a travel and gastronomy magazine. The CRA is grateful for Revista Traveling and its readers abroad!





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Grand Openings

### Casa Monarca Mexican Restaurant - June 6, 2026

Casa Monarca (91 East Prospect Rd.) is bringing authentic Mexican flavors, lively energy, and family-centered hospitality to Prospect Plaza. On June 6, 2026, the Mexican restaurant hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:00 AM and a grand opening later that evening, complete with tequila tasting and a mariachi band.

What started as a dream for three families who moved from New Hampshire to South Florida has now become part of our community. Inspired by the journey of monarch butterflies, Casa Monarca embodies family, culture, tradition, and the creation of memorable experiences through exceptional food and warm hospitality.

After years of building their business and customer base, we are excited to welcome Casa Monarca to Oakland Park and wish them continued success in our growing community.



### Caribbean Pantry's Market Place - June 6, 2026



Visit Caribbean Pantry's Market Place to discover unique island products, enjoy great vibes, and help welcome this new local business to the community.

During its grand opening weekend on June 6 and 7, 2026, the e-commerce business Caribbean Pantry's Market Place (2208 NW 29 St.) had a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2:00 PM on June 6, 2026. The celebration invited the public to experience authentic Haitian and Caribbean flavors, culture, music, tastings, and community.

"Born from a passion for authentic Caribbean flavors, Caribbean Pantry's brings the vibrant tastes, colors, and joy of the islands straight to your kitchen! We believe that food is more than sustenance—it's a celebration, a memory, and a way to bring people together."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Anniversaries & Grand Openings

### Tee Box Golf Grand Opening - June 12

Tee Box Golf (995 E. Commercial Blvd., Oakland Park) will celebrate its grand opening on Friday, June 12 at 5:00 PM, welcoming the Oakland Park community and golfers of all skill levels to explore the facility and experience its modern indoor golf atmosphere in Oakland Park.

There will be food and drinks, contests, giveaways, prizes, and opportunities to explore the space. The venue also provides professional coaching, golf-specific fitness training, leagues, and social games.

The grand opening marks Tee Box Golf's debut in Oakland Park and second location in Florida!



## GRAND OPENING

### TEE BOX

FORT LAUDERDALE

**JUNE 12 // 5-9 PM // @ TEE BOX FORT LAUDERDALE**

**WHAT TO EXPECT?**

- Ribbon cutting ceremony
- First look inside & meet the Tee Box Fort Lauderdale team
- Experience our Trackman golf simulators & PuttView green
- Enjoy interactive games, friendly competitions & prizes
- Celebrate with fun music, delicious bites & drinks

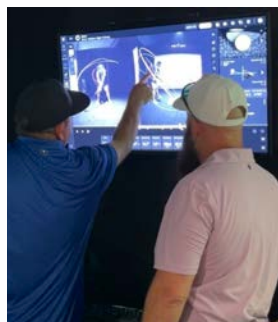
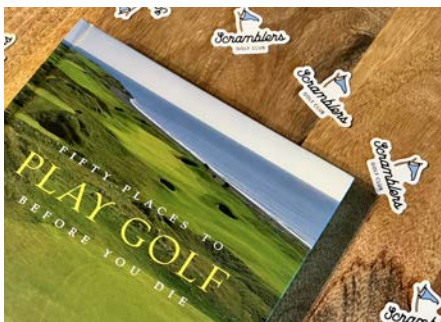
**CLICK TO RSVP HERE!**



**PROUD MEMBER**

995 E COMMERCIAL BLVD, OAKLAND PARK, FL 33334

### Scramblers Golf Club - June 20, 2026



Scramblers Golf Club (251 Prospect Rd.) invited the community to have a first look at the new space in Prospect Plaza during its Grand Opening Weekend Party on May 30 and 31, 2026. Guests could test the golf simulators, get on-the-spot swing analysis, enjoy games, drinks, snacks, and meet the owners Bill and Allison Monte.



On Saturday June 20, 2026 at 1:00 PM, Scramblers Golf Club will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its 8<sup>th</sup> location nationwide. From private simulator bays and AI swing analysis to lounge space and access 5:00 AM to midnight, Scramblers brings a new golf experience to Oakland Park!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NeuroIntuition Ribbon-Cutting - July 10, 2026



**NeuroIntuition** (3471 N Federal Hwy., Ste. 404) joins the Oakland Park business community this summer. The neurology practice inaugurates its new space on Friday, July 10, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

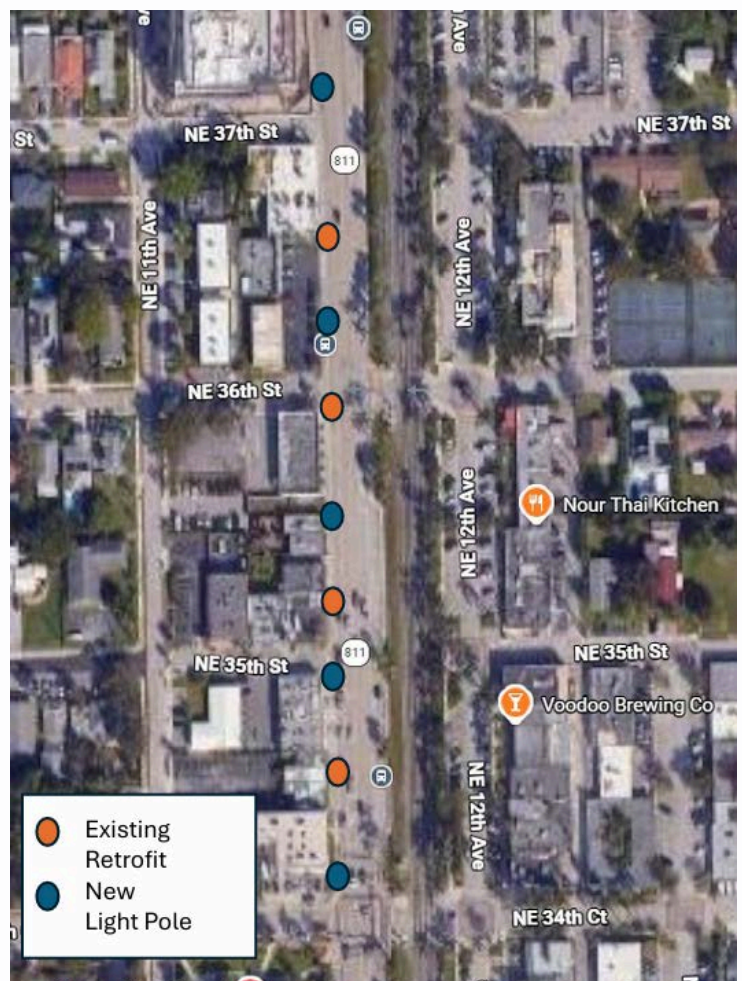
At the ceremony, NeuroIntuition staff will introduce itself, its mission, and how their office advances neurological care in Oakland Park. Local healthcare providers, professionals, and community partners are invited to attend the intimate ribbon-cutting ceremony.

## FDOT Lighting Improvements

Florida Power & Light has a project underway along N Dixie Highway between NE 34th Ct. to NE 37th St. to upgrade street lighting.

Old lights will be replaced with modern LED lights, so the lighting is more even and energy efficient. New light poles will be added at certain intersections to help pedestrians cross the street safely. Existing light poles near a mid-block crossing will also be improved so they meet current safety standards. Any sidewalks, curb ramps, or roads that are affected during the work will be repaired afterward.

At the end of the project, the roads would be safer and brighter. The lighting upgrades are expected to be completed in November, 2026.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Oakland Park Business Partners Meeting - June 9, 2026

The Oakland Park Business Partners met on June 9 at Red Sea Eritrean & Ethiopian Cuisine, with 20 people in attendance. Guest Speaker Adam Stein, Performance Coach and Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Stein Posner, delivered an engaging presentation titled “The Leadership Shift: From Transactional to Transformational,” focusing on leadership development, building organizational capacity, cultivating strong teams, and creating a culture that supports sustainable business growth.



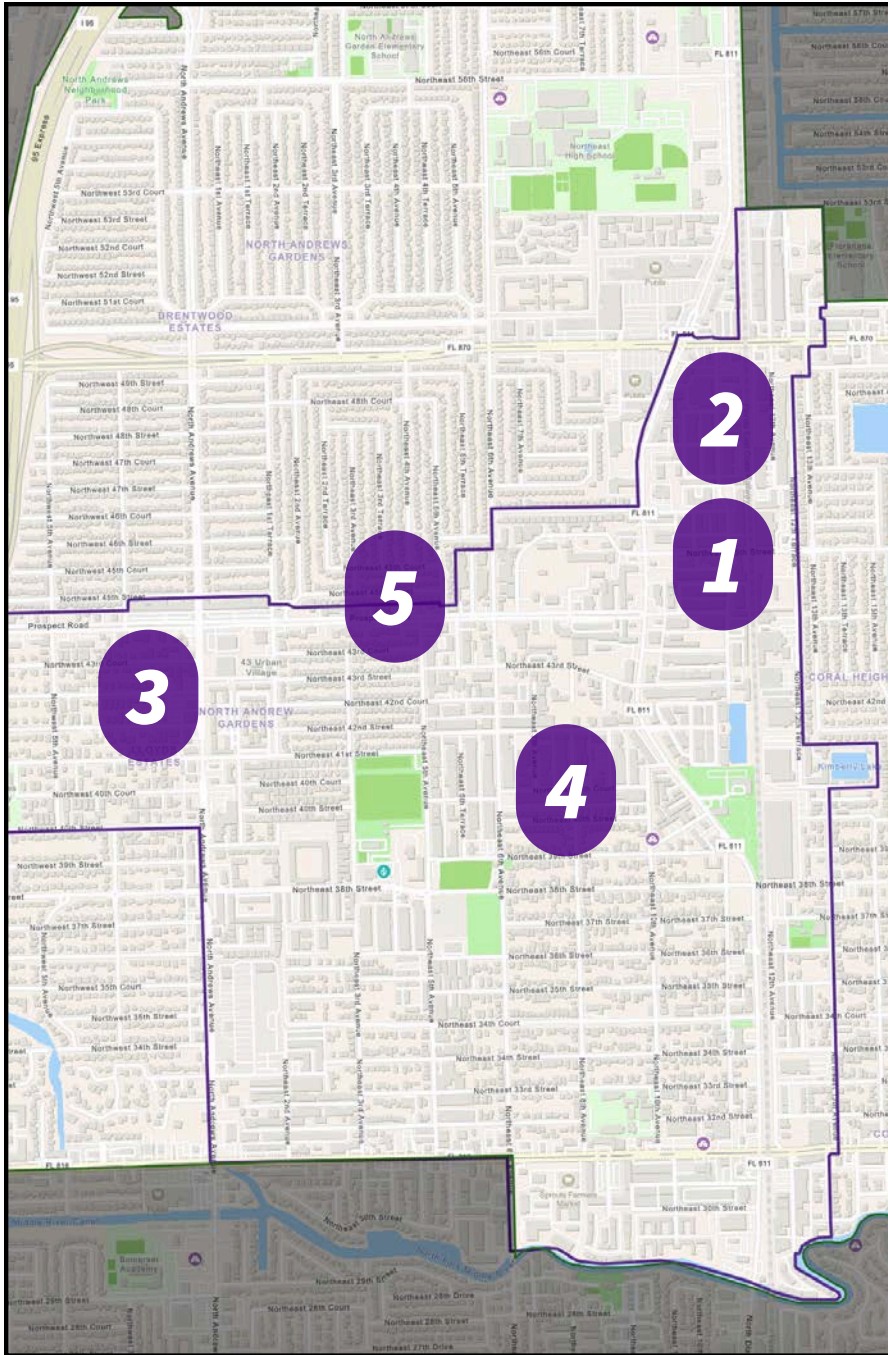
Charlene Montgomery, Assistant Director of Engineering and Community Development, provided an update on current and upcoming capital improvement projects throughout the City. Staff also shared information regarding upcoming special events and ongoing coordination efforts aimed at minimizing parking impacts associated with the forthcoming Horizon of Oakland Park construction project in Downtown Oakland Park. BSO Deputies Charles Howard and Zaida Rojas-Bello, from the Neighborhood Response and Outreach Division, Anthony Vinson, Homeless Outreach Deputy, and Code Manager Skip Margerum were also in attendance.



The meeting provided an opportunity for local businesses to network, receive important community updates, and discuss issues affecting the business community.



# NEW BUSINESSES



## 1. OEM PLUS STYLING

OEM Plus Styling provides automotive customization services such as full and partial vinyl wraps, commercial vehicle wraps, and paint protection film (PPF) installations to enhance both appearance and branding.

- 4471 NE 11 AVE.
- [www.oemplustyling.com](http://www.oemplustyling.com)

## 2. SAY IT IN STITCHES

Want crisp, vibrant and elevated stitching? Say It In Stitches embroiders virtually anything that can be embroidered, from apparel and headwear, to bags to towels and pet bandanas. Get retail-ready looks like puff stitching and applique for extreme appeal.

- 4750 NE 10 AVE.
- [www.sayitinstitches.com](http://www.sayitinstitches.com)

## 3. SCRAMBLERS GOLF CLUB

GOLF FOR ALL. Scramblers is a private member-only golf simulation club offering game improvement, flexible access, and community. Members have access to tee times of simulator bays to practice with live swing data or choose to play a round of golf at more than 100+ amazing golf courses, 13 mini-games, peer-to-peer play, and special events and tournaments.

- 251 W PROSPECT RD.
- [www.scramblersgolf.com](http://www.scramblersgolf.com)

## 4. SOUTH FLORIDA MOBILE LOCKSMITH LLC

South Florida Mobile Locksmith specializes in providing locksmith solutions for cars, homes, and businesses. Their technicians can handle all lock, key, fob, and code needs.

- 698 NE 40 CT.
- [www.954keys.com](http://www.954keys.com)

## 5. TBOSS REAL FRESH LUXURY MEN'S FASHION LLC

TBOSS has a passion for luxury clothes that is evident in the premium materials used and the intricate designs incorporated into their pieces. The designs are perfect for various occasions, ranging from professional settings to formal events, or even casual wear.

- 321 NE 44 ST.
- [www.tbossrealfreshs.com](http://www.tbossrealfreshs.com)



# DOWNTOWN BUSINESS PARTNERS MEETING (VIRTUAL)

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DOWNTOWN BUSINESS OWNERS, mark your calendars for **July 7, 2026**! The CRA is hosting a special virtual meeting with Downtown business owners, to provide an update on projects in the Downtown, share information about available incentives and business resources.

- Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026
- Time: 3:00 PM-4:00 PM
- **RSVP here**. We will send you the link to connect.





# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Oakland Park Art Walk - May 16

Main Street came alive at the [Oakland Park Art Walk](#) with art, global flavors, craft drinks, and nonstop entertainment. Local artists, businesses, and restaurants are showcased in the heart of the Downtown Culinary Arts District, featuring a live art competition inspired by the theme “Tropical State of Mind.” Guests enjoyed live performances, a DJ, street performers, a kids’ area, and onsite dining.





# SPECIAL EVENTS

## OAKLAND PARK PRIDE - June 5



Attendees joined a high-energy “Party in the Park” filled with live entertainment, interactive activities, and joyful experiences for all ages. Food trucks were available with a variety of dining options, along with two bars inside the event space for adult beverages.

At the heart of the celebration, a central tent featured exciting games, activities, and performances throughout the night, including dazzling drag performers like the Screaming Queens. Around the park, guests encountered roaming entertainers such as a juggler, mime, and stilt walker.

Guests enjoyed music all evening with DJ Chris, who hosted interactive games for kids and adults. A second DJ kept the vibe going with upbeat, LGBTQ+-friendly music.

The event proudly partnered with local organizations and businesses that helped make it meaningful, engaging, and accessible:

- CAN Community Health offered free HIV & STI testing on-site
- Free Mom Hugs shared love, support, and connection
- St. Mark’s Episcopal Church hosted a cooling station with refreshments, fans, and misting elements
- Florida Panthers and additional exhibitors provided interactive community engagement
- **AquaPlex** brought entertainment and community spirit to the celebration
- **Tenth Level Tavern** hosted a Tetris Challenge with prizes for participants
- **MADabolic Fitness** led a fitness challenge to get attendees moving and competing for prizes
- South Florida Amateur Athletic Association (SFAAA) offered a baseball-themed batting challenge with opportunities to win prizes
- **The SKY Building** provided tours and an interactive activation for attendees throughout the event
- Additional LGBTQ+ organizations, businesses, and community groups were also on site with resources, activities, and information

Whether guests attended for the performances, the activities, or simply the welcoming atmosphere, Oakland Park Pride was a celebration of love, inclusion, and community spirit. Everyone came as they were and became part of the celebration.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## PENULTIMATE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL ALL-AMERICAN PICNIC - July 3



Celebrate Independence Day weekend with the City of Oakland Park at the Penultimate Semiquincentennial All-American Picnic, an Americana-style community celebration leading up to America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Enjoy an evening of family-friendly fun, live entertainment, patriotic spirit, and community connection at City Centennial Park. The event will also include the Oakland Park Library Ribbon Cutting, marking an exciting milestone for the community.

### Event Information

- Date: Friday, July 3, 2026
- Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Location: City Centennial Park
- Address: 3900 NE 3rd Avenue, Oakland Park, FL
- Admission: This event is free and open to the public.



# CITY BUSINESS RESOURCES

## Business Incentive Program Outreach

The City of Oakland Park 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](mailto: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.

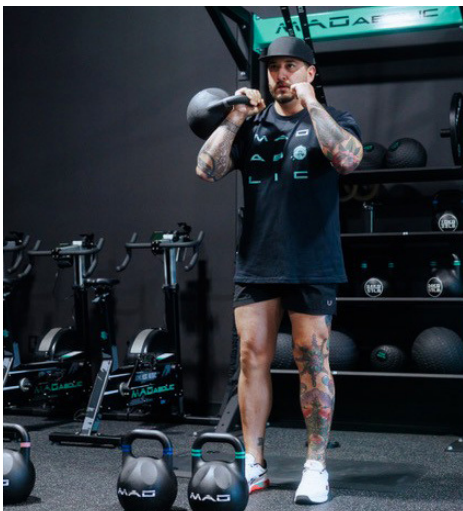
Depending on your type of business, you may qualify for up to \$35,000 in reimbursement-based funding.

[www.oaklandparkfl.gov/787/Business-Resources](http://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](http://www.oaklandparkfl.gov/787/Business-Resources)



Sky Building Job Creation  
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# CITY BUSINESS RESOURCES



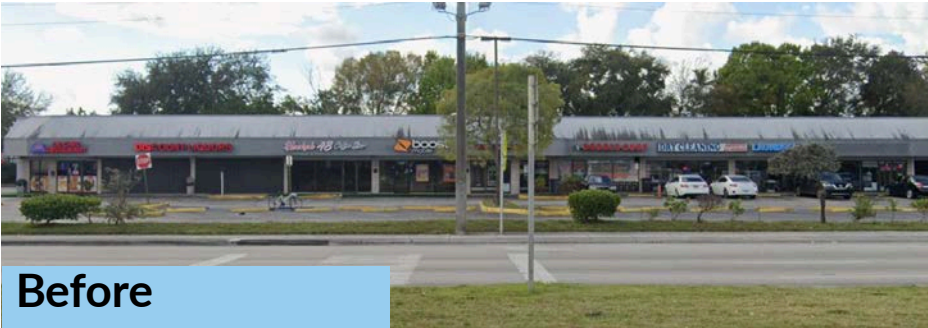
Oakland Park Plaza: Before and After

## Qualified Census Tract (QCT) Business Incentive Program

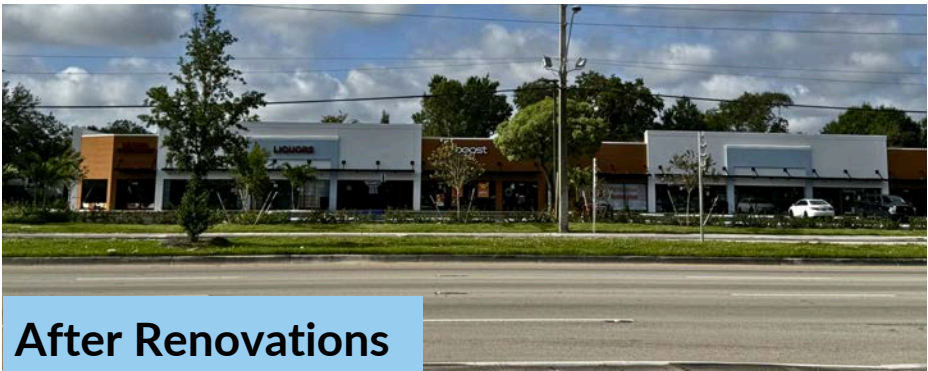
The QCT Business Incentive Program provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants of up to \$20,000 to businesses within designated Qualified Census Tract (QCT) areas to encourage private investment and economic development. This program offers funding on a reimbursement basis for capital improvements, helping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

[www.oaklandparkfl.gov/787/Business-Resources](http://www.oaklandparkfl.gov/787/Business-Resources)

## 2152-2192 W. Oakland Park Boulevard



Before



After Renovations





# CITY BUSINESS RESOURCES

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## A Step-By-Step Guide to Opening a Business in Oakland Park.

[www.oaklandparkfl.gov](http://www.oaklandparkfl.gov)

### 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](http://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](http://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



### Roy W. Dean Grant Application - Summer 2026

Apply for the Roy W. Dean Film Grant for Summer 2026! The grant is open to documentaries, narrative features, short films, and web series budgeted at \$500,000 or less. Films can be at any stage of production. The grant seeks unique films that contribute to society. Application closes on June 30<sup>th</sup> at midnight (11:59 PM).

Application: [From the Heart Production, Roy W. Dean Grant](#)



### 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](http://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](http://www.broward.org/Arts/Funding/Pages/artistsupport.aspx)

### Small Business Micro-Grant Pilot Program

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners has established a Small Business Micro-Grant Pilot Program to provide working capital for small businesses located within Broward County.

- Micro-Grants up to \$5,000 will be available to small businesses on a first-come, first-served basis.
- OCSBO staff will be available to provide one-on-one, in-person, or virtual technical assistance.
- 2024 and 2025 grant recipients may apply for \$2,500

#### Virtual Information Session:

- March 20, 2026, 10-11:30AM

#### In-Person Information Sessions:

- Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 3-4:30PM, Willie Webb Sr. Park - Auditorium, 3601 NW 21st Street, Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319
- Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 6-7:30PM, Pompano Beach Cultural Center, 50 W Atlantic Boulevard, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
- Friday, April 17, 2026, 10-11:30AM, African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

New in 2026:



### Broward County Micro-Grant Program Returns to Support Small Businesses

Broward County's Small Business Micro-Grant Pilot Program, is designed to support the “smallest of small businesses.” This program provides working capital reimbursements of up to \$5,000 to help offset eligible business expenses.

[www.broward.org/EconDev/Pages/small-business-micro-grant.aspx](http://www.broward.org/EconDev/Pages/small-business-micro-grant.aspx)



# BUSINESS RESOURCES

## ACCESS TO CAPITAL

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Urban League of  
Broward County

### 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](http://www.ulbroward.org/EntrepreneurshipCenter)



U.S. Small Business  
Administration

### 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](http://www.sba.gov)



U.S. Small Business  
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### 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



## 2026 Hurricane Preparedness

The hurricane season officially started on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Here are some of the resources available to you.

- <https://www.floridadisaster.org/business/>
- [Florida Hurricane Guide](#)
- [2026 Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group Quarterly Meetings](#)



## Save the Date: OESBD Broward & Beyond Business Conference - 6/12

The 2026 Broward & Beyond Business Conference (#BBBC2026) is a countywide business event all about leaning in and learning how you can access the resources, tools, opportunities, and community partners to grow your business, expand your skillsets, build relationships, and activate next level achievement. Hosted annually by the [Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development \(OESBD\)](#), the conference will return to the Greater Fort Lauderdale | Broward County Convention Center on Friday, June 12, 2026, from 8 AM-5 PM. The event is free and hourly parking rates will apply.

[www.broward.org/BizBeyond](http://www.broward.org/BizBeyond)



## Small Business Growth Exchange - 6/16

The Urban League of Broward County is hosting the [Small Business Growth Exchange](#), an in-person networking and learning event designed to help entrepreneurs understand how business support centers assist with loan readiness and access to capital. From 6-8 PM, participants will learn about a range of services available to support and strengthen their small business journey while connecting with other local entrepreneurs. Register at:

[www.eventbrite.com/e/small-business-growth-exchange-tickets-1982985487975](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-business-growth-exchange-tickets-1982985487975)



# BUSINESS RESOURCES - UPCOMING MEETINGS, TRAINING, AND EVENTS

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## CareerSource Broward Quick Response Training Program

The Quick Response Training (QRT) program provides state-funded grants to help new and expanding Broward County businesses train their new, full-time employees in high-skill, in-demand areas.

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## Broward Is Buying

Click [here](#) and Discover Procurement Opportunities with Broward County for goods, commodities, contract services, architect and engineering, construction, and more.

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## SBA Launches \$1 Million Patriot Pitch Competition to Showcase America's Entrepreneurs

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) launched the Patriot Pitch Competition, a national celebration of 250 years of American free enterprise and the small businesses that drive innovation, create jobs, and generate economic growth. Featuring a \$1 million cash prize pool donated by Clover Network, Inc. (Clover), the competition is open to eligible small businesses that represent the promise of American innovation and opportunity, and who have utilized qualifying SBA capital products.

Small business owners interested in competing are encouraged to submit an application by June 10, 2026. Additional details on eligibility, competition stages, and event programming can be found at <http://www.sba.gov/freedom250>.

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U.S. Small Business Administration

# BUSINESS RESOURCES - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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## Small Business Training

The City of Oakland Park and the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) are hosting free Kauffman FastTrac® sessions to equip aspiring and established business owners with the skills, resources, and networks needed to succeed.

### Upcoming Sessions:

**1. Listening to Your Business™** provides the tools needed to take a closer look at where your business is now, your three-year vision, and the steps to get there. This program is for existing businesses seeking ways to grow.

- Date: Thursday, July 23
- Time: 11AM - 2PM
- Location: Jaco Pastorius Community Center

**2. The Intentional Entrepreneur™** explores the entrepreneurial attitude and practical aspects of business ownership. Attendees will explore if entrepreneurship is for them and learn how to establish a one-year vision. This program is for aspiring and early-stage entrepreneurs.

- Date: Thursday, October 8
- Time: 5PM - 8PM
- Location: Jaco Pastorius Community Center

For more information and registration details, please email: [opcra@oaklandparkfl.gov](mailto:opcra@oaklandparkfl.gov).



# BUSINESS RESOURCES - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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## 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](http://www.score.org/broward)



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## 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](http://www.floridasbdc.org/request-for-consulting)

The logo for Small Business Success Studio. It features the words "small business" in a white, sans-serif font, and "success studio" in an orange, sans-serif font, both set against a dark blue rectangular background.

small business  
success studio

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## 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](https://business.amazon.com/en/small-business/success-studio/welcome)



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## 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/](http://www.gflalliance.org/information-center/resources-for-entrepreneurs/)



# BUSINESS RESOURCES

## MARKETING & PROMOTION

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### 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](http://www.visitlauderdale.com/partners/#PartnerOpportunities) or contact:

Brittney Lumb

Partner Engagement Specialist

[blumb@broward.org](mailto: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](https://lauderdale.reel-scout.com/loc_add.aspx)

# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

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## 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](http://www.broward.org/EconDev)

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## Florida Women's Business Center

330 N. Federal Highway, Hollywood, FL 33027  
954.923.4000  
[www.flwbc.org](http://www.flwbc.org)

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## Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance

110 E. Broward Boulevard, Suite 1990, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
954.524.3113  
[www.gflalliance.org](http://www.gflalliance.org)

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## Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce

512 NE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
954.462.6000  
[www.ftlchamber.com](http://www.ftlchamber.com)

# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

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## Prospera South Florida – Advancing Hispanic Business

2315 NW 107th Avenue, Office #1M17, Miami, FL 33172

786.329.5830

[www.prosperausa.org/south-florida](http://www.prosperausa.org/south-florida)

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## Oakland Park Business Association

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## Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Broward Chapter

Rozeta Mahboubi, FRLA Broward Chapter Director

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## Broward College Entrepreneurship Experience (BCEx)

111 E. Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

954.201.7402

[www.broward.edu](http://www.broward.edu)



# BUSINESS RESOURCES

# Get LOAKL

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.



# CONNECT WITH US

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## 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/livelOakl)

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## 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](https://www.facebook.com/OaklandParkCRA)

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## Find It In Oakland Park Instagram Account

Follow [@FindItInOaklandPark](https://www.instagram.com/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](https://www.instagram.com/finditinoaklandpark)

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