



THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK VOLUNTEER CORPS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015



Volunteer tackles Oakland Park/Ethel M. Gordon Library garden project



Danielle Graham contacted the Volunteer Corps with a project that fit her interests and thought it was something she could get excited about. Danielle wanted to restore and upgrade a garden area at the Library. We were happy to give

Danielle the go ahead and she jumped right into the project. The entrance area to the Library looks beautiful once again.

We want to thank Danielle so much for taking the initiative and her willingness to make a difference in the beautification of the City. It's volunteers like her that make our Corps such an impactful force for good in our community.

You're the best, Danielle. See you at our next event!

Make A Difference Day rescheduled for November 7

Our Make A Difference Day project had to be changed from last month to Saturday November 7th at 8:30am. This year, we'll be doing a beautification project on Main



Street (NE 12th Ave), removing and replacing existing landscaping between NE 35th and 36th Streets.

With so much going on downtown in our Culinary Arts District, we thought it would be nice to welcome all the new businesses with more beautiful shrubs and plants. This project should only take a few hours. We'll supply some light snacks and water to keep you going. Also supplied will be all the tools necessary along with some pairs of gloves if needed. We encourage you to bring garden gloves if you have a favorite pair.

We welcome you to join us. The weather should be beautiful. You can also acquire some needed community service hours if needed. So pack a hat, some sunscreen, comfortable clothes and shoes and come out for a morning with like-minded friends and volunteers.

SHOUT OUTS!

A BIG thumbs up for the crew of volunteers that came out to help at Fall-O-Ween. This event caters to families and children to deliver a fun activity-driven evening. Oh yeah, there's candy too! Volunteers helped distribute trick or treat bags and helped with crafts as well. Thanks very much to you all for a great job! Sorry you got rained out a little at the end, but you were awesome!!

And a REALLY BIG thumbs up to **Leland Koble** from **New Beginnings TLC** for two big pressure washing projects. Leland first helped prepare our last Operation Our Neighbor project home by cleaning up the entire exterior.

Next, Leland did such an unbelievable job on our hockey rink at Collins Community Center that we had to cancel the repainting project. Don't you just HATE when that happens?? Thank you so much Leland for such terrific work.



ONGOING OPENINGS

Reading Buddies – The Volunteer Corps is working with our Library to expand reading and homework programs to our youth programming. We're looking for high school age members who are interested in reading to or helping younger students. Times are flexible and would include after school a few days a week. This is a great way to obtain your community service hours while providing a much needed skill that will be carried on throughout a child's life.

Friends of the Library – Looking for new members to carry on the fine tradition of library support. Your help with a wide variety of tasks including promoting the library and book sales would be much appreciated.

Volunteer Corps adds to most successful Oktoberfest ever!

This year's Oktoberfest celebration brought out not only record crowds, but the best of the Oakland Park Volunteer Corps. Many members came to help with crowd welcoming and assistance. This was the smoothest event ever when it came to management of the entry gates thanks to the efforts of our volunteers.

When the City presents an event that attracts up to 10,000 visitors, it's clear it could not be done without the commitment of caring volunteers. It's nice to know our Volunteer Corps can be relied on to make these events

possible. Thank you all again for always helping out and creating an event that the community looks forward to and enjoys year after year.



For more information on upcoming events, contact Bruce Garrison, Volunteer Services Manager, at (954) 630-4502, or visit the Volunteer Corps webpage:

<http://www.oaklandparkfl.gov/235/volunteer-corps>

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