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Oakland Park's 9th Annual Oktoberfest *October 4 & 5 at Jaco Pastorius Park*



OAKLAND PARK, Fla...(August 7, 2013) – With South Florida's largest craft brewery just a few steps away and dozens of dashing dachshunds, Oakland Park has turned their annual Oktoberfest celebration into one of the City's signature events.

The **9th Annual Oakland Park Oktoberfest** takes place October 4-5 at the City's downtown Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 North Dixie Highway.

Oakland Park's annual Oktoberfest is the largest in Broward and has become one of the most popular in Florida, according to the City's Mayor John Adornato III.

"With support from our staff, sponsors and community volunteers, the Oakland Park Oktoberfest continues to grow and attract more people to our downtown," Mayor Adornato said. "The event complements our new downtown Culinary Arts District with a taste of authentic German cuisine and Bavarian-style entertainment."

The Oakland Park Oktoberfest hours are **Friday, October 4 from 5 to 11 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 5 from 1 to 11 p.m.** at the downtown park turned "biergarten" just north of NE 38th Street where the Mayor's official keg tapping will commence the celebration.

Oakland Park Oktoberfest attracts approximately 10,000 people who enjoy ample space under the large tents to eat, drink and dance to the live music, as well as vendor tents and a children's carnival area.

The large tents replicate the atmosphere of a Bavarian village celebration, including a stage and a dance floor. Oktoberfest musical performances include Euro Express and Sepp Diepolder. Performances by the *Edelweiss Schuhplattlers* (children's dance troupe) and the *Auerhahn Schuhplattler* dancers (adults) will also be part of the entertainment.

Hans Huber, owner of Fort Lauderdale's award-winning Ambry Restaurant, will operate the Bavarian-style "*Biergarten*" at the Oktoberfest offering a selection of mouthwatering German favorites such as bratwurst, knockwurst, spicy currywurst, haxen semmel (roast pork), goulash soup, sauerkraut and German potato salad, as well as freshly baked pretzels, brotchen and apple strudel. In addition to soft drinks, a selection of German wines and authentic German-brewed Tucher Oktoberfest beers will be available – including a commemorative 32 ounce mug.

"Oktoberfest is truly meant to be a celebration for all ages and we encourage a lot of singing and dancing," said the City's Special Event Coordinator Eric Waters. "We will also have fun Oktoberfest games and contests, such as our popular 'Dachshund Dash,' beer stein races and apple strudel-eating contests."

The nearby Westin Hotel will offer a discount rate (include free parking and internet) for attendees of the Oakland Park Oktoberfest celebration.

For sponsorships, vendor opportunities, activities schedule and other information, please visit www.oaklandparkfl.gov or call the City's Parks and Leisure Services office at **954-630-4502**.

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