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City of Opa-Locka Police Department Rings in New School Year with Annual Back-to-School Giveaway Celebration



Opa-locka, Fla. (Aug. 9, 2023) - In anticipation of the new school year, the City of Opa-locka Police Department (OLPD), in partnership with the City of Opa-locka Parks & Recreation Department and the Opa-locka Booster Club, announced today their annual Back-to-School celebration taking place on Saturday, August 12 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Sherbondy Park Pavilion, located behind historic city hall at 777 Sharazad Blvd.

Following a successful National Night Out earlier this month, the City of Opa-locka's fun-filled annual event will prepare local families and children for the upcoming school

year with free backpacks and school supplies. Family-friendly activities will also include meet-and-greets, a bounce house, and lunch to be served during the event.

As the City of Opa-locka further supports a supportive environment for education, city officials and staff continue to reaffirm their commitment to local residents by presenting community-building events and making strategic investments in its future.

For more information on OLPD's Back to School celebration and upcoming events, please visit www.opalockafl.gov/calendar.aspx.

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About the City of Opa-locka

The City of Opa-locka is one of Miami-Dade County's oldest and most unique historic cities rich in architecture, industry, and culture. Boasting a diverse residential and business community that stretches 4.5 square miles in size and with a population of over 16,500, Opa-locka is strategically positioned as a central hub of South Florida, with access to all major transportation corridors, including the neighboring Opa-locka Executive and Miami International Airports, as well as higher education institutions, including the universities of St. Thomas, Florida Memorial, Barry, and Miami-Dade College. Founded on May 14, 1926 by American aviator Glenn Hammond Curtiss, who earned the nickname "The Father of Naval Aviation," Opa-locka has been awarded designations which include being a Main Street America community, Tree City USA, a Bird Sanctuary City and is also a member of the Florida League of Cities (FLC). Additionally, the city has four parks, a Tri-Rail station connecting to the larger public transit system, and the largest collection of historic Moorish Revival architecture in the country. For more information, please visit: www.opalockafl.gov.

Editor's Note: Interviews with city and elected officials available on request.