

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is already 2010. Here are some items of interest

Mayor's Matching Grants

Congratulations to the following neighborhood associations which were just awarded matching grants to make improvements in their neighborhoods:

Coach Homes at Dover Manor
Northlake Park at Lake Nona
Orange Tree Condominiums
One Thousand Oaks Condominiums

Matching Grant applications

Many people ask how their neighborhood, non-profit organization or school can participate in the matching grant program. Here is a summary of the the programs to assist you.

Neighborhoods

Grants up to \$5,000 for neighborhood enhancements that address neighborhood needs and improve the quality of life in City of Orlando neighborhoods. Neighborhood, condominium, resident and homeowner associations may implement physical improvement, public safety, or education and cultural projects and programs that benefit neighborhood residents.

Nonprofit Organizations

Grants up to \$10,000 for 501(c)(3) nonprofit community and faith-based organizations that offer youth programming that fosters crime prevention and anti-violence. Organizations that receive funding must provide positive, adult supervised and structured activities for our City's youth that build character and self-esteem during non-school hours.

Schools

Grants up to \$10,000 for schools and nonprofit organizations for innovative educational enhancement or academic enrichment programs for our City's youth during non-school hours.

All grant funds received through the Mayor's Matching Grants program are matched dollar for dollar by the applicant using a combination of cash, volunteer labor and/or in-kind donations of goods or services. Matching Grants are available bi-annually.

Grant deadlines:

Cycle A: Friday, April 16, 2010 (Grant term: July 1, 2010 – June 2011)

Cycle B: Friday, Sept. 17, 2010 (Grant term: Jan.1, 2011 – Dec. 31, 2011)

Guidelines and Applications will be released 60 days prior to each grant deadline

Public works projects

Would you like a way to check on the status of road work or other public works projects? You can get that information from the public works project link at my City of Orlando website http://www.cityoforlando.net/public_works/cityprojects/reports.aspx

District 1 Email List

As many of you know, from time to time, I periodically send emails to keep people up to date on District 1 issues and events. If you would like to be added to this list so that you can also be up to date and receive these emails, please email me or call me. Recently, after sending some of these emails, a number of them were returned because of spam filters. If you are on the email list but haven't been getting your emails, check your spam filter. If that doesn't work then let me know. If you would like to be removed from our email list, please let me know.

Questions or Comments

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please call me at 407-246-2001 or email me at phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net . My aide, Jeanne Wilson, can be reached at 407-246-3011 or email at jeanne.wilson@cityoforlando.net and Police Officer Edgar Malave can be reached at 407-246-2513 or email at edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net