

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AWARDS

Nomination Cover Sheet

Important: When nominating an organization for multiple categories, please attach a copy of this cover sheet and submit each nomination separately. When nominating an individual for recognition, please complete and submit one application per person.

Contact/Nominator: _____

Contact Address: _____

Phone Number: Home _____ Work _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Community Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Category for nomination: Please select the appropriate category for your nomination. This form must be attached to each *nomination form.*

- _____ Excellence in Leadership (exclusive to organizational presidents)
- _____ Excellence in Innovative Newsletter Production
- _____ Excellence in Community Building Projects
- _____ Excellence in Neighborly Service
- _____ Excellence in Safety & Security Initiatives
- _____ Up & Coming Community Organizations
- _____ Clean and Attractive Neighborhoods (C.A.N.)

Signature of Contact/Nominator

Date

***THIS COVER SHEET MUST BE ATTACHED TO EACH AWARD
NOMINATION THAT YOU SUBMIT***

Nomination Form

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

This award recognizes neighborhood organization presidents for outstanding leadership and/or accomplishments during their tenure. Nominees must have exhibited her/his outstanding leadership between January 1st and December 31st of previous year.

Name of Leader (Nominee): _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Neighborhood Organization: _____

County Commission District: _____

Term of Office: Beginning _____, Ending _____

Please number and answer the following questions on a separate page (do not exceed 2 typed pages, 12 pt font):

- 1) Is the nominee aware he/she is being nominated?
- 2) Please describe the Neighborhood boundaries.
- 3) What unique projects or programs has the nominee coordinated with the residents?
- 4) How much time does the nominee spend every month performing duties?
- 5) How does the nominee encourage resident participation in organization meetings and subcommittees?
- 6) How does the nominee identify and implement the goals of the organization?
- 7) How does the nominee communicate with residents?
- 8) What are some of the major leadership qualities of the nominee?
- 9) Does the nominee volunteer with other organizations?
- 10) How does the nominee involve other officers in decision-making?

Please attach supporting documentation or examples (5 attachments maximum).

Contact/Nominator _____

Phone _____

Nomination Form

EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATIVE NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION

Community newsletters are vital tools to keep residents informed of important neighborhood issues and events. The purpose of this award is to recognize publications that embody the “best practices” in newsletter production and distribution. Previous winners may not apply.

Name of Neighborhood Organization: _____

Name of Newsletter Editor: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone Number for Newsletter Editor: _____

Name of Newsletter: _____

County Commission District: _____

Number of issues produced each year: _____

Number of residents in neighborhood: _____

Please number and answer the following questions on a separate page (do not exceed 2 typed pages, 12 pt font):

- 1) How is the newsletter produced?
- 2) How is the newsletter distributed; is it distributed or made available to all residents in the neighborhood?
- 3) How is it funded?
- 4) What are some of the unique features or topics that are covered in the newsletter?
- 5) Do residents of the neighborhood participate in the production and distribution of the newsletter by writing articles, assisting with the distribution, or other tasks?
- 6) How was the design of the newsletter developed?
- 7) What is the annual cost of producing the newsletter?
- 8) For associations with management companies, what role does a management company play in the production of the newsletter?
- 9) How do you receive and implement feedback from readers?
- 10) Is your newsletter posted on the Internet?

Please attach any supporting documentation, no more than 5 pages, and three copies of past newsletters.

Contact/Nominator _____

Phone _____

Nomination Form

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS

Much of the hard work of citizens in preserving and maintaining neighborhoods goes unnoticed. This category provides means to recognize and reward these unsung heroes. Community building projects are activities that are initiated by any organization to improve the physical or social environment of their community. Examples include but are not limited to landscaping, signage, park improvements, youth programs, clean-up campaigns, and volunteer services. The project must have been completed between January 1st and December 31st of previous year.

Name of Neighborhood Organization: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of project or program: _____

Duration of the project or program: Beginning _____ Ending _____

Please number and answer the following questions on a separate page (do not exceed 2 typed pages, 12 pt font):

- 1) What was the purpose of the project or program?
- 2) Was this project a winner of a previous ReNEW Grant or part of a Safe Neighborhood? If, yes, in what year?
- 3) Why did the residents feel the project or program was necessary?
- 4) How was the project or program funded?
- 5) What is the approximate cost of the project or program in terms of materials and volunteer time?
- 6) How many volunteers were used to complete the project or program and how were they encouraged to participate?
- 7) What was the timeframe to complete the project or program?
- 8) What “kick-off” event was held before the project began and/or what “thank you celebration” occurred after the project or program was completed?
- 9) How is the project or program being maintained?
- 10) How has the community benefited or been directly impacted by this project?
- 11) Were other community partners, such as businesses, churches, non-profit organizations, or schools involved in developing or implementing the project or program?

Please attach supporting documentation (5 pages max).

Contact/Nominator _____

Phone _____

Nomination Form

EXCELLENCE IN NEIGHBORLY SERVICE

This award recognizes the simple acts of kindness that helps to build community spirit. Individuals or groups nominated for this award demonstrate the importance of lending a helping hand and providing volunteer services within neighborhoods. Service must have been performed between January 1st and December 31st of previous year. Specific examples must be included.

Name of Nominee(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of Neighborhood Organization: _____

County Commission District: _____

Areas of Service:

_____ *Youth/Senior support programs*

_____ *Community beautification projects*

_____ *Volunteer professional services*

_____ *Organizing community events*

_____ *Initiating the establishment of a neighborhood organization.*

_____ *Representing the neighborhood before elected officials*

_____ *Initiating / Organizing fund raising*

_____ *Other: _____*

Please number and answer the following questions on a separate page (do not exceed 2 typed pages, 12 pt font):

- 1) What significant ‘good deeds’ did the nominee(s) accomplish between January 1st and December 31st of last year? *Be very specific, include dates if possible.*
- 2) Does the nominee(s) belong to other community service organizations? *Please list organizations*
- 3) What are some specific examples of how the nominee(s) assisted residents within his or her immediate neighborhood and/or residents in other neighborhoods?
- 4) What are the specific talents or personality traits that help the nominee(s) successfully perform “good deeds”?
- 5) What specific projects or programs has the nominee(s) initiated to assist neighbors?
- 6) Approximately how many hours per month does the nominee(s) spend performing his or her “good deeds”?
- 7) Does the nominee(s) know he or she is being nominated?
- 8) What is the impact this nominee(s) has had on the quality of life in your neighborhood?

Contact/Nominator _____

Phone _____

Excellence in Safety & Security Initiatives

This award recognizes neighborhood organizations that have established programs, policies, and procedures that are designed to protect and ensure the safety of residents and property within the community. The initiative occurred between January 1st and December 31st of previous year.

Name of Organization: _____

Address of Organization: _____

E-mail: _____

President/Executive Officer Name: _____

President/Executive Officer Phone: _____

County Commission District: _____

Please number and answer the following questions on a separate page (do not exceed 2 typed pages, 12 pt font):

- 1) Please describe the security issues facing your neighborhood.
- 2) Please describe the steps your neighborhood has implemented to strengthen security for each of these areas. Please be specific.
- 3) How many volunteers are participating in your initiative/project and how were these volunteers encouraged to participate?
- 4) Have your efforts led to a decrease in security-related incidents in your community? Please explain.
- 5) What steps has your organization taken to ensure that every resident is aware of security /safety policy and procedures?
- 6) Please describe the steps your programs, policies, and procedures your community has implemented to strengthen security for each of these areas. Please be specific.
- 7) Were other community partners, such as businesses, churches, non-profit organizations, schools, involved in any of these initiatives? Please provide details about their improvement.

Please attach any supporting documentation (5 pages max).

Contact/Nominator _____

Phone _____

UP & COMING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Getting organized to address community concerns is no easy task. This award honors the journey of citizens in forming a community organization. *Only community organizations that have been in existence for less than two years are eligible.*

Name of Organization: _____

Address of Organization: _____

E-mail: _____

President/Executive Officer Name: _____

President/Executive Officer Phone: _____

County Commission District: _____

Please number and answer the following questions on a separate page (do not exceed 2 typed pages, 12 pt font):

- 1) When was the organization established? Attach adopted bylaws.
- 2) What are the organizations designated boundaries?
- 3) How was the organization formed?
- 4) What was the reason for forming the community organization?
- 5) How many active members are in the organization?
- 6) What major accomplishments (programs, projects, and events) have been completed since the formation of the community organization?
- 7) How often does the organization meet?
- 8) What methods (newsletters, flyers, signs, and the Internet) does the organization (i.e. officers) use to communicate with residents?
- 9) What community challenges or obstacles that overcomes during the process of organizing?

Please include a copy of the organization by-laws and five (5) pages of supporting documents.

Contact/Nominator _____

Phone _____

Nomination Form

CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS

The Clean and Attractive Neighborhoods (C.A.N.) Award recognizes residents that take advantage of the many clean up and beautification programs available through various County Departments and Divisions. These programs include but are not limited to Community Clean Ups, Community Code Enforcement, Adopt- A- Highway and ReNEW grants. This award recognizes the organization that has gone "above and beyond" to make their neighborhood more beautiful. The project(s) must have been completed between January 1st and December 31st of previous year.

Name of Neighborhood Organization: _____

Neighborhood Contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

County Commission District: _____

In which of the following C.A.N. programs did your organization participate during January 1st and December 31st of last year? Please indicate the month and year next to the program.

- _____ Adopt-A-Highway
_____ Adopt-A-Lake
_____ Community Clean Up
_____ Community Code Enforcement
_____ Clean Lakes Initiative
_____ Fla. Friendly Landscape Workshops
_____ EPD Outreach & Education Program
_____ Graffiti Removal Program
_____ Minor Repair Grant Program
_____ MSBU/TU Improvements
_____ Mobile Irrigation Lab Audit
_____ ReNEW Grants
_____ Neighborhood Spring Clean
_____ Storm Drain Labeling
_____ Streetscape
_____ Yard of the Month

Please number and answer the following questions on a separate page (do not exceed 2 typed pages, 12 pt font):

- 1) What other clean up and beautification projects, outside of the C.A.N. programs listed above, has your organization implemented in the past year?
2) What have been the direct results or impacts to the community from this project?
3) How many volunteers were used to complete the projects or programs and how were they encouraged to participate?
4) Were other community partners, such as businesses, churches, non-profit organizations, schools, involved in the projects or programs?

Please attach any supporting documentation including pictures, flyers, and agreements.

Contact/Nominator _____
Phone _____