

## **New CAN – Clearwater Awards for Neighbors – Grant Awards Program Orientation**

Hi Neighbors!

The City of Clearwater Neighborhood Services Division is pleased to announce a new neighborhood grants program called **CAN**: Clearwater Awards for Neighbors. It is a grant awards program that replaces the traditional matching grants program that has been in place for three years. Neighborhood Services wanted to create a new program that would promote neighborhood unity and community and family values, inspire a sense of neighborhood pride and achievement, and provide a vehicle for people of this great city to have fun! The program encourages a creative approach to running neighborhood projects that spans all age groups.

Neighborhoods can choose to go for one of several upper tier award categories: The Mayors Award of Excellence, the City Council's Award for Beautification, the City Manager's Award for Charity and Volunteerism, or the Development and Neighborhood Services Director's Award for Creativity. Each award category has grant money attached that ranges from \$5,000 for the Grand Prize, to \$1000. Each category carries first, second and third place awards.

There are also lower tier awards for Best New Neighborhood Association, Most Improved Neighborhood Association, Best Neighborhood Hurricane Plan, Best Crime Watch organization, and more. Awards range from \$250 to \$500.

So, how does this new program work? All neighborhoods are invited and encouraged to attend one of six orientations on this new program. Attendance is required if your neighborhood is planning to go for a grant. The more neighbors you bring to the orientation, the more excitement and enthusiasm you will generate in your neighborhood! Orientations will be held at the **Municipal Services Building at 100 S. Myrtle Avenue**. The schedule is as follows:

<b>November 6th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>1:30pm - 3:30</b>	<b>room 130</b>
<b>November 14th</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00pm- 8:30</b>	<b>room 130</b>
<b>November 18th</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am - 10:30</b>	<b>room 130</b>
<b>November 30th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:30am - 12:00</b>	<b>room 130</b>
<b>December 2nd</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:30am - 11:00</b>	<b>room 130</b>
<b>December 4th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00pm - 8:30</b>	<b>room 130</b>

***Please RSVP attendance to Jennifer Bass at 727-562-4665 or [jennifer.bass@myclearwater.com](mailto:jennifer.bass@myclearwater.com).***