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Water Matters Day Kick-Off Events Begin
Broward County Commission to Acknowledge Sponsors Today
Folk Singer Grant Livingston to Perform

On Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 2 p.m., the Broward County Board of County Commissioners will issue proclamations to the sponsors of Water Matters Day. These proclamations will be given at the afternoon County Commission meeting in room 422 of the Broward County Governmental Center, 115 S. Andrews Ave. Fort Lauderdale.

Sponsors receiving proclamations are: the South Florida Water Management District, the City of Coconut Creek, the Town of Davie, the City of Cooper City, the City of Fort Lauderdale, the Town of Southwest Ranches, the Central Broward Water Control District, the South Broward Drainage District, the Old Plantation Water Control District, RainBird, Radio 97.3-FM "The Coast," Starbucks, Coca-Cola, Florida Power & Light (FPL), and Home Depot.

Additionally, representatives from FPL will present the Board of County Commissioners with a check for \$2,000 designated for the purchase of native plants for Water Matters Day.

"It is very important to recognize Water Matters Day's municipal and corporate partners," said Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs. "They have taken the lead in recognizing that water is not an unlimited resource."

The third annual Water Matters Day will take place Saturday, March 19, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tree Tops Park, 3900 S.W. 100th Ave., Davie. This year, the Broward County NatureScape program will take center stage. The event is a part of the overall campaign: *Water for Everyone. People. Plants. Animals.* The program encourages homeowners to understand the role they play in managing water resources in their homes, yards and communities.

Broward Water Matters Day will feature giveaways and a series of mini workshops to help residents learn how to maintain beautiful yet environmentally friendly yards, addressing issues such as landscaping, gardening, and pest control.

Admission to the event is \$1 per person and free for children 5 and under. Event participants who visit at least 10 of the education exhibits on display at the park will be eligible to receive FREE trees, plants, mulch, rain gauges, and bottled water.

Folk singer Grant Livingston will provide live musical entertainment, and children will enjoy face painting with clowns. Livingston will also perform at today's afternoon Commission meeting. He has written a special song for Water Matters Day.

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