



A Message from
Broward County Vice-Mayor
Lois Wexler

Spring is in the air and it is a great time to begin garden and landscape projects that can be enjoyed year round. Broward County has a program called “Broward Beautiful” that provides money for landscape projects that improve the look of a neighborhood. Homeowners associations, civic groups and other not for profit organizations are eligible.

Community grants from \$1,500 to \$10,000 are available and I encourage your homeowner’s association or civic organization to apply. Projects must be on public property or common areas visible to the general public. Gated communities may apply for funding for projects outside their gates. Grant dollars can only fund plants, sod and mulch. At least half of the plants used must be Florida native species. Grants must be matched dollar for dollar in cash, donations or volunteer time that is directed toward the beautification project.

If you are interested you can go online at www.broward.org/bio/browardbeautiful.htm and print out an application or call my office and we’d be happy to send you one. Broward County also provides pre-application informational workshops to assist you in the application process. You are not required to attend a workshop, but you do get bonus points if you attend. The workshop provides invaluable “hands-on” help with filling out the application.

In district five, pre-application workshops are scheduled on the following dates:

April 17, 2007	Cooper City	Cooper City Community Center 9000 SW 50 th Place Contact: Jeanette Wofford (954) 434-2300
April 26, 2007	Davie	Pine Island Multi-purpose Center 3801 Pine Island Road Contact: Chris Richter (954) 445-0403

If these do not work with your schedule please check the web page for workshops in other cities. Applicants may attend whichever workshop is most convenient regardless of which city you live in. No prior registration is required.

This is a competitive grant program. Your application and project will be scored using a point system. Points are given based on how the project benefits the environment, neighborhood need, and aesthetic value.

The highest scoring projects within each Commission District will be recommended for funding to the limit of available funds. The deadline for your application is June 8, 2007.

If you have any questions about the Broward Beautiful program you can send an e-mail to BrowardBeautiful@broward.org, call (954) 519-0327 or call my office at 954-357-7005.

Of course, my door is always open and I welcome your thoughts and comments. Please feel free to call me at (954) 357-7005 or e-mail me at lwexler@broward.org.

I strongly encourage eligible organizations to apply for this grant money. It's a great way to bring people together to work on a project that will improve the environment and add beauty to your neighborhood.

Happy Spring and Good Luck!

Lois Wexler
Broward County Vice-Mayor
Commissioner District #5