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Registration Open for 2011 Local Government Academy

OAKLAND PARK, Fla....(December 10, 2010) – The City of Oakland Park is currently accepting applications for its 7th Annual Local Government Academy (LGA). The academy will meet nine consecutive Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning in early February.

“Participation in the City of Oakland Park’s Local Government Academy is a unique opportunity for citizens to learn about municipal government,” said Mayor Allegra Webb Murphy. “The focus of the LGA is to provide a forum for residents to have a better understanding and greater awareness of how the City delivers a multitude of services and programs to residents and businesses.”

Past graduates of the Local Government Academy include current City Commissioners Anne E. Sallee and Jed Shank, as well as former Mayor Layne Dallett Walls and former Vice Mayor Anthony Niedwiecki. Several candidates for the two Oakland Park City Commission seats up for election in March are also graduates of the academy.

“Our goal is to provide a ‘hands on’ orientation as to how the City of Oakland Park delivers each of its core services every hour of every day,” added Assistant to the City Manager Marie W. Elianor. “We also explain and quantify the City’s capital improvement and redevelopment progress, as well as walk the members through our City’s ordinances, policies and procedures.”

Past activities include using the “jaws of life” to open up a damaged vehicle, visiting the BSO Communications Center and tree planting.

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“We have witnessed our LGA graduates become engaged and inspired ambassadors for our City and take a more prominent role in Oakland Park,” Elianor said. “From becoming active in their homeowner or neighborhood association to serving on City Advisory Boards to following the path to elected office, the LGA continues to graduate new leaders in our community.”

To apply for the City’s Local Government Academy, please call Assistant to the City Manager Marie W. Elianor at **954-630-4205** or e-mail MarieE@oaklandparkfl.org. Space is limited so applications are requested by January 13 and will be accepted on a first-come basis.