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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is already 2012.

There is always talk at the beginning of every year about new year's resolutions. Here is another one. Have you thought about trying to improve your neighborhood? The City of Orlando offers a variety of ways to help you do that. Here is some information about various associations that are working with matching grants and, information about the types of matching grants that are available:

#### Matching Grant Recipients

First, congratulations to the following District 1 associations which were recently awarded matching grants to make improvements in their neighborhoods:

Bel Air Neighborhood Association  
Lake Pineloch Village Condominium Association  
Mai Kai Condominium Association

#### Matching Grant Applications

Next, here is some information on how your neighborhood, non-profit organization or school can participate in the matching grant program and a summary of the the programs to assist you.

#### Neighborhoods

Grants up to \$5,000 for neighborhood enhancements that address neighborhood needs and improve the quality of life in City of Orlando neighborhoods. Neighborhood, condominium, resident and homeowner associations may implement physical improvement, public safety, or education and cultural projects and programs that benefit neighborhood residents.

#### Nonprofit Organizations

Grants up to \$10,000 for 501(c)(3) nonprofit community and faith-based organizations that offer youth programming that fosters crime prevention and anti-violence. Organizations that receive funding must provide positive, adult supervised and structured activities for our City's youth that build character and self-esteem during non-school hours.

#### Schools

Grants up to \$10,000 for schools and nonprofit organizations for innovative educational enhancement or academic enrichment programs for our City's youth during non-school hours.

All grant funds received through the Mayor's Matching Grants program are matched dollar for dollar by the applicant using a combination of cash, volunteer labor and/or in-kind donations of goods or services. Matching Grants are available bi-annually.

The 2012 MNMG grant cycles have not been determined yet; however for more information and to assure that you are on their contact list, please contact Julie Tindall, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of Community Affairs, at [julie.tindall@cityoforlando.net](mailto:julie.tindall@cityoforlando.net) or by phone at 407-246-3275.

I hope that you will consider making this one of your 2012 resolutions!

#### District 1 Email List

From time to time, I send emails to keep people up to date on District 1 issues and events. If you would like to be added to or removed from this list so that you can also be up to date and receive these emails (or removed from the list), please email or call.

#### Questions or Comments

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please call me at 407-246-2001 or email me at [phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net](mailto:phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net) . My aide, Jeanne Wilson, can be reached at 407-246-3011 or email at [jeanne.wilson@cityoforlando.net](mailto:jeanne.wilson@cityoforlando.net) and Police Officer Edgar Malave can be reached at 407-246-2513 or email at [edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net](mailto:edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net).

#### City Website

You can always obtain information about city services on the City's website at [www.cityoforlando.net](http://www.cityoforlando.net) and the District 1 site at [www.cityoforlando.net/elected/council/diamond.htm](http://www.cityoforlando.net/elected/council/diamond.htm). You can also see copies of our district newsletters at the District 1 site.