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Florida League of Cities Announces 2019 Florida Municipal Achievement Award Winners

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TALLAHASSEE – Three Florida cities are paving the way for innovation and excellence in municipal government, and now they’re being recognized for it.

The Florida League of Cities announced today that the cities of Pembroke Pines, Ormond Beach and Sanibel are this year’s recipients of the Florida Municipal Achievement Awards. Hosted annually, this awards program recognizes municipalities for their superior and innovative efforts in three categories.

This year’s award winners are:

- **City Spirit Award** – City of Pembroke Pines.
- **Florida Citizenship Award** – City of Ormond Beach.
- **Environmental Stewardship Award** – City of Sanibel.

“For over a decade, the Florida Municipal Achievement Awards have recognized cities that generate new ideas and create innovative programs to better serve their communities,” Florida League of Cities President and Bartow City Commissioner Leo E. Longworth. “These programs are modernizing the way local governments operate and provide services, and they’re perfect examples of cities finding local solutions to local challenges. On behalf of the League, we are proud to recognize this year’s award winners for their success.”

The **City Spirit Award** recognizes a single, specific citywide effort to successfully address a local need. The **City of Pembroke Pine’s** winning entry, **Raising Positive Children**, was created by the city in an effort to help parents, educators and community service agencies learn how to take concrete and positive steps to address the mental health needs of teens and children. A citywide initiative that served as both a community engagement program and an educational campaign, this project has seen tremendous success within Pembroke Pine’s community.

The **Florida Citizenship Award** focuses on city projects or programs that increase civic awareness and promote active participation in city government among residents. The **City of Ormond Beach’s** winning entry, **The OB Life**, was a citizen engagement program that used a broad, multimodal approach including in-person discussions and online platforms to improve communications between the city and

its residents. The goal of the project was to fully engage the community while increasing communications and transparency to positively and effectively impact the city and its future.

The **Environmental Stewardship Award** focuses on city programs that promote conservation, improve and protect environmental conditions, and/or provide environmental education and outreach programs. The **City of Sanibel's** winning entry was the **Sanibel Communities for Clean Water (SCCW)** program. The city launched the program to protect water quality and to reduce the impacts of poor water quality on wildlife habitats, the local economy and the quality of life. SCCW aims to educate local residents about water quality and to provide science-based solutions on how to improve water quality.

All three winning cities will receive a trophy, receive special recognition at a commission meeting and at the League's annual conference, and will be featured in the League's award-winning magazine, *Quality Cities (QC)*, and on the League's website and social media outlets.

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities. Florida's cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy. For more information, visit floridaleagueofcities.com.