

# 2006 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program ▶ Nomination Form

Category (Please check one) See Award Criteria for more information. Please print or type. One nomination per page.

**FLORIDA CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Name of Municipality Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY SPIRIT AWARD**

Name of Municipality Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated Project \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

**MAYOR OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

**COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated Don K. Maines  
Nominated by TOWN of southwest Ranches  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY FINANCE OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OR OFFICER) OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

**CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

Name of Individual Nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of City/Town/Village)

## Person Completing Nomination Form

Please print or type.

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## Nomination Certification

This nomination has been voted on and approved by a majority of the city council/commission.

Signed   
City Clerk

The judges will use the narrative and supportive information to select the award winners. Nominators/nominees are asked not to contact the judges directly.

## Narrative

In the narrative, please be clear and concise, using the Award Criteria to support the selection of your nominee. Please type (or print in black ink), up to 1,200 words, double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

## Supportive Information

Up to 10 pages of supportive information (newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, etc.), on 8-1/2" x 11" paper (single-sided) may be provided. Please do not include videotapes, DVDs, CDs or Power-Point presentations.

Submit nominations by **August 18, 2006:**

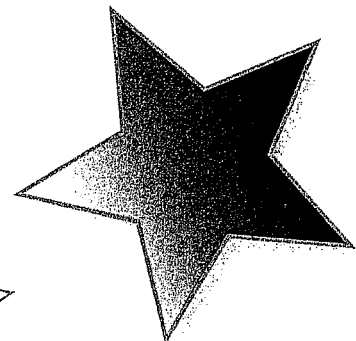
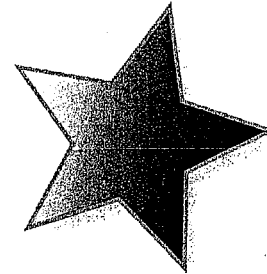
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Dear Selection Committee,

Attached you will find the submission for The Town of Southwest Ranches Council Member of the Year, Don Maines. As supporting material, included are the following:

1. Miami Herald article profiling leaders in citizenship;
2. Miami Herald article detailing a Multiuse Trail plan proposed by Don Maines' illustrating his commitment to creating safe multi use trails in Southwest Broward County'
3. Sun-Sentinel article about the Town of Southwest Ranches 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Birthday party depicting Don Maines on his horse Bandit, who he often rides to Town Hall;
4. Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization Profile from its webpage, which lists Don Maines as a member of it's Advisory Board;
5. An article on the website of the South Florida Water Management District where Mains is quoted about the best management practices he has helped establish for South Florida;
6. The South Florida Trail Riders' of Broward County webpage listing Don Maines as a committee chairperson
7. The Resolution passed by the Town Council approving Don Main's nomination for the Florida Cities of Excellence Council Member of the Year.

Thank you,

Heather Krasnow  
Public Relations Consultant  
Town of Southwest Ranches



## **2006 COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR – DON MAINES**

Don Maines has spent the better part of his life selflessly serving others. To look at him, you would never know that in him beats a heart of gold; he is a compassionate man who has dedicated his life to bringing hope to people in their darkest hours. Most comfortable in a Stetson, Wrangler jeans and Justin boots, Don Maines rides to Town Hall on his horse, Bandit several times a week. He is the quintessential urban cowboy with a head of white hair and skin tanned by years spent enjoying the great outdoors. He is a visionary and a leader who is not boastful about his many volunteer efforts to help addicts in recovery.

In a town of 7,600 residents, of which he is one of the founding fathers, the average home price is more than \$1 million and you might think that the problems of drug, alcohol and gambling addiction are far away from Southwest Ranches. In reality, they are everywhere.

“You can’t judge a man until you’ve walked a mile in his shoes,” says Council Member and now Vice Mayor Don Maines, as someone in recovery for 18 years, “I was given the gift of a second chance. It’s my responsibility to share that gift with others. That’s all I’m doing; spreading the idea of hope and offering help to those who need it.”

Somewhere between John Wayne and Florence Nightingale, Don Maines is a tough cowboy who has worked tirelessly for the Family Institute, which provides alternative sentencing through drug court and the criminal justice system.

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He serves as the Vice President for the Advisory Board of the Broward Addiction Recovery Center, for all the treatment offered through Broward County. He is also the Chair for the subcommittee for mental health and substance abuse, through which he has worked to establish transitional housing for those clients.

"We know that the component for recovery in mental illness is halfway housing. We have the lower end housing for when we bring people in, but once we stabilize them there is no housing for the transition to bring them back into society, to bring their families back together to make them healthy, productive members of society."

"We were able to identify appropriate housing for these individuals in recovery in the Hamilton Forman Center in South Pembroke Pines. The site seemed to be the perfect place to administer all the services in one area. However, after last year's hurricane season, the apartments that had been empty for so long are now inhabited by displaced victims of the storms. "News like that can't get a guy like Don Maines down. I ask him, what will you do?" He frowns and answers, "We continue to look for funding wherever we can get it, we continue to look for partners to help us and we continue to look for other housing options. We just won't stop trying."

In addition to his volunteer efforts with recovering addicts, Maines also dedicates a large amount of time cleaning up the environment. As a volunteer for the Broward County Everglades Best Management Practices (BMP) Committee for four years, he was responsible for helping develop the original BMPs to clean up the everglades and our water supply.

Additionally, he is the past president of the South Florida Trailriders Association and helped develop multipurpose trails in Southwest Broward County, for which he not only received a proclamation but was awarded "Don Maines Day, July 17, 2004."

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He leads the task force for Large Animal Rescue before and Recovery after a hurricane. Barns are blown down, pastures are flooded out, horses are loose and it's Don and his group of volunteers with trailers and ropers that come to rescue the horses, get them out of danger, address any medical concerns and provide a transitional area for them to stay until he can bring them back to their owners....kind of like what he does with recovering addicts.

In the last year alone, Don has brought dozens of addicts into recovery, saved many horses and helped clean up countless water resources. But its not what he has done in the past year that we nominate Don Maines as Council Member of the Year—it's his lifetime of accomplishments that we seek to applaud.