

Friday Letter
October 31, 2008.

Development Services Department, Planning Division

Each year the American Planning Association (APA), its members, chapters, divisions, and professional institute sponsor National Community Planning Month to raise the visibility of the important role of planners and planning in communities across the U.S. Planners address both the existing and future needs of a community. This year's theme, **Green Communities**, recognized the role planners have in helping ensure our communities are environmentally-friendly and sustainable. **The City of Oviedo Planning Division celebrated the “National Community Planning Month” during October with three (3) main activities. .**

- 1) **Planning Exhibition – October 1 through October 31, 2008.** This exhibition was located at the City Hall entrance with posters telling the urban and planning history of Oviedo and the State of Florida, zoning and future land use maps, as well as material about the City and the planning and development processes.



- 2) **Green Communities and Sustainability Forum – October 28, 2008**

The City sponsored a panel of various professionals and City staff discussing how going green can impact our state, our communities and our homes. The speakers included Whit Blanton, AICP, *Renaissance Planning Group*; Phil C. Laurien, AICP, Executive Director, *East Central Florida Regional Planning Council*; Alaina Bernard, Assistant Director, *UCF Environmental Initiative*; David Norvell, PE, LEED AP, Director, *UCF Department of Sustainability & Energy Mgmt*; Dr. Jay Exum, Ph.D., *Glattig Jackson Kercher Anglin*; Jarrett Bingemann, Esq., LEED AP, Associate, *Akerman Senterfitt*; Jay Stainer, *City of Oviedo Public Works Department*; and Tom King, *City of Oviedo Public Works Department*.

The forum was attended by almost fifty (50) people and an article about the event was published by the Seminole Chronicle in its Oct.30-Nov.5, 2008 edition.



3) Oviedo Electronics Recycling Day – October 29, 2008

This event was done in partnership with Southeasterndata, an Oviedo based EPA and FDEP approved electronics recycling company. The firm parked a truck on the City Hall parking lot and received free of charge electronic material brought in by Oviedo residents and companies. Forty-five people dropped off a total of 36 monitors, copper bearing, cables, printers, PC's, and batteries & miscellaneous items. Many people suggested that the City sponsor this type of event more often in the future.

