



FLORIDA COMMUNITIES  
OF EXCELLENCE

# 2015 Florida Communities of Excellence Awards

Now Entering Our Seventh Year!

2015 Florida Communities of Excellence Conference & Awards Gala

Bonaventure Resort & Spa in Weston — Friday, May 15, 2015



# Now in its seventh year, The Florida Communities of Excellence Awards recognizes the achievement of volunteer boards and professional managers at communities across our state.



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Since its founding in 2009, the Communities of Excellence Awards has honored hundreds of communities throughout Florida. Recognizing excellence in all areas of association governance, operations and management, the Awards represent the pinnacle of achievement for communities in our state. For winning organizations, the designations are a point of pride for current residents and a powerful differentiator for communities seeking to attract new owners.

There are no entry fees, and small communities and large communities are judged separately. The annual Conference and Awards Ceremony is a free event underwritten by sponsors that includes educational sessions, exhibit area, awards ceremony and gala reception.

One in four Florida residents lives in a community managed by an association. This fact combined with the uncertainties and challenges facing neighborhoods and cities everywhere makes strengthening community associations more important than ever.



Envera Systems exhibits "Next Generation Security" solutions



BB&T Association Services' team of financial experts



Ocean Village Club, 2014 Condo Community of the Year, celebrates on the red carpet

## Participating as a Community Association

Twelve categories of awards and two size classes create opportunities for all associations.

There is no fee to enter. Communities can submit in any one or more of the categories shown on the back panel. The entire process is done online at [www.CommunitiesOfExcellence.net](http://www.CommunitiesOfExcellence.net). Applications are accepted beginning in October.

All entries must be submitted by midnight (Eastern) on January 31. Finalists are announced in April.

At the annual awards event, two awards are given in each category. Winners are chosen for smaller communities (up to 400 units) and larger communities. The event itself, which includes educational sessions, exhibits, awards ceremony and gala reception, is free for board members, active managers, and residents. Plan to attend — Friday, May 15 at the Bonaventure Resort & Spa in Weston!

## Participating as a Sponsor or as a Judge

Since its founding, more than 70 organizations have engaged as sponsors — and the number has grown every year. Nominations are judged by a select panel of independent experts chosen from among educators, policy experts, journalists, consultants, public officials and professionals within each industry/category represented.

### Founding Sponsors



More information, including complete category descriptions and the submission form, is at [www.CommunitiesOfExcellence.net](http://www.CommunitiesOfExcellence.net).



CAM Lynn Ross grabs trophy for VeronaWalk - named 2014 HOA Community of the Year



Broadcaster and syndicated financial columnist Tom Hudson emcees Awards ceremony



Hundreds of communities have been honored since 2009

# The Florida Communities of Excellence 2015 Awards Categories



## GREEN

**Water Conservation**  
(Indoor and Outdoor)  
Water management and conservation programs

**Energy Efficiency**  
Energy management and conservation programs

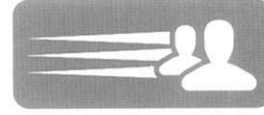
**Florida-Friendly Landscaping™**  
Environmentally sound landscape, wetland, preserve, and lake management policies



## SAFETY

**Disaster Preparedness**  
Protecting lives and property, as well as restoration in the aftermath of an emergency

**Safety & Security**  
Programs to deter crime and ensure the safety of residents and property within the community



## ENGAGEMENT

**Civic Volunteerism & Advocacy**  
Supporting local and regional non-profit and charitable causes.

**Communications & Community**  
Promoting positive community relations

**Family Friendly Programs & Initiatives**  
Promoting family participation and well-being



## FINANCIAL

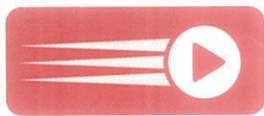
**Financial Innovation**  
Policies and procedures to ease financial burdens during challenging economic times

**“The Comeback Kid”**  
Recognizing communities that developed and implemented successful turnaround programs by revitalizing distressed properties



## TRENDSETTER

**Trendsetter Awards**  
Innovation in any area not covered in the existing categories



## VIDEO

**Community Video Showcase — New Category**  
No medium showcases the beauty, spirit and vitality of our communities like video. With the growing use of video, we are expanding the Video Showcase. This year the top three videos, as selected by our panel of judges, will be shown at the Awards gala. Like last year, the maximum length is two minutes. Details on how to submit are available on [CommunitiesofExcellence.net](http://CommunitiesofExcellence.net). And if you entered last year, when we did this as an experiment to see if you were interested — you were! — you can enter the same video, if you wish, this year.

## Key Dates

- October 15, 2014 ▶ Submission process opens/Updated Web site
- January 31, 2015 ▶ Deadline for submissions (Midnight ET)
- April, 2015 ▶ Finalists announced
- May 15, 2015 ▶ Finalists and Winners honored: Conference & Awards Gala, Weston (Broward County)