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## **‘Sheroes’ to be recognized during City’s annual MLK celebration**

*Senior Luncheon January 19 will feature female heroes*

### **CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH**

The City’s 2012 annual Martin Luther King, Jr. schedule of events has been announced and there’s something new on the calendar: Sheroes.

For the first time, the City will honor its ‘sheroes’—those female heroes who have worked tirelessly to make their community a better place. Awardees will be honored during the MLK Senior Luncheon, to be held at noon on Thursday, January 19 at Newcomb Hall, located at the Municipal Marina, 180 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street.

The luncheon is free and open to the public, but attendees must request an invitation by calling the Department of Human Resources at 561-840-4880.

Sheroes are the backbone of the City, according to Councilwoman Billie E. Brooks, who suggested the focus. Often, they have done their duties without much fanfare, sometimes alone, or behind a more recognized man. They are volunteers, business owners, civic leaders and community activists.

The idea came to Councilwoman Brooks last year when she noticed that most of the people receiving accolades during Black History Month were men.

“I thought it was critical to recognize these women for the important and sometimes unsung work they’ve done for the City, for all of us,” she said.

Women must be age 55 or older and residents of the City for at least 10 years. Councilwoman Brooks and a selection committee will choose awardees. Nominations are to be received by Monday, January 9, 2011.

Other scheduled MLK activities are: Gala Parade, 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 14; Youth Praise Dance Extravaganza, 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 13 at Tate Recreation Center; and the Gospel program, 6 p.m. Saturday, January 21 at Suncoast High School auditorium. All events are free and open to the public.

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