

# NEWS RELEASE



**For Immediate Release: December 7, 2011**

**Contact: Legislative Aide Marian Dozier, 561-845-4032, 628-5835**

## **Book Club kids rewarded for hard work with ‘Breakfast with Santa’**

Dozens of young children in the BEE Brilliant Book Club will attend a Christmas party, eat pancakes and open gifts from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011, thanks to Councilman Shelby L. Lowe and Bridges at Riviera Beach, a non-profit program of the Children’s Services Council.

They will be attending “Breakfast with Santa” — a reward for their hard work and success at reading comprehension and social development through the club. And yes, Santa will be there!

The pancake breakfast will be held at the Lindsey Davis Community Center, located at 1550 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Street (aka R.J. Hendley Avenue) on the City’s north end. More than 35 children in grades pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, along with their parents, are expected.

One highlight of the event: the children will decorate the Davis Center’s nearly-bare Christmas tree as a surprise treat for the senior citizens who participate in a community program there.

“A lot of these kids probably don’t even have trees at homes themselves, so this should be really fun for them,” said LaShonda McHome-Ross, Bridges’ outreach coordinator.

Councilman Lowe donated funding to purchase the decorations and the gifts because he liked that, in order for the children to participate in the book club, their parents had to be involved.

“They understand the importance of family,” he said of Bridges’ programming. “That connectedness is missing from the lives of a lot of children today and it needs to be restored in order for them to be successful in school—in whatever they want to do.”

### **CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH**

#### **Office of the City Council**

600 West Blue Heron Boulevard  
Riviera Beach, Florida 33404  
(561) 845-4095  
Fax: (561) 863-3236

#### **Mayor**

Thomas A. Masters

#### **City Council**

Judy L. Davis (Dist. 2), *Chair*  
Billie E. Brooks (Dist. 1), *Pro-Tem*  
Cedrick A. Thomas (Dist. 3)  
Dawn S. Pardo (Dist. 4)  
Shelby L. Lowe (At-Large)

#### **City Manager**

Ruth C. Jones

#### **City Attorney**

Pamala Hanna Ryan

#### **City Clerk**

Carrie E. Ward, MMC

### **RIVIERA BEACH**

*“The Best Waterfront City  
In Which To Live,  
Work, And Play”*