

Boynton Beach Offers H.E.L.P.

BOYNTON BEACH -- The City of Boynton Beach offers a waiver, or deferred payment, through H.E.L.P. (Hardship Extension Loan Program), to qualified resident property owners who may have difficulty paying the FY18/19 annual Fire Assessment fee

of \$120.

Eligible homeowners include:

- Residential property owners who meet the 2018 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines;
- Residential property owners who are exempt

from ad valorem taxes because they are totally disabled veterans; a surviving spouse of a totally disabled veteran; disabled veterans confined to a wheelchair; or totally, or permanently, disabled;

- Residential property owners that qualify for

the additional Homestead Exemption for persons 65 and over; and

- Residential property owners that are qualified under the Florida Homestead Property Tax Deferral Act.

Residents may apply for assistance by downloading

and competing a H.E.L.P. application, available on the City's website online at boynton-beach.org/fire/fire-assessment-fee. Hard copies are available at City Hall (3301 Quantum Blvd.), Customer Service and Police Department Substation (209 N. Seacrest Blvd.), Boynton Beach City Library (115 N. Federal Hwy.), Carolyn Sims Center (225 N.W. 12th Ave.), Ezell Hes-

ter Community Center (1901 N. Seacrest Blvd.), Intracoastal Park (2240 N. Federal Hwy.), and the Senior Center (1021 S. Federal Hwy.).

A completed application and any required documents must be filed with the City of Boynton Beach no later than October 18, to be considered. For questions, call the Finance Department at 561-742-6310.

Palm Beach Poetry Festival for HS Students

Blaise Allen, Ph.D., the Director of Community Outreach for the Palm Beach Poetry Festival, announced October 3 that the non-profit organization has launched its annual Palm Beach County High School Poetry Contest, in partnership with Old School Square in Delray Beach

Now through December 1, any Palm Beach County public or private high school student can submit one original poem (30 lines maximum) for consideration. Original poems should be submitted by email before midnight on December 1 to: PBPF1@aol.com. For contest rules, visit online at www.palm-beachpoetryfestival.org.

The winning poet will receive \$200, and the four runner-up high school poets will each receive \$100. In addition, all five winning teen poets will read their poems at the Festival's Award Ceremony on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019, where they will have the opportunity of meeting and having their pictures taken with nearly a dozen of America's most distinguished and award-winning poets. In addition, the winning poems will be published online on the Festival's official website.

The judge for the annual High School Poetry Contest will once again be Dr. Jeff Morgan of Lynn University's Department of English in Boca Raton.

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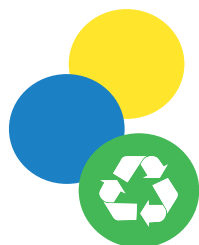
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