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City planning Fair Housing Open House

April 7, 2015— In recognition of Fair Housing Month, the City of Deltona's Housing & Community Development Office is planning a Fair Housing Open House to educate residents about their housing rights and responsibilities. The Open House will be from 4 to 7 p.m., April 14, at Deltona City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd.

Residents will be able to explore why they may have been turned away from renting or purchasing a home, explore which housing option is best for their families, understand their credit score and how to repair and maintain it and understand fair housing rights.

Federal, state and local fair housing laws protect people from discrimination in housing transactions such as rentals, sales, lending and insurance. Fair housing standards include the right to choose housing without discrimination. For instance a house or apartment with a "no pet policy" may be required to allow a visually impaired tenant to keep a guide dog. Fair housing means having the right to choose the housing that best meets the needs of residents without outside preferences and stereotypes being imposed. Fair housing ensures access for everyone.

At the Open House, residents will have the opportunity to engage a wide range of professionals on various housing topics. Attorneys, realtors, bankers and more will be on hand, providing credit information, legal advice and financial information. City staff will explain current owner-occupied repair programs and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Fifth Third Bank is bringing their Financial Empowerment Mobile or "eBus" which will allow residents access to professional financial advice and guidance.

Free hot dogs, snacks and beverages will be provided.

The event is sponsored by TD Bank, Fairwinds Credit Union, Southern Title, Fifth Third Bank, Walmart and Publix.