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## **CITY OF TYBEE ISLAND**

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### **Leadership Tybee Program Completes Inaugural Series**

Tybee Island, GA – (January 27, 2011) The Leadership Tybee program has completed its first series of sessions, with the graduating teams giving their results presentations on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the City's Guard House, on Van Horne at North Campbell.

The presentations will be preceded by an informal reception beginning at 6:00 PM, with the formal agenda beginning at 7:00 PM and running until approximately 8:30 PM. City Council members and City Hall staff will attend, as well as the participants in the Leadership Tybee program. The public is invited to hear more about the program and about the efforts of each of the teams involved in the program.

As part of the Leadership Tybee experience, participants created projects intended to have immediate impact on the quality of life on Tybee Island, and they will be summarizing their results during brief presentations at this meeting. In addition to working on their projects, participants also attended monthly training sessions covering various topics related to leadership and community involvement since their first meeting in February of 2010.

Modeled on other leadership programs, such as Leadership Savannah, the Leadership Tybee series was sponsored both by the City of Tybee Island and by a grant from the Fanning Institute at the University of Georgia.

*About Tybee Island, GA.: The City of Tybee Island, Georgia is on the outermost barrier island off the Savannah area coast. With a wild bird sanctuary, over three miles of ocean beaches, and salt marshes on the back river, outdoor recreation activities abound for visitors to the island. As a key defense point to the important Savannah port, Tybee's Fort Screven, Tybee Fort Theater, Fort Pulaski, and the Tybee Island and Cockspur Lighthouses combine with the unique architectures of the island's raised cottages to form a rich backdrop for history buffs. Attracting a strong artistic community, there are several local supporting art galleries. Keeping the island interesting year round are several arts festivals, the Annual Pirate Fest, the Beach Bum Parade, St Patrick's Day celebrations, the Hot Rod Run, the Beach Bash, and the Christmas Parade, as well as fireworks displays on Independence and New Year's Days off the Walter W. Parker Pier and Pavilion. The Marine Science Center cooperates with Georgia's DNR to protect threatened sea turtle species by searching for nests, protecting their eggs, and making sure hatchlings make it to sea. For visitor information, stop by <http://www.tybeevisit.com/>, and to find more about the City of Tybee Island, visit our web site at <http://www.cityoftybee.org/>.*

*About Leadership Tybee: Conceived as a program to make sure new community leaders are groomed from within the local community, the program was created to follow the guidelines for support of the Fanning Institute's Community Leadership Program. The program began in February, 2010.*

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