

Rae Carole Armstrong
Mayor, City of Plantation, 1999-2011
City Council Member, 1983-1999

Rae Carole Armstrong has dedicated more than half of her professional life to making the lives of the citizens of Plantation richer, healthier, safer and more fulfilled through her promotion and support of neighborhood improvement plans, dedicated open space, local athletic leagues, multi-use recreation trails, tree planting programs, state of the art public safety departments, educational partnerships, improved communication tools and more.

Regarded as one of Plantation's most successful and beloved elected officials, she began her public career in 1983 as Plantation's first female Council Member. She was elected Mayor in 1999 and held that position for three terms, deciding to retire in March 2011.

During her tenure as Mayor, she championed a number of initiatives that have improved the City's business, recreation and communication opportunities, including:

- ◆ a neighborhood revitalization program targeting older neighborhoods
- ◆ a multi-million dollar expansion and renovation of Plantation Central Park
- ◆ the Plantation Gateway, Plantation Midtown and Plantation Technology Park business districts,
- ◆ catalytic investment grants to improve the State Road 7/441 corridor
- ◆ leading the efforts to preserve open space, which led to the development of Plantation Preserve Golf Course and Club
- ◆ opening new parks and facilities including Jim Ward Community Center, Plantation Equestrian Center, Volunteer Park Community Center, Camp Everglades, Plantation Woods and dozens of neighborhood passive parks
- ◆ expanding the Police Department to improve efficiency, operations and communications
- ◆ two unprecedented land swaps with the School Board of Broward County, which led to the development of the Jim Ward Community Center, and land to develop a park in Plantation Acres.

It is a real source of pride for Mayor Armstrong that so many residents who were raised in Plantation, have decided to call it "home" when deciding where to raise their children.

Mayor Armstrong is a well-respected educator and administrator, instructing and counseling many of Plantation's youth during her tenure at American Heritage School. Those qualities that made her such a successful educator, also made her a successful public servant. She also has a business background in construction and real estate.

Mayor Armstrong earned her Bachelor's in Mathematics and Education from Agnes Scott College. She has held leadership positions in the Plantation Junior Woman's Club, Plantation Woman's Club, Plantation Athletic League, Greater Plantation Chamber of Commerce, Plantation Cultural Arts Board of Trustees, Broward County Affordable Housing Board (SHIP), Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Water Advisory Board, and the Broward League of Cities.

Mayor Rae Carole Armstrong has resided in Plantation for over 40 years. She is married to Tom Armstrong and has three children and five grandchildren.