

News for Neighborhoods

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - April 2008



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HYBRID VEHICLES HELP MAKE DELRAY BEACH CLEAN AND GREEN

With the support of Delray Beach Mayor Rita Ellis and the City Commission, the City is researching ways to become more environmentally friendly. Many initiatives are already being practiced within various departments. Replacement of fluorescent bulbs with energy efficient fixtures, thermostat monitoring, installation of motion sensors that turn off lights in rooms when not in use, recycling debris from the demolition of city buildings and the formation of a Green Task Force all contribute to conservation efforts.

The City has also incorporated the use of hybrid-electric vehicles (HEVs) in its daily operations. As of this date, two city staff members are driving HEVs. Community Improvement Director Lula Butler states, "I have been pleasantly surprised with the performance of the Toyota Prius. It has lots of pickup and I am getting 450+ miles per tank. This is great especially since most of my driving is stop and go around town; it certainly is a cost savings to the City. Plus, lots of folks stop me and compliment the City for taking the initiative to buy hybrids, so it's great public relations too."

The purchase of three additional hybrid vehicles is under consideration. According to Environmental Services Director Richard Hasko, HEVs will be assigned to areas where they will have the most impact.

Hybrid vehicles combine the benefits of gasoline engines and electric motors. They conserve energy, save money and help the environment through greater fuel economy and lower emissions. Delray Beach will continue to explore and implement other environmentally friendly initiatives.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at (561) 243-7190.



*Community Improvement
Director Lula Butler drives
a City Hybrid Vehicle*

MAYOR'S LITERACY INITIATIVE SUPPORTS READ TOGETHER 2008 CAMPAIGN



On February 25, 2008, the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition announced the book for its countywide reading campaign, *Read Together Palm Beach County... One Book, One Community*. This year's literary selection is "*The Memory Keeper's Daughter*" by Kim Edwards.

An avid reader, Mayor Rita Ellis is leading the city's effort to highlight the importance of literacy in the community. As part of the Mayor's Literacy Initiative, the City

will host a book discussion at City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue, on April 22nd. All are welcome to join Mayor Ellis at noon in the first floor conference room for an invigorating dialogue and exchange of ideas on this powerful novel. Bring a brown bag lunch.

For more information on the Read Together 2008 Campaign, visit the website www.palmbeachpost.com/readtogether or call the PBC Literacy Coalition at (800) 273-1030.

Books will be available to check out at the Delray Beach Public Library.



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES APRIL 2008

April 1

City Commission Regular Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
(561) 243-7000

April 12

Public Safety Day
Atlantic Community High School
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Info: (561) 441-0416

April 12

Circle on the Square
Old School Square
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7922

April 12

Take it Easel
Pineapple Grove Arts District
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Info: (561) 279-1380

April 13

Performances in the Park
Veterans Park
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7277

April 14

Sister Cities International
Showcase of Young Artists
Old School Square Crest Theatre
Exhibit runs thru May 18
Info: (561) 243-7922

April 15

City Commission Regular Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
(561) 243-7000

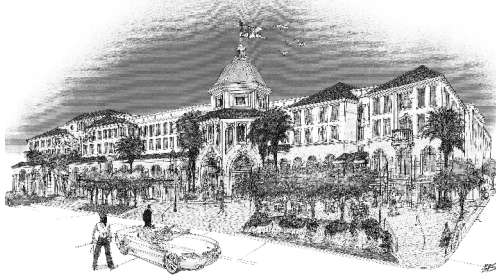
April 19

Spady Cultural Heritage Museum
Annual Spring Gala
Delray Beach Marriott Hotel
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 279-8883

April 19 - 20

Asian Food Fair and Cultural Show
Old School Square
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Info: (561) 876-2255

OLD LIBRARY SITE TO BECOME DOWNTOWN HOTEL



Artist's Rendering of Downtown Hotel

Thousands of visitors come to Downtown Delray Beach each year, drawn by art festivals, cultural activities, special events, tennis tournaments, and holiday celebrations. Often they have to stay in neighboring towns due to the limited number of hotel rooms in Delray. That is about to change.

The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has signed a contract with Old Library Development, LLC to build a hotel in the heart of downtown, between SE 4th Avenue and southbound Federal Highway, a half-block from East Atlantic Avenue. The property is the site of the former public library and the Chamber of Commerce offices. The plans call for a first class, 100-plus room hotel, up to 50,000 square feet of office space, and 30,000 square feet of restaurants and retail

shops. The project also includes a shared public/private parking garage to replace the existing parking lot. The Chamber of Commerce will be relocated to the ground floor of the Old School Square parking garage on NE 1st Street.

“This project will be a great boost to the Delray Beach economy,” said CRA Executive Director Diane Colonna, noting that the development is projected to create approximately 250 permanent jobs.

The developer, Old Library Development, LLC, is comprised of three major companies, each of which has a different expertise that will help make the project a success. Two of the companies have roots right here in Delray Beach: Ocean Properties, Ltd. is one of the nation’s largest hotel and resort franchisers, and Coastal Design & Development Group is an experienced real estate developer. Joining them is London-based Blackfriars Investments Limited, which will give the project an international appeal. Construction will begin following the permitting and approval process, which is expected to take about 18 months.

For more information, contact the CRA office at (561) 276-8640 or Coastal Design and Development Group at (561) 272-3419.

EVERY DAY IS EARTH DAY IN DELRAY BEACH



On April 19, 2008, Delray Beach will join cities across the nation to celebrate Earth Day with a beach cleanup. The City, together with the Sandoway House Nature Center, encourages residents to participate by gathering at the Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, at 9:00 am. Special activities and events will commence one hour later.

The city will provide gloves, garbage bags and litter sticks for trash removal. Free baseball caps, water and snacks will be distributed while supplies last. Volunteers are able to earn community service hours.

Earth Day focuses on the importance of the health of our environment. It celebrates the progress made to protect the planet and explores new venues to safeguard our natural resources. Delray boasts some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. It’s up to us to ensure our sandy shores are protected from harmful debris and waste.

Make plans with friends and family to take part in this wonderful and rewarding event. For more information, please call Jennifer Buce at (561) 243-7138 or Nicole Householder at (561) 243-7263.



CITIZEN SERVICE REQUESTS

Phone: (561) 243-7012

Online: www.mydelraybeach.com

To report a problem, ask a question, offer a comment or file a complaint.

City of Character Trait of the Month: **CITIZENSHIP**



Do your share to make school and community better. Cooperate. Get involved in community affairs. Stay informed. Vote. Be a good neighbor. Obey laws and rules. Respect authority. Protect the environment.