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CITY OF DELRAY BEACH — MAY 2004

## CITY OF DELRAY BEACH IS A FINALIST FOR 2004 "CITY OF EXCELLENCE" AWARD

The Florida League of Cities recently announced that the City of Delray Beach is one of six finalists for its inaugural Florida City of Excellence Award. The other finalists include Coral Springs, Ocala, Port Orange, St. Petersburg and the Village of Wellington. All finalists were in competition with municipalities throughout the State, regardless of size. The final award ceremonies will be held June 26, 2004 at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando where winners in the following nine categories will be announced: Mayor of the Year, City Spirit Award, Council Member of the Year, City Clerk of the Year, City Attorney of the Year, City Manager of the Year, Finance Official of the Year, City Employee of the Year and the Florida City of Excellence award. Delray Beach has also been nominated in the Mayor of the Year and City Employee of the Year categories.

Dottie Reeder, Florida League of Cities president and Mayor of Seminole said, "These cities are a fine example of the best in our State. They serve as prototypical role models to other dedicated cities across the State and indeed the nation."

The program is designed to focus public attention on all the good things cities do to improve the quality of life in Florida and honor outstanding service by city leaders and their staff officials for a job well done.

The Florida City of Excellence Award recognizes overall excellence in a city government. Delray Beach was nominated after being judged on a number of criteria including: governance and administration, city leadership, intergovernmental cooperation, citizen outreach and involvement, technology, innovative programs and services and fiscal management.

Mayor Jeff Perlman expressed his appreciation for the nomination by saying, "Delray Beach has received a lot of honors and attention over the past decade which speaks to the efforts of so many people in the community, both inside and outside of City Hall. Our success has been the success of our whole town and every resident, every business, and every employee of the City can take pride in that."

The Florida League of Cities, Inc. is the official organization of the municipal governments in Florida, established to meet and serve the needs of Florida's municipal officials.



Just a few of the over 200,000 folks who dropped by for the Delray Affair which was one of the best in years. Photo: Rick Sherameta /AlpenGlow Productions

## DELRAY BEACH CELEBRATES 6TH ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA AT OLD SCHOOL SQUARE

The Hispanic community in Delray Beach invited one and all to join in their 6th Annual Cinco De Mayo Fiesta celebration held Saturday, May 1, 2004 at Old School Square from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. Cinco De Mayo is the traditional holiday that marks the triumph of Mexico over their French invaders on May 5, 1862.

Live music was provided by the La Senal, El grupo Inmenzzo, Brazzero and Mariachi San Marcos. Mexican fare included Tacos, Tamales, Goditas and fresh waters of all different tastes from pineapple to coconut. Children enjoyed swinging at Piñatas and applying colorful face painting. Folklorico, Cumbia and Aztec Indian dances were performed with the crowd joining in.

Janie Ramirez, chairperson for the event, was delighted with the many residents of Delray Beach who took part and became better acquainted with a growing Hispanic community. "We are Mexican Americans, living and working here. Each of us has something important to share and celebrate." says Ramirez, a 31 year resident of Delray Beach. [MyDelrayBeach.com](http://MyDelrayBeach.com)

### AFTER THE STORM" SPECIAL ON THE WEATHER CHANNEL - VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR DELRAY BEACH RESIDENTS

On Sunday, May 9, 2004, at 8:30 pm and 11:30 pm and again on Saturday, June 26th at 8:30 pm, a 1/2 hour special, "After The Storm" will show how polluted runoff threatens watersheds highly valued for recreation, commercial fisheries, navigation, and drinking water. This program was produced by the EPA and the Weather Channel.



The City of Delray Beach Police and Fire-Rescue Departments accept checks totaling \$42,000 from the residents of the Delaire Country Club raised at their 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Delaire has contributed well over \$400,000 to the City through the years for live-saving and communications equipment. That event also supports Delray Citizens for Delray Police. Left to right: Harvey Lurie, Dan Bernheim of Delaire, Police Chief Schroeder, Fire Chief Koen, Perry Donfrancisco, President of Delray Citizens for Delray Police.



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**DELRAY BEACH OPENS ITS HEART, CLOSETS, AND CUPBOARDS TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY**

The City of Delray Beach in cooperation with Joint Venture and the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce urges all residents to take part in a clothing and food drive that will begin May 1, 2004 and continue through the entire month of May. Serviceable clothing, shoes, toys, books, and non-perishable foods (canned or dried) will be distributed to hundreds of families throughout the City.

Drop off locations are: Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce (64A SE 5th Avenue), City Hall (100 NW 1st Avenue), Veteran's Park Community Center, Pompey Park, Delray Beach and Palm Beach County Libraries, Haitian American Community Council (600 N Congress Avenue), The Trouser Shop and Vince Canning Shoes (East Atlantic Avenue) Hands Stationers (East Atlantic Avenue), Village Foundation (SW 12th Avenue), N. Reagan & Co. (Atlantic Plaza), Jersey Mike's subs (NE 5th Avenue) and Caring Kitchen (NW 8th Avenue).

This is the eighth year that the community has been asked to Open Your Heart, Open Your Closet, Open Your Cupboard. Sponsors of this charitable event include the Delray Times, Sunny 104.3 FM, Adelphia, and the Community Food Pantry Program. For more information, please call Theresa Travatello at (561) 279-1380, ext. 17.



*Jane Meeks, Education Coordinator, Lula Butler, Director of Community Improvement, Vice-Mayor Alberta McCarthy and Deputy Vice-Mayor Jon Levinson hosting a Neighborhood Advisory dinner.*



*Morikami students visit Delray Beach Police and Fire-Rescue Departments.*

**Delray Beach Cultural Loop Trolley Tours on 2nd Saturday of the Month. 3rd Tour time added for May 8th. Trolley Tours will start again in July on NEW dates, times and locations**

The next Cultural Loop Trolley Tour is Saturday, May 8th from 11am - 2pm. Two tours are conducted at 11:15am and 12:30pm. A 3rd tour starting on 1:45pm, on May 8th, has just been added. Advance reservations will not be taken for the 1:45pm and will be done on-site, on the day of the tour, on a first come, first serve basis. On-site registration starts at 10:00am at Worthing Park located at East Atlantic Avenue and the corner on S.E. 2nd Avenue/Pineapple Way, Delray Beach, Florida

The riders' fee is \$2.00 per person for adults and free for teens and children 18 and under. Charlene Farrington-Jones, Program Manager for EPOCH/S.D.. Spady Cultural Arts Museum and Lori J. Durante of the Delray Beach Cultural Loop are the tour guides on Saturday, May 8th. For more information, please call (561) 243-2662.



*The most recent Resident's Academy graduates honored at City Hall. The next Residents Academy is scheduled for October 7, 2004. Applications available on the City web-site: mydelraybeach.com*

**DIVORCE AND SEPARATION GROUP PROVIDES SUPPORT**

A Twelve Step Separation and Divorce Recovery Group meets the first Thursday of every month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Delray Beach Community Center just adjacent to City Hall at 50 NW 1st Avenue. This is a free service to those who want counsel and guidance through a difficult period in their lives. For more information, please call Carol Staigle, MS, LMHC, at (561) 637-6622.

**Sister Cities Safari Dinner**



*Over 140 attended the Sister Cities Safari Dinner benefiting the Sister Cities student exchange with Moshi, Tanzania and raising money for the Moshi Library.*



*Ilonka Browne, wife of Dallas Browne, Consul for the Republic of Tanzania, chatting with Vice-Mayor Alberta McCarthy at the Sister Cities event.*



*Former Mayor David Schmidt and Chair of this year's Sister Cities Twilight Safari Dinner and Delray Beach pioneer, Rosetta Rolle.*

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