

News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - March 2009



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RESIDENTS EXCHANGE IDEAS AT ANNUAL CITIZEN'S ROUNDTABLE

On January 27, 2009, citizens came together at Old School Square to exchange ideas on City issues during the 2009 Annual Citizen's Roundtable. Presentations by Planning and Zoning Chairperson Paul Zacks, Community Redevelopment Agency Chairperson Frank Wheat and City Manager David T. Harden provided information on projects that were completed in 2008, and that are currently underway or in the planning stages. Afterwards, residents gathered in the Old School Square Gymnasium for Roundtable discussions.



2009 Annual Citizen's Roundtable was held at Old School Square on January 27, 2009.

With City officials facilitating, participants broke into nine groups. Each group was asked to provide answers to four questions that focused on City issues. The outcome of the discussions produced ideas and suggestions to resolve some of these issues including:

- 1. Suggestions to Address Major Issues Facing the City** – *Increase Police presence in neighborhoods & business areas, continue to promote economic development.*
- 2. Infrastructure Deficiencies in Neighborhoods/Business Locations** – *Improve street lighting, repair roads & sidewalks in various neighborhoods.*
- 3. Suggestions to Improve City Programs, Services & Communication** – *Promote Downtown Roundabout shuttle bus routes & schedules, increase Police visibility in neighborhoods, publicize City projects with status reports.*
- 4. Suggestions to Reduce, Eliminate or Provide City Services at a Lower Cost** – *Implement "Green Task Force" recommendations, purchase and utilize hybrid vehicles, employee hiring freeze.*

To view the 2009 Annual Citizen's Roundtable summary report, presentations and video, visit www.mydelraybeach.com and select "2009 State of the City of Delray Beach".

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION OFFERS NEW GRANT PROGRAM



The City of Delray Beach's Neighborhood Services Division is proud to announce the "Neighborhood Identification Grant" program, which will award \$3,600 to three (3) residential neighborhood associations that are interested in enhancing the overall appearance of their communities. The awarded grant funding (max. of \$1,200 per grant award) may only be utilized to support the development of new signage and/or improve existing community signage. All organized neighborhoods within the City of Delray Beach are eligible to apply.

Submitted applications will be evaluated by the Grant Sub-Committee based upon specific goals including reinforcing neighborhood identity, promoting resident involvement and demonstrating an economic need for signage that would not be possible without grant funding.

Grant guidelines and applications are available at City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue, the Neighborhood Resource Center, 141 SW 12th Avenue, and online at www.mydelraybeach.com.

Completed application packages must be received by the City of Delray Beach Neighborhood Advisory Council, c/o Jennifer Costello, Neighborhood Planner, 100 NW 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444 by March 27, 2009 no later than 5:00 pm. Award recipients will be announced on April 20th.

For more information, contact Jennifer Costello at (561) 243-7228.

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
MARCH - APRIL 2009**

March 11

Connecting Community and Culture
Lecture Series
Delray Beach Public Library
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Info: (561) 279-8883

March 14

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Party
Atlantic Avenue
11:00 AM – 7:30 PM
Parade begins at 2:00 PM
Info: (561) 279-0907

March 16 – 17

Broadway Cabaret Series
Crest Theatre, Old School Square
8:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7922 ext 1

March 17

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

March 19

Marlins Spring Training Day Trip
Roger Dean Stadium
(Bus departs from Veterans Park)
11:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7350

March 22

DBHS Lecture Series
Presenting Florida History
Delray Beach Public Library
2:00 PM
Info: (561) 274-9578

March 26

City of Delray Beach
Annual Organizational Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

March 26

Savor the Avenue
Downtown Delray Beach
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Info: (561) 279-1380

April 4

Fire-Rescue Open House
Station 2, 35 Andrews Avenue
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7456



CITY PROJECT UPDATES AND REMINDERS



- **FDOT Road Projects** – Road construction on Atlantic Avenue at two (2) locations: Via Flora to McNab & NW/SW 12th Avenue to A1A. Work includes milling, resurfacing, signalization upgrades, sidewalk curb ramp replacement to meet ADA standards, necessary storm water drainage improvements, beautification between NW/SW 12th Avenue and NW/SW 6th Avenue and widening at the intersection of W Atlantic Avenue and Congress Avenue. Daily lane & road closures expected throughout the construction period (detours have been set up to assist motorists). Road construction at both locations expected to be completed Fall/Winter 2009. For more information visit the FDOT website at: www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/district4pio/palmbeach.shtm
- **Converting NE & SE 1st Streets to Two-Way Traffic** – The City has been working with Palm Beach County and FDOT to convert NE & SE 1st Streets from “one way” traffic to accommodate “two way” traffic to enhance the area’s traffic circulation. The County is now awaiting permit approval from FDOT. In addition, the City must obtain the necessary property easements (using standards that will be provided by the County) that will support the new signalization poles before the project’s construction may start.
- **Reclaimed Water System Expansion** - The City is making great efforts in expanding its reclaimed water system for landscape irrigation use. Use of reclaimed water reduces the demand on our potable (drinking) water system. Last year, the City completed installation of the reclaimed transmission main to generally serve the area south of Atlantic Avenue and west of I-95. We are now planning to provide reclaimed water to the Barrier Island, Atlantic Avenue north to Beach Drive. Transmission and distribution main piping will begin construction in April-May 2009 with expected completion in mid-August 2009. Customers will begin connecting to the system in Fall 2009. The remaining areas on the Barrier Island are planned for construction over the next 3 years dependent upon available funding.
- **Old School Square Retail Space & Park** – The City has recently received property appraisals and selected real estate brokers to begin selling the retail space(s) on the 1st floor of the new parking garage. In addition, the City Commission has recently approved the Park’s Master Plan and staff is preparing to begin design of the first phase improvements shortly.
- **West Atlantic Avenue Beautification** - The City and the Community Redevelopment Agency are working with FDOT (concurrent with the ongoing Atlantic Avenue resurfacing project) to beautify and improve the corridor between 6th and 12th Avenues.
- **City of Delray Beach Budget Process** – Scheduled to begin in March.

DELRAY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME TIPS NUMBER

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO REPORT CRIME

The Delray Beach Police Department is asking residents to call in tips on “delayed” crimes using the Crime Tips Number (561) 243-7839.

This number is not to be used to report crimes in progress nor is it to replace 911. Callers are asked to leave a recorded message with information related to a crime *that has already occurred*.

Reporting criminal activity is critical even when the crime has already been committed. Crime tips can lead to the arrest and conviction of an offender.

For more information, contact Officer Jeff Messer at (561) 243-7841.



Daylight Savings Time is March 8th. Don't forget to “spring forward” and change your clocks and smoke alarm battery!



**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.



Character Pillar of the Month: FAIRNESS

Play by the rules. Take turns and share. Be open-minded, listen to others. Treat others in a manner that does not take advantage of them. Take responsibility for your behavior and act with care and consideration.