

News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - MARCH 2006



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City Website: MyDelrayBeach.Com

CITY MANAGER ANSWERS INQUIRY REGARDING CITY FINANCES

Some city residents have expressed concern regarding the amount of debt held by the City of Delray Beach. David T. Harden, City Manager, has provided the following assurances:

"According to our last audit, our total debt, not including the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) is \$92,000,000. With annual revenues of \$140,000,000 this year, debt of \$92 million hardly seems out of line. How many individuals have total debt of less than one times their annual income?"

More objectively, according to *BUDGETING: A GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT*, published by the International City Management Association and the guideline used by the credit rating industry, is that debt service should not exceed 20% of the operating budget. Communities that are experiencing little or no population growth

should reduce their debt service obligation to 15% or less of their operating budget.

Approaching our (City of Delray Beach) finances conservatively, we have adopted the 15% standard even though our tax base has been showing strong growth. Our actual general fund debt service for the last two years has been less than 6%. Our bond ratings are also telling. Our bonds have an underlying rating of A1 for General Obligation Bonds, A for Utility Tax Bonds and A+ for Water and Sewer Bonds."

For more detail on the governance and financial status of Delray Beach, please refer to the Delray Beach 2006 Annual Report available on the City's web site: MyDelrayBeach.com Copies of the published report are also available in the lobby of City Hall.

FOURTH ANNUAL DELRAY BEACH HOME TOUR VISITS HISTORIC ABODES

The Lake Ida neighborhoods and historic Swinton Avenue harbor some of Delray's most treasured homes. The tour takes place on Thursday, March 9th, starting from 10:00 AM and ending at 4:00 PM. Tickets for the tour are \$75.00 to visit 8 homes; valet parking, lunch and trolley transportation between homes is provided. All proceeds go to benefit the Community Child Care Center in Delray Beach. For tickets and more information, please call (561) 276-0520 ext 115.



CALLING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

If you are the President, Chairperson or a board member of your home or condo association, the City's Neighborhood Advisory Council wants you. The Council will be hosting a special Italian dinner for Neighborhood Association Presidents in April to discuss the new Neighborhood Resource Center. The Center is intended to be a local clearing house for community information and a meeting place for neighborhoods to exchange ideas and cooperate on mutually beneficial events. Don't miss this opportunity. Call today and leave a message at (561) 243-7231 or send an e-mail to us at meeksj@ci.delray-beach.fl.us and give us your name, current address (association contact) phone numbers and e-mail address.



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Delray Beach Calendar of Events & Activities

March - April 2006

March 8 - 12

Delray Beach Film Festival

Gala // Golf Tournament
Surfing Contests
Screenings & Forums
Info: (561) 637-3294

March 14

Municipal Election

March 16

Crest Theatre Lecture Series
Peter Bogdanovich Film
Director & Author
2:00 pm Old School Square

Cornell Museum Opening
Annual Gathering
Of Kuumba
15 Local African-American
Artists
Old School Square
Info: (561) 243-7922

March 18 - 19

13th Annual Asian Festival
Cultural Programs
Asian Bazaar 11:30 am
Old School Square
Info: (561) 351-5019

March 21

City Commission Meeting
City Hall 6:00 pm
Commission Chambers

March 26

Atlantic Avenue 2006 Jazz
Concert Series
Debbie Spring Jazz Quartet
Free Concert 2:00 pm
Delray Beach Public Library
Info: (561) 266-0194

April 2

Palm Beach Performance
In The Park
Veterans Park 3:00 pm
Info: (561) 243-7277

April 8

2nd Annual Circle On The
Square Food And Wine Gala
Culinary Delights From Some
Of Delray's Finest Restaurants
Old School Square Pavilion
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Proceeds Benefit Crest Theatre
Info: (561) 243-7922 ext, 310

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GRAMMY WINNER, DELBERT MCCLINTON IN CONCERT AT DELRAY BEACH STADIUM & TENNIS CENTER IN APRIL

Delbert McClinton is a three time Grammy Award winner with his most recent honor coming at the 2006 Grammy Awards for Best Contemporary Blues Album. McClinton will perform in concert in Delray Beach on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at the Delray Beach Stadium and Tennis Center located on Atlantic Avenue and NW 1st Avenue. Delbert McClinton first hit national



acclaim in 1962 and has been making great music for the past 4 decades, blending blues, country and blue-eyed soul. *Rolling Stone* magazine called him

"one of the living icons of genuine American music." Gates at the Tennis Center will open at 5:30 pm and the opening performance will be Miami's **Big City Blues Band** at 6:30 pm. Delbert McClinton performs at 8:30 pm. General admission, \$15.00 for bleacher seats, reserved and box seats from \$25.00 to \$40.00. Tickets available through Ticketmaster or by contacting Delray Beach Arts at (561) 279-0907. Tickets will also be available at the Tennis Center box office the day of the concert.

CATHERINE STRONG PARK TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF MARCH

Delray's newest park is just about ready for residents of all ages to enjoy. Catherine Strong Park, located at 1500 SW 6th Street, will be completed by the end of March, 2006, providing a recreational bonanza for Delray Beach. Tennis and basketball courts, wellness stations for a total body workout, playgrounds and a sensational Splash Park are the main features. Sports fields for soccer, flag football, volleyball are just some of the amenities. There are walking trails along shady tree lined lanes and picnic areas for families to enjoy. For more information, please call (561) 243-7253.

Delray Beach Parks & Recreation also announces Summer Camp Registration is now available. Summer Camp will start on June 5, 2006 for 9 weeks for children ages 5 through 12. Register at the Community Center next to City



Hall or contact Tonya Smith or Priscilla Patrick at (561) 243- 7249.

CARVER FAMILY EDUCATION CELEBRATION BIG SUCCESS

Hundreds of parents, students and teachers from Carver Community Middle School convened on January 26th to celebrate student achievements, including FCAT certificates, performances by award winning bands and academic displays which

described Carver programs for better parent understanding. Lynda Hunter from the Delray Beach Public Library was on hand to sign up students and parents for new library cards. The evening was the first of a series of Parental



Involvement programs being hosted at the school. For information on upcoming events, please call (561) 243-7231.

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