



CITY PROCLAIMS 100 DAYS OF CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS



The City of Delray Beach officially proclaimed July 2, 2011 through October 9, 2011 as the **100 Days of Centennial Celebrations** to commemorate the City's one hundred years of growth, cultural diversity and community spirit. A proclamation was issued at the June 21st City Commission meeting to acknowledge the historic incorporation of the area west of the Intracoastal Waterway, known as the Town of Delray, into a local government on October 9, 1911.

Centennial festivities will be held throughout the City until January 2012 to honor the proud heritage of Delray Beach. The community is encouraged to celebrate the past, embrace the present and welcome the future at these special events and activities. A celebration calendar and pictorial history can be viewed at www.delray100.com. For more information, contact the Centennial Committee at (561) 573-3672 or E-mail delrays100@gmail.com.

About the City of Delray Beach Centennial

From 1895 to 1898, the area west of the Intracoastal Waterway (called the "Canal" by settlers) was known as the Town of Linton. This was changed to the Town of Delray, named after the hometown of some of the early settlers, with the hope that the name "Delray" would inspire a new beginning of prosperity and growth. An election was held on October 9, 1911, resulting in fifty-six of fifty-seven votes (one abstained) in favor of incorporation. In the early 1920s, the Town Council changed the name from the Town of Delray to the City of Delray. In 1923 the land east of the Intracoastal Waterway was incorporated as Delray Beach and in 1927 the City of Delray and Delray Beach merged to form the City of Delray Beach.

FY 2012 BUDGET PRESENTS CHALLENGES

The City's tentative Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 was presented to the City Commission on July 12, 2011. Once again, **property (ad-valorem) tax valuations and revenues are expected to be 2.74% lower** than budgeted the previous year. Further, numerous other General Fund revenues are projected to be lower for the upcoming fiscal year due to decreased revenues (i.e., Gas Tax, Communications Services Tax, Franchise Fees, etc).

If there is no increase in the property tax rate, keeping the millage at the FY 2011 level (7.19 mills, excluding debt service), **property tax revenues will be reduced by \$1,485,395** from the current year (**more than \$8,284,660 over the past three years**). When combined with all other projected losses in revenues, the City would be required to **reduce its budget from the current fiscal year by \$5,459,356**. The final millage rate will be determined by the Commission following Public Hearings on September 6 & 20, 2011 (prior to the new fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2011).

In a memo to the City Commission dated July 5, 2011, City Manager David Harden presented four (4) options that may be considered to balance the FY 2012 Budget:

1. Eliminate all staff training, defer maintenance and postpone all capital improvements. While there would be little immediate effect, we would inevitably begin the slow slide back to the run down, mediocre city Delray became during the 1980's.
2. Implement short term quick fixes like employee furloughs or using more money from reserves.
3. Eliminate/reduce lower priority services to develop a service structure which is sustainable going forward.
4. Increase the property tax rate or adopt assessments or service charges to bring in additional revenue.

The City is continuing to look for ways to cut expenses and increase revenues while working to minimize the loss of programs and services and is requesting input from citizens and staff. Budget Meetings and Workshops to discuss the proposed budget will be listed on the City's website once scheduling has been finalized. In addition, the proposed FY 2012 Budget and related information will be posted online upon availability. Visit www.mydelraybeach.com and select *FY 2012 Millage Rate and Budget Adoption* on the home page for up-to-date information and/or contact the Public Information Office at (561) 243-7190 or E-mail pio@mydelraybeach.com.



PROJECTS, UPDATES & REMINDERS

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Budget & Millage Rate Adoption - A Public Hearing to consider the tentative budget and tentative millage rate will be held on September 6th in the City Hall Commission Chambers, 100 NW 1st Avenue. A Second/Final Public Hearing to establish a millage rate and adopt the FY 2012 Budget will be held at the City Commission's Regular Meeting on September 20th in the City Hall Commission Chambers. Public Hearings begin at 7:00 pm and allow time for public comment.

Mangrove Park Boat Ramp Reconstruction Project - The City Commission approved a **grant in the amount of \$102,500** with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to assist in the reconstruction of the Mangrove Park boat ramps, located at 1211 South Federal Highway. This funding, along with **grant funding provided by the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) in the amount of \$85,740 - \$188,240 total grant funding** - will assist in the reconstruction of the steep slope of the boat ramps that have been a concern of the local boating community since 2007. The ramps are expected to be closed to the public during the reconstruction project, which is estimated to be completed by the end of 2011.

Osceola Park Water Main Project Phase II - Water main infrastructure improvements in Osceola Park were approved on June 7, 2011, to be funded in the amount of \$816,492. This project replaces water mains that are up to 100 years old and will assist in enhancing water pressure as well as ensuring that the highest quality of water is received by this community. **The project is being subsidized through the City's Utilities Enterprise Fund.** Phase I of this infrastructure improvement project was completed in July 2010 and the entire project is expected to be completed by Fall/Winter 2011. For more information, contact Rafael Ballesteros, Deputy Director of Construction, at (561) 243-7297 or by E-mail at ballesteros@mydelraybeach.com.

Hilltopper Stadium & Tennis Facilities to Receive Improvements - During the June 7th City Commission meeting, the Commission authorized funding for improvements at the following facilities: **Hilltopper Stadium Sod Replacement & Weed Barrier Project: \$62,742** - The City and the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will each provide 50% of the total project cost which is estimated to be completed by August 2011. **Delray Beach Tennis Center Clay Court Resurfacing & Drainage Project: \$35,040** - Funding for this project, which is expected to be completed by August/September 2011, has been approved through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which was included in the City's approved FY 2011 budget. **Delray Beach Tennis Center & Delray Beach Swim and Tennis Club Fence Repairs: \$23,222** - Funding has been approved through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and was included in the City's approved FY 2011 budget. The project is expected to be completed by August/September 2011.

Community Gardens Standards Established - On June 7th, the City Commission approved development standards for Community Gardens (Ordinance No. 12-11). The new standards were developed by the City's Community Improvement Department following a recommendation from the City's Green Implementation Board (GIAB) as well as the 2009 Green Task Force Recommendation Report. For more information, contact Nigel Roberts, Neighborhood Services Administrator, Community Improvement Department, at (561) 243-7280 or by E-mail at robertspn@mydelraybeach.com.

Police Department Offers Safe Disposal of Expired/Unwanted Medications - The Delray Beach Police Department has installed a "Med Return" machine in its lobby, located at 300 West Atlantic Avenue, to ensure the safe and proper disposal of unwanted medications/prescription drugs. The "Med Return" machine is available to the general public during Police Department lobby hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. **This program, which was funded with Police forfeiture funds,** assists with the prevention of overuse and/or misuse of prescription drugs. For more information, contact the Police Department at (561) 243-7888.