



## CITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH - JULY 2011

The City of Delray Beach invites all citizens to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month by visiting one of our many parks and recreation facilities located throughout the community. Since 1985, America has dedicated the month of July to parks, recognizing the positive impact that these green areas have on healthy lifestyles, conservation efforts and the economy.

“Delray Beach boasts over thirty (30) parks and recreation facilities for residents and visitors to enjoy,” says Parks and Recreation Director Linda Karch. “The City takes great pride in the many programs, services and amenities that are offered year round, for all ages and every lifestyle.”

The City’s beautifully landscaped, active and passive parks feature playgrounds, nature paths, fitness trails, swimming pools and a splash park. Outdoor facilities include soccer, baseball, skateboarding and inline skating. Sports enthusiasts can also compete on well maintained tennis, basketball and racquetball courts. The Delray Beach Family Recreation and Fitness Center Playground, the newest addition to the City’s park system (located at the intersection of Lake Ida Road & Congress Avenue), is an outdoor playground equipped with accessible ramps and play features to accommodate all children regardless of physical challenges.

Delray’s municipal beaches are also a part of the City’s park system and attract over a million visitors a year for fun-in-the-sun recreation. To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to visit these award-winning beaches, the City recently purchased two (2) “Mobi-Chairs”, amphibious chairs designed for persons with disabilities that provide easy mobility and transition from sand to water.



Mobi Chair

The City has also incorporated green initiatives into its parks and recreation facilities. Recycle bins have become permanent fixtures at many of the parks. Energy-efficient lighting has been installed at the Pompey Park and Robert P. Miller Park athletic fields. Solar powered trash compactors, which reduce collection times by staff as well as the volume of waste and conserve energy, have been added to Pompey Park, the Seacrest Soccer Complex and the Robert P. Miller Park. The City’s Municipal Marina has been designated as a “Clean Marina” by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for its innovative solutions to protect the environment.

“Parks contribute to the sustainability of a community on so many levels,” states Delray Beach Sustainability Officer Rich Reade. “Several green projects are already in place in our parks that support the City’s strategic goals and provide environmentally-friendly programs.”

For more information on the City’s parks and recreation facilities, including programs and activities, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (561) 243-7250 or visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select *Parks and Recreation* under *Departments*.

### ENTER THE “ROCK YOUR PARK” PHOTO CONTEST

Enter the Parks and Recreation “Rock Your Park” photo contest! Visit your favorite Delray Beach park during the month of July and take a picture of how you *rock your park* with the “Rock Your Park” poster. The winner will receive a free pavilion rental (up to four hours) in one of the City’s parks (a list of park facilities can be found on the back of the utility bill or on the City’s website). To download a copy of the “Rock Your Park” poster and/or for contest rules, visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select *Parks and Recreation* under *Departments* or contact Danielle Beardsley at (561) 243-7277 or E-mail [beardsleyd@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:beardsleyd@mydelraybeach.com).





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# FLOOD RISK IN DELRAY BEACH



Flooding in **Delray Beach** is caused by heavy **rainfall** that occurs in short periods of time, as is common during summer thunderstorms. However, the greatest flood threats come from the excessive amounts of rainfall that accompany **coastal storms, tropical storms and hurricanes**. The natural displacement of rainwater is critical during these storms.

**Every year, flooding causes more property damage in the United States than any other type of natural disaster.** While recent construction practices and regulations have made new homes less prone to flooding, many existing structures remain susceptible. Retrofitting offers a great opportunity to avoid losses from flooding – the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space.

**There are several recognizable approaches to retrofitting, such as:**

- Elevation of the structure above flood protection levels
- Construction of barriers (flooding, berms)
- Dry flood proofing (water tight floor and wall systems)
- Wet flood proofing (permits entry and passage of flood waters)

**In the event of flood threats it is advisable to take the following emergency actions:**

- Sand-bagging to reduce water intrusion, erosion and scouring
- Elevate furniture above flood protection levels
- Create floodway openings in non-habitable areas (garage doors)
- Seal off sewer lines to prevent the backflow of sewer waters

**TO VIEW INFORMATION ON-LINE:**

<http://pbcgov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement>

**RADIO & TELEVISION STATIONS SERVICING THE DELRAY BEACH AREA:**

- TV Channels 5, 12, 25 and 29 – West Palm Beach
- NOAA Weather Radio Frequency 16.425 MHz out of Ft. Pierce
- Weather Radio, Police Scanner, Tunable VHF Radio
- WJNO-AM 1290, WBZT-AM 1230, WRMF-FM 97.9
- WKGR-FM 107.9, WZZR-FM 92.7, WFTL-AM 850
- Any AM/FM Band Receiver

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY: 911**

**DELRAY BEACH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: (561) 243-7400**

**DELRAY BEACH EMERGENCY RADIO STATION: 1620 AM Radio**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: (561) 712-6400**

**You can protect yourself** from flood hazards by taking measures to ensure the safety of life and property before, during, and after a flood occurs.

**Drowning** is the #1 cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. *More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers; roads or bridges further down the road may be washed out.*

The #2 flood killer after drowning is **electrocution**. Electric current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the Power Company or Delray Beach Emergency Operations Center.

Property losses due to flooding are not covered under most standard homeowners' policies. You can protect your home and its contents with flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP is a federal program established by Congress in 1968 which enables property owners to buy flood insurance at reasonable rates in participating communities. In return, participating communities carry out flood management measures designed to protect life and property from future flooding, including minimum elevation standards for reconstruction. Contact the Community Improvement Department for property flood zones and before constructing improvements. Report lake/canal dumping.

To find out more about flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent. For more information on flood risk in Delray Beach, contact the Community Improvement Department at (561) 243-7280.

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