

JULY 2002

**CITY PREPARES TO UNVEIL
NEW WEB SITE**

Message from the Mayor

For many months City staff has been working at a feverish pace in preparation for the launch of our new consolidated web site. We are proud to announce that **MyDelrayBeach.com** will go on-line next month bringing our residents, visitors and businesses easily accessible information on a continuous 24 hour basis.

We are very excited about **MyDelrayBeach.com** because we believe it will provide yet another avenue for you to have first-hand knowledge of our services, special events, and other information on a timely basis. Citizens will be able to find answers to questions from where to go to register to vote to how to get funding for emergency home repairs.

Each City department has a home page with information specific to the department. For example, the Parks and Recreation site has current beach conditions, a guide to our parks, recreation programs, and other special activities.

The City Clerk's Office has our commission agendas as well as minutes from our previous meetings. You will also find information on advisory boards, municipal elections and voters registration, municipal liens and residency cards. And coming soon will be access to the City Code of Ordinances.

The Police Department's site will allow citizens on-line access to dispatch records and general information regarding criminal activity in a specific area of the city.

Current job openings and job descriptions will be posted on the Human Resources site. Applicants will be able to download and print an employment application form. We are also planning to have other commonly used forms available throughout the site.

Planning and Zoning's home page will feature maps and information on zoning, land use, demographics, census statistics, development fees, historic preservation and upcoming projects. Even the new Downtown Master Plan can be viewed with a click of the mouse!

One interactive feature we are particularly proud of is **Share Your View**, which will act as a focal point for timely communication between residents and staff. By clicking on this feature, residents can enter a request to have our staff look into a problem they are having or to follow up on an existing request. It will ensure a fast response to citizen requests or complaints and allow us to resolve them more efficiently.

MyDelrayBeach.com will be a valuable component to the many services we currently offer our residents and guests. We will be constantly updating our new web site and although some of these features may not be available when we launch the service in July, we will continue working diligently to get them up and running soon. After we go on-line, we invite you to explore **MyDelrayBeach.com** and provide us with any comments or suggestions on how we can improve the service.

Mayor David W. Schmidt

**NEW PROGRAM TEACHES
PERSONAL SAFETY TO KIDS**

By Fire Lieutenant Hal Knabb

Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death among children 14 and under according to the National Safe Kids Coalition. Delray Beach Fire Rescue is joining forces with other community partners to provide an injury prevention program in elementary and middle schools throughout Palm Beach County. The program called "Risk Watch" was developed by the National Fire Protection Administration. The program is designed to give children the information and support they need to make positive choices about their personal safety and well-being.

Children are primarily at risk of unintentional injury-related death from motor vehicle injuries, drowning, fires and burns, suffocation, choking, firearm injuries, falls, and poisoning. The program targets each of the primary risk areas.

This summer, Delray Beach Fire Rescue will be training personnel to present this program in local schools. The department plans to implement this program when school resumes in the fall.

For more information on Fire Safety Education programs, call Lt. Hal Knabb at 243-7422.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK HIRED

The City Clerk's Office welcomes Loretta McGhee as the new Deputy City Clerk. Loretta has an impressive business background and is very familiar with the City having owned a business here for 13 years. She is a former employee of IBM and is a licensed real estate agent. Loretta has been active in the community serving on the boards of the Delray Merchants Association, West Atlantic Avenue Redevelopment Coalition Board, Pineapple Grove Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce. She is currently serving on the Noontime Kiwanis and T.E.D. Center executive boards.

**DECORATE BIKES
FOR THE
PATRIOTIC
PARADE!**



The Delray Beach Youth Council and TARGET Stores are holding a fun Fourth of July activity for the whole family! The 2nd annual Patriotic Bike/Scooter Parade will be held on July 4th at Veterans Park, in downtown Delray Beach.

The bikes will be judged on creativity, and prizes will be given to each age group. The boy and girl who win first place in each of the three age groups will each receive a bicycle. Target gift cards will be given to second and third place winners. Decorating begins at 3:00 p.m. at Veterans Park in the lawn area south of the playground. Entries will be judged at 4:00 p.m. and the parade starts promptly at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to view the parade, it starts just west of the Atlantic Avenue Bridge and proceeds east to the grandstand on A1A.

Entry is FREE! All you need is your bicycle or scooter and safety gear. A Patriotic Bike T-Shirt and decorations such as streamers, flags and balloons will be given to each entrant that pre-registers. You may also bring your bike or scooter to the event already decorated!

The registration deadline is June 28th. Entry forms are available at all City of Delray Beach summer camp sites, or the form can be downloaded from the web site at www.delraybeach.com. **For more information, call Janet Meeks at 243-7231 or FAX at 243-7221.**

PARKING TIPS FOR JULY 4TH

For those planning to attend the Fourth of July events on the beach, it is advisable to park downtown, west of the Intracoastal Waterway. Those choosing to park on the east side can expect up to a two-hour delay for vehicular traffic leaving the barrier island.

Parking is free in all downtown City of Delray Beach owned parking lots. The posted time limits will not be enforced during the duration of the July 4th celebration. Please do not park on private property. Property owners have the legal right to have unauthorized vehicles towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

As a safety measure and to facilitate pedestrian traffic during the Fourth of July activities, Atlantic Avenue will be closed east of N.E./S.E. 7th Avenue and A1A from Thomas Street to Miramar will be closed from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be restricted openings of the bridges on George Bush Boulevard, Atlantic Avenue and Linton Boulevard from 9-11:30 p.m.



SUMMER ART CLASSES

Parks and Recreation is offering a summer art class for children ages 7-14. The class is for both beginner and intermediate students. Participants can choose the medium of acrylics or watercolors for their paintings. The class will be held on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Veterans Park Recreation Center. The five-week class will begin on July 15th. Cost is \$50 plus supplies.

For more information or to register, please call 243-7350.

POLICE HONOR VOLUNTEER

Syliva Spike was named the Police Department's **Volunteer of the Month** for April. For the past seven years, Sylvia has contributed many hours taking charge of filing all parking tickets and related paperwork. On average she processes at least 1,000 tickets each month as well as payment records. Sylvia is a team player and provides vital support to the administrative staff. Her enthusiasm, cooperation and dedication are greatly appreciated.

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The Community Blood Centers of South Florida (CBCSF) is a non-profit organization working in cooperation with the American Red Cross. For more than two decades, it has been meeting the needs of our community's diverse ethnic groups. In addition to collecting donations and managing the blood supply that serves the majority of the population, special CBCSF programs reach into the African-American and Hispanic communities here in South Florida.

On **Tuesday, July 16th**, the Community Blood Centers of South Florida will hold a blood drive. The van will be at the **Community Center, 50 N.W. 1st Street**, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and at the **Police Department, 300 West Atlantic Avenue**, from 1:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. You can become involved in the campaign to build the supply and reserves of these special blood units by making a donation. By doing so, you can make a difference in someone's life.

CITY OFFERS HOTTEST GOLF & TENNIS DEALS IN TOWN!

The Delray Beach Golf Club, Lakeview Golf Club and Delray Beach Tennis Center are offering some great deals this summer to get you out on the greens or on the courts. You can get a 15% discount on multiple facility memberships until October 31, 2002.

Summer memberships to play on the Tennis Center's 38 clay courts start at \$110. Junior camps and adult daytime or evening mini camps are also scheduled. **Call 243-7360 for more information.**

Golf enthusiasts can join the Delray Beach Golf Club for as low as \$275 and play 18 holes (with cart) for \$13. The 9 holes walking fee is \$1.75. There's a hotter deal at Lakeview with summer memberships starting at \$225. Golfers pay \$5.50 for 18 holes with a cart or \$2.00 walking.

Non-members can take advantage of these hot deals, too. For \$20, golfers can play 18 holes with a cart, Monday-Thursday, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. A box lunch is included with that deal.

Get the kids involved in the Junior Golf Club. A \$55 annual fee for kids 7-17 includes a discount on equipment and free golf. **For more information on the golf programs, call 243-7380.**

DELRAY BEACH MARINA GETS A NEW LOOK

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last month to celebrate the completion of the \$565,000 improvement project at the Delray Beach Marina. "The "makeover" included new sidewalks, landscaping, street lights and charming gazebos at the north and south end. To help ease the parking shortage in the area, 40 new spaces were added after the roads were realigned. The building was completely gutted inside and redone. New central air conditioning was added, and the showers and bathrooms were designed to be handicapped accessible. The dock was replaced with a deck made of recycled plastic.

The Marina has 24 boats slips and is located on the Intracoastal Waterway just south of the Atlantic Avenue Bridge.

STARS AND STRIPES THEME FOR SAND SCULPTURES

Grab your buckets, hand tools, and hand-pumped sprayers and join in the Fourth of July Sand Sculpting Contest. This year's theme is "Stars and Stripes" so you will be seeing many patriotic masterpieces created on the municipal beach.

The competition takes place from 8:00 a.m. to Noon and entry applications are due by July 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

Entries will be judged on originality, intricacy, theme and overall appearance. Applications may be picked up at the Chambers of Commerce, Marriott Hotel, Colony Hotel or by downloading the form from the www.delraybeach.com web site. **For more information, call Sandra Keener at 279-1380, Ext. 17.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKS VOLUNTEER

A volunteer position currently exists for a researcher at Delray Beach Fire Rescue. The position involves conducting an analysis of the department's plan review process, tracking and recording the turn around time for permit applications during the last six months.

For more information, call Nancy King at 243-7009.

DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

July 1- **Alfred Hitchcock Summer Film Festival**, "Rebecca" with Sir Laurence Olivier. Commentary by Mykal Banta. 1:00 p.m.

July 9-**Evening Book Group**, "The Gathering of Old Men" by Ernest Gaines. 6:30 p.m.

July 15-**Alfred Hitchcock Summer Film Festival**, "Dial M for Murder" with Ray Milland. 1:00 p.m.

July 20-**Seminar**, "How to Start or Improve a Small Business, Franchise or Home Based A Business" presented by SCORE. 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call 278-0277.

July 22-**Oprah Book Club**, "The Gathering of Old Men" by Ernest Gaines.

July 29-**Alfred Hitchcock Summer Film Festival**, "Rear Window" with Jimmy Stewart. 1:00 p.m.

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