

## AUGUST 2002

### DELRAY HONORED AT WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY



*Delray Beach Mayor David W. Schmidt (left) is pictured with Mel Martinez, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development at a ceremony to honor All-America cities.*

Mayor David Schmidt attended a White House Ceremony to honor the 2001 and 2002 All-America City Award recipients. The ceremony was held in the Eisenhower Building (Old Executive Office Building) and was hosted by Mel Martinez, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development. Also speaking at the presentation was Christopher T. Gates, President of the National Civic League.

Delray Beach is a two-time winner of the All-America City Award, the most prestigious civic recognition award. The 2001 All-America City Award honors the citizens of Delray Beach for their Community Neighbors Helping program, the Youth Enrichment Vocational program and the Village Academy.



### BEACH PARKING PERMITS

Residents and visitors may purchase Beach Parking Permits which allows parking in the city-owned parking lots at Sandoway Park, Anchor Park, Ingraham Park, Atlantic Dunes, and the lot north of the Marriott Hotel. Permit holders may park in any metered space in these lots without putting money into the space's meter.

Beach Parking Permits can be purchased in City Hall at the Utilities Customer Service payment window. Applicants will need to show a current driver's license and vehicle registration. The cost of the permit is \$63.60 and it is good from October 1 to September 30 of each year. Fees are not pro-rated.

### USERS GUIDE TO MyDelrayBeach.com

The City of Delray Beach has launched a new web site to better serve our residents, visitors and businesses. In general, our departments provide answers to frequently asked questions, hours of operation, and contact information. Here's some of the information you will find on **MyDelrayBeach.com**:

**Administrative Services**-Special event calendar with information on road closures; golf and tennis facilities; information on how to report pole holes, street light, traffic light, and drainage problems.

**City Attorney's Office**-Links to sites that provide information ranging from how to find an attorney to how to register a complaint against a business.

**City Clerk's Office**-City Commission agendas and minutes; information on advisory boards and municipal elections; information on and maps of the municipal cemetery; downloadable application forms.

**City Manager's Office**-On-line access to our complaint/compliment tracking system; a section on the City's leadership, with biographies and a message from the Mayor; current and archived copies of the monthly News for Neighborhoods newsletter and press releases; recent news; and a city-wide organizational chart.

**Community Improvement**-Information on garbage services, code enforcement, landscape requirements, permits, occupational licenses, flood zones, affordable housing programs, animal control, alarm registration, and much more.

**Environmental Services Department**-Construction updates for current projects; water quality information; maps for water, sewer and stormwater utility services.

**Finance Department**-Utility rate and payment information; sanitation route map and schedule; financial reports and budget summaries; access to on-line bidding for vendors.

**Fire Department**-Special information pertaining to hurricane preparation and planning guides, along with interactive links to state and national weather information sites and satellite images for storm tracking.

**Human Resources Department**-Current job openings, job descriptions, employment application forms and instructions.

**Parks and Recreation Department**-Beach conditions; a guide to city parks; recreation programs and activities; special events.

**Planning and Zoning Department**-Maps and information on zoning, land use, demographics and census statistics; the Downtown Master Plan; development fees; historic preservation; beach renourishment; and upcoming projects.

**Police Department**-Dispatch records and analyses of criminal activity.

This is but a sampling of the web site content. We are working toward having all commonly used forms available through the site. We will also provide links to area web sites of interest to the community, such as that of the Chamber of Commerce.

### KIDS 'N COPS PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS



The Delray Citizens for Delray Police and the Kids 'n Cops Program award a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior who attends Atlantic High School. This year we are pleased to announce that the participation was so great, that we chose four recipients each receiving the \$500 scholarship. Each recipient was chosen by their GPA, Community Service hours, and an essay. Pictured (left-right) are Lt. Jeff Messer, and this year's recipients; Elsie Gelin, Bryan Gerner, and Marie Bernavil. Police Chief Larry Schroeder (second right) and local businessman Perry DonFrancisco (right) were on hand to congratulate the students. Also receiving a scholarship was Josette St. Hilaire.

## FLOOD ZONE INFORMATION

The City is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, a Federal program which allows property owners and renters to purchase federally backed flood insurance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) helps communities implement floodplain management measures to help reduce flood risks to new developments. FEMA prepares the Flood Insurance Rate Map that shows the flood zone areas for each community.

Information on Flood Zones for property within the city limits can be obtained by e-mailing our office at:

[PermitsLicenses@MyDelrayBeach.com](mailto:PermitsLicenses@MyDelrayBeach.com) with the following information:

- Address of property
- Subdivision name where the property is located
- Contact Person's Name
- Contact Person's e-mail address or phone number.

The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) shows the various flood zones for Delray Beach. It shows the areas that may be subject to inundation by flood waters from any source and the areas not considered to be in a hazardous area. Insurance agents, lending institutions and community officials use the FIRM to determine the location of a specific property and the corresponding flood zone will determine whether flood insurance is required. Community officials use the information for flood plan management regulations.

If your property is located outside the City limits, contact the Palm Beach County Flood Zone Office at (561) 233-5270.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS OLD SCHOOL SQUARE

The Quail Ridge Golf & Country Club will be the site of the third annual Old School Square Cup Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 21. Activities begin at 7:45 a.m. with a continental breakfast and concludes with a buffet luncheon and awards presentation. Entry fees are on two levels: Individual (\$125) or corporate (\$150) per person. **Applications can be obtained by call 243-7922, ext. 0.**

## TELEPHONE BILL

### ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE



The Lifeline Assistance Program and Link-Up Florida offer assistance to qualified residential telephone customers, and are designed to ensure that the basic telephone connection (hook-up) and service remain affordable to all residents of Florida. Consumers receiving state and federal assistance such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), food stamps or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are eligible for these programs.

The Lifeline Assistance Program provides up to a \$12 credit on qualified residential customers' local monthly phone bills, including a federal credit of \$8.50 and a matching credit from their telephone company of \$3.50. Link-Up Florida provides up to a 50 percent reduction in the telephone service hook-up charge, to a maximum of \$30.

If you have questions, or would like to know if an individual is eligible to participate in the program, please call your local telephone company. **If, after speaking with your phone company, you have further questions, please call the Florida Public Service Commission at 1-(800)342-3552.**

## POLICE HONOR VOLUNTEERS



Captain **Shirley Jacobs** of the Citizens Observer Patrol was named the Police Department's **Volunteer of the Month** for May. After the Anti-Crime Unit received several reports of multiple purse thefts from shopping carts at local businesses, Captain Jacobs volunteered to pose as a shopper to help catch the thief. In addition to this special assignment, she also worked her usual patrol and other responsibilities.

Sergeant **Eleanor Constantine** and Sergeant **Jeanette Schwartz** were honored as **Co-Volunteers of the Month** for June. They serve as members of the C.O.P. Condo Roving Patrol. Every week they patrol nine different communities with an attitude of enthusiasm, cooperation and dedication. Congratulations to all!

## DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

*Here are some of the upcoming programs at the Delray Beach Public Library:*

Aug 13-**Evening Book Group**, *The Death of Vishnu* by Manil Suri. 6:30 p.m.

Aug 17-**How to Start or Improve a Small Business, Franchise or Home Based Business**, presented by SCORE. For information call 278-0277.

Aug. 19-**Alfred Hitchcock Summer Film Festival**, *The Birds*. 1:00 p.m.

Aug. 26-**Oprah Book Club**, *The Death of Vishnu* by Manil Suri. 1:00 p.m.

Sept. 9-**Anything But Silent**, *The Wind* with Lillian Gish. Silent films with live piano accompaniment by Harry Weiss. 1:00 p.m.

Sept. 10-**Healthy Living Series**, *Understanding Sleep Disorders & How to Improve Your Sleeping Habits*. 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 10-**Evening Book Group**, *All The Names* by Jose Saramago. 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 21-**Small Business Seminar**, presented by James Gamble of IRS. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sept. 24-**Seminar- Seeds of Wealth: Assuring Financial Success for Your Children & Grandchildren**. 6:30 p.m.

Sept. **Seminar- Heal the Mind & Heal the Body**. 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 25-**Seminar- Deductible Business Expenses**. 6-8:00 p.m.

## WASTE COLLECTION MAP ON WEB SITE

The City contracts with a private company, Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) for all collection services. If you would like to know your collection days, the information is readily available on our new web site, **MyDelrayBeach.com**.

When you visit our home page, click on **Garbage Services**. This will bring you to a page with information about all of the City's waste collection services. To learn more about a specific service, click on one of the following choices:

**Household Garbage**  
**Recycling**  
**Bulk**  
**Vegetative**

Here you will find detailed information about the service and instructions to click again to view a map to determine your scheduled collection day.

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