

OCTOBER 2002

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

The City wants to preserve its commitment to its residents to provide a safe, nurturing, and educational environment for residents of all ages. To help achieve this goal, Mayor David Schmidt has proclaimed October as **Unity in the Community Month**. The proclamation calls for residents to become more familiar with Delray Beach government, participate in City events, and to get to know their neighbors.

The City has created many opportunities for the community to get involved. The events include free lectures by motivational speaker Willy "Famous" Amos; the start of a new Residents Academy; a program to increase awareness of the importance of exercise and safety; and the grand opening of Teen Central, The 505. A **Multicultural Festival** will be held **Sunday, October 13** from **noon-5:00 p.m.** at Pine Grove Elementary School (on the corner of S.W. 4th Avenue and S.W. 10th Streets). The event will have music, food and entertainment. Admission is free.

ONE-STOP PERMITTING PROCESS EXPANDED

The City continues to work diligently to streamline the permitting process for contractors, businesses and homeowners. To further increase efficiency, the Building Division is expanding its one-stop permitting service. Mr. Harvey Greenberg, the Fire Department's Plan Reviewer, will be in the Building Division offices at City Hall, 100 N.W. 1st Avenue, on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from **8:00 a.m. to Noon** to review plans for small permitting projects such as balcony enclosures, ramps, fences, awnings, tents, gas hookups and demolitions. Mr. Greenberg will also be available to answer questions regarding larger projects. The new service is expected to expedite the permitting process and make it more convenient for our customers.

For more information, call George Diaz, at (561) 243-7240.

DIVORCE RECOVERY GROUP MEETING

A Twelve Step Separation and Divorce and Recovery Group meets every Friday evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Delray Beach Community Center, 50 N.W. 1st Avenue. Refreshments are served following the guest speaker. There is no charge to attend the meeting. **For more information, call Carole Staigle, MS, LMHC at (561) 637-6622.**

FAMOUS AMOS TO VISIT DELRAY BEACH

Wally Amos, the heart and soul behind The Famous Amos Chocolate Chip Cookies, will visit Delray Beach on **Tuesday, October 1, 2002**. The author, lecturer and entrepreneur who pioneered the gourmet cookie industry will share his philosophies of faith, hope and a positive attitude during several speaking engagements which are free and open to the public.

As a professional speaker, Mr. Amos is qualified to help an audience turn their adverse situations into opportunities. As someone who lost his company and then saw it sold for \$63 million without him participating in the proceeds, he knows how it feels to be knocked down.

The public is invited to hear Mr. Amos speak on the topic, **Relationships are Partnerships**, in the City Commission Chambers from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Drawing from his own relationships, both personal and business, he will share how organizations can achieve clearer communications, harmony and a sense of belonging for all employees.

Family Night with Famous Amos will take place from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 50 N.W. 1st Avenue, where Mr. Amos will present, **Seeds of Wisdom, Slices of Life**. This topic focuses on helping people to shed the cultural stereotypes and myths that often cloud their decisions and misdirect their actions. The evening will also include a "Cookie Stacking" contest.

For more information, call Janet Meeks at (561) 243-7231.

TONS OF FUN AT KIDSFEST & HALLOWEEN PARADE

The 13th Annual Kidsfest of Delray and Halloween festivities will take place on **Saturday, October 26**.

The fun starts at 11:30 a.m. with Trick-or-Treat along Atlantic Avenue between Swinton and the Intracoastal Waterway. The Kiwanis Halloween Parade kicks off at Old School Square at 1:30 p.m. Awards will be given for the best Halloween costumes. The parade marches along Atlantic Avenue to Veterans Park where Kidsfest takes place from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Kidsfest is a free family event highlighting children's services targeting on health, safety and fun. There will be live entertainment for everyone, a picnic area, door prizes, make and take crafts and much more. **For more information, call Danielle Gallo at (561) 243-7277.**



NATIONAL WALK OUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DAY

The City of Delray Beach, in cooperation with the **Palm Beach County Safe Kids Coalition**, and the **Progressive Residents of Delray (PROD)**, will participate in the **National Walk Our Children to School Day** on **Wednesday, October 2, 2002** from **7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.** at **Banyan Creek Elementary School**.

"By establishing safe walking skills in our children now, not only will they become better pedestrians, but they will learn to be better motorists when the time comes," said Delray Beach City Manager **David Harden**.

The **Partnership for a Walkable America** established **National Walk Our Children to School Day** to encourage parents to teach children pedestrian safety. Parents and community leaders also should be aware of the difficulties and dangers children may face on their trip to school each day.

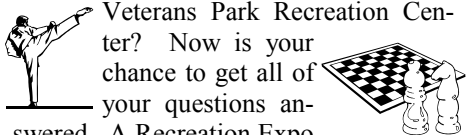
The first **Walk Our Children to School Day** was held in 1997 when Mayor Daly led local officials and school children on a walk to school in Chicago. Since then, the event has grown considerably. Last year there were over 3 million walkers from 21 countries around the globe. This year, for the first time, a Delray Beach school will be participating.

Banyan Creek Elementary School plans to join the worldwide walking celebration accompanied by community leaders such as South Area School Superintendent **Carole Shetler**; Palm Beach County Commissioner **Mary McCarty**; Florida House representative **Anne Gannon**; Delray Beach Mayor **David Schmidt**; and City Commissioners **Jon Levinson**, **Alberta McCarthy**, **Pat Archer** and **Jeff Perlman**.

RECREATION EXPO

Ever wondered what takes place at Veterans Park Recreation Center? Now is your chance to get all of your questions answered.

A Recreation Expo will be held on **Tuesday, October 22nd** from **9-11:00 a.m.** at Veterans Park. Instructors will be present to discuss new classes and programs that will be taking place. Learn about art classes, yoga, shuffleboard, lawn bowling, karate, chess, belly dancing, and much more! Free vision examination and blood pressure readings also will be available. **For more information, call (561) 243-7350.**



VINTAGE HATS, HANDBAGS & GLOVES ON EXHIBIT

The Cornell Museum of Art & History at Old School Square is proud to present "Hats, Handbags & Gloves: From Past to Present," a multi-media anthropology exhibit organized, developed and curated by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History.

The exhibit includes more than 200 vintage items contributed by over 70 people in response to a "call" for antique objects. It chronicles the lifestyle history of hats, handbags and gloves for men and women through different eras and the September 11th tragedy's influence on fashion. Exhibit themes include African headwear and head wraps, Jewish Headwear (Yarmulke/Kippah) and its history from Biblical times to present day, Coco Chanel handbags, the 1945 creation of the CELINE brand by Madame Celine Vipians, and hats & head-dresses of the world from the collection of Gene Hacker of Delray Beach.

The exhibit runs through November 10, 2002. Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Beginning October 1st, the museum will be open on Sunday from 1-4:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 9 p.m.

For more information, call Lori J. Durante at (561) 243-2662.

DOWNTOWN SHOWS OFF NEW BANNERS

The poles lining northbound and southbound Federal Highways in downtown Delray Beach are now adorned with banners sporting the All-America City logo. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) funded the project to purchase the new decorative vinyl banners.

The DDA also initiated a sign program in response to parking studies' recommendations to improve direction informational signage in the downtown area, particularly as it relates to parking. The signs consist of parking lot identifiers, featuring rules and regulations; parking directional; and gateway welcome signs. A citizens committee made recommendations for this program including design, color scheme and locations for the signs to be installed.

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TANZANIAN COMMITTEE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Delray Beach Sister Cities is seeking new members for the Tanzanian Committee. Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in helping to promote friendship and understanding between the citizens of Delray Beach and our Sister City in Moshi, Tanzania through cultural and business exchanges and humanitarian projects. Currently, the Committee is involved in several on-going projects including raising funds to send books to Moshi's Public Library, arranging for donated computers to be shipped to Moshi's Secondary Schools, participating in a Sister Cities photo competition and developing a student exchange program.

In 2000, the Delray Beach City Commission officially adopted and received approval from Sister Cities International for a Sister City linkage with Moshi, Tanzania. The city of Moshi is located in eastern Africa at the southern foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. Moshi is the administrative, commercial, industrial, agricultural and tourist center of Kilimanjaro Region.

The Tanzanian Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Delray Beach Public Library. The next meeting will be held on October 3, 2002.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Tanzanian Committee, please call Charlotte Durante at (561) 272-7059.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

The Area Agency on Aging is seeking seniors from the Delray Beach area, ages 60 and older, for their Foster Grandparent Program. The program places volunteers in local elementary schools to work one-on-one with children in a classroom setting to improve their reading skills and language development. Stipend will be included for those who qualify, plus travel expenses and a meal at your assignment. Free training is provided. Volunteers work 20 hours per week. **For more information call (800) 773-1895 or (561) 684-5885.**

DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

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

Oct. 9—**Seminar:** *Exploring the Delray Beach Cultural Loop Series, "Pineapple Grove Main Street ArtWalk"* presented by Glenn Weiss. 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 9—**Seminar:** *Smart Women Finish Rich* presented by Shanti Goldman, Primerica. 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 10—**Seminar:** *Managing & Overcoming Procrastination* presented by Dr. Stacey Nelson. 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 13 & Oct. 27—**Seminar:** *Delray Beach Multi-Cultural Heritage Month Lecture Series* presented by Wendy Shay, Delray Beach Historic Preservation Planner. 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 15—**Seminar:** *Relationships, Sexuality & Self Esteem* presented by Dr. Lynn Tress. 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 17—**Seminar:** *Travel the World with Charles Smith-Tibet*. 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 19—**Seminar:** *Celebration of Young American Heroes* presented by author Vera Ripp Hirschhorn.

Oct. 21—**Seminar:** *Rekindling the Flame* with Barbara Jacob. 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 23—**Seminar:** *Preserving Family Memories with New Resources* with Maya Bat-Ami. 2:00 p.m.

Oct. 28—**Seminar:** *Marketing Your Small Business* presented by Sun-Sentinel reporter & Author Jeff Zbar. 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 30—**Seminar:** *Killer'Cane: The Deadly Hurricane of 1928* presented by author Robert Mykle.

Oct. 31—**Seminar:** *South Florida Ghosts* presented by author Cindy Thuma. 2 pm.

JOIN THE FUN AT THE BESTA ITALIAN FESTA

The third annual Delray Beach Italian Festa is coming to Veterans Park on **October 11th and 12th**. Italian music and songs by Tony Ventura and Pat Cavaliere will be offered along with Fratelli's pizza, Boston's sausage and peppers and other traditional favorites including meatball sandwiches, subs, calamari, ziti, Italian ices, espresso and desserts. **If you would like to be a vendor, call Bill and Martha Fuoco at (561) 278-9936 or Jean Bozzuto at (561) 279-4124 for information and applications forms.**