

News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - July 2010



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CITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

July is National Parks and Recreation Month and the Delray Beach Parks and Recreation Department has many opportunities to help the community celebrate not only throughout the month of July, but all year round. Parks and Recreation is committed to making Delray Beach a great place to live and play. With activities suited for every lifestyle, residents are sure to find something to enjoy.

There are over 30 spacious, beautifully landscaped and well maintained active and passive parks in Delray Beach featuring playgrounds, nature paths, fitness trails, swimming pools, tennis, basketball and racquetball courts, baseball fields, and a skateboarding and inline skating facility. Athletic fields and picnic pavilions can be reserved for family get-togethers at several parks including **Robert P. Miller Park** and **Orchard View Park**. The splash park at **Catherine Strong Park**, 1500 SW 6th Street, is a very popular water attraction for residents and visitors.

The Delray municipal beaches are a part of the park system, attracting over a million visitors a year. The world class beaches at **Atlantic Dunes Park**, **Sandoway Park**, and **Atlantic Pavilion** are Delray Beach favorites with an award winning Ocean Rescue team on watch. Two surf chairs are available for the physically challenged to enjoy the beach.

The city has two pools for the public to enjoy: **Pompey Park Pool**, at 1101 NW 2nd Street, and the pool at **Delray Swim and Tennis Center**, located at 2350 Jaeger Drive. Each pool is staffed with American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards. From pool parties and water exercise to a junior lifeguard class and competition swim team, the pools are guaranteed fun. Both are equipped with a "Swim Lift" device for transfer in and out of the water for users who need assistance.

Pompey Park is our largest park and recreation center with an abundance of athletic fields and courts, a playground and meeting rooms. It is a very popular spot for the youth football and cheerleading programs, dance and step teams, little league baseball and tee-ball, girls' softball, youth track and field, and senior programs such as folk dancing and bingo. Adult programs include cardio funk aerobics, yoga and soul line dancing, to name a few.

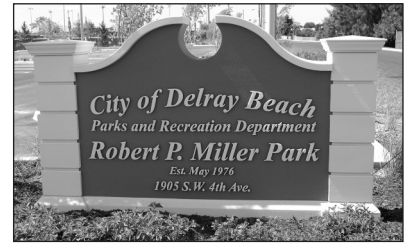
The "505" **Teen Center and Hobbit Skate Park** on South Federal Highway attracts many teens who play video games, basketball, billiards, and enjoy a safe place to gather. The 10,000 square foot fenced in Skate Park is open to skateboarders and in-line skaters alike and includes a half-pipe, quarter pipe, fun box, and grind rails.

Veterans Park is a perfect spot for children to play and exercise on the playground while parents enjoy the intracoastal breezes. In the recreation center, which is now open on Saturdays, there are various classes for people of all ages from Kinderdance to art classes.

Three new little league fields, one major league field, a Miracle League Field, four batting cages and a new pavilion are just a few of the enhancements at the newly renovated **Robert P. Miller Park**, located at 1905 SW 4th Avenue. It is the home of "Little Fenway," a replica of Fenway Park and its "Green Monster" in Boston, Massachusetts. The **Seacrest Soccer Complex** at 2505 North Seacrest Boulevard is a state of the art complex that serves as the playing field for local and travel leagues in soccer and lacrosse.

Working adults can improve their health by attending lunchtime programs (12:00 noon to 2:00 pm weekdays) such as Tai Chi class at **Veterans Park**, swimming at **Pompey Park Pool** or playing tennis or racquetball at **Pompey Park**. Locker rooms are provided at these facilities as well as the **Community Center**. The **Palm Beach Sports and Social Club** also provides adult, co-ed sports such as kickball, softball, and dodge ball.

For more information on any of our activities or ideas on how you can improve your health, visit our website at www.mydelraybeach.com or call our main line at (561) 243-7250.



Grand opening of the newly renovated Robert P. Miller Park was held on June 5th.

Events & Activities JULY/AUGUST 2010

July 4

Fourth of July Celebration
Atlantic Avenue and A1A
Festivities begin at 8:00 AM
Info: (561) 279-1380

July 5

Independence Day Holiday
City Hall Closed

July 6

City Commission
Regular Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

July 18-25

USTA Boys 18 & 16 National
Clay Court Championships
Hosted by
City of Delray Beach
Info: (561) 330-6000

July 20

City Commission
Regular Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

August 3

City Commission
Regular Meeting
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

CITIZEN SERVICE REQUESTS

Phone: (561) 243-7012
Online: www.mydelraybeach.com
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offer a comment or file a complaint.

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Delray Beach Police Department
CRIME TIPS NUMBER
Phone: (561) 243-7839



To report information on a crime that has already occurred. Crime tips may be reported anonymously.



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 disposition 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 is a different approach from other ways because 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 pending flood threats it is always advisable to take the following emergency actions:

- Sand-bagging to reduce 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:

- 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
- TV Channels 5,12, 25 and 29 –West Palm Beach

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.