

AUGUST 2001 NEW BUDGET PRESENTED TO CITY COMMISSION

City Manager David Harden has presented to the City Commission his proposed financial plan to guide the City through fiscal year 2002.

Due to significant increases projected in the areas of wages, insurance, and pension contributions, a tax rate increase of 0.15 mills has been recommended. Increasing the millage rate from its current 7.95 to 8.10 mills per \$1,000 of assessed value is needed in order to continue to provide and enhance the services our residents and visitors have come to expect. What this equates to for a property owner with a home valued at \$175,000 with a homestead exemption is an annual increase of \$22.50. This millage increase will enable the City to address areas and requests that are not currently included in the budget. Some of these items include the pending increase in pay scales for firefighters and blue collar employees based on current union negotiations, as well as the possibility of funding additional positions such as an urban designer or a position to lead economic development.

Since 1990 a significant effort has been made to improve the amenities and public facilities throughout the City. Efforts have also been taken to make operations generating revenues reach a break-even point to lessen the dependence on tax dollars. The City will continue to refine its programs and services in order to minimize the financial impact to its Citizens.

New items in the proposed budget include the addition of five Paramedic positions, funding to staff and operate the new Teen Center and staff for the new Swim and Tennis Club Pool.

The public is invited to attend the two Budget Workshops that are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 28 and Thursday, September 6, 2001, in the Commission Chambers at 6:00 P.M.

FREE TENNIS!

The Delray Beach Tennis Center is offering **FREE** TENNIS on hard courts to junior tennis players age 4-17. Players must be a Delray Beach resident.

For more information, call 243-7360.



LEISURE SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

By Doug Randolph, Human Resources

Our beautiful village by the sea is a great place to visit by everyone. The City has many "fun" destinations that are readily accessible to people with mobility problems. Here is an access guide for those who are physically challenged:

Delray Municipal Beach

Delray has over 1 ½ miles of award winning public beach open to its residents and visitors. At the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and A-1-A, the City maintains an elevated covered pavilion as well as a wooden walkway and observation platform that extends out onto the beach. The observation platform provides a view of both the beach and the Atlantic Ocean. These facilities are accessible. Handicapped parking is located on A-1-A next to these facilities and across Atlantic Avenue, an accessible restroom facility is under construction.

The City has two, "Beach Chairs" that allow physically challenged visitors the opportunity to go out onto the sand. One of these chairs is located at the lifeguard tower next to the observation platform. The other chair is located at Atlantic Dunes Park. The lifeguards on duty can assist in getting the chair to you, but you must have someone in your party assist in getting in and out of the chair and using the chair on the sand.

Atlantic Dunes Park:

This park suits those who want more of a serene beach experience. The park is nestled in a elevated wooded area on the beach side of A-1-A, one block north of Linton Blvd. Handicapped parking is available next to the park which has an accessible covered pavilion and restrooms.

Municipal Swimming Pool

The City operates a municipal swimming pool at Pompey Park. This 75 foot outdoor heated pool is equipped with a plastic seat lift for transfer into and out of the water. Locker rooms are accessible with roll-in showers.

Veterans Park

This 8 acre park in downtown Delray Beach along the Intracoastal Waterway has paved paths that lead throughout the park, including to the gazebo where concerts are often held. The Recreation Building here offers classes in the arts and bridge as well as accessible lawn bowling, shuffleboard and accessible picnic tables. Newly remodeled bathrooms are accessible.

Delray Beach Tennis Facility

This modern facility has hosted a number of televised tennis matches over the past decade. The 8200 seat stadium and restroom facilities are accessible.

PREPARE FOR A HURRICANE

By Fire Lt. Joe Liguori

The hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th with the peak times for the season in late August and September. As we approach this time, the Fire-Rescue Department would like you to know what preparations are being made around the city for your safety and security.

The C.E.R.T. team program, (Community Emergency Response Training), is now four years old and there are approximately 350 citizen graduates. They have been trained to assist government agencies in times of disasters. The Fire-Rescue Department is about to embark on a refresher course for all graduates, so their skills may be sharpened for any upcoming events. In addition, all CERT's should do a current inventory of their equipment and identify team members who are available during the summer.

In June, a citywide emergency plan rehearsal took place, centered at the City's Emergency Operations Center, located on the second floor of Fire-Rescue Headquarters. The scenario was based on a computer model of a Category 4 storm, with a direct landfall hit near Delray Beach. All city departments, including some from Gulfstream and Highland Beach participated in the exercise. Problem identification included street closures, hospital patients, nursing homes, fire and police stations and power restoration

If a storm hits our area, the following should be done in as safe a manner as possible:

- Check for outside hazards around your home and your neighbors.
- Check for loose animals.
- Be careful of overhead wires that may be down and live with electric power.
- Assess the damage to your home.
- Make your home identifiable from the street.
- Use non-emergency lines to telephone hazards or problems. Reserve 911 for true medical, fire and police emergencies.

If you are at a shelter, wait until emergency managers give the clearance to return to your homes. Remember, if a storm is imminent, make arrangements to confine your pets. Those living with invalids should have already made arrangements for their care in appropriate facilities. Emergency shelters are not equipped to handle this kind of care.

JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



The City Junior Golf Championship will be held at the Delray Beach Golf Club **September 15 & 16, 2001**. The tournament is open to boys and girls, age 12-18, with a handicap of 20 or less. Play will be flighted (flights determined by number of entries) by gender, handicap and age. The format is gross score for 36 holes. (weather permitting). All golfers must attend a mandatory rules meeting, Friday, September 14th at 6:30 P.M.

Entry deadline is September 12th at 5:00 P.M. No entries accepted after this date/time. Tee times will begin at 11:00 A.M. on each day of the competition. The cost is \$50 for JGL members or \$60 for Delray resident kids and \$75 for non-resident kids. The fee includes two rounds of golf, Sunday lunch and a tournament gift. A copy of your handicap card and a check payable to DBGC must accompany registration.

For more information, call 243-7380.

BOCA AIRPORT STUDY AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The City of Delray Beach has received a copy of the Final Draft of the Boca Raton Airport – Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study Update from the Boca Raton Airport Authority.

This document will be available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office, Room 207, City Hall, 100 N.W. 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, from **July 16 to August 14, 2001**, Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

A copy is also available for review at the Delray Beach Library, 29 S.E. 4th Avenue, Monday-Wednesday, 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Thursday-Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Comments received during the 30-day public review and comment period will be placed in Appendix E before submittal to the FAA. **Any questions regarding the document should be directed to Russell J. Buck, Noise Abatement Administrator, Boca Raton Airport Authority, at (561) 391-2202.**

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CORNELL MUSEUM HOSTS TWO NEW EXHIBITS

The Cornell Museum of Art and History at Old School Square has opened two stunning exhibits of paintings, the *Cuban Masters Collection* (a private collection of historic paintings) and *Personal Visions* by Linda S. Gunn (select mixed watermedia). Both exhibits run through September 9, 2001. **Museum summer hours are Tues.- Sat. 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. A reception is planned for Friday, August 10, 5:30-8:00 P.M.** at the museum in conjunction with "Summer Nights on the Avenue" (7-10 p.m.) on the lawn at Old School Square, featuring live Latin music, food and beverages.

The *Cuban Masters Collection* includes 39 paintings, created from 1880 to 1950. This historical collection of works and accompanying documentation was compiled by two Miami residents, Roberto and Carlos Ramos, who have been collecting and investigating the paintings for the past 15 years.

Linda Gunn is Founding Director of the National Acrylic Painters Association USA. She was influenced by her grandfather, one of Disney's first animators, and her mother, who exposed her to the arts at an early age. Linda works in all watermedia, including acrylic, gouache, egg tempera, dyes, inks and transparent watercolor.

GET RID OF OLD TIRES!

The Solid Waste Authority will hold Tire Amnesty Days on August 18th and 19th. Bring your unwanted tires to the Delray Beach Transfer Station, 1901 S.W. 4th Avenue from 1:00-5:00 P.M. or to the Lake Ida Complex at the southeast corner of Congress Avenue and Lake Ida Road on Saturday, August 18th from 8:00 A.M.-Noon.

For more information please call, Jennifer Buce at 243-7138.



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DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

Here are some events coming to the Delray Beach Public Library in August: August 14-**Evening Book Group**, "Bee Season" by Myra Goldberg. 6:30 p.m. August 25-**"How to Start or Improve a Small Business, Franchise or Home Based Business"** 9:30-11:30 A.M. presented by SCORE. For more information, call 278-0277.

August 27-**Oprah Book Club**, "Two Lives" by William Trevor. 1:00 p.m.

Art Exhibits on Display

"You and the Camera" an exhibit featuring photographer Benjamin Kenagan is on display from Aug. 7-September 20.

COMMUTER SERVICES

Throughout South Florida, traffic congestion is a leading cause of tardiness, increased employee stress, and high levels of employee turnover! A simple phone call to **South Florida Commuter Services** can help counteract the negative effects of traffic congestion. While the people at Commuter Services can't directly control the flow of traffic, they will take proactive measures to ensure that your company's productivity and profitability do not suffer as a result of it.

Call **1-800-234-RIDE** to find out about all the **FREE** commuting services available to your company and its employees.



POLICE VOLUNTEER HONORED

Congratulations to Ed Garofano on being selected the Police Department's **Volunteer of the Month** for June. Mr. Garofano has contributed many hours of dedicated service organizing all of the paperwork needed for the Marine Patrol. The work includes updating personnel files and the scheduling of the patrols, training and meetings. In addition, he helps train new members. Mr. Garofano is also responsible for completing a detailed monthly volunteer report that is needed for statistical purposes. He has an attitude of enthusiasm and cooperation and is always ready and willing to help. Way to go!