

NOVEMBER 2002

CLERGY TO HOST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Delray Beach Clergy Association in cooperation with the Delray Beach Police and Fire Chaplains will hold a **Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 26th, 7:00 p.m.** at the **Entertainment Pavilion, Old School Square.**

Participating in the service will be Delray Beach Mayor David Schmidt, Police Chief Larry Schroeder, Fire Chief Kerry Koen, Chief Chaplain Rabbi Suzanne Carter, Reverend Richard Evans, Reverend Father Richard Smith, Reverend Father Roland Desormeaux, Reverend Father Keith Johnson, Evangelist Bonnie Williams, Reverend Juanita Bryant, Reverend Nancy Norman, Reverend Dan Casselberry and Officer Johnny Pun.

The MADDADS Choir, under the direction of Willie Smith, will present a Thanksgiving Medley. Also performing at the service will be the choir of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, and Mr. Perry Stokes.

A Thanksgiving offering will be collected at the conclusion of the service. All collected proceeds will be donated to the Community Food Pantry and the Delray Beach Youth Enrichment Vocation Program.

Please bring blankets and lawn chairs as seating will not be provided.

B'NAI B'RITH TO HONOR MAYOR DAVID SCHMIDT

The Pines of Delray North Lodge #3157 of B'nai B'rith International will confer the **Degree of Honorary Member of B'nai B'rith** to Mayor David W. Schmidt on Sunday evening, **November 17th at 8:15 p.m.** at the Pines of Delray North, South Clubhouse.

Honorary Memberships are presented to community leaders with integrity and honor who are not of the Jewish faith. Over the years the North Pines Lodge has awarded Honorary Memberships to former Delray Beach Police Chief Richard Overman; Dr. Joan Kowal, past Superintendent of Palm Beach County Schools; Thomas Fleming, past Director of Pineapple Grove Main Street; and Bob Hayes, businessman and former Vice President of the Palm Beach County School Board.

B'nai B'rith is a Jewish service organization that is 159 years old. Today, the organization has a presence in 58 countries with a membership of over 500,000 men and women.

COMMISSION SETS FIVE YEAR GOALS

The City Commission earlier this year participated in a strategic planning process to set targets of action for the upcoming year and to establish goals for the next five years.

Once again, Community Unity was ranked as the Commission's number one goal to be achieved by the year 2007. Several steps will be taken this year to achieve that goal. Among them will be to develop and implement a communications and marketing strategy that will promote the City's accomplishments and encourage more residents to get involved in City government. The Elder Ready Task Force will be meeting throughout the year to define ways we can assist our community's senior citizens. To better serve our residents, businesses and visitors, there will be a continued expansion of the City's new Web site, www.mydelraybeach.com.

Another important goal is to continue with the expansion of downtown from A1A to I-95. A funding strategy to implement the Master Plan will be developed and Downtown Design Guidelines established. A new I-95 entrance and gateway to the City is a top priority.

Continued emphasis will be placed on building quality neighborhoods. Strategic plans are being developed for the Chatelaine and Rainberry Woods neighborhoods, and the Southwest Neighborhood Plan will be implemented. Plans for the development of City-owned property between Military Trail and Barwick Road are under discussion.

Economic development is another high priority. A director will be hired to plan a strategy to develop new businesses, and there will be an expanded relationship with universities and colleges.

To ensure quality educational opportunities for our students, the Commission will strive to get a commitment from the School Board to build a new Middle School in Delray Beach, and to follow through on the agreement for the relocation of the High School.

The Commission also wants to ensure that our citizens continue to receive top quality services in a cost-effective manner. To maintain a well motivated, highly trained and professional workforce, a salary and benefit compensation study will be done, and a space study of facilities completed.

Lyle Sumek Associates led the workshops which resulted in the five-year plan. A copy of the Strategic Plan 2007 Executive Summary is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office.

ITEMS STOLEN FROM VEHICLES ARE TOP CRIME

Auto burglaries and thefts from autos continue to be the #1 reported crime throughout the city. Since January of this year, 779 auto thefts or burglaries were reported citywide. That averages about 80 cases per month.

In many cases, these are crimes of opportunity. Victims routinely leave valuable items such as cameras, cell phones, CDs, cash and computers in plain view for the potential thief to see and steal. This often leads to a broken window, jammed lock or cut convertible top.

The Delray Beach Police Department would like to remind you of several things you can do to minimize the chances of being a victim of this crime. Always keep your vehicle locked. If your automobile is equipped with alarms or any security or anti-theft devices, you are encouraged to use them at all times. Park your car in well lit, heavily traveled areas when at the shopping mall parking lot or at the public beach. The holiday season is around the corner, so when doing your shopping be sure to avoid leaving gifts in the car where thieves can see them. Most importantly, do not leave any valuables unattended and in plain view in your vehicle. In many cases, criminals can be in your car and fleeing with your possessions in a matter of seconds.

The Delray Beach Police Department is asking your help getting this message out to your friends and neighbors. We all work too hard for our valuable possessions to have them taken away. Working together we can keep our valuable possessions out of the hands of criminals.

DOWNTOWN PLAN WINS REDEVELOPMENT AWARD

The Downtown Delray Beach Master Plan has won the 2002 Roy F. Kenzie Redevelopment Award for Planning Studies/Marketing and Communications. The award was presented at the annual Florida Redevelopment Award Conference on October 18th.

The Plan provides a blueprint for one of the City's oldest business districts and the surrounding neighborhoods. Please visit the Downtown Master Plan page on our Web site for more information.

PERFORMANCE IN THE PARK

The South Florida Brass will perform in a free concert at Veterans Park on Sunday, **December 8th at 4:00 p.m.** The group plays a wide variety of music ranging from Joplin to Gershwin. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and twilight picnics and enjoy the open air concert.



PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY PROGRAM

The City's Education Board is hosting **P.E.N.C.I.L. (Public/Private Education Needs Civic Involvement in Learning), "Principal For A Day" program** on **November 6, 2002**. The program is a proven way for leaders in schools and business professionals to share ideas, resources, and a sense of responsibility for educating our youth of today.

All of our 19 Delray Beach Schools, both public and private, are participating in the "**Principal For A Day**" program. Local high-profile figures will serve as "Acting Principals." In this capacity they will have a unique hands-on opportunity and a "day-in-the-life" experience to appreciate both the strengths and challenges of a Delray Beach school. Among the partnerships created from the day could include internships, mentoring, job opportunities, donation of library books, technical support, creation of student publications, and broadcasting experience. The possibilities are endless!

Participating as this year's "Acting Principals" are: **Scott Badesch**, United way of Palm Beach County; **Danny Barber**, Publix Super Markets; Judge **Charles E. Burton**, 15th Judicial Circuit; **Anthony Chambliss**, Universal Shared Services; **Robert E. Christie**, *Sun-Sentinel*; **George T. Elmore**, Hardrives, Inc.; **Joe Gillie**, Old School Square; **Rick Konsavage**, Delray Beach Marriott; **Frank McKinney**, Investment Equity Construction Corporation; **Fatima NeJame**, Palm Beach Photographic Center; **Bruce Nelson**, Office Depot; **Nancy Reagan**, N. Reagan and Company; **Steve Smith**, Walmart; **Nancy Stewart**, Avenue Creative Group; **Sidney Snyder**, Adelphia Cable; **Thomas R. Oliveri**, Northern Trust; **Renee Wasko**, Target; **Russ Warder**, Kentucky Fried Chicken; and **Scott Woolley**, Five Star Productions..

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

CAROUSEL MEMORIES EXHIBIT AND RIDE

Old School Square will present **Carousel Memories: A History of the American Carousel** from **November 21, 2002-January 12, 2003**.

This unique exhibit offers a nostalgic look back at the carousel from its beginnings in 1850 to modern day. The carousel as a marvel of handcrafted artwork and machinery is brought to life through historic carousel figures, memorabilia, photographs and paintings. Nearly 50 area residents have items included in the exhibit. Among the items on loan are a collection of hand-carved miniatures by artist Chuck Weiner, paintings and pastels from the 1930's, and contemporary carved horses.

Enhancing the museum's carousel experience will be a beautiful, full-sized carousel on the grounds seating over 60 people. Rides will cost \$2.

Some of the other special events and activities surrounding the exhibit and ride will be Friday Night Flicks at the Pavilion featuring the musical-romance, "Carousel" on **November 29th** at 7 p.m. The lighting of the 100-foot tree will take place **November 30th** at 6 p.m.

POLICE HONOR VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to **Bert Abrams** on being named the Police Department's **Volunteer of the Month** for August. Mr. Abrams has contributed many hours of dedicated service as a Parking Enforcement Specialist. When there was a shortage of crossing guards, he recruited members of the Parking Enforcement Patrol to help out, and then he set up a schedule. His efforts, made it unnecessary to call in a police officer to assist the crossing guards. Mr. Abrams is always available to help out at other times when needed.

We also extend hearty congratulations to **Israel Epstein** and **Herb Trachtenberg** who were selected **Volunteers of the Month** for September. Mr. Epstein and Mr. Trachtenberg patrol nine different communities as members of the COP Roving Patrol. Their enthusiasm, cooperation and dedication are greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY UNITY POTLUCK DINNER

Residents of the Sudan and Pine Trail East neighborhoods in West Delray gathered together at Temple Sinai for a community potluck dinner. The City provided fried and roasted chicken and residents brought side dishes, salads and desserts. The purpose of the dinner was to get to know the neighborhood leaders, members of the City Commission and neighbors in the community. Members of the Rotary Club of Delray Beach were on hand to serve the meal.

The Sudan neighborhood association won a \$2,000 neighborhood grant for having the highest percentage of participation at the potluck.

DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

Here are some of the events coming to the Delray Beach Public Library in November:

Nov 7-**Lunch with Liz@the Library**, 5 *Hints for Creating Success*. 12:00 p.m.

Nov. 12-**Obesity, Lifestyle & Diabetes**. 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 12-**Book Group**, *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen. 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 13-**Exploring the Delray Beach Cultural Loop**, *Visions in Art*. 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 14-**Managing & Overcoming Procrastination**, presented by Dr. Stacey Nelson. 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 17-**Musical Families Piano Recital** presented by Mary McOwen. 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 18-**Biomedical Science & Other Mysteries** by author Dirk Wyle. 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 19-**How to Handle Change—Going With the Flow** presented by author Dr. Deri Ronis. 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 20-**Turn Your Frown Upside Down**, presented by Dennis Koch. 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 20-**Positive Aging**, presented by Anita Beckerman. 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 21-**Florida Wills & Living Trusts**, presented by Jeffrey Steiner. 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 21-**Children's Puppet Show**. 3:30pm.

Nov. 25-**Book Group**, *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen. 1:00 p.m.

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