

HOMETOWN CONNECTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS OF DELRAY BEACH

HOMETOWN HERO



Ashley Wintemute, a police information specialist, helped feed and bathe three youngsters brought to the police station after their mother was taken to a mental health center.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THREE YOUNG LIVES

Ashley Wintemute could have easily walked away.

A police information specialist who often works the evening shift, Wintemute was on duty when a woman who was ranting uncontrollably was brought into the police department with her three children. For the safety of everyone involved, officers decided to take the mother to mental health counseling, leaving the children behind to wait for social service workers to sort things out.

Away from their mother – and petrified – the two young boys and their older sister wouldn't talk to the of-

ficers. Instead the youngsters, who appeared hungry and were very dirty, stayed huddled together in the juvenile crime section of the station – that is until Wintemute was called upon to see if she could help.

"The kids were a mess," said Wintemute, who has been working the front desk for two and a half years. "They had dirty clothes that they had been wearing for a couple of days and the younger ones had diapers that needed to be changed.

The mother of a 2 year old, Wintemute went out to her car and found the materials she needed to make a difference for the three children, ages 1, 3 and 7. She pulled a few toys, some diapers and a bag of wipes out of the trunk, filled a bucket with soapy water and went to work.

Before the youngsters left, they had a few snacks that Wintemute had in her locker and soft drinks from department vending machines. They also had a sponge bath, clean hair and for the younger ones, new diapers.

"I don't even like changing my own son's diapers," Wintemute said. "But I couldn't leave a child like that. Even if I wanted to say 'no,' I just couldn't."

Because of her efforts that night in April, Wintemute was named the city's S.P.I.R.I.T. Employee of the Year and was also nominated for the Florida League of Cities Employee of the Year award.

Along with the recognition, Wintemute received a cash award that came at just the right time. Her son Nathan, born with serious heart complications, was about to undergo his fifth open-heart surgery and she needed to take off four weeks.

"The money helped with medical expenses," she said.

Because of Nathan's illness, Wintemute has not been able to amass much in the way of sick time. To fill in the gap, others in the department donated their sick time.

"This has got to be the greatest place to work and these are the greatest people to work with," she said. "Everyone is recognizing me for this one incident but everyone here does something special every day."

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION EASIER ON WEB SITE, RADIO

A new look to the city's Web site and an innovative plan enabling live radio broadcasts of City Commission meetings are now making it easier for residents to get information they need about what's going on in their community.

During the summer, the City unveiled a new look to its Web site and also, working with the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, made it possible to access citywide information through a single home page at www.delraybeach.com

Now visitors looking for information about the City can go to one place and find it all. At the same time, residents can also go to the mydelraybeach.com home page to find out how to access City services and watch live City Commission meetings.

"The whole idea was to provide consistency," says Todd L'Herrou, whose firm Electronic Village Systems worked with several groups on the home page.

When visitors click on the city government link on the home page, they will find that information is easier to get than ever.

In the past, says Senior Programmer Analyst Paul Fleetwood, residents had to know which department handled certain functions. Now, with a

click on "information for residents" they can find what they need.

"The site is more logical," he said, adding that visitors can also find calendars a public art gallery.



Beginning this month, the site also includes the new Citizen Service Request Center, which makes it possible for residents to let administrators know of concerns and issues. Residents will receive notification when issues are resolved. Residents with questions or complaints who do not have a computer can call (561) 243-7012.

Since the summer, the Web site has also been the place to turn for live streaming of City Commission meetings. Now, residents can listen to those Commission meetings on Delray Beach Emergency Radio, 1620 AM.

Working together, the city's Public Information Officer Ivan Ladizinsky and Office Information Analyst Charles Furment figured out how to connect the audio portion of the live Web cast to the radio transmitter at a minimal cost to the City.

As a result, residents who don't have access to the Internet can now listen to Commission meetings at home and on the road.

"This is being done at minimal cost to the taxpayer," Ladizinsky said.

NEW FIRE-RESCUE CHIEF SEES VALUE IN OPENING DEPARTMENT'S DOORS

Growing up in Miami, David James remembers walking by the neighborhood fire station and never getting to know much about the men who worked inside.

"The fire station was not very welcoming," says James, who became chief of Delray Beach Fire-Rescue this summer. "The doors were never open in my community."

One of James' goals, now that he's at the helm of Delray Beach's department, is to make sure that doesn't happen here.

"We're planning a program to hold open houses at each of our fire stations," says James, the city's first African-American fire chief and one of the first African-Americans to have risen to the chief's staff in Miami-Dade, where he retired as head of the Emergency Medical Services division.

For James, another top priority is ensuring that the professional reputation Delray Fire-Rescue has gained and the quality of service residents have enjoyed never waivers.

In fact, he wants to see that grow stronger.

"People hold firefighters in high esteem," he says. "They know we're here to help and they view us in a way that I would never want to see change because we failed to do our jobs properly."

Doing the job properly, he says, entails providing quality service to the community on every call and keeping in mind the great responsibility that comes with the job.

"When you are a firefighter, you're never off duty," he says. "It's not just how you act when you're on duty, it's the way you carry

and conduct yourself at all times."

Coming up through the ranks of Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue, James started out on the back of a fire truck – just like everyone else – but was quickly tapped by a battalion chief to go into paramedic training.

It was in that role that James really got to see the impact of his job on the community.

"When I found out how important what we do is, it became frightening because we hold people's lives in our hands," he said. "It's a responsibility I have never taken lightly."

Chief James says that he would like to see Delray Fire-Rescue become more pro-active in address-



David James, a veteran with more than 30 years with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, took the helm of Delray Beach Fire-Rescue in August.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors are only as good as the batteries in them. Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 7-13 and now is the time to test your smoke detector, check batteries and practice a fire escape plan with your family. A few minutes can save lives.



ing the medical needs of the community. Over the years, he says, the percentage of calls fire-rescue departments handle has shifted to the point where medical-related calls are about 80 percent of total calls.

"We have to look at what we can do to reduce the number of medical calls," he says.

One way to do that is to follow up on blood-pressure screenings the department does routinely and to help patients with issues find the resources they need.

"We can educate and develop collaborations with other agencies," he says. "That way we'll be able to link them to organiza-

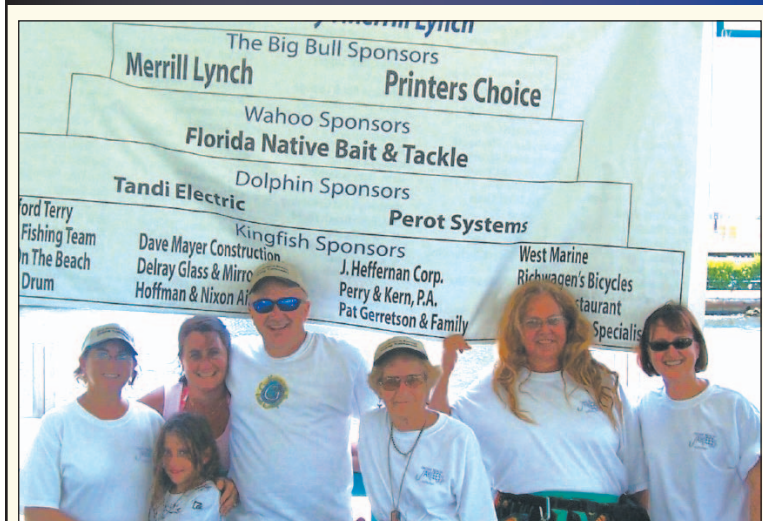
tions that can help follow up. We'll be reducing the need for us to see them in a critical situation."

Although he would come up from Miami on occasion with his family as a youngster to have a meal at a cousin's restaurant – Russell's Grill, which was across from where the fire station is now – James didn't know much about Delray Fire-Rescue until a former colleague in the Miami Fire Department, Bob Rehr, became fire chief in Delray Beach.

Thanks to Rehr, James learned about the department's progressive approach and decided to apply for chief after Chief Kerry Koen announced plans to retire.

"I already knew about the department and its professionalism," he said. "I knew it was a department that embraced change."

FISHING FOR A CAUSE



Delray Beach's Kids and Cops program and the Delray Beach Citizens for Delray Beach Police Holiday Toy Drive will receive more than \$14,000 thanks to the Delray Beach Jaycees Mark Gerretson Memorial Fishing Tournament held earlier this summer. This year's event drew more than 65 boats and hundreds of fishermen and women. Pictured above from left to right are: Carol Dugan and daughter Nikki, Jennifer Buce of the city's Community Development department, Officer Jeff Messer, Pat Gerretson, Deena Gerretson and Danielle Beardsley from Parks and Recreation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT KEEPING HEAT ON RED LIGHT VIOLATORS

The numbers tell the story.

During one week in August, from Aug. 4 until Aug. 11, Delray Beach police officers joined other police agencies in Florida in an initiative aimed at drivers who run red lights.

"We issued nearly 100 citations and many, many more warnings," said Officer Jeff Messer, the department's public information officer.

And while the official initiative may be over, Messer said the department will continue to put an emphasis on issuing citations to those drivers who go through red lights as well as those who violate other traffic laws.

One reason for the crackdown, he said, is the impact that going through a red light can have.

Last year in Florida there were 96 traffic fatalities and 6,300 injuries from crashes that were a direct result of red-light running.

In addition to loss of life, red-light violations can lead to crashes that result in lost time at work, repair costs and insurance increases that affect all consumers.

"Everyone needs to do their part for safety," Messer said.



A one week crackdown on red-light runners by Delray Beach police led to almost 100 citations and many more warnings.

MAYOR RITA ELLIS LAUNCHES CITY'S 2008 LITERACY INITIATIVE

When Rita Ellis was a small girl growing up in rural West Virginia, she couldn't wait for the packages to come from her uncle.

A military man, her uncle was traveling around the world and when he made a stop, he also made sure to pick up books for his little niece who hadn't quite made it to kindergarten in the one-room schoolhouse where her grandfather taught.

"The greatest thing was that package of books," says Ellis, who grew up to become the first elected woman mayor of Delray Beach. "They opened my imagination to everything possible."

The Mayor will tell you that books have become constant companions and now fill her home. "I've always loved to read," she says. "It's a mind-expanding experience."

Guided by her passion for literacy, Ellis is now leading the city's efforts to highlight the importance of literacy in the community. She is one of a dozen mayors in Palm Beach County who are launching coordinated literacy initiatives.

In Delray Beach she is continuing efforts begun a few years ago to encourage children – and adults – to pick up a book and read.

"I'm challenging the City staff to keep coming up with creative ideas to encourage reading," she says.

Coming up with ideas hasn't been a problem for Janet Meeks, the City's education coordinator and for members of the City's Education Board, which has already developed a plan that includes everything from proclamations to several reading events that will take place throughout the City.

Literacy is especially important, she says, because only about 50 percent of the students in Palm Beach County schools are reading at grade level or higher.



Mayor Rita Ellis will lead the city's literacy efforts.

One of the first upcoming literacy efforts under the Mayor's initiative will be a proclamation from the City Commission declaring November as Families Reading Together Month. During the month, parents with children throughout public schools will be encouraged to read the same book while at the same time city officials will be encouraged to visit local schools and read that book to students.

And the Mayor will be hosting a special event at the Achievement Centers for Children and Families.

During November, literacy will also have an important role in the Principal for a Day program, in which community leaders visit area public and private schools.

Among other programs that are part of the Mayor's Literacy Initiative for 2008 is the distribution of 1,000 free books about Delray Beach History at the 100-foot Christmas tree by the Education Board and the Delray Beach Historical Society. Special guests

will also be at the tree to read holiday books to youngsters.

There will also be a new program during the holiday festivities geared toward encouraging middle-school students to spend more time reading.

Also on tap for this coming year is continued support of the Paired-Shared program at Atlantic High School where members of the ROTC program work with fifth graders, teaching them how to read to younger kids.

For Mayor Ellis, having an uncle in the military send her books made a world of difference.

"The idea is to make reading fun," she says. "If children start enjoying reading at an early age, it never goes away."

DELRAY BEACH TO BECOME A CITY OF CHARACTER

For the last half-dozen years, students throughout Florida have been learning how to be good citizens through character education programs mandated by the Legislature in 1999.

Now, Delray Beach is taking that one step further and becoming a City of Character with hopes of reinforcing the lessons the students learn and perhaps sharing them with some adults as well.

"While students are talking about character in the schools, we'll be talking about it in the community," says Janet Meeks, the city's education coordinator, who is working with Mayor Rita Ellis and the Delray Beach Education Board on the initiative.

Working with the national Character Counts program, the City will be promoting six pillars of character, which are taught in the schools. Those pillars are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Through communications in newsletters and on the City Website, the education board is hoping to encourage parents to continue discussions of character started in the classroom.

In addition to promoting the pillars of character, the Education Board will recognize students chosen as "students of character" in their schools at City Commission meetings and will also work with the United Way of Palm Beach County's Character Counts programs.

Meeks believes that promoting character and values will pay dividends in the long run.

"This program helps develop good employees for local businesses and strong leaders for our community," she said.

Strengthening relationships between local businesses and the city's public and private schools has always been an important objective of the Education Board and one of the key initiatives designed to do that is the annual Principal for a Day program.

This year, 18 community leaders will each spend a half a day in a city school, shadowing that school's principal and learning



Education Board Chair Debbie Kaiser meets with students during last year's Principal for a Day program.

about the needs of that school and its students.

"One of our goals is to create long-term relationships between the business and community leaders and the schools," said Education Board member Peggy Murphy.

Also taking place this fall is the annual "Walk a Child to School Day," a national program that encourages community leaders to walk students to school and learn about any safety issues the youngsters might face.

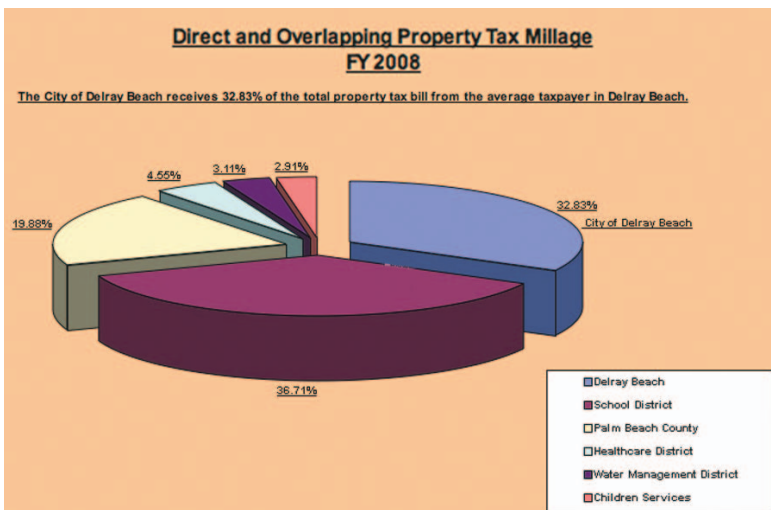
Fed-Ex will be sponsoring this year's event, which will focus on students attending Banyan Creek Elementary School.

"This is our chance to find out if the students feel safe and to address any issues that they may encounter," Meeks said.

ABOUT THE BUDGET

Did You Know That:

- The City receives only about one third of the property tax paid for by the average taxpayer.
- Public safety, which includes police and fire, accounts for 52 percent of the City's general fund spending.
- The City's property insurance costs are expected to rise 104 percent over 2006 costs.
- The City's health insurance costs are expected to be \$1 million more than they were in 2005.
- Total assessed value of property in the City, which increased more than 30 percent in 2007, will grow only 3 percent in the coming year.
- The city's millage rate of \$6.58 per \$1,000 of assessed property value is the lowest it has been in more than a decade.
- The \$101.3 million dollar general fund budget for 2007/2008 is 1.7 percent smaller than last year's budget.
- General government spending will drop almost 8 percent and spending for parks and recreation will also decrease while spending for public safety and public works will increase in the general fund.
- 54 percent of the City's total general fund revenue comes from property taxes.
- The City maintains reserves of about 18 percent of the general fund budget for emergencies.
- About half of the city's employees work in either the police or fire departments.



PROVIDING QUALITY SERVICE IN A TIGHT BUDGET YEAR

It was, by all accounts, a challenging budget year. With tax revenues falling almost 5 percent – largely as a result of state-mandated tax reform – and major expenses either increasing or staying the same, city leaders faced the challenge of finding ways to trim the budget without impacting the level of service residents have come to expect.

After months of hand-wringing, the City Commission approved a \$101.38 million budget that is 1.68 percent smaller than last year.

For taxpayers, that translates to a second consecutive year in which the tax rate has dropped, this time down from \$7.30 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to \$6.58. That means the owner of a \$325,000 home with a \$25,000 homestead exemption (\$300,000 in taxable assessed-value) would pay \$1,974 in city property taxes, down from \$2,190 a year earlier for a savings of \$216. That's a property tax of \$5.41 per day for a variety of services ranging from police and fire protection to parks and recreation.

Mayor Rita Ellis says finding ways to reduce expenses was hard work but that the effort paid off.

"We were able to maintain the core services the city must provide while still keeping many of the things that makes Delray Beach what it is," she said. "We looked at every dollar."

While other neighboring communities facing similar challenges announced cuts of full-time staff positions, Delray Beach was able

to cut three full-time positions without any forced layoffs.

"We cut a couple of positions we decided we could do without," City Manager David Harden said, adding that the City also offered incentives to some employees for early retirement.

To offset the reduction in property tax, the City did cut 14 part-time positions, mostly in the Parks and Recreation Department, as a result of a decision to reduce the hours the City's Community Center and Veterans Park Community Center are open.

Other savings came from the elimination of funding for lobbyists, the elimination of a contract the city had with Boca Raton Education Television and cuts in grants to several non-profit organizations.

Additional revenues are expected to come from increases in licenses and permit fees and from taxes added to bills residents receive from utilities such as Florida Power and Light and Florida Public Utilities. In addition, the City expects to generate additional revenue as a result of changes in its special events policy, which will require organizations to cover expenses the city incurs during those events.

The Mayor points out that cooperation among City department heads and with other agencies, including the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, helped make the process easier. "This really is about teamwork," she said.

2007-2008 DELRAY BEACH GENERAL FUND BUDGET

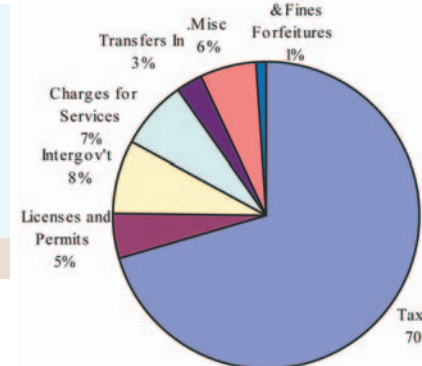
REVENUE	2006 Actual	2007 Revised	2008 Approved	% Change 07/08
Cash Balances Brought Forward:				
Prior Year Surplus	-	\$ 354,269	\$ 825,000	\$132.87%
Revenues:				
Taxes	64,872,155	74,497,910	70,981,200	-4.72%
Licenses and Permits	4,716,041	4,152,060	4,655,170	12.12%
Intergovernmental	8,965,291	8,413,621	7,862,470	-6.55%
Charges for Services	6,240,169	6,102,760	7,213,640	18.20%
Fines and Forfeitures	694,840	953,900	1,002,700	5.12%
Miscellaneous	5,013,678	5,643,505	5,954,570	5.51%
Total Revenues	90,502,174	99,763,756	97,669,750	-2.10%

Other Financing Sources:	2006 Actual	2007 Revised	2008 Approved	% Change 07/08
Operating Transfers in	3,438,799	2,997,435	2,889,940	-3.59%
Total Other Sources	3,438,799	2,997,435	2,889,940	-3.59%
Total Revenue & Other Sources	\$ 93,940,973	103,115,460	101,384,690	-1.68%

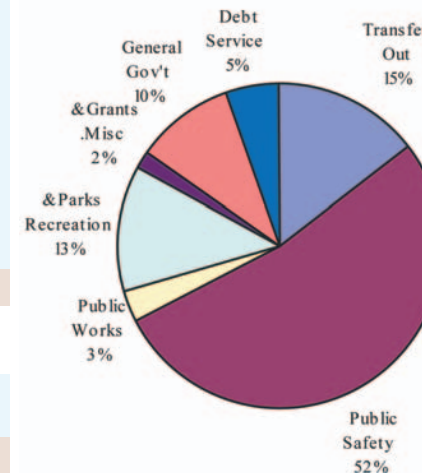
Expenditures:	2006 Actual	2007 Revised	2008 Approved	% Change 07/08
General Government	\$ 8,641,863	10,869,455	10,013,520	-7.87%
Public Safety	47,392,096	51,760,536	53,014,840	2.42%
Public Works	2,755,978	3,017,823	3,086,570	2.28%
Parks & Recreation	11,405,914	13,246,349	12,929,880	-2.39%
Grants	2,166,428	2,423,220	1,914,000	-21.01%
Debt Service	4,830,220	5,108,370	5,335,080	4.44%
Miscellaneous	390,254	25,499	10,470	-58.94%
Contingency	-	524,436	126,420	-75.89%
Total Expenditures	77,582,753	86,975,688	86,430,780	-0.63%

Other Financing Uses:	2006 Actual	2007 Revised	2008 Approved	% Change 07/08
Operating Transfers out	13,509,379	16,139,772	14,953,910	-7.35%
Total Other Uses	13,509,379	16,139,772	14,953,910	-7.35%
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	\$ 91,092,132	103,115,460	101,384,690	-1.68%

Where the money comes from:



Where the money goes:



ADDRESSING RISING EXPENSES



The city of Delray Beach, like many businesses and homeowners, has been impacted by dramatic increases in necessary expenses over the last two years. Gas, electricity and salaries and retirement benefits have all increased significantly since 2006 and they're predicted to continue increasing due to several factors, including inflation, the cost of living and increased oil prices. Another large expense for the city is insurance, with

property insurance expected to be more than double what it was in 2006 and health insurance continuing to rise.

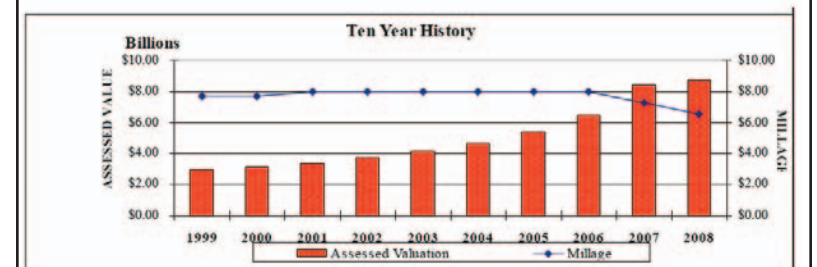
While expenses continued to rise, state-mandated legislation forced a \$4.6 million cut in property tax revenues from last year. Like homeowners faced with pay cuts at the same time monthly expenses increase, City leaders looked for ways to save but also searched for ways to bring in more revenue. Through increases in certain fees, including parking charges and building permit fees, the City expects to generate an additional \$1.7 million over last year. Included in the fee increases is an additional \$211,000 in utility tax revenue – which comes from taxes consumers pay in their electricity or gas bills. Total utility tax revenue, however, is still almost \$400,000 below 2005 levels.

MAJOR EXPENSES

	2005 Actuals	2006 Actuals	2007 Revised	2008 Approved
Fuel	598,475	801,975	717,360	736,030
Electricity	1,171,609	1,324,745	1,601,990	1,479,030
Salaries	30,003,856	31,441,895	35,058,883	36,690,380
Health Insurance	3,590,590	4,016,028	4,382,078	4,640,110
Property and Casualty Insurance	1,232,250	1,273,940	2,417,510	2,841,800
General Employee Retirement Benefits	996,766	1,424,180	1,406,160	1,571,700
Police & Fire Retirement Benefits	4,447,416	5,474,109	5,811,570	6,245,250

MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES – GENERAL FUND

	2005 Actuals	2006 Actuals	2007 Revised	2008 Approved
Property Tax Revenue	41,584,718	49,825,341	59,164,660	54,525,950
Building Permit Fees	2,005,031	1,994,228	2,000,000	2,300,000
Parking Revenues	431,511	449,658	470,000	799,000
Fines & Forfeitures	921,154	694,840	953,900	1,002,700
Franchise Fees	3,989,989	4,879,159	5,558,250	6,414,250
Utility Tax	8,880,142	8,678,700	8,275,000	8,486,000



JOINT PROJECT AIMS TO PROVIDE QUALITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

For almost a quarter of a century, Carver Estates defined public housing in Delray Beach.

The apartment community in the Southwest section of the city served an important purpose, providing home for some of the community's lower income residents. But time took its toll on the community.

By the time Hurricane Wilma came through and forced its closure, Carver Estates had deteriorated to the point that it failed to get passing grades from federal housing officials.

Soon however, the Carver Estates property and surrounding areas will be the site of one of the most innovative housing partnerships in the state, bringing together the City, the Delray Beach Housing Authority, the Community Redevelopment Agency and a private developer, the Auburn Group.

When it is completed, the Villages community will include close to 1,000 homes available to families of mixed incomes. And they won't just be low-income rental units like those in Carver Estates, nor will it be traditional public housing.

Instead, the project – that will be built in three parts – will include townhouses and condominiums as well as apartments, with a mix of market rate homes, workforce homes and affordable housing.

"Someone could actually go through all phases of their life without ever leaving the neighborhood," said Cito Beguiristain, vice president of the Auburn Group.

An outgrowth in large part of the city's Southwest Development Plan, drawn up several years ago, the Villages is a project built around the concept of opportunity to grow.

"It's all about quality neighborhoods," says Lula Butler, the City's director of Community Improvement. "The goal is to raise the standard of living for everyone."

Beguiristain said that plans are to have the community designed so that people of varying incomes will be living next door to each other in the townhouse and condominium units as well as in the rental units.

"We'll be mixing workforce homes with market-rate homes," he said, adding that it's important to provide financial role models in the community that others could look up to.

That wasn't always the case in Carver Estates, according to Dorothy Ellington, president and CEO of the Housing Authority.

"At Carver Estates there were children whose aspiration was to be able to go out on their own and get an apartment at Carver Estates," she said.

Being constructed in three sections, the project will include the Village at Delray, 264 rental units; Village Square, 332 town-



As part of an overall effort to revitalize the city's Southwest neighborhood, a cooperative effort will be creating the Villages, with close to 1000 residential units, parks and proposed improvements along Auburn/SW 12 Avenue.

houses and condominiums; and Village Lakes with an additional 360 townhouses and condominiums.

"When it's complete it will be the largest workforce housing development in Florida," said Beguiristain.

In the interim, however, Ellington sees the project as offering hope and opportunity to those families that want to improve their living conditions.

"We're lifting up people of the community," she says. "And what's good for this community is good for the community as a whole."

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BUILDING INCLUDES MEETING ROOMS

The engineering department is working out of what used to be a garage at the City's public works complex.

The offices for the environmental services management staff, the team responsible for everything from water treatment to public work to construction oversight, are in a building that is 25 years old and crowded.

Parking at the Environmental Services Compound in the Southwest section of the City is almost as hard to come by as storage space.

But all that is expected to change before the end of the year when a new 11,000-square-foot Environmental Services Administration building opens its doors.

"The new building is going to have a positive impact on our ability to provide services to residents," says Environmental Services Director Richard Hasko.



The city's new environmental services building will include two public meeting rooms and ample parking.

With lots of room for the entire engineering department and plenty of document storage areas, the new building will eliminate crowded conditions and free up space in the existing public works building for additional storage.

But the part of the building that will probably have the most direct impact on the residents of Delray Beach is the front side, which includes two meeting rooms that will not only be used by City staff but which will also be opened to neighborhood associations and non-profit organizations.

"One of the things we recognized was that there was a need for public meeting space in the City," Hasko said, adding that City Hall has only a few areas for meetings, none of which are really large enough to accommodate bigger groups. While there are larger rooms in the Community Center, they're often booked early.

To alleviate that problem, architects drew plans that included a large meeting room in the front of the building with a small food-preparation area. On the other side of the building's reception area is a smaller conference room, which will include a large conference table.

Both meeting rooms are set apart from the offices in the building, thus making it easier for public groups to use the meeting rooms without disturbing the staff members working in the building.

Perhaps one of the biggest advantages of the new building is that it will include an

abundance of parking spaces for both guests and staff.

Hasko said that the City isn't quite ready to start taking reservations for the conference rooms yet, but will be keeping residents informed through announcements on the City's Web site and through publications.

"This building cures a lot of problems and conditions we've been dealing with for several years," Hasko said.



Environmental Services Director Richard Hasko is watching construction of the new building progress.

DELRAY BEACH GREENMARKET OPENING OCT. 27

Tony Pinck has lots of good reasons to make the Delray Beach GreenMarket in the Park part of his Saturday morning routine from the end of October to the end of May.

"You get incredible produce that you can't get at the grocery store," says Pinck, a transplanted New Englander who enjoyed the markets back home. "You find a lot of really fresh vegetables and they're not expensive."

Pinck will tell you that another reason he goes to the Delray Beach GreenMarket in the Park every Saturday is to catch up with friends and to chat with the regular vendors he's gotten to know over the years.

"It's all about the people," he says.

With close to 30 vendors each week, the GreenMarket is also the place to turn for everything from orchids and herbs to plants and pastries. It's also home to some unusual special events from the Easter Bonnet Dog Parade to a Chili Cook Off.

Now, there's one more great reason to make it to the GreenMarket, at Worthing Park on Atlantic Avenue and East Second Avenue. "This year we'll be selling our new cookbook," says Lori Nolan, who manages the GreenMarket, a project of the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

Inside the cookbook are more than 150 recipes

from market vendors as well as regular visitors who wanted to contribute.

Nolan, who is starting her eighth season managing the GreenMarket, says the idea for a cookbook actually came out of conversations she was hearing routinely on Saturday mornings.

"I was always hearing people exchange recipes," she said.

Nolan worked for several months to compile the book, which also includes photos from the market.

Many of the recipes, she says, include ingredients that can be found at the GreenMarket and they come from contributors who are pretty well known including, well, Santa.

Nolan says the cookbooks can be found every Saturday at the GreenMarket, which opens on Oct. 27 and will sell for \$14.95.



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This year, Nolan says visitors to the market will have a chance to sharpen their carving skills thanks to a pumpkin-carving demonstration planned for

opening day, Oct. 27. There will also be Trick Or Treat at the Market that weekend.

Decorative napkin-folding demonstrations are also planned for later on in the year.

"There's something for everyone at the GreenMarket," she said.

GREEN CORNER

Carol Dugan wants her 8-year-old daughter Nikki to understand the value of giving back to the community and preserving the environment.

So it wasn't surprising that when Dugan hit the beach on Sept. 15 for the annual Florida Coastal Cleanup, she made sure that Nikki was right there by her side.

"I usually bring my daughter along because I want to teach her about the importance of doing good things in the community," Dugan says.

For Dugan, who was at the beach seven days a week when she first came to the area in the 1980s, this year's cleanup marked the fourth time she's been out collecting an assortment of litter, ranging from pieces of plastic to bottle caps and even some shoes.

"Delray Beach has a beautiful beach and it deserves to stay clean," she said.

The event was part of the Coastal Conservancy's International Cleanup Campaign.



Hundreds of volunteers were on hand for the Florida Coastal Cleanup along Delray's beach on Sept. 15.

DELRAY CELEBRATES HERITAGE MONTH

Delray Beach will celebrate Heritage Month once again this year during the month of October. This year's Heritage Month will celebrate Delray Beach's earliest retail merchants, beginning in the late 1890s.

The events kicked off with the second annual Spady Living Heritage Day on Sept. 22, followed by the opening of a new exhibit, "Mid-Century Signs of Commerce," at the Delray Beach Historical Society on Oct. 3, sponsored by Bob Miller State Farm Insurance. Other highlights will include a film series at the Delray Beach Public Library, art exhibition openings, two narrated bus tours, and Art & Jazz on the Avenue on Oct. 18 featuring historic photos along the Avenue.

Also during October, visitors to the Spady Museum will see an exhibit about Fort Mose, Florida's first free African-American community.

To get complete event information, visit www.mydelraybeach.com and scroll down to

Heritage month under Events or pick up a copy of the Heritage Month brochure available at the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce and from many downtown merchants.

HERITAGE MONTH



The Cathcart Building, built in 1912 will be featured in the "Mid-Century Signs of Commerce" exhibit.

EVENTS CALENDAR



OCT. 13

AVDA 5K Run/Walk

Anchor Park

6:30 a.m. registration /

7:30 a.m. run/walk

(561) 265-3797

OCT. 20

Firefighters/Paramedics

Chili Cook-Off

Old School Square

Noon - 11 p.m.

(561) 279-0907

OCT. 26 - 28

"Orchids

on the Avenue"

Old School Square

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(561) 638-9014

OCT. 27

Noontime Kiwanis

Trick or Treat the

Merchants

Atlantic Avenue

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

and

Halloween Parade

Old School Square

1:30 p.m.

(561) 276-6537

OCT. 27

KidsFest

Veterans Park

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(561) 243-7277

OCT. 27

Trick Or Treat at the

GreenMarket

Worthing Park

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(561) 276-7511

NOV. 3 - 4

Chris Evert/

Raymond James

Tennis Classic

Delray Tennis Center

11 a.m.

(561) 394-2400

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