



## GREEN RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY UNVEILS NEW EV CHARGING STATIONS

The City of Delray Beach held a green ribbon cutting ceremony on May 4, 2011, to unveil its three (3) new Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations in the Banker's Row Parking Lot, located at NE 1st Avenue and NE 2nd Street. This green project was completed prior to the end of Earth Month and designates Delray Beach as the first municipality in the County to provide EV Charging Stations for public use.

In 2009, the City's Green Task Force recommended that the City Commission promote the use of alternative vehicles within Delray Beach. "This is a great economic development tool that will draw visitors to our downtown core," states Delray Beach Sustainability Officer/Public Information Officer Rich Reade. "With public EV Charging Stations in place, electric car owners who may not have visited Delray Beach because of distance (due to limited battery usage) will now be able to charge their vehicles while patronizing our downtown shops, restaurants and museums."



(l to r) Charles Whalen, Vice-Mayor Angeleta Gray, Commissioners Fred Fetzer and Adam Frankel, Deputy Vice-Mayor Tom Carney and Sustainability/PIO Officer Rich Reade at EV Charging Stations Green Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Funding for all equipment, infrastructure and installation was generously donated by Charles Whalen, Delray Beach resident and Executive Director of Plug In Florida. He has also agreed to install three additional EV Charging Stations within the downtown area – a **total contribution of more than \$30,000 to the City**. In addition, Mr. Whalen surprised Vice-Mayor Angeleta Gray with a \$500 check to support EV Charging Station electricity fees for the next 3 to 5 years and will allow the City to offer free electric vehicle charging at this time.

"The City appreciates this generous donation and recognizes the long term sustainability benefits for our community, both economically and environmentally," added Rich Reade.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at (561) 243-7190.

## PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Hurricane Season begins June 1st and the time to prepare is **now**. Residents are urged to keep important contact information readily available and to plan ahead by taking these precautionary steps:

- *Supply your household with nonperishable food and water for 5-7 days (minimum of one gallon of water per person per day is recommended).*
- *Stock up on batteries & flashlights. Don't forget to charge your cell phones and fill your vehicle's gas tank prior to the storm hitting.*
- *Organize & package important documents preferably in waterproof containers or sealed plastic bags.*
- *Have an insulated cooler available especially for medication that requires refrigeration.*
- *Designate an out-of-state family member or friend as a single point of contact should loved ones become separated. If you live alone, arrange a "buddy" system with a friend or neighbor.*
- *If you are disabled and need medical assistance during a storm, register in advance for a special needs shelter. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call the Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center at (561) 712-6400.*
- *Bring pets indoors and have an ample supply of pet food. If necessary, locate a pet-friendly shelter in your area. For additional information on pet shelters, visit [www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare](http://www.pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare).*

### **IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

**In Case of Emergency:** 911

**Delray Beach Emergency Operations Center:** (561) 243-7400

**Delray Beach Emergency Radio:** 1620 AM (official source of information during and after emergencies - operated by the City of Delray Beach)

**Hurricane Information Line:** (561) 243-7840 (provides updated messages from the City)

**City Website:** [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) (information on hurricane safety & preparedness including links to weather centers, the American Red Cross, Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control)

**County Website:** [www.pbcgov.com](http://www.pbcgov.com) (important information including locations of generator-equipped gas stations and grocery stores)

**National Hurricane Center:** [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) (hazardous tropical weather watches, warnings and forecasts)

**Office of Insurance Regulation Website:** [www.floir.com](http://www.floir.com) (information on Florida consumer insurance)

**American Red Cross Hurricane Shelter (Delray Beach location upon activation):** Atlantic High School, 2455 West Atlantic Avenue

For more information on hurricane preparedness, visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select *Fire-Rescue* under *Departments*.



## PROJECTS, UPDATES & REMINDERS

### CITY DIRECTORY

Delray Beach City Hall  
100 NW 1st Avenue  
Delray Beach, Florida 33444  
General Information  
(561) 243-7000

Emergency 9-1-1  
Non-Emergency 243-7800  
English-Spanish-Creole

**Citizen Service Requests 243-7012**  
or [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com)

*Peticiones del Servicio del Ciudadano*  
*Sèvis ke Sitwayen Bezwen*

**City Manager's Office 243-7010**  
**Mayor and City Commission**

*Oficina del Administrador de la Ciudad*  
*Biwo Manadjè Vil-la*

**Utility Billing 243-7100**

*Cargos de Utilidades*  
*Depatman Bil Dlo/Elektrik*

**Water/Sewer Maint. 243-7312**

*Mantenimiento del Agua y Alcantarilla*  
*Depatman pou Pwòpte Dlo avèk Egou*

**Parks & Recreation 243-7250**

*Parques y Recreación*  
*Depatman Pak & Rekreyasyon*

**Municipal Golf Course 243-7380**

*Campo de Golf Municipal*  
*Magazen Golf*

**City Clerk's Office 243-7050**

*Oficina del Actuario de la Ciudad*  
*Biwo Komi pou Vil-la*

**Jobline 243-6201**

*Linea de Trabajos*  
*Liy Telefòn pou Jwenn Travay*

**PBC Animal Control 276-1344**

*Mando de Animales*  
*Depatman Ki An Chaj Zannimo*

**Police Department 243-7888**

*Departamento de la Policía*  
*Depatmin Polis*

**Fire Department 243-7400**

*Parque de Bomberos*  
*Depatman pou Dife*

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**2011 Business Partner Silver Award** - The City of Delray Beach has been selected as an Outstanding Business Partner for 2010-11 by the School District of Palm Beach County. The "Silver Award" was presented to the City's Education Board in recognition of the various programs, events and activities that the City supports at Carver Community Middle School. In accordance with the City Commission's Strategic Plan, the City has developed partnerships with local schools and the community to advocate for quality education in public and private learning institutions within Delray Beach. Through City-sponsored projects such as the Early Morning School Program, Principal for a Day, Student "Mock" Municipal Elections & City Commission Meetings, Student Academies and Environmentally Friendly School Gardens, Delray Beach enhances the learning opportunities for our youth. For information on the City's educational programs, visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select *Education Board* under *Boards and Committees* or contact Janet Meeks at (561) 243-7231 or E-mail [meeksj@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:meeksj@mydelraybeach.com).

**\*NEW\* Delray Beach Action Center** - This new 24/7 online service center provides residents, businesses and visitors with the opportunity to ask a question, submit a request, report a problem and/or track the status of submitted inquiries. Service requests such as reporting a street light out, requesting a pothole to be repaired, etc., are captured and routed to the appropriate City department for resolution. The *Delray Beach Action Center* is expected to result in a **\$2,500 annual savings to the City**. The *Delray Beach Action Center* is available on the City's website, [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com), by selecting *Delray Beach Action Center* under *Self Service*. For those who do not have access to a computer, prefer to submit requests via telephone and/or would like more information, contact the *Delray Beach Action Center* at (561) 243-7012, Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Calls made after hours will be recorded and submitted on the following business day.

**Delray Beach Family Recreation and Fitness Center New Playground** - The City's Parks and Recreation Department invites the community to visit this new, outdoor recreational facility located at 850 North Congress Avenue (NW corner of Congress Avenue and Lake Ida Road). **Funded with a \$61,025 grant from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)**, the playground is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant and includes rubber safety surfacing, wide ramps, benches, a water fountain and bicycle rack. Playground components also include slides, toad stool climber, rock wall, steering wheels and thunder rings. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Superintendent Alberta Gaum-Rickard at (561) 243-7136 or E-mail [gaum@mydelraybeach.com](mailto:gaum@mydelraybeach.com).

**SW 12 Avenue/Auburn Avenue Construction Improvements** - The City Commission recently approved construction improvements on SW 12th Avenue/Auburn Avenue and SW 14th Avenue, from SW 10th Street to West Atlantic Avenue. Improvements along this corridor will include sidewalks, new road pavement, curbing, parallel parking spaces, drainage with new swales, water main upgrades, landscaping, paver crosswalks and decorative street lights. **Construction costs are estimated at \$1.59 million and will be funded by Palm Beach County in the amount of \$1 million and the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency in the amount of \$261,655.82.** The remaining balance will be paid from City stormwater and water sewer funds. Work is expected to be completed in late 2011.

**211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast** - 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast is a free, confidential, 24/7 helpline and crisis hotline that assists callers with information, assessment, crisis intervention and referral to community services. 211 Staff are trained to offer guidance and support to teenagers, adults, senior citizens, families, caregivers, professionals and veterans. For more information, simply dial 2-1-1 or call (866) 882-2991, or visit [www.211palmbeach.org](http://www.211palmbeach.org).

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