



NEIGHBORHOODS

MAY 2002

BEACH NOURISHMENT PROGRAM EARNS AWARD

The City of Delray Beach has been selected as one of the **2002 American Coastal Coalition Top Restored Beaches Awards**. In selecting Delray Beach for this honor, the Awards Committee cited the long term success and economic benefits that have resulted from the City's beach nourishment and maintenance program.

Studies have found that beaches are vital to the economy of Florida. Well maintained beaches attract tourists and increase property values, adding to the taxes collected locally and at the state level. The contribution of the City's nourished beach to state revenues was estimated to be \$1,300,000 annually according to a 1995-96 study conducted by Dr. William Stronge and Dr. Ronald Schultz of Florida Atlantic University, far exceeding the cost to nourish the beach.

Delray Beach has a long history of successful replenishment projects. The initial beach nourishment project was constructed in the summer of 1973. About 1,635,000 cubic yards of sand was used to nourish 2.7 miles of shoreline. Since the initial nourishment project, the City has maintained the beach through renourishment of the original project. In February and March of this year, about 1.1 million cubic yards of sand was added to the City's shoreline. The total volume of sand added since 1973 is about 6 million cubic yards. Of that amount, 4.1 million cubic yards of sand remains in the project area.

Prior to the start of the most recent renourishment project, the average distance from the eastern edge of the roadway to the mean high water line was about 250 feet, and included a dune of 100 feet in width. At the completion of the most recent renourishment, the post-construction mean highwater line was about 500 feet seaward of the eastern edge of State Road A-1-A, providing substantial protection from storms, a large recreational beach and large area supporting sea turtle nesting habitat.

The award will be presented to the City of Delray Beach at American Coastal Coalition's 2002 Summit in Washington, D.C. on May 8th. The American Coastal Coalition is a national organization that serves as the voice of the nation's coastal communities in Washington, D.C.

COME JOIN US AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMIT!

The 2nd Annual Neighborhood Summit is just days away, and if you and your neighbors haven't registered for it, now is the time to do it!

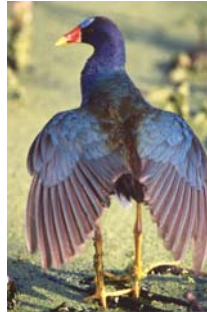
The event will be held on Saturday, May 18th at Old School Square from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Summit is open to anyone interested in learning about the available resources that will strengthen neighborhoods. Participants will be able to attend four different workshops on subjects ranging from how to market your neighborhood to how to get through to City Hall. There are ten workshops to choose from so participants will be able to select topics that suit their neighborhood's needs.

The keynote speaker for the luncheon is James F. Murley, Director of Florida Atlantic University's Joint Center for Environmental & Urban Problems. The Center works with policy makers and the public to explore options for managing growth while preserving natural systems, promoting a strong economy and planning livable communities.

The luncheon and a continental breakfast are included in the \$15 registration fee. (\$20 at the door). For more information, call 243-7280.

EXOTIC BIRD PHOTOS AT CITY HALL GALLERY

Birds & Butterflies of the Everglades, an exhibit of photography by George E. Forrest Sr. is on display at the Gallery at City Hall through May 17th. The photos show birds with their prey, as well as "posed" shots. The exhibit can be viewed in the City Hall lobby, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



COMMISSION RESCHEDULES MEETINGS IN MAY

The Delray Beach City Commission has rescheduled the May 2002 City Commission Meetings accordingly:

May 7, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

May 14, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Workshop Meeting

May 21, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

All City Commission Meetings are held at City Hall, 100 N.W. First Avenue, Delray Beach. The public is invited and encouraged to attend all regular and workshop meetings.

HOMEFRONT SECURITY GROUP ORGANIZED



The Police Department has developed a special volunteer program to assist police officers with the "heightened state of alert" edict set forth by the federal government. The Volunteer Homefront Security Program is a select group of volunteers who have been outfitted and trained in public relations, bio-terrorism scares, hoaxes, suspicious package procedures, patrol techniques and various other areas related to these new concerns. The group will be highly visible at City functions, the water plant, dignitary visits and at all City buildings during special functions.

CELEBRATING DELRAY'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Old School Square is the place to be on Saturday, May 18th if you would like to delve into Delray's rich history. Many fun activities for adults and children are planned to commemorate Historic Preservation Week.

Trolley tours of Delray Beach's historic built environment begin at 9:00 a.m. and will last for about two hours. Here's your chance to learn about the City's past and the successful role of revitalization and preservation in today's Delray Beach.

After the tour, join the Delray Beach Historical Society for the presentation of a time capsule by the latest addition to the Cason Cottage Complex, the Lavender Shutter's Building, recently moved to its new home.

Entertainment for all ages begins at Old School Square at 11:00 a.m. starting with a tour of the Old School Square complex. Learn the history behind the structures and the restoration of one of Delray's most famous historic structures.

Beginning at noon, heritage performers take participants through the history of Delray, Palm Beach, and Florida through stage and musical events. Celebrate the heritage of Delray by joining in these activities. The trolley tours are \$15 for non-members of the Delray Beach Historical Society and free to members. All other tours, events, and activities are free and open to the public. Join us!

MOM & SON DINNER DANCE

Celebrate Mother's Day by attending the Mom and Son Dinner Dance on Friday, May 10th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Delray Beach Golf Course. This elegant evening features a full-course meal and music for your dancing and listening enjoyment. Tickets are \$40 per couple and \$15 for each additional son. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Center. **For more information, call Danielle Gallo at 243-7277.**



WHAT'S COOKING?

The Delray Affair 40th Anniversary Cookbook has over 300 recipes from Delray Affair artists, vendors and many local residents. The book includes the history of the Delray Affair along with comments from some of the original organizers. Recipes range from very easy to gourmet-style dishes. Conch fritter fans will enjoy the conch recipes included in this book.



The cover was designed by a Delray Affair artist, and included inside are color photographs of the show. The cook books are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce for \$19. **For more information, call 278-0424.**

POLICE HONOR VOLUNTEER

Congratulations to **Martin Tencer** on being selected the Police Department's Volunteer of the Month for March 2002. During the past seven years Mr. Tencer has contributed many hours creating a professional volunteer newsletter. He also created a notice that is being used by Parking Enforcement Specialists which is placed on vehicles that do not display the handicap parking permit properly. Additionally, Mr. Tencer created a form that is being used for moving violations and a letter that will be sent out to violators as a friendly reminder. Job well done!

WEST ATLANTIC READY FOR GRAND OPENING

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate the completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the West Atlantic Avenue Beautification Project. The ceremony will take place at the Community Redevelopment Agency, 104 West Atlantic Avenue, and will kick off the Art & Jazz festivities at 6:00 p.m.

The beautification project utilized brick pavers for widened sidewalks and crosswalks, decorative spun concrete streetlights, landscaping and irrigation, as well as attractive landscape nodes. These improvements were made on West Atlantic Avenue between 1st and 6th Avenues.

DISCOVER THE LIBRARY

Here are some of the events coming to the Delray Beach Public Library in May.

May 6-**Anything But Silent**. Silent films with live piano accompaniment by Harry Weiss. 1-3:00 p.m.

May 6-Seminar: **"Dealing With Uncertainty in Uncertain Times"**. 6:30 p.m.

May 7-Seminar: **"How To Communicate More Effectively With Your Children"**. 6:30 p.m.

May 8-**Healthy Living Series**: "Healing the Mind, Healing the Body". 6:30 p.m.

May 9-**Book Discussion**: "The Changing Role of Women". 2:00 p.m.

May 11-Seminar: **IRS Small Business Workshop**, "Taxpayer Education & Communication". 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. No registration required. For more information, call 954-423-7338.

May 13-Seminar: **Human Resources-Tips & Tools**". To register, call the FAU Small Business Development Center at 297-1140.

May 14-**Healthy Living Series**: "Striking a Balance for Good Health". 2:00 p.m.

May 14-**Evening Book Group**: "Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith." 6:30 p.m.

May 15-Seminar: "Designing With Nature". Floral designing. 6:30 p.m.

May 18-Seminar: "How to Start or Improve a Small Business, Franchise or Home-Based Business". 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call SCORE at 561-278-0277.

May 20-**Oprah Book Club**: "Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith" by Anne Lamott. 1:00 p.m.

BUCKLE UP FLORIDA

Wearing a safety belt is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself and your children in a traffic crash. During May 25th-June 2nd, Florida's law enforcement will be on the lookout for adults and children who are not buckled up. Don't put yourself or your family at needless risk of death, injury or getting a ticket. Buckle Up Florida, it's the law.

For more information on safety belt laws, visit the Buckle Up Florida website at www.buckleflorida.com.

HOT AIR BALLOONS READY TO FLY!



The Hot Air Balloon Race & Festival will take place the weekend of May 17-19. Festival events include a Balloon Glow on Friday, May 17th on Atlantic Avenue at the Delray Beach Marriott from 7-10:00 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the races will take place at Lake Ida Park (I-95 at Lake Ida Road). The first race begins at 7:00 a.m., the second at 4:00 p.m. The Sunday morning race also starts at 7:00 a.m.



For more information, call Marjorie Ferrer at 279-1380, ext. 16.

DELRAY BEACH TURNS 75!

The City of Delray Beach will reach an important milestone on May 11, 2002 when it marks the 75th anniversary of the City's incorporation. On that date in 1927, the City of Delray and the Town of Delray Beach united under the name of the present City of Delray Beach.

The Town of Delray was located on the west side of the Intracoastal. It was part of the old Town of Linton and was incorporated in 1911. The part of the old Town of Linton on the east side of the Intracoastal was incorporated in 1923 under the name of the Town of Delray Beach. Repeated efforts to have the two towns come together finally succeeded four years later.

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