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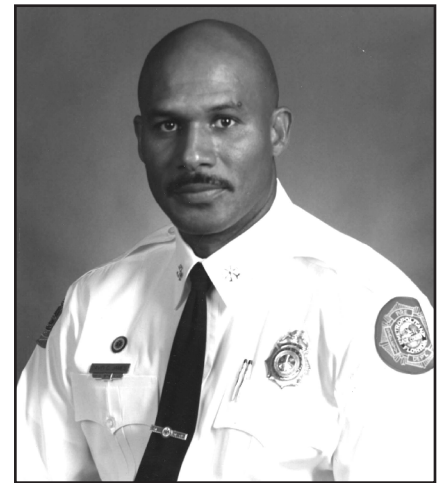
NEW DELRAY BEACH FIRE-RESCUE CHIEF

Delray Beach Fire-Rescue Chief David C. James replaces Chief Kerry Koen who has retired after more than 40 years as a firefighting and rescue services professional. Chief James comes to Delray Beach as a veteran of 30 years in the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department reaching the post of Emergency Medical Services Division (EMS) Chief before retiring in April of 2004.

In November of 2004, Chief James was retained as the first Deputy Fire Commissioner for EMS in the City of Buffalo, New York where he was responsible for upgrading their first responder system to Advanced Life Support. He returned to Florida in February of 2006 and established a consulting company specializing in Emergency Medical Services system analysis.

He recently worked as a sub contractor on an efficiency study of the Dallas, TX Fire Rescue Department where he was responsible for the EMS section.

Chief David James attended Miami Jackson Senior High School and was a member of the swim team and their marching, concert and jazz bands. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Barry University. Chief James has had extensive training at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and has completed the Florida International University Academy for Strategic Management Program. He has received numerous awards and



Fire-Rescue Chief David C. James

honors during his distinguished career.

Chief James is divorced and the proud father of Lauren, 18, an honor student about to begin her college education at FAU and Michael, 16, also an honor student. Chief James is a physical fitness enthusiast and enjoys fishing, cooking and spending time with family and friends. He has resided in Pembroke Pines, but is relocating to Delray Beach very soon. Delray Beach welcomes David C. James and looks forward to his tenure as our Fire-Rescue Department's Chief.

DELRAY BEACH PROTECTS NATURAL RESOURCES WITH COASTAL CLEANUP PROJECT

Delray Beach prides itself on the many community improvement projects held throughout the year. The City continues its efforts to preserve environmental resources by joining the Sandoway House Nature Center as it celebrates the Florida Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 15, 2007. As part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup campaign, local residents are encouraged to participate in this beach cleanup effort by gathering at the Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd at 9:00 am.

Free commemorative t-shirts, water and snacks will be distributed at the cleanup while supplies last. Volunteers are able to earn community service hours. Pre-registration is suggested by calling (561) 274-7263. Registration forms are also located in the lobby of Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. Return completed forms to City Hall to the attention of Jennifer Buce, Litter Prevention Coordinator.

The City of Delray Beach is looking for volunteers to help keep their award winning beaches clean all year round. If you are interested in this great cause, please call Mary Ann Sforza at (561) 789-5665. There is no cost and all supplies will be donated by the City of Delray Beach.



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**DELRAY BEACH
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
SEPT. – OCT. 2007**

September 14
Sushi & Stroll Summer Walks
Morikami Museum and
Japanese Gardens
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Info: (561) 495-0233

September 18
City Commission Meeting
City Hall 6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

September 22
Yom Kippur

September 22 –23
Howard Alan Craft Show
Pineapple Grove Way
NE Second Avenue
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Info: (954) 472-3755

September 29
Luminary Gala
Chamber of Commerce
Business Awards
Delray Beach Marriott
7:00 PM
Info: (561) 278-0424

October 2
City Commission Meeting
City Hall 6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

October 13
10th Annual AVDA
Community of Hope
5K Run/Walk
Anchor Park
340 South Ocean Blvd (A1A)
7:30 AM
Info: (561) 265-3797 Ext.102

October 18
Art & Jazz On The Avenue
Atlantic Avenue 6:00 PM
Restaurants, Galleries, Shops
Open House
Live Entertainment
Info: (561) 279-1380 Ext. 17

**City Website:
MyDelrayBeach.com**

**AVDA CELEBRATES 10TH YEAR OF 5K RUN/WALK
TO PROMOTE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS**



Get those running/walking shoes on and join the AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc) 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, AVDA expects more than 500 runners and supporters to congregate at Anchor Park on A1A, just south of Atlantic Avenue. Registration begins at 6:30 am with the Run/Walk immediately following at 7:30 am. Proceeds benefit AVDA's emergency shelter, transitional housing and outreach programs.

All ages can participate in the AVDA 5K Run/Walk, which equates to 3.1 miles. Local companies, schools and organizations are urged to form teams and participate. New this year is the *Family Fun Mile*, a friendly competition among families of any size to enjoy. There will be a *Kid's Dash* for athletes 6 years of age and younger. Prizes will be

awarded to top fundraisers, best times in various age groups and more. Festivities include music, entertainment and free food.

Prevention through education, advocacy and intervention is the ultimate goal of AVDA. This organization promotes violence-free relationships and social change by offering alternative choices to end violence and domestic abuse. Last year more than 6,000 people countywide – half of them children – received assistance from AVDA.

Whether you're an avid runner, casual walker or an indoor enthusiast, you can make a difference by attending the AVDA 5K Run/Walk.

For more information call (561) 265-3797 ext. 102 or visit www.avdaonline.org. AVDA 24 hour hotline 1-800-355-8547 provides immediate response to the needs of victims seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

“ORCHIDS ON THE AVENUE”

The Delray Beach Orchid Society (DBOS) presents its annual show and sale “Orchids on the Avenue” October 26-28, 2007 at the Old School Square Gymnasium, 51 N Swinton Ave. These exquisite flowers will be on display between 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Admission is \$5.

Twelve of Florida's best orchid growers from around the state will participate in this judged show promoting sales of their finest orchid plants. Exhibits of award-winning orchids from individual vendors highlight the event and free orchid growing classes are scheduled throughout the weekend.

Orchid growing, once thought exclusive to the wealthy, has become a hobby enjoyed by many. Orchid aficionados whether beginner or expert span all walks of life and share the love of this striking plant.

The Delray Beach Orchid Society, active in the community since 1974, dedicates itself to promoting

the hobby of orchid growing. The purpose of DBOS is to stimulate interest, provide education and enable exchange of information among those interested in the culture of orchids in all its aspects. The Society hosts monthly meetings on orchid culture and conservation with local, national and international authorities. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month (excluding December) at 7:30 pm in the Veterans Park Adult Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach.



Enjoy one of nature's rare beauties at “Orchids on the Avenue.” For more information, call (561) 638-9014 or visit www.delraybeachorchidsociety.org.

**CITY PROACTIVE IN ITS DEFENSE
AGAINST FLU PANDEMIC**



A flu pandemic is the occurrence of a new flu strain that starts to spread quickly around the world. Depending on the strength of the strain, it can cause numerous people to get sick causing severe illness or possibly death. Shortage of food supplies, goods and services is possible if many workers are affected. Medical/government assistance becomes overloaded and travel may be restricted.

The City of Delray Beach is preparing for such an outbreak. Department Heads met at Fire-Rescue headquarters this past July to discuss the City's response in terms of prevention, minimizing effects and providing treatment. Protecting the citizens and visitors of Delray Beach is the number one priority.

The public can also become proactive in its defense against a flu pandemic. Healthy habits can help prevent the flu and other illnesses. Review these simple steps with your family:

1. **Flu germs mainly spread through coughs and sneezes** – droplets can be dispersed through the air and into the mouths or noses of those nearby or onto surfaces that people come into contact with before touching their nose, mouth or eyes.
2. **Wash your hands often and well** – avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands. Keep an alcohol-based hand sanitizer handy for times when soap and water aren't available.
3. **Cover coughs and sneezes** – use a tissue and discard in a waste basket. Then wash your hands well. Stay at least 3 feet away from others if you are coughing and sneezing or if they are.
4. **If you get sick, act responsibly** – if you think you may have caught a flu virus call your health care provider, clinic or local flu hotline. Find out if you should stay home and for how long, how to protect others and how to treat symptoms (or if you should go in for testing or treatment).
5. **Get any available flu shots** – the yearly shot prevents the seasonal flu. If a pandemic starts, authorities will produce a vaccine as quickly as possible.
6. **Stay informed** – check the local news. Listen to the City of Delray Beach Emergency Radio 1620 AM. Visit the City's website www.mydelraybeach.com. Call the City of Delray Beach emergency hotline number (561) 243-7840.
7. **Create an emergency kit** – bottled water, food and other supplies to sustain you and your family.

For more information call the Palm Beach County Health Dept. at (561) 840-4500 or visit www.pbchd.com.