

News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - MARCH 2007

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DELRAY BEACH POLICE CHIEF AND DEPARTMENT HONORED



Chief of Police, Larry Schroeder

Larry Schroeder became an Eagle Scout on December 7, 1970. Since then, he has adhered to the principles of the Eagle Scout code and applied those values throughout his life to rise to the responsible position of Chief of Police. According to the Gulf Stream council of the Boy Scouts of America, only 2% attain Scouting's highest youth award: Eagle Scout. On rare occasions, an Eagle Scout adult is recognized for exceptional accomplishments in his professional career. Such is the case for Chief Schroeder. On March 29, 2007, Chief Schroeder will be honored with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award at the

Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner to be held at the Delray Beach Marriott. For tickets and information about this auspicious event, please call Shelly Weil at (561) 496-0549. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and checks may be sent to Shelly Weil at 925 Greensward Lane, Delray Beach, FL 33445.

An example of Chief Larry Schroeder's leadership was the hosting of a State-wide conference in January dealing with "Leading A Successful Volunteer Program & Citizens Police Academy." 31 registrants, representing 19 agencies from Jacksonville to Opa Locka and representatives from Volunteers in Police Service from Washington, D.C. take part. Many of the department's innovative programs, such as the Delray Beach Police Volunteer Assistance Fund and Volunteer Support Services Division won high praise from those in attendance and Delray Beach has received requests to repeat the conference around various parts of the State of Florida. Officer Andy Arena, Volunteer Services Officer, says, "Our Volunteer Program has been on the forefront of Volunteerism in Law Enforcement. Many of our programs, such as our Haitian-American and Hispanic-American Roving Patrols have supported our neighborhood policing efforts and have become models for other municipalities."

VOTE!

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 13, 2007

The City of Delray Beach Municipal Election on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, has 2 seats of the 5 member City Commission in contention. The first non-partisan election on March 13th will elect a new Mayor and one City Commissioner, each serving two year terms that begin on March 29, 2007.

Local citizens who have qualified are:

Gary P. Eliopoulos running for Seat #1; City Commissioner

Thomas M. Stanley running for Seat #1; City Commissioner

Nelson S. "Woodie" McDuffie (now Commissioner Elect, ran unopposed)

Rita Ellis running for Seat #5; Mayor

Virginia Snyder running for Seat #5; Mayor

If there is a tie between the top two candidates

for any of the open seats, a second non-partisan election will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. Mayor Jeff Perlman (Seat #5) and Commissioner Jon Levinson (Seat #3) are vacating their positions due to term limits.

For absentee ballots or to request when in-person absentee voting commences, contact the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections at (561) 276-1226 (Delray Beach) or (561) 656-6200 (West Palm Beach). Photo ID must be submitted at the time of voting. The organizational meeting for newly elected officials will be held on March 29, 2007 at 6:00 PM in Commission Chambers at Delray Beach City Hall.

For more information, contact the Delray Beach City Clerk, (561) 243-7051.



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DELRAY BEACH CALENDAR OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES MARCH 2007

March 5
City Commission Meeting
City Hall 6:00 PM
Commission Chambers

March 8
5th Annual Delray Beach House Tour
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Benefits Achievement Centers For
Children & Families
Info: (561) 276-0520

March 11
Florida History Lecture Series
Delray Beach Public Library
Free Admission 2:00 PM
Info: (561) 274-9578

March 13
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Polls Open 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Info: (561) 276-1226
or (561) 656-6200

March 13 – 18
Delray Beach Film Festival
250 Films To Be Screened
Regal 18 Cinemas
Info: (561) 381-3212

March 17
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Atlantic Avenue 2:00 PM
Info: (561) 279-8222

March 22
Hon. Sandra Day O'Connor
Crest Theatre Lecture Series
2:00 PM Old School Square
Info: (561) 243-7922

March 24 – 25
Asian Food Fair & Cultural Show
at Old School Square
Music – Dance – Arts – Crafts
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Info: (954) 873-1411

March 25
Delray Beach Public Library
Musical Matinee 2:00 PM
Classical & Flamenco
Info: (561) 266-0194

March 29
Organizational Meeting
New Elected City Officials
City Hall Commission Chambers
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

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DELRAY BEACH CREATES A POCKET PARK FOR LA HACIENDA GARDENS

There isn't any parking because you're not meant to drive there. But there is a sidewalk for walking and bike riding.

That's how residents of La Hacienda and Old Palm Grove got to La Hacienda Gardens for the ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday February 3rd. The brand new neighborhood park sits literally in some of their backyards.

The small greenspace was originally a project of the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, (CRA) which contributed a total of \$185,000 for some of the land, sidewalk improvements, landscaping, playground equipment, park benches and picnic tables. The park's main lot was donated by New Urban Communities, which developed the adjacent Old Palm Grove neighborhood. City Horticulturist Nancy Davila designed the park based on input from the residents. The City of Delray Beach oversaw the construction, and the Parks & Recreation Department has taken over the park's maintenance.

"Pocket parks" like La Hacienda Gardens are exactly what the name implies—small and hidden within interior pockets of residential areas throughout the city. The city's Downtown Master Plan calls for the creation of a series of these small, but useful, neighborhood parks.

"A neighborhood park is an amenity to the neighborhood," said Community Improvement Director Lula Butler, echoing Lewis. "It adds curb appeal, it serves as a gathering place, and it can offer children a safe place to play."

Although the park is meant to be used by residents of the surrounding neighborhoods, the rest of the Delray Beach community was well represented at the ceremony. More than fifty neighborhood residents, city officials and employees, CRA staff members, and families came out to show their support for the neighborhood park initiative.

"It was an excellent example of neighbors coming together to plan what they needed, and a good example of collaboration between residents and government," Butler said about the joint efforts put forth by the CRA, the City, and the La Hacienda Homeowner's Association to make this park a reality.



McCall Rosenthal, President of La Hacienda Gardens Homeowner's Association, Mayor Jeff Perlman and Diane Colonna, CRA Director, celebrate opening of La Hacienda Gardens Park.

DELRAY ART LEAGUE EXHIBITS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



The Delray Art League was founded in 1965 and now boasts 240 member artists who display their highly accomplished works all year long in Delray Beach.

For the entire month of March, the Delray Art League holds exhibits at Veterans Park every Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Veterans Park is located on East Atlantic Avenue at the Intracoastal Waterway. Many of the artists not only show their paintings, but are also painting new works of art for onlookers. Beginning in April, the Delray Art League will hold exhibitions at Delray Beach City Hall with their "Spring Expressions" series that will display artworks into the month of August. The Delray Art League members contribute 10% of all sales to the local Art Education Fund with scholarships and art supplies for art students in Delray Beach.

DELRAY BEACH YOUTH SCORE IN JUDO TOURNAMENT

On February 10, 2007, members of the WAATF (West Atlantic Avenue Task Force) in conjunction with the Tomodachi Judo Club hosted the 13th Annual Cherry Blossom Open at Atlantic Community High School in Delray Beach. This "Judo" Tournament had over 200 competitors from all parts of the country. The Delray Beach Police Department's Auburn Trace Youth Education Program entered 4 of their martial arts students. Even at this high level competition, the Delray Beach youngsters represented themselves and their program very well taking 2nd and 3rd places in each of the five weight and age classes. *Sgt. Adam Rosenthal* and all the Task Force Officers deserve our congratulations.