



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - October 2011

CITY'S CIVICS EDUCATION PROGRAM WINS FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



City Manager David Harden and Vice-Mayor Angeleta Gray at Florida League of Cities 2011 Annual Conference

The City of Delray Beach has been selected by the Florida League of Cities (FLC) as a recipient of their **2011 Florida Municipal Achievement Award - Florida Citizenship Award**. This award recognizes the City's innovation and excellence in developing civics educational programs for the Delray Beach community.

The FLC's Florida Municipal Achievement Awards are presented to Florida municipalities in recognition of their superior and innovative efforts in three award categories - Citizenship, City Spirit and Environmental Stewardship. This honor was awarded to Delray Beach for its **Connecting with Our Schools - Civics Education in Delray Beach Program**, which consists of various civics educational programs that are offered by the City to residents of all ages - from students to retirees.

The City developed four (4) civics outreach initiatives that offer interactive programs/activities to promote a stronger knowledge of local government. Included in this effort are the **Residents Academy** - Bi-annual course that has educated more than 450 attendees; **High School Student Residents Academy** - Educates high schoolers about local government functions and responsibilities; **Carver Middle School Mock Election/Commission Meeting** - Practical learning experience about campaigning, voting and the decision-making processes; and **Palm Beach County Teacher Training Day** - A program to educate teachers who then teach students the importance of local government.

"This award provides recognition for our long-term and comprehensive efforts in developing educational programs for our community," stated City Manager David T. Harden. "We are pleased to receive this significant honor on behalf of our organization and our community."

These types of programs contribute to the City Commission's continued efforts to meet its Strategic Goal of "Quality Educational Opportunities." Further, they serve as an economic development tool to strengthen the City's competitive future by creating an educational environment that assists in preserving the high quality of life within Delray Beach.

The extensive civics and local government training resources and tools that are available from the City and the FLC are provided on the City's website, www.mydelraybeach.com by selecting *Education Board* under *Boards and Committees*. These tools are not only useful for citizens and teachers within Palm Beach County, but they can also be utilized by educators around the state.

For more information, contact the City of Delray Beach Public Information Office at (561) 243-7190 or by E-mail at pio@mydelraybeach.com.

CHRIS EVERT/RAYMOND JAMES PRO-CELEBRITY TENNIS CLASSIC NOVEMBER 11 - 13, 2011

The City of Delray Beach is proud to host the 2011 Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic from November 11-13, 2011. Tennis legend Chris Evert, in association with Broward Health Chris Evert Children's Hospital, will be joined by renowned athletes and well known celebrities to support at-risk children and families in Palm Beach County and Florida against drug abuse and child neglect.

The Classic begins on Friday, November 11th, when Chris Evert and friends will welcome guests at two (2) exciting events at the Boca Raton Resort and Club: The Pro-Am Tennis & Lunch and the Classic Cocktail Reception. The Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic, which promises to entertain spectators, will be held the next day (Saturday, November 12th, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm) at the Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 West Atlantic Avenue. That night, following tennis action, the Pro-Celebrity Gala will provide a special evening of dining and dancing at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Weekend Pro-Celebrity Tennis continues at the Delray Beach Tennis Center on Sunday, November 13th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Since 1989, Chris Evert Charities has donated more than \$19 million to charitable organizations.

To purchase tickets for the Pro-Am Tennis & Lunch, Cocktail Reception, Gala and/or Tennis Classic, call (561) 394-2400. For schedule of events and additional information, visit www.chrisevert.org.

Sponsors for the 2011 Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic include the City of Delray Beach, Raymond James Financial, Broward Health Chris Evert Children's Hospital, Boca Raton Resort & Club, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Avitat Boca Raton, Clear Channel Radio, the PlaneSense® fractional program, Rolex, Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort, Palm Beach Rattan, Kraftwerk K9, Printzilla, Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center, Merle Wood & Associates, Hilton Garden Inn Boca Raton, Inspirations Teen Rehab, Rooms to Go, Ken-Rose Catering, Marchon Eyewear and Lincoln.



Chris Evert

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City Awarded SAFER Grant - The City of Delray Beach was awarded grant funding in the amount of **\$595,982** through the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. This 100% reimbursable federal grant will fund (i.e., salaries and benefits) four (4) new Firefighter/Paramedic positions over a two year period and will enable the City to meet one of the Commission's top Strategic Plan priorities by providing fire and medical transport services at Fire Station #2 (35 Andrews Avenue) throughout the day/evening. By accepting this grant, the City has committed to maintaining current staffing levels throughout the award period as well as one year after the grant expires, which will be funded by the City. For additional information, contact Lt. Curtis Jepsen at (561) 243-7456 or by E-mail at jepsen@mydelraybeach.com.

City Receives Grant Funding for Cigarette Litter Prevention Program - The City has received a **\$1,000 grant from Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful** to implement a campaign to eliminate cigarette butts within the community. Cigarette butts are the most littered item in America, harmful to wildlife and waterways and costly to clean-up. This funding has already been utilized to purchase and install five (5) cigarette receptacles in various City beach locations. Additionally, the City will develop a community awareness and education program regarding the clean-up of these small, unsightly items. All residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to "go green" and do their part to protect our world class beach by not throwing cigarette butts on the ground. For more information, contact Jennifer Buce, Litter Prevention Coordinator, at (561) 243-7138 or by E-mail at buce@mydelraybeach.com.

Public Safety Dispatch Consolidation Study - The City of Delray Beach has partnered with Boca Raton and Boynton Beach to fund a study on the feasibility and benefits of combining each City's public safety communications (dispatch) centers for police and fire-rescue Emergency 9-1-1 calls into a single dispatch center. This jointly-funded study (each City will pay 1/3 of the total cost) is expected to determine whether a consolidation of services would result in enhanced dispatch services and cost savings to each City. The City's portion of the study cost (\$18,000) will be funded from its Police Department Law Enforcement Trust Fund. The study is expected to be completed within 6 months. For additional information, contact Sergeant Nicole Guerriero, Community Relations Officer, at (561) 243-7841 or by E-mail at guerriero@mydelraybeach.com.

City Enters Into Sustainable Communities Consortium Agreement - The City of Delray Beach has agreed to partner with the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC), the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) and approximately 200 public, private and civic agencies and supporting organizations to create a seven (7) county Southeast Florida Regional Partnership. A key goal of the Partnership is to create a forum for regional discussion, exchange ideas and collaborate to identify, advance and realize important regional priorities that will ensure that South Florida is economically competitive and prosperous, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable.

In addition, the City committed to serving as a member of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Consortium and contribute in-kind technical support over the next three years to assist in developing the Southeast Florida's "Regional Vision and Blueprint for Economic Prosperity"(RVB). The RVB, which is funded through a **\$4.5 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program**, is expected to create a more sustainable region by developing a shared regional vision and strategic implementation plan that will address major issues, challenges and opportunities. For more information, contact Isabel Cosio Carballo, South Florida Regional Planning Council, at (954) 985-4416 or by E-mail at isabelc@sfrpc.com or the City of Delray Beach Planning and Zoning Department at (561) 243-7040.