

# HOMETOWN CONNECTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS OF DELRAY BEACH

## HOMETOWN HERO



Parks and Recreation's Willene Clark, an unofficial ambassador for Delray Beach, takes pride in caring for beach facilities and the people she meets every day.

## FINDING TIME TO SMILE AND SAY HELLO

There are no strangers in Willene Clark's world.

A member of the city's parks maintenance staff, Clark has responsibility for making sure city facilities along State Road A1A – from restrooms to public showers to the grounds – are kept as clean as possible.

It is a job that Clark, who came to the city after retiring from a career as a bookkeeper, takes immense pride in, even thinking about her work at night every now and then.

But in addition to her official job, one that she has held for the last seven years, Clark has become an unofficial ambassador for the city, greeting out-of-town visitors as well as residents who come to walk on the beach every day and make stopping to chat with Clark a part of their routine.

"There isn't anyone who passes that I don't speak to," says Clark. "I love people and I'm a big talker."

With her trademark "How you doing honey?" greeting, Clark puts just about everyone at ease whether they're having a good day or not.

"It's just a joy for me to meet people," she says. "If I have to, I'll spend 10 min-

utes with them just to make them smile."

Clark tells the story of a young woman who was struggling with a serious illness when she came to the beach regularly. Initially, it was difficult for the visitor to smile but eventually, Clark changed that and the two began having regular chats.

"She has my cell phone number now," says Clark.

When she runs into beach visitors who are obviously from out of town, Clark gets into high gear.

"One of the best parts of my job is welcoming them to Delray Beach," she says. "I say 'Honey, are you from out of town? I hope you're enjoying our beach.'"

To help ensure that visitors enjoy the beach, Clark works hard at maintaining the cleanliness of the four restrooms that are her responsibility. Starting at 6:30 a.m., she checks to make sure the 34 showers along the

beach are wiped down and the sand is clearing from the drains. You'll find her armed with her "litter gitter" picking up trash left from the night before. Her pride, however, is in making sure the restrooms are spotless.

"I love my job," Clark says. "I just can't wait to get here."

*"If they don't have a smile when they meet me, they will before they leave."*

## INPUT FROM RESIDENTS A KEY TO DELRAY BEACH'S PLANNING PROCESS

Like most cities in Florida, Delray Beach is planning for a multitude of challenges in the next year, the next five years and the next 20 years.

In coming months, the city leaders will be struggling to hammer out a workable budget in the wake of Amendment One tax reforms. They'll also face the challenges that come with running a growing community known for its vibrancy and charm.

Unlike many of their counterparts, however, Delray Beach commissioners will enter into the planning process armed with ideas and suggestions that come from the people most impacted – residents and business owners.

"Delray Beach works best from the bottom up," Vice Mayor Brenda Montague told a group of about 50 residents who gathered recently for the annual Citizen's Summit, an integral part of the planning process.

Just one part of the continuing strategic planning process in which commissioners meet with staff members and among themselves to formulate goals, the Citizen's Summit helps ensure that priorities of the community are reflected in the course the city maps out.

"It gives us a chance to find out what the shared goals are to set our goals accordingly," Montague says.

Not surprisingly, a lot of the priorities of residents matched those of city leaders.

"A lot of the things the commissioners discussed, the citizens brought up as well," said Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos. "For the most part, we're in sync."

Commissioners also had a chance to look back at the last year and assess how well the city did in reaching its goals.

"When we summed everything up, we had one of the best years in terms of accomplishments," said Commissioner Fred Fetzer, citing the success the city had in completing many projects and dealing with a tight budget.



City Commissioner Fred Fetzer (dark blue shirt) listens to recommendations during the annual Citizen's Summit.

## FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE CLASSROOM

When he first started with the Delray Beach Police Department almost 30 years ago, Larry Schroeder had a little bit of an edge on his fellow rookies.

A Delray Beach native, Schroeder came from a family that was well known in the city, plus he had lots of friends in Delray Beach.

"It's been a great benefit to me," Schroeder says about growing up in Delray Beach. "As a young officer, it made it easier for me to talk to people."

One of Schroeder's first assignments in the department, which he joined shortly after leaving the Marine Corp, was to work as a sworn officer in the crime scene area.

Now, seven years after he took over the reins of the department, Chief Schroeder will have a hand in crime scene investigation, but this time he'll be teaching it – and a lot of other aspects of police work.

After 30 years in law enforcement, Schroeder will trade his police department office for a classroom at Atlantic High School, where he will be a teacher at the school's Criminal Justice Academy, a highly successful program that was established during his watch.

"There's something about that program, that every time I stepped foot in the Criminal Justice Academy, it just moved me," Schroeder said.

For the chief, who was planning to retire from the department later this year, the decision to become a teacher at Atlantic High School wasn't as much of a stretch as it might seem.



After 30 years as a Delray Beach police officer, Chief Larry Schroeder will be retiring from the department but he will keep his hand in the profession, working as a full-time teacher at Atlantic High School's Law Enforcement Academy.

Having taught at the police academy as well as on the college level, Schroeder first thought about going into the classroom last year. Then when he heard just a month or two ago that Atlantic High School had a teaching position open, he once again gave it serious thought and decided to look into the job.

In his new position, Schroeder will be an employee of the Palm Beach County School District and will be a civilian instructor in the program, working side-by-side with Delray Beach Police Officer Jeff Rasor, who has been teaching in the program for several years.

Schroeder says that he is looking forward to the opportunity to have an impact on young people in his new role.

"Parents tell me that the program has changed their son or daughter's life," he said. "That's making a difference and this is an area where I think I can make a difference."

In a number of ways, Schroeder has been making a difference on many fronts. He has been a key factor in the department's evolution from a law enforcement agency in the traditional sense to more of a police department that is a partner with the community.

Known for its progressiveness and community involvement, the Delray Beach Police Department is a model for others who study its programs, including the volunteer program, Kids and Cops program, and, of course, the Law Enforcement Academy.

"This department just keeps amazing me," Schroeder says.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PUTS PRIORITY ON HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Soon after a tree fell and blocked a street during Hurricane Wilma, trained residents in the Rainberry Bay neighborhood used radios supplied by the city to let emergency response teams know of the situation.

A short time later, when a resident in the community suffered a heart attack, Delray Fire-Rescue officials knew to reroute emergency vehicles, saving valuable seconds, possibly minutes, that could have been wasted had trucks been stopped by the downed tree.

"It saved a life, there's no doubt in my mind," says Lt. Trisha Dunkelmann of Delray Fire-Rescue.

Since Wilma, Rainberry Bay has continued to develop an emergency response plan designed to ensure the safety of all residents in the event of a hurricane or any other disaster.

The community has between 50 and 60 residents who have gone through the city's Community Emergency Response Team training, a program that not only teaches residents how to help

their neighborhood and community but also helps them learn how to prepare for a disaster as well.

"Without the CERT training, this community wouldn't have known what they're capable of," Dunkelmann said.

Rainberry Bay has come a long way since Hurricane Wilma, according to Stan Wasserstein, who coordinates the community's emergency preparedness and response efforts.

After learning from experiences in Wilma, in which one of the buildings lost a roof, Rainberry Bay residents have created a system, built around a database, that helps them prepare for an emergency situation and respond effectively.

Residents have been asked to fill out a form that lists everything from who has a key to their home, in case they're not there or trapped inside, to what special needs a resident might have.

Thanks to the database, emergency responders in the community – those trained to be the eyes and ears of Fire-Rescue immediately after a disaster – will know which units are occupied by part-time residents and they'll

also have emergency contact information.

"This way we're not going to be looking for people who aren't here," Wasserstein says.

As part of the preparedness, the Rainberry Bay team has arranged to have generators at the clubhouse and at the front gate. Volunteers, led by a former police officer, will help staff the gate if needed in an emergency. Residents also make sure that vital health information is easily accessible.

Dunkelmann and Wasserstein say that not every community can do as much as Rainberry Bay but that taking CERT training, which will be offered by Fire-Rescue in July, is an important first step.

"It doesn't take much to be prepared," Dunkelmann said.

### PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Here are five often overlooked steps to take now to prepare for a hurricane.

- Arrange to have enough medication to get through a storm.
- If you have special needs, make reservations for a special needs shelter now.
- Make sure you have a carbon monoxide detector, available at most hardware stores.
- When creating your hurricane plan, which should always identify a safe room, make sure to plan for turning off all appliances, especially the stove.
- Help children feel safer by including them in your planning.



Stanley Wasserstein coordinates Rainberry Bay's disaster preparedness efforts that include a comprehensive database of residents' emergency information as well as information to help residents prepare.

## PARTNERSHIP GIVES CARVER STUDENTS A SAFE PLACE TO GO

The dilemma facing administrators at Carver Middle School was becoming more and more obvious every day.

Each morning parents would drop off their students at the campus sometimes as early as two hours before school started at 9:30 a.m.

With no place to go, students who were not in a small academic program would end up just hanging around unsupervised.

Now, however, thanks to a program created by the school district and the city, more than 100 students a day are finding a safe and caring environment where they can play games and study during the hours before school starts.

"This is a program that's really unbelievable," says Alberta Gaum-Rickard of the city's Parks and Recreation Department. "We can't believe how well this program is working."

To understand just how well it's working, all you have to do is look at the numbers.

When the program started in April, about 60 students were showing up. Within a month, that number had grown to about 140, according to Debbie Kaiser, a member of the city's Education Board and the board's liaison with Carver Middle School.

"About half of the students are there before 8:30 a.m.," said Kaiser, who volunteers for the program and is there just about every morning, teaching students how to make jewelry and helping them with other arts and crafts.

The program, Kaiser and Gaum-Rickard say, is the perfect



A new partnership between the city and Carver Middle School is providing a place for students to learn and have fun before school starts at 9:30 a.m.



Debbie Kaiser, a member of the city's Education board, volunteers for the before-school program.

example of what can happen when the city and the schools work together.

Kaiser, who attends Carver's School Advisory Board meetings, heard about the problem from Carver Principal Lena Roundtree. Working with City Commissioner Fred Fetzer and Education Coordinator Janet Meeks, Kaiser attended a meeting with Gaum-Rickard, Tim Simmons, acting director of Parks and Recreation, and other members of the Parks and Recreation staff. The group came up with the idea of hiring coaches to work with the kids in the morning.

Two of the coaches are members of the Carver staff and a third is Curtis Williams, a volunteer with the city's youth basketball program, who is known as Coach Bubba.

Using funds already available in the budget, the city was able to come up with money to pay the coaches. Kaiser said that efforts are being made to see if grant money or private donations are available to help cover the estimated \$24,000 a year it will cost to pay for the program.

The investment, she believes, is one that will certainly pay off.

"We're building better citizens," Kaiser said. "We're showing these kids that there are people who care."



Students at Carver have a chance to play basketball, play other games or work on craft projects.

## THREE SELECTED FOR DELRAY BEACH POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR HONORS

One is being honored for his efforts in helping to reduce the amount of drugs available on the street.

A second was recognized for his outstanding day-to-day police work and for helping to apprehend burglary suspects who were creating havoc.

A third is being honored for his work with students at Atlantic High School's Criminal Justice Academy, a model program that is changing lives.

Together, Agent Dwayne Fernandes, an investigator with the department's Vice Intelligence and Narcotics Section; Officer Scott Gregory of the department's road patrol division; and Officer Jeff Rasor of the Criminal Justice Academy represent the best of the Delray Beach Police Department.



Officer Jeff Rasor (right), shown with Chief Larry Schroeder, was selected Officer of the Year by the Delray Beach Elks Club.



Officer Scott Gregory was named Officer of Year by the Delray Beach Noontime Kiwanis.

All three have recently received Officer of the Year Honors, with Fernandes being selected by Delray Citizens for Delray Police, Gregory being selected by the Delray Beach Noontime Kiwanis Club and Rasor receiving his honors from the Delray Beach Elks Club.

"Each of these officers exemplifies excellent police work," said Police Chief Larry Schroeder. "They are perfect ex-

amples of what we focus on in this department. Officer Rasor works in the community, Officer Gregory represents the traditional police department function and Agent Fernandes works in the vice and narcotics area."

The selection of the three officers, Schroeder says, shows the department's dedication to providing a full range of services to the community it serves.

"To be a good department, you have to do everything," Schroeder said.

Fernandes, an 18-year veteran of the department who often works undercover, was recognized for infiltrating six organizations that were involved in drug trafficking in South Florida.

Gregory, who was named Officer of the Month in November, was cited for surveillance work that resulted in the arrest of two juveniles believed to have been responsible for nine burglaries.

Rasor, a former Miami police officer, was recognized for his work in helping to grow the Criminal Justice Academy while serving as a mentor and role model to students.



Agent Dwayne Fernandes (right), receives an Officer of the Year award from Perry Don Francisco of Delray Citizens for Delray Police.

## PREVENTION KEY TO OCEAN RESCUE'S SUCCESS AT THE BEACH

It started out as a typical Thursday afternoon at the beach, with three teenagers among the many people in the water enjoying the ocean.

But all that changed in the blink of an eye, as the three young men stepped off a sandbar and into water over their heads. Making matters worse was that none of them knew how to swim.

Fortunately for the young men, three lifeguards from Delray Beach Ocean Rescue were able to get to them quickly and pull them to safety. One of the three wasn't breathing when he got to shore, but using their training the guards were able to open his airway and get him stabilized until paramedics arrived.

For Delray Beach Ocean Rescue, the April event has become less common than in years past. And that's not by accident.

"It used to be that people would get in trouble and we'd go and fish them out," says Ocean Rescue Superintendent Bob Taylor. "Now it's 'Let's prevent it from happening in the first place.'"

With extensive training, Delray Beach Ocean Rescue guards have been able to respond well to emergency situations. All of the full-time lifeguards are required to be emergency medical technicians within a year of taking the job and all lifeguards take part in daily training.

In 2007, lifeguards were involved in 91 ocean rescues and two boating rescues.

But the numbers that are most impressive are the numbers that show how well the lifeguards have done in keeping people from getting into tense situations in the first place.

Last year, lifeguards took more than 47,000 preventative actions designed to keep swimmers safe. Those actions could have been as simple as bringing swimmers in when they're out too far to closing the beach and pulling everyone out of the water when migrating sharks pass by.

"We do a really good job of keeping it safe," Taylor said. "You can feel good about bringing friends and visitors to Delray Beach."



Constant training and vigilance helps Delray Ocean Rescue keep the city's beach safe for residents and visitors.

## JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM INTRODUCES YOUNG PEOPLE TO LIFESAVING SKILLS

Jillian Kenney grew up at the beach.

"My parents have been bringing us down here since we were babies," says Kenney, a Delray Beach native. "I love the beach."

As soon as she was old enough, Kenney's parents enrolled her in Delray Beach Junior Lifeguards, a three-week summer program where participants 11 through 17 get a hands-on introduction to ocean safety and to the lifeguard profession.

Kenney, who came back to Junior Lifeguards year after year, was one of the participants who discovered that being a lifeguard was something she enjoyed. Now at 22, she is back on Delray Beach, working as a part-time lifeguard.

Kenney, who this summer graduated from Florida Atlantic University's marine biology program, believes the training she received in Junior Lifeguards helped prepare her for the job.

"When I got up here I knew what to look for," she says, adding that through the program she got to know many of the Delray Beach Ocean Rescue staff members and to become more familiar with what it takes to do the job.

Still, she says, the program is not just for those who want to find a career at the beach.

"Most of Junior Lifeguards is fun but at the same time, it helps you get more used to the ocean."

Now in its 13th year, the Junior Lifeguards program is run by Delray Beach Ocean Rescue and is designed to help encourage ocean-safety awareness, leadership skills and self-confidence.

"This program teaches them about respect for the ocean," says Bob Taylor, Delray Beach Ocean Rescue superintendent. "With all the water in Florida, the more knowledge they have, the better."

During the course of the program, which meets

in the morning every day during the week except Wednesdays, junior lifeguards get exposure to four key elements that include emergency medical care, competition and physical skills training, environmental awareness and standard operating procedures.

Led by members of the Ocean-Rescue staff, the program helps the participants understand basic lifeguarding skills as well how to recognize hazards and what to do in an emergency situation.

Because junior lifeguards are involved in mock rescues and other ocean activities, all applicants must pass a swim test that includes swimming 100 yards continuously and a two-minute survival float at the deep end of a pool.

This year's program begins on June 9 and runs through June 27 and costs \$85. For more information, call 243-7352.



The Delray Ocean Rescue Junior Lifeguards is open to boys and girls ages 11 to 17 and runs from June 9 to June 27.



Delray Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Jillian Kenney, who recently graduated with a degree in marine biology, was a longtime participant in Junior Lifeguards.



Regular exercise programs, including push-ups on the beach, are integrated into the Junior Lifeguard program.



Fun competitions are an important part of the day for junior lifeguards.



Junior Lifeguards learn and compete in paddle board lifesaving skills.

## LIFEGUARDS OF THE YEAR FOCUS ON BEACH SAFETY

Eric Feld knows you can never predict what beach conditions will be like.

"The ocean environment is constantly changing," says Feld, a supervisor at Delray Ocean Rescue, who has been protecting the city beaches for 24 years.

Even those lifeguards who constantly train at the beach can face challenging conditions. And those conditions can be treacherous for emergency responders who may be called upon to help with an ocean rescue once the lifeguards are gone.

"There can easily be ocean-related emergencies when we're not on duty," says Feld.

To help ensure the safety of emergency responders, Feld came up with the idea of producing a video that will help Delray Fire-Rescue staff understand what to

look for in an emergency and what equipment might be best to help them in that particular situation.

His work on the video helped Feld win the department's Operations Supervisor of the Year award for 2007.

Also winning top honors in the department were Luigi Pratt, who was recognized as Lifeguard of the Year and



Luigi Pratt  
Lifeguard of the Year

Chad Hinkley, who won top honors as the department's Part-time Lifeguard of the Year.

Pratt, who has been with Delray Beach Ocean Rescue since 2006, is an Iraq war veteran who has been active in the city's junior lifeguard program as well as ocean awareness beach safety programs.

In 2007, Pratt was one of several lifeguards involved in the rescue of seven young swimmers who had been caught in a rip current during a spring break visit to the beach.

Hinkley is one of 20 part-time lifeguards who are critical to the success of Delray Beach Ocean Rescue. Currently training to be a paramedic, Hinkley was recognized for being a part of the team that helps with open-water response awareness training for members of Delray Beach Fire-Rescue.



Ocean Rescue Supervisor of the Year Eric Feld has been a lifeguard in Delray Beach for 24 years.



Chad Hinkley  
Part-Time Lifeguard of the Year

# NEW PARKING SYSTEMS, EXPANDED SHUTTLE MAKE BEACH ACCESS EASIER

It's happened far too many times.

You plan a day at the beach, remembering to pack the lotion, the towels, the chairs and the umbrella.

Then you get to the beach only to discover that what you forgot was one of the most important things – that box of quarters you had set aside to pay for parking.

Now there's good news. Beach goers will soon have other options when it comes to paying for parking.

During the last few weeks the city has been installing new electronic meters in the parks near the beach to replace older mechanical ones that were old and outdated.

"We were suffering a lot of failures and breakdowns," said Scott Aronson, the city's parking management specialist.

To solve the problem, the city purchased new electronic multi-space meters for the parking lots, which will be operational before the end of the month.

In addition to accepting coins, the me-



*New multi-space parking meters in beach parking lots will accept credit cards and smart cards.*

ters will accept credit cards and will also accept "Smart Cards," plastic cards that can be paid for in advance.

While the multi-space meters that accept credit cards will only be available at beach parking lots, Aronson said new electronic single-head meters have been installed along State Road A1A and others are in the process of being installed along Atlantic Avenue east of the bridge.

Those meters, Aronson said, will accept coins as well as smart cards, which will be available in coming months.

Visitors to the beach will notice that the price of parking has gone up from 75 cents per hour to \$1 per hour. This is the first time the rate has changed since 1990.

For those who want to avoid parking on the beach, the city – in conjunction with the Community Redevelopment Agency, state of Florida and the Downtown Development Authority – has made the Downtown Roundabout free shuttle service more convenient.



*The addition of a third Downtown Roundabout means the shuttle is running later during the week.*

With the addition of a third shuttle, the wait time at any of the stops from the Delray Beach public library to the beach has been reduced to just about eight minutes.

"For people who work downtown and want to use the shuttle for lunch, this is much more convenient," Aronson said.

In addition, the additional bus makes it possible to run a shuttle in the downtown area until 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To find out more about the Downtown Roundabout visit [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com) and select "Expanded Downtown Roundabout Shuttle Service" under News.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE GRANTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DELRAY BEACH COMMUNITIES

The \$6,000 Neighborhood Pride Grant that The Woods of Southridge received from the city last year helped cover the cost of a badly needed new fence for the community.

It also helped cover the cost of landscaping, but in the long run, the grant did a lot more than that for a community with a neighborhood association that had suffered ups and downs.

The grant, says The Woods of Southridge President Matthew Hartley, helped bring the community back together.

"It really was a great thing," says Hartley. "It was the small little kick we needed. It established a little more pride."

The grant to the community was one of three that were issued last year during the inaugural year of the program.

Other recipients were Delray Estates, which received a \$6,000 grant to replace a fence destroyed by Hurricane Wilma and Paradise Heights, which received \$5,100 for signage and landscaping.

Later this month, the city's Neighborhood Advisory Council, an organization made up of representatives from neighborhoods throughout the city, will be awarding as many as four grants of up to \$6,000 each.

"Through these grants, the city is able to show that it truly is committed to creating quality neighborhoods where people want to live," said Jennifer Costello, the city's neighborhood planner.

The ultimate goal of the program, ac-



*The Woods of Southridge President Matthew Hartley stands near the fence, funded by a Neighborhood Pride Grant, which has helped to bring the community together.*

ording to Costello, is to engage neighbors to actively participate, to remove sub-standard conditions and to improve the quality of life within the neighborhood.

For The Woods of Southridge, the fence and landscaping not only improved safety within the community but it also helped improve the community's appearance.

"The area always looked like something was missing," Hartley said.

But the fence also sent a message.

"What it really did was help with morale in the community," he said. "It showed that the Homeowner's Association and the city cared."

## CITY LEADERS MEET LEGISLATORS DURING WASHINGTON FLY-IN

Three members of the Delray Beach City Commission were among a delegation from South Florida who recently met with lawmakers in the nation's capitol, including Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

"This was an incredible opportunity," said Vice-Mayor Brenda Montague, who made the trip to Washington D.C. along with Deputy Vice-Mayor Woodie McDuffie and Commissioner Fred Fetzer.

The three city leaders, who were part of a Washington Fly-In coordinated by local Chambers of Commerce and sponsored by South Florida Congressman Ron Klein, had a chance to attend presentations with members of both the House and Senate before meeting personally with representatives of the local congressional delegation to discuss funding requests for several city projects.

"This gave us an opportunity to understand what the issues are in Washington and it gave us a chance to explain what our issues are here in Delray Beach," Fetzer said.

The group met one to one with Klein, Congressman Alcee Hastings and Congressman Robert Wexler, Senator Bill Nelson and representatives from Senator Mel Martinez's office.

"To be able to sit face to face with members of our congressional delegation is a very valuable thing to do," McDuffie said.



## JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

If you're looking for a great place to be on the Fourth of July, then you'll certainly want to make sure you're at the beach in Delray – from morning until night.

Considered by many to include the best fireworks display in the area, this year's city-sponsored July Fourth celebration is an all-day event packed with activities from sand sculptures to fireworks.

"Our Fourth of July Celebration has something for just about everyone," says Marjorie Ferrer, executive director of the Downtown Marketing Cooperative, which partners with the city in coordinating the event. "People look forward to it for months."

This year's celebration will officially open at 10 a.m. with the raising of the giant American flag. Accompanying the flag-raising over Atlantic Avenue, near State Road A1A, will be a ceremony featuring a military color guard and comments from dignitaries.

As always, this year's celebration will feature the ever-popular Sand Sculpting competition on the beach, presented by the Delray Beach Sunrise Rotary. With sculptors on the beach from 8 a.m. to noon, the event will conclude with an awards presentation at 1 p.m.

There will be live entertainment throughout the day on two stages – one actually on the beach and the other at State Road A1A and Atlantic Avenue, which will be closed to traffic.

For the youngsters, this year's festivities will once



A 30-foot by 60-foot American Flag will fly over the Delray Beach July Fourth celebration.

again include the Patriotic Bicycle and Scooter Parade, presented by the Delray Beach Youth Council. The activities begin with the gathering of bicycles and scooters at Veteran's Park at 3 p.m., with the parade beginning at 4 p.m. Winners will be announced at 5 p.m.

By 8 p.m. streams of visitors will begin strolling over the Atlantic Avenue bridge, heading toward the beach and the amazing Grucci fireworks display, which will begin at 9 p.m. Featuring more than 5,000 shells, the display will close out what promises to be one of the best celebrations in South Florida.

The fireworks display will be choreographed and set to music, which will be simulcast on Sunny 104.3.



The annual Sand Sculpting contest begins at 8 a.m. and continues until noon.

## EDUCATION KEY TO SUCCESS OF CITY'S RECYCLING EFFORTS

Did you know that when you're recycling your newspapers, it's important to take them out of the plastic bag first?

Were you aware that aluminum pie plates and even aluminum foil can be recycled?

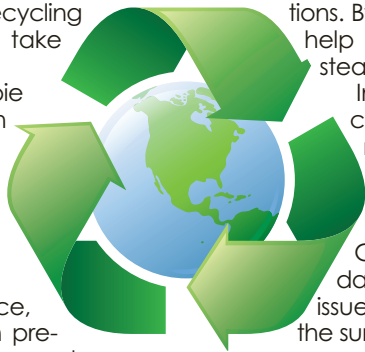
Even members of the city's Green Task Force, who consider themselves to be good recyclers, discovered they were often recycling wrong.

That's one reason why the task force, in a report to the City Commission presented last month, recommended more education of the general public on how to recycle properly and what resources are available.

City Commissioners at a recent workshop meeting tended to agree with the task force, while saying that education and incentives may prove more successful than mandatory recycling ordinances enacted by other local governments in Florida.

"The key is going to be education," said City Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos. "We need to be looking into positive incentives to get people to recycle."

One reason for that, according to a representative from the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority, is that recycling produces revenue that is used to offset fees the authority charges for collec-



tions. By recycling properly, residents can help ensure that revenues remain steady, thus keeping fees down.

In addition to recommending education, the Green Task Force also recommended several other steps to improve citywide recycling efforts.

A complete report from the Green Task Force, with recommendations to the Commission on various issues, is expected before the end of the summer.

### RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'T'S

- Do:**
- Recycle aluminum cans, most plastic containers, pie plates, drink boxes and foil in your blue bins
  - Put your newspapers, magazines and phone books in yellow bins
  - Recycle brown, green or clear glass

- Don't:**
- Don't put plastic bags or plastic wrap in the bins
  - Don't include mail in your bins
  - Don't put food waste in with recyclables

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## EVENTS CALENDAR



**June 3**  
**Israeli Scouts**  
**Friendship Caravan**  
8 p.m.

Old School Square Pavilion  
For more information,  
call 243-7922

**June 5**  
**2008 Milagro Center**  
**Showcase**

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Old School Square  
For more information,  
call 279-2970

**June 13**  
**Dad and Daughter**  
**Date Night**

7 p.m.  
Tickets: \$40 per couple  
\$20 for each  
additional daughter  
Delray Beach Golf Club  
For more information,  
call 243-7277

**June 21**  
**Family Fun Fishing Day**

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Lake Ida Park, west side  
For more information,  
call 243-7277

**June 26**  
**Art & Jazz**  
**on the Avenue**

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Downtown  
Atlantic Avenue  
For more information,  
call 279-1380, ext. 3

**July 4**  
**Fabulous Fourth Festivities**

8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
A1A and  
Atlantic Avenue  
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