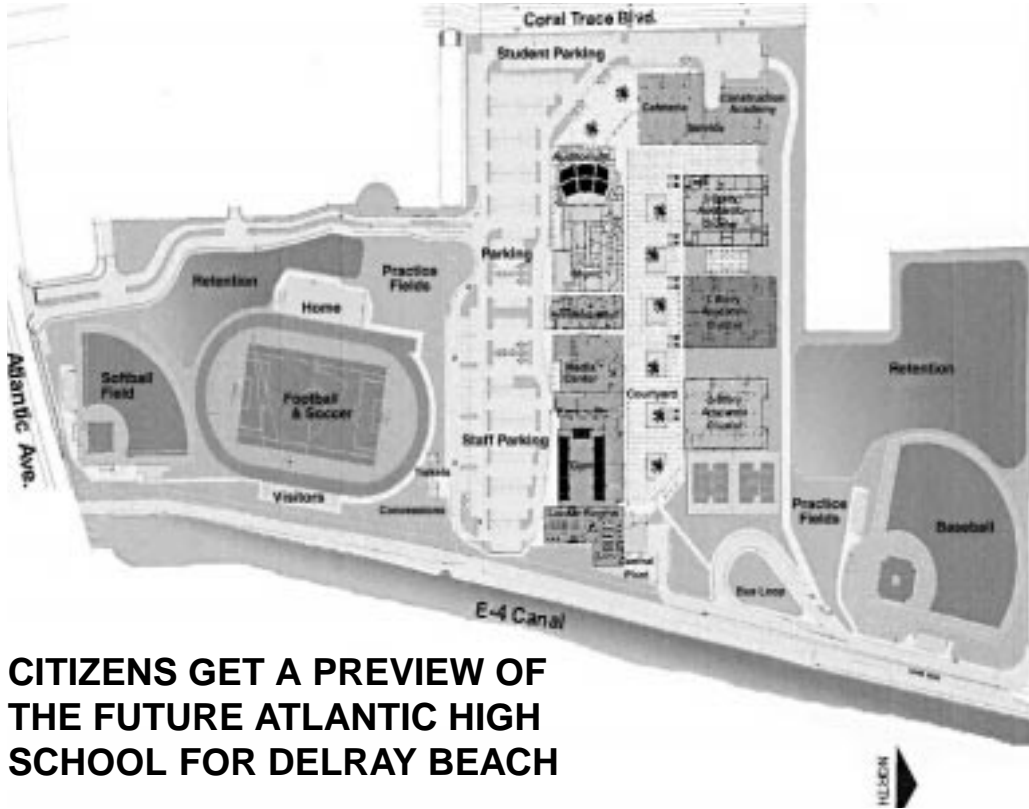


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CITY OF DELRAY BEACH — SEPTEMBER 2003



CITIZENS GET A PREVIEW OF THE FUTURE ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR DELRAY BEACH

The morning of Thursday, August 7th, was bright and sunny as 43 residents, citizens, and local educators boarded a chartered bus in front of City Hall. They were bound for Wellington to tour the brand new Palm Beach Central High School to see a preview of what our own Atlantic High School would be like in August of 2005. SchenkelShultz, the West Palm Beach architectural firm, designed and oversaw the building of Palm Beach Central and are also the architects designing the new Atlantic High School. In many ways, both projects resemble one another to a high degree.

Vice-Mayor Jon Levinson and Public Information Officer Ivan Ladizinsky organized the trip to give the residents of neighborhoods adjacent to the new high school site, middle school teachers, and parents an idea of what to expect two years from now. The bus traveled west on Atlantic Avenue, passing by the new Atlantic High School site where construction has already begun on the 43 acre plot. The original plans accommodated a student body of 2000 and then were expanded to provide for 2,500 students. The new Palm Beach High School was built with the same capacity.

Arriving at Palm Beach Central High School, the group was met by Sam Ferreri, architect of the facility and associate principal of his company. Ferreri is also the architect of the new Atlantic High School. Several more interested citizens joined the tour accompanied by reporters from the Palm Beach Post, the Sun-Sentinel, WXEL-TV, and WPBF, Channel 25. Everyone was immediately struck by the elegant design and manner in which the building was organized to maximize the safety and security of the students

without sacrificing style and a pleasant scholastic environment.

Leading the tour through the impressive lobby and reception area, the library and media center, the faculty offices and conference rooms, and into a beautifully landscaped inner courtyard, Sam Ferreri pointed out the special features and amenities that make this model of the new high schools in Palm Beach County state-of-the-art.

Accommodations have been made for the disabled. Security video cameras and motion detectors, as well as office windows that face onto student areas, are everywhere. There is no way an intruder can simply stroll into any class area.

Everyone was visibly impressed with the sports facilities and football stadium that seats over 4000. The auditorium, seating 860, would rival many theatres on Broadway. The gymnasium is spacious enough to hold the entire student body and the band room has sound proof practice cubicles. Taking it all in, the Delray Beach visitors were thrilled at the prospect of having such a school in the middle of our City. Beyond that, the entire complex is more than a high school. It becomes a community center for adult education, it becomes a cultural center for music, dance, and theatre after-school hours, and it becomes a social center for anything from neighborhood meetings to creating pottery. Last but not least, these buildings are built to withstand a major hurricane and will no doubt be designated hurricane shelters if need be.

Returning to Delray Beach, everyone on the bus was excited about having had a glimpse of the future; the future of education in Delray Beach and a bright future for our children.

DELRAY BEACH CHIEF OF POLICE SPEAKS AT ILLINOIS TRIAD AND ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Delray Beach Chief of Police, Larry Schroeder, was invited to speak at the 7th Annual TRIAD and IACP (Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police) Conference being held in Rosemont, Illinois, a Chicago suburb, August 19th and 20th, 2003. The purpose of the conference is to provide comprehensive training for anyone who works with senior citizens. This year's focus is how to "Secure Senior Safety."

The topic of Chief Schroeder's speech is "How Can Senior's Help Preserve Homeland Security." Delray Beach has gained national prominence by organizing senior volunteers into a Home Front Security squad coordinated by Officer Skip Brown shortly after the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01.

Other topics being covered during the conference include "Successful Prosecution of Elder Abuse Cases", "Understanding the Impact of Aging for First Responders", and "Senior Volunteers at Work - Benefiting Your Police Department." Chief Larry Schroeder instituted training for the Delray Beach Police Force on aging and special problems of the elderly and Officer Skip Brown coordinated the City's Elder Ready Task Force Report. Chief Schroeder reflects, "These folks took care of us and they are still taking care of us. We have to take good care of them."

DELRAY BEACH TO CELEBRATE 2ND ANNUAL "WALK A CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY", OCTOBER 8TH, AT PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY

"Walk A Child To School Day" is an international event. Last year, nearly 3 million participants from 28 countries took a child's hand and together they walked to school. It was also the first time that Delray Beach took part and over 60 volunteers, City officials, and community leaders walked children from Banyan Elementary to school along Barwick Road. The purpose is to encourage communities to maintain safe places for children when walking to school or crossing at intersections.

This year, "Walk A Child To School Day" will be held on Wednesday morning, October 8th, at Pine Grove Elementary located on 10th Street and SW 4th Avenue in Delray Beach. Jim Smith, chair of the Bicycle - Pedestrian Task Force, is organizing this year's effort as he did last year and hopes to have 100 adults participate in accompanying Pine Grove students walk to school that morning.

Jim Smith hopes that "residents along the "walk" come out to their front yards in support of the children as they walk by." *To volunteer for the "Walk A Child To School Day" please call Jim Smith at 561-330-6798.*

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City Commission Lauds Jamaican Community

Some 165,000 Jamaicans live in the state of Florida, the largest percentage right here in South Florida. Vice-Mayor Jon Levinson and the City Commission issued a certificate of recognition and congratulations to the Jamaican community of Delray Beach at the August 5th meeting in City Hall. (l-to-r: Tommy Stevens, Exec. Director of Roots, Elizabeth Wesley, Chairperson of Roots, Vice-Mayor Jon Levinson, Janice Cover, Principal of Pine Grove Elementary, Claudette Moody, Teddy McFarland, Brenda Wright, and Nate).

CORNELL MUSEUM ANNOUNCES A CALL TO ALL FLORIDA ARTISTS

11th Annual All-Florida Art Competition and Exhibition Deadline for Slide Submissions is January 12, 2004

The Cornell Museum of Art & History at Old School Square Cultural Arts Center is pleased to announce a CALL TO ARTISTS for the 11th Annual All-Florida Art Competition and Exhibition. Nearly \$4,000 in cash prizes will be awarded, including three first-place awards for two-dimensional fine art, photography and sculpture. The competition, hosted by the Cornell Museum Art Guild, is open to all Florida artists, and the exhibit will be on display March 18-May 22, 2004. Deadline for slides is January 12, 2004; up to 2 slides may be entered. The entry fee is \$25.00. For a prospectus, send SASE to CMAG/Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444.

The juror for the 2004 competition is Ronald Netsky, professor and chairman of the Art Department at Nazareth College in Rochester, NY. Netsky has a Master of Fine Arts from Washington University in St. Louis and has had articles published in National Geographic Photography, Ansell Adams in

Color, George Eastman PhotoPro, American Artist Magazine and others. His work is in many collections, including the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

The Cornell Museum of Art & History is part of the Old School Square Cultural Arts Center and National Historic Site. It is housed in the restored 1913 Delray Elementary building and presents regional, national and international exhibits as well as art programs for adults and children, artist showcases and demonstrations. Exhibits are sponsored in part by the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council, the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts. The Cornell Museum is located on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Swinton Avenue in downtown Delray Beach. *For information on performances, exhibits, classes or facility rentals, call 561-243-7922 or visit www.oldschool.org.*

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH SELECTED TO LEAD DISCUSSIONS ON URBAN REVITALIZATION WITH FLORIDA PLANNERS

The 2003 Annual State Conference of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association will be held at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, September 3rd through September 6th. Lula Butler, Director of Community Improvement and Paul Dorling, Director of Planning and Zoning for the City of Delray Beach, and Diane Colonna, Director of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will present various aspects regarding the growth and revitalization of Delray Beach. The City has become a model for communities throughout the State of Florida and is gaining a national reputation for its approach to restoring a central business district to new vigor while adhering to historic preservation guidelines and enlisting the cooperation of a diverse community.

Diane Colonna of the CRA and Paul Dorling, speaking for the City, will lead a discussion group focusing on revitalizing older communities to new luster.

Delray Beach, over the past decade, turned a crime-ridden downtown into a charming, flourishing, tourist destination; took a crumbling, age-worn school campus and created an elegant cultural center that attracts tens-of-thousands throughout the year.

Delray Beach also took major steps toward unifying the traditional African-American business district with the core of downtown. The boundary between East Atlantic and West Atlantic has been erased. The lessons learned over the past ten years are the subjects of this session.

Lula Butler of Community Improvement will focus on the visioning process that engaged a very diverse Delray Beach population to participate in the formation of the City's development. Ms. Butler will explain the various ways and means her department employed to gather neighborhoods and communities in meetings that cemented relationships and engendered trust. Building on that theme, Delray Beach continues to improve its communications with all its residents making them real partners in the City's progress.

For more information, call Paul Dorling, 561-243-7043.

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