

News for Neighborhoods



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH - January 2010



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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY BOARDS COMMITTED TO DELIVERING QUALITY SERVICE

The Community Improvement Department is committed to providing residents with efficient and timely services. Community Improvement consists of four (4) divisions: Administrative, Building & Inspection, Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Services and oversees several Advisory Boards that offer quality service and valuable resources. Some of these Boards include:

Code Enforcement Board - Provides Enforcement of the City's ordinances through a quasi-judicial process that reviews alleged City Code violations. This Board serves as a primary mechanism to maintain the City's "Clean City" initiatives. The Code Enforcement Board and staff encourage voluntary compliance rather than imposing liens. However, fines and property liens are imposed for continued violations. For more information, visit www.mydelraybeach.com, select *Community Improvement* under *Departments* and click on *Code Enforcement*.

Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) - Acts as an Advisory Board to the City Commission to address neighborhood issues and provides an open dialogue between the City and its residents. The NAC strives to enhance the quality of life in Delray Beach by educating, assisting, communicating and creating grant opportunities to improve neighborhoods. The NAC is made up of twelve (12) Board members, appointed by the Commission, to represent six (6) designated neighborhood zone areas. In addition, two (2) student members are appointed along with three (3) "at large" members selected from local civic groups or business owners within a neighborhood zone. For more information, visit www.mydelraybeach.com, select *Community Improvement* under *Departments* and click on *Neighborhood Advisory Council*.

Education Board - Serves as a liaison between the City Commission, the School District of Palm Beach County and the City's public & private schools and plays a vital role in shaping local education policies. The Education Board, which consists of eleven (11) appointed members and two (2) student members, is charged with the mission of advocating quality education and fostering strong relationships between Delray's schools and the community by creating partnerships, promoting literacy and supporting parental involvement initiatives. Various events and activities, such as the Carver Middle School Morning Program, Florida City Government Week, Principal for a Day and the Mayor's Literacy Initiative, *Get Caught Reading*, are being/have been held throughout the City and have proven to be critical in advocating the value of children's educational programs and activities. To learn more, visit www.mydelraybeach.com, select *Community Improvement* under *Departments* and click on *Education Board*.

ANNUAL CITIZEN'S ROUNDTABLE – JANUARY 26, 2010

The Annual Citizen's Roundtable will be held in the Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 North Swinton Avenue, on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to join Mayor Nelson S. "Woodie" McDuffie, City Commissioners and City officials in discussions on issues and concerns involving Delray Beach.

The event will begin with presentations from the Delray Beach Planning and Zoning Board and the Community Redevelopment Agency, followed by City Manager David T. Harden's *State of the City Address*. Citizens will then be invited to participate in roundtable discussions facilitated by City officials with the goal of promoting constructive dialogue to better understand the needs of Delray Beach residents. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at (561) 243-7190.

Events & Activities
January/February 2010



PROJECTS, UPDATES & REMINDERS



January 5

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

January 7

Sister Cities of Delray Beach
Annual Meeting
Old School Square
6:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7011

January 12

Fairchild Tropical Botanic
Garden Day Trip
Departs from Veterans Park
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7350

January 18

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday
City Hall Closed

January 19

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

January 26

Annual Citizen's Roundtable
Old School Square
7:00 PM
Info: (561) 243-7000

January 28

Art and Jazz on the Avenue
Downtown Delray Beach
6:00 PM
(561) 279-1380

February 2

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

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSPI) – In July 2009, the City received grant funding in the amount of \$1.905 million from the State of Florida's Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and \$400,000 from the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to assist with the acquisition, rehabilitation and sale of foreclosed homes. This program is expected to stabilize neighborhoods that have suffered significantly due to the economic downturn. The City expects to partner with other local agencies (i.e., Delray Beach Housing Authority and the Delray Beach Community Land Trust) to assist in creating stronger communities through homeownership. The program is expected to begin January 2010. For more information, please call (561) 243-7280.

Atlantic Avenue Gateway Project – The City's Downtown Master Plan, which was adopted in March 2002, identified a need to develop a distinctive "gateway feature" that welcomes visitors and identifies West Atlantic Avenue (between I-95 & West 12th Avenue) as a major entranceway into the City's downtown corridor. Upon completion, this project is expected to assist in improving the area's overall aesthetics, promoting economic development and encouraging walkability from the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Due to current budget constraints, the Project will be completed in multiple phases. Phase 1, which is currently underway, will include landscaping, irrigation, lighting, decorative trellises and sidewalks. Phase I is being funded by the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (\$400,000) and with a grant from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful and FDOT (\$199,760). Design plans are currently being reviewed by FDOT and construction is anticipated to begin in 2010. Additional Phases are expected to include artistic columns that will include artwork depicting the City's history and culture.

West Atlantic Avenue Median Landscape Beautification Project – Design work for the West Atlantic Avenue medians between Swinton Avenue and NW/SW 12th Avenues will begin in late December, 2009. New landscaping and irrigation will be installed and existing canopy trees will be trimmed to enhance the look of our downtown area. This project is being funded with a \$200,000 non-matching grant from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful and FDOT along with a \$70,000 contribution from the Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency. Construction of this project is expected to begin in late spring 2010.

Douglas Avenue New Road Construction – The City has allocated \$100,000 from its Community Development Block Grant (Federal Grant Funding) for infrastructure improvements of Douglas Avenue. Located in the Southridge neighborhood (between SW 4th Avenue and SW 10th Avenue), this community road is currently unpaved. The road reconstruction project includes the installation of a new asphalt street, sewer main and stormwater improvements. The project is expected to be completed in 2010 and will contribute to the ongoing revitalization of the SW Neighborhood.

Atlantic Park Square Project – The City of Delray Beach has partnered with the Delray Beach Community Land Trust and the Delray Beach CRA to build twenty (20) new and affordable single family homes on SW 14th Avenue. This project contributes to the City's Strategic Plan in providing affordable, owner-occupied housing while improving and enhancing the neighborhood's stability. To date, eight (8) homes have been constructed and closed while three (3) more homes are now under construction. Three and four bedroom models are available with prices starting in the low \$100's. Additional down payment assistance may be available to qualified buyers. For additional information, call (561) 243-7500 or visit www.delraylandtrust.org.

CITIZEN SERVICE REQUESTS

Phone: (561) 243-7012
Online: www.mydelraybeach.com
To report a problem, ask a question, offer a comment or file a complaint.

Delray Beach Police Department
CRIME TIPS NUMBER
Phone: (561) 243-7839



To report information on a crime that has already occurred. Crime tips may be reported anonymously.

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