



NEIGHBORHOODS

JUNE 2003

CITY'S REVITALIZATION STRATEGIES PRESENTED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The City of Delray Beach will be one of the presenting cities at the ninth annual Transforming Local Government Conference in Plano, Texas, May 29th through May 31st. Mayor Jeff Perlman, Planning and Zoning Director, Paul Dorling, and Community Improvement Director, Lula Butler, will address over 100 city planners, managers, and elected officials on the revitalization strategies and community visioning Delray Beach applied in motivating the City's nationally recognized progress. Sharing the platform will be representatives from Olathe, Kansas; another model city that has addressed racial, socioeconomic, and organizational barriers to create a vigorous and attractive community.

The Transforming Local Government conferences are sponsored by the Innovation Groups which began these conferences in 1994. The IG committed to creating a forum where local governments could share innovative techniques and ideas that would promote the evolutionary way local governments serve the community. Innovation Groups is a non-profit organization providing support services and networking opportunities to local government.

Paul Dorling, Delray Beach Director for Planning and Zoning, will stress the extent of public participation that continues to be a common theme in everything Delray Beach has done and is doing. The topic of Mayor Jeff Perlman's remarks is to be "Working toward a Better Vision: Making The Plan." Lula Butler of Community Improvement will describe the educational programs available and various means the City employs to encourage neighborhoods and the public-at-large to participate in the City's achievements.

Delray Beach, twice-honored by the National Civic League as an All-America City in 1993 and 2001, is consistently referred to by city planners and managers around the country as an example of a city that is fueled by its diversity, energized by its proactive residents, and driven by an innovative business community. The result is a most charming and celebrated "village by the sea" that continues to grow with an eye toward inclusion, maintaining its unique character, and providing a safe and beau-

GOLF CLUB REMAINS OPEN DURING RENOVATIONS

The Delray Beach Golf Club's dining facilities; Tommy Armour Lounge and driving range remain open for business, seven days a week, while the Golf Course undergoes a major renovation that will be completed mid-September this year.

Chef Michael Staie and his staff prepare a full menu for lunch everyday as well as their popular Elegant Sunday Brunch Buffet starting June 1st, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm every Sunday. On Thursday, July 17th, and Thursday, August 21st, the Golf Club offers an all-you-can-eat barbecue along with a free golf clinic at 6:00 pm on those dates. Patrons can join the Club's complimentary "Dining Society" and receive a 10% discount on all meals at the Club.

Beth Mullen, Director of Catering, says that special events at the Delray Beach Golf Club are always welcome. The Delray Beach Golf Club remains the favorite spot for wedding receptions, business meetings, special event banquets, and civic group dinners.

Tony DiBenedetto, Club Manager, reminds everyone that golfers can use the driving range with unlimited range balls and a delicious lunch for only \$15.00. Happy Hour at the Tommy Armour Lounge is now every day and all day. At nearby Lakeview, the City's Executive Golf Course at 1200 Dover Road, a "Friday Nine & Dine" special provides playing nine holes and eating at the Delray Beach Golf Club for a total of \$20.00. **For more information, please**

SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM FOR YOUNGSTERS

Registration is underway for the National Junior Tennis League summer program. Session #1 goes from June 16th-July 3rd. Session #2 goes from July 7-25th. Youngsters interested in the program should register in their respective age groups on Saturday, May 31st or Sunday, June 1st, from noon-4:00 p.m. at the Delray Beach Tennis Center. Age groups are: five to six year olds, seven to ten year olds and eleven to seventeen year olds. A few scholarships are available for those who demonstrate financial need or have an immediate family member in U.S Military Service. Fees range from \$60-\$100 per session. This program is sponsored by the Delray Beach Tennis Patrons.

For more information, call Linda Lieberman at (561) 495-9298.

BOY SCOUTS TO HELP CLEAN UP THE CITY

On Saturday morning, June 7th, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of America, Gulf Stream Council, BFI Waste Management Systems and the City of Delray Beach will join forces to maintain the City's clean reputation. The Scouts will clean-up Atlantic Avenue from SW 12th Avenue on West Atlantic and down East Atlantic to Veteran's Park. The Scouts will also gather debris on each side of Atlantic to the alley ways north and south.

This is the first such effort in Palm Beach County and follows similar projects in Miami Beach, the City of Ft. Lauderdale, the City of Miami and Dania Beach where the Boys Scouts of America, South Florida Council and BFI teamed up to clean up.

The Boy Scouts of America, Gulf Stream Council, oversees scouting activities from Boca Raton to Vero Beach representing some 15 troops, 30 Cub Scout Packs, numbering 2000 youngsters. All participating Scouts will receive a patch for their community service.

BFI will provide bags, gloves, as well as bins, and truck pickups. The waste removal company also will contribute bottled water for the Scouts during the cleanup. The starting point will be at City Hall, 8:30 am and should take about three hours to complete. Jennifer Buce, Recycling Coordinator for Delray Beach, will provide the brooms, rakes, and dumpster, for the project as well as hosting the wrap-up party. **For more detailed information on this cleanup program, please call Bay Proby at (305)**

DAD & DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

The Parks & Recreation Department will hold its annual Dad & Daughter Date Night on **Friday, June 13th** from **7:00-10:00 pm.** at the Delray Beach Golf Club. Dads and their special girls of all ages are invited to attend this celebration of Father's Day. The elegant evening features a full-course dinner and music for your dancing and listening enjoyment. And, as a memento of his special night, every Dad will receive a keepsake photo. The cost is \$40 per couple, \$20 for each additional daughter. Tickets must be purchased at the Community Center by June 2nd.

For more information, call Danielle Gallo at (561) 243-7277.



SPADY STUDENTS INVADE CITY HALL

It was a hot, muggy Thursday morning when a thirsty group of fourth graders trooped into Delray Beach City Hall. We had invited them to take a tour and learn a bit about how City Hall works and the people that do the work.

We assembled some sixty of these youngsters in the Commission Chambers to begin the tour and briefly explained how the Commission/City Manager form of government conducted the business of the City. All eyes were on Ivan Ladizinsky, the City's Public Information Officer and Nancy King, Editor of Publications for City Hall. Or maybe they were eyeing the gallons of Citrus Punch we had prepared for them following the tour. They were well behaved at any rate.

From the Commission Chambers, they followed their hosts up the stairs to the second floor ending up in the Mayor's Office which impressed them quite a bit. The emphasis on the entire tour was that not the Mayor, not the City Manager, not even the President of the United States was the boss of the City. They were. The people rule. They liked that idea. They also like all the water fountains along the way.

Down the stairs they went to the first floor lobby near Planning & Zoning where maps of the Master Plan are displayed on the walls. After a short description of the future of Delray Beach, it was back to the Commission Chambers and all that Citrus Punch and cookies that were waiting for them. While they slaked their thirst and munched on the cookies, questions were asked and answered by Nancy and Ivan who then passed out folders containing information about the City, maps, and event calendars along with colorful high-lighters supplied by Parks & Recreation. The accompanying teachers were most appreciative and the children went away full of knowledge about City Hall, Citrus Punch and cookies.

For more information, please visit the City of Delray Beach Web site at www.mydelraybeach.com

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STUDENTS TRAVEL TO JAPAN IN SISTER CITIES EXCHANGE

The Delray Beach Sister Cities Committee is sending its third Student Exchange delegation to its Sister City affiliate in Japan from **June 5-14, 2003**. Traveling to **Miyazu, Japan** as Student Ambassadors are **Linda Du, Noah Garbarino, Allison Lalane, Eva Luo and Jessica Pisano**. These students have just completed their junior year at Atlantic Community High School in Delray Beach. **Christopher Miller**, a teacher at Atlantic High School; and **Nancy King**, publications editor for the City of Delray Beach will accompany the students to Japan as chaperones.

The student delegation has spent the past year preparing for their visit to Japan. They have had weekly meetings with Mr. Miller to learn Japanese culture and customs, helpful Japanese phrases, information on local city government, and about the Sister Cities International Mission. The students will be staying with host families during their ten-day visit. They will attend classes at Miyazu High School, visit local tourist attractions, and tour the City of Kyoto.

All funds for the Sister Cities programs are raised locally through events such as golf tournaments, special affair dinners, and vending at Delray Beach festivals. Interested persons can submit donations to Delray Beach Sister Cities, in-care-of City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue, Delray Beach, FL, 33444.

DELRAY CULTURAL LOOP RECEIVES GRANT

The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded a \$35,000 grant to the Delray Beach Cultural Loop. This grant and its important national endorsement will enable the Cultural Loop to open to the general public through an artistic celebration on November 22, 2003. The Cultural Loop is a unique 1.3 mile walking trail that links the cultural history and contemporary life of the white, black and immigrant communities of a mid-size southern town. Maps, markers and artworks will guide any visitor through the 100+ year history of the town and to the cultural museums and historic places. **For more information, call Glenn Weiss at (561)**

CITY EARNS PRESTIGIOUS BUDGET AWARD

For the 17th consecutive year, the City of Delray Beach has received a **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** from the **Government Finance Officers Association**. This award represents a significant achievement by the City. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the City's budget serves as: a policy statement, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

Since the inception of the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program in 1984, only 900 entities, municipal, county, schools and special districts have received the Award. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

Joseph Safford, Finance Director for the City of Delray Beach, commented that the reason for submitting budget presentations to the GFOA for consideration is that the peer review and commentary is useful in keeping our reports in compliance with national standards of presentation that the general public, as well as the Commissioners and City Management, can readily understand.

SWIM CLASSES AT POMPEY PARK POOL

The Aquatics Division will accept registration for swim lessons at Pompey Park on June 5th and 6th. This registration is for the 5:30 p.m. class. Adults are encouraged to register also for a special session from 5:30-6:30 (ADULT ONLY) Fees are \$25.00 for 3 weeks.

Contact David Woodard or any Aquatic staff for more information at (561) 243-7358.

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